

Please join the New York Carolina Club each Monday this February, for Ground UP Productions' New Works Reading Festival!

Celebrating 15 years of Tarheels in NYC, Ground UP once again kicks off it's season with four new works by some of the brightest and most exciting playwrights around.

Among the cast and production team of this year's series are UNC graduates Kate Middleton (Ground UP Artistic Director, '00), Seth Sheldon '98, Josh Evans '07, Wade Dansby '94, Guy Olivieri '99, and Daniel Wheelless '99 (In Memoriam). All shows are free of charge!

RSVP to: [rsvp@GroundUPproductions.org](mailto:rsvp@GroundUPproductions.org) or [www.GroundUPproductions.org](http://www.GroundUPproductions.org).

Don't miss these new plays come to life with fellow Tarheels this February!

# Ground **UP** PRODUCTIONS



**New Work  
Festival**

**TheatreLab 357 W. 36th Street, 3rd Fl. (btwn 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>), NYC, 10018  
All shows are at 7pm, FREE OF CHARGE, though we love donations!**

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## SIX MEN DRESSED LIKE JOSEPH STALIN

Monday, February 5th

RSVP: [rsvp@GroundUPProductions.org](mailto:rsvp@GroundUPProductions.org)



by **Dianne Nora**  
directed by **Laura Dupper**

Cast: Josh Evans and Kate Middleton\*



In some forgotten corner of the Kremlin, two actors prepare for the role of a lifetime: Joseph Stalin. This existentialist dark comedy tells the story of unlikely partners brought together by fate. Inspired by the life of Felix Dadaev, one of Stalin's known body doubles, this play draws on the historical events of the time and the acting methods of the 1940's, when three so-called Great Men (or were they merely players?) decided the fate of the 20th Century.

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## TEN MINUTES ON A BENCH

Monday, February 12th

RSVP: [rsvp@GroundUPProductions.org](mailto:rsvp@GroundUPProductions.org)



by **Kenneth Jones**  
directed by **Scott Alan Evans**

Cast: Ann Arvia\*, Seth Andrew Bridges\*, Stephen D'Ambrose\*, Christopher Gerson\*, Betsy Hogg\*, Elizabeth Howell\*, Barbara Kingsley\*, Kate Middleton\*, and more!



A hot new dating app places a wide variety of singles on a park bench for brief encounters, promising conversation -- but not necessarily compatibility.

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## A FAMILY BUSINESS

Monday, February 19th

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by **Chris Thorpe**  
directed by **Kate Middleton**

Cast: Seth Shelden, Laura Standley,  
Stephen Heskett, and more!



**A show about how to NOT blow up the planet.**  
After a chance meeting with a disarmament expert, this play explores the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and the ordinary people who are trying to achieve extraordinary things. Based on conversations with organizations and individuals involved in those negotiations, including ICAN, the Nobel Prize Winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (and our very own Seth Shelden!), A FAMILY BUSINESS is part story about the people on either side of the debate, and part conversation with the audience about how, and if, the conversation can continue.

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## JOSEPH COOK

Monday, February 26th

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written and directed by **Jeff Talbott**

Cast:  
MacKenzie Meehan\*, Kate Middleton\*,  
Max Woertendyke\*, and 1 more to come!

**Beatrice and Donnelly Cook have returned to the tiny town they escaped years ago to let their father go... and in the process hopefully find each other.**

**\*Denotes Members of Actors Equity Association**