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THT presents third staged reading in 'New Voices' series

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Justin P. Lopez?(Playwright) Photos provided

An original piece written by San Francisco resident Justin P. Lopez, "The Re-Education of Fernando Morales" will have a one night only staged reading at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at Town Hall Theatre in Lafayette.

When young Fernando Morales is sent away by his family to a place that can "fix him" of being gay, he becomes split between the present and future. Surrounded by flashes of electricity, love, and Mozart's Requiem, he tries to find some way to save himself. Will he succeed, or is the requiem for him?"

"Justin P. Lopez's play is full of ambition," remarked Curator of Artistic Programming Daniel J. Eslick. "Structurally, it is rare to see a play that does what Justin's does. Let alone a play that addresses such a poignant, and for many people in the queer community, (myself included) such a scary topic. Yet, Justin managed to thread a needle with an intimate, personal narrative that left me in tears. It's always amazing to see a playwright at work, and we are so happy to be able to empower that voice."?

Unlike the rest of the Town Hall Theatre New Voices Series, this will be a one-night only special event and will feature a talkback after the reading with the cast and creative team. "The Re-Education of Fernando Morales" contains gun violence, physical violence, domestic violence, electric shock and mentions of suicide. Masks and proof of vaccination are required. Tickets: \$20 at www.TownHallTheatre.com



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