**PITCH TO BRIAN LEHRER, WYNC RADIO**

Hi Lisa,

I’m writing to see whether, especially given the subject matter, you might be interested in checking out Will Arbery's (*Plano*) new play, *Heroes of the Fourth Turning*, which starts Sept 13 at Playwrights Horizons and opens Oct 7. Danya Taymor (*“Daddy,” Pass Over*) directs.

In *Heroes of the Fourth Turning,*four young conservatives have gathered at a backyard after-party in rural Wyoming. One week following the Charlottesville riot, and two days before the 2017 solar eclipse, they’ve returned home to toast their mentor Gina, newly inducted as the first female president of a tiny Catholic college. But as their reunion spirals into spiritual chaos and clashing generational politics, it becomes less a celebration than a vicious fight to be understood.

In [this](https://www.playwrightshorizons.org/shows/trailers/playwrights-perspective-heroes-fourth-turning/) Playwrights Perspective piece he wrote, Will, who was raised by Catholic conservative academics, says, "The conservatism modeled for me was poetic, passionate, and nuanced." He also says, "I started writing this play immediately after the presidential election in 2016. There was a lot of talk then about 'echo chambers,' and having come from a small subsection of conservative America, I felt that I had a responsibility to provide audiences with access to those conversations." But, he adds, "I’m not asking you to empathize with these characters. I’m representing their positions, with a goal of impartiality. You can do what you want with that access."

You'll find the press release below. The press dates are:

Wednesday, October 2, at 7pm  
Thursday, October 3, at 8pm  
Friday, October 4, at 8pm  
Saturday, October 5, at 230pm  
Saturday, October 5, at 8pm  
Sunday, October 6, at 730pm

I think I can get you in earlier if it's helpful.

Thanks as always for your consideration,

Blake