

New Works 2025 Casting Announcement

The 11th annual Drexel Page to Stage New Works Festival is casting for 5 world-premiere ten-minute plays. This is a collaboration between Drexel Theatre Program and Drexel Screenwriting and Playwriting Program.

Seeking: Actors of all genders, races, and physical abilities

When: Monday January 27th at 7:00 pm – sign up will begin at 6:45 pm and actors will be seen in the order of sign-up.

Where: The URBN Annex Black Box Theatre

What to prepare:

You can either prepare a short monologue (2 minutes or less) that you love to perform OR you can prepare the Contentless Scene with the scenario of your choice. The Contentless Scene material will be available online or at the audition starting at 6:45pm.

And please take some time before the audition to read the casting breakdowns and play synopses so you can be informed of each plays' content and needs.

Time Commitment:

Each play will have one fifty-minute rehearsal per week on Mondays starting in Week 5 between the hours of 7:00 pm and 19:00 pm.

Depending on your availability, interest, and needs of the project you may be cast in more than one play.

Tech for these plays will be Monday of Week 10 7:00 to 10:00 pm.

Dress Rehearsal will be Friday of Week 10 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm.

The presentations will be in the Black Box Theatre on Saturday of Week 10 at 7:00 pm with a call time of 6:30 pm.

Actors must be available for Rehearsals, Tech, and Performances.

BELOW ARE THE CHARACTER BREAKDOWNS FOR EACH SHOW.

Character Breakdowns

Shattered.

By Joy King

Synopsis: Invited to a party, college student Eileen ends up having an identity crisis and locks herself away in the bathroom. While doing so, she runs into her reflection, Neelie, whose main goal is to tear Eileen's self-esteem down far more than ever before.

General Content Advisory: Mature language, self-esteem issues

Characters:

Eileen: *Any race/ethnicity (preferably a P.O.C.). Character identifies as female. Ages 18-22. Timid, insecure, anxious, an erratic overthinker. She's a college student in the middle of having an identity crisis. She's pretending to be someone she's not, hoping to fit in and feel better about herself.*

Neelie: *Any race/ethnicity (preferably a P.O.C.) Character identifies as female. Doesn't have to resemble Eileen physically. Ages 18-22. Brash, fear mongering, brutal, realistic... She's Eileen's reflection, the devil on her shoulder. The darkness Eileen is trying so desperately to leave behind. She throws Eileen's deepest insecurities in her face and strives to ensure her confidence is no more.*

The Ghost of the Girls Bathroom

By Daniella Schneider

Synopsis: Four students stuck in detention attempt to kill time by making contact with the spirit that haunts the girls bathroom. After making contact, Pearl gets possessed. The group then has to perform an emergency exorcism to save Pearl and rid the girls bathroom of the ghost once and for all.

General Content Advisory: Witchcraft and possessions.

Characters:

Sascha: *Any race/ethnicity. Character identifies as female. Caught for burning sage in the girls bathroom, Sascha, is heavily into witchcraft. She claims to see beyond the living world, and is very loud, eccentric, and unapologetic for the way she acts. She never speaks with conjunctions, and holds space for dramatic effect every time she talks.*

Pearl: *Any race/ethnicity. Character identifies as female. In detention for being tardy to school one too many times. Other than that, Pearl is a model student. She gets straight A's, plenty of volunteer hours and is an overall innocent girl. The fact that she ended up in detention is a wonder... and yes, she gets possessed.*

Ben: *Any race/ethnicity. Character identifies as male. In detention for cheating on a test. Ben is not the sharpest tool in the shed. He cares deeply for football, where he plays kicker, and doesn't have much brain power for anything else. Which is probably why he is constantly falling asleep in classes.*

Nico: *Any race/ethnicity. Character identifies as male. In detention for skipping class. Nico doesn't smoke... but if anyone was a stoner it would be him. He's very sharp and witty with his words. Almost everything that comes out of his mouth is laced with sarcasm.*

Quartet

By Jack Thompson

Synopsis: A member of a barbershop quartet, all in their late 60's, wants to add rap verses to the group's Billy Joel covers.

