

2017-2018 SEASON



THE UPMC CENTER
for ENGAGEMENT
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PRESENTS

A
NEW
PLAY
CREATED
& PERFORMED
BY DREAMS OF HOPE'S
theatriQ ensemble

THE ALLOY STUDIOS
5530 PENN AVE.
PITTSBURGH, PA 15206

MARCH 17 2 PM & 8 PM
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THEATRIQ

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the KST Alloy Studios, home of the Dreams of Hope *theatriQ* Youth Ensemble. We are delighted to have you with us to enjoy this season's main-stage production – *Hearts On Hold*. Thank you for being here, and for your support. We hope you enjoy the show!

Seth Rosenberg
Executive Director

FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Greetings,

Thank you for joining us for this year's production of *Hearts on Hold*, which has been envisioned and created by the young people of Dreams of Hope.

It is an honor to work with these talented youth who are committed to showing up in the world in bold and brilliant ways. I continue to learn from all of my interactions with them. We appreciate their hard work, gifts, skills, talents and commitment to the process! I'm excited to see how they continue to grow as artists and agents of change.

This would not have been possible without the other members of our teaching team, Ali Hoefnagel, Ginger Brooks Takahashi and Amalia Tonsor. I want to extend my sincere gratitude for their contributions and gracious energy and everything that they shared with our students.

Thank you for continuing to support Dreams of Hope. Indeed radical hope is what we need now more than ever!

Sincerely,

Bekezela Mguni
Educational Program Director

FROM OUR ARTISTIC PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Hello, and welcome to DOH's performance of *Hearts on Hold*! We are so happy to be sharing this space with you. The young folks in this ensemble have been working hard for months to bring you this play, one deeply rooted in queer history, culture, and change making.

This year, a tumultuous one for so many, it's especially important for us to gather and support our communities through the arts and art making. All of the elements you are here to witness were developed and executed by the young folks you see on stage; from the design of our backdrops, to the beautiful music, to the words of the play itself. I am so grateful to have been able to share space with and learn from these talented queer and trans artists. As someone new to Pittsburgh, it has been especially heartening to see how dedicated these young artists are to changing the city we live in for the better. At the risk of sounding cliché, these queer avengers truly are the future of radical queer work in Pittsburgh. You will be able to say you knew them when.

It's my pleasure to welcome you into the world *Hearts on Hold*. Squeeze someone you love. We are in this together.

In community,

Ali Hoefnagel

Artistic Programs Director

ABOUT THE SHOW

UPMC Center for Engagement and Inclusion presents

HEARTS ON HOLD

Created and performed by the theatriQ Ensemble

Hearts On Hold was developed in residence at
KST's Alloy Studios.

THEATRIQ YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Bex Weir	Janine Paulson	TJ Hurt
Breydon Prioleau	Michelle Yang	Gray Buchanan
Sam Richardson	Ollie Collins	Lily Hoskin
Hanna Pistorius	Patria Taylor	Matt Venturini
Ian Denshaw	Red Goblet	Winston Nunley
Jaqob Harris	Sherry Yang	

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Red Goblet and Jaqob Harris | Co-Music Directors

Breydon Prioleau | Co-Production Designer

TJ Hurt and Janine Paulson | Co-Directors

Hanna Pistorius and TJ Hurt | Co-Scriptwriters

CAST

Poppy Janine Paulson	Gust Jaqob Harris
Tiramisu Sam Richardson	Gale Patria Taylor
Buttercup TJ Hurt	Jules Matt Venturini
Marmalade Red Goblet	Sage Winston Nunley
Haze Breydon Prioleau	Aster Michelle Yang

TEACHING ARTISTS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Ali Hoefnagel and Bekezela Mguni | Co-Directors

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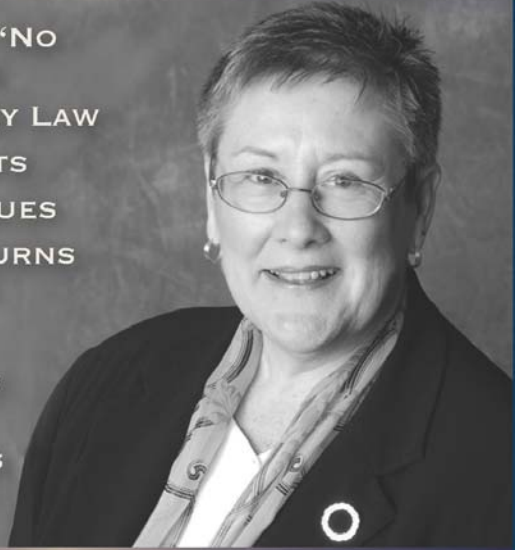


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