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## Town Hall Theatre announces donor thank you event: 'Gone Missing'

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Town Hall Theatre's annual donor thank you event - a one-night only performance of the original and inventive documentary musical "Gone Missing," created by The Civilians - will be held at 8 p.m. July 14 at Town Hall Theatre Company.

Per its website, "The Civilians is a company that creates new theater from creative investigations into the most vital questions of the present." The New-York based theater company conceived this documentary musical from interviews it conducted with real-life New Yorkers. Each of the interwoven eclectic songs and narratives are about loss, of both tangible objects and not, that have "gone missing" - including pets, keys, ID, a Gucci pump, and even a mind - and about the very nature of memory. According to the New York Times, "This delightful comic revue ... is fresh, breezy and very funny indeed, a perfect summer entertainment."

Directed by Town Hall Director of Education Madison Geringer, with music direction by Lindsey Schmeltzer, a frequent teaching artist with the THT Education Program, "Gone Missing" features talented members of the Town Hall family, each of whom have donated their time and talents to this donor event, including the president of Town Hall's board of directors, Lauren Rosi, and Suzie Shepard, THT's community engagement specialist.

Geringer received her degree in Theatre Education with emphases in acting and directing from Emerson College. Some previous directing and choreography credits include "Aloha, Say the Pretty Girls," "Surprising Simon" and "Smokey Joe's Cafe." Schmeltzer's previous musical directing credits include: "As You Like It" (Livermore Shakespeare Festival), "Alone World" (Milwaukee Repertory Theater), "Man of La Mancha," "Hairspray," and "Little Shop of Horrors" (Garland Civic Theatre).

"Gone Missing" was created by The Civilians, written by Steven Cosson from interviews by the company (Damian Baldet, Trey Lyford, Jennifer Morris, Brian Sgambati, Alison Weller and Colleen Werthmann), with music and lyrics by Michael Friedman. Following its world premiere in 2003 at The Belt in New York City, "Gone Missing" went on to premiere Off-Broadway at the Barrow Theatre in 2007.

This one-night event is free to all Town Hall donors, with a suggested donation of \$20 for the general public. Seats can be reserved now through the Box Office at (925) 283-1557 or online at [www.TownHallTheatre.com](http://www.TownHallTheatre.com)

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