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**15th Annual Cincinnati Fringe Festival  
May 29 - June 10**

## ***FRINGE DEVELOPMENT DETAILS***

From workshops of brand new productions to artist-led Master Classes, Fringe Development is all about using the critical mass of creativity centered around the Festival to fuel the growth and evolution of shows and individuals.

This year we're not only workshoping a brand new production from local playwright **Tracy Hoida**, we're also helping a group of students from CCM (led by Richard Hess, the Ralph and Julia Cohen Chair of Dramatic Performance) prepare for **a trip to the 2018 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland!**

**NOTE:** Artist-led classes will be available for both the general public and festival participants only; however, those details **will not be finalized until 5/16** when the Official Fringe Guide is distributed by **Media Partner, Cincinnati CityBeat**.

### **PRODUCTION DETAILS and MARKETING MATERIALS**

On the remaining pages of this document, please find details about this year's Fringe Development productions. To locate marketing materials, please visit:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DztOiiyEqg5DFK9l\\_3cwFfRsFO7oUSf](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DztOiiyEqg5DFK9l_3cwFfRsFO7oUSf)

Press may contact productions directly via the email addresses provide in the information below, but for any additional general questions or inquiry please contact **Fringe Producer Chris Wesselman** at [cincyfringe@knowtheatre.com](mailto:cincyfringe@knowtheatre.com).



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**Show Title:** *H2O: A Play about Water*

**Group Name:** University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) Acting Department

**From:** Cincinnati, OH

**New or Returning Participant:** Returning

**Category (Tags):** Play (Drama, Environmental Themes, Music)

**Rating:** PG-13

**10-word Description:** Water is life. And there can be no life without water.

**Full Description:** *H2O: A Play about Water*. Water is life. 71% of our planet is water. Oceans rise. Droughts kill. Water soothes and water heals. H2O is an epic theatrical journey. Are you thirsty? Come have a drink of H2O.

**Artist/Company Biography:** *H2O: A Play about Water* is an original 60 minute devised theatre piece about the most important topic of the day: WATER. It was created by 30 students from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music studying Acting, Musical Theatre, and Tech Design and Production. With music direction and arrangements by Julie Spangler, Scenic Design by Mark Halpin, and Direction by Richard Hess and Susan Felder, *H2O: A Play about Water* will next be seen in August at the Edinburgh International Fringe Festival in Scotland.

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**Show Title:** *The Origin of Kick Jab Girl*

**Group Name:** Muwhahaha Productions

**From:** Cincinnati, OH

**New or Returning Participant:** Returning

**Category (Tags):** Play (Mental Health Themes, Political Themes, Women's Themes)

**Rating:** R (Violence, Adult Language)

**10-word Description:** Retired superhero breaks the mold on where heroes come from.

**Full Description:** Back in her childhood hometown, indestructible, super strong, superhero Kait Jones, formerly Kick Jab Girl, is settling into her retirement. Society's eye has moved onto new super heroes and she would be living more or less undisturbed if not for one ardent fan pursuing the only untold story of our hero's glory days. Her origin story. But when Kait weaves a tale dark and unexpected we are forced to confront our expectations of heroism, grief, and strength.

**Artist/Company Biography:** Muwhahaha Productions is a company dedicated to alternative perspectives and inspiring debate. The company strives to offer challenging subject matter in order to open the door to conversation and hopefully, eventually, connection.

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