

GREENHEART
PRODUCTIONS

17 MINUTES

BY SCOTT ORGAN

Westport Country Playhouse Rehearsal Barn

Friday, February 6, 2026 7:00 pm

Director's Note

Thank you for attending the inaugural event of Greenheart Productions. It means the world that you're here with us tonight.

A while back, Susan Jacobson (co-founder), came across the play *17 Minutes* by Scott Organ and couldn't shake it. She brought it to me, and not long after, we gathered a group of actors together and read it out loud around a kitchen table. The room changed. We knew this was a story we all wanted to share. Inspired, Susan and I became determined to build a home for work like this.

That home became Greenheart Productions.

The play *17 Minutes* doesn't offer easy answers. It asks us to sit with the aftermath of a school shooting, and through the complicated terrain that follows: guilt, grief, anger, fear, responsibility, and the urgent need to find meaning in the wake of an unthinkable tragedy.

We're grateful you're here for our first public event and for what your presence makes possible. Following the reading, we invite you to stay for a moderated panel discussion, expanding the experience beyond the reading and into community dialogue.

Thank you for supporting this work, and for helping Greenheart grow.

Andrea Lynn Green
Co-Founder, Greenheart Productions

Tonight's Panel

Following the reading, tonight's panel will be moderated by broadcast journalist and author **Randy Kaye** and includes the following participants:

Scott Organ

Playwright, *17 Minutes*

Susan Jacobson

Co-founder, Greenheart Productions

Sharon Lauer

Head of Unquowa School

Yves Gerald Pierre

Greenwich, CT Police Officer, Use of Force and De-escalation Instructor, Served in the U.S Army for eight years

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presents a reading of

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Directed by
Andrea Lynn Green

ANDY RUBENS..... Mike Boland
VIRGIL MORRIS Allan Zeller
SAMANTHA RUBENS Susan Vanech
MARY Dawn Vanessa Brown
DAN Brian J. Carter
CECILIA..... Susan Jacobson
Stage Directions..... Luisa Tanno

Setting: Winter. A town in a cold part of the country. Present Day.

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Executive Artistic Director Andrea Lynn Green	Artistic Director Susan Jacobson	Associate Producer Luisa Tanno
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17 Minutes was originally produced by The Barrow Group in New York City in January 2020

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DAWN VANESSA BROWN* (*Mary*) has performed professionally in regional New York and Connecticut theaters. She has taught Creative Drama in the Westchester NY school system and worked with the Ridgefield (CT) Independent Film Festival. Member of AEA, SAG-AFTRA and Theatre Artists Workshop. It is Dawn's hope and avocation that art can be a bridge to a more inclusive and peaceful world. www.dawnvanessabrown.com.



MIKE BOLAND* (*Andy Rubens*) is an award-winning actor and writer. He is a veteran performer on Broadway, Off-Broadway, in regional theatre and on tour around the world. Mike was a guest star on the recent hit Netflix limited series *Sirens*, and was a recurring guest star on the long-running NBC thriller *The Blacklist*. Mike also guested on *FBI*, *Person of Interest* and others. As a writer, his Yo Andrea feature screenplay was crowned the winner at the Miami Screenplay Awards, The Comedy Film Festival (Austin, TX), Milan Indie Film Festival, Southwest Film Festival and others. Mike won a Drama Desk Award for his work on the Off-Broadway hit *The Orphans' Home Cycle* in 2010. He studied with George DiCenzo, Cotter Smith, and Academy Award winners Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Alan Arkin and Bobby Moresco.



BRIAN J. CARTER* (*Dan*) has appeared on New York's most iconic television shows: *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*; *Dear Edward*; *The Blacklist*; *Run The World*; *Blue Bloods*; *The Americans*; *Jessica Jones*; *Gotham*, *Person Of Interest*, *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, *Veep*, *Deadbeat* and both *Law & Order: SVU* and *Law & Order* as well as just wrapping a recurring role on the upcoming *Friday the 13th* prequel series for Peacock and A24. Film credits include *Ocean's Eight* (director Gary Ross and opposite Sandra Bullock), *Loserville*, *The Family Fang* (directed by Jason Bateman), *Sex, Death, And Bowling* (directed by Ally Walker), *The Preppie Connection*; *In Stereo*, *Santa Con* (directed by Melissa Joan Hart), *Kurt And The Magnificent Meyersons*. His stage career launched with the Pulitzer Prize®-winning original production of *Wit*.



