

The Douglas Morrisson Theatre (DMT) introduces *Gruesome Playground Injuries*, the first production in the 2013-2014 "Bare Bones" staged reading series on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 8 p.m.

The eccentrically amusing and affecting play by Rajiv Joseph was inspired by a barroom conversation the playwright had with a friend who shared wild stories about all the injuries he had as a child.

Truly a different type of love story, *Gruesome Playground Injuries* tells the story of Kayleen and Doug's relationship over a period of 30 years. We first meet them in an elementary school's nurse's office. Doug has ridden his bicycle off of the roof and Kayleen is plagued by another mysterious stomach ailment. Their lives episodically intersect, as the two connect and reconnect, comparing their scars and the physical calamities that keep drawing them together.

Gruesome Playground Injuries, directed by Dawn Monique Williams, had its world premiere in 2009 in Houston at the Alley Theatre. Woolly Mammoth presented its East Coast premiere in 2010, followed by its New York premiere directed by Scott Ellis at Second Stage Theatre in 2011.

Tickets are \$10. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre is located at 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, next to the Senior Center and the Japanese Gardens. The box office is open Tuesday through

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Friday from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. and can be reached at 881-6777. Information and tickets are also available at www.dmtonline.org.