



Newsletter Week 6

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Department News

Gabor Tompa Directs New Play in Los Angeles

TOYS

A Dark Fairy Tale

A World Premiere

J.U.S.T. TOYS Productions presents the world premiere of TOYS, a dramedy written by Samuel French Award-winning playwright Saviana Stanescu, directed by the world renowned director

Gabor Tompa (Directing Faculty), starring Julia Ubrankovics and Tunde Skovran. "Toys: A Dark Fairy Tale" tells the story of Shari and Clara, two characters from very different backgrounds who embark on a surreal journey.

www.toystheplay.com

Meetings of the Week

Graduate Committee Meeting

Monday, Nov. 2, 2015
4:00pm

Galbraith Hall (GH) 254

Faculty Meeting: File Reviews

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015
4:00pm

Galbraith Hall (GH) 254

Production Meeting: Cherry Orchard

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015
10:00am

Galbraith Hall (GH) 144

Winter Callbacks:

Venetian Twins, La Bete

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015



Previews

Thursday, November 5, 8 pm

Runs

Fri, Nov 06 - Sun, Dec 13

Thursday, Friday 8 pm

Sunday 7 pm

No Performances

Thursday, November 26

BUY TICKETS

\$20 Previews

\$28 Thursday, Friday, Sunday

Special Events

November 6, 8 pm Opening Night

December 13, 7 pm Closing Night

Special Show Info

Running time: 70 minutes.

No late seating

Hudson Guild Theatre
6539 Santa Monica Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90038

Alumni News

Johnny Ray Gill Joins CBS' *BrainDead*

Directed by Michael Mastro

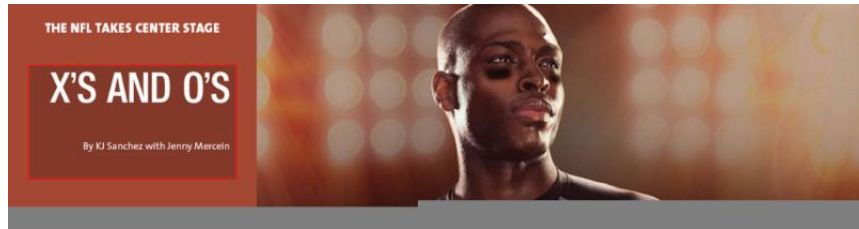
Starring Emmy Winner Edie Falco and Grant Shaud

Rectify alum **Johnny Ray Gill ('10 MFA Acting Alum)** has booked a series regular role in *BrainDead*, CBS' upcoming summer series from *The Good Wife* creators Robert and Michelle King. The comic thriller, from CBS TV Studios, centers on Laurel (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), a young, fresh-faced Hill staffer whose first job in Washington, D.C., leads her to discover two things: The government has stopped working, and alien spawn have come to Earth and eaten the brains of a growing number of congressmen and Hill staffers. Gill will play Gustav. An intuitive, eccentric genius, Gustav is the first in D.C. to recognize that there might be alien spawn attacking the Capital. Gustav has a million conspiracy theories but occasionally is totally right, which makes him Laurel's valuable accomplice. Gill, repped by Stone Manners Salners Agency and Sanders Armstrong Caserta Management, next will be seen in WGN's upcoming drama series *Underground*.



X's and O's by KJ Sanchez

"Like the game itself: some of the hits are so hard, they'll make you uncomfortable, but you won't want to stop watching."-San Jose Mercury News (UK)



Baltimore. Loves. Football. And as the season kicks into high gear, Center Stage brings you a deeply moving, ripped-from-the-headlines play about our love for the game. Based on interviews with players, their families, and their fans, X's and O's delves deep into the questions that are being asked around dinner tables across the country: what are the dangers of the game? Should our children play? How do we balance our love for the sport with its potential risks? Co-commissioned by Center Stage and Berkeley Repertory Theater, and developed in part through Center Stage's Play Lab series, X's and O's is a celebration of football that fearlessly tackles the sometimes tragic results of our passion for the sport.

