

CALENDAR LISTING

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WHO: The Theatre School Showcase, DePaul University

WHAT: **CLOUD NINE** by Caryl Churchill, directed by faculty member Lisa Portes

In this constantly shifting, time-defying play - a popular and critical success when it premiered in 1979 - British playwright Churchill highlights colonial and gender oppression. From Victorian-ruled Africa in act one to contemporary London in act two with most of the same characters, the play explores gender and sexuality from the 1880's to the 21st century. *Recommended for mature audiences.*

WHEN: October 6-15, 2006 (previews on 10/4 and 10/5 at 7:30 PM)
Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2 PM

WHERE: DePaul's Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive (at Michigan), Chicago, IL 60605

PARKING: Discount parking available with coupons from the Box Office

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: The theatre is accessible via CTA buses (3-King Drive, 29-State, and 146-Michigan/Museums) and CTA El stops (Red - Harrison stop, Blue - LaSalle stop, Brown/Orange/Purple/Pink - Library stop)

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM: Starting this season, The Theatre School is offering the inaugural Showcase Series Membership Program – for \$48 (\$24 for students), members will receive a membership card which entitles them to attend any performance of any Showcase production for free, which also includes one free guest pass and no initial handling fee. Members are entitled to \$8 parking coupons and other benefits. For complete details or to purchase a membership, call the Box Office at (312) 922-1999.

ADMISSION: Regular single ticket prices are \$15. Preview tickets are \$12. Student tickets are \$6. Seniors (over 60), DePaul employees and alumni receive a discount (with ID). Group rates are available for 15 or more people. Previews are FREE for any college student (with ID).

BOX OFFICE/ INFORMATION: For tickets and info, contact (312) 922-1999 or theatreboxoffice@depaul.edu
Tickets may also be purchased at www.ticketweb.com and www.hotfix.org
Further information available at <http://theatreschool.depaul.edu/showmain.php>

MEDIA: Media comps, photos, videos and interviews are available on request.

STAFF: **Lisa Portes** (Director), **Katie Schweiger** (Scenic Design), **Jessica Chesak** (Costume Design), **Chris Prezas** (Lighting Design), **Josh Horvath** (Sound Design) and **Shayna O'Neill** (Stage Manager).

CAST: **Sara Anderson** (Edward/Betty), **Talon Beeson** (Harry/Martin), **Stewart Calhoun** (Betty/Edward), **Susaan Jamshidi** (Mrs. Saunders/Ellen/Lin), **Zach Kenney** (Clive/Cathy), **Adam Poss** (Joshua/Gerry) and **Allison Pryce** (Maude/Victoria).

ASL INTERPRETED PERFORMANCES: The performance on Sunday, October 15 will be interpreted in American Sign Language.
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SPECIAL EVENTS: A post-show discussion with the cast follows the performances on Sunday, October 8 and Thursday, October 12. The performance on Wednesday, October 11 is "DePaul Night;" tickets are half price for all DePaul faculty, staff and students, as well as any university student (with ID). Roseexpressions Community Partner Day is Sunday, October 8, when audience members can enter to win a valuable floral arrangement (a \$75 value).

DINNER OFFERS: Receive a 15% discount at the Pavilion Restaurant, Buckingham's or Kitty O'Sheas (all at the Hilton Chicago and Towers) with coupons from the Box Office.

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