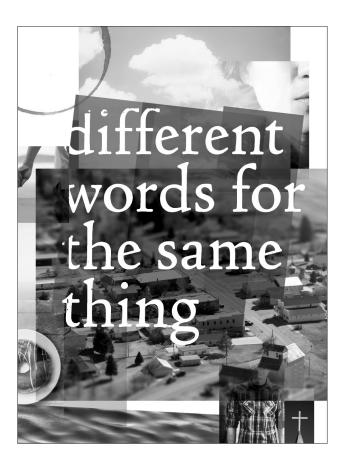
Kirk Douglas Theatre 2013/14 Season



DOUGLASPLUS
Three Solo Shows in Repertory

St. Jude

Written and Performed by Luis Alfaro Directed by Robert Egan World Premiere

Uncle Ho to Uncle Sam

By Trieu Tran with Robert Egan Performed by Trieu Tran Directed by Robert Egan

Rodney King

Created and Performed by Roger Guenveur Smith

September 14 – October 6, 2013

Part of RADAR L.A., An International Festival of Contemporary Theater, presented by REDCAT and CalArts in association with Center Theatre Group

FIRST SEASON PRODUCTION

The Black Suits

Music and Lyrics by Joe Iconis Book by Joe Iconis and Robert Emmett Maddock Directed by John Simpkins World Premiere October 27 — November 24, 2013 SECOND SEASON PRODUCTION Gate Theatre production of Barry McGovern in

I'll Go On

By Samuel Beckett
From Molloy, Malone Dies and
The Unnamable
Texts selected by Gerry Dukes
and Barry McGovern
Directed by Colm Ó Briain
January 10 – February 9, 2014

THIRD SEASON PRODUCTION

different words for the same thing

By Kimber Lee Directed by Neel Keller World Premiere May 4 – June 1, 2014

SEASON BONUS OPTION
The Second City's

A Christmas Carol: Twist Your Dickens!

By Peter Gwinn and Bobby Mort Directed by Marc Warzecha December 8 – 29, 2013



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presents

the World Premiere of

different words for the same thing

BY

Kimber Lee

WITH

Sam Anderson, Jackie Chung, Stephen Ellis, Monica Horan, Devin Kelley, Rebecca Larsen, Savannah Lathem, Erick Lopez, Malcolm Madera, Alyson Reed, Hector Atreyu Ruiz, José Zuniga

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DIRECTED BY

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May 4 – June 1, 2014 Kirk Douglas Theatre

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CAST

(in order of appearance)

Alice	
Marta	
Henry	Sam Anderson
Oren	Stephen Ellis
Sylvie	annah Lathem
Angel	or Atreyu Ruiz
Maddy	. Devin Kelley
Dottie	
Frankie	
Father Joe	
Donna Ruth R	
Mike	lcolm Madera

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," trad. Hymn, arranged and performed by Annie Cleveland, recorded in the First Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, ID

STAGE MANAGER

Brooke Baldwin

TIME/PLACE

late summer a large city and various locations in the town of Nampa, Idaho

different words for the same thing is performed without an intermission.

Who's Who



SAM ANDERSON (Henry). Theatre: Blackbird (LADCC Award) at the Rogue Machine; Napoli Millionaria (Ovation Award), Madagascar

and The Bird and Mr.

Banks (LADCC Award) at The Road Theatre Co., where Sam is Artistic Director, working out of two theatres in North Hollywood. His direction of Road productions includes Theresa Rebeck's The Water's Edge and The Different Shades of Hugh. His lengthy TV and film career includes Lost, Justified, Forrest Gump, La Bamba, and many others. He teaches a professional scene study/audition/improv class, is a composer of musicals and scores for plays, and in his spare time, writes. Member of Mystery Writers of America. Most proud of his 21-year-old twins, both theatre majors.



