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## **Collin Theatre Center Presents The Little Gems One Act Play Festival: Take 2.5**

May 5-9, 2021

### **Producer's Notes:**

In March 2020 the college faculty was getting ready to go on spring break. We met for our first production meeting of our second annual Little Gems play festival. Directors had been chosen, student designers were ready to get to work and auditions were scheduled for the first Monday back from break.

As we all know, that never happened. Like the rest of the country, we shut down to protect our staff and students from a deadly new virus. Over the course of 2020 the world and its citizens continued to deal with one historical situation after another. It seemed as if we would never stop living in unprecedented times.

This year Collin Theatre Center has successfully produced three shows (now four). Our students and faculty have created performance art when the industry has been shuttered. We have done it with all COVID safety protocols being followed. In my opinion, it has been one of our biggest challenges in our 35-year history. Our brains have only begun to process the traumatic events that have happened over the last 18 months.

After such a tough year, we need to begin healing as human beings. Two steps in the healing process are recovery and rebuilding. This year's festival asked playwrights where we were in that process. To use the theme of recovery and rebuilding to show how we as humans can move forward after experiencing any kind of trauma. For some the answer was to learn to live with our mistakes, others thought Zoom! We had awesome submissions from community members, students, alumni, and current faculty. We filmed them in the Black Box Theatre on the Plano Campus and have stitched them together to tell a much larger story: the story of us.

## Cast List by Show and Order of Appearance

### Don't Kill Luther at Sea

Written by: Sean Poole

Director ..... Austin Keefer  
Luther ..... Colen Settles  
Tomi ..... Dara Perez  
Narrator ..... Jackson Campbell  
Understudy ..... Sam Carmichael

### Remember That Morning, Just Before Dawn

Written by: R. Scott Yarbrough

Director ..... Vivian Ellis  
Performer ..... Colen Settles

### How Unhappy is He

Written by: Austin Keefer

Director ..... Caroline Cangas  
Mrs. V ..... Clara Moos  
General Custer ..... Sam Carmichael  
Richard Nixon ..... Jackson Campbell  
Benedict Arnold ..... Austin Keefer  
George Washington ..... Colen Settles  
Understudy ..... Ray Van Vleck

### Bill Hall's Dog

Written by: R Scott Yarbrough

Director ..... Vivian Ellis  
Performer ..... Dara Perez

### RHU

Written by: Lauren LeBlanc

Director ..... Renee Dessommes  
Claire ..... Dara Perez  
Tristaine ..... Kelechi Imoh  
Claire Understudy ..... Jordan Gros  
Tristaine Understudy ..... Lani Scarlett

### BLM

Written by: Kelechi Imoh

Director ..... Vivian Ellis  
Performer ..... Corinthia Townsend

### In The Lobby

Written by: Azure Arther

Director ..... Renee Dessommes  
Hera ..... Clara Moos  
Isis ..... Dara Perez  
Yemaya ..... Kelechi Imoh  
Asherah ..... Corinthia Townsend  
Tawaret ..... Noelani Scarlett  
Laima ..... Jordan Gros  
Ala ..... Merissa Hall  
Hel ..... Ray Van Vleck  
Artemis ..... Caroline Cangas  
Rohini ..... Sara Tamimi  
Zoom ..... Breanna Gaddis

### Wings

Written by: Caroline Cangas

Director ..... Vivian Ellis  
Performer 1 ..... Jordan Gros  
Performer 2 ..... Ray Van Vleck

### Production Team

Producer/Filming Director ..... Renee Dessommes  
Production Manager ..... Breanna Gaddis  
Production Stage Manager ..... Saan AlHassan  
Director of Photography ..... Vivian Ellis  
Head Editor ..... Liam Bujnowski  
Scenic Designer ..... Katie Cooley  
Lighting Designer ..... Preston Reynolds  
Assistant Lighting Designer ..... Liam Bujnowski  
Sound Designer/Composer ..... Kyle Sertner  
Costume Designer ..... Nicole Bellin  
Costume Construction ..... Robin Armstrong  
Makeup Designer ..... Taylor Rossberg  
Technical Director ..... Katie Cooley  
Assistant Technical Director ..... Keith Gillespie  
Props Director ..... Ray Van Vleck  
Costume and Makeup Mentor ..... Robin Armstrong  
Vocal Coach ..... Evans Jarnefeldt  
Light Board Operator ..... Preston Reynolds  
RHU Light Board Operator ..... Keith Gillespie  
Camera Switcher ..... Liam Bujnowski  
Camera Operators ..... Vivian Ellis  
Austin Keefer  
Bryce Ernst  
Liam Bujnowski  
Running Crew ..... Bryce Ernst  
Scenic Construction Crew ..... Katherine Cooley  
Preston Reynolds  
Liam Bujnowski  
Pablo Rubealcaba  
Brandon Woods  
Director of Technical Theatre ..... Craig 'Yo' Erickson

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