

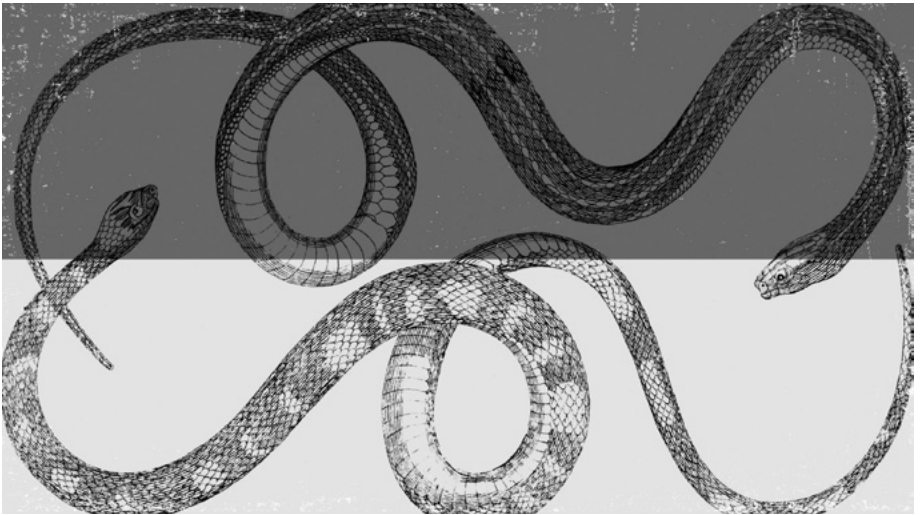
# Holy Ghosts

By Romulus Linney

Directed by Jay Lee

McClintock Theatre

February 28–March 3, 2019



USC School  
of Dramatic Arts

USC School of Dramatic Arts

presents

# Holy Ghosts

By **Romulus Linney**

With

**Miguel Angel Garcia** **Olivia Gill** **Matt Gomez Hidaka**  
**Ben Hirschhorn** **Eden Lederer** **Kaitlin Maxwell**  
**Matt Mitchell** **Nick Petroccione** **Alexander Pires**  
**Matt Roussel** **Chelsea Sik** **Mariah Tzoumbas**  
**Sophia Gayle Werthmann** **Justin White** **Matt Wunsch**

Scenic Design

**Edina Hiser**

Costume Design

**Qixing Tong**

Lighting Design

**M. Milner Sommers**

Sound Design

**Kiegan Lee**

Stage Manager

**Seira Murakami**

Directed by **Jay Lee**

---

**McClintock Theatre**

**February 28–March 3, 2019**

*Holy Ghosts* is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists' Play Service, Inc., New York.

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

**Nancy Shedman**

Eden Lederer

**Mrs. Wall**

Kaitlin Maxwell

**Coleman Shedman**

Miguel Angel Garcia

**Muriel Boggs**

Chelsea Sik

**Rogers Canfield**

Matt Wunsch

**Billy Boggs**

Alexander Pires

**Obediah Buckhorn, Jr**

Matt Gomez Hidaka

**Reverend Buckhorn, Sr.**

Justin White

**Virgil Tides**

Olivia Gill

**Carl Specter**

Ben Hirschhorn

**Orin Hart**

Matthew Roussel

**Bonnie Bridge**

Mariah Tzoumbas

**Howard Rudd**

Matt Mitchell

**Cancer Man**

Nick Petroccione

**Lorena Cosburg**

Sophia Gayle Werthmann

---

Time: **1974: an evening in the early summer**

Place: **A one-room building in the rural south**

There will be one 10-minute intermission.

## PRODUCTION STAFF

Technical Director **Tyler Maegawa-Goeser** | Dialect Coach **Kathy Dunn-Muzingo**

Movement Consultant **Stephanie Shroyer** | Fight Choreography **Edgar Landa**

Assistant Stage Manager **Karlie Teruya** | Assistant Stage Manager **Amanda Huang**

Assistant Scenic Designer **Jesus Hurtado** | Assistant Lighting Designer **Irene Li**

Assistant Technical Director **Lily Lundine** | Crew **Molly Brown, Trip George III,**

**Christian Lopez, Brett Morachnick, Hayden Roberts, Olivia Sigel,**

**Cole Slater, Alexis Turner**

**WARNING** Please be advised that this production contains mature language and themes, violence.

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

“...it’s a matter of trying to understand very deep feelings of people who are themselves at the bottom of American life. You can’t get much further down, as far as rural America is concerned, than a lot of these folks. And yet they feel, through the extreme cathartic experience that they go through in these services, they feel recognized by some great power...It has nothing to do with symbolism. The snake is not evil. They feel that they have been recognized and given a power. Water will go downhill, the sun comes up in the morning, if you hold a snake it’ll bite you—but it won’t.”

