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## 'Brooklyn Bridge' a charming metaphor of human (dis)connectedness at THT

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From left: Terrance Smith and Emma Curtin in "Brooklyn Bridge" at Town Hall Theatre Photos Jay Yamada

she has not defined yet what the bridge means to her. By meeting her neighbors - Sam, a dental student; Trudi, a businesswoman with time management issues; John, a wheelchair-bound Brooklyn Bridge buff and Talidia, a Puerto Rican single mother with many children - Sacha discovers the importance of reaching out and connecting to others, and finally her vision of the bridge.

Young actress Emma Curtin is on stage almost nonstop, portraying a charming, smart, precocious but still naive pre-teen. The young actress can already boast a long list of achievements throughout the East Bay as dancer, singer and actress. As the lead in "Brooklyn Bridge" she brings a freshness of approach as well as impeccable craftsmanship. It takes skills to perfectly deliver the very lovely language used by playwright Melissa James Gibson, who has constructed a simple, straight narrative - using the classic unity of time, place and action, studded with humor. Curtin is simply excellent and her fellow actors also rise to the challenge.

Kudos go to the direction by Graham Smith and scenic designer Liliana Duque Piñero. The actors move between floors, in and out of apartments, and there is even a visual rendering of the construction of the bridge that's quite poetic and inspirational.

People of any age will appreciate the play and might even, when they return home, decide to knock on the door of that strange neighbor they have never talked to before, even though they have lived there for years, and maybe there will be something they will learn from one another.

"Brooklyn Bridge" opened at Town Hall Theatre on Feb. 28 and will run through March 23. The team offers different events such as talkbacks with the cast and director on certain nights.

Tickets and details can be found at [www.townhalltheatre.com/brooklyn-bridge](http://www.townhalltheatre.com/brooklyn-bridge).



Emma Curtin and Tom Reilly in Brooklyn Bridge at Town Hall Theatre. Photos Jay Yamada

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