ASST. DIRECTOR'S NOTE

remember, you are never too young or too inexperienced to ask questions, to try to make sense of all of this, to attempt to find beauty from what is incomprehensible. we find beauty in the most inconspicuous of places — the teens in this play search for beauty in their backyards-in their neighbourhood, and they find it in abandoned buildings, in the flight patterns of songbirds, in watching eachother eat and move and live, even in the most perfect red sweater.

we come to the theatre to see something beautiful. i think it is important to remember that beauty can still exist in the most violent of places.

the teens in this play are cruel. all of them. just as we too are cruel watching them relive what, for some, is the worst moment of their lives. humans will always be cruel, it is in our nature in the same way that the bobolink flies south in the fall. their cruelty has shattered everything it has touched until all that is left is shards of broken glass in an abandoned building. they may not be able to take back their cruelty, but they pick up the pieces and make a new choice. afterall, humans will always be merciful, it is in our nature the same way that the bobolink returns north in the spring.

it gives me a lot of hope for the future. a future where cruelties are not forgotten, but where mercy picks up the pieces.

we must pick up the pieces and continue. there will always be another day there will always be another choice and we beg you to choose mercy - Kai Corrigan, Assistant Director

DRAMATURGE'S NOTE

"They're just scared, that we have a place to ourselves. Where no one's making you buy shit or quiet down." - Jordan Tannahill, Concord Floral

At its core, Tannahill's Concord Floral is an investigation of the complexities of teenage third spaces. It is a beautiful case study of the intricacies of the adolescent experience and the social pressures forced upon teenagers.

As scholar Homi K. Bhabha explains in his Third Space Theory: creating communal spaces of resistance (outside home and school/work) is crucial in human development; a space where individuals can negotiate their identities and status. In every era of human existence, from the days of the Black Death in 17th century Florence until today, teenagers have been curating their own spaces; where they dictate rules, norms and social hierarchy, battling the line between cruelty and mercy. In Concord Floral, the greenhouse is exactly that: a space of teenage rebellion, self-expression, sexual experimentation and community for this group of young people.

However, third spaces are also locations where the oppressed can conjugate to seek liberation from their oppressors. Where a plague can retake their agency, where guilt festers, and where rebirth is possible.

In the end, adults will never eradicate these spaces, all we can do is show a little empathy...

- Ian McCormack, Production Dramaturg

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Concord Floral By Jordan Tannahill

CREATIVE TEAM

Director-Emma Tibaldo Assistant Director & Choreographer-Kai Corrigan Production Dramaturg-Ian McCormack Stage Manager-Kris Hodder Assistant Stage Manager-Claire Labrecque Assistant Stage Manager-Marguerite Gravel

CAST (in alphabetical order)

Hudson Bonneau Juliette Faline Schuyler Garfield Noa De Gasperis Tedesco Vassiliki Gicopoulos Emma Goodfellow Jessica Halpern Naomi Hoedemaker-Purvis Gwenn Kustera Claire Joly Sarah Rodricks Laura Rossiter Eric Von Arx

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Costume Designer-Gabriella Torchia Assistant Costume Designer-Keren Amiga Lighting Designer-Charlotte Alexander Assistant Lighting Designer-Isobel Kloth Projection Designer-Martha Que Sound Designer/Composer-Iris Rojas Marin Assistant Sound Designer/Composer-Léa Spatz

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VENUE TECH & RIGGING CREW

Riley McManus-Jarand, Megan Byrne

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COMING UP NEXT



This staging of Concord Floral contains potentially difficult and challenging content, including but not limited to:

- teenage sexuality, including unsafe and coercive acts
- underage drug/substance use
- underage nudity (not shown)
- death
- mentions of illness and seizure disorders
- artificial haze/fog
- loud noises and sound
- quick moving lights, with snap changes We ask that audience members engage with the content of the play in a thoughtful, kind, and merciful manner.