Content advisory: Mention of drugs, misogyny.

Characters: *All actors must be able to sing.*

Gerald: Any Race. Male. Recently lost his son, tries to bond with him through music, inspiring him to try to bring rap to his barbershop quartet.

Content advisory: Raps about drugs and sex in a misogynistic way. The rest of the group is going to call this out immediately, as none of them, including Gerard, actually feel this way about drugs or women.

Harvey: Any Race. Male. Unofficial leader of the group. Hosts everyone in his garage for practice and beers, and it's his wife's minivan that the group carools to performances in.

Joe: Any Race. Male. The oldest of the guys, can't use his phone correctly or remember the words to the songs.

Robert: Any Race. Male. Cares the least about the barbershop quartet out of the group, mostly just likes hanging with the guys.

Saturn University

By Bryce Walsh

Synopsis: In 2520, an alien, cyborg, and half-human begin their freshman semester at Saturn University. There they are met with the guidance of their human peer mentor, while they plan for the semester and upcoming challenges. On their first night, they plan to attend a party that leads to disastrous consequences.

General Content Advisory: Occasional Foul Language and references of racial offense.

Characters:

Bayo Tilm: any race or ethnicity. Identifies as a male. Mid-20s. Bayo is a senior at Saturn U, majoring in intergalactic diplomacy. He is their student mentor who wants them to prepare for college. Despite his patience and understanding, he has trouble connecting the trio's individual problems.

Melvick Quinson: any race or ethnicity (though he is from another planet). Identifies as a male and is 19. Character Content Advisory: occasional foul language. Melvick is what some might call a slacker, he's unfocussed, lazy, and looks for shortcuts. He mostly wants to go to any parties to find on campus. He cares about others and shows responsibility when others are in trouble.

Tally Steller: any race or ethnicity. Identifies as a female and is 18. Tally has bionic implants that give her cybernetic abilities to prepare for any situation while fearing it. She's very anxious to start the school year and sees it only as a time for working. Will panic when others disrupt her.

Ryall Ackel: any race or ethnicity (preferred a mixed race). Identifies as a female and is 18. Character Content Advisory: occasional foul language and mentions of discrimination. Growing up on Earth as a half-alien led Ryall to be bullied and made fun of. She is angered by comments and deep down wants acceptance. Her main goal was to join a sorority but slowly came to terms with making friends with the other three.

Stella Asher: any race or ethnicity (preferred a mixed race). Identifies as a female and is 22. Character Content Advisory: occasional foul language and hazing. She is the vice president of the Quantum Nebulas, a mixed-race sorority, and is hosting a rush party that Melvick and Ryall get into. Part of her tradition is purposely putting pressure on them and mocking them as entertainment.

Something To Talk About

By Carter Blake

Synopsis: Kate and Bobby are co-hosts of a couple's podcast, where they talk about their lives and their relationship. However, it gets to the point where the podcast starts to eat away at Bobby, and he feels as though he cannot do it anymore. With the help of a friend, he tries to discover exactly what is happening to him, and is eventually forced to make a decision.

General Content Advisory: Adult language, Some borderline-homophobic and misogynistic remarks

Characters:

Bobby: *Any race/ethnicity. Character identifies as male. Character Content Advisory: Adult language.*

Mid 20s. A podcaster who is growing sick of both the podcast, and his girlfriend/co-host. A little moody at times, but means well overall.

Kate: *Any race/ethnicity. Character identifies as female. Character Content Advisory: Adult language.*

Mid 20s. A podcaster who is seemingly passionate about the podcast, but is growing sick of her boyfriend and his attitude towards it.

Tim: *Any race/ethnicity. Character identifies as male. Character Content Advisory: Adult language, some borderline-homophobic and misogynistic remarks.* Mid 20s. Bobby's friend. Says some choice words that may be offensive but is all in good faith; he is just trying to help Bobby.