

Hesston College Theatre Presents

# PEN TO PAPER TO PERFORMANCE

Directed by Rachel Jantzi

**HESSTON  
COLLEGE**   
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**April 26 and 27  
2024**

**Black Box Theater,  
Keim Center**

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### 10-minute Play Festival

Thank you to all who submitted their work, and congratulations to those shows selected. Tonight provides us with a window into the lives of these characters and maybe some insight about the playwrights who created them. Selections include thought provoking comedies and dramas reflecting on equality, artificial intelligence, war, free will, felonies and faith. There's also toilet humor...literal toilets. Maybe we should keep those windows open!

There's something for everyone, written by a range of people as varied as their topics. Their courage to put pen to paper is the reason we perform. Stay for the talkback so you can hear more about the playwrights and their work, and thank you for supporting the arts!

~ Rachel Jantzi, director

### “CHECK” by Cassie Balzer\*

Cara “Chameleon” Gatway . Meg Beyer  
John “Pepto” Bismark ..... Jose Gloria\*  
Marty Gatway ..... Sam Setiawan

Alan “Bail” Hayes ..... Jamie Krehbiel  
Cole “Bull” Shickley ..... Josh Fleming

### “TRAPPED” by Sam Setiawan

Ralf ..... Ken Rodgers\*\*  
Nathan ..... Charlie Miller  
Lucy ..... Desirae Rodriguez

### “BUTTER WOMAN” by Patricia Middleton

Caroline Shawk Brooks ..... Michele Hershberger\*\*  
Dave ..... Josh Fleming

### “THE MENNO SIMONS HOUSE FOR WAYWARD CHRISTIANS” by Matt Lehman Wiens\*

George ..... Johann Reimer\*  
The Concierge ..... Hadassa Friesen

### “A FINE DAY FOR A FELONY: BASED ON TRUE EVENTS” by Caitlin Waits\*

JoJo ..... Desirae Rodriguez      Andy ..... Joy Jones  
Officer Tate ..... Ashleigh Williams      Officer Wilson ..... Jose Gloria\*

## INTERMISSION - 10 MINUTES

### “BAD EPISODE” by Skye Colaw

Brooke ..... Meg Beyer      Cora ..... Rylee Weishaupt  
Johnny ..... Charlie Miller      Frank ..... Sam Setiawan

### “TOOTER-BUG” by Travis Duerksen\*

Emma ..... Joy Jones  
Andrew ..... Mitch Stutzman\*  
Erin ..... Caroline Miller

### “WRITER’S BLOCK” by Mitchell Stutzman\*

Alex ..... Josh Fleming      Narrator ..... Johann Reimer\*  
N2 ..... Ashleigh Williams      N3 ..... Desirae Rodriguez  
N4 ..... Jamie Krehbiel

### “DEATH BY A THOUSAND PAPER CUTS” by Michele Hershberger\*+

#1 ..... Rylee Weishaupt  
#2 ..... Hadassa Friesen  
#3 ..... Caroline Miller

### Production Team

Director ..... Rachel Jantzi  
Guest Tech Director/Light Design ..... Alexis Driscoll\*  
Scenic Work ..... cast  
Stall Construction ..... Howard Keim\*  
Painting..... Alexis Driscoll, Hadassa Friesen, Tana Hayworth,  
Rachel Jantzi, Desirae Rodriguez, Sam Setiawan  
Sound Design ..... Alexis Driscoll, Rachel Jantzi  
Slide Design ..... Josh Cross  
Props Design ..... Rachel Jantzi  
Sound Operator ..... Tana Hayworth  
Audio/Visual Director ..... Russell Adrian  
Costumes ..... Rachel Jantzi, cast  
Running Crew ..... cast  
Front of House ..... Angelina Garcia-Blex

\*Denotes faculty and staff

+Denotes alum

### Special thanks to...

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## HESSTON COLLEGE UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

**May 11, 1 p.m. – Theatre Showcase,** Black Box Theater

**May 11, 1:45 p.m. – Student-Directed One-Act Play,** Black Box Theater

**June 16 to 22 – Summer Theatre Camp,** Hesston College

**June 22, 2 p.m. – “Mean Girls the Musical,”** Hesston Mennonite Church

*Hesston College Theatre Guild* is a community-led group supporting the Theatre Department with their time and ideas as well as finances. Current activities are mainly connected to the shows and have included refreshments after “A Christmas Carol,” the celebrity dinner with “Little Shop of Horrors” and an early bird reception for our patrons connected to the spring and fall mainstage shows. Members assist with promotion and occasional errands to support the work of faculty and theatre scholars and also initiated the Theatre Patron Program.

The theatre guild is new and welcomes suggestions and additional members to the guild and the patron program. Please contact any current guild member with your questions or interest.

Hesston College Theatre Guild Members:

Ashley Bridgeman · Rachel Jantzi · Howard Keim · Mitch Stutzman  
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