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*Breathe* Presented by U.N.I.T.E.D. Performing Arts Corp

### Calendar Listing:

U.N.I.T.E.D. Performing Arts Corp, a non-profit organization, presents ***Breathe*** by award-winning Hudson Valley playwright Brian C. Petti on Friday, October 23rd at 8pm, Saturday, October 24th at 3pm and 8pm, and Sunday, October 25th at 3pm at M'Lanie Hunter Dance Studio in Chester, NY. ***Breathe*** is about an adult autistic woman who, after encountering a clown and a soothsayer at a carnival with her caretaker father, wakes up the next morning without autism. The play explores the nature of parenthood, and the push and pull of caring for a child as they grow and change beyond the control and safety of parental expectation. Tickets are limited, reserve at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/breathe>

### Press Release:

#### U.N.I.T.E.D. Performing Arts Corp to Showcase Premiere of ***Breathe*** in Chester

**Who:** Non-profit U.N.I.T.E.D. Performing Arts Corp presents Brian C. Petti's ***Breathe***

**What:** ***Breathe***, the premiere production of a new play that focuses on autism and parenthood.

**Where:** M'Lanie Hunter Dance Studio, 67 Brookside Ave, Chester, NY

**When:** Friday, October 23rd at 8pm, Saturday, October 24th at 3pm and 8pm, and Sunday, October 25th at 3pm

**How:** \$25 tickets benefitting U.N.I.T.E.D. are available at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/breathe>

U.N.I.T.E.D. Performing Arts Corp, a non-profit organization, is thrilled to produce the premiere production of *Breathe*, by Hudson Valley playwright Brian C. Petti. *Breathe* is about an adult autistic woman who, after encountering a clown and a soothsayer at a carnival with her caretaker father, wakes up the next morning without autism. The play explores the nature of parenthood, and caring for a child as they grow and change beyond the control and safety of parental expectation. The show will take place at M'Lanie Hunter Dance Studio, 67 Brookside Ave, Chester, NY on Friday, October 23rd at 8pm, Saturday, October 24th at 3pm and 8pm, and Sunday, October 25th at 3pm. Tickets are \$25 and will benefit U.N.I.T.E.D. They are available at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/breathe>.

"Immersion is the greatest form of inclusion," says M'Lanie Hunter, U.N.I.T.E.D.'s Founding Director and proud member of the Cherokee Nation. "By shining a light on this story, we are promoting local artists and featuring characters that are rarely dramatized, which dovetails perfectly with U.N.I.T.E.D.'s mission to spotlight unheard voices." The show features local Equity actors Hunter and Ron Morehead, and well-known local talents Brittany Pierce-Ciaizza, Michael Edan, and Margaret Young.

The purpose of U.N.I.T.E.D. Performing Arts (United Native/Indigenous Theater Endowing Dance) is to create narrative-based performances by inviting Native artists from around the country to the Hudson Valley. Using various styles of performing arts, they endeavor to preserve, promote and protect the rich tapestry of Native heritage. U.N.I.T.E.D.'s annual *Native Voices* event will take place in November. More information can be found at [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557363765706](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557363765706)

Brian C. Petti is an award-winning Hudson Valley playwright who has been published and produced internationally. *Next Year in Jerusalem* won the Humboldt State National Play Contest in California, *The Love Song of Sidney J. Stein* was the winner of Las Vegas Little Theatre New Works Competition, and *Bovine Existential* won top honors at the Seoul Players short play festival. *Heroines*, *On the Expectation of White Christmases*, *Like Drowning*, *Sidney J. Stein*, and *Banshee* are published by Next Stage Press. *Echoes of Ireland* was produced in County Cork, Ireland and is published through Eldridge Plays and Musicals. Petti's plays have had many Hudson Valley productions at theaters such as Cornerstone Theatre Arts in Goshen, the CENTER at Rhinebeck, The Ritz in Newburgh, and Elmwood Playhouse in Nyack. Petti is a proud member of Dramatists Guild.

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