JACKIE CHUNG
(Alice) is making her
Center Theatre
Group debut.
Regional Theatre:
brownsville song
(b-side for tray)
(Actors Theatre of
Louisville's Humana

Festival), Fast Company (South Coast Repertory) and Macbeth 1969 (Long Wharf Theatre). Off-Broadway: microcrisis and The Children of Vonderly (Ma-Yi Theater Company), You For Me For You (Woolly Mammoth/Ma-Yi), Mother Courage and Her Children (The Public Theater/New York Shakespeare Festival), Trickle and Japanoir (Ensemble Studio Theatre), After. (Partial Comfort Productions), The Director (The Flea). Film/Television/Web Credits: Someone Else, Going Local, Pretty Precious Unicorns and Fortune Son. Additional Credits: Chung participated in the 2013 Sundance Theatre Lab, Pacific Playwrights Festival and Ojai Playwrights Festival.



(Oren). Off-Broadway: Thinner Than Water (LAByrinth, director

STEPHEN ELLIS

(LAByrinth, director Mimi O'Donnell), The Coward (Lincoln Center Theater,

director Sam Gold), *Dance Dance Revolution* (director Alex Timbers).

Numerous readings and workshops at Ensemble Studio Theatre, LAByrinth, MCC, NYTW, Ars Nova, The Lark, McCarter Theatre and several summers at the Eugene O'Neill Playwrights Conference.

Film and TV: *Delivery Man* (DreamWorks

with Vince Vaughn); As You Like It; Thank You, Tommy Feinstein; Mr. Box Office. Graduate of Kenyon College (Paul Newman Award) and The National Theater Institute.



MONICA HORAN (Dottie). Best known as Amy MacDougal on the Emmywinning sitcom Everybody Loves Raymond, for which

she won the 2006

Gracie Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress – Comedy Series. Stage: Off-Broadway production of the cult classic Vampire Lesbians of Sodom with Charles Bush (also L.A. production); B.F.'s, with the beloved Judy Toll, directed by husband and Everybody Loves Raymond creator, Phil Rosenthal. TV: Enlightened, Hot in Cleveland, The Whole Truth. Founder: the Flourish Foundation, the Rosenthal Family Foundation – determined to help LAUSD provide substantive Arts Education for all students. ART IS CORE! Love to Ben and Lily. Thanks to Heidi and Jeannie.



DEVIN KELLEY (*Maddy*) hails from Minnesota where she was born and raised. She has a degree in theatre from the University of Southern California.

Upon graduation, Kelley was accepted into the Williamstown Theatre Festival's training program and was soon cast as a series regular in Fox's *The Chicago Code*, created by Shawn Ryan. Kelley had a leading role in the Warner Bros. feature *Chernobyl Diaries*, has recurred on USA's *Covert Affairs* and recently wrapped leading roles in the independent features *Anchors* and *Turtle Island*. She currently stars in the new drama series *Resurrection* on ABC.



REBECCA LARSEN (Donna Ruth).
Rebecca is honored to be a part of the world premiere of different words for the same thing with CTG at the Kirk Douglas

Theatre. Rebecca was a pre-med student before transferring into the Actor Training Program at the University of Utah. Larsen is on the artistic committee and co-curates the New Works Development program at Sacred Fools Theater in Hollywood. She also writes and directs sketch comedy and sings in a jazz trio. L.A. theatre includes *Watson, La Bête* (Sacred Fools). Television credits include *Masters of Sex, The Exes, House M.D.*



SAVANNAH LATHEM (Sylvie) has been acting in film and TV since 2009 when she played young Rachel Carlson on Lost. Her most recent film, California

Solo, premiered at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival to rave reviews, and Savannah won the 2013 Young Artist Award for Best Performance in a Supporting Role. Other credits include Moneyball on the big screen and I Didn't Do It and Criminal Minds on television. Savannah is from Hoover, Alabama, and recently got her driver's license. She is thrilled to be making her Los Angeles stage debut at the Kirk Douglas Theatre in different words for the same thing.



