



Jeff Cronin – Director



2018 Reader's Theatre

A play by Will Eno

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MEET THE DIRECTOR

We'd like to introduce you to the directors who are slated to lead this season's productions. Today we feature Jeff Cronin, director of our Reader's Theater production of Will Eno's play MIDDLETOWN.

Over the past 15 years, Jeff has been involved in shows locally at Steel River Playhouse, Forge Theater, The Dramateurs at the Barn Playhouse, Barley Sheaf Players, and Village Players of Hatboro. Past acting credits include *The Nerd* (Willum), *Proof* (Hal), *That Championship Season* (Phil), *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (Billy), *A Flea in Her Ear* (Ferallion), *See How They Run* (Clive), and *Play On!* (Billy). From the director's chair, he has helmed productions of *Farragut North*, *A Piece of My Heart*, *Bus Stop*, *The Zoo Story*, and *The Duck Variations*.

A BIT ABOUT THE SHOW:

I'm excited about introducing audiences to a new script written in a style that isn't produced much on local stages. It's a little bit absurdist and a little bit abstract, but don't let that scare you! The characters are immediately familiar and I'd wager you see pieces of yourself in many of them. *Middletown*, at its heart, is about the search we're all on to belong to something - a person, a community, a town, you name it.

As a reader's theater production, it means the cast may still discover new things in the text as its doing a reading for the audience, and that should be exciting for everyone in the room. It's going to be low-producing and really raw, so that we can all just revel in the words of Will Eno.

I'm looking for actors who love exploring their characters we won't have much time together, but I plan to spend much of it diving into the souls of the people of *Middletown*.