

GOLD TREASURE

MAY 21-23

CROSSING THE RIVER

JUNE 4-6

THE JOURNEY

JUNE 18-20

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THE BOOKSTORE OF DOOM

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JULY 16-18

THE CASE OF THE MISSING JEWELRY

JULY 30-AUGUST 1

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

AUGUST 13-15

THE JOURNEY

A fable about connecting and communicating with a young autistic boy.

PLAYWRIGHT

Linish Balan

DIRECTOR

Wendy Duke

CAST

Spencer Mills
Fergus Donnelly
Neil Sudhir
Gideon Lorete
Samir Hammoud



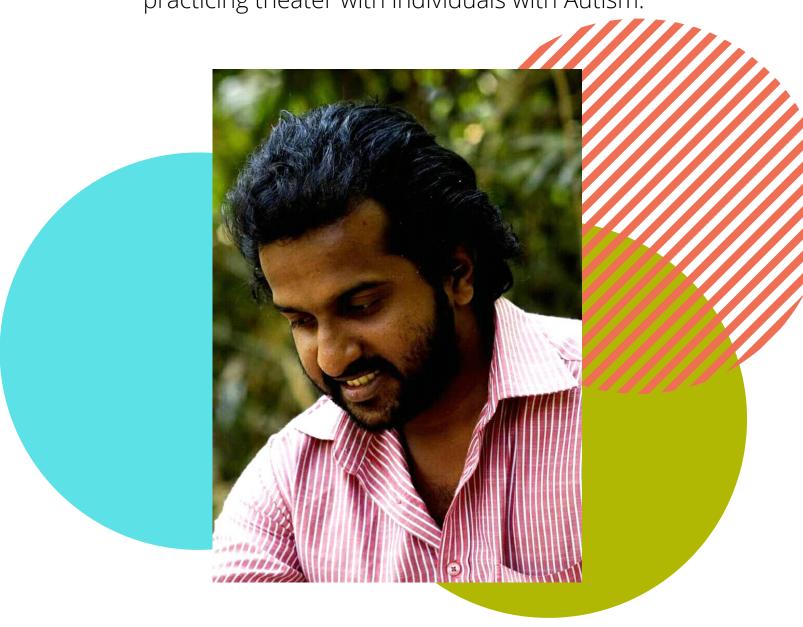
PERFORMANCE AVAILABILITY

June 18-20, 2021

LINISH BALAN

Playwright

Linish Balan, a 38-year-old man with Asperger's syndrome, lives in India. He has been practicing theater from his earliest school days. A dropout from School of Drama Thrissur, he went on to complete his Diploma in Special Education (Autism) from Spastic Society of Karnataka, and Online Drama for Autism course conducted by Velvi Organisation, under the guidance of Dr. Parasuram Ramamoorthi. Nowadays, he works as a special educator, practicing theater with individuals with Autism.



WENDY DUKE Director

Wendy S. Duke has a BA and MA in Theatre Arts from the University of Akron. Former drama teacher at Miller South School for the Arts in Akron, she has been teaching drama classes for all ages and abilities for many years and is currently working on a book called *Applied Drama for Autism*.



DRED SCOTT Original Music

An iconoclastic entertainer in a jazz trio format, the incomparable renegade pianist Dred Scott is known for his playful and stylistically diverse repertoire and penchant for covering pop tunes. Dred is currently based in NYC and regularly performs with Sasha Dobson, Bump City, The Munchies and of course, The Dred Scott Trio. Dred can also be found many nights of the week impressing celebs and dignitaries as the house pianist at NYC's 4-star Lydia & Joe Bastianich restaurant, Del Posto.



SPENCER MILLS

Spencer is in the ninth grade. He has been doing acting for seven years now, film for two. This year has been a different time and a good learning experience. He was excited to do this show because his cousin has autism, and it raises awareness. In his free time, he likes to play outside, play and watch sports, and learn about cars. He would like to thank his co-stars, parents, and god.



FERGUS DONNELLY

Fergus Donnelly is in the sixth grade at Roxboro Middle School in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He is delighted to be taking part in the CADA One-Act Play Festival. Fergus has also worked with the Cleveland Play House as an understudy in *A Christmas Story*, and has appeared in regularly in productions at Dobama Theatre and Heights Youth Theatre. He was most recently cast as Michael in Heights Youth Theater's production of *Matilda*. Fergus studies piano with Moss Stanley and saxophone with Kevin Giordano.



NEIL SUDHIR

Born in Queens and raised in Long Island, New York, Neil is a 14-year-old. Born of Indian parents Neil grew up with the exposure of hearing Hindi and South Asian culture at home. Neil has been a student at CADA since 2020. Neil is a YouTuber with his special interest and a very deep knowledge about MTA bus transit system of New York. Neil likes humor and meeting people.



GIDEON LORETE

Gideon Lorete is honored to be making his debut with Theater on the Spectrum! Recently having moved to Los Angeles, CA, Gideon has been working to make his shift from Theater to Hollywood. Since being in a forced hiatus of theater due to the pandemic, he could not resist but explore Theatre on an online platform. As a special buddy for Autistic twins throughout high school, he has always had a heart for people on the spectrum of Autism and had been waiting for a perfect opportunity to work with Theater on the Spectrum. Gideon is 2016 alumni of Baldwin Wallace University with a focus on performance studies amongst many other things. Found in many various theater stages and film sets, he is currently represented with the Talent Group Agency and Heyman Talent. He is seen in many festivals and parties with Mana Firenesia Entertainment, his own independently run business as a Polynesian and fire dancer in collaboration with Pacific Paradise Entertainment.



Lastly, he would like to thank both directors of *The Journey* and *More Than Meets the Eye*, his cast members, and Theater on the Spectrum for this humbling opportunity to share his passion and talents for all beautiful people with a rainbow of abilities! All you need is a strong heart, mind and soul and you can do about anything you possibly can imagine.

Just think happy thoughts and away we go!

SAMIR HAMMOUD

Samir began taking classes with CADA when we were at the Balch Street Theatre and he was the first company member to walk through the door at the Blue Box Theatre. He has done Shakespeare, having played Macbeth and Bottom; he has been Piglet and an opera clown, and he was the only cast member of Along the Graveyard Path to be in both companies. His debut script, Mario's New Friend, was CADA's first-ever Zoom play. Samir says: "I will continue to write scripts. I want to explore new ideas for scripts so that I can grow my audience! I will always return to my favorite themes and characters because friendship is a powerful message."







ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

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BACKSTAGE CREW

Elsie Hammoud





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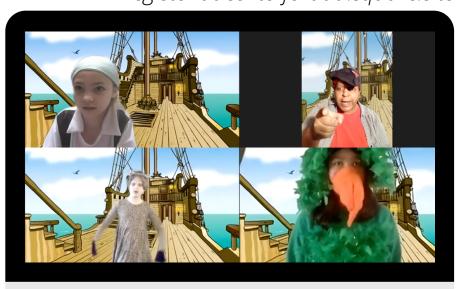
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