College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University Theater Department Presents

THE MAKER’S HAT
By Lauren Yee

October 13 and 15 @7:30pm
October 15 and 16 @2pm

Tickets purchased at 320-363-5777 and csbsju.edu/wow

Commissioned and Premiered by Alter Theater Ensemble, San Rafael, California Off-Broadway premiere produced by The Playwrights Realm (Katherine Kovner, Artistic Director | Renee Blinkwolt, Producing Director) on August 27, 2013. This play was developed with support of PlayPenn, Paul Meshejian, Artistic Director.
In Lauren Yee’s whimsical and poignant new play, "The Hatmaker’s Wife", a young woman moves in with her boyfriend expecting domestic bliss, but instead has trouble getting comfortable. Her strange new home seems determined to help out – and soon the walls are talking. They reveal the magical tale of an old hat-maker and his long-suffering wife, who runs away with his favorite hat. This sweet and surreal story bends time and space to redefine the idea of family, home, and true love itself.

CAST:

Voice........................................................................Grace Stevenson
Gabe............................................................................Aubrey Sherman
Wall..............................................................................Sophie Ryan
Hetchman.................................................................Spencer Gerber
Wife...........................................................................Kiara Frederick
Meckel..........................................................................Augustus Wronka
Golem.................................................................Caiden Gerhardson

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ARTISTIC STAFF AND CREW:

Director....................................................................................Sean Dooley
Production Manager....................................................................Kyle Gavell
Costume Designer................................................................Amelia Cheever
Costume Shop Manager..............................................................Elsa Larsen
Lighting Designer...........................................................................Ben Martin
Sound Designer.........................................................................Sean Dooley
Assistant Technical Director....................................................Jennifer Honsa
Stage Manager......................................................................Callie Anderson
Assistant Stage Manager..........................................................Ethan Carson
Light Board Operator...............................................Amanda Martinez-Port
Sound Board Operator............................................................Sara Gartner
Wardrobe.................................................................................Grace Michel
Poster Design............................................................................Sean Dooley
Program Design.........................................................................Kiara Frederick

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A Note from the Director

Thank you for coming to the CSBSJU Theater Department's production of THE HATMAKER'S WIFE. It means a lot to us to share this story with you together in this shared space. The past two and a half years have been full of challenges and change. During that time we worked hard to provide our students and larger college community with the opportunity to experience storytelling in a multitude of new ways that included live streaming of our events and even broadcasting one production on local radio.

This show finds us once again able to come together as a community to have a shared experience. THE HATMAKER'S WIFE is a silly play with an absurd premise that still manages to get the audience to think a bit about our relationships with the people we love. I want to thank the dozens of students who put in countless hours over the past six weeks to bring this magical fiction to life, you'll find them all here in this program. I hope when you leave you will reflect on the story and the people in your life who "love you to the ground". And if you haven't told that one person in your life lately how much you love them, what are you waiting for? A Golem?

-Sean Dooley

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