With a focus on Family, our 2019-20 season will be fun, challenging, heart-breaking and weird! As season patrons and donors, we consider you part of our Family.

We don’t always present the most popular productions like the ones you may see around town. Our selection process is unique, because we are committed to our academic mission; we are thoughtful about producing professional-level shows that directly correlate with the skills, techniques and topics taught in the classroom, including various styles of theatre and dance. Some performances tackle issues that are current in world news or pop culture, while others challenge our students to study vastly different time periods, cultures and regions. We are mindful of challenging our students’ creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, technological skills and more. Our Department is focused on process and developing students’ core professional training, and we applaud them for taking these skills to the theatre and dance productions that they are a part of in the community. When you become part of our Family as a subscriber and/or donor, you are directly supporting our Family of students and their academic growth.

This season, we will present musical theatre, drama, comedy and dance and will highlight three Todd McNerney National Playwriting Award winners. Also, as the College of Charleston celebrates its 250th Anniversary throughout 2020, we will join that celebration midseason with Last Night and the Night Before, by award-winning playwright and alumna Donnetta Lavinia Grays.

Join us as a season subscriber and receive invitations to special events and presentations, including backstage tours, receptions and rehearsals. Subscribers also benefit from priority seating, flex-ticketing, exchange privileges and opportunities to engage with the cast and crew to gain insight into the creativity and process taking place behind the scenes.

To bring greater attention to our students and their faculty mentors, we invite you to SIDE SHOW 2020: an Evening of Student Work, included as a bonus with your season subscription. Donations at this evening of short presentations will directly support the student presenters on their travel and materials at upcoming competitions, conferences and festivals.

Each year generous patrons and donors, like you, make it possible for our Department to continue providing comprehensive education, training and invaluable experience for our students. So, in addition to season packages, review our donor categories, share our information, and help us broaden our Family. As always, thank you for your support and for being part of our FAMILY!

Janine McCabe
Chair/Artistic Director, Department of Theatre and Dance
When a young maiden who has never touched a sword learns she must defend her inheritance in a duel, she struggles with a milksop suitor, a servant girl posing as a Prussian fencing master, a Prussian fencing master who thinks he is there to marry her, a stodgy lawyer and her domineering aunt—the finest blade anywhere—to save her house and lands. Like all classic farces, everyone gets the ending they deserve in unexpected ways... but will they be satisfied?

- THE JOINING SWORD AND PEN COMPETITION WINNER
- 2018 BABES WITH BLADES THEATRE COMPANY
- 2018 TODD MCNERNEY NATIONAL PLAYWRITING AWARD

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A landmark play which, in the words of The New York Times, “...is the unmistakable expression of a major writer nearing the height of his powers.” A collision of distorted perceptions and irony, the play explores two families, linked by marriage but divided by distrust, to probe the perils of lives that have been directed by lies. Told in three acts and set in the modern American West, this story alternates between two families after a severe incident of spousal abuse triggers new perceptions for some, and desperate moves for others.

- NEW YORK DRAMA CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD
- OUTER CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD
- DRAMA DESK AWARD
Acknowledging the past and present of our lives, community, and world, Legacy is a collection of dance works by the College of Charleston faculty and guest artists questioning where we come from and how will we make an impact.

SIDE SHOW 2020

Enjoy an evening of short presentations by students in all areas as they prepare for upcoming competitions, conferences and festivals. Your donation at the door will directly support the travel and presentation of the students’ final products.

January 31 at 7:30PM
A SOLDIER LIKE HELLFIRE. NOBODY'S GONNA SING AT YOUR GRAVE.

Three sisters living in the U.S. are caught in the mess of a recent war’s aftermath. This story is about what happens when soldiers come home, when women of little economic means must find a way to make do and carry on, and the strength, ultimately, of family. A contemporary U.S. story of faith, love, war, trauma, and a bit of healing.

- 2012 OBIE FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT PLAYWRIGHT
- 2018 ATHE ELLEN STEWART CAREER ACHIEVEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL THEATRE
- 2018 TANNE FOUNDATION AWARD
- 2013 TODD MCNERNEY NATIONAL PLAYWRITING AWARD

Lexie got his eyes and Lexie got his spirit and Lexie a soldier too, and that just puts you out like hellfire. But you know what? Lexie’s more than you. Come day of judgment? Book gonna show she done right. And you with all your sittin’ here sewin’ and takin’ time and all the powerful decency you say you got – Nobody’s gonna remember you. Nobody’s gonna say “Oh that Evelyn, she’s golden child.” Your name drop in the bucket? Good riddance. That’s what people will say. Nobody but nobody’s gonna sing at your grave.

LAST NIGHT AND THE NIGHT BEFORE

When Monique and her 10-year-old daughter, Samantha, show up unexpectedly on her sister’s Brooklyn doorstep, it’s the beginning of the end for Rachel and her partner Nadima’s orderly lifestyle. Monique is on the run from deep trouble, her husband Reggie is nowhere to be seen, and Samantha becomes ever haunted by the life in southern Georgia she was forced to leave behind. Poetic, dark and often deeply funny, Last Night and the Night Before explores the power, necessity, and beauty of loss.

- 2015 TODD MCNERNEY NATIONAL PLAYWRITING AWARD
- EUGENE O’NEILL CENTER NATIONAL PLAYWRIGHT FESTIVAL SEMIFINALIST
- THE KILROYS LIST 2017
Continuing in the tradition of Chapel Moves, this dynamic all-student choreographed concert explores the themes of transformation and travel. Join our talented dancers as we bring this exciting performance to the Recital Hall for an entertaining and thought-provoking evening of dance.

**MAR**

**JOURNEY**

**A DANCE CONCERT**

**MAR 5 & 6 AT 7:30PM**

**MAR 7 AT 2:00PM**

**VENUE**

Recital Hall in the Simons Center for the Arts
54 Saint Philip St.

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

Gretchen McLaine

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**APR**

**THE ADDAMS FAMILY**

**A NEW MUSICAL**

**APR 9, 10, 14, 15 AT 7:30PM**

**APR 11 AT 2:00PM | APR 12 AT 4:00PM**

**VENUE**

Emmett Robinson Theatre in the Simons Center for the Arts

**DIRECTOR**

Laura Turner

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**CHOREOGRAPHER**

Kristin Alexander

A comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family! It’s every father’s nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family - a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn’t upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he’s never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday’s “normal” boyfriend and his parents.
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