

VIRGIN LABFEST 18: HITIK

June 7 to 25, 2023 | Tanghalang Ignacio Gimenez (CCP Black Box Theater)

Featured Works

Set A: **Adulting 101**

2:00 PM – June 7, 18, 23, 2023

8:00 PM – June 7, 17, 22, 2023

O

Playwright: Raymund Barcelon

Director: Missy Maramara

“O” revolves around an engaged couple who undergoes the most awkward moments any couple could ever experience and attempt to find a way to patch things up. It features actors Aryn Cristobal and Juan Carlos Galano.

10 to Midnight

Playwright: Juliene Mendoza

Director: Sarah Facuri

Set prior to midnight, the play tackles complicated sibling relationships as two brothers argue about life and one brother’s addiction. Bombi Plata and Jerome Dawis play the arguing brothers.

Regine: The Fairy Gaymother

Playwright: Chuck D. Smith

Director: Mark Daniel Dalacat

Familial relationship take the spotlight in this play. Frustrated with his mother’s incessant attempts to match him with a woman, a closeted man meets his fairy gaymother. The play examines what it means to love in all forms. The cast includes Adrian Lindayag, Tex Ordoñez-De Leon, Ron Capindig and Anton Diva.

Set B: REBELasyon

2:00 PM – June 8, 14, 24, 2023

8:00 PM – June 8, 18, 23, 2023

Tuloy Ang Palabas

Playwright: Layeta Bucoy

Director: Tuxqs Rutaquio

The play follows an actress who, after a three-year hiatus, is gearing up to make a comeback. But fate has something in store for her, leading to an unfortunate situation. Shamaine Centenera-Buencamino and Riskey Reyes-Robinson star in this production.

Ang Awit ng Dalagang Marmol

Playwright: Andrew Estacio

Director: Nazer Degayo Salcedo

A group of artists and actors plans to reimagine a popular classic song and stage it as a theater production. As the group pushes through, an untold truth about the song resurfaces. Bringing the story to life are Adrienne Vergara, Kath Castillo, Jasmine Balunes, Andrew Cruz, Enzo Lapresca, Dane Hinol, Peewee O'Hara, Jeremy Ampongan and Psyche Queen Dorothy Saberon.

Dominador Gonzales: National Artist

Playwright: Dingdong Novenario

Director: George De Jesús III

A playwright reunites with his former mentor and lover for a possible collaboration that would greatly help to revive his playwriting career. Riki Benedicto, Joel Saracho and AJ Sison take the lead.

Set C: Y.O.L.O.

2:00 PM – June 9, 15, 25, 2023

8:00 PM – June 9, 14, 24, 2023

Room 209

Playwright: Zheg Arban

Director: Delphine Buencamino

Set inside a military academy, the story tells of how a room can become so much more for a young cadet, becoming a testimony to a culture that has been passed on and serves as a witness of the lives it has touched. "Room 209" will put culture into sharp focus. The cast members are Jao Catarus, Gino Ramirez, CJ Barinaga, Denmark Brinces, Raphne Catorce, Earvin Estioco and James Lanante

Mga Halimaw Rin Kami

Playwright: Jules Pamisa

Director: Tat Soriano

A conversation between an aswang and a manananggal on how their past and present situations have been transformed. Will they find out what it truly means to be creatures of darkness? Chrome Cosio, Skyzx Labastilla, John Ven Soco, and Paul Jake Paule act in this play.

“Hukay” is written by Ophalain Serrano and directed by Melvin Lee. While two men dig a grave for their beloved deceased horse, they find themselves revealing their pasts and personal truths with each other. The cast features Andoy Ranay and Floyd Tena.

