

FALL NEWSLETTER: WEEK 2

DEPARTMENT NEWS



LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE PREPARES WoW FESTIVAL

The La Jolla Playhouse's bi-annual site-specific festival of new work, the Without Walls Festival, opens next month throughout San Diego, performing October 19-22. This year's work includes pieces by many international artists including some from UCSD's community. Artist in Residence Basil Twist has partnered with the UCSD percussion ensemble *red fish blue fish* for a piece called *Faetopia*.

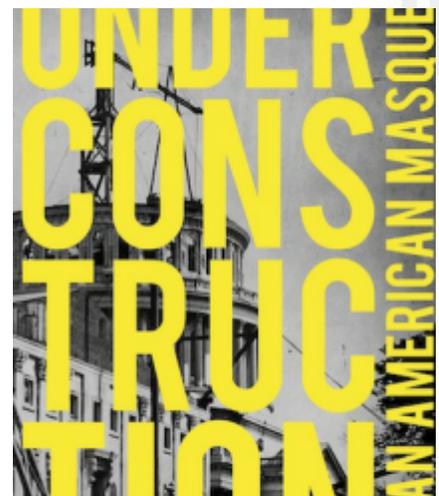
Two of the pieces in the festival are currently running promo codes for members of the University with \$10 TRITON Tickets now available for *GOB SQUAD'S SUPER NIGHT SHOT* and *SHASTA GEAUX POP*, two one-of-a-kind immersive adventures at the WOW Festival in Downtown San Diego. For discounts, click [here](#).

Several performances are free throughout the festival, including UCSD-driven *And Then You Wait* and Mimi Lien's *Model Home*.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO OPEN AT WoW FESTIVAL

BA alumnus and MFA Stage Management Faculty Professor Robert Brill has created a production of Charles Mee's *Under Construction* with Sledgehammer Theatre and UCSD Theatre & Dance which will perform at Bread and Salt in Barrio Logan as part of the festival. Set within a pop-up banqueting hall, spectators of *Under Construction* will be immersed within a collage of America today—scenes and songs and dances inspired by Norman Rockwell of the fifties, and scenes and songs and dances inspired by the installation artist whose work most resonates in today's culture of socio-political corruption, Jason Rhoades.

PhD Faculty Professor Julie Burrelle is serving as dramaturg and the team includes **BA students Mona Guttierrez, Sofia Zaragoza, Levani Korganashvili,** and **MFA Sound Design Student Justin Beets.**

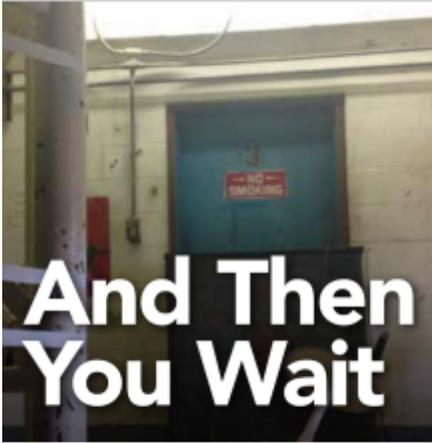


UCSD STUDENTS CREATE INSTALLATION PIECE

Also as part of the 2017 WoW Festival, **MFA Playwriting student Lily Padilla** and **MFA Directing student Dylan Key** have created an immersive audio installation, *And Then You Wait*, which will also perform at Bread and Salt.

The world collapsed sooner than they thought. They were polite in gas lines, then vicious in grocery stores. They packed into a stadium, waiting for the authorities to say it was safe again. The authorities never came. Authority unraveled. Now, three families cling to each other, waiting for the world's end or rebirth.

