

HESSTON COLLEGE THEATRE PRESENTS

VANYA   
AND  
SONIA   
AND  
MASHA   
AND  
SPIKE 

By Christopher Durang  
Directed by Celaine Worden



Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 at 7 p.m.  
Oct. 2 at 2 p.m.

Intended for high school age and older

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I was first introduced to this play a few years ago, and thought it would be a delight to direct such a funny story. However, this journey has become about much more than just creating comedy. These actors and their characters have navigated the challenges that come with facing change, being open to new possibilities, returning to one's roots and courageously standing up for oneself.

*Celaine Worden, director*

Run time is approximately two hours, with a 10-minute intermission.

## TIME AND SETTING

*The Present*

*The outdoor patio room of a lovely farmhouse in Bucks County, Pennsylvania*

## CAST

Vanya.....	Mitchell Stutzman**
Sonia.....	Desirae Rodriguez
Masha.....	Michele Hershberger*
Spike.....	Sam Setiawan
Nina.....	Alexis Driscoll
Cassandra.....	Lexie Coburn

\*Hesston College faculty/staff

\*\*Hesston College alumni

## PRODUCTION TEAM & CREW

Director.....	Celaine Worden
Stage Manager.....	Sophia Crawford
Scenic Design and Construction.....	Scott Steinert
Light and Sound Design.....	Shane Dawson
Carpenters.....	Spencer Steinert, Simon Steinert
Light and Sound Board Operator.....	Sophia Crawford
Props.....	Alexis Driscoll
Costumes.....	Tiffany Adams, Celaine Worden
Makeup.....	Rachel Jantzi
House Manager.....	Josh Fleming
Usher.....	Minori Fujioka
Set Painting.....	cast

## SPECIAL THANKS TO

Everence, for continuing financial contributions to our theatre program.

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## WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR THEATRE STUDENTS AND GIVE BACK TO OTHERS:

### UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Underwear and undergarments are the most under-donated, yet most needed items for the unhoused persons. Help us give back some dignity by donating new, clean underwear, socks and sports bras to those in need. The Hesston College Theatre program is collecting these new items for women and men of all ages. Donations can be made in the lobby of Keim Center September 29 to Oct. 2 during our show of Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike. Theatre students will drop the items off at the Homeless Alliance on our theatre trip to Oklahoma in November.

### THEATRE TRIP

Help sponsor our Theatre Company's trip to Oklahoma by donating cash or a check made out to Hesston College Theatre.

### MEMBERS OF THE THEATRE COMPANY:

**Alexis Driscoll** is a sophomore theatre education student from Wichita, Kan. She loves stage managing and watching shows come to life.

**Sophia Crawford** is a first year air traffic control major from Utah. Her favorite part of theatre is making props and helping backstage during performances.

**Josh Fleming** is a junior aviation major from Raymore, Mo. His favorite aspect of theatre is making people laugh.

**Desirae Rodriguez** is a freshman drama therapy major from Wichita, Kan. Her favorite part about theatre is taking on new challenges in acting and making friends along the way.

**Sam Setiawan** is a freshmen aviation major from Goshen Ind. His favorite thing about theatre is exploring different sides of the production process and trying out various jobs.



## HESSTON COLLEGE UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

**October 18 – Bel Canto Singers Fall Concert**  
Whitestone Mennonite Church | 7 p.m.

**October 25 – Sunflower Performing Arts: ensemble 4.1**  
Hesston Mennonite Church | 7 p.m.

**November 11 – Performing Arts Scholarship Auditions**  
Hesston College campus | [hesston.edu/pascholarships](https://hesston.edu/pascholarships)

**December 3 – Christmas performance:**  
**It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play**  
Hesston Mennonite Church | 7 p.m.

**December 6 – Sunflower Performing Arts:**  
**Calmus: Christmas A Cappella**  
Hesston Mennonite Church | 7 p.m.