

Virtual Reality "Papa Tango Sierra Delta"
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VIRTUAL REALITY ACTING POWERS
"PAPA TANGO SIERRA DELTA (PTSD)" LIVE PRODUCTION

LOS ANGELES, CA, August 19, 2020 — Theatre of Arts, the storied Hollywood acting conservatory, today announced its fall live production: the first-of-its-kind virtual reality theatrical experience "Papa Tango Sierra Delta" (PTSD).

The story of an Iraq combat veteran still haunted by violent visions of his service, "Papa Tango Sierra Delta" represents an unprecedented leap forward in experimental theater for the COVID-19 social distancing era. The cast will all perform remotely using virtual reality equipment; their performances combined together in a computer-generated environment that streams live to a global audience at www.TOA.edu.

Starring Lyrik Johnson, Shalom Desota, Christopher Granlund, and Rob Nagle, PTSD is written by David Matthey and Henry Lee Layton, and directed by Henry Lee Layton.

Director and TOA Motion Capture instructor Henry Lee Layton explains, "The true story of

virtual reality being used as therapy for veterans is an important one we wanted to tell, and being able to do that via the very same technology adds another exciting dimension to the narrative. As one of select few schools teaching Motion Capture Acting, Theatre of Arts is uniquely prepared to embark on this bold theatrical experiment.”

David Conolly, Director of Education for Theatre of Arts responds, “As always, TOA is thrilled to be at the cutting edge of theatrical technology. As an institution, we are approaching our centenary, but we’re unique among conservatories in that our curriculum is fiercely modern.”

Conolly continues, “From the first days of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, Theatre of Arts immediately embraced the promise of distance learning, and we have since completed our first-ever full academic term taught completely online. The remote, virtual production of ‘Papa Tango Sierra Delta’ represents the next stage in our adaptation and evolution of theatre arts for the historic times in which we’re living.”

For more information on “PTSD”, visit [TOA.edu/PTSD](https://toa.edu/PTSD). Theatre of Arts is owned and operated by Campus Hollywood, a unique alliance of entertainment industry-related schools and companies linking students, educators and professionals into a thriving arts community based in the heart of Hollywood, California.

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