# THE ALLEGHENY COLLEGE PLAYSHOP THEATRE PRESENTS



In partnership with the global festival CLIMATE CHANGE THEATRE ACTION (CCTA)

MICHAEL MEHLER



September 19–20, 2025 | Gladys Mullenix Black Theatre

DIRECTED BY MICHAEL MEHLER

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#### FRIDAY PROGRAM

#### The Launch

by Angie Farrow New Zealand - 2025

Stu.....Oliver Sparks '29
Georgie.....Amelia Connick '29
Lucas.....Aaron Rape '28

#### **Earth Duet**

by E.M. Lewis US - 2015

1.....Syndey Mitrecic '26 2.....Sam Kagle '28

#### Laila Pines for the Wolf by Hassan Abdurazzak UK/Iraq - 2019

Wolf.....Jude Gotschall '26
Laila.....Amelia Connick '29
Mother.....Rebecca Moore '28
Grandma.....Megan Kromer '28

#### **Space Cat**

by Lewis Hetherington Scotland - 2025

Ralf.....Sam Kagle '28
AJ....Lukas Deemer '28

### We're Running Out of Chairs

by Kirby Vicente Philippines - 2025

Facilitator.....Nickel Spartz '26

#### SATURDAY PROGRAM

#### Snowflake's Special

by Kevin Matthew Wong Canada - 2025

Special.....Sydney Mitrecic '26

## So This is the Last Apple Pie

by Haeweon Yi UK/Korea - 2021

Sia.....Rebecca Moore '28 Hana.....Amelia Connick '29

#### **Eat the Rich**

*by Tira Palmquist* US - 2025

Kai.....Sydney Mitrecic '26
Delmar....Megan Kromer '28
Steve....Jude Gotschall '26

#### **The Presentation**

by Juan C. Sanchez US/Cuba - 2025

Lena.....Lily Wallace '29 Marcos.....Aaron Rape '28

# Steamy Session in a Singapore Spa

by Damon Chua
US/Singapore - 2019

Experiment

Guide.....Nickel Spartz '26
Spa User.....Lukas Deemer '28

#### "Bottle Dance"

Music Composed and Performed by Hilletje Bashew and Brian Thummler

Choreographed and Performed by Doug Lodge '75

Bottles for this dance were collected in just one week from Allegheny College.

#### PRODUCTION STAFF

Costume Coordinator	Uriel Gomez
Lighting Coordinator.	Michael Mehler
Technical Director	LeeAnn Yeckley
Electrics Supervisor	Heather Curtis
Stage Manager	Mallory Furgal
Assistant Stage Mana	agersCirce Daken, Kessler Potter
Board Operator	Krista Rieger
Deck Crew	Chelsey Cottrill, Luke Morrow,
	Ashley Swierczewski, Samantha Thompson
Props Build Crew	Jude Gotschall, Rachael Stasick,
	Lily Wallace
Poster Design	Sarah Swanson
House Managers	Bryson Berkowitz, McKenna Gray
Ushers	Samuel Caito, Pressley Stevens

#### ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE THEATRE ACTION

CCTA 2025 is the worldwide festival of short plays about the climate crisis that brings communities together and encourages them to take local and global action on climate. It is a collaboration between the Arts & Climate Initiative and the Centre for Sustainable Practice in the Arts.

Beginning in 2015, CCTA plays have been performed every other year, and over 250 original plays have been commissioned and produced as part of this festival. The 2025 collection includes 10 new plays and 40 favorites from previous years; any and all of which are being performed at individual events around the world from September 19–December 20, 2025.

#### climatechangetheatreaction.com

The Playshop Theatre first performed CCTA plays in the Fall of 2020 - staged outside in the Vukovich Courtyard because of COVID-19 prevention practices. In 2023, we first performed CCTA plays as part of Blue & Gold Weekend. Reading and discussing these plays has been part of several theatre courses over the years, and for more than a decade, the Playshop has been intentionally working to produce theatre in more sustainable ways. Changes have included reduced energy consumption, reduced use of new materials, and increased reuse of materials. We encourage everyone to attempt to work and live more sustainably.

The digital version of this program includes contextual information about the ideas and themes discussed in the plays.

These items were prepared by students currently enrolled in SWS\*205 - Ecology,
Performance, and Justice.

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#### PLAYSHOP THEATRE STAFF

Managing Director	Mark Cosdon
Resident Directors	Mark Cosdon, Rachel Hoey
Production Manager	LeeAnn Yeckley
Resident Designers	Michael Mehler, Uriel Gomez
Technical Director	LeeAnn Yeckley
Assistant Technical Director	Heather Curtis
Box Office Manager	Benjamin Bargar

#### PLAYSHOP STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Assistant Production ManagerMallory Furgal
Lead TechniciansMallory Furgal, Chole Loose
Production TechniciansNatalie Anderson, Nyahnna Collins,
Amelia Connick, Circe Daken, Madeline Moliterno,
Krista Rieger, Samuel Roque, Grace Worley
Lead Costume TechniciansCharlotte Feucht, Sadie Riedel,
Bella Spears
Costume Technicians

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Beth Watkins and Jim Bulman

Bill and Kathy Cissna

Bottle collection special thanks to St. Moritz employees

Closing film special thanks to Heather Curtis

#### UPCOMING PLAYSHOP THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

#### **High School Coven**

by Kaela Mei-Shing Garvin

Directed by Rachel Nicole Hoey

November 14–16, 2025

Uniting to get through the good, the bad, and homecoming, four high school girls form a coven to protect themselves from the challenges of high school.

#### **Marie Antoinette**

by David Adjmi
Directed by Mark Cosdon
March 27–29, 2026

A nation's aristocracy is under siege; the population is hungry; vanity and good looks only take you so far. Vive la révolution!

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The funds raised through this endeavor will be placed in an endowed fund, the income from which will be used to support Playshop Theatre productions. With this valuable resource, the Playshop can continue to engage in innovative and exciting performances, and students will achieve new levels of excellence as they pursue their passion for theatre.

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