

LITTLE BEAR RIDGE ROAD

by Samuel D. Hunter

Set in rural Idaho during the covid-19 pandemic, the last two estranged members of the Fernsby family (Sarah, a reclusive aunt, and Ethan, her gay nephew) reunite to settle the estate of a recently deceased relative. Isolating together, they face uncomfortable and universal questions: How do we deal with other people? And, is connection more trouble than it's worth? As their relationship begins anew, the two relatives confront both the comfort and vulnerability of letting someone else into your life, even if only for a moment.

When/Where: **TUESDAY, September 15th @ 6:30 p.m.**

Harbach Theatre, CFA

Preparation: No previous acting experience is necessary. You do not have to be a theatre major to audition. All are welcome. Auditions will consist of the following:

- If you are a theatre major = you should present a 2-minute monologue, preferably from a contemporary play.
- Non-majors may choose to either = (1) present a monologue, or (2) perform a cold reading (*made available to you at the time of the audition*)

Roles:

SARAH — Ethan's reclusive aunt
 ETHAN — Sarah's gay nephew
 JAMES — Ethan's boyfriend (also plays KENNY)
 PAULETTE — A nurse (also plays VICKIE)

Rehearsals:

Actors should be available to rehearse most weeknights from 7:00-10:00 p.m. and all day on the Saturday and Sunday of tech weekend (Oct. 31 & Nov. 1). Performances will occur in Harbach Theatre on November 5, 6, 7.

Script:

To read the play in advance of auditions, a read-only link to the text may be obtained by emailing the director (*see below*).

Content Notice: Please be advised that this play addresses themes of family trauma, estrangement, covid-19, isolation, grief, and terminal illness. The play also includes moments of profane language and discussions of drug addiction, sex acts, and death.

Academic Credit: Students cast in this production may receive academic credit. Enrollment in Theatre Participation (THTR 271 or 371) for 0.5 or 1.0 credit is optional. Contact the director after casting if interested in this option.

Questions:

If you need further information or have questions about this audition, please contact the director: Professor Jeff Grace at jgrace@knox.edu