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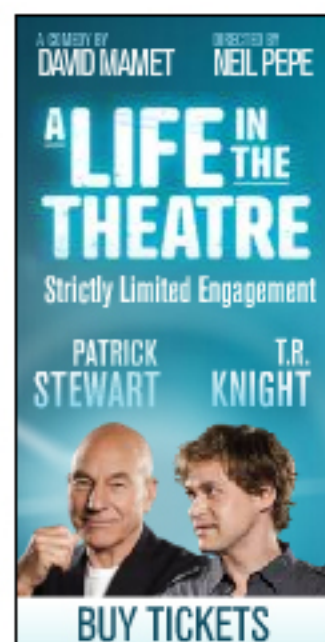
Stanley Drama Award Winner *The Restoration of Sight* Will Be Read at Wagner

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Staten Island's Wagner College, whose theatre department annually bestows The Stanley Drama Award after a national competition, will present a staged reading of this year's winner, *The Restoration of Sight* by Richard Martin Hirsch, 1 PM Oct. 31 at Wagner's Stage One.

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The reading will feature Wagner faculty members John Jamiel, Susan Fenley, Michael Tennenbaum, theatre department students Megan Kelley and Kerri McNeill, and guest artists Kelechi Ezie, Adrienne C. Moore and John Patrick.

According to Hirsch's website, "World-renowned ophthalmologist Doctor Perry Rosenthal has developed the life-changing Boston Scleral lens, which is currently being used to remedy certain types of corneal blindness and disease at the Boston Foundation of Sight. Despite his significant professional and humanitarian accomplishments, and being seen by many as a 'man of miracles,' Doctor Rosenthal has always been a person to view the glass as 'half-empty.' *The Restoration of Sight* examines his struggle to free himself from this psychic anchor; to acknowledge his faith, and to fully comprehend what it is he has accomplished."

The Stanley Drama Award was established in 1957 by Alma Timolat Stanley to encourage and support aspiring playwrights. A monetary prize is included. Past winners include Lonnie Elder III (*Ceremonies in Dark Old Men*, "Sounder"), Jonathan Larson (*Rent*, *Tick Tick Boom!*) and Terrence McNally (*Lips Together, Teeth Apart*; *Ragtime*; *Kiss of the Spider Woman*).

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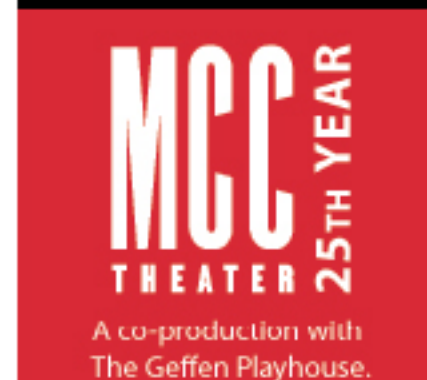
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