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Theatre Students and Faculty Present *Hunting and Gathering*

The University of Minnesota Morris Theatre Arts Discipline presents *Hunting and Gathering*, February 20–22. A critically acclaimed romantic comedy by Brooke Berman, *Hunting and Gathering* explores urban rootlessness and the search for connections—physical and emotional—through four dynamic characters living in New York City. The production is directed by Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Siobhan Bremer.

About the Play

Bremer describes *Hunting and Gathering* as a “comedy with a point.” She hopes audiences understand its message that home isn’t necessarily a tangible place. “To me home is people and family. We find peace in life when we find people we can trust and people who let us be ourselves no matter what.”

Crew

The production’s design team is led by Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Lucas Granholm, who is the scenic, lighting, and sound designer. “*Hunting and Gathering* explores the time in which you are constantly waiting for the ‘next thing,’” he says. “The set establishes a world in which the actors are surrounded by the uncertainty of their next move.”

Madison Grimsbo '21 is assisting Granholm with scenic design and leading prop design, and Oliver Rivera '22 is assistant lighting designer. Costume Shop Supervisor Zoë Johnson is designing the production’s costumes, with Ruby Wittmayer '23 as assistant costume designer.

Cast

The cast includes Emily Kjenaas '22 as Ruth, rudderless in her attempt to secure a stable home and partner. Cameron Shultz '23 plays a couch-surfing Buddhist and friend to Ruth. Derek Johnson '23 plays Jesse and Tess Walker '22 plays Bess, lovers in a short-lived affair. Aaron Otten '21 and Destiney Lopez '23 understudy.

Performances

Performances of *Hunting and Gathering* run Thursday, February 20, through Saturday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, in the Humanities Fine Arts Black Box Theatre. The show runs an hour and 20 minutes without an intermission, and includes mature content.

Tickets and More

Tickets can be reserved by emailing thrupub@morris.umn.edu or calling 320-589-6274. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door, one hour before showtime.

Free parking is available in the North Parking Lot. To request accommodations related to disability, please call 320-589-6274.