



Theatre presents

*Life*  
&  
LITERATURE  
PERFORMANCE SERIES

CLIMATE  
**CHANGE**  
THEATRE  
**ACTION**

The central graphic features the text 'CLIMATE CHANGE THEATRE ACTION' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below it, the year '2021' is written in a large, black, hand-drawn style. The text is enclosed within a green, hand-drawn circular frame. The background is a collage of three images: a glacier at the top, a forest fire in the middle, and a flooded village at the bottom.

2021

Studio 4

7:30 pm: Sept 22 - 25

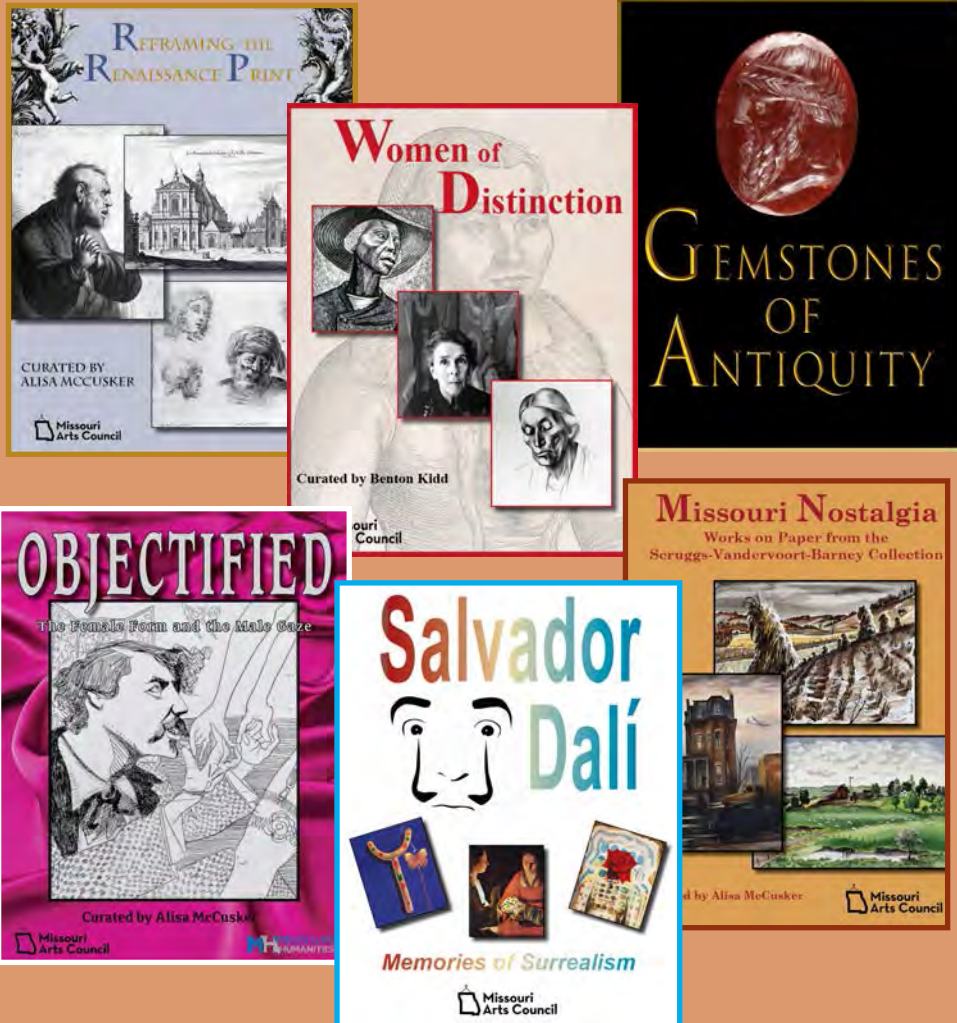
2:00 pm: Sept 26



# MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY

## The Museum is on the MOVE!

While the galleries are CLOSED as the Museum moves to its new location in the lower east level of Ellis Library, explore online exhibitions as well as the collections portal, which offers information and images of every object in the Museum's collection.



## Theatre

University of Missouri

Thank you for joining us for the 19th annual Life & Literature Performance Series. Please join us in the Rhynsburger Theatre for our exciting production of the musical *Rent*, opening Nov 4.

There is no bigger threat to our future than the environmental effects of global warming. Life on earth has already endured severe damage due to carbon emissions and violent weather devastation, and unless we make significant changes, the effects will be even more irreversible.

Artists across the globe have come together to create climate change theatre as a means of spurring communication, education and bold climate action now. Presented every two years, this is the third time Mizzou has participated with the movement since 2017. Tonight's performances are selected from works offered by some of the most prominent playwrights in the world as well as collected from some of our Mizzou students and alumni. The student directors have selected material that speaks to them and that represents a wide variety of voices and perspectives. We are so grateful to the cast and crew for their talent and energy in creating the worlds of these plays. The worst action is no action, so we first thank you for your presence here with us tonight. We value your patronage, especially your support for live theatre. We also encourage you to take what you've experienced out into your own spaces and discuss what can further be done to make real change.