ERICK LOPEZ (Frankie) can be seen on MTV's Faking It playing the role of Tommy. Recent credits include Switched At Birth (ABC Family),

Surviving Jack (Fox), Bold and the Beautiful (CBS), Vampire Diaries (CW) and Matador (El Rey Network). Raised in Dallas, Texas, he attended the University of Texas at Dallas as an ATEC major (Arts and Technology). He continues to write and shoot projects in his free time. To Mom, Dad, my big sis Stephany and my lil bro Christopher...love you guys and thanks for all the support! Go Cowboys and Mavericks!



MALCOLM MADERA (Mike). NYC Theatre: The Mnemonist of Dutchess County (Theatre Row), Derby Day (Camisade), The Tenant (Woodshed Collective), Al's

Business Cards (Theatre Row), The Pied Pipers of the Lower East Side (The Amoralists), Dance Lessons (Samuel French Festival Winner), Somewhere In The Pacific (PTP, The Atlantic Stage 2) and I.E. In Other Words (The Flea). Malcolm was most recently seen opposite Kevin Spacey on the Netflix original series House of Cards as Corporal Augustus Elijah Underwood. Other TV: Boardwalk Empire (HBO) and Taxi Brooklyn (TVFR). While training at the Drama Studio London, Malcolm had the privilege of performing at the historic Old Vic in the Old Vic New Voices 24 Hour Plays. MalcolmMadera. com.



ALYSON REED (Marta) has worked with Hal Prince, Bob Fosse, Michael Bennett, Alan Jay Lerner and Michael Kidd. Broadway: Dancin', Oh Brother!,

Dance a Little Closer, Marilyn: An American Fable (Marilyn-Drama Desk nomination), Cabaret (Sally Bowles-Tony/Helen Hayes nominations), A Grand Night for Singing. National Tour: Pippin (Catherine), A Chorus Line (Cassie/Val) and A Few Good Men (Joanne Galloway). Television: Mad Men, Modern Family, Grey's Anatomy, Bones, CSI, The Mentalist, among others. Film: Disney's High School Musical franchise (Ms. Darbus), A Chorus Line (Cassie), Skin Deep, Shop Girl and Manhattan Merengue.



HECTOR ATREYU
RUIZ (Angel) is
humbled and grateful
to make his Kirk
Douglas Theatre
debut in such a
touching story –
different words for the

same thing. He is a cum laude graduate of the USC School of Theatre, where he received the Jack Nicholson Award for outstanding actor. His film appearances include The Dark Knight Rises and Death Sentence alongside Kevin Bacon; he's currently recurring in television's new hit drama Gang Related. Hector's recent performance in the independent feature Avenues is receiving nationwide critical acclaim. Coming home to his two dogs, Sandy and Lilo, is his favorite part of the day.



JOSÉ ZUNIGA (Father Joe). José, a native New Yorker, has appeared in numerous films and TV series over his career including the feature films Twilight,

Next, Con Air and Mission Impossible 3. He began with Frank Marshall's Alive and then went on to independent films such as Crooklyn, Smoke and Brad Anderson's Next Stop, Wonderland. Most recently, José starred opposite Halle Berry in the box office hit The Call and is currently working on the new television series Taxi: Brooklyn South in New York. Theatre credits include Yale Rep, EST and productions with the Malaparte Theater Co. in NYC.

KIMBER LEE (Playwright). Kimber Lee's plays include different words for the same thing, fight, tokyo fish story and brownsville song (b-side for tray), which recently received a world premiere at the 2014 Humana Festival. Her work has also been presented by the Lark Play Development Center, Page 73, Hedgebrook, Seven Devils, Bay Area Playwrights Festival, Hansberry Project at ACT/Seattle and Dramatists Guild Fellows Program. Kimber is a Lark Playwrights Workshop Fellow (2013-2014), a member of Ma-Yi Writers Lab, and is currently working on commissions for Lincoln Center Theater/LCT3 and South Coast Rep. Recipient of the 2014 Ruby Prize and the 2013-2014 PoNY Fellowship. MFA: UT Austin.

