

The Back-Porch Gang

a new comedy by Ben Scranton

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When a group of senior citizens take on the harmless activity of waving at cars to pass the time, hysterical chaos follows. A police officer and a quirkily stranger appear and suddenly everyone must face the past and its impact on the present. Secrets are revealed as they navigate a treacherous maze of guilt and missed opportunity. *The Back-Porch Gang* is a story of love, loss, and renewal.



“Ben Scranton’s concept of senior citizens who wave at passing cars in hopes of getting a wave back speaks to the visceral human need to be noticed. The Overtime Theater is honored to have presented the world premiere of The Back-Porch Gang, a play that explores the themes of love, forgiveness, and renewal. Night after performance night, this superbly written comedy garnered nonstop laughs from the audience who seemed immediately drawn to each finely etched character. Scranton is a master storyteller and his funny, heartwarming play deserves to be seen.”

**FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS MAY 6-21 | 8PM
SUN MAY 15 | 3PM | TICKETS \$18**

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~ Jade Esteban Estrada
Artistic Director
Overtime Theater
San Antonio, Texas

“Very dear and lovely. I am reminded of ‘Mornings at Seven.’”

~ Marsha Mason, Actor, Writer, and Director

“The Back-Porch Gang is full of life and love and lots of laughs. Scranton knows these characters well, and he gives them relationships and situations that make senior life more fun than high school.”

~ Marcia Milgrom Dodge

Tony & Drama Desk Award Nominated Director & Choreographer

“There is no doubt you will be completely charmed by Ben Scranton’s The Back-Porch Gang. I know I was. These characters have so much heart, and will keep you laughing throughout the play. If this is what senior living is like, sign me up!”

~ Rachel F. Hirsch

Co-Founder, Play Incubation Collective, Northampton, MA

“Ben writes insightfully about aging people with sympathy and humor. He understands his characters, creating authentic dialogue and relationships that elevate the play into the dramatic world of ‘The Gin Game’ or ‘On Golden Pond.’

~ Steve Hays, Director, The Drama Studio, Springfield, MA

“This heart-warming comedy is about friendship, the importance of being acknowledged, and the desire to live a full life. It is filled with memorable moments and well-written characters in their golden years. Ben Scranton gives audiences a charming new play that is both poignant and playful.

~ Rachel Burttram and Brendan Powers. <http://www.tiny-theatre.com>

***The Back-Porch Gang** is a producible 6-person play that utilizes one unit set and no special effects. It has opportunities for imaginative stage and sound design. A thrilling challenge for actors, directors and designers. **The Back-Porch Gang** speaks to the need we have to be noticed and acknowledged, coupled with the desire to lead a fulfilling life.*

Watch 2 scenes read by professional actors Rachel Burttram and Brendan Powers.

<https://fb.watch/52zLQduL13/>

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