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**GUTHRIE CELEBRATES 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
A GUTHRIE EXPERIENCE FOR ACTORS IN TRAINING**

**Program culminates with an original performance devised and  
performed by the Guthrie Experience participants**

**Playing July 26-30 in the Dowling Studio**

(*Minneapolis/St. Paul*)— Since 1997 the Guthrie Theater has proudly welcomed 249 actors from prestigious graduate training programs across the country to participate in **A Guthrie Experience for Actors in Training (GEx)**. GEx is an eight-week summer program which introduces graduate actors to the Guthrie and the Twin Cities and is designed to provoke and challenge its participants through training workshops, discussion and individual working sessions. The 2017 program culminates with a presentation of *Incurable: A Fool's Tale*, an original piece devised and performed by the participants and directed by Marcela Lorca. Performances run July 26-30 in the Dowling Studio. Tickets are \$9 and are now on sale through the Box Office at 612.377.2224, toll-free 877.44.STAGE, and online at [guthrietheater.org](http://guthrietheater.org).

Each summer, graduate student actors from across the U.S. come to the Guthrie Theater for eight weeks of training through A Guthrie Experience for Actors in Training, a renowned program established by the late Kenneth Washington that was designed to build a bridge between training and the acting profession while introducing participants to a preeminent theater. Now in its 20th year, the program has welcomed hundreds of advanced students to the Guthrie, many who have subsequently been cast in Guthrie productions, Broadway and off-Broadway shows, film and television. Notable alumni include Mahershala Ali (GEx '99, Oscar winner for *Moonlight*), Sterling K. Brown (GEx '00, "This Is Us"), Morena Baccarin (GEx '99, Emmy Award nominee for "Homeland"), Ricardo Chavira (GEx '99, SAG Award winner for "Desperate Housewives"), Dion Flynn (GEx '97, *Hamlet* [Off-Broadway]), Josh Radnor (GEx '98, People's Choice Award winner for "How I Met Your Mother"), Randy Reyes (GEx '98, artistic director for Mu Performing Arts), Corey Stoll (GEx '02, *The Bourne Legacy*) and Emily Swallow (GEx '03, "The Mentalist").

The 2017 class features Ernest Bentley (Wayne State University), Brett Calo (UCLA), DeLeon Dallas (UCSD), Oscar Emmanuel Fabela (UCLA), Shenyse LeAnna Harris (Brown University/Trinity Rep), Tia Jemison (DePaul University), Kimberly Monks (UCSD), Aishling Pembroke (NYU), Vaughn Pole (Pace University), Katie Rich (Harvard University/A.R.T.) and Sean Ryan (UW School of Drama).

The creative team for *Incurable: A Fool's Tale* includes Marcela Lorca (Director, Interim Director of Company Development), Sun Mee Chomet (Assistant Director), Sarah Bahr (Costume Designer), Molly O'Gara (Assistant Costume Designer), Karin Olson (Lighting Designer), Abbee Warmboe (Properties Designer), Nick Golfis (Scenic Designer), Katharine Horowitz (Sound Designer), Matthew Meeks (Stage Manager) and Audrey Rice (Assistant Stage Manager).

#### **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 29 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 30 at 1 p.m.

**THE GUTHRIE THEATER** (Joseph Haj, Artistic Director) was founded by Sir Tyrone Guthrie in 1963 and is an American center for theater performance, production, education and professional training, dedicated to producing the great works of dramatic literature and to cultivating the next generation of theater artists. Under Haj's leadership, the Guthrie produces a mix of classic and contemporary plays on three stages, and continues to set a national standard for excellence in theatrical production and performance. In 2006, the Guthrie opened its new home on the banks of the Mississippi River in Minneapolis. Designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel, the Guthrie Theater houses three state-of-the-art stages, production facilities, classrooms, full-service restaurants and dramatic public lobbies. [guthrietheater.org](http://guthrietheater.org)

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