NEEL KELLER (*Director and CTG Associate Artistic Director*). For CTG Neel has directed the world premieres of Jennifer Haley's *The Nether* and Jessica Goldberg's *Good Thing*, the American premiere of

David Greig's Pyrenees, Stones in His Pockets and many readings and workshops for CTG's varied new play development initiatives. Other favorite directing assignments include the world premieres of Howard Gould's Diva and Tom Babe's Downed American, the American premiere of David Greig's The Cosmonaut's Last Message to the Woman He Once Loved in the Former Soviet Union and A Midsummer Night's Dream, set in a field, the thought of which still makes him smile. Neel has also served as Artistic Director of Chicago's Remains Theatre, Associate Artistic Director at La Jolla Playhouse and was on the staffs of Williamstown Theatre Festival, Lincoln Center Theater, the American National Theatre and Jerome Robbins' Broadway.

SARAH KRAININ (Scenic Designer) is a scenic designer and object artist who began her career as props artisan for director Richard Foreman. Recent Los Angeles: Clouded Sulphur by Erik Ehn (Radar L.A. 2013), Our Class (Son of Semele Ensemble, LADCC Best Production), Flowers for Algernon (Deaf West), Eternal Thou (Atwater Village Theatre, South Coast Rep Studio), Invisible Cities at Union Station (properties design). Other Theatre: Gruesome Playground Injuries by Rajiv Joseph (Boise Contemporary Theater), multiple productions at FringeNYC and HERE Arts Center, and puppet design for director Torry Bend's original shows exploring the human relationship to landscape and cityscape. A graduate of Wesleyan University and CalArts, Sarah is currently Props Associate here at CTG. www.SarahKrainin.com.

CANDICE CAIN (Costume Designer). CTG: 20 years - Costume Shop Director; Design Taper: Blade to the Heat, Tongue of a Bird, Dealer's Choice, Body of Bourne, Enigma Variations, Neat, Mules, Stuff Happens, 13, Nightingale, Stones in His Pockets, Living Out; P.L.A.Y. - Bocon!, Black Butterfly, The Square Root of Terrible; KDT - Solomania, Juan & John, Solo Shows/Radar L.A. Other Theatres: South Coast Rep, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, N.Y. Public Theater, Manhattan Theatre Club, Berkeley Rep, Geffen Playhouse, Evidence Room and over 50 productions as Resident Designer at Virginia Stage Co. including Macbeth, Les Liaisons Dangereuses, The Tempest, Arms and the Man, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.

GEOFF KORF (Lighting Designer)
has designed lighting for about 300
productions over the past 30 years. His
work has been seen on Broadway, at the
Mark Taper Forum, the Geffen Playhouse,
La Jolla Playhouse, South Coast Repertory,
Seattle Repertory, Oregon Shakespeare

Festival, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Trinity Repertory, the Guthrie Theater, The Goodman, Long Beach Opera, San Francisco Opera and in many other venues. He is a member of the ensemble of Cornerstone Theater. Geoff also serves as the Head of Design at the University of Washington, Seattle. He is a graduate of California State University, Chico, and the Yale School of Drama.

PAUL JAMES PRENDERGAST (Composer/ Sound Designer). Center Theatre Group: Palestine, New Mexico; Water & Power; Electricidad; The Stones and others. Broadway: All The Way. Regional: Oregon Shakespeare, Guthrie, Seattle Rep, South Coast Rep, Long Wharf, Great Lakes Theater, Florida Stage, Atlantic Theater Company, Geffen Playhouse, The Actors' Gang, Cornerstone, Hartford Stage, Cal Shakes, Alley Theatre, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and others. Theme parks include Universal Studios and Knott's Berry Farm; casinos include Treasure Island, MGM Grand; museums include J. Paul Getty, Geffen Contemporary and the Autry National Center; dance companies include Diavolo Dance Theater, Momix, Parsons Dance. His work as a singer/songwriter has appeared in films, on recordings and in music venues nationwide.

