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The Theatre School at DePaul University Presents Two World-Premiere Productions in Two Weeks
Inaugural 2013-14 Season in New Artistic Home Concludes With New Work

CHICAGO, IL, (April 28, 2014) – The Theatre School at DePaul University is delighted to offer two world premiere productions, in each of the school’s new theatres, to conclude the 2013-14 season.

The Scavengers will open on May 9th in The Sondra & Denis Healy Theatre, and will run through May 18, 2014. Previews performances will be held on 5/7 and 5/8 at 7:30 PM. This world-premiere play is written by **Lucas Baisch** (BFA Playwriting, Class of 2014) and directed by **Bonnie Metzgar** (Artistic Director, About Face Theatre). An urban piece set in the present day, *The Scavengers* asks what secrets live in the objects that we collect.

About the play: Seventeen-year-old Miles desperately clings to his adolescence as his world falls apart around him. His elder sister can't find a job. His brother, newly returned from victory on a dubious reality show, won't cash the check. Not to mention the vortex of garbage in the ocean that threatens to destroy everything. With the help of Kid, a neighborhood butcher, they seek out a hoarder who may have the key to helping his family survive. *This production is recommended for mature audiences.*

The cast of *The Scavengers* includes Andrew Fleischer (Hugo), Sam Haines (Miles), Joe Keery (Lex), Ashlyn Lozano (Julia), Louie Rinaldi (Kid), Alissa Sherwood (Iris), and Samantha Jo Watzek (Vulture). The production staff includes Lucas Baisch (Playwright), Bonnie Metzgar (Director), Elyse Balogh (Scenic Designer), Catharine Young (Costume Designer), Vada Briceno (Lighting Designer), David Samba (Sound Designer), Mike Doyle (Dramaturg), and Emily Hitmar (Stage Manager).

What Happened in Pinkville? A Cubist Dialectic on the Massacre at My Lai by Greg Allen (Founder, The Neo-Futurists) will open on May 16th in the Fullerton Stage Theatre, and run through May 25, 2014. Preview performances will be held on 5/14 and 5/15 at 7:30 PM.

About the play: This world-premiere piece tells the true story of an American military atrocity: the massacre of 500 civilians in a small village during the Vietnam War. By exploring the history, the murders, the cover-up, and the trial of Lieutenant William Calley, playwright **Greg Allen** asks the question “Who is responsible for soldiers' actions during wartime?” A dramatic examination of war atrocities and their far-reaching implications, this production features the Class of 2014 Master of Fine Arts in Acting candidates, and is directed by Remy Bumppo Founder **James Bohnen**. This production is recommended for mature audiences.

For patrons who are blind or have low-vision, the performance of *What Happened in Pinkville?....* on Friday, May 23 (7:30 PM) will be audio described with a pre-performance touch tour. Call 312.922.1999. The performance on May 25 (2 PM) will be interpreted in American Sign Language. TTY: 773.325.7975. The cast includes Olga Aguilar, Dana Dancho, Clayton Louis, Maureen Mizener, Tiffany Oglesby, Joseff Stevenson, Nathan Streifel, Jason VonRohn, Marie Weiss, and Justin Wilson. The production staff includes Greg Allen (Playwright), James Bohnen (Director), Emily Boyd (Scenic Designer), Chloe Patten (Costume Designer), Bailey L. Rosa (Lighting Designer), David Samba (Sound Designer), Cecilia Settles and Genevieve Zoufal (Dramaturgy), and Dana Stringer (Stage Manager).

Performances for both *The Scavengers* and *What Happened in Pinkville?...* will be Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2 PM. Tickets to both productions are \$15, preview tickets are \$10, and student tickets are always \$5. Subscriptions and group rates (6 or more people) are available at (312)-922-1999. All tickets are reserved seating. Tickets are available by calling (312) 922-1999 or visiting the online box office at <http://theatre.depaul.edu>. An Opening Night Reception will follow the May 9th performance of *The Scavengers*, and the May 16th performance of *What Happened in Pinkville?*

The Fullerton Stage Theatre and the Sondra & Denis Healy Theatre are located within The Theatre School at DePaul University, 2350 N Racine Ave (at Fullerton). The school is easily accessible via the Fullerton CTA Station and the Fullerton (74) bus. Visitors and audience members can park in DePaul University's Clifton Parking Deck, located at 2330 N Clifton Avenue. Please call the Box Office for more information or for help in planning your trip.

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