



lookingglass

Dear Payton Community:

We are thrilled to invite you to an evening of theater at Lookingglass Theatre's World Premiere Production of

Act(s) of God

Written by Ensemble Member Kareem Bandealy

Directed by Artistic Director & Ensemble Member Heidi Stillman

Three siblings, two parents, and one very unexpected dinner guest.

As a family gathers for an overdue dinner, a mysterious envelope arrives with astonishing news. They soon find themselves scrambling to welcome a visitor of cosmic proportion. Absurdity reigns as ancient fissures open wide, long-held certainties crumble, and things gets real.

Act One: God is coming. Act Two: God is here. Act Three: goodbye, God.

About the production:

After gracing the Lookingglass stage with stunning performances for years, Kareem Bandealy unleashes a wild dark comedy in his playwriting debut.

Heidi Stillman is an actor, writer, director, Ensemble Member and Artistic Director of Lookingglass. She has both written and directed at Lookingglass: *Cascabel*, *The North China Lover*, *Hephaestus*, *The Brothers Karamazov* (2009 Raven Award for Excellence in Arts and Entertainment), *Hard Times* (5 Jeff Awards; also produced at Arden Theatre Company in Philadelphia), and more.

About Lookingglass Theatre Company:

Founded in 1988 by graduates of Northwestern University, Lookingglass Theatre Company is a nationwide leader in the creation and presentation of new, cutting-edge theatrical works and in sharing its ensemble-based theatrical techniques with Chicago-area students and teachers through Education and Community Programs. Guided by an artistic vision centered on the core values of collaboration, transformation, and invention, Lookingglass seeks to capture audiences' imaginations leaving them changed, charged and empowered.

Recipient of the 2011 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre, Lookingglass has built a national reputation for artistic excellence and ensemble-based theatrical innovation. Notable world premieres include Mary Zimmerman's Tony Award-winning *Metamorphoses*, *The Arabian Nights*, and *The Odyssey*, David Schwimmer's adaptation of Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* and Studs Terkel's *Race: How Blacks and Whites Think and Feel about the American Obsession*, and David Catlin's circus tribute to Lewis Carroll, *Lookingglass Alice*. Lookingglass' work has been produced in more than a dozen US cities.

Please join us for a night at the theatre with the Payton community to celebrate the arts at Payton. *Act(s) of God* is appropriate for adults and children aged thirteen and older. Your ticket includes a chance to meet the director before the show, meet the cast after the show, and attend a post-show discussion with the cast and director.

Thank you,



Kerry Catlin
English & Drama



Jason Chau
English

Walter Payton College Prep Night at the Theater

Ticket Order Form

Yes! Please reserve _____ tickets for *Act(s) of God* on Wednesday, March 20 @ 7:30 pm.

Yes! I would love to sponsor a ticket for a teacher. Please reserve _____ tickets for Payton teachers.

Yes! I would love to sponsor a ticket for a student. Please reserve _____ tickets for Payton students.

(Tickets will be distributed to teachers and students in your name.)

Total number of tickets _____ @ \$50 each = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Walter Payton College Prep**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

No, I am unable to attend. Please accept my donation of \$ _____.

You will receive an email confirmation for your ticket order. Tickets can be picked up at the box office on the night of the performance. Thank you so much for your support. Your donation to WPCP is tax-deductible.

Mail or return this form with payment to Ms. Kerry Catlin (room 246):

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