



**JOHN PAUL  
THE GREAT**  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

**CLASS OF 2023**

# **ACTING PRACTICUMS**

**Thursday, August 24, 2023**

**Ritz Theater | 11:00am**



*“An Actor is a Fool for God”*—Gerardine Clark

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the acting practicums of the graduating class of 2023. The acting practicum is the culminating project from the acting curriculum, designed to showcase the student’s strength and growth throughout their time at JPCatholic. Students choose a final script and project which speaks to their own unique desire and voice within the acting world.

The working definition of “acting” within JPCatholic’s curriculum is, *“Doing truthfully, under imaginary circumstances.”* Throughout the classes here, students are encouraged to delve into their own humanity and, through that journey, breathe life into the character’s story. Hence, each performance is always a glimpse into the actor’s own unique person and their joys, sufferings, struggles, triumphs, and wants.

We have included a brief description of each of the projects you will see today, along with the names of the graduating students who were involved with them. Additional students and alumni involved are mentioned in the credits.

Thank you, again, for joining us!

Lee Eskey  
*Chair of Acting*

Katelyn Slater  
*Creative Director of Acting*



*Live Musical Performance*

# **BANDSTAND: THE NEW AMERICAN MUSICAL**

Shealeigh Rondholz

After returning home from WWII, a group of veterans find it impossible to adjust back to their old lives. Finding an escape through music, they form a band to enter a life-changing competition.

*Shealeigh performed this full musical as her practicum earlier this year, and today will be showcasing one song.*

Director:  
**Donovan Bakin**

Writers:  
**Mr. Richard Oberacker**  
**Mr. Robert Taylor**

Producer:  
**Bernadette Timson**

Lead Actors:  
**Matthew Rechen**  
**Shealeigh Rose**

Other Seniors Involved:  
**Daniel Morse**  
**Mary Truelson**

*Suggested Rating: G*  
*Run Time: approx. 4 mins*



*Short Film*

# THE BELLE AND THE BOXER

Daniel Morse

Sam Allen journeys through life with a dream of a bright future with his bride-to-be Margaret Collins. But life is rarely a dream; in fact, it is a test.

Life is asking Sam the question: "who will you choose to become?"

Director & Writer:  
**Josh Morse**

Producer:  
**Adam Buffini**

Lead Actors:  
**Daniel Morse**  
**Mary Dalessandro**  
**Paul Bonner**  
**Timothy Johnson**

Other Seniors Involved:  
**Bryce Frederick**  
**Grace Edwards**

*Suggested Rating: PG-13*

*Run Time: approx. 16 mins*



*Short Film*

## **RABBIT HOLE**

Bernadette Timson

Eight months after the accidental death of their five year old son, Howie and Becca try to find their way back to a normal life, which may be more difficult than either of them realized.

Director:  
**J.D. Martin**

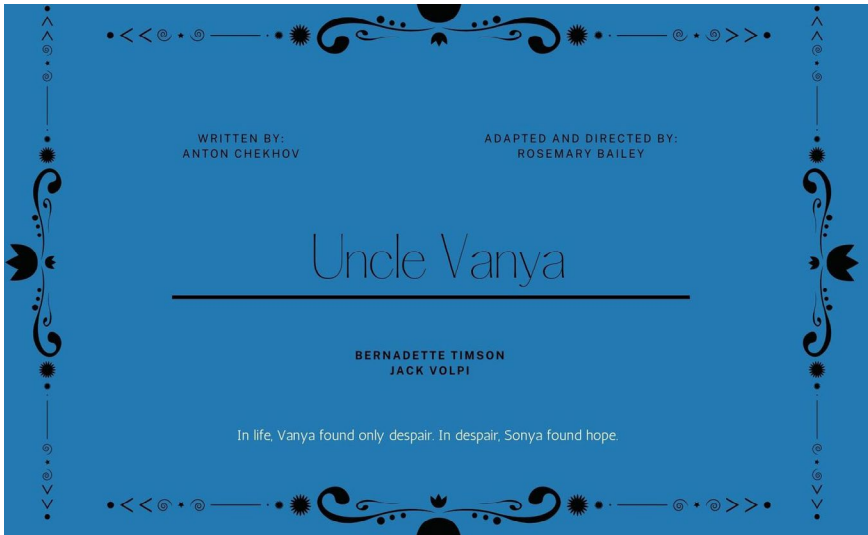
Writer:  
**David Lindsay- Abaire**

Producer:  
**Bernadette Timson**

Lead Actor:  
**Bernadette Timson**

Other Senior Involved:  
**Paulina Sandoval**  
**Tom McDonald**

*Suggested Rating: PG*  
*Run Time: approx. 9 mins*



*Scene*

# UNCLE VANYA

Bernadette Timson

After her uncle's thwarted attempt to commit suicide and having resigned himself to a life of despair, Sonya must console Uncle Vanya and offer him the only kind of hope that can free him from his misery and apathy.

Director:  
**Rosemary Bailey**

Writer:  
**Anton Chekhov**

Producer:  
**Bernadette Timson**

Lead Actor:  
**Bernadette Timson**

Other Seniors Involved:  
**Alan Hewitt**  
**Paulina Sandoval**  
**Tom McDonald**

*Suggested Rating: PG*  
*Run Time: approx. 5 mins*



*Music Videos*

## PLASTIC FLOWERS & LUNA (GI'S SONG)

Lily Blando

Two music videos featuring original songs by Lily Blando  
and featuring her acting and character work.

Directors:  
**Alan Hewitt**  
**Faustina Ortiz**

Writers:  
**Alan Hewitt**  
**Lily Blando**  
**Katelyn Slater**

Producers:  
**Josue Vasquez Rios**  
**Peter Gonzalez**  
**Robert Vance**

Lead Actors:  
**Lily Blando**  
**Mary Truelson**

Other Seniors Involved:  
**John Maynard**  
**Mark Westin**  
**Simon Michael**

*Suggested Rating: G*  
*Run Time: approx. 10 mins*





*Short Film*

# OUT OF CLAY

Paulina Sandoval

The process of life is about presence. There's no detaching, no stopping. It's all breathing, healing, it's slow. Sara must learn this in dealing with loss and the challenges of creating, starting with a piece of clay.

Directors:

**Anna Engel**  
**Maria Mendez**

Writers:

**Anna Engel**  
**Joe Donelson**

Producer:

**Bernadette Timson**

Lead Actors:

**Donovan Bakin**  
**Katelyn Slater**

Other Seniors Involved:

**Anahi Gonzalez**

*Suggested Rating: PG*

*Run Time: approx. 10 mins*



*Movie Scenes*

## THE NOTEBOOK & BABY DRIVER

Kyra McAlister

2 scenes from famous movies—not recreated, but inspired.

Directors:

**Katelyn Slater**  
**Peter Gonzalez**

Producers:

**Faustina Ortiz**  
**Luca Hoang**

Writers:

**Various**

Lead Actors:

**Kyra McAlister**  
**Paul Bonner**

*Suggested Rating: PG-13*

*Run Time: approx. 7 mins*





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