

The plays presented here tonight will be published
in the YAWP Ezine:
www.yawpezine.com



Videos of the plays will be featured on
The Southampton Arts YouTube Channel,
“Bob’s Writing Shack”
www.youtube.com/mfawriting

THE YOUNG ARTISTS & WRITERS PROJECT SPRING BREAK & SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Writing Workshops for students, ages 13 – 18, in fiction,
essay, poetry, playwriting & screenwriting

Student writers develop and hone their fiction, poetry and personal
essay skills in order to discover the most powerful ways to express
their ideas and to have them heard. By week’s end, each student has
several pieces of completed work to submit or publish. Student work
is eligible for publication in the YAWP Ezine and for presentation in
YAWP Playwrights Performances.

Course Fee: \$525. Partial scholarships available.

For more information about YAWP programs in the schools, as well as
on our campus during the summer and school breaks, please visit:

www.stonybrook.edu/yawp

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2019 High School Playwrights Performance

Five courageous, poignant and outrageous plays written by
and starring high school students from
Hampton Bays High School, Sag Harbor’s Pierson High School,
and the YAWP Summer Workshops

Saturday, December 14th, 2019 7 PM
Avram Theater, Fine Arts Building
Stony Brook Southampton
Southampton, NY

THE YOUNG ARTISTS & WRITERS PROJECT

The Young Artists and Writers Project (YAWP), sponsored by Stony Brook Southampton's MFA in Creative Writing, is dedicated to mentoring middle and high school students in the development of creative expression and critical thinking through the writing and performing arts.

The goals of YAWP include:

- To enhance critical thinking, collaboration and communication skills
- To help each student find and develop his/her unique voice
- To foster the use of creative expression as a way to solve problems and promote compassion and global awareness
- To advance 21st century skills while supporting ELA requirements
- To provide students from diverse school districts with a collaborative, non-competitive community experience
- To develop and support the next generation of readers and writers.

YAWP programs pair professional writers and artists with middle and high school students in a variety of interdisciplinary writing programs, including scriptwriting, personal essay, poetry and fiction. Programs conclude with special projects and public presentations, as well as potential publication in the YAWP Ezine.

Workshops are offered in school residencies as well as in spring break and summer workshops on the Stony Brook Southampton campus.

YAWP provides Stony Brook's MFA in Creative Writing with important community outreach, offers a teaching practicum for the Creative Writing MFA's graduate students, and helps to shape the next generation of writers and artists.

YAWP PLAYWRITING

The YAWP Playwriting Program is a two-month school residency that introduces students to the principles of dramatic writing. Teaching artists guide students through a curriculum exploring the elements of dramatic writing and assisting each student in the discovery of his/her unique perspective and creative voice.

Each student who participates in the program completes a one-act play. One play from each participating class is selected by committee for professional staging at Avram Theater, Stony Brook Southampton. Students then audition to perform in, assistant direct or stage manage the plays under the mentorship of the YAWP staff and professional theatre artists for two public performances.

A NOTE ON CONTENT

During the course of each YAWP program, there is much discussion with students about the content of their plays, from language to subject matter. Students are asked – encouraged – to “write what they know,” to create characters their own age, dealing with concerns they share, using their own words. They are also told that we will not censor their work.

Non-censorship is fundamental to the success of the YAWP programs. We believe that creativity cannot thrive in an environment of restriction, and that validation of voice promotes self-esteem. We therefore use an approach of “How?” and “Why?” with students, as opposed to “Can’t” or “Shouldn’t.” Students who have been tentative about writing often feel liberated by this approach – and the YAWP Programs thus become a forum for all students to safely explore the issues that affect their lives, as well as an opportunity for parents, educators and community members to increase their awareness of the concerns facing young people today.

We do discuss what is gratuitous versus what is earned when it comes to creative expression, a discussion that continues at every opportunity throughout the creative process. We find this helps students to consider and define for themselves the best, most effective way to convey their point or message. We also emphasize that our policy of non-censorship is limited to the confines of the YAWP classroom, and does not extend to, or advocate, violating a school or family code of conduct.

