



## **17 Minutes**

**Gilded Balloon Teviot (Wine Bar), 13 Bristo Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9AJ**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (not 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>), 14:15**

Lives change in the blink of an eye, but the fallout can continue long after shots are fired. *17 Minutes* follows a community left in the wake of a tragedy, searching for someone to blame. This critically acclaimed drama by American playwright **Scott Organ** (*What Comes Around*, Toronto International Film Festival) takes an intimate look at how the unexpected consequences of gun violence reverberate through a community over time.

An Ohio Sheriff's Deputy hears gunshots at the high school he was hired to protect. What he does next will define the rest of his life, as well as that of his community. This powerful drama explores the repercussions of those 17 minutes of action and inaction on both the community and the Deputy, who struggles with his own part in the tragedy, and who seeks meaning in the wake of the shooting.

*17 Minutes* heads to the Edinburgh Fringe following a successful off-Broadway run, and is presented by the Barrow Group, under the leadership of co-Artistic Directors **Seth Barrish** (*The Old Man and the Pool*, Broadway), **Lee Brock** (*Remember Me*) and Executive Director **Robert Serrell**, in conjunction with **Marshall Cordell**. *17 Minutes* is directed by Barrish and stars Brock, **Larry Mitchell** (*Paterno; We Own This City*, HBO), **Michael Giese** (*Nurse Jackie*, Showtime), **DeAnna Lenhart** (*The Thing with Feathers*, Off-Broadway), **Shannon Patterson** (*The Heckler*) and **Brian Rojas** (*A Good Person*).

Scott Organ comments, *Like many Americans, I am deeply troubled by the uniquely American problem of gun violence. I had always hoped to explore the problem in my writing, but was hesitant. I had no interest in being flip, political or preachy as the subject deserved care and thought, rather I am interested in treating this subject with compassion and potential.*

## Notes to Editors

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Performance Dates	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 (not 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> ), 14:15
Running Time	75 minutes
Location	Gilded Balloon Teviot (Wine Bar), 13 Bristo Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9AJ
Box Office	Tickets are available from <a href="http://gildedballoon.co.uk">gildedballoon.co.uk</a> Preview: £8 Weekday: £12 Weekend: £14
Director	Seth Barrish
Writer	Scott Organ
Stage Manager	Allison Parker
Producer	David Calvitto
Cast	Lee Brock Michael Giese DeAnna Lenhart Larry Mitchell Shannon Patterson Brian Rojas
Notes	Ages 12+, some triggering themes
Hashtag	#17MinutesPlay #TheBarrowGroup

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