



10X10

Short Play Festival

10 Playwrights | 10 Directors
27 Actors | 1 Stage

June 5th - 7:30PM
June 6th - 2PM & 7:30PM

Magnus Theatre Mainstage

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Hello and welcome to Magnus Theatre's 2026 10x10 Short Play Festival.

We have some wonderful plays for you once again this year. Stories that will make you laugh, make you cry, make you reflect and, most of all, entertain you.

It is an honour for us to facilitate this important community event once again, one that is always an important landmark in our community theatre calendar.

Once again, we have gathered the best and brightest local talent from across Thunder Bay to perform for you during the festival this year. Every year they pour their hearts, souls and time into bringing these works to life and this year has been no exception.

It take a village to get 10x10 onto the stage and a big thank you to everyone who works so hard to make 10x10 a success, our playwrights, directors, actors, our backstage team and, of course, our Magnus Theatre staff.

Above all else we hope that you enjoy your visit to Magnus Theatre for this wonderful occasion. Take in the variety of theatre, be amazed at the array of local talent on display, have a drink, take a photo and be whisked away by the 10 unique stories that we have for you this year.

Thank you for joining us and we hope to welcome you back to Magnus Theatre in the future.

Jordan Blaxill

Magnus Theatre stands on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe people, those of Fort William First Nation and other nations of the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850 and land which hosted an early settlement of Métis people as well. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live, create, and perform on this territory.



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Directed by Adam Lyew-Sang

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Dan Morrison - Tough Gumshoe
Daniel O'Rourke - The Author
Cara O'Brien - Fantasy Real Estate Agent
Kaylin Kainulainen - Femme Fatale

The Beginning of the End by Cameron Airlie
Directed by Rayyan Thenmalaikhan

Featuring:

Malakai Herrera - Hope
Kateryna Belousova - Vera

On Three by Ryan La Via
Directed by Taylor Covino

Featuring:

Derian Miskimins - Russ
Shaundra Benincasa - Karen

Chin Up by Guy Newsham
Directed by Skyler Voss

Featuring:

Sabrina Picard - Alice
Oliver Morgan - Ben

Couples Therapy by Carmen Kinniburgh
Directed by Lisa Long

Featuring:

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Dinner Table Play by Ariana McLean

Directed by Jessica Graham

Featuring:

Rob Paularinne - Dad

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Sheena Larson - Mom

The Vikings by Kat Arifin

Directed by Chris Servais

Featuring:

Alicia Bobrowski - Alex

River Albanese - DJ

Carine Picard - Clara

The Prophet by Shelby Ch'ng

Directed by Ken Horton

Featuring:

Stefani Celine - Narrator

Recoverable by CB Campbell

Directed by Mackenzie Dillon

Featuring:

Sharon Rose - Angie

John Condon - Ron

James Peake - Dave

ShaeMichelle Watson - Willow

Slash/ers Anony\mous by Andrew Paulsen

Directed by Jaime Morrison

Featuring:

