



JOHN PAUL  
THE GREAT  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

CLASS OF 2024

# ACTING PRACTICUMS

Friday, August 30, 2024

Ritz Theater | 4:00pm

*“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 2024. 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 live practicums that have already performed. We have listed the seniors involved in each project: please watch the credits for the full list of cast and crew involved.

Thank you, again, for joining us!

**Lee Eskey**

*Chair of Acting*

**Katelyn Slater**

*Creative Director of Acting*

*Performed May 07–08, 2024 | The Grand Ritz Theater*



*Stage Musical*

## **THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

**Anna Sofía De Orduña**

An emotionally powerful and intimate musical about two New Yorkers in their twenties who fall in and out of love over the course of five years, the show's unconventional structure consists of Cathy, the woman, telling her story backwards while Jamie, the man, tells his story chronologically; the two characters only meet once, at their wedding in the middle of the show.



Creative Producer, Director, Lead Actress:

**Anna Sofía De Orduña**

Other Seniors Involved:

**Adam Buffini**

**Angélica Hernández**

**Avila Dauvin**

**Bryson Armstrong**

**Christopher Smith**

**Grace Edwards**

**Joseph Donelson**

**Sebastian Morzen**

**Timothy Battle**



*Performed July 25–27, 2024 | Patio Playhouse*



*One-man Show*

## **AN ILIAD**

**Paul Bonner**

An Iliad is a modern-day retelling of Homer's epic. Poetry and humor, the ancient tale of the Trojan War, and the modern world collide in this captivating theatrical experience. The setting is simple: the empty theater. The time is now: the present moment. The lone figure onstage is a storyteller – possibly Homer, possibly one of the many bards who followed in his footsteps. He is fated to tell his story throughout history.

Directors:

**Paul Bonner**

**Katelyn Slater**

Creative:

**Ryan Hill**

Other Seniors Involved:

**Anna Sofía De Orduña**

**Bryson Armstrong**



*Performed August 09–10, 2024 | The Soundstage*



*Stage Musical*

# **[TITLE OF SHOW]**

**Nathaniel Jacob**

Created by Jeff Bower and Hunter Bell, [title of show] is a one-act musical that chronicles its own creation as an entry in the New York Musical Theatre Festival. It follows the struggles of the author and composer/lyricist and their two actress friends as they rush to create an original musical in the three weeks leading up to the festival.

Director, Vocal Director, Actor:

**Nathaniel Jacob**

Producer:

**Anna Sofía De Orduña**

Other Seniors Involved:

**Adam Buffini**

**Bryson Armstrong**





*Comedy Podcast*

# THE WACK SHOW

**Donovan Bakin**

An improvised comedy podcast. This episode features a pair of goblins discussing the politics of their home, Goblin Town, voiced by Timothy Battle and Nathan Jacob. Many other hilarious episodes will be available for listening this fall.

Director & Producer:

**Donovan Bakin**

Lead Actors:

**Adam Sherill**

**Jaden Doyle**

**Mary Dalessandro**

**Nathaniel Jacob**

**Patrick Schloss**

**Paul Bonner**

**Timothy Battle**



*Suggested Rating: PG*

*Run Time: approx. 10 mins*

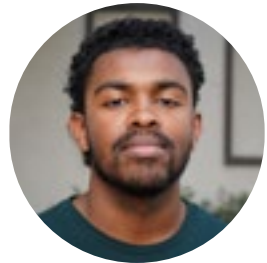


*Monologue*

## **IT'LL BE FINE**

**Timothy Battle**

A monologue from the biblical patriarch Abraham, struggling to come to terms with God's command to sacrifice his son.



Directors:

**Timothy Battle**  
**Joseph Donelson**

Writer:

**Timothy Battle**

Producer:

**Luca Hoang**

Lead Actor:

**Timothy Battle**

Other Seniors Involved:

**Adam Buffini**  
**Amanda Hardcastle**  
**Francis Ysmael**

*Suggested Rating: PG*

*Run Time: approx. 10 mins*



*Short Film*

## **SWITCHBACK TRAIL**

**Adam Buffini**

Two backpackers trek through the countryside, each new day revealing upsetting information about one's marriage to the other's sister, the reason they're in the woods, and the possible murderous intent behind it all.



Director:

**Catherine Koltuniuk**

Writer:

**Joseph Donelson**

Producers:

**Avila Davin**

**Sebastian Morzen**

Lead Actors:

**Adam Buffini**

**Timothy Battle**

Other Seniors Involved:

**Anna Sofía De Orduña**

**Bridget Baker**

**Bryson Armstrong**

**Christopher Smith**

**Ezekiel Huber**

**Francis Ysmael**

**Jaden Doyle**

*Suggested Rating: PG-13*

*Run Time: approx. 12 mins*



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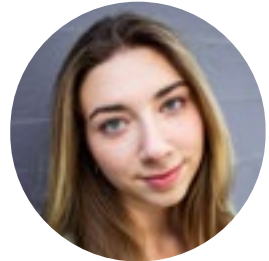
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*Short Film*

## LIV LAF LUV INC.

**Mary Dalessandro**

Olivia Holiday is the CEO of the life-style company, liv laf luv inc. When her business partner (her own father) is suddenly arrested, Olivia must pick up the pieces of her formerly perfect life.



Director:

**Amanda Hardcastle**

Writers:

**Joseph Donelson**

**Anna Engel**

Producers:

**Luca Hoang**

**Mary Dalessandro**

Lead Actress:

**Mary Dalessandro**

Other Seniors Involved:

**Adam Buffini**

**Anthony Koonce**

**Bridget Baker**

**Bryson Armstrong**

**Catherine Koltuniuk**

**Christopher Smith**

**Donovan Bakin**

**Francis Ysmael**

**Maria Fennell**

**Maria Mendez**

**Paul Bonner**

**Taya Bolotte**

*Suggested Rating: PG*

*Run Time: approx. 14 mins*

# My Guardian Dear



You have her back. Does she have yours?

*Scene from a short film*

## MY GUARDIAN DEAR

**Maria Mendez**

One summer night in 1943, an aircraft mechanic comes home to discover a Nazi spy has broken into her house with her younger sister alone inside. Now, she must risk everything to rescue her sister and ensure that they both make it out alive.



Director:

**Faustina Ortiz**

Producer:

**Catherine Koltuniuk**

Writers:

**Faustina Ortiz**

**Maria Mendez**

Lead Actress:

**Maria Mendez**

Other Seniors Involved:

**Adam Buffini**

**Anna Sofía De Orduña**

**Bridget Baker**

**Christopher Smith**

**Donovan Bakin**

**Francis Ysmael**

**Genevieve Rentmeester**

**Mary Dalessandro**

*Suggested Rating: PG*

*Run Time: approx. 4 mins*



*Movie Scenes*

# LA LA LAND

**Catherine Koltuniuk**

A study of select scenes from La La Land. As Mia struggles to pave her way as an aspiring actor, she meets Sebastian, an aspiring Jazz artist. They begin to recognize the fragility of their relationship and whether their love is worth the cost of their dreams.



Director:

**Andrew Koltuniuk**

Writer:

**Damien Chazelle**

Producers:

**Ava Ludwig**

Lead Actress:

**Catherine Koltuniuk**

**Josue Vasquez Rios**

Other Seniors Involved:

**Adam Buffini**

**Bryson Armstrong**

*Suggested Rating: PG-13*

*Run Time: approx. 12 mins*



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