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Studio 201 December 3-12, 2004 3rd Season 9th Production



Kid-Simple: a radio play in the flesh by Jordan Harrison

The Production Team

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The Cast

Peyton Hinson* ... **Moll** a girl who invents things

Garrett Feek* ... Oliver a virgin

Georgia Southern* ... The Narrator

Adam Larmer* ... The Mercenary

a master of disguises, including:

- Garth, a heartbreaker

- a Pawnshop clerk

- a Satyr

- a Fig Tree

Connell Brown* ... Mr. Wachtel a black marketeer

& Father

& Voice One

Lee Fitzpatrick $^{*}\,$... Miss Kendrick a music teacher

& Mother & Voice Two

Ben Harris ... Foley Artist

* Denotes member of the Professional Actor Training Program (PATP)

Production Notes

From the Director

Jordan Harrison is a playwright who experiments theatrically with what has been described as *indeterminacy*. Many playscripts attempt to determine every aspect of a play's appearance on stage. Harrison instead deliberately builds into his scripts large gaps that encourage a high degree of improvisation from actors and designers in performance.

Harrison's gaps are called "prompts," or words in the playscript that only suggest how a scene *might* be staged. Prompts may encourage an actor to draw upon personal experience, such as "first experience with the police" or "evil fantasy." Prompts such as "adjective" or "verb" also provoke improvisation in sound or lighting design.

Prompts from Kid Simple will be projected visually, and improvised aurally. Harrison's work is inspired by Thalia Field, a tremendous playwright and former classmate of mine from Brown University.

About the Author

Jordan Harrison is a Seattle native. His plays, which include *Kid-Simple*, *The Museum Play*, and *Finn in the Underworld*, have been produced and developed at Actors Theatre of Louisville, Playwrights Horizons, The Empty Space Theater, and the first Summer Play Festival at Theatre Row. *Kid-Simple* premiered in the 2004 Humana Festival at Actors Theatre of Louisville.

Mr. Harrison is the recipient of two Jerome Fellowships from The Playwrights' Center, the 2003 Heideman Award, a 2001-2002 Lucille Lortel Fellowship, and residencies with the Djerassi Program and Commonweal Theatre Company. He is currently working on a commission from the Guthrie Theater and Children's Theatre Company. A graduate of the Brown University M.F.A. Playwriting program, Mr. Harrison is a member of New Dramatists.

Recommended Reading

Incarnate: Story Material, by Thalia Field (NY: New Directions, 2004).

Point and Line, by Thalia Field (NY: New Directions, 2000).

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