



JOHN PAUL
THE GREAT
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

CLASS OF 2025

ACTING PRACTICUMS

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Ritz Theater | 7:00pm

“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 2025. 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
Professor of Acting

Performed July 11–12, 2025 | The Ritz Theatre



Stage Musical

NEWSIES

Matthew Rechen

Jack Kelly and a group of young newspaper sellers as they rally against powerful publishers to fight for fair treatment and better wages.



Director:

Donovan Bakin

Producer:

Grace Taylor

Lead Actors:

Grace Taylor

Matthew Rechen

Other Seniors Involved:

Connor Hankel

Christopher Parra

Therese Boucher

Tom Kilmer

Performed August 1–2, 2025 | The Soundstage

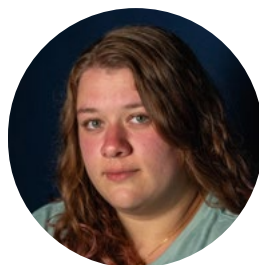


Stage Musical

SISTER ROBERT ANNE'S CABARET CLASS

Therese Boucher

Sister Robert Anne's Cabaret class is a one-woman show about a nun from Brooklyn teaching about how to put on a cabaret show.



Director:
Katelyn Slater

Producer:
Anna Sofia de Orduña

Writer:
Dan Goggins

Lead Actors:
Therese Boucher
Ron-Paul Tamayo

Other Seniors Involved:
Corrina Borjon
Robert Vance
Connor Hankel
Emma Schumaker
Sophia Ortiz

Performed May 8, 2025 | The Ritz Theater

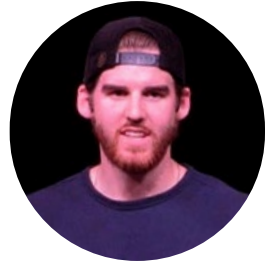


Stand-up Comedy

COMEDY NIGHT WITH TOM KILMER

Tom Kilmer

A night of comedy presented by Tom Kilmer
with special guest Timothy Battle.



Writer:

Tom Kilmer

Performers:

Timothy Battle
Tom Kilmer

Performed May 30, 2025 | The Soundstage



A Stage Reading

THE GLASS MENAGERIE

Christopher Parra & Sarah Carstens

In this memory play written by Tennessee Williams, Tom Wingfield recalls the time living with his sister Laura and his mother Amanda before he eventually snaps and leaves the family. This scene takes place early on in the play and highlights the dysfunctional relationship that they all share—in a more comedic light.

Director:

Katelyn Slater

Producers:

Christopher Parra

Katelyn Slater

Sarah Carstens

Writer:

Tennessee Williams

Lead Actors:

Christopher Parra

Dominic Bokulich

Marisol Juarez

Sarah Carstens





Short Film

MAGDALENE

Meghan Mullaney

A prostitute in love with the freedom of her lifestyle discovers the danger it brings.



Director:

Taya Bolotte

Writer:

Joe Donaldson

Producers:

Catherine Koltuniuk

Christian Watkins

Meghan Mullaney

Lead Actors:

Meghan Mullaney

Jesse Hartly

Other Seniors Involved:

Isabella Eagan

Connor Hankel

Faridy Barriga

Grace Taylor

Maisie Estrada

Therese Boucher

Rebecca Saladino

Suggested Rating: PG-13

Run Time: approx. 17 mins



Scenes from

STRICTLY BALLROOM

Maisie Estrada

Strictly Ballroom is a romantic comedy about a rebellious ballroom dancer who challenges the rigid rules of competitive dance to follow his own style and find love.



Director:
Sam Barton

Writer:
Baz Luhrman

Producer:
Skylar Mejia

Lead Actors:
Maisie Estrada
Adam Buffini

Suggested Rating: G
Run Time: approx. 7 mins



Scenes from

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA

Emma Schumaker

An intimidating editor in chief takes on an inexperienced apprentice molding her into a replica of herself.



Director:

Alan Hewitt

Producer:

Ariella Thrasher

Writer:

Aline Brosh McKenna

Lead Actors:

Emma Schumaker
Catherine Koltuniuk
Donovan Bakin
Leyna Pham
Lisa Ruiter

Other Seniors Involved:

Audree Shaughnessy
Carlos Erquiaga
David Kohler
Sophia Klein
Sophia Ortiz

Suggested Rating: PG

Run Time: approx. 10 mins



Scenes from

LADY BIRD

Sophia Ortiz

A recreation of selected scenes from Lady Bird, a coming-of-age dramedy that follows a fiercely independent teenager wanting to make her own way in the world, while living a complex relationship with her strong-willed, hard-working mother.



Director:

Antonio Garcia-Meyer

Producers:

Caleb Schantz

Luca Hoang

Rose Hynes

Writer:

Greta Gerwig

Lead Actor:

Sophia Ortiz

Other Seniors Involved:

Antonio Garcia-Meyer

Maria Hernandez

Skyler Mejia

Robert Vance

Taya Bolotte

Suggested Rating: PG-13

Run Time: approx. 9 mins



Short Film

MARK OF MORASAI

Connor Hankel

When a young man's mind is being eaten away by a soulless entity, he must dig deep to save what he loves from himself.



Director:
Andrew Koltuniuk

Producers:
Adam Buffini
Catherine Koltuniuk
Peter Gonzalez

Writer:
Catherine Koltuniuk

Lead Actors:
Connor Hankel
Mary Wenner
Matthew Rechen

Other Seniors Involved:
Isabella Eagan
Donnie Conklin
Taya Bollotte

Suggested Rating: PG-13
Run Time: approx. 25 mins



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