

Press Release

6 September - 9 September 2018
Gershman Y Black Box Theater
401 S. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Two new plays performing in rep:

This is a Play About Buttons
Written by Emily Wanamaker
Directed by Kelly Fleming

What Happened Between the Dakotas
Written by Michael Kasper
Directed by Allison Mudd

This is a Play About Buttons follows a group of people who work in an office where they press buttons all day, every day, no matter what happens, because buttons are happiness. It explores human nature in an absurd world, pitting the pursuit of knowledge against the pursuit of happiness in a place where neither seems entirely achievable.

What Happened Between the Dakotas tells the story of two best friends, both named Dakota, who embark on a journey of self discovery across America to the border of North and South Dakota. Through their road trip, these two college grads are forced to confront the existential dread within themselves when they are confronted with the universe itself.

Emily Wanamaker is a senior Directing, Playwriting, and Production major at the University of the Arts. This is her playwriting debut. Her play *O(rest)eia*, in a self-directed production, will premiere in December as her senior thesis at UArts.

Kelly Fleming is a sophomore Directing, Playwriting, and Production major at the University of the Arts. This is her directorial debut.

Michael Kasper is a senior Directing, Playwriting, and Production major at the University of the arts. This is his playwriting debut.

Allison Mudd is a junior Directing, Playwriting, and Production major at the University of the Arts. Past directing credits: *Eat, Pray Swag: The UnAuthorized Account of Justin Bieber's Career*.

Tickets for each performance are \$10 each and may be purchased through the Fringe Festival Box Office or at the door. The venue is located at the corner of Broad and Pine Streets on the first floor of the Gershman Y building. *This is a Play About Buttons* performs September 6th at 8:00, the 8th at 5:00 and 8:30, and the 9th at 1:00. *What Happened Between the Dakotas* performs September 7th at 8:00, the 8th at 1:00, and the 9th at 5:00 and 8:30.

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