

### CHRIST COLLEGE

THE HONORS COLLEGE OF VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

# THE CHRIST COLLEGE DRAMA WORKSHOP AND FRESHMAN PRODUCTION

The Freshman Program in Christ College, the honors college of Valparaiso University, is a two-semester sequence of interdisciplinary honors courses titled Texts and Contexts: An Introduction to Western Thought. Throughout the course students read selected great works of history, literature, drama, philosophy, and religion and consider closely the ideas that have shaped a range of traditions. Ideas are explored in many ways—through critical reading and close analysis of texts; through careful research and focused expository and persuasive writing; through scholarly lectures, faculty-guided small group discussion among classmates, and formal public debate; and through creative dramatic and musical expression.

This last means of exploration—creative dramatic and musical expression—is guided and molded during the fall semester in the weekly Freshman Program Drama Workshop. In just ten weeks of intense collaboration, the 65 students who make up the bonors college freshman class write, stage, and perform an original 90-minute theatre piece with music based on ideas and themes encountered in Texts and Contexts. The Christ College Freshman Production is performed for the campus community and the public in mid-November each year.

Since 1980 the Freshman Program Drama Workshop and Christ College Freshman Production have been directed by Professor John Steven Paul, PhD, Chair of the Department of Theatre and Television Arts and Chair of the Division of Visual and Performing Arts.

### Christ College Freshman Productions

- 1991 And the Mice Shall Play
- 1990 Auditions for God
- 1989 The Price Is Life
- 1988 Quintessentials: Just for the Elliot
- 1987 The Dream Tree
- 1986 The Dandelion
- 1985 U.N.S. Thomas More
- 1984 A Few Shots at Paradise Bar
- 1983 Off the Wall, or Thou Shall Not ...
- 1982 Something To Believe In
- 1981 The City: Cycled and Recycled
- 1980 Justice: I Am Without One Plea.
- 1979 Love Live!
- 1978 Pursuit of Happiness
- 1977 One Hero to Go
- 1976 Peanuts, Popcom and the Peloponnesian War
- 1975 Crosstire: A Joan of Arc Collage
- 1974 Now on the Other Hand

## The Freshmen of Christ College

present ...



Director: Dr. John Steven Paul

Stage Manager: Paul Sauer

Production Accountant: Rebecca Meyer

Music Director: Matt Dobertein

Assistant Music Director: Charis Wuerffel

### Synopsis of Scenes

Setting: Melas, Massachusetts, a small town on the

Eastern Seabord, with a past history of witchcraft. The play opens in an unused portion of a witch museum, reputed to be the former house of a family of witches.

### Part I: Mice Discover the Maze

Scene 1: Cellar of a Witch Museum

Scene 2: The Crossroads

Scene 3: School Hallway

Scene 4: Cellar/Crossroads

Scene 5: Kingdom of Socialites

Scene 7: Brad's House

Scene 8: Cellar/Crossroads Scene 9: Kingdom of Nature

Scene 10: Kingdom of Competition

Scene 11: Heather's House Scene 12: Cellar/Crossroads

Scene 13: Kingdom of Euphoria

### Part II: Mice See the Paths

Scene 1: School Hallway

Scene 2: Tiffany's House

Scene 3: Heather's House

Scene 4: Cellar/Crossroads

Scene 5: Kingdom of Euphoria

Scene 6: Kingdom of Competition Scene 7: Kingdom of Socialites

Scene 8: Kingdom of Nature

Scene 9: Crossroads

### Part III: Will the Mice Play?

Scene 1: School Hallway

Scene 2: Brad's House

Scene 3: Heather's House

Scene 4: Witch Museum

Scene 5: Cellar/Crossroads

Scene 6: Kingdom of Competition

Scene 7: Kingdom of Socialites Scene 8: Kingdom of Euphoria

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Scene 10: Cossroads/Cellar

### Cast of Characters

Tiffany	Stacy Hood
Heather	Charis Wuerffel
Tony	Matt Dobertein
Brad	Mike McConnell
Jester	Kate Weizel

Kingdom of Socialites Waitress - Jennifer Regal Zsa Zsa - Pam Seeber Blaine - Rob Musgrave Melanie – Amy Flesch John - Scott Janssen Matt - Daen Grieves Rob - Scott Rahmel Rose Man - Matt DeLocra Maurice - Tim Olson Violinist - Natalie Holz Pianist - Gretchen Weller Girl #1 - Trista Poellet Girl #2 - Cory Fribley Girl #3 - Dawn Leonhardt Girl #4 - Julie Sievers Servers - Mike Byrne Steve Grimm Christian Zavisca

Guests - Matt Borrusch Angel Coon Sarah Mielke Stephanie Moeller Christine Muliner Maria Pollick Steve Sonnenberg Kingdom of Competition
John Madden - John Dennis
WWF Wrestler - Rob Musgrave
Sports Character - Steve Sonnenberg
Messenger - Michael Ciganovic
Hacksaw Reynolds - Adam Platinga
Referee - Adam Jansen
Coach - Hadley Beth
Mad Dog Williams - Daen Grieves
Hammer Higgins - Steve Grimm
Cheerleaders - Erin Demlow
Paula Gilbey
Laura Good
Kate Wurster

Fans - Mike Byrne
Brien Crotty
Jeannine Duesing
Mary Eyre
Michelle Jesen
Tim Olson
Andrea Schmidt
Beckje Stauff
Christian Zavisca

