



north carolina
young playwrights festival

2021 Virtual Play Showcase

Produced by:

North Carolina Theatre Arts Educators (NCTAE)

Hosted by:

The Theatre Education Program
at the University of North Carolina Greensboro
with support from
UNCG School of Theatre
and Triad Stage

Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 12:00pm

Talkback Facilitator

Janet Allard (Professional playwright and Professor at UNCG)

NCTAE North Carolina Young Playwrights Festival Committee

Emily Klingman (Theatre Teacher at Bailey Middle School)

Chad Schuermeyer (Theatre Teacher at Lyle Creek/Oxford Elementary School)

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Directions for Zoom Webinar Q&A

Using the Q&A feature on Zoom webinar is quick and easy! At the bottom of your zoom screen, you will see three options: Chat, Raise Hand, and Q&A. To submit a question for the talkback, you will simply click on the Q&A option and type your question into the box. Your question will be sent to the hosts of the webinar, and will be addressed during the talkback portion of the festival.

Directions for Zoom Webinar Chat Box

Since audience members will not have video/audio capabilities, the chat box will be utilized for applause after each performance. As an example, "you all did amazing!" would work great. The chat box will be open to the audience directly following all performances and acknowledgements. Please remember NOT to use the chat box for Q&A purposes, because they will not be seen by the talkback facilitator.

About NC Young Playwrights Festival (NCYPF)

The North Carolina Theatre Arts Educators (NCTAE), in collaboration with the School of Theatre at the University of North Carolina Greensboro (UNCG), and North Carolina Educational Theatre Association (NC Thespians) plan to increase and foster playwriting in North Carolina Public schools. The focus is on the process of playwriting and the support of the emerging playwright along with the teachers who instruct them. Formerly known as Playworks: Center Stage, this festival continues to promote playwriting and young playwrights.

NCYPF and Triad Stage

In previous years, NC Young Playwrights Festival has enjoyed the additional collaboration with Triad Stage, a nationally recognized professional theater. Although we could not host NCYPF in person this year due to COVID-19, we continue to give our thanks to our friends at Triad Stage for sharing their beautiful space with us. If you haven't seen a show at Triad Stage, treat yourself to their reopening in the hopefully-soon-to-be future. They produce phenomenal theatre. For more information about Triad Stage and about future ticket purchases, go to their website at triadstage.org

12:00pm-12:10pm.....Opening Remarks

12:10pm-3:00pm.....Honorable Mentions and Staged Readings

Special Notes:

Immediately following each performance, there will be a brief talkback guided by playwright and UNCG professor, Janet Allard. The talkback will utilize zoom webinars Q&A feature where you are able to ask questions for the playwright. Instructions for using the Q&A feature is located on the third page of the program.

Elementary Honorable Mention

The Alien by **Joshua Dominguez**
Honored by Avri Gozy

Elementary Winning Play

The Monster by **Adilene Gomez Borja**
Directed by Rachel Briley
Cast
Jacob: Seth Nelson
Jake: Stetson Smith
Karl: Aaron Allen
Stage Directions: Emily Wall

Middle School Honorable Mentions

Nuclear Friendships by **Delia Nguyen**
Honored by Lydia Clevenger

The Mansion Mystery by **Allyson Hoffman**
Honored by Brian Clarke

Middle School Winning Play

Paper Roses by **Molly Huffman**
Directed by Kim Cuny
Cast

Junes Older Self: Kaylee Hawley

June: Amabel Duffy

Grandma: Emma Venable

Kenzie: Liv Wilson

Meghan: Trinity Amaloo

Hailey: Adrianna Roach

Sadie: Olivia Howard

Ms. Leonard: Marcus Jackson

Stage Directions: Bekah Fairbrother

High School Honorable Mentions

11:59 by **Savannah Downtin**
Honored by Joseph Kennedy

The Calling by **Ruby Chambers and Ellie Schneider**

Honored by Joshua Johnson

Matching Mishaps by **Phoebe Dell**

Honored by Jazmine Brown

High School Winning Plays

Blessed Names, Blessed Lives by **Amelia Wilder**

Directed by Victoria Rose

Cast

Josephine: Kaylee Vernon

Rosalie: Carly Mikulka

Elliot: Riley Simutami

Illias Fedorov: Joshua Purvis

And They Were Roommates by **Aiden Armstrong**

Directed by Sarah Hankins

Cast

Drew: Teondre Chappelle

Curt: Tommy Crosson

Davis: Gabe Dorsett

Lydia: Amy Jayne Williams

Matt: Chris Gilly-Forrer

Stage Directions: Cynthia Burks

Entries I Wrote in Vienna by **Abby Sullivan**

Directed by Kamilah Bush

Cast

Emma Jean: Zaynah Gatling
Teddy: Zach Radhuber
Winnie: Taylor Coffe
Stage Directions: Jianna Moss

3:00pm-3:30pm.....Closing Remarks

A special thank you to the UNCG Theatre Education students who play a vital role in coordinating and facilitating this celebration of k-12 student work, and who do not necessarily get to stand in the spotlight.

Trinity Amaloo
Jaz Brown
Cynthia Burks
Brian Clarke
Lydia Clevenger
Taylor Coffe
Alyssa Coy
Amabel Duffy

Bekah Fairbrother
Celena Forrest
Zaynah Gatling
Avri Gozy
Kaylee Hawley
Joshua Johnson
Julie Jones
Joseph Kennedy

Katie Lane
Carly Mikulka
Jianna Moss
Paige Sampson
Emma Venable
Emily Wall
Amy-Jayne Williams
Liv Wilson

And to our current team of student teachers who are in the public schools, and hard at work, inspiring the next group of young playwrights and literary practitioners

Alexandra Scott, Isabel Friesen, and Caeley Mayo

A Special Thanks to:

All students and faculty who volunteered to prepare these readings and those that are in attendance to support the event!

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Daniel Rice
Brigette Pfister
Jordan Hart

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