

3Girls Theatre Company presents

A staged reading of

Kudzu 2012



A play by Tracy Baxter



Dramaturgy and Direction by Cat Brooks



About the Play

All the spades-playing, weed-smoking, fish-fry-having Warfield family wants is to live out their ordinary lives in the working-class community they've always called home. But an energy drink-chugging tech "visionary" is determined to reinvent their neighborhood using a people-curation app he built--and the powers that be are on his side. Who'll be left standing? And just what the hell is in that smoothie?

About the Playwright

In recent years Tracy Baxter's lifelong interest in all things theater has taken a more active turn. She's completed acting classes at ACT, Berkeley Rep, and Cal Shakes, participated in workshops in directing and lighting design at Oakland Theater Project, and performed with small but mighty community theater companies such as Theater of Others, Ninjaz of Drama, and the venerable Actors of Ensemble of Berkeley, where she also just made her directorial debut, helming a gripping and well-received online production of Lynn Nottage's SWEAT. Her play, KUDZU 2012, was a semifinalist selection in the Playwrights Foundation's 2018 Bay Area Playwrights Festival and a finalist selection in the Screencraft 2020 Stage Play Writing Competition. Tracy was selected as a Brady Fellow in 2021.

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Diana Lauren Jones as Angela Warfield



Terrance Smith as Melbert Warfield Sr.



Tyler Jeffreys as Tamika Warfield & Miss Mabry

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Corey Jackson as June & Pretty Boy Twin



Ezra Reaves as
Zac Conner, Kayleigh
& various roles



Leon Sykes as Jolly Cholly Olly & various roles



Kelly J Kelly as Sally, Tracy Moorehead, & various roles

About 3GT Salon Series

Salon Series Program Director

Pamela Hollings

3Girls Theatre invites Bay Area women playwrights 40+ to apply to join the Company as Brady Fellows. Brady Fellows and company member playwrights each work with a dramaturg, director and cast to develop and stage a play through the Salon Series. The annual program offers artistic support, commitment and community to women theatre-makers who share our passion for bringing stories told by women to the stage.

3Girls Theatre Company develops, promotes and presents new plays by women playwrights in their prime!

Less than 30% of new plays produced by the American mainstream theatre establishment in any year are written by women. 3GT was founded in 2011 for the express purpose of challenging the cultural bias that favors men's voices over women's on stage. We're proud to be one of the very few theatre companies in the nation that develop and present only plays written by women.

Don't miss upcoming Salon Series readings!

March 13th April 10th May 15th June 12th Clara by Linda Ayres-Frederick
Today I Live by Susan-Jane Harrison

Lay My Burden Down by Elizabeth Gjelten

The Trees by Kristy Lin Billuni

All Salon Series readings at 2pm at the Phoenix Theatre

3GT Staff:

Executive Artistic Director: A.J. Baker
Associate Artistic Director: Zach Kopciak
Operations Director: Tanya Telson
House Manager: Christine Plowright
Communications Associate: Corissa Dorethy

Program Associate: Zoe Chien

3Girls Theatre Company acknowledges that the land we call San Francisco is the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples. We honor the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples for their enduring commitment to Mother Earth.

Support Indigenous Communities: <u>indiancanyonlife.org</u> <u>sogoreate-landtrust.org/shuumi-land-tax</u>

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