# **AUDITIONS**

## PLAYS BY YOUNG WRITERS

Featuring professional productions of winning scripts from the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual *California Young Playwrights Contest* 

Produced by Playwrights Project in association with The Old Globe

Performances January 19 – 29, 2017 The Sheryl & Harvey White Theatre in the Conrad Prebys Theatre Complex at The Old Globe



AUDITIONS (by appointment only)
Monday, October 17, 2016 from 6:30pm-9:30pm

CALLBACKS (also by appointment only)
Monday, October 24, 2016 from 6:30pm-9:30pm

Playwrights Project will conduct auditions at: YMCA YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES 2929 Meade Ave, San Diego, CA 92116

- Please prepare a 1 minute contemporary monologue appropriate for young people. There may be youth present at the audition.
- Bring two copies of headshot and resume.
- Be prepared to list scheduling day and evening conflicts.
- We will likely cast younger characters with older actors.

For an appointment contact: write@playwrightsproject.org or call (858) 384-2970

Stipend, non Equity. All cultural backgrounds welcome.

Total of 5-7 performances per play (several on weekday mornings).

More information (including performance schedule) at <a href="http://www.playwrightsproject.org/productions/pbyw/">http://www.playwrightsproject.org/productions/pbyw/</a>

ACTING COMPANY A (directed by George Yè and Erika Beth Phillips)

1 Woman (20s), 1 Woman (teen), 1 Girl (preteen), 1 Man (20s-30s), 3 Men (teen) Ensemble will act in two fully produced short plays: Supermarket of Lost and Hackathon, and one staged reading: Turtle on a Rock

ACTING COMPANY B (directed by Phil Johnson, Monique Gaffney, and Erika Beth Phillips) 3 Men, 3 Women, 1 Man (teen)

Ensemble will act in two fully produced short plays: *The Dumping Ground* and *Pros and Cons* and one staged reading: *A Play on Words* 

#### Breakdown Company A - Directed by George Yè

## Hackathon by Eliana Dunn – A satire set in Silicon Valley asks: can an app really change the world?

AKHIL – early 30s, former Senior Engineer at NetBuzz, quit his job due to trouble sleeping at night

KRISTIE – late 20s, UC Berkeley grad and employee at KidHub, overly upbeat and condescending

GEORGINA – Serious and very driven high school student

ATTICUS – Lead developer for his team's app, teenager, never read To Kill A Mockingbird

JULIAN – Easygoing high school student. Likes to joke around, but still bright

ELLIOT – age 17 working with Atticus in the hackathon, his parents will buy him a Tesla if he wins

#### Supermarket of Lost by Cassandra Hsiao - In a cosmic warehouse, what will you trade for the treasures you've lost?

AUSTIN – 17 years old, strong-willed, displays a Devil-may-care attitude whenever he can

HAILEE – 16 years old, Girl-next-door, disarmingly honest and dying of cancer

VIOLET – 10 years old; stubborn, tongue-in-cheek; more perceptive than you'd think

PA SYSTEM – Voice that announces closing of the Market

#### Staged Reading - Directed by Erika Beth Phillips

#### Turtle on a Rock by Absinthe McDonald – A singing turtle plans a journey to find his purpose.

TURTLE – slow, singer, seeking his purpose in life

ROCK - old, quiet

BUG – ant, grumpy, strong

OWL – wise, but not helpful

CHIPMUNK - happy, kind, cute

#### **Breakdown Company B**

#### The Dumping Ground by Matthew Maceda (Directed by Monique Gaffney) – A PROMposal goes awry.

MARK – high school junior, seeking acceptance

SANDY- Mark's neighbor, friend, and classmate

MR. BATES – elderly neighbor, thoughtful and kind, recently widowed

JACKIE - Mark's crush, not interested in him romantically

MRS. COLLINS – Mark and Jackie's history teacher, caring, recently divorced by her husband.

#### **Pros and Cons by Katie Taylor** (Directed by Phil Johnson) – A comedy about second chances for former prison pals.

DAVID DERMONT – turning 30, a stubborn optimist with a dream to make the world a better place

BILL FIELDS - David's best friend, cynical, but loyal to David

MELANIE SIMMONS – strong, generous, passionate; Bill's girlfriend of 6 years

HENRY DEVONSHIRE – an acclaimed actor from London, surrounded by mystery

SAMANTHA NEAL – an aspiring actress always in hot pursuit of both her dreams, and Henry

BRANDON NEAL – teenage son of Samantha, an artist who has a lot to learn

#### Staged Reading - Directed by Erika Beth Phillips

#### A Play on Words by Samantha Rafter and Minh-Son Tran-School supplies suffer existential crises over spring break.

EILEEN – an eraser, shy, introverted; looking for love

PATRICK – a piece of math homework; outgoing and witty

PATRICIA – a pencil dating Patrick; shallow, petty

MERLIN- a yellow marker; old and wise with a Southern accent