

A Bowl of Soup

Beautiful



Holiday Songs



Beautiful by Shawn Deal

Gabrielle is blind, but has tremendous insight. Troy can physically see, but doesn't notice much. When Troy first approaches Gabrielle at the park and tells her she's beautiful, he's taken aback that she rebuffs his compliment.

He's even more surprised when she realizes that the young woman is blind, yet still appreciates beauty all around her. How could she comprehend beauty if she's always been blind? Their conversation becomes a beautiful lesson, literally, for Troy. Gabrielle encourages him to close his eyes and use all his senses to experience other types of beauty.

The pair also discovers a shared appreciation for the lyrical beauty of Shakespeare's words and the imagery he paints with them. By the end of their encounter, it is Gabrielle who has helped Troy learn to see more clearly. In doing so, he realizes that his new friend is truly beautiful — both inside and out.

A Bowl of Soup by Kendra Thomas

Certain foods connect us to our past, to our family, to meaningful life moments. The smell of something cooking — even something as basic as a bowl of soup — triggers memories and speaks to us in a way that nothing else can.

In this soul-warming drama, five teens share what their unique bowls of soup mean to them. For Esther, her bowl of matzah ball soup represents freedom. For Oscar, his bowl of tortilla soup reminds him to always follow his dreams and persevere. Ashby feels connected to the South with her bowl of gumbo, even though she barely remembers when they lived there.

The five monologues, each about three minutes, are interwoven with reflective echoing responses from the ensemble. It all comes together to form a beautiful, short one act that leaves everyone with something to savor.

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Thurs., Dec. 9, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Holiday-themed choral selections including:

- A Medieval Fa La La arr. by Reginal S. Wright
- The Great Clear Twilight arr. by Austin Schend
- White Christmas arr. by Anita Kerr
- Nutcracker Jingles arr. by Chuck Bridwell
- O Tannenbaum arr. by Jerry Brubaker
- The Yodel Carol arr. by Stephen Coker

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