CLASS OF 2018 DESIGNERS SHOWCASE WORK IN NEW YORK CITY

This weekend the graduating class of MFA Designers presented their design portfolios at the National Design Portfolio Review. They shared their work and received critique and feedback and enjoyed a public discussion with appetizers. Participating were MFA Costume Designers Amanda Junior Bergman, Annie Le (work seen above), MFA Lighting Designers Joel Britt and Brandon Rosen, and MFA Scenic Designers Matthew Herman, Anna Robinson, and Samantha Rojales.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Please save the date of Friday, June 8th for the following two events to commemorate the end of the school year:
From 12:30-1:30pm there will be an Honors Thesis Showcase in the Potiker Lobby
From 4-5:30pm there will be an Undergraduate Theatre and Dance graduation ceremony in the Potiker.
The Honors Thesis Showcase is a new event to celebrate and view the work of our undergraduate honors thesis students. The Honors Thesis is a 2 quarter long project resulting in an original piece of work. To qualify students must have a 3.7 Theatre GPA and 3.5 overall GPA. The Honors Thesis Showcase will display the students' findings/work for others to view and ask questions. We hope to see you there to show your support and congratulate our undergrads for all their hard work!!
JULIE BURELLE LEADS EMBODIED LAB

History and Theory PhD Faculty Professor Julie Burelle was the co-president, with Congolese writer Marie-Louise Mumbu, of an event called Post-Marginal, organized by Modern Times Theatre of Toronto, Diversité Artistique Montréal, and the Conseil Québécois du Théâtre. This embodied lab about Diversity and Theatrical Practices took place in Montreal over two days (15-16 May) and included over 60 artists, funders, teachers, and theatre administrators. It featured discussions and embodied creative workshops led by folks whose practices engage with diversity (understood broadly).

To learn more about the program, click here.

LES WATERS FEATURED IN AMERICAN THEATRE

Directing Faculty Professor emeritus Les Waters is leaving Actor’s Theatre of Louisville where he has served as Artistic Director for over six years. He was recently profiled by American Theatre Magazine where he discussed his work in Louisville, teaching at UCSD, and his plans for the future.

For tickets and more information, click here.

ALUMNI NEWS

ANNE KAUFFMAN RECEIVES OBIE AWARD

MFA Directing alumna Anne Kauffman received an Obie Award for her direction of Amy Herzog’s Mary Jane, which performed at New York Theatre Workshop this past season. Mary Jane was one of the big winners this year, as the playwright and leading actor also each received Obie’s for their work.

To see the full list of winners, click here.
**THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY TO RECEIVE SAN DIEGO PREMIERE**

*This Beautiful City*, the play created by The Civilians and written by **MFA Directing alumnus Steve Cosson** about faith and organized resistance against gay rights, will receive its first production in San Diego next season at Diversionary Theatre.

The show was created 10 years ago and is being revived in honor of Michel Friedman. It will run March 21-April 21, 2019.

To read about Diversionary's full season, [click here](#).

**JUNGLE THEATER ANNOUNCES THEIR 28TH SEASON**

Artistic Director and MFA Directing alumna **Sarah Rasmussen** announced the 2018-2019 season for Minneapolis' Jungle Theater this week. Highlights include world-premieres by Kate Hamill, Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon, and Josh Tobiessen.

To read the full announcement, [click here](#).
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