HEIDI LEVITT, CSA (Casting Director) is a graduate of Barnard College and AFI where she now is an adjunct professor. Film credits include The Artist, JFK, The Joy Luck Club, Natural Born Killers, The Rock and the recently released Cesar Chavez. Currently, she is casting Vernon God Little for Werner Herzog and producing the series Exiles on Main Street with Oscar winning documentarian, Alex Gibney. Heidi is thrilled to be casting again for theatre and working with director Neel Keller. Theatre casting credits include Wrecks (Public Theater), Raindance (Signature Theatre) and several seasons at both ACT Seattle and La Jolla Playhouse. Heidi is the creator of the iTunes-featured App Actor Genie.

PIER CARLO TALENTI (Dramaturg). Pier Carlo Talenti is resident dramaturg/ literary manager at Center Theatre Group, where he has developed scores of plays and musicals by such talents as Julia Cho, Lisa Kron and Michael Friedman. He is currently overseeing the development of 15 new plays and musicals, all commissioned by CTG (including work by Dael Orlandersmith, Marco Ramirez and Danai Gurira). He has served as production dramaturg on many CTG productions, including Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo by Rajiv Joseph (director Moisés Kaufman) and The Nether by Jennifer Haley (director Neel Keller).

KIRSTEN PARKER (Production Stage Manager). Center Theatre Group: I'll Go On (Gate Theatre Production), A Christmas Carol: Twist Your Dickens! (world premiere and re-loaded production), Neva (co-production with South Coast Rep and La Jolla Playhouse), The Nether, Jomama Jones: Radiate (KDT workshop), The Massoud Project (Taper workshop). Off-Broadway: Food and Fadwa (New York Theatre Workshop, ASM), Five Second Chances and Icarus Burns (Playwrights Realm, readings). Regional: Romeo and Juliet (Northern Stage), Romeo and Juliet (Yale Repertory Theatre), The Servant of Two Masters (Yale Rep, ASM). Other New York Credits: Break (N.Y. Fringe Festival), Her Lightness (Yale Rep, Workshop), 69°S: The Shackleton Project (Phantom Limb, Workshop). Ojai Playwrights Conference '13 & '14 (Company Manager). MFA: Yale School of Drama.

BROOKE BALDWIN (Stage Manager). Center Theatre Group: The Nether, The Convert, Second City's A Christmas Carol: Twist Your Dickens, Venice, Burn This, The Night Watcher, Waiting for Godot. Cabrillo Music Theatre: In The Heights; Kiss Me, Kate. Moonlight Stage Productions: The Wizard of Oz, The Most Happy Fella, Cats, The Foreigner and Swingtime Canteen. Kaiser Permanente Educational Theatre: What Goes Around. Geffen Playhouse: Shipwrecked!, Time Stands Still, Through The Night and Love, Loss and What I Wore. Reprise!: I Love My Wife. UCLA: The Greeks, Cleansed, Homer in Cyberspace, Big Love and Anything Goes.

FOR CENTER THEATRE GROUP

MICHAEL RITCHIE (Artistic Director) is in his ninth season as Center Theatre Group's Artistic Director, and has led over 170 productions to the Ahmanson, Taper and Douglas stages since his arrival in 2005. From 1996 to 2004 Michael was the Producer of the Williamstown Theatre Festival and prior to that he was a Production Stage Manager in NYC. At CTG, he premiered six musicals that moved to Broadway — The Drowsy Chaperone (which won 13 Tony Award® nominations), Curtains (eight Tony nominations) 13, 9 to 5: The Musical, Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson and Leap of Faith. He has produced 39 world premieres including the musicals Minsky's, Venice and Sleeping Beauty Wakes, and the plays Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo (a Pulitzer Prize finalist that also moved to Broadway), Water & Power and Yellow Face, and he presented a broad range of plays and musicals ranging from Dead End to The Black Rider to Edward Scissorhands to blockbusters such as God of Carnage, Mary Poppins, Jersey Boys and August: Osage

County. In addition, Michael inaugurated CTG's New Play Production Program, designed to foster the development and production of new work.

