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*Emerson Theater Collaborative announces the  
staged reading of*  
**TRUE NATURE OF ALL BEING**

**September 21, 2015, Mystic, CT.** Emerson Theater Collaborative (ETC) announces the staged reading of the play, *True Nature of All Being* written by Lisa Giordano on October 17 at 7 pm and October 18 at 4 pm in Mystic, CT. UCONN Theater professor and accomplished playwright, Michael Bradford is the director, and ETC's Camilla Ross and Lisa Giordano are the producers of the performance. Professional actors from New York, California and Connecticut will be participating in the staged reading.

*True Nature of All Being* is set in Japan in 1970 and loosely based on a true story. The play addresses environmental issues that then impact health, legal, socioeconomic, community and family issues on a local and international scale. It has won an Honorable Mention from the Clauder Competition - the New England Playwrights Festival and was a finalist with an Honorable Mention at the International Eco-drama Playwrights Fest in California. The play especially addresses how environmental devastation affects the poor and vulnerable, and tells how a handful of ordinary women banded together to transform their world.

Performances will take place at the First United Church in Mystic, CT. Tickets for the performances are \$10. For more information and visit [www.emersontheatercollaborative.org](http://www.emersontheatercollaborative.org). Tickets can be purchased at the door.

**Michael Bradford (Director)** is an award-winning playwright, director and professor of dramatic arts at the University of Connecticut. Bradford's work has been produced in NYC Off-Broadway at the American Place Theatre, and the Lark Developmental Theatre, as well as The Flea, The Access and the NADA Theatre; and regionally, at Lorna Littleway Theatre, Louisville, KY and ETA Creative Theatre, Chicago, IL. Recently, his play "*Olives and Blood*" was produced at Connecticut Repertory Theatre in Storrs.

**Lisa Giordano (Playwright and Producer)**, author of *True Nature Of All Being* is a playwright, artist, an ETC board member, and ETC's resident playwright. She is a member of the Dramatist Guild, and her plays have been performed regionally and received honors nationally. Her play, "*Harriet Tubman's Dream*" has been repeatedly performed by ETC's Camilla Ross.

Her paintings have been exhibited in venues throughout CT and RI. Ms. Giordano sits on the board of the Lawrence + Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and is a member of SECT Women's Network.

**Camilla Ross (Producer)** is current president of ETC, and a graduate of Emerson College in Boston. Ms. Ross has over 30 years' theatrical experience, ranging from commercials to regional theater. She recently directed the play "*Hour Farther*" by David H. Greer. In 2013, she was named Woman of the Year by SECT Women's Network for her contributions to business and community. She is on the faculty of Three Rivers Community College, and a member of Kappa Beta Delta.

Emerson Theater Collaborative's mission is to serve youth, under-represented communities and artists with an emphasis on diversity, by producing innovative and exhilarating theater in Southeastern Connecticut. ETC explores timely themes and issues through new, original works and modern theatrical classics. We develop and nurture both emerging and professional artists, and collaborate with the Emerson College network of alumni and students. Our goals include reaching inner city youth through educational theatrical programming and to support our local communities by providing free admission to our performances to low-income families, and donating profits to humanitarian causes.

### **Key Dates and Information**

**What:** *True Nature Of All Being* – a Staged Reading

**When:** Saturday, October 17 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 pm

**Where:** First United Methodist Church, 23 Willow Street, Mystic, CT 06355

**How:** Tickets for the performances are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. For more information and visit [www.EmersonTheatreCollaborative.org](http://www.EmersonTheatreCollaborative.org) or call (860) 705-9711.

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