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***Driving with Your Eyes Closed* Screenplay Reading at Pearl S. Buck International**

On Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, Pearl S. Buck International will host a reading of the new screenplay, *Driving with Your Eyes Closed*, written by Molly Gallagher and performed by a group of professional actors from New York City. To watch a video about the screenplay and the efforts behind it go to <https://vimeo.com/267524515>

The event is open to the public and complimentary but donations are encouraged. A portion of each donation will go to Pearl S. Buck International.

Driving with Your Eyes Closed was written by Molly Gallagher, who was born in Korea and adopted as a baby by a Bucks County family through Welcome House, the former adoption agency founded by Pearl S. Buck. Molly grew up with her family in Quakertown, PA. She attended St. Isadore school in Quakertown and Bethlehem Catholic High School before going on to earn her BA from Fordham University Lincoln Center and her MFA from Boston University.

Molly shared this description of the screenplay, "*Driving with Your Eyes Closed* is a feature-length coming-of-age screenplay that features a Korean-adoptee teenage protagonist. The plot is not inherently about adoption - it's about mothers and daughters, confronting loss, and the resilient nature

of young people. It is the hope that because the unique nuances of the adoptee experience are layered into the story, it will contribute to redefining what mainstream narratives represent as the “typical American family.”

18-year-old Hanna wishes her biggest problem was a case of senioritis. Grappling with the reality of her mother’s terminal illness and her failure to get into college, Hanna boards a Greyhound bus from Boston, Massachusetts heading to Asheville, North Carolina on a Hail-Mary journey to find her estranged father. With her cousin Will in tow and her mom and her math teacher (it’s complicated!) on their tails, Hanna weaves her way down I-95 searching for a future from a man whom she’s never really met.”

The event will be held at the Cultural Center of Pearl S. Buck International at 520 Dublin Rd. in Hilltown, PA. For directions go to www.pearlsbuck.org/location-map-directions/

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