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SJSU Theatre Presents Original Play Based on Interviews with Undocumented Students

San Jose, CA... The San Jose State University Department of Film and Theatre's original play, "[dreamer] project: an undocuplay" premieres next month at the Hammer Theatre.

Created and directed by SJSU lecturer Kathleen Normington, it is a verbatim theatre piece based on interviews with undocumented SJSU students.

The play focuses on the continuing journeys of these undocumented students from Mexico and Central America, and the issues surrounding them as they seek to find a place to belong in the U.S.

By showing the challenges each faces as a college student, as well as their personal stories of childhood and family, we come to know them not just as "undocumented" but as human beings navigating an extraordinary time in our history.

One of the undocumented students who was originally interviewed was a Theatre Arts major who plays himself in the production.

"[dreamer] project: an undocuplay" will be performed 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23 at the Hammer Theatre, 101 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose, CA 95113. There are also performances 11 a.m. on Nov. 20 and 1 p.m. on Nov. 24.

Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased at <https://hammertheatre.com/event/dreamer-project-an-undocuplay/2019-11-15/>.

About the Department of Film and Theatre:

The Department of Film and Theatre prepares students for careers as actors, performers, directors, script writers, producers, designers, technicians, managers and critical writers. We connect students to the professional world and to a wide range of career opportunities while contributing to the cultural life of the Bay Area.

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SJSU Department of Film and Theatre [DREAMER] PROJECT: AN UNDOCUPLAY Fact Sheet

- WHO:**
- San Jose State University Department of Film and Theatre
 - Kathleen Normington, SJSU lecturer, creator and director of “[dreamer] project: an undocuplay”
 - Play based on interviews with undocumented SJSU students
 - Student actors and crew
- WHAT:**
- “[dreamer] project: an undocuplay” is a verbatim theatre piece based on interviews with undocumented Latinx SJSU students.
 - Show premise: By showing the challenges each faces as a college student, as well as their personal stories of childhood and family, we come to know these students not just as “undocumented” but as human beings navigating an extraordinary time in our history.
 - Tagline: The truth must be told.
- WHEN:**
- Friday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 11 a.m.
 - Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Friday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Hammer Theatre, 101 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose, CA 95113

TICKETS: \$20 per ticket

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SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sjsutheatredept/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/sjsu_theatre/

Twitter: https://twitter.com/sjsu_theatre/

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SJSU Theatre

“[DREAMER] PROJECT: AN UNDOCUPLAY”

- WHO:** “[dreamer] project: an Undocuplay” was created by San Jose State University lecturer and director, Kathleen Normington. The script is based on interviews with undocumented Latinx students at SJSU. The cast and crew is made up of student actors. Since 1928, the SJSU Department of Film and Theatre has been preparing students for careers as actors, performers, directors, script writers, producers, designers, technicians, managers and critical writers.
- WHAT:** “[dreamer] project: an Undocuplay” is a verbatim theatre piece based on interviews with undocumented Latinx SJSU students. By showing the challenges each faces as a college student, as well as their personal stories of childhood and family, we come to know these students not just as “undocumented” but as human beings navigating an extraordinary time in our history. The truth must be told. Tickets are \$20 for the public, and \$10 for students.
- WHEN:** Friday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.
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