

# 2019/ 2020 2020 SEASON



# Join us for another exciting season in the theatre.

The U of U Department of Theatre is excited to open our season at the Marriott Center for Dance with Frank Wildhorn's **Dracula the Musical**, a thrilling drama of suspense and unrequited love that will bring the undead to life. Then, Wendy Franz from Colorado Shakespeare Festival joins us at the end of September to direct Shakespeare's **Macbeth**. November brings Mary Zimmerman's adaptation of Homer's **The Odyssey**, the classic tale of adventure, trials, and steadfast love.

In January we present Qui Nguyen's multi-dimensional tale of friendship, loss, and acceptance, **She Kills Monsters,** for a limited run January 16-19 in Kingsbury Hall. The following month we return to the Babcock Theatre for **Floyd Collins**, a haunting musical with folk-inspired music based on a true story that became a national newspaper sensation and one of the first major news stories to be reported using the new technology of broadcast radio. We close with Ranjit Bolt's dazzling and energetic translation of Molière's **Tartuffe**, a satire of religious hypocrisy.

We strive to maximize the access, interest, and impact of theatre for our diverse audiences. Our productions will ignite exciting dialogue through talkbacks, panel discussions, and other artist-interface opportunities.



**Harris Smith** *Chair* 

# THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

**2019/20 SEASON** 

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# DRACULA SEPTEMBER 13-22, 2019

**MARRIOTT CENTER FOR DANCE** 



Music by FRANK WILDHORN

Book and Lyrics by **DON BLACK** and **CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON**Conceived by **DES MCANUFF**, **FRANK WILDHORN**, and **CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON**Original Orchestrations by **KOEN SCHOOTS** 

Original Broadway Production by Dodger Theatricals and Joop Van Den Ende in association with Clear Channel Entertainment

Directed and Choreographed by DENNY BERRY

Dracula, the Musical is a thrilling drama of suspense and a Gothic romance of dreamlike temptation from the extraordinary team of Christopher Hampton, Don Black and Frank Wildhorn (Jekyll & Hyde, The Civil War).

Set in Europe at the end of the Victorian Age, the story follows the famed vampire as he lusts for new blood. Jonathan Harker and Mina Murray fall victim to Dracula's unnatural charm and, along with Doctor Van Helsing, must fight Dracula's supernatural powers.

Dracula will enthrall audiences with its powerful score that brings the undead to life in this haunting musical of unrequited love.



**Denny Berry**Director and
Choreographer



The Hayes Christensen Theatre in the Marriott Center for Dance



# **MACBETH**

# **SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 6, 2019 STUDIO 115**

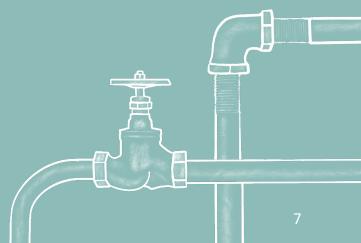
By WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
Directed by WENDY FRANZ

"I have done no harm. But I remember now I am in this earthly world, where to do harm Is often laudable, to do good sometime Accounted dangerous folly."

Evoking a time of scarcity, fear, and survival-of-the-fittest, *Macbeth* is a fascinating exploration of the power of suggestion, the question of free will versus fate, and the perils of unbridled ambition. Through Macbeth's journey from loyal commander to murderous usurper, we experience how a hero can fall when friendship, empathy, and her moral code is sacrificed in pursuit of personal gain and absolute power.



Wendy Franz Guest Director





# **THE ODYSSEY**

### NOVEMBER 8-17, 2019 BABCOCK THEATRE

#### By **HOMER**

Adapted and originally directed by MARY ZIMMERMAN
Adapted from the translation of *The Odyssey* by ROBERT FITZGERALD
Directed by ALEXANDRA HARBOLD

The Trojan War is over, but Odysseus and his men have not returned. Back home, his wife Penelope, plagued by suitors, promises to remarry as soon as she finishes her father-in-law's shroud—which she unravels every night. Meanwhile, Odysseus is stranded on islands, caught in storms, trapped by a Cyclops and a sorceress, and impeded by other monsters and gods. Will he ever make it home to his wife and fatherless son?

This adaptation by Mary Zimmerman (*Metamorphosis*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The White Snake*) weaves her own spell on Homer's classic tale of adventure, trials, and steadfast love.



