

Social Justice Theater of the Carolinas Presents

columbinus

Opens April 19, 2019 -- Limited Engagement

One day, you're going about your life, business as usual. Then, suddenly, something happens that shatters your world and shifts your perspective forever. That's what occurred 20 years ago in Littleton, Colorado. On April 20, 1999 at Columbine High School ten students and one teacher were killed by two other students who also subsequently took their own lives.

In their debut production at Sweet Bee Theater in Pittsboro, the Social Justice Theater of the Carolinas (SJTC) will perform the play *columbinus*, by Stephen Karam and P.J. Paparelli, to commemorate 13 lives lost at Columbine and more than 200 more souls killed in high school shootings in two decades since.

Columbinus cast members range in age from 13 to 26. They all embrace the playwrights' primary goal for this work: seek to unite rather than divide. Instead of centering on hot-button topics like gun control, *columbinus* strives to promote understanding through discussion. After each performance, a counsellor will facilitate dialogue between the audience and cast to explore basic questions such as "Why do we treat one another the way we do?" and "What are we afraid of?" The goal is to empower individuals to change their own behavior towards others resulting in viable social change.

A heart-wrenching video with the cast in their roles is on the Social

Justice Theater of the Carolinas' [IndieGoGo.com](https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/social-justice-theater-of-the-carolinas-columbinus#/) crowdfunding page, where individuals can help support the troupe. See video at:

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Pittsboro columbinus performances are on Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 20 at 4 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Prospective attendees need to be aware that this play contains strong adult language and implied violence which is inappropriate for children. Those aged 13 or under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Tickets can be purchased for \$8 online at www.pittsboroyouththeater.com or at the door while they last. Sweet Bee Theater is located in the Center for the Arts in the heart of downtown Pittsboro, NC at 18A East Salisbury St.

Tickets Online: www.PittsboroYouthTheater.com

The following sponsors of SJTCs inaugural columbinus project have helped lower ticket prices and increase production values of the play:

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