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COASTAL DISTURBANCES ON MAY 20 AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE

Coastal Disturbances is a selection in Sierra Madre Playhouse's ongoing Off the Page series of staged readings of plays.

Holly, who is escaping her troubled life in New York, has come to stay with her aunt, artist M.J. Adams whose home is on a private beach on the north shore of Massachusetts. She meets Leo, the beach lifeguard, who is getting over a failed romance. Just as their romance begins, Holly's estranged boyfriend arrives. This charming ensemble comedy follows four generations of vacationers on a Massachusetts beach.

Tina Howe is the playwright. Her many plays include *Pride's Crossing*, *Approaching Zanzibar*, *The Art of Dining*, and *Painting Churches* (which was twice adapted for television). *Coastal Disturbances*, which had its Broadway debut in 1987, was nominated for the Tony® Award and the Pulitzer Prize. Tina Howe was inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame in 2017.

Stasha Surdyke directs. She previously assisted Actors Studio Artistic Director Salome Jens for *A Majority of One* starring Paula Prentiss at Pico Playhouse. Stasha has appeared off-Broadway and on regional stages, among them *A Noise Within*, *Rubicon*, *Boston Court*, *El Portal*, *Fountain Theatre* and, most recently, the *Lonny Chapman Group Repertory Theatre*.

"Whosoever's heart this play does not break, whosoever's soul it does not enthrall, may just lack those organs." - *New York Magazine*

The Off the Page series is coordinated by Roxanne Barker and produced by Sierra Madre Playhouse Artistic Director Christian Lebano.

Coastal Disturbances. Staged reading of a play. Written by Tina Howe. Directed by Stasha Surdyke. Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. This is just east of Pasadena. Ample parking is available on the street and in free parking lots behind the Playhouse and across the street. Suggested donation: Five dollars. Phone: (626) 355-4318. Website: www.sierramadrepalyhouse.org