

# FINDING THE LOST THREAD

The Father offers a moving portrait of dementia

There is always a danger, as an artist, in launching forth with a single cause or affliction or ideology and melding it into a work of art. The passion to persuade, to shed some needful light, can overawe the project, resulting in a book or movie or play that is at once simplistic, condescending, haranguing and dull.

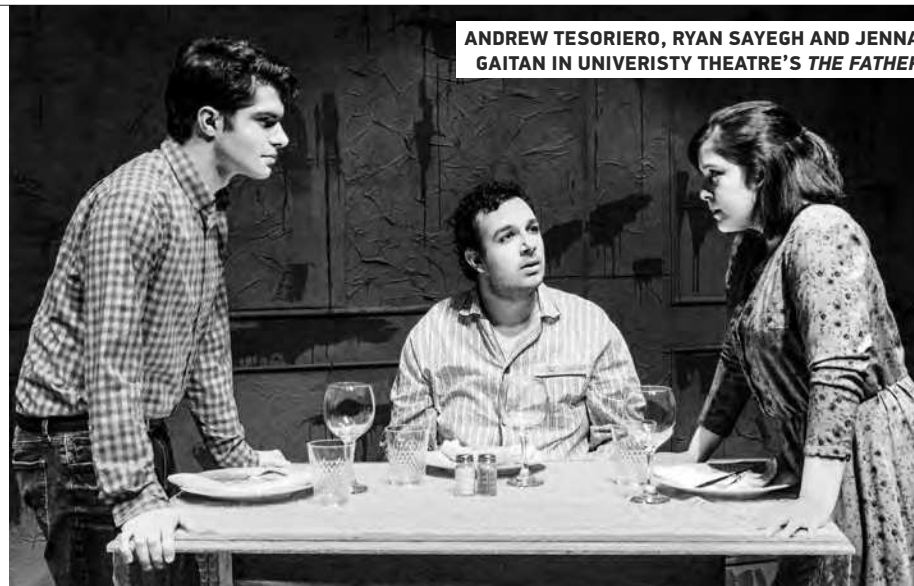
All art is political, Orwell rightly pointed out, but he forgot to add that not all politics make good art (as Czech author Milan Kundera once quipped, Orwell's 1984 might best be reduced to a political pamphlet).

This caveat seems especially true when it comes to works of art dealing with a specific malady, because the stakes are so damn high. Often, the more desperate and single-minded the author's plea that we take the mortal danger seriously, the more we feel held hostage, threatened by our own cold-heartedness.

Florian Zeller's stunning play *The Father* (translated from the French by Christopher Hampton), about a man succumbing to the dementia of late Alzheimer's disease, sidesteps all the treacherous pitfalls of over-determined awareness-building. With humor, deep empathy and a canny eye for the intimate details of domestic strife, Zeller submerges the audience in an atmosphere that speaks to what is universal in the human condition, without ever losing sight of the specifics of the condition that creates havoc among her characters.

University Theatre's production, directed by Nelson Barre, does tremendous honor to Zeller's vision, which places us directly into the mind of André (Ryan Sayegh), a proud and terrified man slowly losing his grip on time and on reality itself. André's memory loss is treated with dream logic — furniture is removed randomly by faceless stagehands, and time slips backward or forward 10 years as one person leaves and another seamlessly enters the same scene — in such a way that we are caught at ground-zero of his confusion, trying to sort out the jigsaw puzzle of blighted memory.

André's daughter Anne (Jenna Gaitan) appears as a trembling point of reference in this shifting and dislocated narrative. She is a moving portrait of the embattled, despairing family member whose own identity is subsumed by the fractured reality of her father's life. In one scene Anna is divorced; in the next she is married to Pierre (Andrew Tesoriero); and then, next thing you know, she is moving to London, trying to set her father up with Laura, a preternaturally chipper caretaker (Gabby Socolofsky).



ANDREW TESORIERO, RYAN SAYEGH AND JENNA GAITAN IN UNIVERISTY THEATRE'S *THE FATHER*

At any given moment, a figure in a grotesque plastic mask will enter André's apartment, claiming to be someone he knows. The result of such slippages in time and identity is that his terror becomes a suspenseful first-person phantasmagoria that resembles, in all its surreal existential terror, a short story by Kafka or an episode of *Black Mirror*.

