



2020 SHOWCASE PROGRAM NOTES

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Friends, welcome to the YoCo 2020 showcase. We were faced with some unexpected challenges this year, as you well know, but through the ingenuity of MRT's Artistic and Executive Directors, Courtney Sale and Bonnie Butkas, and my intrepid Program Coordinator, Kaitlyn Crockett, we were not only able to salvage the program, but utilize our virtual program to include students from four different states, and Buenos Aires, which is great for the kids, and the theater. Global domination is imminent!

Challenges that were considered obstacles, when we started, we flipped around and used them to our advantage. The kids were game for everything. And brought their humor and passion, and talent, and created an ensemble. Their work gave Kaitlyn and me something to look forward to everyday, and their enthusiasm was infectious.

This new platform has opened all sorts of possibilities for MRT, so enjoy the show today and look forward to more from YoCo 2020 as the season progresses. Thanks so much for supporting these young artists. It means the world to all of us. They are going to change the world.

- Robert Cornelius

***We will be hosting a post-show discussion with the Young Company following the performance.
Feel free to stick around and ask any questions you'd like!***

ACT ONE

A Series of Contemporary Monologues

SHIVALI SUBREENDUTH

as Emmy

"A Doll's House, Part 2" by Lucas Hnath

MAYA STARR DENSON

as Paulina

"School Girls; or the African Mean Girls Play" by Jocelyn Bioh

Content warning: fatphobia, adult language

CARLY HEALANDER

As Max

"Hir" by Taylor Mac

Content warning: adult language, allusion to war

KHANH HA

As Kendra

"Gloria" by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins

LIAM MCDERMOTT

As Jim

"Prodigal Son" by John Patrick Shanley

KAYLA JACKSON

As John Wesley Powell

"Men on Boats" by Jaclyn Backhaus

Content warning: ableist language, adult language

MELKAMU NEUNABER

As Tiny

"Kill Move Paradise" by James Ijames

Content warning: descriptions of being shot

OLIVIA CHAVEZ

As Allonda

"Allond(r)a" by Gina Femia

Content warning: allusion to domestic abuse

MICAH LAMKIN
As Ken
"Red" by John Logan
Content warning: adult language

OLIVIA MOLLIGI
As Anne
"Teenage Dick" by Mike Lew
Content warning: allusion to self-harm

THERE WILL BE A FIVE-MINUTE INTERMISSION

ACT TWO
Original 10-Minute Plays

"Harasscraft"
Written by Khanh Ha, Micah Lamkin,
Liam McDermott

Three friends spend quarantine playing Minecraft and friendships are tested.

Dan Liam McDermott
Elijah Micah Lamkin
Sunny Khanh Ha

Content warning: harassment, adult language, homophobic language

"Grief"
Written by Maya Starr Denson, Olivia Chavez,
Kayla Jackson, Olivia Molligi

A mother and daughter learn to rebuild after a tragic loss in the family.

Quinn Olivia Molligi
Nancy Kayla Jackson
Ben Olivia Chavez
Juno Maya Starr Denson

Content warning: adult language, mention of mental health issues, mention of a hate crime / murder

"Stand Up"
Written by Carly Healander, Melkamu Neunaber,
Shivali Subreenduth

Three students stand up to their history teacher and his bigoted misinformation...with a sprinkle of time travel.

Harmony Shivali Subreenduth
Malcolm Melkamu Neunaber
Jo Carly Healander
Mr. Donald / Bus Driver Liam McDermott
Bodyguard Kayla Jackson
Protestor Khanh Ha
Police Officer Olivia Molligi

Content warning: bigotry, racist language