<u>Kingdom of Euphoria</u> Euphorum - Greg Karpenko Man in Opening - Michael Ciganovic Drug Vendor - Mary Eyre Cheech - Jennifer Krentz Chong - Gretchen Weller Dr. Seuss - Matt DeLoera Cat in the Hat - Natalie Holz Manuel Noriega - Scott Rahmel Marilyn Monroe - Angel Coon

Elvis Presley - John Dennis Angels - Erin Demlow Laura Good Reb Meyer Christine Mullner Kate Wurster Jennifer Zygowicz

### Kingdom of Nature John Muir - Jeff Mast

Veggle People - Brien Crotty Adam Jansen Karin Kostizen

Christine Meus Wood Sprite - Christine Ruppar

Person - Beckie Stauff

### Real World Characters

Tiffany's Mom - Virginia Bowden Tiffany's Dad - Kevin Simons Claire - Heidi Naftzger Mandy - Angela James Vanessa - Jennifer Rohen

Heather's Mom - Melina Weigman Heather's Dad - Jeff Schmidt Policeman - Adam Platinga Mime #1 - Gretchen Weller Mime #2 - Sarah Mielke

Lisa - Karen Zima Tony's Coach - Paul Sauer

Brad's Mom - Sarah Mielke Brad's Dad - Matt Borrusch Annie - Lisa Williams

Janitor - Michelle Martin

### Music

#### Original Compositions

The Land of Four Kingdoms (music by Charis

Wuerffel; lyrics by Mike McConnell)

The Company of the Company

The Bell Tones (music by Charis

Wuerffel; lyrics by

Kate Weizel)

The Center of Attention (music by Matt

Borrusch; lyrics by

Kate Weizel)

Competition (music by Julie

Sievers)

Nature Song (music by Mary

Eyre)

Sprite's Melody (music by Julie

Sievers)

### Additional Music

Transition Music by Matt Borrusch

Improvosations on Vince Guaraldi by Gretchen Weller The Land of Four Kingdoms

Welcome to the Land of Four Kingdoms

Known by other names to those who've come before

People like it so much that they never leave

Well, at least they never leave

The Land of Four Kingdoms

Four Kingdoms just for you

You'll come to love them so much, they'll become a

part of you

Nothing can destroy you but the things you hold dear

But come to the land of Four Kingdoms and forget

all your fear

The Bell Tones

The bell tones, the bell tones!
We must escape the bell tones!
We must escape, se must be gone!
We cannot stay for very long!
The bell tones, the bell tones!

The Center of Attention

Why, hello!
Won't you come in?
We've been expecting you all evening!

Why, hello! How are you doing? Come now, the party's just beginning.

Would you like to try an hors d'oeuvre? Champagne and caviar are waiting!

Walking on the dance floor.
Floating on a silver cloud.
Listen to the grand piano play!
The center of attention.
The center of attention.
You are the center of attention!

### Production Committees

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### Executive Committee

Angela James Greg Karpenko Mike McConnell

#### Art and Design

Mary Eyre Paula Gibley Michelle Jessen \*\* Jeff Mast Christine Mullner Jennifer Regal Jen Rohen Melina Wiegman Jennifer Zygowicz \*

#### Book and Lyrics

Hadley Beth Virginia Bowden Matt Borrusch Angel Coon Matt DeLoera Erin Demlow Amy Flesch Stacy Hood Angela James Adam Jansen Greg Karpenko Michelle Martin Mike McConnell Heidi Naftzger Adam Platings Julie Sievers Steve Sonnenberg Beckie Stauff Kate Weizel Kate Wurster Christian Zavisca

#### Choreography and Dance

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Stacy Hood "\* Christine Meus Sarah Mielke \* Kate Weizel Karen Zima

#### Costumes and Makeup

Virginia Bowden \*\* Corey Fribley Paula Gilbey Laura Good Natalie Holz \* Christine Meus Stephanie Moeller Christine Mullner Jennifer Regal Stevie Ruske Melina Wiegmann Jennifer Zygowicz

#### Lighting and Sound

Michael Ciganovic Brien Crotty Matt Dobbertien Daen Grieves Jeff Mast \*\* Rob Musgrave Scott Rahmel \* Jeff Schmidt

#### Musical Composition

Jeanine Deusing
Mary Eyre
Adam Jansen
Jennifer Krentz
Michelle Martin
Stephaie Moeller
Tim Olson
Christine Ruppar "
Julie Sievers
Gretchen Weller
Charis Wuerffel "
Kate Wurster

#### Musical Performance

Matt Borrusch Angel Coon Matt DeLoera Erin Demlow Matt Dobbertein \*\* Jeanine Duesing Natalie Holz Jennifer Krentz Dawn Leonhardt Sarah Mielke Heidi Naftzger Tim Olson Maria Pallick Scott Rahmel Christine Ruppar Stevie Ruske Jeff Schmidt Pam Seeber Beckie Stauff Gretchen Weller Lisa Williams Charis Wuerffel \* Karen Zima

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Kevin Simons
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Mike Byrne \*\*
Dan Grieves \*
Andrea Schmidt
Christian Zavisca

Lisa Williams

denotes committe chairperson
 denotes committee co-chairperson

### **Inscription**

How short is night, so long is day It's so simple to drift away.

Leave your troubles, have not a care, A PERFECT place, you'll find it there.

Light the wick, sing the chant; It takes your strength to bring you back.

Beware the fool who stands around, He laughs a lot but is no clown.

Hear this now; if not you'll lose. For in the end YOU must choose.

<u>Incantation:</u> Ish-gahmilligee, Ish-gahmilligee, a-la cazhaskee, umpty-bumpty, yahoo!

Incantation: Fear not your desire.

And the mice shall play . . .

### Special Thanks To . . .

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