Theatre presents

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION 2021

Studio 4
7:30 pm: Sept 22 - 25
2:00 pm: Sept 26
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?

Dr. M. Heather Carver
Artistic Director
Chair, MU Department of Theatre
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
HEATHER CARVER

MANAGING DIRECTOR
KASEY LYNCH

DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTION
MIMI HEDGES

LITIGING 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

Special Thanks: SustainMizzou, Climate Leaders at
Mizzou, faculty from the Colleges of Life Science, Vet Science,
and Arts & Science
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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 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

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
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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