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Lamplighter Community Theatre presents
Every Brilliant Thing
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“A list of EVERY THING worth living for.”

STAPLES, Minnesota - Lamplighter Community Theatre presents, *Every Brilliant Thing*, featuring Staples-born, Matthew R. Olsen. Performances will be October 21st and 22nd, 2022 at 7pm and October 23rd, 2022 at 2pm. All performances are Admission Free.

Every Brilliant Thing is an interactive, one person show that engages the audience throughout the production, providing a unique experience for every performance. The story of a son who creates a list of things worth living for in an attempt to raise the spirits of his chronically depressed mother. Using minimal technical attributes and performed in an intimate “in-the-round” performance setting, the single storyteller guides us through their struggles with loss, grief and mental health. Throughout the journey the character and audience create an ever growing list of gratitude for the big and small things in life. As the list of appreciation grows in number, the storyteller and audience grow in connection with one another and understanding of self. Filled with humor, surprise, nostalgia, and heartbreak, this play is a light for the dark corners of the human experience, illuminating the shared parts of us all.

Performances will be held at Centennial Auditorium and will be followed by a discussion with the actor and director of the production. The production is made possible through the generous support of Five Wings Arts Council, Clean Water and Land Act, Staples/Motley Beyond Poverty, and Lakewood Health System.

While in Staples for the performances, the professional artists will be offering Masterclass workshops for Staples-Motley High School students. The workshops, taking place on October 17-19, will focus on mental health, personal expression, and healing/growth through free-writing elements and shared storytelling. Workshops will also prepare students to have the best experience possible during the student matinees offered to Staples-Motley High School.