

MAT Prepares for National Stage

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With the sponsorship of Northern View Wealth Management, Montana Actor's Theatre (MAT) will present *The Harvest* on October 22-25 at 7:30 p.m. and again on October 25-26 at 3:00 p.m. at MAT on the campus of MSU-Northern. Theatre personnel invite everyone to see the play locally before the acting troupe takes the show on the road for a professional run of sixteen performances in New York from November 6-22.

Written and directed by MAT's Executive Director Jason Pyette, *The Harvest* tells the story of a Montana farm family coming to grips with a changing world. Six adult children face the reality of aging parents, the grim economics of a small family wheat farm, and the conflict of their own personalities and histories as they return home to help cut the crop.

Seven actors/actresses form the cast:

- Pam Veis as Anna
- TC Knutson as James
- Dr. Grant Olson as Alan
- Brian Gregoire as Micky
- Tylyn Turner as Sarah
- Chad Zuelke as John

• Aylan Pratt as Samuel

Theater doors and the Backstage Lounge open one half hour before the show begins. Advance tickets—available until two hours prior to show time—are available locally at & Company Apparel as well as at Bear Paw Meats or online at mtactors.com. Any audience members interested in attending the show on Wednesday, tickets are half price for the October 22 performance when purchased in advance.

In Pyette's words, "*The Harvest* reflects the life we all experienced growing up in Chinook or in small farming communities just like it—where family, the land, and hard work shaped everything we are. You'll see yourself, your neighbors, and reflections of our hometown on that stage. This is the real story of the families of rural Montana shared with honesty."

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