

# OLLI PLAY FESTIVAL 2018

## OLLI PLAY READINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 | 1-4PM | GORDON 1, CRAIG STUDENT LIVING

Led by Dr. Sarah Blackstone

*Retired Dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, CSU, Chico*

Play readings help provide playwrights with a valuable chance to hear their characters come to life. Dr. Sarah Blackstone will lead back-to-back readings of the plays selected for the 2018 OLLI Play Festival, giving directors, actors, and other viewers a preview of the comedies to be featured in the April festival.

Each of the short plays will be read through at least once in a 30-minute window. You can help with the process by volunteering as a reader, or simply take advantage of the chance to hear the plays and think about what role(s) you might want to audition for (see below).

Dr. Blackstone joins a growing list of theater professionals who are lending their expertise to OLLI in support of the annual play festival. As a new member of the festival team, she draws on her 30+ years of theater experience to enhance both the creative and technical processes of the entire production.

We hope you'll support the entire festival team by attending our play readings!

## PLAY FESTIVAL AUDITIONS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7 | 1-4PM | GORDON 1, CRAIG STUDENT LIVING

Six laugh-out-loud comedies have been selected for the 2018 Play Festival and we're holding auditions for a variety of roles, including stage readings (using scripts on-stage), characters with few—or even no—lines, and more demanding roles for experienced actors.

There's a place for everyone, so come join us for the experience! Scripts are now available in the OLLI office (print or email). Eight weeks of rehearsals will lead up to four performances scheduled for April 12-15 at the Blue Room Theater.

 *Play readings involve the writers themselves in the earliest stages of the production. In so doing, we engage the full community of creative artists in a dialogue on how best to move forward together.* 

~ Sarah Blackstone



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