—Romulus Linney

It’s a matter of trying to understand.

—Jay Lee

---

## DIRECTOR'S BIO

**Jay Lee** is an LA based actor, director, and teacher. A 2015 School of Dramatic Arts alum, he’s worked with various theater companies around Los Angeles, as well as in TV and film. He has also taught acting for the USC Summer Institute for International Students and served as an assistant instructor for numerous SDA courses. Recent theater projects include: *Three Days in the Country* (Antaeus), *Henry IV part 1* (Show Me State), *Happy End* (USC), *Great Expectations* (USC), *The Madwoman of Chaillot* (A Noise Within), *The Tempest* (Shakespeare OC), *The Kentucky Cycle* (USC), *Vieux Carre* (Coeurage), *This is Our Youth* (independent production). Other credits: *American Vandal* (Netflix), *Angie Tribeca* (TBS), *Colony* (USA Network), *Bully* (Lazy Racer Productions), *GiggleBreak* (sketch comedy channel), CBS Diversity Showcase.

---

## SPECIAL THANKS

Christine Morris, Dialect Consultant, University of North Carolina Greensboro; Justin White and his interviews of family and friends; Kyle Frederickson; Michael Keenan; Reverend Dr. Sunny Kang

---

**DEAN**  
**BRAVERMAN FAMILY DEAN'S CHAIR**  
David Bridel

**ASSOCIATE DEANS**  
Professor Sharon Marie Carnicke (*Director of BA Programs*)  
Associate Professor of Theatre Practice Anita Dashiell-Sparks  
Associate Professor Oliver Mayer  
Associate Professor of Theatre Practice Stephanie Shroyer (*Director of BFA Programs, Artistic Director*)

**DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS**  
Velina Hasu Houston (*Director of MFA Dramatic Writing, Head of Undergraduate Playwriting, Resident Playwright*)

**PROFESSORS**  
Meiling Cheng

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS**  
Luis Alfaro  
Takeshi Kata  
Sibyl Wickersheimer (*Head of Design*)

**ASSISTANT PROFESSORS**  
Alexandra Billings  
Carla Della Gatta  
Elizabeth Harper

**PROFESSORS OF THEATRE PRACTICE**  
Andrei Belgrader  
Kate Burton (*Master Artist*)  
Kenneth Noel Mitchell (*Head of Musical Theatre*)  
Natsuko Ohama

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS OF THEATRE PRACTICE**  
Philip G. Allen (*Head of Sound Design*)  
Brent Blair (*Head of Theatre & Social Change*)  
Paula Cizmar  
Elsbeth M. Collins (*Head of Production*)  
John DeMita (*Head of Visual and Performing Arts Studies*)  
Kathleen Dunn-Muzingo  
Scott Faris (*Head of Stage Management, Alice M. Pollitt Professor in Stage Management*)  
Melinda C. Finberg  
Laura Flanagan (*Head of Undergraduate Voice*)  
Christina Haatainen-Jones  
Joseph Hacker  
Duncan Mahoney (*Head of Technical Direction, Technical Director*)  
Mary Joan Negro (*Head of Undergraduate Acting*)  
Louise Peacock (*Head of Critical Studies, Head of Comedy*)  
David Warshofsky (*Director of MFA Acting*)