Alex Jecchinis - Freddy

Ben Albert - Mitchell

Eric Stein - Ghostface/Michael Myers

Cady Dreger - Trisha

Jenn McCallion - Leatherface/Michael Myers/Jason/Chucky



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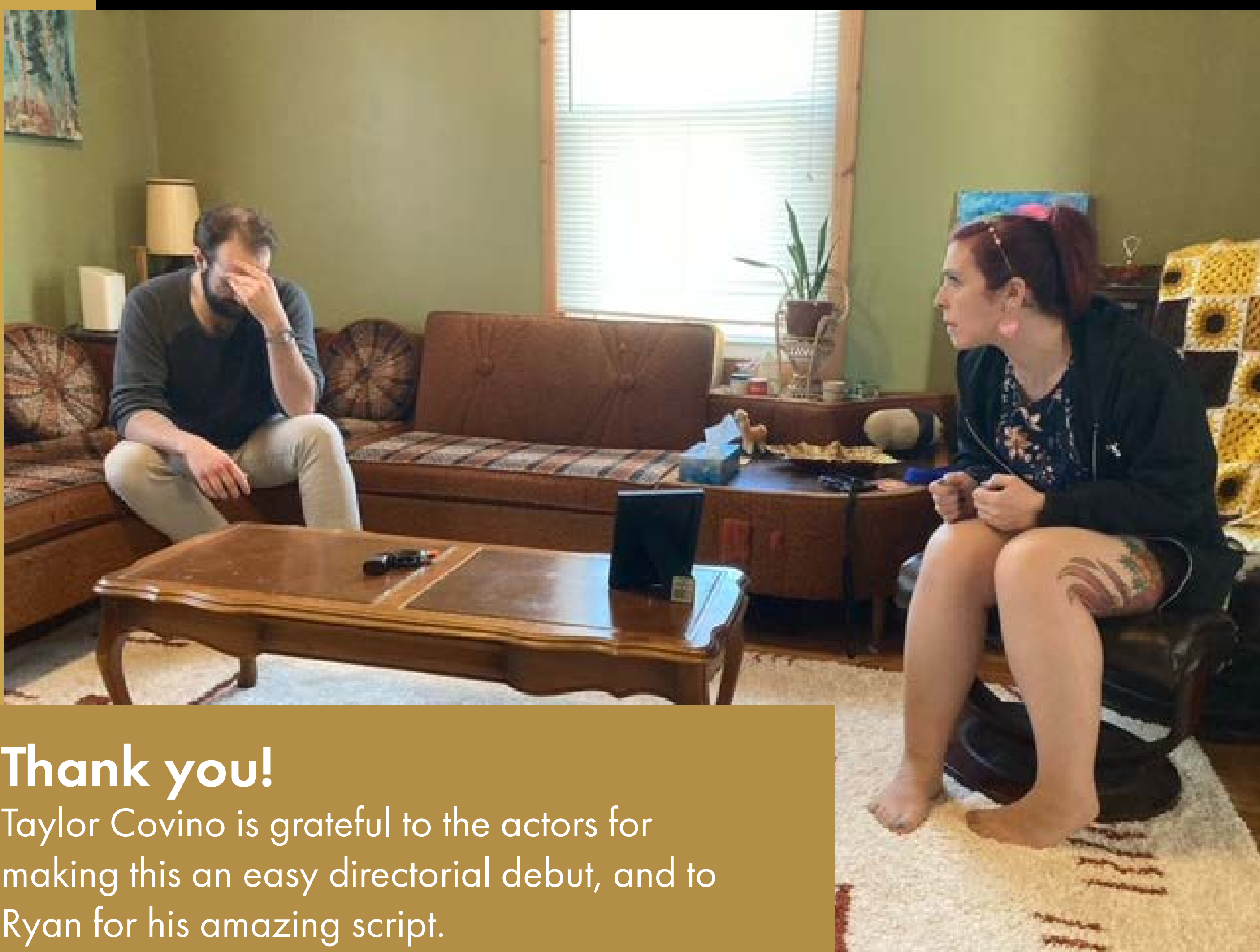
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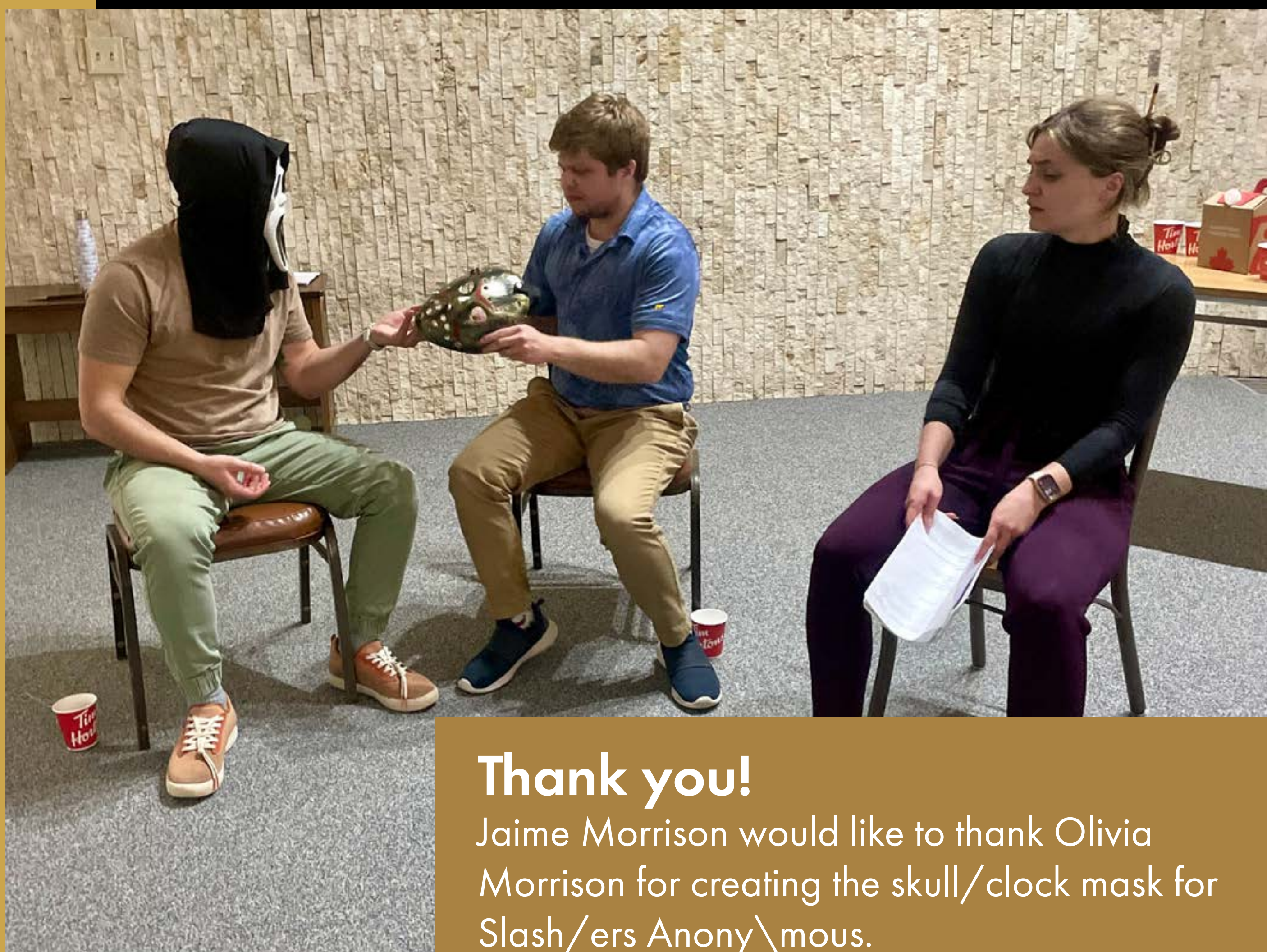
For lending us the use of your spaces for 10X10 rehearsals!



