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ABOUT STETHOSCOPE STAGE

Stethoscopes are instruments used to closely and carefully listen to the heart, and that is exactly what transpires at Stethoscope Stage. The ultimate heart to heart, this one-of-a-kind national play festival was founded by Ayvaunn Penn in the summer of 2021. It is born out of the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic and inspired by the recent advent of narrative medicine. We are dedicated to facilitating open and honest conversations between patients and medical care providers – both seeking truth, to be heard, and understood. Brought to life through the transformative power of live theatre, the voices of those navigating illness are amplified while the challenges and gratifications of serving in the medical field are illuminated. Hereby, Stethoscope Stage builds the essential bridge of empathy between patients and medical professionals that leads to enriched health care experiences.

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MeKayla Cook

Addie Elmer

Olivia Hadad

Aiden Headlee

Mikey Mills

Jalen Morgan

Anthony Reynolds

Cheyenne Tharp

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MONOLOGUES AND SHORT PLAYS

NOT ANOTHER ONE BY SARAH CHEEMA

Sarah Cheema is a third-year medical student at TCU School of Medicine. Born and raised near Washington D.C. and currently living in Fort Worth, Texas. Attended college in Pennsylvania and received a B.S. in Psychology. Enjoys dancing, skateboarding, and writing poetry.

Speaker 1	Jalen Morgan
Speaker 2	MeKayla Cook
Speaker 3	Aiden Headlee
Speaker 4	Olivia Hadad
Speaker 5	Quint Adamo
Chorus	Full Cast

FIELD OF SCREAMS BY PHIL DARG

Phil Darg is the author/composer of many plays and musicals including: *Sasquatched! The Musical* (NYMF 2013 Next Link); *The Pound: A Musical for the Dogs* (2017 Theatre Now New York Sound Bites); *The ABC's of LGBT at the Rainbow Valley B 'n' B* (winner, 2020 Robert J. Pickering Award for Playwriting Excellence; semi-finalist, International Thomas Wolfe Playwriting Competition); *Evolution* (winner, 2018 William Faulkner Literary Competition); *Hyard Ed* (finalist, B Street Theatre's 2019 New Comedies Festival; excerpt published in The Best Men's Monologues of 2019); *Thespis* (Lyndon Institute, VT) first place, Vermont Regional Drama Festival; third place finalist, 2020 Tennessee Williams One-Act Play Contest; *Hero* (Alternative Theater, New York); *Facility* (2017 William Inge); *'Til Death* (Darkhorse Dramatists, NY); *Critical* (Carrollwood Players); *The Quick Start Guide to Booting Your Man-Bot* (Old Library Theatre, Fair Lawn, NJ); *Habeas Non Corpus* (North Hennepin Community College); *Dido: Queen of Carthage* (staged reading, Playwrights' Center). www.PhilDarg.com.

Jennifer	Quint Adamo
Melissa	Emma Annan-Noonoo
Sheryl	Olivia Hadad
Stage Directions	Anthony Reynolds

VACCINES BY HANNA DOUGLAS

Choral	Full Cast
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MONOLOGUES AND SHORT PLAYS

TO BE THE EXCEPTION BY KYLA KACHMARIK

Kyla Kachmarik is a first-year student at Texas Christian University, originally from Chicago, Illinois. She is a business student pursuing a double major in marketing and business management within the Neeley School of Business. She enjoys her various leadership positions as well as taking creative classes within the arts and comparative race studies departments. Though she is a writer of poems and short stories, this is her first ever monologue that she has written.

Lead Speaker..... **Addie Elmer**
Stage Directions..... **MeKayla Cook**

GETTING THE BOOSTER BY MICHELE MARKARIAN

Michele Markarian is a playwright and short fiction writer. Her plays have been performed across the US and UK, and are published by Smith and Kraus, Heuer Publishing, Dramatic Publishing, Oxford University Press USA, and Applause Books. A collection of her work, *The Unborn Children of America and Other Family Procedures*, was published by Fomite Press. Her fiction has appeared in Bridge Eight, The Anonym, the Furious Gazelle, Daily Science Fiction, Coffin Bell Journal and in six anthologies by Wising Up Press. She has an M.A. from the University of Massachusetts.

Lead Speaker..... **Jalen Morgan**
Nurse **Aiden Headlee**
Carol **Addie Elmer**

MY DECISION BY WILLIAM NILES

William "Billy" Niles is a second-year student at Texas Christian University. They are originally from Mystic Connecticut, and they have lived there their whole life. Niles has three brothers, no sisters, and a chocolate lab named "Millie." They play for the TCU club lacrosse team, and they are a journalism major. Niles is interested in sports journalism and writing has always been their passion

Choral..... **Full Cast**

COVID-19 VACCINE BY CHAPIN PFEIFLE

Chapin Pfeifle is 18 years old and from a small town called Darien in Connecticut.

Speaker **Mekayla Cook**

MONOLOGUES AND SHORT PLAYS

BREAKING FREE BY NOAH TENNANT

Noah Tennant graduated a year early in high school and is a first-year student at Texas Christian University. They are one of six biological siblings and have three step siblings as well as three foster siblings. This plethora of siblings has played a major role in their perspective which in turn played a role in their writing this monologue.

