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**BRIDGEWAY HOUSE TO PRESENT BENEFIT THEATRE PRODUCTION ‘TREASURE ISLAND’  
FEATURING ACTORS WITH AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES IN THE HULT CENTER**

***Eugene, Ore.*** – Bridgeway House will present their 11<sup>th</sup> annual theatre production featuring a cast of stage performers with autism on Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts.

This year’s production features the interpretation of the classic adventure novel *Treasure Island* by Robert Lewis Stevenson. Directed by Judy Wenger, the theatre presentation will feature a talented cast of performers with autism who each bring their own exceptional touches to the theatre interpretation.

Advance tickets are available now and cost \$10.50 for people 17 years of age and younger, and cost \$12 for people 18 years of age and older at the Hult Center Box Office and online at [hultcenter.org](http://hultcenter.org). The play will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information about Hult Center ticketing for the theatre production, please visit <http://www.hultcenter.org>.

This year’s production is supported in part by Lane Arts Council, the City of Eugene Cultural Services Division, and Starseed Foundation..

“Bridgeway House’s annual theatre production helps build audiences for the arts by attracting audience members who might otherwise not be interested in a theatre production,” said Patricia Wigney, Bridgeway House executive director.

“In addition, the adaptations made for the sensory issues of the performers with autism may also help persons in the audience with sensory issues to enjoy the performance. All of this furthers Bridgeway House’s larger goal of helping persons on the autism spectrum find welcome and acceptance in our community,” Wigney said.

For more information about Bridgeway House and Bridgeway House, please visit <http://www.bridgewayhouse.org>.

**About the Bridgeway House**

Bridgeway House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded in 2002 to offer developmental therapies, enrichment courses, and support to children and families of all income levels with autism and related disabilities. Bridgeway House’s therapeutic programs are designed to help this diverse and ever-increasing group of children meet the challenges of autism and help their families with the emotional, financial, and social challenges they face. Services include therapies, social skills groups, summer camps, parent skills groups, family social events, an annual theatre production, and a private school for children with autism. Bridgeway House offers scholarships for all programs so they are affordable to families from all walks of life.

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