

Macalester College Theatre and Dance Department Presents "Stop Kiss"

St. Paul, Minn.—The Macalester College Theatre and Dance Department presents *Stop Kiss*, by Diana Son, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center, Main Stage Theater, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minn. Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$5 for seniors and groups. Performances are at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday Feb. 17 and 18, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Feb. 23–25 and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19. There will be a talk back following the Sunday matinee performance. *Stop Kiss* is directed by Cheryl Moore Brinkley, Visiting Instructor in the Theatre & Dance Department. For ticket information, call 651-696-6359.

Variety called *Stop Kiss*, by Diana Son, "A poignant and funny play about the ways, both sudden and slow, that lives can change irrevocably." Through natural, often humorous dialogue, the audience follows the nascent relationship between two young women -- savvy New Yorker, Callie, and Midwestern idealist, Sara, -- flipping in time before and after a horrific assault provoked by the couple's first kiss. Sara is seriously damaged, and Callie must make up her mind about her life, identity and, ultimately, love.

This performance contains mature themes of sexuality, violence, hate crimes and trauma, and is recommended for audiences 17 and over.

The cast consists of Tamara Clark '12 from Seattle, Wash. as Callie; Lisa Hu '15 from New Haven, Conn. as Sara; Rob Gelberg '14 from North Caldwell, N.J. as George; Roberto Capriotti, '13 from Pittsburg, Pa. as Peter; Micah Fowler '12 from Moscow, Idaho as Mrs. Winsley; Alex Yang, '13 from Amber, Pa. as Detective Cole; and Ceren Kaysadi '14 from Istanbul, Turkey as Nurse.

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