Welcome to our online presentation of the 18th annual Life & Literature Performance Series, highlighting special socially-distanced work showcased by our students under the direction of our talented graduate students in Theatre and Performance Studies. This year’s theme is Raising our Voices because while the students whose written and performed work in our series has always been proudly and publicly shown, this year has been even more of a challenge. The Fall 2020 season continues to present us with different obstacles than any other in our history, but we are still here, rising to the challenges, and bringing you our student’s stories that are worth telling, because stories matter.

Thank you for your support of our season and our work as we strive to create an atmosphere that is radically welcoming: a place where all voices can resonate. Though our physical proximity has changed, I know that we stand together for equity, diversity, inclusion and affirmation in all its forms. Mizzou Tigers support each other, and our Theatre community is no exception—we are so grateful.

Please ease back, relax, and enjoy our safely-produced and proudly-presented performances in Life and Literature. Enjoy the show!

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Crew.................................................................. Austin Hultz

The Reawakening of a Rose
By Rachael Robinson, Directed by Kasey Lynch
Cast
Performer.................................................. Sriyyah DeBose, Tia Spears, Ayanna Taylor, Kaylah Janssen

Dreams and Reflections
By Helen Wu, Directed by Josh Saboorizadeh
Cast
Performer.................................................. Helen Wu

Oh Captain, IMHO
Based on “Oh Captain! My Captain” by Walt Whitman with additional text by Nick Frieders, Jack Fulkerson, and James Long
Directed by Chris Oliver
Cast
Performers.............................................. Nick Frieders, Jack Fulkerson, James Long
**The Water Says What I Want**  
By Aidah Nalubowa, Directed by Michael Beverley  
**Cast**  
Person: Zoë Tyler  
Water: Brittaney Nicholson  

**Build A Dad Workshop**  
By Michael Stuart, Directed by Josh Saboorizadeh  
**Cast**  
Performer: Michael Stuart  

**Acquiring the Funds**  
By Konrad Bennett Hughes, Directed by Irene Gasarah  
**Cast**  
Ms. Shirley: Shannon Bradley  
Jack: Grant Rust  
Jeremy: Blake Roider  
Lindsey: Leah Drummond  
The Bright-Eyed Girl: Averey Campbell  
The Beautifully-Haired Man: Jacob Blank  
Boy: Tim Boykin  
Girl: Payton Woodruff  

**Ruminations on Identity Politics in Theatre Classrooms from Graduate Instructors**  
An excerpt from *Where are my Floaties?: Swimming in the Deep End with Theatre Graduate Instructors*  
By Kasey Lynch, Directed by Irene Gasarah  
**Cast**  
Bridget: Abby Uphoff  
Nadia: SRiyyah DeBose  
Adriana: Mandy Paz Herrera  

**Songs of a Queer Catholic Choir Girl**  
By Kasey Lynch, Directed by Michael Beverley  
**Cast**  
Performer: Kasey Lynch  

**More Questions than Answers**  
By Brandon Riley  
**Cast**  
Performer: Brandon Riley  

**Here::There**  
By Josh Saboorizadeh, Directed by Aidah Nalubowa  
**Cast**  
Performer: Josh Saboorizadeh  

**Nation of Desensitization**  
By James Long, Directed by Chris Oliver  
**Cast**  
Performer: James Long  

**Selections from Votes for Women**  
Adapted by Cheryl Black,  
Co-Directed by Kasey Lynch and Aidah Nalubowa  
**Cast**  
Marie Jenney Howes’ Parody of an Anti-Suffragist: Zoë Tyler, Abby Uphoff, Rachael Robinson  
Frederick Douglass: Andre Steward  
Sojourner Truth’s “Ain’t I a Woman?: Brittaney Nicholson
Variations on Love and Prufrock
Based on “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock” by T.S. Eliot
Directed by Chris Oliver
Cast
Performers.........................................Jack Fulkerson, Rylie Mercer,
Grant Roberts, Dani Snyder

The Snow Falls Silly
By Talia Gritzmacher, Directed by Kasey Lynch
Cast
Louise..................................................Avery Campbell
Chorus..................................................Helen Wu, Rylie Mercer,
Kaylah Janssen

Belong
A poem by Tim Boykin
Directed by Kasey Lynch
Cast
Performer.............................................Tim Boykin

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