SUSAN JACOBSON* (*Cecilia*) *Synchronicity* (Powerhouse Theatre), *The Waltz* (Theatre Artists Workshop New Works Festival), *Imprint*, *Preconceived*, and *No Ordinary Mother* (The National Opera Center, NYC). Her movement video, *Broken*, looped at the People, Politics and Planet Exhibition. *Collecting Driftwood*, her one-person show, received a NYC United Solo Award for Best Physical Theater. *Letting Go*, a dance film created with Lori Petchers, premiered at the Lincoln Center Dance on Camera Festival and their film *Weightless* was selected for the TBG Film Festival (AMT Theatre, NYC). Female lead in *A Christmas Memory* (named one of the best professional

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productions of 2021, Greenwich Theatre Company) and in *Eleanor* (Moses Gunn Play Company). Co-founder Greenheart Productions. Here's to using theater to foster conversation and change. Susanjacobson.me



LUISA TANNO (*Stage Directions*) is a playwright, dancer, and actor with experience as a director, choreographer, producer, and dramaturg. She initially joined Greenheart Productions as a champion of the project and is now excited to serve as Associate Producer. Luisa holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from the New School and serves on the Board of Directors for Theatre Artists Workshop. She believes that art makes a difference, and so do you.



SUSAN VANECH (*Samantha Rubens*) is a classically trained actor (NYU) whose work spans theatre, television, and film. Beyond the stage, Susan is the founder of Susan Vanech Properties and a real estate strategist known for her thoughtful approach, market expertise, and elevated client experience; with a curated understanding of luxury living, she guides buyers and sellers through every stage of the process with clarity, discretion, and care. She is also the founder of Coastal Compass, Compass' co-marketing division. Susan's work consistently intersects with causes close to her heart—sustainability, LGBTQIA+ visibility, women's equality, and most recently, gun violence awareness. She is thrilled to bring her energy, advocacy, and artistry to *17 Minutes* with Greenheart Productions.



ALLAN ZELLER* (*Virgil Morris*) Allan was last seen performing the roles of Ludvig Van Beethoven in the play *Frank & Ludvig* and the part of Bill in *Hamsplaining* for the Theatre Artists Workshop in their annual Festival of New Works. Prior to that Allan was seen at the Greenwich Theatre Co. in *Bushwacked!* in Honor of Playwright Rosemary Foley. Allan frequently works opposite his wife Kimberly Squires in their two-person show *Zeller & Squires*, most recently at the Legacy Theatre in Branford CT. Some other Theatres include: The Sacramento Theatre Co., CitiArts Theatre, Theatre Artists of Marin, Roger Rocha's Music Hall, 2nd Space Theatre, Theatre Works, Music Theatre of CT., The Schoolhouse Theatre, Penguin Rep., Stray Kats Theatre and the Players Theatre (NYC). Allan is a longtime member and former President of the Theatre Artists Workshop. He is a member of SAG-AFTRA and Actors Equity.



* This Actor appears courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

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SCOTT ORGAN (*Playright*) is a New York city based playwright and screenwriter. His plays have been performed and workshopped throughout the United States, Europe and South America and have been commissioned by The Atlantic Theater Company and developed by theaters including The Barrow Group, The New Group, Page 73, South Coast Rep, and the Gulfshore Playhouse. Scott's plays *17 Minutes* and *The Thing With Feathers* premiered Off-Broadway at The Barrow Group. His play *Phoenix* premiered at the Humana Festival of New American Plays and was subsequently produced at The Barrow Group and through Rattlestick at Cherry Lane Theater with Julia Stiles. *Phoenix* has been translated into Portuguese, Spanish and French. His writing has been featured in Arts In The Armed Forces, performed by Laura Linney and Dianne Wiest. Scott adapted his play *The Thing with Feathers* into the feature film *ROOST*, directed by Amy Redford. Scott is a writer on the short films *Playdate* (TriBeCa Film Festival, London City International Film Festival – 3rd place, Vimeo Staff Pick) *The Board* (TriBeCa Film Festival) and *The One* (Palm Springs International Film Festival.) Scott is an alum of Page 73's Interstate 73 writer's group and a member of the Dramatists Guild.

ANDREA LYNN GREEN (*Director*) *Night Out* by Dan Remmes (Theatre Artists Workshop at Westport Country Playhouse, Aug 2025), *Potholes* by Luisa Tanno (Chain Theatre Winter One Act Festival, NYC Feb 2025), and Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None* among other works with Theatre Artists Workshop since 2019. She is a founder and former co-artistic director of Greenwich Theatre Company, where she directed *Bushwhacked! And Other Short Plays* by *Rosemary Foley* (now available on Youtube) and *A Christmas Memory* (digital), named one of the best professional productions of 2021. Upcoming projects include *My Anecdotal Life*, a limited podcast series featuring the life stories of Granville Wyche Burgess. Andrea is also an actor: andrea.green.biz. Endlessly thankful to all who helped make this event possible. directedbyalg.com.



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