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## NEWS FROM THE O'NEILL

### CASTING FOR NATIONAL PLAYWRIGHTS AND NATIONAL MUSIC THEATER CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

#### PROMINENT STAGE, SCREEN ACTORS TO PERFORM AT O'NEILL

**Wendy C. Goldberg**, Artistic Director of the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center's National Playwrights Conference (NPC) and **Paulette Haupt**, Artistic Director of the National Music Theater Conference (NMTTC), announced the actors cast in their 2008 projects. The actors include a mix of award-winning actors from stage and screen, seasoned O'Neill performers, and new talent.

The list includes 2006 Tony Award winner **John Lloyd Young** (Best Performance by a Leading Actor, *Jersey Boys*); Obie Award winner and star of the stage and screen version of Tracy Letts' *Bug*, **Michael Shannon**; **Kerry O'Malley**, currently featured in M. Night Shyamalan's film, *The Happening* and Showtime's *Brotherhood*; 2007 Drama Desk Award nominee and known nationally for her work on *Law & Order*, **Annie Parisse**; eleven-year-old **Matthew Gumley**, who originated the role of Michael Banks in Broadway's *Mary Poppins*; Obie Award winner and Tony Award nominee for his work in *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, **Stephen Bogardus**; 2007 Drama Desk Award winner, **Paul Sparks**, for *Essential Self Defense*; **Maria Dizzia**, recently seen in Adam Bock's *Drunken City* at Playwrights Horizon; **William Parry**, who originated roles in both Broadway version's of *Sunday in the Park with George* and *Passion*; **Jeremy Bobb** who recently appeared in the Broadway hit, *Is He Dead?* and in the Tony nominated production of Brian Friel's *Translations*; **Mike Doyle**, who played forensics technician Ryan O'Halloran on *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*; **Johanna Day**, 2001 Tony Award nominee, and recently seen in Edward Albee's *Peter and Jerry*; **Marva Hicks**, best known for her work in *Caroline or Change* and *The Lion King*; **Kevin Geer**, who appeared in the film, *American Gangster*, and on Broadway's *Twelve Angry Men*; **Deborah Lew**, recently seen in City Center Encores *No, No, Nanette*; and **Paul Oakley Stovall**, who appeared in the world premiere of *Dessa Rose* at Lincoln Center and is a frequent O'Neill performer.

Ms. Goldberg said, "I'm delighted that we have such an exciting roster of performers – a great mix of award-winning actors, seasoned O'Neill performers and new talent -- to bring our

writers' work to life at the O'Neill. The O'Neill, its artists and its audiences will truly benefit from the skills of these performers." Casting Director is Alan Filderman.

The O'Neill's 2008 National Music Theater Conference projects and casts are:

**MYTH**

Book, Music and Lyrics by John Mercurio

Director: Jeremy Dobrish

Performances: Sun., June 29 at 3:00 pm; Wed., July 2 at 8:00 pm; Fri., July 4 at 8:00 pm;  
Sat., July 5 at 8:00 pm

CAST: Dylan Collins\*, Dane DeHaan, Brandon Espinoza\*, Marva Hicks\*, Deborah Lew\*,  
Pamela Myers\*, William Parry\*, Maureen Silliman\*, Paul Oakley Stovall\*, John Lloyd  
Young\*, Wes Taylor

**IN TRANSIT**

Book, Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez, James-Allen Ford, Russell M. Kaplan and  
Sara Wordsworth

Director: Joe Calarco

Performances: Sat., July 5 at 3:00 pm; Sun., July 6 at 3:00 pm

CAST: Ryan Thomas Dunn\*, Hannah Laird\*, Adam Matta\*, Adam Overett\*, Ann Sanders\*,  
Graham Stevens\*, Denise Summerford\*

**MAX UNDERSTOOD**

Book by Nancy Carlin; Lyrics by Nancy Carlin and Michael Rasbury; Music by Michael  
Rasbury

Director: Jack Cumming

Performances: Fri., July 11 at 8:00 pm; Sun., July 13 at 3:00 pm

CAST: Matthew Gumley\*, Jonathan Hammond\*, Hannah Laird\*, Lauren Marcus\*, Kerry  
O'Malley\*, Ben Roseberry\*, Paul Oakley Stovall\*

**IRON CURTAIN#**

Book by Susan DiLallo, Lyrics by Peter Mills, Music by Stephen Weiner

Director: Cara Reichel

Performances: Sat., July 12 at 8:00 pm; Weds., July 16 at 8:00 pm; Fri., July 18 at 8:00 pm;  
Sat., July 19 at 3:00 pm

