

THE OVERVIEW EFFECT

A WORLD PREMIERE
BY LYNN ROSEN

A showdown between competing space companies, each on a quest for Mars, ends in disaster with the explosion of RedSky's unmanned rocket. As air disaster expert Dylan Marks searches for signs of sabotage, her investigation becomes deeply personal and ultimately life changing. This epic tale explores the costs of risk-taking – scientific, emotional, and spiritual – and asks, "Do we know all the ways there are to be alive?"

FRANK CENTER

REDEEMED

A WORLD PREMIERE
BY CHISA HUTCHINSON

Redeemed tells the fictional story of convicted murderer Trevor Barlow, who killed Claire Yiang's brother nine years prior. He has written to Claire begging her to visit him in prison. When Claire arrives, Trevor claims he's a changed man thanks to the help of her brother's ghost. Claire must decide if Trevor is capable of redemption, or just attempting to impress the parole board.

YOUR NAME MEANS DREAM

A WORLD PREMIERE
BY JOSÉ RIVERA

Aislin is getting older. She suffers the inevitable indignities of being human – and hates technology. Stacy, her caregiver is perfectly toned, doesn't age, and is utterly in control – because she's an AI entity. And there's a new algorithm out there called AOS or Approximation of Soul. Does Stacy have it? Oscar nominee and Obie-winning José Rivera examines how we live, die, and form our sense of self in a world that's increasingly saturated with technology.

MARINOFF

SPIRITUS/ VIRGIL'S DANCE

A WORLD PREMIERE
BY DAEL ORLANDERSMITH

Spiritus means "breathing". This solo play about how we live and pass, about time and direction - both celebrates and appreciates life and death, and just how much we take for granted.

Obie award winning and Pulitzer Prize Finalist Dael Orlandersmith both writes and performs in her new play, *Spiritus/ Virgil's Dance*. Dael Orlandersmith returns to CATF after her production of *Antonio's song/ I was dreaming of a son*, co-written with Antonio Edwards Suarez.

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FEVER DREAMS (OF ANIMALS ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION)

A WORLD PREMIERE
BY JEFFREY LIEBER

For decades, Adele and Zachary have rendezvoused in a remote cabin in the woods to celebrate their passion and be together. This year though, something is...different. The place is falling apart, a sense of loss pervades the air, they're both keeping secrets, and Adele has brought a gun...one that belongs to her longtime husband. *Fever Dreams (of Animals on the Verge of Extinction)* is an unfolding mystery about the cost of lies, the price of truth, and the consequences of long-overdue revelations.

SHEPHERDSTOWN OPERA HOUSE

Embrace the festival experience by attending and participating in **talktheater** events!

Meet artists and other audience members as you explore the many stages of new play development and enrich your knowledge surrounding these new works.

Backstage Tour

You know what happens on stage, now go backstage for an exclusive look to see how it all happens.

FREE / RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
FRANK CENTER
JULY 13, 20, & 27

Brunch with Peggy

Get to know CATF's Artistic Director, Peggy McKowen. Peggy shares her extensive experience producing new plays, her rich history with CATF, and her plans for CATF's future.

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JULY 9, 16, 23, & 30

CATF in Context

This scholarly approach to the festival takes a deep dive into the worlds of the plays.

FREE / RESERVATIONS REQUIRED / CCA/II

JULY 8 A Conversation with the Festival Directors
JULY 15 Technology for Life in Space
JULY 22 Robotic Elder Care
JULY 29 In the End, Where Will We Go?

Lectures

Hear from experts as they explore the constructs and contexts of the shows and resident artists as they share their creative process and discuss how they got to where they are today.

FREE / RESERVATIONS REQUIRED / REYNOLDS

JULY 8 A Conversation with the Festival Playwrights
JULY 15 One Artist's Response to Hate Crimes
JULY 22 Writing for Film, Television, and Theater
JULY 29 Space Launches and Music

Lunch & Art

Enjoy lunch with Peggy McKowen and members of CATF's Acting Company. The actors will share their experiences and discuss the themes of the plays.

\$35 / RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
COPPER CANYON
JULY 14, 21, & 28

Public Changeovers

Watch the stage transform right before your eyes. Director of Production Trent Kugler gives you a step-by-step walkthrough of how the sets change from one show to another.

FREE / MARINOFF THEATER
JULY 13, 20, 22, & 29

Post-Show Discussions

Add another layer to your new-play experience and join other passionate theatergoers and CATF creatives to respond to, discuss, and unpack the plays.

FREE / LOCATIONS VARY BY DATE

JULY 12 Spiritus/ Virgil's Dance
JULY 13 The Overview Effect
JULY 14 Fever Dreams
JULY 15 Redeemed
JULY 19 Fever Dreams
JULY 20 Your Name Means Dream
JULY 21 The Overview Effect
JULY 23 Spiritus/ Virgil's Dance
JULY 26 The Overview Effect
JULY 28 Your Name Means Dream
JULY 28 Fever Dreams
JULY 29 Redeemed

FREE EVENTS PRESENTED WITH SUPPORT FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL.

Stargazing

Visit Shepherd University's Observatory and learn about major constellations and the science of studying the stars.

FREE / RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
DATES TBD

Talk Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, CATF collaborates with musicians, artists, and storytellers, and of course, reads new plays! Each event is followed by a post-show discussion.

FREE / RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
LOCATIONS VARY BY DATE

JULY 11 Partnership Presentation with Speak Story Series
JULY 18 CATF Staged Reading
JULY 25 Partnership Presentation with Appalachian Chamber Music Festival

Questions?

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Ready to learn more about the events, the artists, and Shepherdstown?

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