EDWARD L. RADA (Managing Director) returned to Center Theatre Group in 2011 after previously serving as CTG's Chief Financial Officer for 12 years (1996-2008). Rada spent three years (2008–2011) as President of the Music Center Foundation, a non-profit corporation that holds and invests the endowment and reserve funds for the Music Center and its resident companies (including CTG). Prior to his years at CTG, he was the Director of Finance at The Old Globe in San Diego and principal of Rada & Associates, an accounting firm that specialized in entertainment-related non-profit organizations and theatrical productions. He is a graduate of Occidental College in Los Angeles with numerous postgraduate coursework and credentials. He currently serves on the board of directors for Entertainment Industry Foundation, Theatre @ Boston Court, and United Support of Artists for Africa/USA for Africa, among other affiliations. He also serves on the board of trustees for the pension, health and welfare and 401(k) plans of I.A.T.S.E. Local 33 Stagehands Union.

DOUGLAS C. BAKER (Producing Director) is now in his 24th season at CTG. Previously, he managed Broadway and touring productions including Tru, Born Yesterday, The Gospel at Colonus, Annie, A Chorus Line, Working, The Wiz,

and Legends!, which premiered at the Ahmanson Theatre in 1986 and starred Mary Martin and Carol Channing. Doug is a member of the Achievement Hall of Fame of Chagrin Falls Schools in Ohio and a graduate of Albion College. He is an active member of the Broadway League, the Independent Presenters Network and is a proud member of the Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers. In May 2013 Doug received The Broadway League's prestigious Outstanding Achievement in Presenter Management Award.

NAUSICA STERGIOU (General Manager, Mark Taper Forum and Kirk Douglas Theatre) has worked professionally supporting artists in theatres of all shapes, sizes and locales including many seasons at Center Theatre Group as General Manager and, previously, as Audience Development Director. She oversees main stage productions at the Taper and Douglas, as well as new play commissions and developmental productions through CTG's New Play Development. Nausica has taught at USC's School of Dramatic Arts, and advises and works with local not-for-profits including Daukayev Ballet Theatre and Hollywood Orchard. MFA, Yale School of Drama and Outward Bound trekker.

LINDSAY ALLBAUGH (Producing Associate) is a member of Center Theatre Group's artistic staff and has served in varying capacities for the past 10 years. Lindsay also serves as the artistic coordinator

for CTG's Sherwood Award, which supports emerging Los Angeles artists. In addition to her work for CTG, Lindsay is the co-artistic director at the Elephant Theatre Company in Hollywood. Selected producing credits include *The Steward of Christendom* at the Taper, *The Nether* at the KDT and *Waiting for Godot* at the Taper. Directing credits include the West Coast premieres of 100 Saints You Should Know and Never Tell (Elephant), the world premiere of Revelation (Elephant), Supernova (Elephant) and Kate Crackernuts, Gray City, Aloha Say the Pretty Girls (Harvard/ART).

GORDON DAVIDSON (Founding Artistic Director) led the Taper throughout its first 38 seasons, guiding over 300 productions to its stage and winning countless awards for himself and the theatre — including the Tony Award for theatrical excellence, Margo Jones Award, The Governor's Award for the Arts and a Guggenheim fellowship. The Kentucky Cycle and Angels in America (Part One) won the Pulitzer in consecutive years and, in 1994, three of the four plays nominated for the Tony Award for Best Play were from the Taper (Angels in America won). In 1989 Gordon took over the Ahmanson and, in 2004, he produced the inaugural season in the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

The playwright would like to dedicate her work on this production to her big brother Bill.

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