

‘Cardboard’ in Long Beach

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The essentials: South Korean playwright Hansol Jung addresses a number of contemporary evils — including religious intolerance and child soldiers — in a sophisticated and moving drama set in northern Uganda during the 21-year civil war.

Why this? Caryn Desai, artistic director of the International City Theatre, resolved to bring “Cardboard Piano” to Long Beach after seeing it at the 2016 Humana theater festival in Kentucky. In March, Jung won a \$50,000 Whiting Award for drama.

Details: International City Theatre, Long Beach Performing Arts Center, 330 E. Seaside Way, Long Beach. 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays; ends May 20. \$47-\$49. (562) 436-4610, *internationalcitytheatre.org*