

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS &  
ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY PRESENT

# MACHINAL



WRITTEN BY  
SOPHIE TREADWELL

DIRECTED BY  
JEFF PAUL

THURS., MAY 18-SUN., MAY 21

BOB & BARBARA ELLIS AUDITORIUM  
(BUILDING J)

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## TIME

Recently

## THE SETTING

Nearby

## RUN TIME

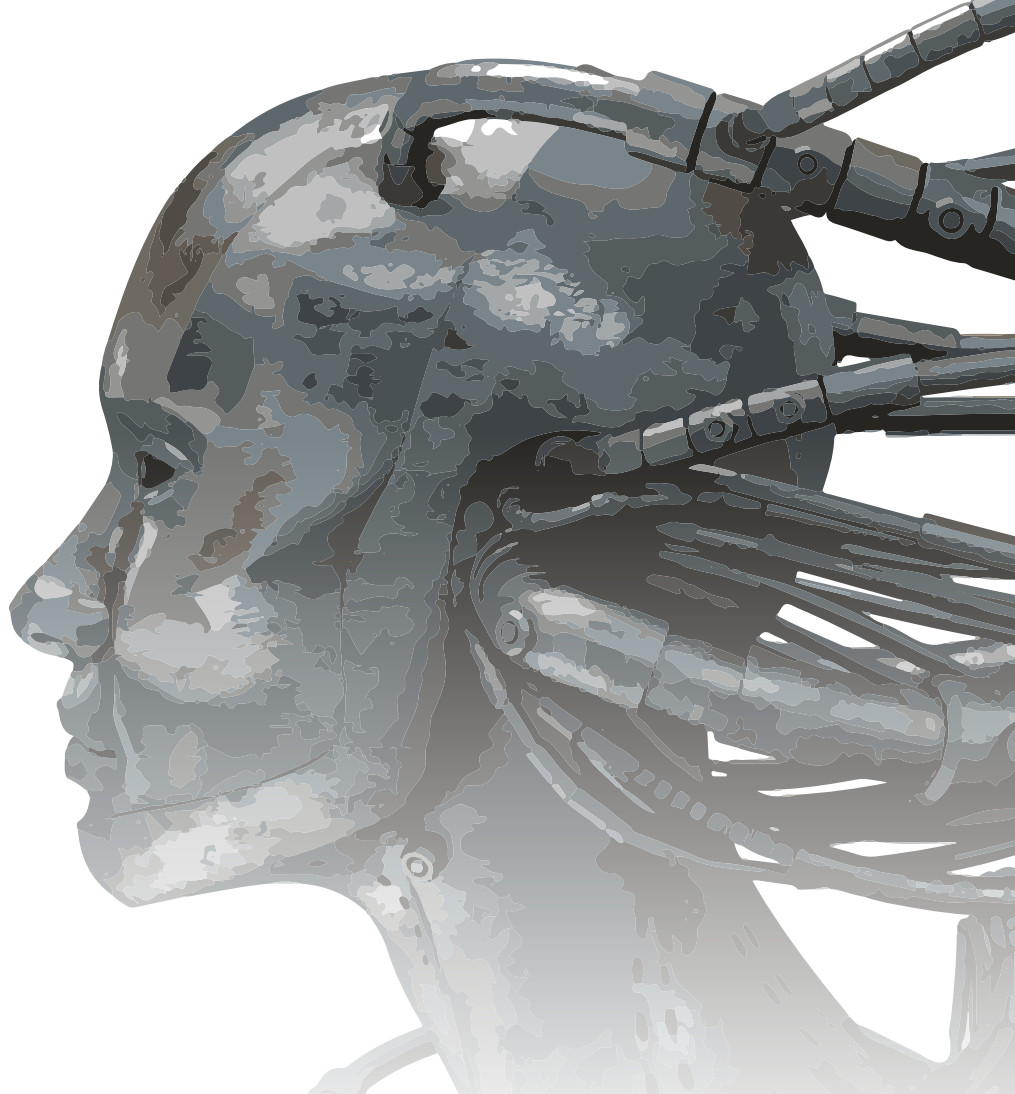
Approximately two hours with one  
15-minute intermission

## PLEASE BE ADVISED

Due to the language and some of the content of this play  
no one under the age of 12 will be admitted

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

"Long Beach City College acknowledges our presence on the traditional ancestral land of the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples. This land remains unceded territory. We acknowledge the painful history of genocide and forced removal from this territory. Long Beach City College honors and respects the Gabrielino/Tongva ancestors and their connection to this land."



## DESIGN TEAM & STAFF

Scenic and Lighting Designer.....	Yelena Babinskaya
Costume Designer.....	Cathy Crane
Sound Designer.....	Rick Roessler
Hair & Makeup Designer.....	Yoselin Garibaldi
Intimacy Director.....	Ellen Arroyo
Auditorium Technical Coordinator.....	Nathan Stuffel
Costume Technician.....	Daron Sorg
Costume Assistant.....	Becca Roth
Theatre Technician.....	Tony Pearson
Theatre Technician.....	Steven Treglia

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

*Machinal* is a 1928 play by American playwright and journalist Sophie Treadwell, inspired by the real-life case of convicted and executed murderer Ruth Snyder. Treadwell avoided naturalism in her storytelling in favor of an Expressionist style, which utilizes theatrical elements of exaggeration and distortion to deliver strong feelings and ideas to audiences. Expressionism shifts emphasis from the text of the script to the physical performance, creating a character's "inner world" that is expressed outwardly in unconventional ways.

