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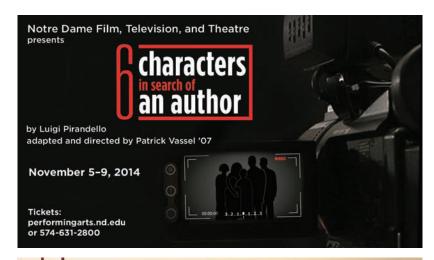
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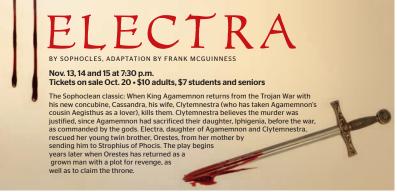
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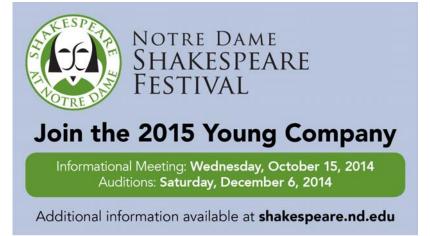




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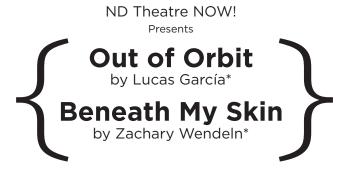
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#### From the Archives

The Department has a long tradition of producing new plays written by students and faculty with Father Lemonnier writing plays for production by students as early as the 1860s. New student-written drama perhaps reached its peak with the post-World War I modernist plays of the 1920s followed by a decade after World War II of original musical comedies. More recently, the New Playwrights Workshop (founded in 1998) rekindled the need to produce scripts developed in class by students, and ND Theatre NOW! is a direct and continuing outgrowth of that effort.

—Mark C. Pilkinton

#### Notes on Out of Orbit

I am thrilled to direct the premiere production of Lucas García's *Out of Orbit*. As a part of the LGBTQ community, I have struggled to find my place and my voice on this campus. Directing *Out of Orbit* has given me the perfect marriage of my identity and my passion – who I am and what I love to do. Thank you.

—Anthony Murphy, director

In a lot of LGBTQ literature, coming out narratives seem to follow a specific formula and are often told from a single perspective. This narrowness inspired me to write about a character who receives the news that a loved one is not heterosexual, rather than one who breaks the news. The world in which we live is changing, and the narrative of coming out must change as well. We must go beyond coming out of the closet and begin deconstructing it, from multiple perspectives and approaches.

Thanks a million to all you helpful people out there.

—Lucas García, playwright

# Notes on Beneath My Skin

Beneath My Skin depicts two young men struggling to remain honest with themselves, when their world prefers their lies. Although the story is set in specific times and places, its discussions of pain, loneliness, and longing for progress apply to everyone still searching for self-acceptance. I have been so fortunate to work directly with our playwright, Zach, throughout this new play process. The experience has given me and the cast a greater appreciation for how people mask themselves, and how self-acceptance also means facing the past.

—Joev Dovle, director

"He's writing about loving. About losing. Anything beyond that—does anything else matter?"
—Thomas, *Beneath My Skin* 

I wanted to write a play about being gay

about coming out and coming to terms with one's newfound identity about first love and the gutting of first heartbreak

about surviving years of hatred, both external and internal

I wrote this piece as a reminder to myself and other LGBT individuals of how far we've come, as individuals and as a community—from pre-Stonewall conservatism through the liberal 80s, shrouded by HIV, to today. More than this, I wrote it as a call to greater love and sympathy on behalf of the wider Notre Dame community.

—Zach Wendeln, playwright

This production is dedicated to Professor Mark C. Pilkinton who has completed his thirtieth year at Notre Dame.

# **Out of Orbit**

by Lucas García\* directed by Anthony Murphy\*

# **Setting**

A rural location in middle America, December 2012.

#### Cast

Nora: Nandi Mgwaba Alex: Simone West\* Joseph: Eric Ways\* Hank: Andrew Baglini Anthony: Anthony Murphy\*

# **Beneath My Skin**

by Zachary Wendeln\* directed by Joey Doyle\*

# **Setting**

San Francisco and New York City, 1963 - 1985.

### Cast

Young Thomas: Jacob Schrimpf\*
Thomas: Paul Kuczynski
Marshall: Kelly Burgess
Cecilia, Kyla: Emmy Schoenbauer
Hannah, Monica: Caroline McKee
Troy: Eric Ways\*
Nick: Andrew Baglini

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

### **Production Team**

Producer: Kevin Dreyer

ND Theatre NOW! Faculty Advisor: Anne García-Romero

Production Manager: Michael Burns\*
Stage Manager: Maddie Landon\*
Assistant Stage Manager: Kelsey Dool
Lighting Designer: Ben Woodley
Sound Designer: Michael Burns\*
Technical Director: C. Kenneth Cole

Faculty Advisor, Costume Design: Richard E. Donnelly

Costume Shop Manager: Lynn Holbrook
Sound Board Operator: Kelsey Dool
Costume/Props Assistant: Sarah Denning
Light Board Operator: Brenna Donegan
Stage Hand: Austin Burgett\*
Acting Coaches: Siiri Scott, Scott Jackson
Graphic Designer, Photographer: Helen Cramer

## **Costume Shop Assistants**

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Costume Crew Head for ND Theatre NOW! : Isabel Piechowicz

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# Scenery, Props, and Lighting Crew

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