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### **Governors State University Stages Timely and Nostalgic Comedy November 4–6**

**University Park, IL** – Tickets are on sale now for [Governors State University \(GSU\) Theatre and Performance Studies \(TAPS\)](#) fall 2021 production "A Delightful Quarantine" by Mark Dunn which runs Nov. 4 to 6 on the [Center for Performing Arts \(CPA\)](#) stage.

Visiting Director Anthony Sims describes the play as “an honest reflection upon the current times we live in.”

Though the play doesn’t speak directly to COVID, themes will resonate with the audience. “We, as a society, are on the go. ... What the quarantine taught us all is how to slow down and sit within ourselves. This is what the characters are going through in the play,” Sims said.

Framed as a 1980s sitcom, Quarantine features seven households, each having its own unique story and with the characters in each house striving for personal and collective healing. Sims said the play teaches resiliency—one of the reasons they were drawn to direct the show.

“It appears we are in a constant uphill battle every day for stability due to this pandemic and other societal issues. If we can be resilient, perhaps we can find collective dignity. Public theatre is accessible again, but with complications. Everyone is required to wear a mask on stage, and I started to see work where directors and actors pretended to ignore the cloth or medical cover over the lower half of their faces. It frustrates me. There is an urgency to get back to "normalcy" when there never was a normal. It made me think of “A Delightful Quarantine,” and I knew this work could be an honest reflection upon the current times we live in.”

Sims said it’s good to be together again and is proud that their cast of 16 features ten GSU students and alumni.

“Everyone is having a fun time, as it is essential to collectively imagine instead of simply fitting into the mold of just one idea or source. You can expect to see familiar and new faces on the GSU stage. Everyone adds a unique element to our overall production.”

Audience members will be seated on stage with the performers and will serve as the studio audience. "A Delightful Quarantine" runs Thursday, Nov. 4 through Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited.

Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for students) and can be purchased at CenterTickets.net, at the Box Office, or by phone at 708.235.2222.

Box Office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL Hours: Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., open until 6 p.m. on Thursdays and two hours prior to all performances.

### **Meet the Cast**

Thea Anderson as Lucy Fuller and Diandra Robbins

Abirah Serenity as Barbara Middlebrook

Monique Sutton as Paula Middlebrook and Jennifer Wiggin

Maya Shelton as Kitty Civette

Ethan Walker as Chester Banderhorn

Laura Bingham as Bethany Robbins

Jermaine Tyler as Clark Wiggin

Eboni Williams as Shirley Wiggin

Kevin Kohn as Roy Robbins

Kimelia Carter as Sue Stadler and Judeen Dempsey

Deshawn Spivey as Dean Stadler

Lynne Clayton as Violet Bassey

Michael Depreist Reed as Mavis Jemco

Ganesh Sai as Tug Goff

### **Know Before You Go**

Your health and safety are our priority.

Audience members are required to show proof of vaccination or proof of negative Covid-9 test (within the 72-hour period prior to the performance) until further notice. Proof can be an electronic, photo copy, or official CDC vaccination record card with photo ID at time of entry into the venue with valid ticket.

Face masks are required on campus, even if vaccinated. Reduced capacity and socially distanced seating may be in place based on Governors State University and State mandates. Hand sanitizer will be made readily available throughout the venue, and patrons are strongly encouraged to make use of them. If you are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19, stay home and do not attend an event.

Center for Performing Arts' COVID-19 policies are mandated by Governors State University. For the most updated COVID-19 policies being implemented across campus please visit:

<https://www.govst.edu/coronavirus/>

### **About GSU Theatre and Performance Studies**

Performance is not limited to theatrical production—the act is central to human nature as we move and function in the world. When you pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre and Performance Studies

from Governors State, you will learn to bridge theory with practice and the verbal with the visual. Whether in theatrical presentations proper or in everyday acts of living—you will be equipped as a transformative agent of social, cultural, political, and personal change. Choose from specializations in Theory and Practice, Technical Production, and History and Dramaturgy to focus your studies toward your intended career path.

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