By **KJ Sanchez ('92 MFA Acting Alum)** with Jenny Mercein
Nov 13-Dec 20

[For more information, click here!](#)

Kevin Berntson on ABC's Modern Family

Check out **Kevin Berntson ('98 MFA Acting Alum)** on ABC's Modern Family Season 7 Episode 5: "The Verdict" which aired on October 21st, 2015.

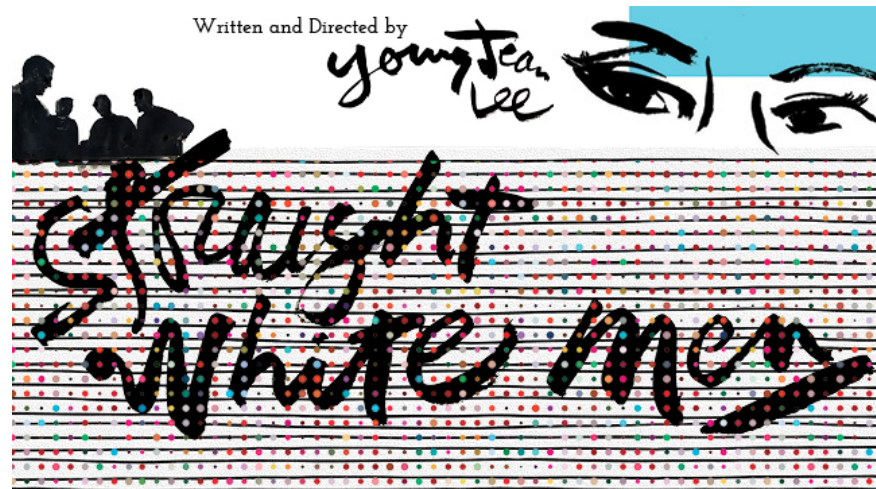


Brian Slaten in Young Jean Lee's Straight White Men

"Gripping! A play of ideas, and very timely ideas at that."
- New York Magazine

"The most adventurous downtown playwright of her generation."
- The New York Times

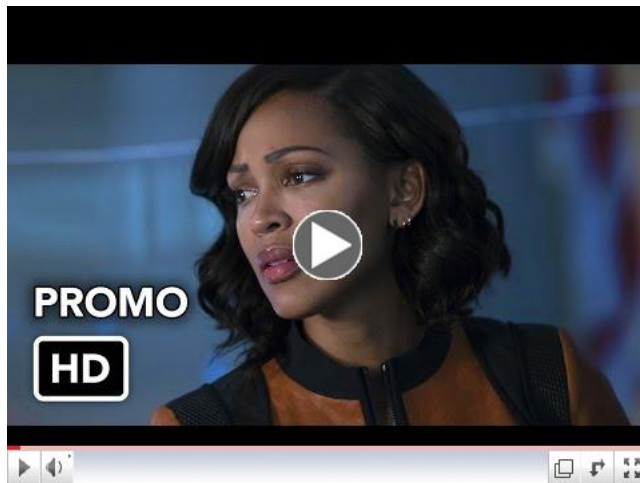
See **Brian Slaten (MFA Acting Alum)** in *Straight White Men* at the Kirk Douglas Theatre in Los Angeles. When Ed and his three adult sons come together to celebrate Christmas, they enjoy cheerful trash-talking, pranks, and takeout Chinese before confronting a problem that even being a happy family can't solve: when identity matters, and privilege is problematic, what is the value of being a straight white man? Obie Award-winning playwright Young Jean Lee defies expectations with a conventionally structured take on the classic American father-son drama - seen through the lens of an observer - in her thought-provoking and witty new play.



Owiso Odera on Minority Report

Owiso Odera (MFA Acting Alum) appears on FOX's Minority Report Monday, November 2nd, 2015 at 9:00pm. Season 1 Episode 7: "Honor Among Thieves"

View the episode's promo here:



Have news to share? Send it to us at TandDNews@ucsd.edu and we'll pass it along for you. Photos are encouraged. Please be sure to let us know what year you graduated, if you're an alum. If you've changed your name, be sure to tell us what it was when you attended UC. Miss a back edition? Visit the [Newsletter Archives](#).

Sincerely,

[UCSD Department of Theatre and Dance](#)