



A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, THEATRE, MUSIC & FILM

Welcome, everyone, to the Jack and Darlene Poole Theatre for our annual Winter Shorts festival. This is our chance to share with you all the work from the first half of our year, applying tools we learned in years past, and putting new skills into practice. My warmest congratulations to the students for the work they have put in up to this point, some of whom are getting their first chance to perform material in front of an audience. A thank you, too, to the parents and families of the students whose work you are watching today. This work takes time, dedication, and consistent presence to build trust and awareness of what this ensemble art form is and does. Your commitment matters.

And one more note of thanks: this time of year, when the sun starts to retreat and the nights become cold and long, has always reflected a rich, internal space. It's a time for increased introspection, and increased learning. Our spring and summer Expressions shows are about celebrating the accomplishments of young people, but Winter Shorts is about celebrating their work – the work of learning. I want to offer my deepest appreciation to each of the instructional teams responsible for the work we are sharing at this show. These early months in training and development each year is where our teams truly shine. I am very grateful for the work they continue to do.

Cheers!

Andy Toth

Artistic Director, Robert M. Ledingham School of Theatre, Music & Film

ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

Arts Umbrella Intensive and Advanced Theatre Programs are year-long programs intended for students ready for a larger commitment to the art and craft of theatrical and musical performance. From September to June, students work with industry professionals to develop the on and off-stage skills with an emphasis on teamwork, discipline, process, creative input and cooperation. From playwriting to directing, voice to movement, musical theatre to acting for stage and screen, each year-long program is one of structure, offering young aspiring artists the space to sharpen their skills in creative expression and individual artistry. The Arts Umbrella Theatre, Music & Film Department presents two theatre festivals throughout the year; the Winter Shorts Festival and the Expressions Theatre Festival; as well as school tours and cabaret nights to give students in each program the opportunity to share their work. We are proud to say that many of our alumni are in post-secondary theatre programs as well as having gone on to work as professional actors around the world.

For more information on Arts Umbrella Theatre, Music, & Film programs, visit: www.artsumbrella.com/theatre

WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL STAFF

Theatre Operations Manager – Alan Brodie


Stage Manager – Julia Lank

House Technician - Ryan Yee

WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL THANK YOU

Thank you to: Alexandra Eaton, the Yearlong Theatre, Music & Film instructional teams, the Arts Umbrella Programming Team, Alan Brodie, and to all the volunteers.

The Drawing & Painting Intensive Level 2: Andre Seow, Olivia Robinson, Katherine Brand, Sarah Wang, Leila Lammam, Anya Ali Mulzet, Elaine Subramaniam, Lea Chu, Olivia Hai Lai Jiao, Rebecca Zhen, Madelynn Olinek, Suri Jiang, Einin McDonald, Ela Cetin.



WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL 2023 - SHOW SCHEDULE

December 1-3, 2023

Click the day you are attending for full show credits and running order.

Friday, Dec 1st - 7:00PM

Sketch Comedy and Improv Troupe

Theatre Troupe

Saturday, Dec 2nd - 3:00PM

Theatre Intensive Level 1

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Theatre Intensive Level 2

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Theatre Intensive Level 3

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Sunday, Dec 3rd - 7:00PM

Theatre Intensive Level 1

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SPRING BREAK 2024

Week 1: March 18-22

Week 2: March 25-28

Musical Theatre, Theatre, Improv, and more!

REGISTER NOW

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 1 - 7:00 PM

SKETCH COMEDY AND IMPROV TROUPE

Instructor – Matt Clarke

Assistant – Olivia Paluzzi

The Students: Felix Fang, Lukas Hagglund, Edward Maloney, Fen Schellekens, Thor Zimmerman

THEATRE TROUPE

Directors: Seamus Fera and Laura McLean

The Students: Luccianna Albarran, Zara Bacic, Zayne Betel-Jadavji, Matthew Campbell, Ziya Chong, Hannah Curror, Quinlan James Flyod, Ana Khan, Vira Kulihina, Jesse MacPherson, Gemma Martin, Aimee Mintha, Frieda Penney, Béo Ripley, Alev Molly Rosen, Audrey Ross, Taylor Weeks, Katie Wu

“No Loitering”

Devised and Improvised by the Sketch Comedy and Improv Troupe

“The It” by Vivienne Franzmann


Performed by Theatre Troupe

Graces and Others

Taylor
Aimee
Frieda
Audrey
Luccianna

Students and Others

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Jesse
Zayne
Beo
Zara
Hannah
Quinlan
Vira
Matthew
Alev
Ziya
Katie
Gemma





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 - 3:00 PM

THEATRE INTENSIVE LEVEL 1

Instructor – Sarah Kelen

Assistant – Olivia Paluzzi

The Students: Kali Buckle, Olivia Castro, Kyla Cheung, Cameron Frain Clarke, Kaia Gill, Teodoro Greenbaum, Catherine McCarthy, Molly McCarthy, Brooklyn Reece, Scarlett Saplamaeff, Elizabeth Sutherland, Isabel Teixeira, Katelyn Wei

SKETCH COMEDY AND IMPROV INTENSIVE LEVEL 1

Instructor – Matt Clarke

Assistant – Gemma Martin

The Students: Austin Bakundukize, Riley Capelin, Imogen Holkestad, Bailey Kraubner Igonia, Ethan Richards, August Rodriguez-Lau, Matty Victor

THEATRE INTENSIVE LEVEL 2

Instructor – Francis Dowlatabadi

Assistant – Gemma Martin

The Students: Evelyn Chen, Rhysa Doherty, George Gurevych, Mia Lee, Nico Leong, Natalia Liu, Maddie Murray, Ella Rafii, Aletheia Yuen

SKETCH COMEDY AND IMPROV INTENSIVE LEVEL 2

Instructor – Holly Collis Handford

Assistant – Olivia Paluzzi

The Students: Olympia Catevatis, Jonah Curley, Liam Farrell, Mattias Kondor, Colm MacKay, Jesse MacPherson, Sydney Roland, Trixie Watson

THEATRE INTENSIVE LEVEL 3

Instructor – Francis Dowlatabadi

Assistant – Sarah Kelen


The Students: Jax Arvidson, Dov Bondar, Liam Farrell, Etta Fox, Elizabeth Harder, Tavish McIvor, Arezoo Paterson, Mikaila Raad, Isla Richards, Sydney Rolands, Trixie Watson

“Jabberwocky” by Lewis Carroll

Performed by the Theatre Intensive Level 1 ensemble

“WHO the? WHERE the? WHAT the?”

Created and improvised by the Sketch Comedy and Improv Intensive Level 1 ensemble





“The Reluctant Ghost” by Craig Sodaro

Performed by Theatre Intensive Level 2

In order of appearance

Nico – Nell

Mia – Carrie

Evelyn – Madeline in Scene 2

Natalie – Edith

Rhysa – Norbert

Ella – Rosalind

Aletheia– Tim

George – Sheriff

Maddie– Madeline in Scene 4

“Product Placement”

An original improv format devised by the Sketch Comedy and Improv Intensive Level 2 students including traditional improv games

“Under Pressure” by Graham H. Rowley

Performed by Theatre Intensive Level 3

In alphabetical order

Jax – Remy

Dov – Michael

Liam – Doug

Etta – Alice

Elizabeth – Sam

Tavish – Kody


Arezo – Yaz

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Isla – Izzy

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