On the surface, such artistic flourishes might appear cheeky or disrespectful, a diminishment of the very real horrors of Alzheimer's; in action, on the stage, they are devastating. The play treats the illness at once as reality and as metaphor, the better to reveal how Alzheimer's enacts the ultimate erasure, eating away at meaning itself. And, as *The Father* shows so effectively, there may be nothing more frightening than slowly losing the thread of your own story.

University Theatre's production handles this material with confidence and grace. Barre's direction is understated, almost terse, an approach that ekes out the haunted quality of the material. Rather than drawing undue attention to the confusion on stage, it treats it matter-of-factly, the better to disarm us. And the cast is excellent, especially Sayegh, whose restraint — equal parts charm and added anguish — brings home the ultimate insult of being overthrown by one's own mind.

The Father continues through Feb. 10 at University of Oregon's Hope Theater; tickets at 541-346-4363.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** UMPQUA BANK, Plaintiff, v. DOE 1 and DOE 2, being the occupants of or parties in possession or claiming any right to possession of the Real Property commonly known as 37604 Highway 58, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455; DOE 3 and DOE 4, being the unknown heirs and devisees of Harry James Bazen and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, lien, or interest in the property described in the Complaint herein; TAMMY MAE HADLEY, JOSEPH G. HADLEY II; STATE OF OREGON, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ESTATE ADMINISTRATION UNIT; and OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY; Defendants. Case No. 17CV44853 SUMMONS TO: Defendants Doe 3 and Doe 4: **IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON:** You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above case within thirty days after the first date of publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and defend, the Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The object of the Complaint and the demand for relief are: The Plaintiff seeks to foreclose its trust deed on the subject real property described in the Complaint as described below in the amount of \$377,384.02 plus interest, late charges, costs, advances, and attorney's fees, and to cause the subject property to be sold by the Sheriff of Lane County, foreclosing the interests of all defendants in the real property with the proceeds applied to satisfy Plaintiff's lien. The real property is described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Jonathan Morgan Donation Land Claim No. 37, in Township 19 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian; and running thence North 0° 01' West on the West line of said Donation Land Claim No. 806.76 feet to the Southerly right of way line of the Willamette Highway; thence South 62° 53'

East, on said right of way line, 815.48 feet to the West line of County Survey No. 40; thence South 0° 06' East on said West line, 432.53 feet to the Southwest corner of said County Survey No. 40, said point being in the South line of the Jonathan Morgan Donation Land Claim No. 37; thence North 89° 48' West on the South line of said Donation Land Claim, 726.25 feet to the point of beginning, in Lane County, Oregon. Which currently has the address of 37604 Highway 58, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455. **NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!** You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. **HERSHNER HUNTER, LLP** By /s/NANCY K. CARY Nancy K. Cary, OSB 902254 [ncary@hershnerhunter.com](mailto:ncary@hershnerhunter.com), Of Attorneys for Plaintiff, 180 East 11th Avenue, P.O. Box 1475, Eugene, Oregon 97440. Telephone: (541) 686-8511. Fax: (541) 344-2025 First Publication Date: February 1, 2018.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE** Juvenile Department. In the Matter of: LUKE JAY TRAUTMAN, A Child. Case No. 17JU08555. **PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: NICKI JAY TRAUTMAN** IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE** the Lane County Juvenile Court at 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, OR 97401, **ON THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.** to admit or deny the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. **YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM ON THE DATE AND AT THE TIME LISTED ABOVE. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS.** This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court,

dated December 22, 2017. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County. Date of first publication: January 25, 2018. Date of last publication: February 8, 2018. **NOTICE: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT AS DIRECTED ABOVE, THEN YOU MUST APPEAR ON MARCH 15, 2018 AT 10:00 AM AT THE SAME ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR FOR BOTH OF THESE DATES OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS to the above-named child either ON THE DATES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUMMONS OR ON A FUTURE DATE, and may make such orders and take such action as authorized by law. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS (1) YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER. If you are currently represented by an attorney, CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE. Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lane County Juvenile Department, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, Oregon 97401, phone number 541/682-4754, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for further information. IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, please retain one as soon as possible and have the attorney present at the above hearing. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. IF YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS. (2) If you contest the petition, the court will schedule a hearing on the allegations of the petition and order you to appear personally and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and order you to appear personally. IF YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR, YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM, UNLESS THE COURT HAS GRANTED YOU AN EXCEPTION IN ADVANCE UNDER ORS 419B.918 TO APPEAR BY OTHER MEANS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TELEPHONIC OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT**