



FALL NEWSLETTER: WEEK 7

DEPARTMENT NEWS

PERFORMING SOON AT UC SAN DIEGO THEATRE AND DANCE

Mother Courage and Her Children

by Bertolt Brecht

directed by Dylan Key

in the Mandell Weiss Forum

graduate theatre production

Previews: Nov. 14 @ 7pm, Show dates: Nov. 16, 17, 19 & 24 @ 7:30pm; Nov. 24 @ 2pm

Tartuffe, a Studio Project

by Moliere

directed by Nicholas Rapp

In the Wagner Theatre, Thursday, November 15 at 8pm, Friday, November 16 at 8pm, Saturday, November 17 at 2pm, and Saturday, November 17 at 8pm.

An Early Evening of Firsts with the First Years

by the MFA I Actors cohort

in GH 155

November 19th at 4pm.

A Beautiful Day in November on the Banks of the Greatest of the Great Lakes

by Kate Benson

directed by Vanessa Stalling

in the Theodore and Adele Shank Theatre

graduate theatre production

Previews: Nov. 28 @ 7pm, Show dates: Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7, 8 @ 7:30pm; Dec. 1 & 8 @ 2pm

Our Town

by Thornton Wilder

directed by Kim Walsh

in the Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre

undergraduate theatre production

Show dates: Nov. 27, 28, 29 & 30, Dec. 1 @ 7:30pm; Dec. 1 @ 2pm

For tickets and more information, [click here \(http://theatre.ucsd.edu/season/index.htm\)](http://theatre.ucsd.edu/season/index.htm).



ABBY SHERLOCK NAMED TO FORBES 30 UNDER 30 LIST

BA student Abby Sherlock has been named as a finalist for the Forbes 30 Under 30 List for her work within the video game community. A senior in theatre and communication at UC San Diego, she works as a gaming host, writer, and producer and has been recognized for her work as a host at interactive esports events and as one of the leading figures in the gaming community.

To read more, [click here \(http://abbysherlock.com\)](http://abbysherlock.com).

ROBERT BRILL DESIGNS *AIN'T TOO PROUD* ON BROADWAY

Scenic Design Faculty Professor Robert Brill is designing the sets for the upcoming Broadway production of *Ain't Too Proud—The Life and Times of the Temptations*, premiering at the Imperial Theatre in 2019. The previously announced production will begin previews on February 28 ahead of an opening night set for March 21.

Ain't Too Proud features a book by Dominique Morisseau, direction by two-time Tony winner Des McAnuff and choreography by Olivier winner Sergio Trujillo with music direction and arrangements by Kenny Seymour. The show features a score made up of The Temptations' legendary songs including "My Girl," "Just My Imagination" and "Papa Was a Rolling Stone." The show will feature scenic design by Robert Brill, costume design by Paul Tazewell, lighting design by Howell Binkley, sound design by Steve Canyon Kennedy and projection design by Peter Nigrini.

For tickets and more information, [click here \(https://www.broadway.com/buzz/193955/temptations-musical-aint-too-proud-sets-casting-for-broadway-bow/\)](https://www.broadway.com/buzz/193955/temptations-musical-aint-too-proud-sets-casting-for-broadway-bow/).



JUDY DOLAN DESIGNS *THE TEMPEST* AT LA PHIL

Costume Design and Directing Faculty Professor Judith Dolan designed costumes for a production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* at the LA Philharmonic in collaboration with the Old Globe which performed last week. **MFA Design alum Parker, Jaymee Ngerwichit and graduate student Dorottya Vincze** assisted on the designs. **MFA Sound Design student Stephen Jensen** also served as Sound Designer.

ALUMNI NEWS



NGOZI ANYANWU'S *GOOD GRIEF* OPENS IN NEW YORK

MFA acting alumna Ngozichukwuka Anyanwu's new play *Good Grief* just NYC with Ngozi playing the lead. Nkechi was a good Nigerian-American girl. She everything right. Went to med school. Made plans. Then life happened. And par first-generation coming-of-age journey of love, loss, and growing into adulthood follows Nkechi as she navigates Pennsylvania's suburbs alongside her childhood would-be-philosopher brother, and her immigrant parents.

