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For Immediate Release

Main Street Theater Presents
2 Free, Staged Readings on Inauguration Day, January 20

The Taming

By Lauren Gunderson

Directed by Jonathan Gonzalez

With Lindsay Ehrhardt, Shannon Emerick, Elizabeth Keel, and Bree Welch

2 Staged Readings on Inauguration Day, January 20

--10am at MST – Rice Village, 2540 Times Blvd.

--7pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama (at Woodhead)

FREE and open to all (please note: adult language and content)

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As part of a nationwide initiative, Main Street Theater will present 2 staged readings of Lauren Gunderson's *The Taming on Inauguration Day, January 20*. More than 40 theaters across the country are participating.

Tweeting, pandashrews, and undying giddiness for James Madison -- what else could you expect to find at a Miss America pageant? In this hilarious, raucous, all-female "power-play" inspired by Shakespeare's Shrew, contestant Katherine has political aspirations to match her beauty pageant ambitions. All she needs to revolutionize the American government is the help of one ultra-conservative senator's aide on the cusp of a career breakthrough, and one bleeding-heart liberal blogger who will do anything for her cause. Well, that and a semi-historically-accurate ether trip.

“With the sea change in America already swirling I thought ‘Write, girl! Write!’ But then I thought, ‘I think you already wrote about this. And it’s called *The Taming*.’ I wrote this all-female political farce to laugh with the painful truth about extremism on both sides, to toy with our country’s history and wrestle with its foundational imperfections,” writes playwright Lauren Gunderson. “And I wrote it before HAMILTON so my Hamilton jokes were legit and trendsetting :)”

About Main Street Theater

Main Street Theater provides theater experiences for all ages. Founded in 1975, our MainStage produces professional, intimate, literary plays for adults and operates under an Actors’ Equity Association union contract; our Theater for Youth produces professional, engaging productions based on children’s literature for families and school groups, both in-house and on tour around Texas; and we offer Education and Outreach programs on-site and at satellite locations around the Greater Houston area for youth aged 4 – high school. We work out of 2 facilities: our Rice Village home on Times Blvd., and as part of the MATCH (Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston) on Main Street.

Main Street Theater is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national service organization for not-for-profit theaters, of Theatre for Young Audiences/USA (formerly ASSITEJ), the world theatre network of theatre for children and young people, and a founding member of Houston Arts Partners. Main Street Theater is funded in part by grants from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance, and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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