After all, if we don't take care of our home, where will we live?

*M. Heather Carver*

Dr. M. Heather Carver  
Artistic Director  
Chair, MU Department of Theatre





ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
HEATHER CARVER

MANAGING DIRECTOR  
KASEY LYNCH

DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTION  
MIMI HEDGES

LIGHTING DESIGNER  
JAKE PRICE

SOUND ENGINEER  
DE'JANNA SCALES-HAND

COSTUME COORDINATOR  
MARC VITAL II

STAGE MANAGER  
AUSTIN P. HULTZ

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER  
CLEMENTINE ARNESON

## Production Staff

Technical Director.....Joseph Lass  
Costume Shop Lead.....Lida Aflatoony  
Lighting Advisor.....Steve Miller  
Light Board Operator.....Avery Campbell  
Sound Board Operator.....Joel Rodriguez  
Props Crew.....Bailey Crouch, Jack Taylor,  
Ben Prentiss, Aeryn Yonke  
Deck Crew.....Raynesha Green, Lucy Ebling  
Props Run Crew.....Anthony Blatter  
Shop Lead/Master Electrician.....Babs Randazzo  
Shop Assistants.....Jake Price, Eliza Brooks,  
De'Janna Scales-Hand,  
Sydney Lewis, Juan Martinez  
Costume Shop Assistant.....Maddie Bunten  
Shop Crew.....Anthony Blatter, Jake Burns,  
Avery Campbell, Bailey Cannon,  
Mackenzie Clark,  
Robert Dresselhaus,  
Evan Gagliardo, Aaliyah Jones  
Francisco Melendez,  
Allyson Minor, Jasmine Osuji,  
Sydni Pearson, Jessica Peterson,  
Joe Shifrin, Ben Tatum,  
Rose Shirkey, Michael Westphal,  
Sara Wiley, Aeryn Yonke

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## PERFORMANCES PIECES

### ***Green New Steal***

By Corey Payette, Directed by Brandon Riley

#### **Cast**

*Kara*.....Kennedy Rhoades

### ***A Life on Hold***

By Talia Gritzmacher, Directed by Josh Saboorizadeh

#### **Cast**

*Poet*.....Archie Cole

*Blankets*.....Dany Dakhlallah, Michael Frimpong

### ***Ranger***

By Yvette Nolan, Directed by Talia Gritzmacher

#### **Cast**

*Brooke*.....Makayla Green

*Niall*.....Dany Dakhlallah

### ***So Beautiful Day, So Sunny***

By Marcus Youssef and Seth Klein, Directed by Aidah Nalubowa

#### **Cast**

*Klein*.....Caleb Jared

*Youssef*.....Ben Tatum

### ***Sammie & Gran***

By Mark Rigney, Directed by Irene Gasarah

#### **Cast**

*Sammie*.....Jack Fulkerson

*Gran*.....Bailey Crouch

### ***The Wanderer***

By Taylor Sklenar, Directed by Kasey Lynch

#### **Cast**

*Wanderer*.....Ayanna Taylor

## 10 MINUTE INTERMISSION

### ***Moo! Be Quiet! Lambchop's Secret Mission to Steal Every Cow in the World***

By Alister Emerson, Directed by Brandon Riley

#### **Cast**

*Lambchop*.....Jack Fulkerson

*Special Agent Snowflake*.....Gehazi Whitehurst

*Special Agent Mullet*.....Francisco Melendez

*Celine*.....Justice Thompson

*Barry*.....Reggie Coleman

*Sylvia*.....Kennedy Rhoades

### ***The Pageant***

By Paula Cizmar, Directed by Irene Gasarah

#### **Cast**

*Gaia*.....Evan Gagliardo

*Gai-ette*.....Gehazi Whitehurst

*Gaialee*.....Bailey Crouch

### ***Initiation***

By Angella Emurwon, Directed by Aidah Nalubowa

#### **Cast**

*Woman*.....Prathithi Parasuram

*Chorus*.....Reggie Coleman,  
Evan Gagliardo, Makayla Green,  
Zoey Heinrich,  
Francisco Melendez,  
Kennedy Rhoades,  
Ayanna Taylor

## ***The Birth of My Culture***

By Gabriel Levi, Directed by Kasey Lynch

### **Cast**

Poet.....Gabriel Levi

## ***Herbs from Mother Nature's Earthly Botanical Garden***

By Michael Stuart, Directed by Josh Saboorizadeh

### **Cast**

Character 1.....Zoey Heinrich  
Character 2.....Reggie Coleman  
Character 3.....Prathithi Parasuram  
Character 4.....Ryan Klohr  
Character 5.....De'Janna Scales-Hand  
Chorus.....Michael Frimpong,  
Evan Gagliardo,  
Gehazi Whitehurst

## ***The Oysters***

By Miranda Rose Hall, Directed by Talia Gritzmacher

### **Cast**

Oysters.....Archie Cole, Bailey Crouch,  
Makayla Green,  
José Luis Muñoz Muela

## ***Bedtime Story for My (future) Daughter***

By Caity-Shea Violette, Directed by Kasey Lynch

### **Cast**

Storyteller.....Justice Thompson  
Chorus.....Makayla Green, Ryan Klohr,  
Francisco Melendez,  
De'Janna Scales-Hand



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This production is entered in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF). The aims of this national theater education program are to identify and promote quality in college-level theater production. To this end, each production entered is eligible for a response by a regional KCACTF representative, and selected students and faculty are invited to participate in KCACTF programs involving scholarships, internships, grants and awards for actors, directors, dramaturgs, playwrights, designers, stage managers and critics at both the regional and national levels.

