

Stockton Theatre Program Presents 'Hello Herman' at Stockton PAC

Nov. 13-17 Fictional Drama Directed by Two Stockton Alums

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Theatre Program at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey searches for the answer to a question that has been baffling America for years in their upcoming production: What drives students to violent means in the school setting? John Buffalo Mailer's "Hello Herman," a groundbreaking modern-day drama, jam-packed with multimedia, will take place at the Stockton Performing Arts Center this month.

Stockton Theatre alumni Patrick Judd and Sarra Mazur co-directed the production set for **Wednesday, Nov. 13 through Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013.** Performances on Wednesday through Saturday are at 7:30 p.m. with a Sunday performance at 3 p.m. The Thursday, Nov. 14 performance will be followed by a cast talk-back.

Mailer's fictional drama "Hello Herman" dives into the mind of Herman Howards as he takes the audience to the Broome High School shooting. Lax Morales, a washed out Pulitzer Prizewinning journalist, gives Herman a chance to tell his side of the story as the community around the two crumbles into chaos due to opposing political beliefs. This piece discovers the inability to pinpoint why teenagers take such violent actions when they feel threatened by their peers and society.

Judd and Mazur agree that "Hello Herman" explores what happens when a culmination of social dysfunctions (bullying, video-game addictions, excessive internet use, and a distorted home life) manifests a perfect storm - one that erupts all too frequently in the world outside of theater. "Sometimes the hardest stories to tell are the ones that must be shared," says Mazur.

The cast of "Hello Herman" encompasses a number of Stockton students and community members. **-more-**

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They include Jeremy Rotolo as Lax Morales, Michael Farr as Herman Howards, Kate Sparacio as Sheyla Duvall, Ryan Gorman as Chet Clarkson, Taylor Cawley as Gail Howards, James Collins as Sean Gall and they are accompanied by Grant Bolopue, Paul Brodo, Dan Cerullo, Nicole Clark, Sean Crowley, Katie O'Brien, Alexandra Rodriguez, Jennifer Tatman and Mady Welch.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students and seniors with ID. Ticket orders can be made online at www.stocktonpac.org or by calling the Box Office at (609)-652-9000.

The Stockton Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and an hour and a half before each performance. The Stockton Performing Arts Center is located on the campus of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Jimmie Leeds Road, Galloway. For patrons with special needs, the Performing Arts Center offers wheelchair accessible seating, listening assistive devices and large type programs. Please identify any needs you have when making a reservation.

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