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***Playwright Brian Guehring coming to  
Town Hall Theatre!***

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP** – Washington Township’s Town Hall Theatre has been awarded a \$500 grant by the Centerville-Washington Foundation to help bring nationally known playwright Brian Guehring to Centerville. The Centerville School District and Washington Township have also agreed to underwrite some of Mr. Guehring’s expenses as well.

Mr. Guehring is currently on staff at the Rose Theatre in Nebraska as the Education Director and Playwright in residence. The Rose theatre is known for its touring theatre company, the third largest in the United States. It also boasts a teen theatre ensemble headed by Mr. Guehring that produces several original works annually about social issues pertinent to teen life in Omaha.

During his time in Centerville, Mr. Guehring will not have much time to himself as his schedule is jam packed with activities. He is invited to watch a performance of one of his creations, *The Brave Little Tailor* at Town Hall Theatre on Sunday, November 2. After the performance he will be doing a question and answer or “Q and A” session with audience members and anyone else who might like to attend.

On Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. Guehring takes Centerville Schools by storm, first visiting Stingley Elementary and doing several workshops with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade will also be

seeing a touring version of *The Brave Little Tailor* in December to really bring the workshop experience full circle. After Stingley Elementary the Centerville High School will be hosting Mr. Guehring for an hour long workshop for Mr. Beumers' advanced acting and directing class where our guest will feel right at home due to his frequent work with teens.

Washington Township Town Hall Theatre is happy to have received support from the Centerville Washington Foundation and Terry Riley at Centerville Schools to make this project and hopefully others like it a reality.

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