



## RELEASE

### GALAMAC PRESENTS *columbinus*

**Akron, OH** (March 5, 2018) – In April, Jeremy A. Clarke and Omar Mack of Galamac Productions will be producing and directing the company's inaugural production of the all too timely play *columbinus*, by the United States Theatre project, written by Stephen Karam and PJ Paparelli, dramaturgy by Patricia Hersch, conceived by PJ Paparelli, at Citizens Akron Church (formerly The First Presbyterian Church of Akron) in Middlebury. A longtime dream project for the creative team, the production will honor the original play which was developed following the Columbine High School massacre of 1999 in Littleton, Colorado based on records, transcripts, police records, and interviews from the community; following recent events in America, now seems like the perfect time to re-examine a dialogue of high school adolescence, mental health, and safety, while also looking at how grief affects a community and the power of knowing the truth in the event of a tragedy.

The cast will include Sam Marazita, Frank Lucas, Jeremy A. Clarke, Logan Peters, Jackson Clarke, Alexis Robles, Tessa Gaffney, Mary Grace Bentivegna, and Jake Sustersic. Rehearsals begin March 20<sup>th</sup>, with performances Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the April 20<sup>th</sup>



performance coinciding with the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the massacre. Tickets will go on sale March 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM on Eventbrite.com. A portion of box office sales will be donated to the National Compassion Fund, a program of the National Center for Victims of Crime that help victims of mass crime.

Rounding out the creative team is Associate Director/Dramaturg Donovan McDowell, Production Manager Jordan Edelstein, and Production Stage Manager Victoria Lorenzon, with Production Design by Jeremy A. Clarke, Omar Mack, and Donovan McDowell, and Choreography by Omar Mack.

ABOUT THE PLAY: *columbinus* had a co-world premiere on March 8, 2005, at Round House Theatre, Silver Spring, MD. (Jerry Whiddon, Producing Artistic Director, and Ira Hillman, Managing Director), and then on May 6, 2005, at Perseverance Theatre in Juneau, Alaska, (PJ Paparelli, Artistic Director, and Jeffrey Herrmann, Producing Director) in conjunction with the United States Theatre Project. Originally produced in New York by New York Theatre Workshop.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE: April 19 – 22, 2018  
Thursday – Saturday, 8 PM; Sunday, 3 PM

LOCATION: Citizens Akron Church, 647 E Market St, Akron, OH 44304