Thank you!

Taylor Covino is grateful to the actors for making this an easy directorial debut, and to Ryan for his amazing script.

In this photo (L-R): Derian Miskimins, Shaundra Benincasa. Photo by Taylor Covino



Thank you!

Jaime Morrison would like to thank Olivia Morrison for creating the skull/clock mask for Slash/ers Anony\mous.

In this photo (L-R): Eric Stein, Ben Albert, Cady Dreger. Photo by Jaime Morrison

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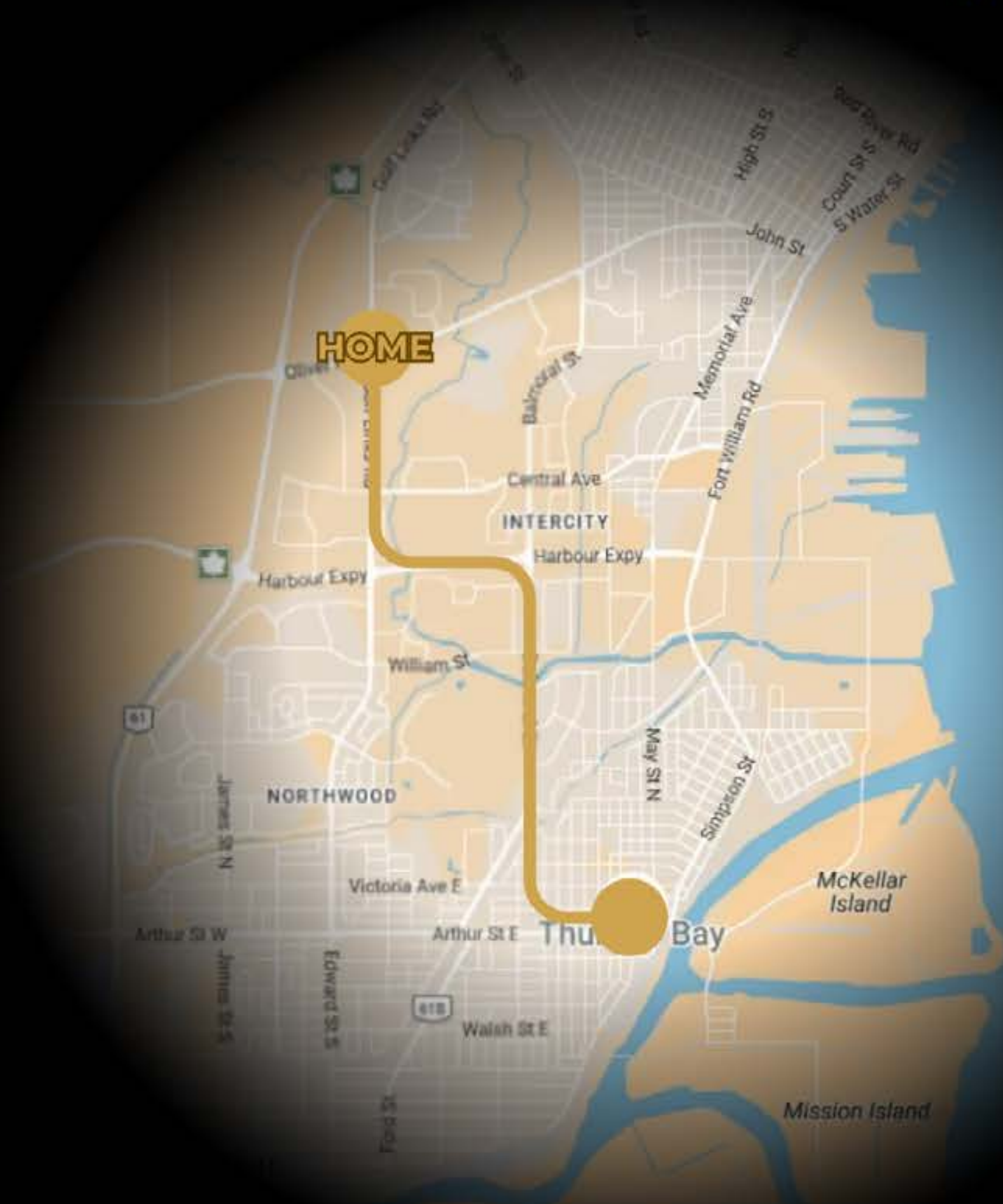
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The Next Stage Project began to restore, upgrade, and expand the Magnus Theatre facility to meet the emerging needs of the community. So far, the project has seen the addition of a brand-new Studio Theatre, expansion and upgrade of all production facilities, an overhaul of the building HVAC systems, all-new public washrooms, lounge, and youth classrooms, all done while carefully maintaining and respecting the heritage features of the Historic Central School. The project continues, as we endeavour to make our heritage building greener and energy efficient, with plans to replace windows, improve the parking lot, convert stage lighting to environmentally friend LED fixtures and upgrade all hearing-assist systems.