CAST: David Abeles\*, Alison Briner\*, Stephen Bogardus\*, Monique French\*, David Gregory,  
Daniel Levine\*, Anne Torsiglieri\*, Dan Sharkey\*, Robby Sharpe\*, Lucy Sorenson\*,  
Gordon Stanley\*, Jessica Snow Wilson\*

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The O'Neill's 2008 National Playwrights Conference projects and casts are:

**THE NEAR EAST** by Alex Lewin

Director: Lisa Peterson

Performances: Thurs. July 3 at 8:15 pm; Sat., July 5 at 8:15 pm

CAST: Scott Drummond\*, Daoud Heidami\*, Marjan Neshat\*, Joseph Parks\*, Jon Norman  
Schneider\*, Matt Seidman\*, Karim Sioud

**BOX AMERICANA** by Jason Grote

Director: Jackson Gay

Performances: Fri., July 4 at 8:15 pm; Sun., July 6 at 5:15 pm

CAST: Quincy Tyler Bernstine\*, Ross Bickell\*, Matteo Eckerle, Don Guillory\*, Angela Lewis\*, David Ross\*, Makela Spielman\*

**SMUDGE** by Rachel Axler

Director: Daniel Aukin

Performances: Thurs., July 10 at 8:15 pm; Sat., July 12 at 8:15 pm

CAST: Maria Dizzia\*, Mike Doyle\*, Jonathan Walker\*

**MAGNOLIA\*\*** by Regina Taylor

Director: Regina Taylor

Performances: Fri., July 11 at 8:15 pm; Sunday, July 13 at 5:15 pm

CAST: Tyla Abercrombie\*, Tory Davis\*, Ted Deasy\*, Harriett D. Foy\*, Mattie Hawkinson\*, Stephen Henderson\*, Brandon Miller\*, Caitlin O'Connell\*, Tim Rhoze\*, David Ross\*, Stephen Schnetzer \*, Makela Spielman\*

**THUNDER ABOVE, DEEPS BELOW** by A. Rey Pamatmat

Director: Jesse Berger

Performances: Thurs., July 17 at 8:15 pm; Sat., July 19 at 2:15 pm

CAST: Rey Lucas\*, Curtis McClaren\*, Stephen Conrad Moore\*, Jon Norman Schneider\*, Maureen Sebastian\*, Heather Alicia Simms\*

**MISTAKES WERE MADE** by Craig Wright

Director: Wendy C. Goldberg

Performances: Fri., July 18 at 8:15 pm; Sun., July 20 at 5:15 pm

CAST: Maggie Lacey\*, Michael Shannon\*

**THE LEGEND OF MINNIE WILLET** by Ann Marie Healy

Director: Annie Dorsen

Performances: Thurs., July 24 at 8:15 pm; Sat., July 26 at 8:15 pm

CAST: Mary Bacon\*, Ross Bickell\*, Charlotte Booker\*, Johanna Day\*, Kevin Geer\*, John Jellison\*, Ryan King\*, Laura Leigh\*

**WITHOUT YOU\*\*\*** by Ursula Rani Sarma

Director: Greg Leaming

Performances: Fri., July 25 at 8:15 pm; Sun., July 27 at 5:15 pm

CAST: Jeremy Bobb\*, Maggie Lacey\*, Annie Parisse\*, Paul Sparks\*

\*denotes a member of Actors' Equity Association

\*\***MAGNOLIA** is a collaboration with Chicago's The Goodman Theatre, Robert Falls, Artistic Director

\*\*\***WITHOUT YOU**, The Irish Project at the O'Neill, is sponsored in part by a grant from the Xerox Foundation.

Schedules are subject to change. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, June 11. Please call the O'Neill Box Office at 860-443-1238 for times, prices and reservations. Outdoor performances will be moved indoors in the event of rain.

The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, founded in 1964, is the pre-eminent center for the development of new works and new voices for the American theater. It has been home to more than 1,000 new works for the stage and 2,500 emerging artists and is itself the winner of a special Tony Award, the National Opera Award, the Jujamcyn Award for Theater Excellence and the Arts and Business Council Encore Award. Today, the O'Neill is home to the National Playwrights Conference, National Music Theater Conference, Puppetry Conference, Cabaret & Performance Conference, National Critics Institute, and the National Theater Institute, which includes semester-long, fully accredited intensive theater-training programs and a six-week accredited summer program, TheaterMakers. In addition, the O'Neill owns and operates the Monte Cristo Cottage, the childhood home of Nobel Prize-winning and four-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, Eugene O'Neill. For more information regarding the O'Neill, please visit our website at [www.TheO'Neill.org](http://www.TheO'Neill.org) or call 860-443-5378.

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