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Dead Man's Cell Phone

By Sarah Ruhl
Directed By Lesley-Ann Timlick

Picking up a ringing phone seems innocent enough...

February 26 & 27, March 2 - 5, 2016 @ 8pm
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Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center
Mainstage Theatre
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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Joel Murray
Chair & Artistic Director

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By Sarah Ruhl

CAST
(In Order of Appearance)

Gordon ................................................................. Brandon Hoffman
Jean ................................................................. Monica Abreu
Dwight ............................................................... Allyn Moriyon
Ms. Gottlieb ................................................ Adele Robinson
Hermia ................................................................. Karen Figueredo
Mysterious Woman/Stranger ................................ Melanie Menendez
Wanderer ............................................................... Robert Ayala
Wanderer ............................................................... Lovanni Gomez
Wanderer .............................................................. Emma Merritt
Wanderer .............................................................. Sarah Perez

Stage Manager ................................................... Luisa Rodriguez
Scenic Designer .................................................. Joe Klug
Asst. Scenic Designer/Prop Master ..................... Jade Mesa
Properties Master ................................................ Alexandrea Hess
Costume Designer ............................................... Blair Brown
Technical Director .............................................. Chris Goslin
Lighting Designer ............................................... Ainex Carmona
Sound Designer .................................................. Tony Galasaka
Vocal Director ..................................................... Rebecca Covey

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dead Man’s Cell Phone is a surrealistic comedy that addresses the theme that we are losing human connection because we have become obsessed with technology. Sarah Ruhl takes us on a quirky journey down the rabbit hole to express this premise to us. I hope you have fun with Jean as she encounters many events that allow us to look more closely at our current disengagement from each other. Who knows, perhaps you might be tempted to chat with each other, rather than text or use your cell at intermission? Enjoy!

-Lesley-Ann Timlick, Director

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.
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