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GPTC collaborates with UNO theatre department to present “Upon the Fragile Shore”

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College’s Great Plains Theatre Conference, in collaboration with the University of Nebraska at Omaha theatre department, presents a reading of Caridad Svich’s “Upon the Fragile Shore” Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. at UNO’s Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, Room 230, 6001 Dodge St.

The reading, directed by Cindy Melby Phaneuf, UNO professor of theatre, features intertwining monologues that explore human rights and environmental issues around the world, especially in relationship to human-made tragedies and their aftermath. The live reading features a cast of local actors and showcases stories from the United States, Nigeria, Syria, Malaysia, sub-Sahara and Venezuela. Following the reading, the audience, artists, and a panel of community leaders and scholars on human rights issues will discuss the work.

GPTC’s reading is part of the NoPassport for Human Rights Reading Scheme, an international initiative striving to illuminate human rights and environmental issues on a global scale and fostering ethical co-existence. The scheme is a co-production between NoPassport, Jody Christopherson (The Skype Show, New York Theatre Review) and Zac Kline (Missing Bolts). For more information, visit nopassport.org.

About Caridad Svich

Caridad Svich won an OBIE Award in 2012 and was a featured playwright at the 2011 GTPC. “Upon the Fragile Shore” is the third play in Svich’s trilogy of plays addressing national issues/global concerns: “Upon the Fragile Shore,” “This Thing of Ours” and “The Orphan Sea.” Her other plays include “The Way of Water,” “Spark,” “12 Ophelias,” “Iphigenia...a rave fable” and “The House of Spirits,” based on the novel by Isabel Allende. Her American quartet of plays — “Guapa,” “The Way of Water,” “Spark” and “Hide Sky” — sustained global schemes in 2012. “Spark” premiered September 2014 at Theatre Alliance in Washington, D.C.

For more information about the GTPC, visit mccneb.edu/gptc.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.