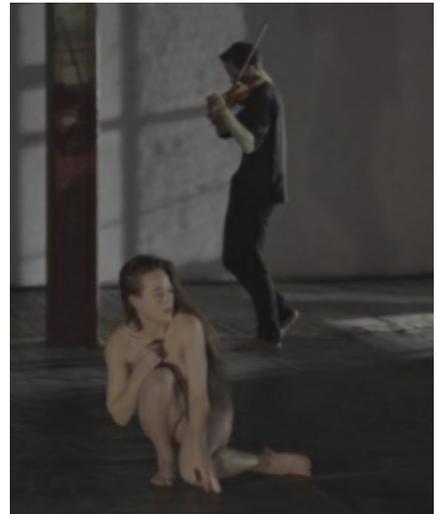
The piece has been developed with **MFA students Samantha Rojas, Kasson Marroquin, Kimberly Monks, Max Singer**, **BA student Jenna Dern**, and **Acting Faculty Professor Kim Walsh**



A STUDY ON EFFORT TO PERFORM THIS WEEKEND

The UCSD Theatre & Dance department will be presenting a dance piece in the Arthur Wagner Theatre this weekend. An hour-long dialogue between former Batsheva dancer Bobbi Jene Smith and violinist Keir GoGwilt, "*A Study on Effort*" transposes different physical and emotional tasks between music and movement. Efforts are supported and transformed in the exchange between gesture and sound. *A Study on Effort* explores connections between sound, body and duration. The show performs October 14, 2017 @ 7:30pm and October 15, 2017 @ 6pm.

A Study on Effort was originally conceived by Bobbi Jene Smith in 2014 and has since had showings at Studio Varda, San Francisco Conservatory of Dance, Gibney Dance, and the Israel Museum. In 2016, Bobbi Jene and Keir GoGwilt collaborated on a new version of the show, which has been presented at the 2016 Luminato Festival in Toronto and PS 122's COIL Festival in 2017.



ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS PRESENT IN SINGAPORE

Acting Faculty Professors Ursula Meyer and Eva Barnes attended the Voice and Speech Trainers Association Conference in Singapore this summer. **MFA Acting Student Tangmo Rodvanich** also presented at the conference. **MFA Acting alumna Micha Espinosa** was the conference planner & presented as did **MFA Acting alumna N'Jameh Camara** presented. They were featured among presenters from dozens of countries with attendees numbering in the hundreds.



~N'Jameh Camara, Eva Barnes, Ursula Meyer, and Tango Rodvanich



~Eva Barnes, Hema Singh, Micha Espinosa, and Ursula Meyer

UNDERGRADUATE ARTS AND HUMANITIES CONTEST NOW OPEN

The Division of Arts and Humanities is currently running a contest to celebrate Arts & Humanities Month, October 2, 2017 - November 16, 2017. To participate, submit a creative "project" showcasing the division's mission, "An Education for the Common Good". Prizes include an iPad or cash.

Example project types include: 500-word essay, poem, painting, drawing, photography, or 3-minute performance piece. Your project submission should include: Your name UCSD email address Major Last four digits of your student PIDA paragraph summarizing how your project represents the theme "Education for the Common Good". Your written materials, or a link to images or video of your project can be submitted by emailing your project information to ah-lectures@cloud.ucsd.edu.

A promotional poster for the Arts & Humanities Month Student Contest. The background is blue with yellow and white text. At the top left, it says 'In Celebration of Arts & Humanities Month'. In the center, 'STUDENT CONTEST' is written in large yellow letters, with 'OCT 2 - NOV 16' to its right. Below that, it says 'GET DETAILS ONLINE' and 'ah.ucsd.edu'. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text 'An Education for the Common Good'. On the right side, there are several small images showing students in various settings, including a group photo, a student performing, and a student in a classroom.

ALUMNI NEWS

MELISSA NG DESIGNS *FUN HOME* IN CHICAGO

MFA Costume Design alumna Melissa Ng has designed the costumes for Victory Gardens Theater's production of *Fun Home*. The production opened to rave reviews from The Chicago Tribune and runs through November 12th

For tickets and more information, [click here](#).



SAM BRESLIN WRIGHT FEATURES IN CBS DRAMA

MFA Acting alumnus Sam Breslin Wright has been filming for season four of CBS' drama *Madam Secretary*. He appeared in the show last season and will star in its current season which began last week. The show is a political drama about a Secretary of State set today. The show airs Sundays at 10p and can be streamed [here](#).

CHRIS BUTLER APPEARS IN *DESIGNATED SURVIVOR*

MFA Acting alumnus Chris Butler has been busy lately, appearing on ABC's political drama *Designated Survivor* the other night and featuring in FX's new series *The Gifted* this week as well. Chris will also appear in the upcoming comedy feature length *30 Nights* which is currently in post-production.



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