**ASSISTANT PROFESSORS OF THEATRE PRACTICE**  
Lauren Murphy Yeoman  
Christopher Shaw  
Zachary Steel

**ADJUNCT LECTURERS**  
Emily Alpren, Boni Alvarez, Robert Bailey, Kay Bess, VP Boyle, Tom Buderwitz, Anne Burk, Frank Catalano, Andi Chapman, Guillermo Cienfuegos, Tiffany Cole, Caitlyn Conlin, Tim Dang, Gregg T. Daniel, Nancy Cheryll Davis, Debra De Liso, Gary Domasin, Kirstin Eggers, Christine Estabrook, Anna Faris, Dan Fishbach, Jeff Flowers, Parmer Fuller, Terry Gordon, Rena Heinrich, Murry Hepner, Paul Hungerford, Lisa James, R. Steven Johnson, Michael Keenan, Edgar Landa, Michael Laskin, Jack Lovick, Babette Markus, Marya Mazor, Kevin McCorkle, Patrick Murphy, Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine, Jeremiah O’Brian, Brett Ryback, Sim Sarna, Dan Shaner, Judith Shelton, Armin Shimerman, Nathan Singh, Ashley Steed, Rodney To, Paul Urcioli, Julie Welch  
**Courtesy Joint Appointments:** Thomas G. Cummings, Larry E. Greiner (Emeritus), Bruce Smith  
**Emeriti Faculty:** Don Llewellyn, Eve Roberts, Andy Robinson, Robert R. Scales, Eric Trules, James Wilson