Lead Speaker..... **Anthony Reynolds**
Stage Directions..... **Emma Annan-Noonoo**
Little Sister **Olivia Hadad**
Dad's Voice **Mikey Mills**

MY VACCINATION STORY BY JAZMINE VELASQUEZ

Jazmine Velasquez is a 23-year-old, first generation college student hailing from Arlington, Texas. Jazmine has spent the last five years in the active-duty air force as an F-22 Crew Chief. She is currently completing the sixth year of her enlistment in the Air Force reserves. She has traveled all over the United States and even overseas to Japan as she values learning about other cultures and languages. She currently speaks English, Spanish and is working on learning Arabic as well. She chose to attend Texas Christian University as they offer one of the top political science programs in the state of Texas. Jazmine aspires to become a human rights attorney and is striving to pursue a career at the United Nations. When Jazmine isn't at school or studying, she enjoys spending her free time designing and crocheting, playing with her 2-year-old Shiba Inu named Mochi, going for a run, or simply just spending time with her family.

Lead Speaker..... **Mikey Mills**
Flight Chief **Jalen Morgan**
Old Friend/Co-Worker **Quint Adamo**
Superior **Olivia Hadad**
Comrade **Emma Annan-Noonoo**
Chorus..... **Full Cast**

FOR MY GRANDMA BY JESSI WHITE

Jessica White was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. They are currently a first-year student at Texas Christianity University, studying early childhood education, and planning to become a teacher in the future.

Speaker **Cheyenne Tharp**

PANELISTS

DR. GLENDA DANIELS PHD, RN, CNS, CGRN is an Associate Professor in the Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Texas Christian University. Prior to joining the faculty at TCU, she served as the Director/Clinical Manager for Metroplex Gastroenterology Associates/ Metroplex Ambulatory Surgical Center, Grand Prairie, Texas (Dr. James P Hoser) for 20 years. She obtained her BSN from the University of Texas (Austin), MS from Texas Woman's University, and PhD from the University of Texas at Arlington. She is a Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates scholar. Her research has focused on health promotion and improving outcomes in the gastrointestinal/gastroenterology setting, increasing colorectal cancer screening, and advancing kidney disease knowledge. Her dissertation was a multi-site study focusing on improving care in the gastrointestinal setting titled: A National Study to Compare the Tolerability and Effectiveness of Colon Cleansing Preparations. She continues collaborations and research in best practices in these areas. She has been involved in community activities through organizations such as Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In 2017, she was named Outstanding Woman of the Year by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Arlington Branch.

DR. CLAUDIA PEREZ, MD, has a clinic practice in Neurocritical care at Harris Methodist in Downtown Fort Worth, and she has been there for the past four years. She is also an assistant professor at TCU School of Medicine. Dr. Perez has been the Neurology Clerkship Director there for the past three years. She enjoys her time there and creating a whole new curriculum not only for clinical sciences but also helping to create the basic science curriculum. Dr. Perez graduated from The University of Texas at Dallas with a Neuroscience Degree and attended medical school in Galveston at the University of Texas Medical Branch. She completed her neurology residency followed by a neurocritical care fellowship at UTSW in Dallas. Dr. Perez and her family moved to Fort Worth after that upon joining Harris. She has one daughter in college and has been married to her husband, Aaron Griffin, for 22 years. Her hobbies are running and ballroom dancing. She used to travel a lot with her family and hopes to get back to it once things improve. Dr. Perez and her family are foodies and love exploring new places and flavors.

DR. MOHANAKRISHNAN "MO" SATHYAMOORTHY, MD, FACC is a practicing cardiologist and the founding president of Consultants in Cardiovascular Medicine and Science in Fort Worth. This is a comprehensive cardiac practice that serves patients through comprehensive clinical care for all cardiac conditions and pursues high level research to aid in the benefit of patient care for those within his practice and beyond. He is Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine at the TCU School of Medicine, where he established the Sathyamoorthy Laboratory and currently mentors nine MD research candidate students. His program has made several novel discoveries within the past two years. In Fort Worth, Dr. Sathyamoorthy has maintained a very close relationship with the Baylor Scott and white health system where he has served as Chief of Staff at Baylor All Saints, and was the founding medical director of cardiology for the Baylor heart vascular hospital in Fort Worth. He has been a member of numerous boards within the community, and is committed to supporting the fine and performing arts. He and his wife have two children and are proud to make their home in Fort Worth.

PANELISTS

DR. MARY SUZANNE WHITWORTH, MD, graduated from Baylor University in Waco and attended medical school in Galveston at the University of Texas medical Branch. She received general pediatric training followed by an infectious diseases fellowship in Little Rock, Arkansas. She then moved to Fort Worth and began her career at Cook Children's. She has two grown children and has been married to her husband, Keith, for 23 years. They are both active in their Methodist Church in Cleburne where they live. Dr. Whitworth has had the privilege of working at Cook Children's for the last 25 years in the Infectious Diseases Department. She became the director in 2014.



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