



THE USC SCHOOL OF THEATRE
presents

BE **AGGRESSIVE**

BY ANNIE WEISMAN
DIRECTED BY
JON LAWRENCE RIVERA

OCTOBER 14 - 17, 2010
SCENE DOCK THEATRE

FALL 2010 SCHEDULE

RABBIT HOLE

By David Lindsay-Abaire
Directed by Robert Bailey
Sept. 30 – Oct. 3 / Scene Dock Theatre

DRACULA

By Mac Wellman
Directed by Paul Backer
Sept. 30 – Oct. 3 / McClintock Theatre

VENUS

By Suzan-Lori Parks
Directed by Anita Dashiell-Sparks
Oct. 7 – 10 / Bing Theatre

BE AGGRESSIVE

By Annie Weisman
Directed by Jon Lawrence Rivera
Oct. 14 – 17 / Scene Dock Theatre

IS HE DEAD?

By Mark Twain
Adapted by David Ives
Directed by Michael Keenan
Oct. 21 – 24 / McClintock Theatre

THE COLORED MUSEUM

By George C. Wolfe
Directed by Gregg T. Daniel
Oct. 28 – 31 / Scene Dock Theatre

TOO CLEVER BY HALF

By Alexander Ostrovsky
Directed by Brian Parsons
Nov. 4 – 7 / Bing Theatre

CABARET

Music by John Kander
Lyrics by Fred Ebb
Book by Joe Masteroff
Directed by L. Zane
Nov. 18 – 21 / Scene Dock Theatre

Fall Dance Concert:
**AROUND THE WORLD
IN 80 MINUTES***
Directed by Rafael Garcia
Dec. 2 & 3 / Bing Theatre



Ticket Information

SHOWTIMES

(except where noted otherwise)
Thursday & Friday at 7pm • Saturday at 2:30 & 8pm • Sunday at 2:30pm
*Thursday & Friday at 7pm

TICKET PRICES

General Admission \$10 • Seniors or USC Faculty/Staff with ID \$8 • USC Students with ID \$5



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Alessandra Bonetti • Cece Bratton • Lindsey Caldwell

Megan Combes • Carolyn DeBlois • Jessica Frey

Sydney Guillaume • Michael Martin • Melanie Newby

Mary Overbey • Chelsea Lynn Pfeiffer • Elizabeth Pye

Jennifer Nicole Rendel • Leanna Spear • Natalie Turpin

SCENIC DESIGN
Don Llewellyn

COSTUME DESIGN
Manuel Prieto

LIGHTING & PROJECTION DESIGN
Sibyl Wickersheimer

SOUND DESIGN
Emma Bramble

STAGE MANAGER
Jasmine-Joy Cason

DIRECTED BY
Jon Lawrence Rivera

October 14 – 17, 2010

Scene Dock Theatre

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

**The USC School of Theatre dedicates this production to the late
Suzanne Grossmann Scales (1937 – 2010), wife of former Dean Robert Scales.**

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(In Order of Appearance)

Laura	Natalie Turpin
Hannah	Cece Bratton
Phil	Michael Martin
Leslie.....	Alessandra Bonetti
Judy	Carolyn DeBlois
Cheer Chorus	Lindsey Caldwell Megan Combes Jessica Frey Sydney Guillaume Melanie Newby Mary Overbey Chelsea Lynn Pfeiffer Elizabeth Pye Jennifer Nicole Rendel Leanna Spear

TIME

The present.

PLACE

Vista Del Sol, a community by the sea in
Southern California, and on the road.

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission.

WARNING

Please be advised that this production contains mature language.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Vocal Coach	Kathleen Dunn-Muzingo
Movement Coach.....	Stephanie Shroyer
Scenic Artist.....	Sally Hewlett
Assistant Stage Manager	Kathryn Meister
Assistant Costume Design.....	Victoria Tam
Assistant Lighting Design	Sara Nishida
Properties Assistant.....	Kelly Ridder
Crew	Corey Frank Emma Greenwood Trevor Kindel Sarah Powell Danielle Price Emma Wainwright

DIRECTOR'S BIO

Jon Lawrence Rivera most recently directed and conceived *Road to Saigon* at East West Players, *Jacques Brel...* at the Colony Theatre and Luis Alfaro's *Oedipus El Rey* at the Theatre @ Boston Court. A four-time Ovation Award nominee, he is the founding artistic director of Playwrights' Arena where his productions have garnered over 100 local and international awards.

PLAYWRIGHT'S BIO

Plays include: *Surf Report* (La Jolla Playhouse), *Hold Please* (South Coast Rep, Globe Theaters, New York's Working Theatre, others), *Be Aggressive* (La Jolla Playhouse, Dallas Theatre Center, Chicago's Rivenden Theatre, Theatreworks, others; Finalist for the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize). Musicals include: *The Essential Alice* with composer Michael Friedman (La Jolla Playhouse commission), *Times Square* with composers Jill Sobule and Robin Eaton (NYSF/Public Theater commission). Workshops and developmental readings include: Mark Taper Forum, Manhattan Theatre Club, Geva Theater, Trinity Repertory and Actor's Theatre of Louisville. Publications include: Smith and Kraus' *Best Plays of 2001*, Vintage's *Under 30: Plays for a New Generation* and Dramatists Play Service. Grants/Residencies: NEA/TCG grant, Sundance Institute, Ojai Playwrights Festival. TV includes: *Desperate Housewives*, *Dead Like Me*, *Inconceivable*, *Heartland*, *The Cleaner*, *Samatha Who?* and *Eastwick*. Writers Guild and Dramatists Guild member. Graduate of Williams College.

SPECIAL THANKS

Lili Fuller, Annie Jankowski, Jackie Reed.

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L. Zane

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Jacqueline Pavlich, Leah Piehl, Debra Piver, Valerie Rachelle, Jon Lawrence Rivera, John Rubinstein, Mady Schutzman, Doug Tompos, Matt Walker, Julie Welch, Kenji Yamaguchi

Courtesy Joint Appointments: Thomas G. Cummings, Larry E. Greiner (Emeritus), Bruce Smith

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