## BOARD OF COUNCILORS

Michele Dedeaux Engemann  
*Founding Chair*

Steve Braverman  
*Chair*

Patrick J. Adams  
Chris Andrews  
Lisa Barkett

Lorrie Bartlett

Todd Black

Dean David Bridel

Denise Chamian

Michael Chiklis

Michael Felix

Brad Fuller

Lori Furie

Joshua B. Grode

Donna Isaacson

Gary Lask

Stacy Lederer

Alexander LoCasale

Michael Meyers

Dr. Steven Nagelberg

Byron Pollitt

Rik Reppe

Linda Bernstein Rubin

Rik Toulon

Blair Underwood

Noelle L. Wolf

Warren Zavala

## ALUMNI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Alexander LoCasale  
*Chair*

Adam Blumenthal

Kate Cannova

John Coffey

David Fickas

Jaclyn Kalkhurst

Devin Kelley

Sean Lask

Henry Martone

Tomm Polos

Pranav Shah

Adrienne Visnic

## PARENT AMBASSADORS

Suzanne Bruce, MD

& Malcolm Waddell

Elizabeth & Thomas Dammeyer

Scott & Deborah DeVries

Kathryn & John Gilbertson

Anne Helgen & Michael Gilligan

Perry & Hilary Hoffmeister

Mike & Stacy Lederer

Ernest & Raphael Morgan

## STAFF

### DEANS' OFFICE

*Vice Dean* Lori Ray Shirer

*Information Technology Director* Prakash Shirke

*Director of Internships & Special Programs* Meghan Laughlin

*Executive Assistant to the Dean* Hugo Alvarado

*Administrative Assistant* Chevaughan Dyer

### ADMISSIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

*Assistant Dean* Sergio Ramirez

*Assistant Director of Academic Advisement* Daniel Leyva

*Academic Advisor* Priscilla Rubio

*Assistant Director of Admissions* Ramón Valdez

*Scheduling Coordinator* Brian Bowen

*Office Manager* Mabel Lopez

### BUSINESS AFFAIRS

*Assistant Dean* Virginia Ross

*Business Administrator & HR/Payroll Coordinator* Crystal Balthrop

*Budget/Business Analyst* Xinmin Chen

### COMMUNICATIONS

*Assistant Dean* Delphine Vasko

*Director of Print and Digital Media* Stacey Wang Rizzo

*Graphic Designer* Christopher Komuro

### DEVELOPMENT

*Assistant Dean* Sara Fousekis

*Associate Director of Development* Kimberly Muhlbach

*Director of Annual Giving & Alumni Relations* Alfred Magallanes

*Director of Special Events* Marissa Gonzalez

*Development Assistants* Kathy Morgan, Rebecca Mellinger

*Development Research Assistant* Alyson Bourne

### PRODUCTION

*Assistant Technical Directors* Michael Etzrodt, Michael Wiskow

*Theatre Manager* CB Borger

*Asst. Theatre Managers* Christopher Paci, Joe Shea

*Costume Shop Manager* Howard Schmitt

*Costume Technicians* Carissa Dickerson, Charlotte Stratton

*Scenic Charge Artist* Bessie M. Lebeda

*Properties Manager* Hannah Burnham

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Located in Los Angeles, a city synonymous with artistic innovation and excellence, the top-ranked **USC School of Dramatic Arts** is a leader in dramatic arts education. The School uniquely blends artistic training in a conservatory environment with world-class faculty artists and the full academic experience found only within a major research university. This close-knit, supportive environment offers students the freedom to explore their artistic passions. Through programs of the highest caliber, as well as initiatives that provide access to professional experience, students are prepared for leadership in every facet of dramatic arts. For more information, please visit [dramaticarts.usc.edu](http://dramaticarts.usc.edu).

## SUPPORTERS OF DRAMATIC ARTS

The USC School of Dramatic Arts would like to recognize the generosity of the following individuals and organizations who have supported the School over the past year towards core programs such as production, professional development, scholarship and the Dean's Strategic Fund. We recognize at the visionary level those donors whose tremendous generosity has reached the cumulative giving level of \$1 million+. Their extraordinary commitment has built the foundation for our continued ascent and future achievements.

