



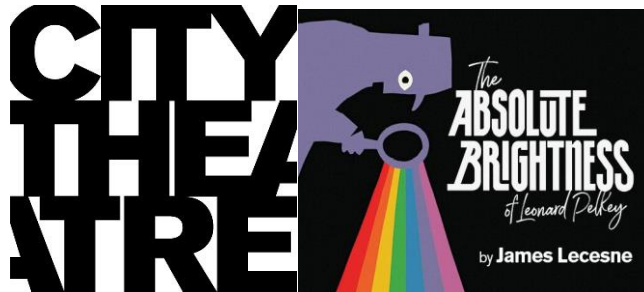
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Dakota James Foundation in partnership with the City Theatre

Invites you to join us for a benefit on Friday, January, 19, 2018

at the final dress rehearsal of

The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey



Dakota James Foundation Fundraiser

Pittsburgh, PA. (December 19, 2017). The Dakota James Foundation is inviting you to dress up and spend the evening together on Friday, January 19, 2018 at City Theatre at 5:30pm. Join us for a fun night starting with a silent auction, food, beverages and a private invitation to see the final dress rehearsal of the one-man play *The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey* by James Lecesne. Tickets are \$50 each for the evening, including food. All proceeds from the tickets and silent auction sales will go to the Dakota James Foundation. Tickets will be available for purchase at www.dakotajamesfoundation.com/product-page/city-theatre-the-absolute-brightness-of-leonard-pelkey.

The foundation will also participate in an open-forum talkback to discuss the play, our story, and where we can go from here on Saturday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m. You have a voice. The performance is pay-what-you-want at the door, beginning 2 hours before curtain, though you may join us for the discussion only. Please see www.CityTheatreCompany.org for more information.

About the Dakota James Foundation:

The Dakota James Foundation was formed in June 2017 after the son of Jeff and Pam James went missing on January 25, 2017 and his body was found on March 6, 2017.

The mission of the foundation is to encourage collaboration to ensure public safety through improved surveillance, police procedures and cooperation, raising awareness and supporting families of a missing person.

The primary goal is getting cameras on the bridges starting with the 6th, 7th and 9th bridge and college campuses. We have partnered with District Attorney Stephen Zappala, Jr. and will start our first project in the Oakland area.

Event Details:
Dakota James Foundation Fundraiser

When:

Friday, January 19, 2018 at 5:30pm
Private Dress Rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m.

Where:

City Theatre
1300 Bingham Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Tickets:

\$50

Purchase tickets and learn more at www.dakotajamesfoundation.com/product-page/city-theatre-the-absolute-brightness-of-leonard-pelkey

If you are unable to attend, please join us to by going to www.dakotajamesfoundation.com or Facebook @BuildingBridgesDJF/ and donating to our cause to help your communities feel safe.

The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey

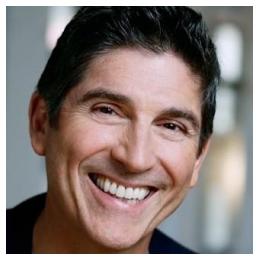
Written by James Lecesne

Directed by Laura Savia

Leonard Pelkey is a fourteen-year-old intent on living life out loud while marooned in a sleepy Jersey shore town. When Leonard suddenly vanishes, a hardboiled detective takes the case, unraveling the mystery with the help of a colorful band of locals. Written by Academy Award-winner James Lecesne, this hilarious and heartwarming one-man show celebrates the power of a single person to uplift an entire community.

Running Time: 90 Minutes/no intermission

Appropriate Ages: This production is contains mature language and content. It is recommended for teens and up.



James Lecesne
Playwright

PARKING: Patron parking is available in the lot across from the City Theatre entrances subject to availability. South Side Nite Rider: On Friday and Saturday evenings only, patrons may park for free at the Second Avenue Parking Plaza and use a shuttle with drop off at nearby Bedford Square. Details: ssniterider.com.

ABOUT CITY THEATRE: City Theatre is Pittsburgh's home for bold new plays. Located in the historic South Side, the company produces a season of regional and world premieres, including the upcoming Citizens Market by Cori Thomas and Nomad Motel by Carla Ching. City Theatre's mission is to provide an artistic home for the development and production of contemporary plays of substance and ideas that engage and challenge a diverse audience.