

The Macalester College Theatre and Dance Department presents The Clean House by Sarah Ruhl

St. Paul, Minn. - The Macalester College Theatre and Dance Department presents *The Clean House* by Sarah Ruhl, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center, Mainstage Theater, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minn. Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 seniors and group, and \$2 for students with ID. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, February 25, 26, and 27 and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday February 27. *The Clean House* is directed by Stephen Yoakam '75. For ticket information call 651-696-6359 or go online to Macalester.edu/boxoffice.

Ruhl's *The Clean House* is a 2005 Pulitzer-nominated play. Settled in the not-so quaint California home of a middle-aged couple, Lane and Charles, upon the arrival of Matilde, the new maid. *The Clean House* takes us on a journey where a clean house can sooth or anger, apples can delight or puzzle, and the search for the funniest joke in the world has the potential to both heal and kill. The five-member ensemble searches for the answers, embroiled in their affairs, relationships, and musings.

Stephen Yoakam, the director of *The Clean House*, is an actor and a longtime member of the Guthrie Theater's acting company. Yoakam's career ranges from extensive on-stage theater productions to film and television. He has appeared in more than 75 productions in the Guthrie, including *The Crucible*, *An Iliad*, *Tales from Hollywood*, *The Birds*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Oedipus*, *A Christmas Carol*, *As You Like It*, *Othello*, and *The Screens*. Yoakam starred in *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, as well as the films *Heaven on Earth*, *Sweet Land* and *Older than America*. He also narrated productions of *Peer Gynt* with The Minnesota Orchestra. Yoakam was awarded the 2013 McKnight Theater Award and the 2011 *City Pages* Best Actor.

Cast members include: Gillian Gold '18, from New York, N.Y., as Lane; Lia Hansen '16 from Buenos Aires, Argentina, as Ana; Richard Lee Graham '19 from Ann Arbor, Mich., as Charles; Jessica Stone '16 from Granada Hills, Calif., as Virginia; Kassandra Munguia '18 from East Palo Alto, Calif., as Matilde; Rachel Ault '18 from Larchmont, N.Y., as Stage Manager; and Yucai Li '19 from Chongqing, China as Assistant Stage Manager.

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