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**STAGEStheatre Presents the World Premiere of *Brain Freeze* by David Macaray January 20th-February 10th**

Fullerton, CA—STAGEStheatre continues their commitment to new works by local playwrights with the first of four original works in their 2018 season with the world premiere of ***Brain Freeze***, by David Macaray directed by Philip Brickey. A time-traveler awakens after having been in deep hibernation for a hundred years. The year is 2118. The place is Fontana, California. The fascinating new world that Philip Samsa wakes up to is different than the one he expected; however, as “different” as it turns out to be, it is nowhere near different enough. A sociological comedy about friendship and second chances.

STAGEStheatre has enjoyed a long relationship with David Macaray; ***Brain Freeze*** marks the ninth production produced by the theater. Including one-acts and full-lengths, *Brain Freeze* will be his twelfth script produced by STAGEStheatre. David Macaray’s political and entertainment articles have appeared in such publications as the *LA Times, CounterPunch, Huffington Post,* and *New York Press.*He is the author of four books, the most recent of which is *How to Win Friends and Avoid Sacred Cows*, an account of his time in the Peace Corps (India).

“I was attracted to ***Brain Freeze*** because of its topical subject matter, compelling characters, and, of course, the laugh-out-loud humor of the play,” says director Brickey, “I also loved the futuristic themes explored in this play, which reminded me of the books I used to read as a boy. The theme of a man trying to find himself resonated with me, but I guess what really appealed to me most is the idea of second chances as we are on the cusp of a new year with new possibilities.”

Starring in ***Brian Freeze***: David Campos, Jessica Hogan, Carlos David Lopez, James A. Menke, and Kathleen Switzer.

Tickets for ***Brain Freeze*** are $22.00, $20.00 for students and seniors.  Performances are January 20th- February 10th, Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 5:30 p.m.  There is no show Sunday February 4th. For reservations please visit our website at [www.stagesoc.org](http://www.stagesoc.org/)

*About* ***STAGEStheatre****: Celebrating its 25th year in business, STAGEStheatre is one of Orange County’s most innovative community theaters.  It produces nearly 15 productions annually, showcasing local playwriting, acting, and directing talent.  STAGEStheatre is, and will continue to be, dedicated to the development of the artist.   It is located at 400 E. Commonwealth in Downtown Fullerton (between Lemon and Balcom).*

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