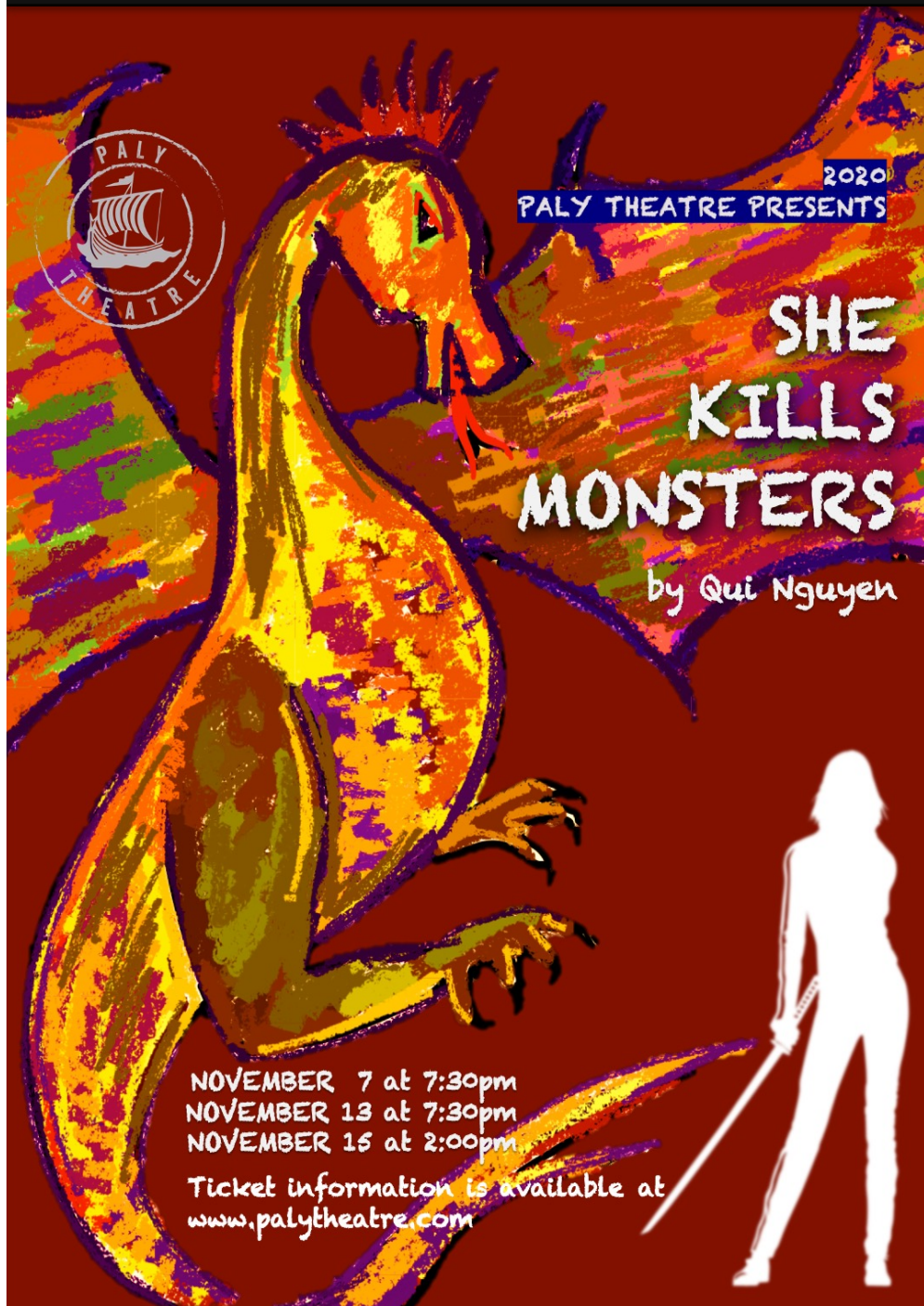


# PALY BILL



## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

As Kathleen Woods was heading into her well-earned retirement, she shared many things about this program with me, to ensure that Paly Theatre continued to thrive in the years to come. So when she emailed me to ask if I would be interested in seeing suggested titles for this year from the advanced Theatre classes, I immediately said yes, and was thrilled to see one title mentioned over and over again: *She Kills Monsters*, by Qui Nguyen.

Nguyen is one of the most exciting contemporary American playwrights, and this is an excellent testament to why. He has created a fun adventure, a loving ode to geekery and fan-culture everywhere. What makes his work so compelling however, is that he created this journey in the context of a highly personal story: the story of a teenage girl struggling to come to terms with the terrible and tragic loss of her sister. Nguyen somehow does this while creating heroic battles, hilarious dialogue, and scenes that explore many of the social challenges facing students today.

Given all of that, it is perhaps no wonder that *She Kills Monsters* is one of the most-produced plays for high school theatre departments this decade. In a normal year, the cast would be too small for me to consider the title for a mainstage show, but I'm very happy to take advantage of the chance to produce it during our not-normal year, and very grateful to Nguyen for creating this "Virtual Realms" edition, so that high school students could continue to working on this beloved text from home.

Our cast and crew's love for this show and its messages has made every rehearsal an adventure on its own, and a ton of fun. Their enthusiasm and creativity for the world of Dungeons & Dragons – and the world of Athens, Ohio in 2019 – shows up in their designs, performances, and their overall execution of this epic story. Thank you for supporting their work, and enjoy!  
-Sarah Thermond, Director

## SETTING

Athens, Ohio, 2019

*She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms* is performed in one-act, running approximately 75 minutes.

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## CAST

Narrator.....Sara Tomas  
 Agnes.....Jordan O'Reilly\*  
 Tilly.....Olivia Wolfe\*  
 Chuck.....Ameer Ali\*  
 Vera.....Nila-Ann Nag\*  
 Miles.....Jack Champlin  
 Kaliope/Kelly.....Erin Brady\*  
 Lilith/Lilly.....Renee Vetter\*  
 Orcus/Ronnie.....Gavin Thomas  
 The Great Mage Steve.....Niles Farag  
 Farrah the Faerie.....Annalise Klenow  
 Evil Tina.....Naomi Wagner\*  
 Evil Gabbi.....Astrid Wuttke\*

## CREW

Assistant Director	Sara Tomas
Stage Manager	Elise Adamson**
Assistant Stage Manager	Beatrice Kinsky
Background & Props Designer	Sonja Meyers
Assistant Background & Props Designer	Keith Augustine
Costume Designer	Elise Adamson**
Assistant Costume Designer	Rae Sox-Harris
Hair & Make-Up Designer	Ilene Trach*
Assistant Hair & Make-up Designer	Rae Sox-Harris
Sound Designer	James Thomas
Assistant Sound Designer	Beatrice Kinsky
Lighting Designer	Niles Farag
Video Designers & House Management	Ethan Chen* & Cody Hmelar**

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 Program, Poster & T-Shirt Design: Nadir Ali  
 Ticketing: Dror Sneh & Laura Jacobsen  
 Props & Costumes: Janis Bajor, Frances Davies, Noel Berghout  
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 Webmaster: Scott Thomas

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