

Tulane University Department of Theatre and Dance

PROJECT JANE

A PLAY ABOUT REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
OR THE LACK THEREOF.

Directed by Monica Payne

Devised by Monica Payne & the Ensemble

Nov 10th - Nov 15th at 7:30, Nov 13th at 2pm

Lupin Theatre, 150 Dixon Hall Annex

Tickets at purplepass.com/TULANETD or (504) 865-5106



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Tulane's Department of Theatre and Dance Premieres New Script, Devised in Response to Dobbs vs Jackson Decision.

Opening November 10th, TUTD presents *PROJECT JANE*, devised by director Monica Payne and the ensemble.

New Orleans, October 7th: The Tulane Department of Theatre and Dance will premiere the original, devised piece *PROJECT JANE* in November 2022. The theatre piece is being created in response to the Dobbs vs Jackson, looking back to pre-Roe America and imagining the far-future of reproductive rights in America. The creative ensemble looks to the Jane Collective, an underground organization based in Chicago that provided abortions to people in the years before Roe v. Wade, as an inspiring model of what average people can do to help others when they believe the law is unjust.

Lead by director, Monica Payne, the creative ensemble includes Tulane students: Noa Berger, Sanders Bethea, Elizabeth Currie, Valeria Lievano, Syna Pal, and Jory Tanaka. The show will feature live, original music by Sixto Franco.

"The Pre-Roe v. Wade legal landscape created untold suffering for pregnant women, who often suffered in silence or died in the shadows, and now we find ourselves right back there in 2022. It is important that theatre-makers speak on this subject, and not shy away from it, because lack of access to abortion has a breathtaking effect on pregnant people's lives. As artists, we have a responsibility to speak up against injustice, and we are doing just that," says Monica Payne, director, and Head of Performance and Directing. "The devising process itself requires extremely active participation from the actors; they are currently running, jumping, improvising, and putting pen to paper, in order to bring the story to life. It requires a great deal of faith in each other and in the creative process. We are currently trying to enjoy the ride!"

The show will run Thursday, November 10th to Tuesday, November 15th, 2022. Evening performances are at 7:30pm, with a 2:00pm matinee on Sunday November 13th. Due to limited audience size, reservations are highly encouraged. To reserve media passes please contact Marketing and Box Office Manager, Mary Guiteras at mguiteras@tulane.edu. Tickets for the general public are available www.purplepass.com/TULANETD

Please note: *Project Jane* contains depictions of physical and sexual violence, and frank discussion of sex. Recommended for ages 16+. As sensitivities vary from person to person, if you have specific questions regarding content, please call us at (504) 865-5106.

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