

## **Appendix H**

### **Full Text of Audience Responses**

**Audience Member A:** “Each person you meet has their own story, some good (positive), some not positive. It is important to take time to acknowledge people and listen to their stories. Small acts of listening to others may make all the difference to them. Not often do you take time to listen to strangers’ stories, so having an opportunity has been very humbling.”

**Audience Member B:** “It actually makes me want to take the other people’s thoughts and life into my thoughts before I say anything. Their lives are as important as my own.”

**Audience Member C:** “Though not everything was relatable, even other people’s stories being portrayed, you could find things that pertain to you. All around an amazing experience.”

**Audience Member D:** “We each have our own special story. These stories intersect with others’ stories and influence and affect the lives of those around us. We each need to listen to those stories and let them unfold without judgment or criticism.”

**Audience Member E:** “Much of what we see and hear in society appears to be a partial reality and lacks connection. Witnessing and hearing one’s stories today brought the reality of hardship and [illegible] to life. It humanized their experiences and evoked a more shared emotional experience. Despite differing backgrounds and realities, I could empathize those from vastly different backgrounds.”

**Audience Member F:** “The opportunity for open dialogue in the context of understanding and acceptance made for an open and connected experience. Before stories were even told, we communally accepted that all experiences are human experiences and therefore are part of us. Demonstrating that actively and visually made that understanding and connection more concrete.”

**Audience Member G:** “It gave me an understanding of ‘the other shoe.’ Typically I am not empathetic to anything, but this show has changed my view. Liked the concept and listening, and telling each unique story. The audience loved the show.”

**Audience Member H:** “The breakdown of ideas into its component parts made each part more relatable. Each component had a link that shared something with an experience outside of the story. As a result, even something I knew and felt nothing about was relatable.”

**Audience Member I:** “I need this brought this to the Midwest. It is amazing at showing that everyone goes through similar internal struggles.”