

## UCSD's Theatre Department presents Craig Lucas's "Reckless" November 7-11

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### UCSD'S THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS CRAIG LUCAS' "RECKLESS"

Craig Lucas' play, "Reckless," will be staged by the University of California, San Diego's Department of Theatre, from Nov. 7 through Nov. 11, in the UCSD Warren Theatre.

Curtain times are: Wednesday through Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 7 p.m.

The play begins on a Christmas Eve. Rachel Fitzsimmons has cozied up to her husband in bed, euphorically chanting out a list of what's good in her life. Her husband interrupts her, mid-rave, and apologizes to her for taking out a contract on her life. He decides to spare her, warning her to flee.

From that point on, Rachel's suburban-style life takes a twist into the realm of absurd theatre. The random mayhem Rachel encounters in the first act is repositioned during the second, with hallucinatory/psychiatric overtones.

This black-comedic satire plunges the fleeing heroine into the midst of a collection of memorable characters and highly unlikely situations.

"Do you ever really know people?" Rachael asks in the second act, after witnessing a series of random misfortunes. It seems not, as many of the characters who appear to be wholesome hide a history of sins and calamities. Rachael wearis of proclaiming that every event has its reason, and finally gives in to the idea that "Things just happen!"

Playwright Lucas began his career as an actor in New York. He subsequently wrote material for a developmental theatre production Off-Off-Broadway, and later wrote "Blue Window," which won a Drama Critics' Award. Lucas has also written the screenplay for the film "Longtime Companion," a story about the effect of AIDS on personal relationships.

"Reckless" is being directed, performed and produced by second-year students in the theatre department's M.F.A. program. The director is Lisa Portes, the stage manager is Kim Fisk. The designers are Andrea Singer (scenery), Kay Peebles (costume) and David Thayer (lighting).

The cast is Karenjune Sdnchez as Rachael; John McAdams as Tom/Tom Jr. and the Man in the Ski Mask; Josh Seebers plays Lloyd and a Derelict; Devon Allen portrays Pooty and a Derelict; Archer Martin plays Trish/Dr. Helen Carroll and the Woman Patient; Jim Crawford is Doctor/Host and Paul Gutrecht plays Doctor/Host.

Tickets for "Reckless" are available from the UCSD Price Center Box Office for \$12 general admission, \$10 seniors and \$6 students. Call 534-4559 for information.

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