Finally, though, what ends up on the page - or the stage - is the playwright's call, which often results in content that “raises a few eyebrows.” The important element is that these plays are a reflection of our young people's voices today. We neither condone nor oppose the students' creative choices, but we do believe they have a right to be expressed. Most importantly, we applaud their courage for taking the risk to be heard.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

PIERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent: Katy Graves

Principal: Jeff Nichols

Assistant Principal: Michael Guinan

Classroom Teacher: Gary Schulman

YAWP Teaching Artists: Will Chandler and Amy Scheiner

Participating Students:

Emelyn Lopez Barrantes

Caitlin McSweeney

Sean Murphree

Kayla Stallings

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Gaia Unaldi

HAMPTON BAYS HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent: Lars Clemensen

Executive Director for Educational Services: Eric Ferraro

Principal: Christopher Richardt

Classroom Teacher: Justin Dulfon

YAWP Teaching Artist: Will Chandler

Participating Students:

Zach Adelson

Cristian Durazno

Sofia Lauther

Deirdre McCallan

Cristina Moranchel

Ali O'Connor

Valeria Ortiz

Giselle Perez

Jonanthony Tarlen

YAWP SUMMER SCRIPTWRITING WORKSHOP

Stony Brook Southampton Campus – July 2019

YAWP Teaching Artists: Will Chandler, Tyler Penny

Participating Students:

Iris Apatow

Casey Cartagena

Sophia Guarnaschelli

Loomis Hall

Hope Hamilton

Galen Hopper

Amelia Lewis

Sankavi Sampath

Stephanie Sharpelletti

Luca Villano

Dante Zangrillo

YAWP FACULTY & STAFF

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YAWP PROGRAMMATIC STAFF

Executive Director – Emma Walton Hamilton

Program Director - Will Chandler

MFA Director/YAWP Fiction & Personal Essay – Lou Ann Walker

Playwriting – Will Chandler & Emma Walton Hamilton

Screenwriting – Annette Handley Chandler

Poetry - Julie Sheehan

YAWP PRODUCTION STAFF

Director – Emma Walton Hamilton

Associate Director - Will Chandler

Producer - Stephen Hamilton

Production Manager/Tech Director - Frank Imperiale

Costumes and Props - Yuka Silvera

Costume Assistant - Alisha Kraus

Production Assistant - Mckenzie Watterson

2019 High School Playwriting Program Teaching Artists

Will Chandler, Tyler Penny, Amy Scheiner

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Hampton Ballet Theater School, John Waldron
Ross School, Aventura Motors, Sag Harbor Variety Store

1.
SOMETHING INTENSE

By Kayla Stallings

PIERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Directed by Morgan Vaughan

Night.....Rachel McKelvey

Jackie.....Caitlin McSweeney

2.
BROKEN DRAWER

By Ali O'Connor

HAMPTON BAYS HIGH SCHOOL

Directed by Matthew Conlon

Lilly..... Isabella Moschetta

Mark.....Ian Hubbard

3.
ZODIANTICS

By Hope Hamilton (Ross School)

YAWP SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Directed by Carolann DiPirro

LeoGaylin Davey

Taurus.....Myles Zappola

Voice of Aquarius..... Will Chandler

Assistant Director..... Zoe Richardson

4.
FINAL TALK
By Sofia Lauther

HAMPTON BAYS HIGH SCHOOL

Directed by Valerie diLorenzo

Reflection..... Valeria Ortiz

Shirley..... Jennifer Quantano

Assistant Director..... Sofia Lauther

5.
THE ELECTION
By Amelia Lewis (Hewlitt School)

YAWP SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Directed by Joe Minutillo

Clementine / Annabelle..... Laney Gruber

Lila / Victoria / ClaireSophia Guarnaschelli

Assistant Director / Mr. Davis..... Justino Tesoro

The plays will be performed without an intermission.