Set D: Muwang

2:00 PM – June 10, 16, 21, 2023

8:00 PM – June 10, 15, 25, 2023

Hawaii, Here We Come

Playwright: Shenn Apillado

Director: Mark Miranda

The play follows two palace helpers who are tasked to pack the important items when the President and Madam’s family are evicted from the palace. As they do their errands, they realize that they could not put away the story of the fight of people. Featured cast are Madeleine Nicolas, Sheryll Villamor Ceasico, Gem Padilla-Thomas and Victor Sy.

Ang Tuyom

Playwright: M. Manalastas

Director: Gio Potes

This play is about a dramatist called M who is imprisoned by his own thoughts, connecting the past to the future and unearthing the essence of the narrative formed by vanishing characters. As he reflects on himself, his drowning sorrow envelops him. The play stars Jude Matthew Servilla, Zöe De Ocampo, Opaline Santos, Serena Magiliw, and Fred Layno.

O’Donnell

Playwright: Jerry O’Hara

Director: Issa Manalo Lopez

O’Donnell is a military camp located in Capas, Tarlac, where the Bataan Death March of thousands of Filipino and American soldiers who surrendered during World War II started. The play is not about the generals and colonels who led the soldiers out to war, but about the ordinary soldiers who were used as pawns to serve the country during the World War. The cast include: Aldo Vencilao, Miguel Delos Santos, Eshei Mesina, Joel Garcia, and Ekis Gimenez and Johnny Maglinao.

Set E: Hinog (Revisited)

2:00 PM – June 11, 17, 22, 2023

8:00PM – June 11, 15, 21, 2023

Punks Not Dead

Playwright: Andrew Bonifacio Clete

Director: Roobak Valle

The play narrates the interaction of a teacher who has a tattoo, a mother who shamelessly discriminates against her son's teacher, and a policeman. The cast are Via Antonio, Martha Nikko Comia, Maria Bagio, and Paulo Cabañero.

Fermata

Playwright: Dustin Celestino

Director: Antonette Go-Yadao

In the play, when a famous musician dies, a news outlet asks the musician's son to write an article about his departed father. He and his childhood friend take this opportunity to look into the rumors about his late father. Paolo O'Hara and Cris Pasturan bring the story to life.

Nay, May Dala Akong Pancit

Playwright: Juan Ekis

Director: Karl Alexis Jingco

A family is stuck in a metaphysical loop of a Pinoy soap opera trope. As the brother brings home pancit, tragedy happens and the incident keeps on repeating. The siblings must now find a way to escape the loop and flee from the nightmare. Performing the roles are: Lian Silverio, Manok Nellas-Bagadiong, Joann Yap-Co, and Tommy Alejandrino.

Staged Readings

Staged Readings Set 1:

June 11, 2023 | 5:00 PM

My Lover's Presscon

Playwright: Ross Manicad

Director: Katreen Dela Cruz

The play is about a reporter who covers the presscon of a spokesperson who happens to be his lover. While it's easy to be themselves when in public, the two find it difficult to talk about their personal and professional relationships. Dennis Marasigan and Paolo Rodriguez perform.

Kamay ng Orasan

Playwright: Marc Noesis Marquez

Director: Eljay Castro Deldoc

The play follows two people who revisit their old home. As a new chapter begins to unfold, one of them is ready to move forward. Sheenly Gener and AIR read.

Staged Readings Set 2:

June 18, 2023 | 5:00 PM

Sino Ang Pumatay Kay Mr. Masangkay?

Playwright: U Eliserio

Director: Rolando T. Inocencio

The play revolves around the murder case of Mr. Masangkay, as well as the possible suspects and probabilities. The cast are Vince Macapobre, Mark Lorenz, Heart Puyong, Edrick Alcontado, Sarah Monay, and Arjhay Babon.

TBT: Takbo, Batang Tondo

Playwright: Mikaella Yoj B. Sanchez

Director: Chic San Agustin-de Guzman

The play is about the children playing “bahay-bahayan” and their idea of a home. The play looks into how children were before the advent of technology consumed them. The cast are Rechelle Balasoto, Kim Mataac, Winess Yana, and Wade Dizon.