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**STAGEStheatre Presents**

**The World Premiere of *Idol Minds* August 4-August 25th*.***

Fullerton, CA—In their unceasing effort to produce new work by local playwrights, STAGEStheatre is proud to present ***Idol Minds*** written by William Carey and directed by Jason Sutton August 5th-August 25th. ***Idol Minds*** marks the fifth original STAGEStheatre has produced this season alone.

On a cool, moonlit night, as gossamer mist drifts eerily over the Hollywood Forever Cemetery’s emerald lawn, Scott, a young man of dubious ambition, digs furiously in the shadow of famed Hollywood icon, Dominic Lourdes imposing headstone. His friend Ronnie, a large low-watt bulb, kneels on the precipice of the open grave, waiting anxiously to haul out the coffin.

Starved for money and opportunities, the Z-list actors snatch the coffin to ransom the remains. They take it to the rundown bungalow Scott shares with his girlfriend, Bella, a personal assistant to a Hollywood star. Though Scott’s confidant he’s stumbled upon the perfect low-risk crime – after all, the kidnap victim is dead – fissures in his plan quickly materialize. Snafus snowball when Scott’s cohorts squabble over the ransom and then open the casket. Shit hits the fan when the widow delivers a surprising response to their demands. The heist goes from hopeful to horror show as the bumbling crooks try desperately to salvage the endeavor, battling for possession of the remains.

“What drew me to this script was the sheer silliness of the characters and situation,” says director Jason Sutton. “It’s a fast paced screwball comedy that is well-written with characters that are determined to achieve to their goals, despite how ridiculous these goals are. I also love how the show highlights how we as a society react to celebrity. The importance that we place on people in the spotlight and how people profit off them. It also deals with stunted ambition and how one man can work so hard for so long and never get anywhere and what lengths he’d go to change that, specifically Scott, he feels like the world owes him something. I think we all have that one friend like Scott.”

Playwright William Robert Carey was born in Chicago, Illinois. After graduating

from Northwestern University, he worked in the advertising industry as a

writer and creative director. Simultaneously, he was an actor,

performing at many Chicago theaters, including The Goodman, Pheasant

Run, Shakespeare Repertory, and Victory Gardens, where he played Danny

in the Chicago premiere of ***Danny and The Deep Blue Sea***.

Starring in ***Idol Minds:*** Richard Burnes, Jeseka Luna, Katt McLaren, Stan Morrow, and Stephanie Thomas.

Tickets for ***Idol Minds*** are $22.00, $20.00 for students and seniors.  Performances are August 5th- August 25th, Saturdays at 5:00 and Sundays at 5:30 p.m. For reservations please visit our website at [www.stagesoc.org](http://www.stagesoc.org/)

*About* ***STAGEStheatre****: Celebrating its 26th 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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