

# 'Map of My Kingdom' coming to Clear Lake

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CLEAR LAKE — “Map of My Kingdom,” a play on farmland transfer by Iowa Poet Laureate Mary Swander, will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, July 29, in the Sukup Performing Arts Wing at the Clear Lake Arts Center, 17 S. Fourth St.

Doors open at 6:30. Admission is free.

Who will inherit the family farm? And what will they do with it once it's theirs? These are important questions about the critical issue of land transition. The play will star Elizabeth Thompson as Angela Martin, a lawyer and mediator in land transition disputes, shares stories of how farmers and landowners she has worked with over the years approached their land successions.

Thompson, of Chicago, is a graduate of Iowa State University. She was a Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Irene Ryan Acting Award Finalist in 2014 and a member of The Lonely Many ensemble, named Iowa Artists by the Des Moines Art Center in 2013. Credits include “Hamlet” and “Love’s Labor’s Lost” with The Lonely Many; “Streetcar Named Desire,” “Romeo and Juliet” and “Rent” at Iowa State University; and work with the Actor’s Gymnasium and Circus School in Chicago.

Thompson recently played Nan in the premiere of “My Grandparents in the War,” a new play about Alzheimer’s and the generation of men and women who served during World War II.

After the performance, there will be a panel discussion with Joe McGovern, president of Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, facilitated by Swander.

“Map of My Kingdom” is directed by Matt Foss, acting and theater history professor at the University of Idaho.

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