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2024 NEW SOUTH
young playwrights
festival



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ABOUT HORIZON'S NEW SOUTH YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL

Welcome to the culminating event of our New South Young Playwrights Festival. The playwrights here with us today are the college age winners of our New South Young Playwrights Contest. They are joining us from all over the country for a one-week residency at Horizon. While here at Horizon, they have been submerged in the world of playwriting and theatre. They wrote every day and worked with mentor/teachers. They attended seminars and workshops. They met professional playwrights of all ages and backgrounds. They saw plays, ate, discussed, and debated. They heard their own work read by professional actors. And most importantly, they were nurtured and supported as young artists and as the future of American theatre. **The 5-minute plays that you will see today were written this week as a part of their residency at Horizon.**

THE PLAYS

ABOY MATEY! • by Jhonn Rusic *Columbia College Chicago*

Captain: Matt Mercurio • Bride: Libby Williams • Maid of Honor: Patty de la Garza
Ringbearer: Golbanoo Setayesh • Stage Directions: Ann Richmond
(Mentor: Chisa Hutchinson; Director: Eric J. Little)

THE PLUS ONE • by Miriam Campbell *Bennington College*

Lea: Cara Mantella • June: MaRah Williams • SD: Tyshawn Gooden
(Mentor: Crystal Skillman; Director: Justin Anderson)

GRIEF SPELLED LIKE LEAF • Bella Smith *Univ of Georgia*

Tina: Kelly Criss • Sam: Garrett McPherson • SD: Daja M. Rice
(Mentor: Cameron Noel; Director: Marguerite Hannah)

B.U.G.G.I. • by Spencer Daniel *Emerson College*

B: Libby Williams • B.U.G.G.I.: Matt Mercurio • SD: Patty de la Garza
(Mentor: Peter Chansky; Director: Eric J. Little)

THE ESCAPIST • Mando Gonzalez *Point Park Univ*

Escapist: Dean Coutris • Rick: Tyshawn Gooden • SD: MaRah Williams
(Mentor: Julissa Mishay Norment; Director: Justin Anderson)

CHECKLIST • by Toni Colbert *UTX—Arlington*

Tatiana: Daja M. Rice • Dominique: Maria Mae Lopez • Anne: Kelly Criss • SD: Garrett McPherson
(Mentor: Katie Kirk; Director: Marguerite Hannah)

TIRESIAS • by Ian Brett Gadapee *Palm Beach Atlantic Univ*

Player 1/Jove: Matt Mercurio • Player 2/Juno: Libby Williams • Player 3/Servant: Golbanoo Setayesh
Player 4/Tiresias: Patty de la Garza • SD: Ann Richmond
(Mentor: Peter Chansky; Director: Jeff Adler)

THROWN FOR A LOOP • by Lain Walls *Marymount Manhattan College*

Maureen: MaRah Williams • Louise: Cara Mantella • SD: Dean Coutris
(Mentor: Crystal Skillman; Director: Justin Anderson)

THE PLAYS

THE SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY • by Ashadé Altine *Wellesley College*

Nadja: Daja M. Rice • Rory: Kelly Criss • James: Garrett McPherson • SD: Maria Mae Lopez

(Mentor: *Cameron Noel*; Director: *Marguerite Hannah*)

MEHNDING IT • by Angel Lin *Univ of Virginia*

Diya: Golbanoo Setayesh • Amin: Matt Mercurio • SD: Patty de la Garza

(Mentor: *Peter Chansky*; Director: *Jeff Adler*)

♥ **PRESLEIGH UPDATE-EVERYTHING IS NOT OKAY!!** ♥

by Sam Lee Victor *Univ of North Carolina School of the Arts*

Tiffany: Kelly Cris • Naomi: Daja M. Rice • SD: Garrett McPherson

(Mentor: *Katie Kirk*; Director: *Marguerite Hannah*)

NAKED AT THE MALL • by Eloise Margaret Langan *Dartmouth College*

Sister Frances: Cara Mantella • Sister Hildegard: MaRah Williams • Benedict: Tyshawn Gooden

Nigel: Dean Coutris • SD: Ava Thompson

(Mentor: *Crystal Skillman*; Director: *Justin Anderson*)