Ngozi was profiled by the NYTimes among a list of artists who are inspired by the Ntozake Shange and her *Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow* article can be read [here \(https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/01/theater/seven-fl-kindled-by-the-focused-fire-of-ntozake-shange.html?fbclid=IwAR1H43LK3Y5y9RP83T6g_2FwXOR3JAwzBXGIA_gfyeLkbxQ5oT8BJZpTVn](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/01/theater/seven-fl-kindled-by-the-focused-fire-of-ntozake-shange.html?fbclid=IwAR1H43LK3Y5y9RP83T6g_2FwXOR3JAwzBXGIA_gfyeLkbxQ5oT8BJZpTVn)

For tickets and more information, [click here \(https://www.vineyardtheatre.org/g](https://www.vineyardtheatre.org/g)



UCSD ALUMNI TEACH AT PLAYWRIGHTS HORIZONS

Several MFA alumni are teaching at NYU's Playwrights Horizons School, including **MFA Acting alumna Caroline Siewert**, **Costume Design alumna Melissa Ng** and **MFA Acting Kim Blanck** who all took a quick pic yesterday between per their various jobs at Playwrights Horizons Theater School! **M Playwriting alumna Emily Feldman** also teaches at Play Horizons this year. Best of luck to y'all this fall!

CHALK OPENS *DEATH AND COCKROACHES* WITH ALUMNI

Chalk Rep recently open-end their newest show, *Death and Cockroaches* by Eric Reyes Loo and directed by **Acting Faculty Professor Jennifer Chang**. The production is performing in Los Angeles until December. **MFA Scenic Design alumna Anna Robinson** designed the sets, **MFA Halei Parker** designed the costumes, and **BA alum Bryan Clements** is the Production Stage Manager. Several alumni gathered for opening and shot this photo here, including Ruth McKee, Kyle Hester, Anna Robinson, Rebecca Bonebrake, Jennifer Chang, Peter Wylie, Walter Belenky. **BA alumnus Raymond Matthew Castelán** is an understudy for the production. Not pictured is **MFA Acting alumna Lorena Martinez**, understudy for the production.



For tickets and more information, [click here](https://ustour.thephantomoftheopera.com/tickets/) (<https://ustour.thephantomoftheopera.com/tickets/>).

DON SAGE MACKAY TO APPEAR IN *TRUE WEST* IN LONDON

MFA Acting alumnus Don Sage Mackay is currently rehearsing *True West* will open in the West End on November 23rd.

Austin is working on a movie script that he has sold to producer Saul Kir Lee stumbles back in to his life. Never content to watch from the sideline his own idea to Kimmer, an action which has far reaching consequences. searing heat of the Californian desert this critically acclaimed drama pits against brother as a family tears itself apart, exposing the cracks in the A Dream. Don is appearing opposite Game of Thrones star Kit Harrington.

For tickets and more information, [click here](https://www.truewestlondo) (<https://www.truewestlondo>)



MFA ACTING ALUMNI WRITE NEW YA BOOKS

MFA Acting alumni Andrea Portes and Kent Davis have both written new books for young readers which have been recently published!

Andrea's new book is called *Henry & Eva*: "Prominent Environmentalist and Oceanographer Die in Boating Accident This is the heart of the story. A boating accident changes Henry and Eva's lives. Their parents, environmentalist William Billings and his oceanographer wife Margo, disappear mysteriously at sea. But for Henry and Eva, things are about to go from bad to worse. Their jerk-face uncle (nicknamed Claude the Clod) and his girlfriend (Terri the Terrible) have moved into their big house on the cliff to "take care of them," but Eva has her doubts about the intentions. And when some spooky visitors appear with a message, they realize that their parents' deaths might not have been as simple as everyone thinks. It's up to Henry and Eva to discover the truth—but can they do it before the Clod catches them?"

To check it out, [click here \(https://www.amazon.com/Henry-Castle-Cliff-Andrea-Portes/dp/0062560026?fbclid=IwAR0CnDvya6dd2zbV03j5UtxzGe0VY-3zgcxNpbX_jNfmR8QFCpMVtvr8kfc\)](https://www.amazon.com/Henry-Castle-Cliff-Andrea-Portes/dp/0062560026?fbclid=IwAR0CnDvya6dd2zbV03j5UtxzGe0VY-3zgcxNpbX_jNfmR8QFCpMVtvr8kfc).

Kent's book is *A Riddle in Ruby*: "Ruby is a thief-in-training and a keeper of secrets—ones she doesn't even know herself. A Riddle is the first book in a witty and fast-paced fantasy-adventure trilogy for fans of Jonathan Stroud, Septimus Heap, and The Very Near League of Pirates. Ruby Teach, daughter of a smuggler and pirate, has been learning how to swindle and steal and pick the most cunning locks for as long as she can remember. But a collision with aristocratic young lord Athen sends her spinning into chaos. Little did she know that her whole life has been spent in hiding from nefarious secret societies and the Royal Navy . . . who are both now on her trail

To check it out, [click here \(https://www.amazon.com/Riddle-Ruby-Kent-Davis/dp/0062368354/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=154221581&keywords=a+riddle+in+ruby\)](https://www.amazon.com/Riddle-Ruby-Kent-Davis/dp/0062368354/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=154221581&keywords=a+riddle+in+ruby).

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