

COMMUNITY BAKE-OFF

ON THE CUSP by Beks Freeman

WASABI by Callum Lane

THE WAYS OF WATER by Holli Harms

WELCOME TO THE ACADEMY by Eugenie Milroy

EARTH CURE by Serena Norr

THE VISITOR by Lincoln Alpern

Director Emma Rosa Went

Stage Management Jo Fernandez

Bake-Off Program Director Christine Scarfuto

CAST

Zach Fike Hodges

Zoë Goslin

Claudia Logan

Kurt Rhoads

Brandon St. Clair

Zo Tipp

Tiffany Villarin

Nance Williamson

WHAT'S A BAKE-OFF, ANYWAY?

The Bake-Off is a communal playwriting event originally created by the Pulitzer Prize-Winning Playwright Paula Vogel. Modeled after the Pillsbury Bake-Off, playwrights are given a set amount of “ingredients” to include in their short plays.

Over 150 community members attended virtual playwriting workshops last month, and 30 writers went on to submit short plays. We've selected 6 of those plays for you to see performed today.

THIS YEAR'S THEME: SUSTAINABILITY

Our theme for this year's Bake-Off is Sustainability. Our ingredients for this year were sourced from our playwriting workshops and curated by the great Paula Vogel herself. Playwrights were instructed to include at least three of the following ingredients in their plays:

- **A Carpenter Building an Ark**
- **Blue Sky**
- **A Researcher Pulling a Vial Out of The Water to Test**
- **A Soliloquy from a Fish**
- **A Big Pile of Plastic Bottles**
- **Fires**
- **Greta Thornburg**

THE PLAYS

ON THE CUSP

by Beks Freeman | West Lafayette, IN

As the moon, Pisces, Mars, and Venus bemoan the fate of humanity, Earth defends her inhabitants and the ephemeral beauty of their existence.

WASABI

by Callum Lane | Cold Spring, NY

As they hunker down in their homes over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, three friends try to make sense of what has become of the world.

THE WAYS OF WATER

by Holli Harms | West Village, NY

Roy is lost. Roy is suffering. Roy knows he should move on, but how can he?

WELCOME TO THE ACADEMY

by Eugenie Milroy | Cold Spring, NY

A conference of birds celebrates being taken off the endangered species list...until they realize they are extinct.

EARTH CURE

by Serena Norr | Mount Kisco, NY

Scientists have discovered a miraculous cure for pollution. Or have they? A cautionary tale.

THE VISITOR

by Lincoln Alpern | Ithaca, NY

An interplanetary visitor comes to an Earth on the brink of collapse, and there finds a scientist rich with resources thought to have been lost long ago: resilience, and hope.

Following the performance, we will have a talkback with the playwrights facilitated by Christine Scarfuto.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

The Desmond Fish Public Library
The Field Library in Peekskill
The Julia Butterfield Library
Newburgh Free Library
The Mid-Hudson Public Library System

ABOUT HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Founded in 1987, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) is a critically acclaimed (The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal), professional, non-profit theater company based in Garrison, NY, one-hour north of Manhattan. The Festival has established a reputation for lucid, engaging, and highly inventive productions staged under an iconic, open-air Theater Tent overlooking the Hudson River at historic Boscobel House and Gardens. In recent years, the Festival has also ventured beyond the Tent, touring its work to other venues throughout the Hudson Valley, transferring productions to other theaters, engaging its community through radically participatory art-making, and reaching over 60,000 students and educators annually through its year-round Education programs.

As a 501(c)3 not for profit organization and a public trust, our theater belongs to you.

MISSION

Rooted in the landscape of the Hudson Valley, with the plays of William Shakespeare as our touchstone, HVSF engages the widest possible audience in a theatrical celebration of our shared humanity.

We wish to express our gratitude to the Performers' Unions:

ACTORS' EQUITY ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN GUILD OF MUSICAL ARTISTS
AMERICAN GUILD OF VARIETY ARTISTS
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through Theatre Authority, Inc. for their cooperation in permitting the Artists to appear on this program.