

News Release Virginia Repertory Theatre

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Virginia Repertory Theatre Presents After December by Bo Wilson

Richmond, VA – Virginia Repertory Theatre presents a World Premiere by local playwright Bo Wilson. *After December*, running March 3 - 26 at the November Theatre in the downtown Arts District, is a sci-fi thriller accompanied by extensive scenic projections to create an underworld atmosphere.

When a particle collider deep beneath the earth's surface malfunctions, a mysterious woman appears. She cannot say where she's from or how she got here; she only knows that she is a poet. But when she gives voice to her strange and beautiful poems, reality itself begins to ripple and shift, becoming eerily unreliable. To the physicists, she's an intriguing mystery; to the authorities, she's a threat. Could both be right? Unravel the riddle of the poet in this exciting new play.

The play has had several readings over the past year while Artistic Director of Programming, Rick Hammerly, who is also Directing this play, worked on edits with playwright Bo Wilson.

The Science Museum of Virginia is our promotional partner for this production.

ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT - Bo Wilson

Bo Wilson's work is well known to Virginia Rep audiences and, increasingly, to audiences all over the world. *The Charitable Sisterhood* plays (both smash hits at Hanover Tavern) have been presented across the country as well as Australia, Canada, and Wales, and last spring's acclaimed *Bonnie and Claire* was just published by Dramatic Publishing, with high hopes for its future. Earlier world premieres of his work by Virginia Rep include *Ella and Her Fella Frank*, *Mona's Arrangements*, and *War Story*, as well as several touring shows. He's also appeared on Virginia Rep stages as an actor, most recently in *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*.

Bo was born in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and bounced around a bit before settling in Richmond, Virginia just in time to start fourth grade. Richmond has been his home ever since, with time away at Virginia Tech and at the National Theatre Institute. He has written film scripts for the FBI, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Defense Intelligence Agency (sshhhh!) He's also a professional voice talent with several hundred radio and TV ads to his credit, for products ranging from Sylvan Learning Centers to Mohatma Rice to the "Voice of Vault-Tec" in the Fallout video game series.

He has written thirty or so other titles, and in addition to his current partnership with Dramatic Publishing, he's been published by Samuel French and Algonquin Press. His better half is the lovely and talented Jan Guarino.

The creative team and cast list is below.

Direction & Design

Direction Rick Hammerly*
Scenic and Projection Design Tennessee Dixon

Costume Design

Lighting Design

Sound Design

Stage Management

Sue Griffin

BJ Wilkinson

Joey Luck

Justin Janke*

Assistant Stage Managers Maria Elisa Costa, Leica Long

<u>Cast</u>

Christine Keeler Patricia Austin*

December Bianca Bryan

Evan Garth Jeffrey Cole

Marten Root Andrew Etheredge
Nat Carroll, Evan Garth u/s .Andrew Firda*
Nat Carroll u/s Joshua Mullins
Maria Staslaw Susan Sanford*

- +Member of USA, United Scenic Artists
- ^Member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society

Ticket Information

Box Office: 804-282-2620

www.virginiarep.org

Tickets range from \$39 - \$59 (Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.)

<u>Press</u>

The play runs 1 hour 45 minutes, including the 15-minute intermission

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About Virginia Repertory Theatre

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theater headquartered in downtown Richmond, and is one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep will stage three primary seasons in 2022-2023: the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, the Barksdale Season at the Hanover Tavern. Virginia, and the Children's Season at Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education, 4204 Hermitage Road in Richmond's Northside. Virginia Rep also tours children's shows, both virtual and live, and provides educational programming to schools throughout Virginia and to major performing arts centers throughout 32 states.

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