

The Iowa New Play Festival News
Monday, May 2, 2022
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We've made it! It was our first day of public performances and the energy was palpable. We started the day by getting to know our Festival guests at the morning reception and panel. After coffee and bagels and questions for the guests, there was a spirited group in the lobby eager to get their tickets for the week.

The first reading, *I feel closest to you* by Olivia Clement and directed by Meg Mechelke, had a wonderful and sold-out crowd.

And Then shared two high-energy performances with our audiences followed immediately by a well-supported strike and load out. See photo attached--that wasn't even the whole group. Also included is *And Then's* final "Feamily!" cheer as a team. Thanks all for keeping the energy up, making for a quick and easy load out.

Tomorrow, *Stars and Stones* loads in to MacVey in the morning with Melissa first on as PSM on Duty with Dylan and Taylor Jackson covering the rest of the day. *IT'S LIKE RIDING A BIKE* has two performances tomorrow at 5:30 pm and 9pm with strike to follow. We look forward to seeing the show and supporting the load out as *Basically Children* moves into the space on Wednesday.

Special thanks and shoutouts: Katie McClellan, Kelly Walsh, Art Borreca, and Charlie O'Leary for making the morning reception possible and for making sure our guests are well taken care of this week!

Today's volunteers and teams (I know I missed some people on strike due to how many people were present, a great problem to have!): Dorothy Craven, Elizabeth Sarsfield, Jarek Pastor, Bob Mussett, Emilia Wenzel, Albert Williams, Braxten Jones, Karle Meyers, Jen Hogan, Kenneth Collins, Dakota Parobek, Abby Paul, Ennis Matthew Neal, Alice Berberdick, Sophia Kilburg, Tyler Salow, Mathew Kier, J.J. Jones, Ted Buckley, Julia Corbett, Jeremy Geragotelis, Ann Kreitman, Emily Berkheimer, Bryon Winn, Eric Stone, Hallie Patterson, Bethany Kasperek, Alastair Ramirez, Victor Maldonado, Margo Skornia, Rob Ascher, Dajzane Meadows-Sanderlin, Nate Ferguson, Sophie Young, Kaelen Novak, Demi Makeig, Eric Hansen, Nick Vogt, Emily Pajetovic, Meg Mechelke, Oliva Clement, Melisa Jusufovic, Madison Hall, John Orlet, Jackson Kopesky, Hannah Shade, Andrew Lindsey

If you volunteered or were in tech/performance today and I missed you, please let me know and I'll add you to the list tomorrow!

With much gratitude and appreciation,

Dylan Nicole Martin