In this play, a young woman trapped by the conventions and machinations of the societal roles thrust upon her sees the world through a filter of anxiety and hopelessness, which is reflected in the acting style, staging, and technical design of each of the nine episodes. In almost every instance the Young Woman is seeking a method of escape. Few of the characters are referred to by name, but rather by their function. Ultimately the Young Woman is not in control of her own fate. Rather, her destiny is determined by others and the demands of the societal machine that she struggles against.

Theatre is a collaborative art, and the contributions of the designers, crew, and performers have been a major influence in shaping this performance. The physical expression you see onstage was created by the actors, who not only created their own movements but also had a hand in teaching and shaping the physical expression of others. This collaboration has been uniquely satisfying, and despite the sometimes-bleak themes in the play, we managed to have our fair share of laughs. Since we are not dealing with conventional storytelling, we have chosen to throw out many of the "rules" and express our creativity through the visceral and visual elements that shape this story. Thank you to all who contributed, and to the audience for taking this ride with us.

— Jeff Paul, Director

## CAST

Young Woman .....	Tijera Giddens-Byers
George H. Jones .....	Brody Fitzpatrick
Mother .....	Gabby Kaiser
Man (Richard Roe) .....	Matthew Anderson
Ensemble .....	Alexander Cobb, Oliver Ctibor, Jen Hanks, Ashley Hurtado, Barnabas Long, Carlos Moreno, Matt Overberg, Qowlayah Peters, Rodney D. Richardson, Nina Rodriguez, Briauna Spencer

## ACT ONE

### Episode 1: “To Business”

Young Woman  
George H. Jones  
Ensemble  
Filing Clerk: Alex Cobb  
Adding Clerk: Oliver Ctibor  
Stenographer: Ashley Hurtado  
Telephone Girl: Qowlayah Peters

### Episode 2: “At Home”

Young Woman  
Mother

### Episode 3: “Honeymoon”

Young Woman  
George H. Jones  
Ensemble

### Episode 4: “Maternal”

Young Woman  
George H. Jones  
Ensemble  
Nurse: Nina Rodriguez,  
Jen Hanks, Ashley Hurtado  
Doctor: Matt Overberg  
Interns: Oliver Ctibor, Carlos Moreno

### Episode 5: “Prohibited”

Young Woman  
Man (Richard Roe)  
Telephone Girl  
Man (Roe’s friend): Rodney Richardson  
Man: Barnabas Long  
Woman: Briauna Spencer  
Older Man: Matt Overberg  
Young Man: Alex Cobb  
Bartender: Carlos Moreno  
Man: Oliver Ctibor  
Girl: Nina Rodriguez

## ACT TWO

### Episode 6: “Intimate”

Young Woman  
Man (Richard Roe)

### Episode 7: “Domestic”

Young Woman  
George H. Jones  
Voice of Man (Roe)  
Ensemble

### Episode 8: “The Law”

Young Woman  
Voice of Man (Roe)  
Judge: Carlos Moreno  
Bailiff: Ashley Hurtado  
Court Reporter: Jen Hanks  
Lawyer for the Defense: Matt Overberg  
Lawyer for the Prosecution: Rodney Richardson  
Jury: Alex Cobb, Barnabas Long,  
Nina Rodriguez, Qowlayah Peters  
Reporters: Oliver, Ctibor, Briauna Spencer

### Episode 9: “The Machine”

Young Woman  
Mother  
Priest: Barnabas Long  
Jailer: Carlos Moreno  
Matron: Briauna Spencer  
Barbers: Nina Rodriguez, Qowlayah Peters  
Guards: Ashley Hurtado,  
Oliver Ctibor, Rodney Richardson  
Reporters: Alex Cobb,  
Jen Hanks, Matt Overberg

## INTERMISSION

## CREW

Stage Manager .....	John Wilcox
Lighting Console Operator.....	Jazmin Gomez
Sound Console Operator .....	Jaksyn Perry
Deck Supervisor / Stagehand.....	Mady Lopez
Stagehand.....	Kyci Haoa McCaffrey Madison Gathe
Fly Rail Operator.....	Adrian Ramirez Jesse Robles Reigh Levinstein
Prop Master / Stagehand.....	Mercedeez Aquino
Wardrobe Supervisor / Wardrobe Crew.....	Ally Savage
Wardrobe / Makeup Crew.....	Mya Baldwin Sanzida Ahmed Robert Delosier Grace Diaz Torres Brandon Silva
Wardrobe / Makeup Crew (Cast Member) .....	Matthew Anderson Tijera Giddens-Byers

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