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Kingdom City

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FIU Theatre Presents

Kingdom City

by Sheri Wilner

directed by Michael Yawney

An on-stage kiss in a high school play started all the trouble. Does first love have to be a First Amendment issue?

Scenic Design: Mario Alonso
Lighting Design: Jordan Vera

Sound Design: Juan Alfonso
Costume Design: Caroline Frias

FIU Theatre
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

PASSION. Passion is the driving force behind all that we do here at Florida International University Theatre. As distinguished faculty, we are outstanding theatre artists and teachers whose curiosity about the human condition leads us to

CREATE. INNOVATE. INSPIRE.

We create, innovate, and inspire as exemplary collaborators dedicated to quality in service of the needs of our wonderful students and members of the community at large. We are also risk-takers, challenging conventions in an attempt to best educate our students and to illuminate the joy and struggle of humanity through dynamic, dramatic storytelling for our audience. And we practice master director Sir Peter Brook’s two rules of the stage:

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN & SOMETHING MUST HAPPEN

There is no theatre without you, our audience. Thank you for your support.

Joel Murray
Chair & Artistic Director

Kingdom City

By Sheri Wilner

CAST

(In Order of Appearance)

Miriam.......................................................Monica Abreu **
Daniel......................................................Anderson Freitas **
Crystal.................................................Roselyn Marie Moreno **
Katie.............................................Melanie Menendez **
Matt..................................................Lovanni Gomez **
Luke........................................Reginald Anthony Baril **

SETTING

Kingdom City, Missouri, a small town about one hundred miles outside of St. Louis.

There will be a 15-minute intermission

Please note that flash photography, video recording, or other audio or visual recording of this production is strictly prohibited.
NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

All of us at FIU Theatre are very proud to present the first college production of Kingdom City. This play talks about issues at the very core of our lives as artists, students, and teachers.

We are grateful for the help and encouragement we received from the author, Sheri Wilner. Her generosity was extraordinary.

Thank you for coming to see Kingdom City. I hope you enjoy it.

-Michael Yawney

Alumni Spotlight

For this playbill, our Alumni Spotlight shines on Nenni Delmestre, Class of 1984. Nenni was born in Split, Croatia, where she returned after graduating from FIU with high honors. Upon her return, she began her career as a director and has directed plays in Croatia and Slovenia, as well as in Venezuela, Mexico, Macedonia and Italy. She is also a successful translator, having translated several plays from English, Spanish and Italian into her native language. She became the Director in Residence at the Croatian National Theatre in 1997, and was the Artistic Director of the Croatian National Theatre in Split from 2002 to 2004. She served as President of the Theatre Council at CNT from 2008 to 2010, and was the Program Director for the Festival Marulicevi in 2009 and 2010 as well as for the Festival of Croatian Drama for Children – Mali Marulic in 2012 and 2013. Nearly all of her productions have participated in National and International festivals, where they have received numerous awards. We are very proud of Nenni’s accomplishments and know that she represents FIU Theatre well on the international stage.
TALKBACK WITH PLAYWRIGHT SHERI WILNER
Moderated by Miami Herald Theater Critic Christine Dolen

Kingdom City
Sunday, November 8, 2015
following the 2:00pm matinee production of Kingdom City

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