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## THE IGNITE PROJECT

COHORT #3 / SPRING 2023



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### Cohort #3: First Flame

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## *Horse Play*

By Alicia Carroll

Directed by Elizabeth Logun \*

***The campers at Foal Throttle Horse Rescue can't seem to find common ground until a mysterious Wild Horse wanders into their barn and their lives.***

ADRIANA SANTOS  
MIKA DYU  
DENAH ANGEL \*  
TRISTINA LEE  
LEILANI SQUIRE \*

Maraia  
Amy  
Jessi  
Cheyenne  
Dawn

## *Seeking*

By Sandy Nguyễn

Directed by Heather Robinson \*

***An escort discovers the limitations of her relationships and the power of community in the aftermath of being sexually assaulted by one of her clients.***

ALEXANDRA HELLQUIST  
JULIA CHO  
KARA ELIANDER  
KAZU TAKEDA \*  
EVE SIGALL \*

Cherry  
Vanessa  
Cass  
John  
Stage Directions

## *Mae's Policy*

By Christine J. Schmidt \*

Directed by Katherine Chou

***Mae has a strict policy: once a relationship is over, it's over forever. Is her policy keeping her safe, or is it holding her back?***

JESSICA JADE ANDRES  
ANDY SHEPHARD \*  
TONYA CORNELISSE \*  
GENIA MICHAELA \*

Mae  
Marx  
Voice  
Sydney

## ***Tara!***

By Brandon English  
Directed by Giovanni Ortega

***A Queer Filipino-American moves to the Philippines to compete in a Male Beauty Pageant and is thrust into a world of Q&A, runway, and intense beauty standards.***

KURT KANAZAWA  
SERGIO PEREZ  
ALFRETZ COSTELO  
BRENDAN LUCAS

Ethan Villanueva  
Aina Shaw  
Jovan Medrano  
Stage Directions

## ***The More You Give...***

By Poonam Basu \*  
Directed by Rachel Berney Needleman

***It's love at first sight when Asha meets Jordan, but they don't exchange information! Partners and metamours unite to bring them together, but sometimes life has other plans.***

CINDY NGUYEN  
BYRON WIGFALL  
NICKY ENDRES  
JAKE FIEDLER ^  
JULIA CHO  
PATRICK HURLEY \*

Asha  
Cory  
Jesse  
Jordan  
Harper  
Stage Directions

## ***The Partner, or The Sou-Sou Play***

By Ashley Denise Robinson  
Directed by Susan Dalian

***Meeting up to exchange money, gossip, and insults, a group of first-generation women have their deepest secrets revealed when a new member joins.***

TRACEY A. LEIGH \*  
COURTNEY SAULS  
JANAI DIONNE \*  
MARLOW WYATT  
SOLA BAMIS  
SYHAYA AVIEL  
GERARD JOSEPH

Felice Marshall  
Diana Mitchel-Batton  
Mixie Aku  
Lou (Louise-Anne) Mitchell  
Tate (Diana Tate)  
Jo-Jo (Joan) Spencer  
Dep (Franklin-Monroe Batton)

## ***Susan Goldberg is Ruining My Life***

By Anna Fox

Directed by Jean Carlo Yunén Aróstegui

***When millionaire astrology influencer Susan Goldberg upsets everyone, danger becomes imminent as her best friend, personal assistant, and spoiled neighbor's kid try and take her down.***

ELIN HAMPTON \*  
FELIPE FIGUEROA \*  
JO YUAN  
HANNAH LLOYD \*

Susan Goldberg  
Dax  
Trish  
Cassiopeia (Cas)

## ***Que en Pas Descanse***

By Peter Pasco

Directed by Elana Luo

***A couple tries to tread water amidst what feels like an ocean of sewage in the 2023 world.***

LEANDRO CANO  
EZEQUIEL GUERRA

Oswaldo  
Ricky

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