### VISIONARY CIRCLE

Anonymous\*

Dr. & Mrs. Peter Bing and the

Anna H. Bing Living Trust

Lauren & Mark Booth\*

Steve Braverman\*

George N. Burns Trust

Stephen A. Ellis & Karen Ellis\*

Katherine B. Loker

Martin Massman Trust

Robert & Elizabeth Plumleigh

—*In Memory of*

*Karen Plumleigh Cortney\**

Alice, Teresa & Byron Pollitt

### DEAN'S CIRCLE

The Ahmanson Foundation

Rama Backer\*

George & Dyan Getz\*

Michael P. Huseby Family\*

Brian & Dianne Morton\*

Steve & Jerri Nagelberg\*

### PATRONS OF TRIBUTE

Lionel F. Conacher & Joan T. Dea\*

Michael & Debbie Felix\*

Peter M. Jarowey II

& Constance M. Jarowey\*

Seth & Vicki Kogan\*

Edit & Edward Komberg\*

Joshua & Siobhan Korman

Philanthropic Fund\*

The Lederer Family\*

Linda Bernstein Rubin & Tony Rubin\*

Erika Helmuth Saunders

& Brian Saunders

—*In Memory of Evan Helmuth*

James & Leslie Visnic\*

Albert & Bessie Warner Fund

### SEASON SPONSORS

Anonymous

Christine & Gabriel Dassa\*

Scott & Deborah DeVries\*

Kristin & Warren Geller\*

Kathryn & John Gilbertson

Perry C. Hoffmeister

& Hilary C. Hoffmeister\*

The Kalkhurst Family\*

LoCasale Consulting, Inc.\*

Pamela & Mark Litvack\*

Michael & Melissa Meyers\*

### SEASON SPONSORS (continued)

Melissa Posen

& Lawrence Hirschhorn\*

Lauren & David Rush\*

Marc Winnikoff

### EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS

Anonymous

The H.N. and Frances C. Berger

Foundation

Adam Blumenthal\*

John D. and Leslie Henner Burns

Family Foundation\*

The JIB Fund

Alexander & Megan LoCasale\*

Doug & Elissa Mellinger

Regina K. Eremia Trust

Adrienne Visnic\*

### PRODUCERS

Anonymous

Joan Beber

Todd S. Black & Ruth Graham Black

Owsley & Victoire Brown

Roger & Michele Dedeaux Engemann

Sumner & Angela Erdman

Brad & Ally Fuller

Lori & Simon Furie

Jeff Kribs

Gary & Karen Lask

Sally & Howard Oxley

Rik Reppe & Shauna Torok

Robert R. Scales—*In Memory of*

*Suzanne Grossmann Scales*

Steven & Ellen Teplitz

George & Marla Thorogood

Dick & Noelle Wolf

### DIRECTORS

Chris & Jennifer Andrews

Anonymous

Randolph & Ellen Beatty

Denise Chamian

& Richard Horowitz

Michael & Michelle Chiklis

Alex Cohen

Erin Deruggiero

Donna Isaacson & Lewis Henkind

Todd & Victoria Johnson

Sarah & Joseph Montes

Christine Marie Ofiesh

Rik Toulon

Juliana Tyson & John Kissick

Richard & Diane Weinberg

Lucy Wrubel

### PATRONS

Patrick Adams

& Troian Bellisario

Craig & Sarah Antas

—*In Honor of Maura L. Antas*

The Emanuel Bachmann

Foundation —*In Memory of*

*Emanuel O. Bachmann*

Louise Firestone

& Joseph Pizzurro

Melvin & Doris Hughes

Patricia Heaton-Hunt

& David Hunt

The Kurt Weill Foundation

for Music

Holly & Andrew McCloskey

Cathy Moretti

Lon & Linda Snyder

Alice & Joe Torre

J.W. Woodruff

& Ethel I. Woodruff

Foundation

Drs. Kellie Yoon

& Stephen Treiman

Linda Yu

### ANGELS

Anonymous

Jonathan & Adrienne Anderle

Theodore V. Arevalo

Edward Barlow

Yvonne Bogdanovich

Elis Bridel

David Collins & Jimmie Greene

Freddie & Andrea Fenster

Laurie & William Garrett

David & Debra Jensen

Marguerite E. MacIntyre

Suzanne Elizabeth Durrell

& Ian Scott McIsaac

Ernest & Raphael Morgan

Dr. Willa Olsen

Mary Reveles Pallares

Tomm Polos

Madeline Puzo

Tim & Vicki Rutter

Pranav Shah

Rick & Jeanne Silverman

Abe & Annika Somer

Jeff & Cathie Thermond

Robert & Jane Toll

Ruth Tuomala

& Ernest Cravalho

\*Represents multi-year pledge



We hope you will consider becoming a member. For more information about giving to the School of Dramatic Arts, please contact Sara Fousekis at 213-821-4047 or [fousekis@usc.edu](mailto:fousekis@usc.edu).

# USC School of Dramatic Arts

## 2019 Spring Season of Plays

For more information about our shows, visit  
[dramaticarts.usc.edu](http://dramaticarts.usc.edu)

### MFA Acting YEAR 3 Repertory

SDT Feb 1-Mar 3, 2019

#### Children of the Sun

By Maxim Gorky

In a new version by Andrew Upton

Directed by Kate Burton

#### Gnit

By Will Eno

Directed by Andrei Belgrader

#### Swimmers

By Rachel Bonds

Directed by David Warshofsky

### The Two Gentlemen of Verona

By William Shakespeare

Directed by Drew Barr

BT Feb 21-24, 2019

### Holy Ghosts

By Romulus Linney

Directed by Jay Lee

MT Feb 28-Mar 3, 2019

### The Busybody

By Susanna Centlivre

Directed by Louise Peacock

SDT Mar 28-31, 2019

### Sunday in the Park with George

Music and Lyrics

by Stephen Sondheim

Book by James Lapine

Directed by Kelly Ward

BT Mar 28-Apr 7, 2019

### Rough Magic

By Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa

Directed by John DeMita

SDT Apr 18-21, 2019

### Queen Margaret

By William Shakespeare

Edited by J. Steven White

Directed by Kathleen Dunn-Muzingo

MT Apr 18-21, 2019

### New Works Festivals

YEAR 1

#### New Play Readings

Presented in association

with Playwrights' Arena

April 2019

YEAR 2

#### Playwrights Workshop

Presented in association

with Latino Theatre Company

MASSMAN THEATRE Apr 5-14, 2019

YEAR 3

#### Play Project

Presented in association with

The Pasadena Playhouse

May 17 & 18, 2019

KEY:

SDT = Scene Dock Theatre

BT = Bing Theatre

MT = McClintock Theatre



#USCSDA

TICKET PRICES **Plays:** Gen \$15, USC Students/Faculty/Staff with ID \$8, **Musicals:** Gen \$20, USC Students/Faculty/Staff with ID \$10  
PERFORMANCES Thurs & Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 2:30 & 8 p.m. and Sun at 2:30 p.m. (Except where noted)

## Fight On!

Help us increase our scholarship outreach, career programming, and social change initiatives. Your gift, no matter the size, has a tremendous impact on the students at the USC School of Dramatic Arts.

**Your generosity will set the stage for our future accomplishments!**

Text-to-give today!

USC School of Dramatic Arts