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### *Beck Center presents the Existential Classic **Waiting for Godot***

**The modern classic that's sure to resonate with audiences opens October 6 in Studio Theater**

**Lakewood, OH**—Beck Center for the Arts continues its eclectic 2017-2018 theater season with *Waiting for Godot* by **Samuel Beckett**, **October 6 through November 5, 2017** in the Studio Theater. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are now on sale. Buy early and save with promo code **TREE** to receive \$5 off each adult/senior ticket purchased by October 5.

*Waiting for Godot* is a tragicomedy in which Samuel Beckett explores the futility of man's hope. Two wandering vagrants wait in the middle of nowhere to meet up with Mr. Godot, hoping he will change their lives for the better. While they wait, they speculate, joke, engage with fellow travelers, and ponder life's greater questions. *Waiting for Godot* is a masterpiece that draws endless interpretations, and is considered one of the most significant plays of the twentieth century. "It is a mystery wrapped in an enigma. But you can expect witness to the strange power this drama has to convey the impression of some melancholy truths about the hopeless destiny of the human race." – The New York Times

Directed by **Eric Schmeidl**, *Waiting for Godot* features a talented cast of five actors ready to bring Beckett's play to life. **Michael Mauldin** and **William Hoffman** appear as the two main characters, Vladimir and Estragon, who wait unendingly for Godot. They encounter Lucky and Pozzo, played by **Allan Byrne** and **Brian Pedaci**, and **Jake Spencer** as the boy. Equity actors Mauldin and Byrne appear courtesy of the AEA, the union of actors and stage managers. "As thrilling as it is challenging. We thank the Samuel Beckett estate for allowing Beck Center to take this journey," remarked Artistic Director Scott Spence.

Tickets are \$31 for adults, \$27 for seniors (65 and older), and \$12 for students with a valid I.D. A \$3 service fee per ticket will be applied at time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, October 5 is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts are available for parties of four or more. Purchase tickets online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center for the Arts is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

This production of *Waiting for Godot* is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. It is generously sponsored the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

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