Productions entered on the Participating level are eligible for invitation to the KCACTF regional festival and may also be considered for national awards recognizing outstanding achievement in production, design, direction and performance.

Last year more than 1,500 productions were entered in the KCACTF involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. By entering this production, our theater department is sharing in the KCACTF goals to recognize, reward, and celebrate the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.



## MU Theatre Technical Crew and Staff

Artistic Director.....	Heather Carver
Director of Production/	
Resident Scenic Designer.....	Mimi Hedges
Head of Costumes.....	Marc W. Vital II
Scenic Studio Supervisor/	
Technical Director.....	Joseph Lass
Artists-in-Residence.....	Babs Randazzo, Vincente Williams
Academic Advisors.....	Alex Anderson, Jennifer Bloss
Director of Front of House.....	Jabarbara Jennings
Assistant Box Office Manager.....	Josh Saboorizadeh
Box Office Staff.....	Tricia Carver-Horner,
	Makayla Green, Raynesha Green
	Abby Harpenau,
	Sydney Hendrickson, Austin Hultz
	Kasey Lynch, Dani Major
	Maggie McGrath, Emma Neel
	River Pich, Brandon Riley
	De’Janna Scales-Hand, Joe Shifrin
	Dacia Slater, Payton Woodruff
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## MU Department of Theatre Faculty

Kevin Brown, Associate Professor  
M. Heather Carver, Professor, Department Chair  
David Crespy, Professor  
Les Gray, Postdoctoral Fellow  
Mimi Hedges, Visiting Professor  
Joy Powell, Associate Teaching Professor  
Claire Syler, Assistant Professor  
Marc W. Vital II, Assistant Professor

## Scholarship Recipients 2021-2022

Richard And Patricia Wallace Endowment For The Arts  
Liza Mahacek, Dacia Slater

Donovan and Peggy Rhynsburger Scholarship  
Maddie Bunten, De’Janna Scales-Hand

Terry Perkins Comic Actress Scholarship  
Payton Woodruff

Sol Feinstone Technical Theatre Award  
Ben Prentiss, Juan Martinez

John Ross Berneche Acting Scholarship  
Ayanna Taylor

Tom Berenger Acting Scholarship  
Jack Fulkerson, Raynesha Green

James M. Miller Musical Theatre Scholarship  
Dacia Slater, Anthony Blatter

Richard M. Hennessy Scholarship  
Reggie Coleman, Averey Campbell

Dan Springer Memorial Scholarship  
Ellison Land, Jake Price

Dr. Marcia Berry Memorial Scholarship  
Symonne Sparks

Frances McCurdy Memorial Scholarship  
Brandon Riley

Carla Waal Johns Award  
Kasey Lynch

MU Theatre Citizenship Award  
De’Janna Scales-Hand

Curators Scholarship  
Jodelyn Belew, Joseph Belmore, Anthony Blatter,  
Peyton Boudouris, Shannon Bradley, Max Bodenhausen,  
Madeleine Bunten, Averey Campbell, Ryan Cohen, Reggie Coleman,  
Brayden Corniels, Lucy Ebeling, Hayley Frazer, Michael Frimpong,  
Jack Fulkerson, Raynesha Green, Alana Hayes, Emily Inman,  
Kaylah Janssen, Caleb Jared, Hayley Jones, Ellison Land,  
Liza Mahacek, Juan Martinez, Brittaney Nicholson, Ben Prentiss,  
Jake Price, Joel Rodriguez, Tinek Robinson-Douglas,  
Grant Rust, De’Janna Scales-Hand, Dacia Slater, Ayanna Taylor,  
Justice Thompson, Zach Vajda, Jor’Dan Weatherspoon,  
Payton Woodruff





**Stories matter.**  
Come experience the ones we tell.

***RENT***

Director, Joy Powell  
Musical Director, Brett Kristofferson  
Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jonathan Larson  
Rhynsburger Theatre  
7:30 pm: Nov 4-6 and 11-13 • 2:00 pm: Nov. 7 and 14

***Mizzou New Play Series***

Director, David Crespy  
Studio 4  
7:30 pm: Feb 9-12 • 2:00 pm: Feb 12 and 13

***War of the Worlds***

Director, Kevin Brown  
Adapted by Howard Koch, based on the novel by H.G. Wells  
Studio 4  
7:30 pm: Mar 9 -12 • 2:00 pm: Mar 12 and 13

***The Revolutionists***

Written by Laura Gunderson  
Director, Claire Syler  
Rhynsburger Theatre  
7:30 pm: April 27-30 • 2:00 pm: April 30 and May 1

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