—10-MINUTE INTERMISSION—

MIKE'S SAD. EW. • by Amari Lewis *Kennesaw State Univ*

Mike: Dean Coutris • Quincey: Tyshawn Gooden • SD: MaRah Williams

(Mentor: *Julissa Mishay Norment*; Director: *Justin Anderson*)

THE FINCH FAMILY DETECTIVE AGENCY

by Hannah Reynolds *Wake Forest Univ*

Emmett: Garrett McPherson • Amelia: Daja M. Rice • Jane: Maria Mae Lopez • Veronica: Kelly Criss • SD: Akilah Duncan

(Mentor: *Katie Kirk*; Director: *Marguerite Hannah*)

SNOW DAY • by Hamad Naroze *Hunter College*

Uncle: Dean Coutris • Nephew: Tyshawn Gooden • SD: MaRah Williams

(Mentor: *Crystal Skillman*; Director: *Justin Anderson*)

HOW TO WRITE AN OBITUARY • by Anna Kraffmiller *Wellesley College*

Keeley: Golbanoo Setayesh • Louise: Patty de la Garza • Blair: Libby Williams • SD: Matt Mercurio

(Mentor: *Chisa Hutchinson*; Director: *Jeff Adler*)

TELL ME EVERYTHING • by Myles Keys *Ball State Univ*

Katie: Daja M. Rice • John: Garrett McPherson • SD: Kelly Criss

(Mentor: *Cameron Noel*; Director: *Marguerite Hannah*)

BATTLE OF THE BELTING BARBIES • by Jess Anoruigwe *UTX—Arlington*

Vita: Patty de la Garza • Lucy: Golbanoo Setayesh • Gerard: Matt Mercurio

Portia: Libby Williams • SD: Ann Richmond

(Mentor: *Chisa Hutchinson*; Director: *Eric J. Little*)

SITZPROBE • Tomi Fawehinmi *Central Gwinnett HS School of the Arts*

Melody: Cara Mantella • Aria: MaRah Williams • SD: Tyshawn Gooden

(Mentor: *Julissa Mishay Norment*; Director: *Justin Anderson*)

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THE PLAYS

THE OTHER HALF • by Loey Jones-Perpich *Emerson College*

Mariana: Libby Williams • Joanie: Golbanoo Setayesh • Dad: Matt Mercurio • SD: Patty de la Garza
(Mentor: Chisa Hutchinson; Director: Jeff Adler)

THE MUSICAL • by Isaac Woon *Hunter College/CUNY*

Julie: Kelly Criss • Alice: Daja M. Rice • Waitress: Maria Mae Lopez • SD: Garrett McPherson
(Mentor: Cameron Noel; Director: Marguerite Hannah)

THE LAST SUPPER • Bridget Blanchard *Univ of Georgia*

Sister: Golbanoo Setayesh • Brother: Matt Mercurio • SD: Libby Williams
(Mentor: Peter Chansky; Director: Jeff Adler)

YOUR MOM • by Emma Winiarski *Emerson College*

Jan: MaRah Williams • Dan: Dean Coutris • SD: Cara Mantella
(Mentor: Crystal Skillman; Director: Justin Anderson)

FESTIVAL LEADERSHIP

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JACK PADGETT, NSYPF Coordinator

FESTIVAL INTERNS

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FESTIVAL TEACHERS AND DRAMATURGS

Lead Mentors/Professional Playwrights:

CHISA HUTCHINSON
CRYSTAL SKILLMAN

MFA Mentors: PETER CHANSKY,

KATIE KIRK, CAMERON NOEL,
JULISSA MISHAY NORMENT

SPECIAL THANKS

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Amy Levin, Dalya Nicole,
Gio Tortorici, Hannah Avery,
Megan Parker,
Nora Frankovich,
Rachel Ruff Cuyler

WEEKDAY ACTORS

Marquis Archuleta, Sully
Brown, Lindsay Bytof, Dean
Coutris, Galen Crawley, Kelly

Criss, Jade Davis, Patty de
la Garza, O'Neil Delapenha,
James Donadio, Allie Ficken,
Tyshawn Gooden, Luis
Hernandez, Enoch King, Amy
L. Levin, Maria Lopez, Cara
Mantella, Kylie Mask, Matt
Mercurio, Margo Mooror, Bill
Murphey, Claire Quinn, Daja
Rice, Alejandra Ruiz, Parris
Sarter, Golbanoo Setayesh,
Amee Vyas, Libby Williams,
MaRah Williams, Jacob York

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