



Stockton Student to Direct 'Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake)' on Nov. 12-16

Kate Sparacio of Hamilton, NJ Leads Student Cast in Experimental Theatre

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Galloway Township, NJ - Each year, students, faculty, and staff come together to choose a student to direct the fall Theatre program production at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. This year, the choice was Kate Sparacio, of Hamilton in Mercer County, NJ, to direct her fellow students in "Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake)", by Sheila Callaghan of New York City.

"I feel honored to have the opportunity to bring this piece of art to life at Stockton," said Sparacio, 22, a Theatre major who will graduate in December. "'Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake)' is a reflection of my time as a student in many ways. It is infused with everything I've learned at Stockton, and the experiences that have shaped me in and out of the classroom," she said.

"In theatre, as in many fields, sitting in a desk absorbing information only gets you so far; you need to work with real people moving, experimenting, creating. That is the best thing about theatre at Stockton: Students are given these opportunities. Stockton has given me the chance to give life to 'Crumble', and I'm so pleased to invite the community to share this art with me."

"Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake)" will be performed at the Experimental Theatre of Stockton College, on the lower level adjacent to the Performing Arts Center, from **Nov. 12-16**, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students and seniors with ID; ticket orders can be made online at www.stockton.edu/pac or by calling the Box Office at (609)-652-9000.

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In the play, *The Apartment* is crumbling, and so are the lives within it. Sheila Callaghan's play is a haunting yet hilarious account of one family, and their apartment's losses. Janice, (played by Mady Welch of Galloway, NJ), has lost her father; Clara, (played by Nicole Clark of Pine Beach, NJ), is losing her daughter; Barbara, (played by Phoebe Gruetter of Deptford, NJ), lost her opportunity; and even *The Apartment*, (played by Evan Williamson of Island Heights, NJ), is losing his, or its, identity. So, what happens when the glue holding a family together – or holding the paper to the walls – begins to dissolve? Callaghan, in her world containing a personified apartment, 57 cats, Justin Timberlake and Harrison Ford, (both played by John Wisniewski of Jackson, NJ), tackles this painful reality head-on, and the answer might just be: Everything crumbles.

"It is rare to work on an authentic piece of theatre that is fulfilling and heartbreaking at the same time, with a creative team in a single space every night that is organic and fully nurtured," says Nicole Clark. "'Crumble' is special because you think you're simply going to see a show, but you walk away and it is so much more than that."

The Stockton Box Office is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 90 minutes before each performance. The Stockton Performing Arts Center is located on the campus of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Jimmie Leeds Road, Pomona (Galloway Township). For patrons with special needs, the Performing Arts Center offers wheelchair accessible seating, listening assistive devices, and large type programs. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

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