The Next Stage Project has been funded in part by the Government of Canada, FedNor, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, the Trillium Community Building Fund, the Trillium Resilient Communities Fund, TBXI and the Thunder Bay CEDC. The project continues to be supported by many private donors and sponsors who believe strongly that professional arts are an integral part of a strong and healthy community.

If you would like to get involved in supporting Magnus Theatre's Next Stage Project and in strengthening the arts scene in Northwestern Ontario, please reach out to Glenn Coulson, Magnus Theatre's Director of Development at Glenn.Coulson@magnustheatre.com, or call 807-345-8033.

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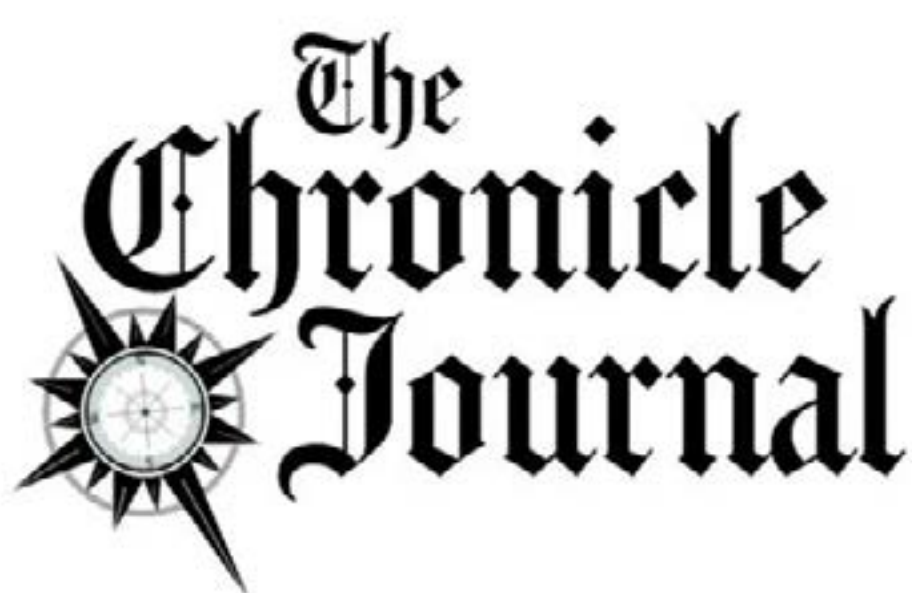
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