

NEWS RELEASE

Knights, giants, dragons...Oh my!

Actors with disabilities perform in a fairytale-inspired musical.

Rockville, MD — In *The Miraculous Tales of Stonehaven*, siblings Emily, Timothy, and Julian have their fairytale fantasies become reality when they are lost in the mythical, medieval world of Stonehaven. This original musical stars actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities, like Down syndrome and autism. It is presented by ArtStream.

At ArtStream actors develop and perform an original musical. The company votes on a theme, creates original characters, and improvises scenes. Those scenes are scripted to become an original, one-act musical. Each performance presents two of these musicals in a double-bill. Actors with disabilities, volunteer mentors, and theatre professionals work inclusively as a team to create original performances for live audiences. ArtStream produces six inclusive musicals in the region, in addition to hosting classes in acting and social skills.

Kirsten Davidson plays Stephanie, the mechanized woman in *The Miraculous Tales of Stonehaven*. Like many actors in the musical, Kirsten has been acting with ArtStream for over ten years. She is an active advocate and recently joined ArtStream's Board of Directors as a Client Liaison.

Madeleine Barry is making her ArtStream directorial debut with *The Miraculous Tales of Stonehaven*.

The Miraculous Tales of Stonehaven is directed by Madeleine Barry, with music direction by Diana Zhou. It will be performed in a double bill with *To-may-to, To-mah-to* a wacky political comedy about the fictional country of Incog and their search for a national vegetable. *To-may-to, To-mah-to* is directed by Mary Beth Levrio with music direction by Jack Kerness.

Performances will be held:

The Miraculous Tales of Stonehaven and To-may-to, To-mah-to

April 27-29 and May 4-6, 2018

Fridays at 7:30 pm, Saturdays at 1:30 pm

Sunday, April 29 at 1:30 pm

Sunday, May 6 at 12:30 pm

The Bender JCC of Greater Washington

6125 Montrose Rd.

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Tickets and info at www.art-stream.org/see-a-show

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