Alexandra Harbold



# **SHE KILLS MONSTERS**

### JANUARY 16-19, 2020 KINGSBURY HALL



By QUI NGUYEN
Directed by JAMIE ROCHA ALLAN

She Kills Monsters tells the story of Agnes Evans, a young woman grieving for her deceased sister. The Evans sisters were never very close, but after Tilly's death, Agnes finds a notebook containing a game scenario created by her sister. She discovers that Tilly was a well-known "Dungeons and Dragons" player. In order to find out more about her mysterious young sister, Agnes recruits a "dungeon master" named Chuck to help her play the game. Chock-full of supermodel elves, dominatrix warrior women, and nasty ogres, She Kills Monsters is a kick-ass tale of loss, friendship, and acceptance.

The 7:30 p.m. performance on January 16 will be FREE for any student with a student ID.



Jamie Rocha Allan
Director



The Nancy Peery Marriott Auditorium in Kingshury Hall



# **FLOYD COLLINS**

# FEBRUARY 14-MARCH 1, 2020 BABCOCK THEATRE

Book by TINA LANDAU

Music and Lyrics by ADAM GUETTEL

Additional Lyrics by TINA LANDAU

Directed and Choreographed by DENNY BERRY

#### Kentucky, 1925

Cave explorer Floyd Collins dreams of finding fame and fortune underground. When a cave-in leaves him trapped 55 feet below the earth's surface, the media circus above ground makes his personal tragedy a national sensation.

Based on a true story, Tina Landau and Adam Guettel's award-winning musical, an examination of the media's reaction to the events in the cave and the various attempts to rescue Floyd, is also a moving insight into a family's suffering. Influenced by Bluegrass and Americana, Guettel's stunning score beautifully illuminates the transcendent tale of a true American dreamer.



**Denny Berry**Director and
Choreographe





# **TARTUFFE**

### MARCH 27-APRIL 5, 2020 STUDIO 115

By MOLIÈRE
In a translation by RANJIT BOLT
Directed by ROBERT SCOTT SMITH

Tartuffe, or The Impostor, or The Hypocrite

Vice becomes virtue in Molière's timeless satire of religious hypocrisy—or is it the other way around? Falling under the spell of sly con artist Tartuffe, the wealthy bourgeois Orgon risks his estate and his family to harbor the pious-seeming vagabond; but when their guest finally reveals his true colors, the household descends into chaos.

Ranjit Bolt's dynamic, clever translation sees Molière's dark comedy through a contemporary lens that explores how truth becomes undermined in the quest for power.



Robert Scott Smith Director



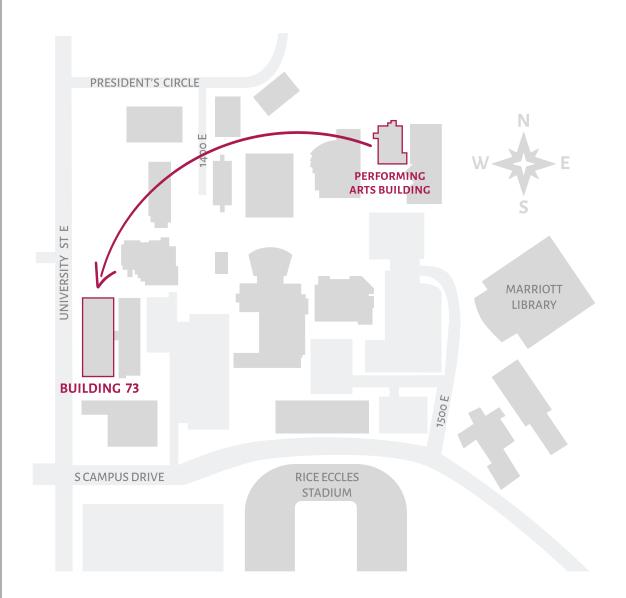
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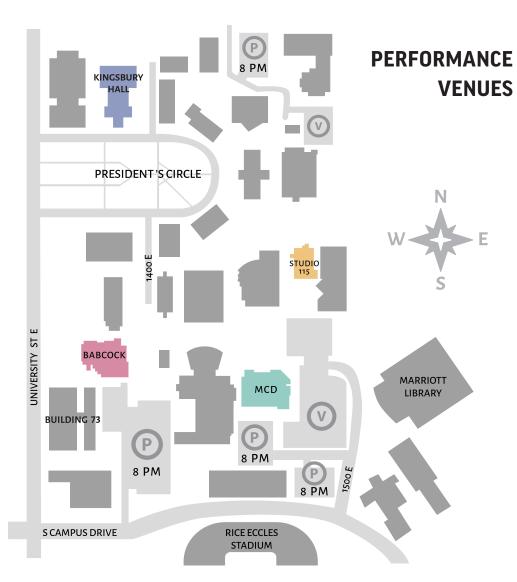
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