

the school of arts + enterprise
DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS PRESENTS

the GIVER

adapted by ERIC COBLE
from the novel by LOIS LOWRY
directed by E.J. MARQUEZ

OCTOBER 23-25, 2025

THE
STUDIO
THEATRE

AT THE DOWNTOWN CENTER



SETTING

The Time: Soon
The Place: In and around The Community.

THE COMPANY

Jonas.....	Max Merritt
The Giver.....	Oliver Christie
Fiona.....	Anessa Mouton
Asher.....	Mason Valadez
Mother.....	Anna Zayas
Father.....	Jiovany Cerna
Lily.....	Lydia Pulido
Chief Elder/Ensemble.....	Pepper Smith
Announcer/Ensemble.....	Maya Navarro
Rosemary/Ensemble.....	Jenna Tejeda
Ensemble.....	Jesus Bartolome, Sophie Gomez, Bailee Elisea, Antonio Valdez

THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Director.....	E.J. Marquez
Production Manager.....	Ray Jones
Costumes, Set, & Props.....	Phantom Projects Theatre Group
Lighting Design.....	Alexis Aguayo
Master Electrician.....	Micah Garcia
Sound Operator.....	Micah Garcia
Production Assistant.....	Chloe Merritt
Scenic Painter.....	Christian Gonzalez
Additional Costumes.....	E.J. Marquez
Head of Theatre.....	Miguel Cardenas

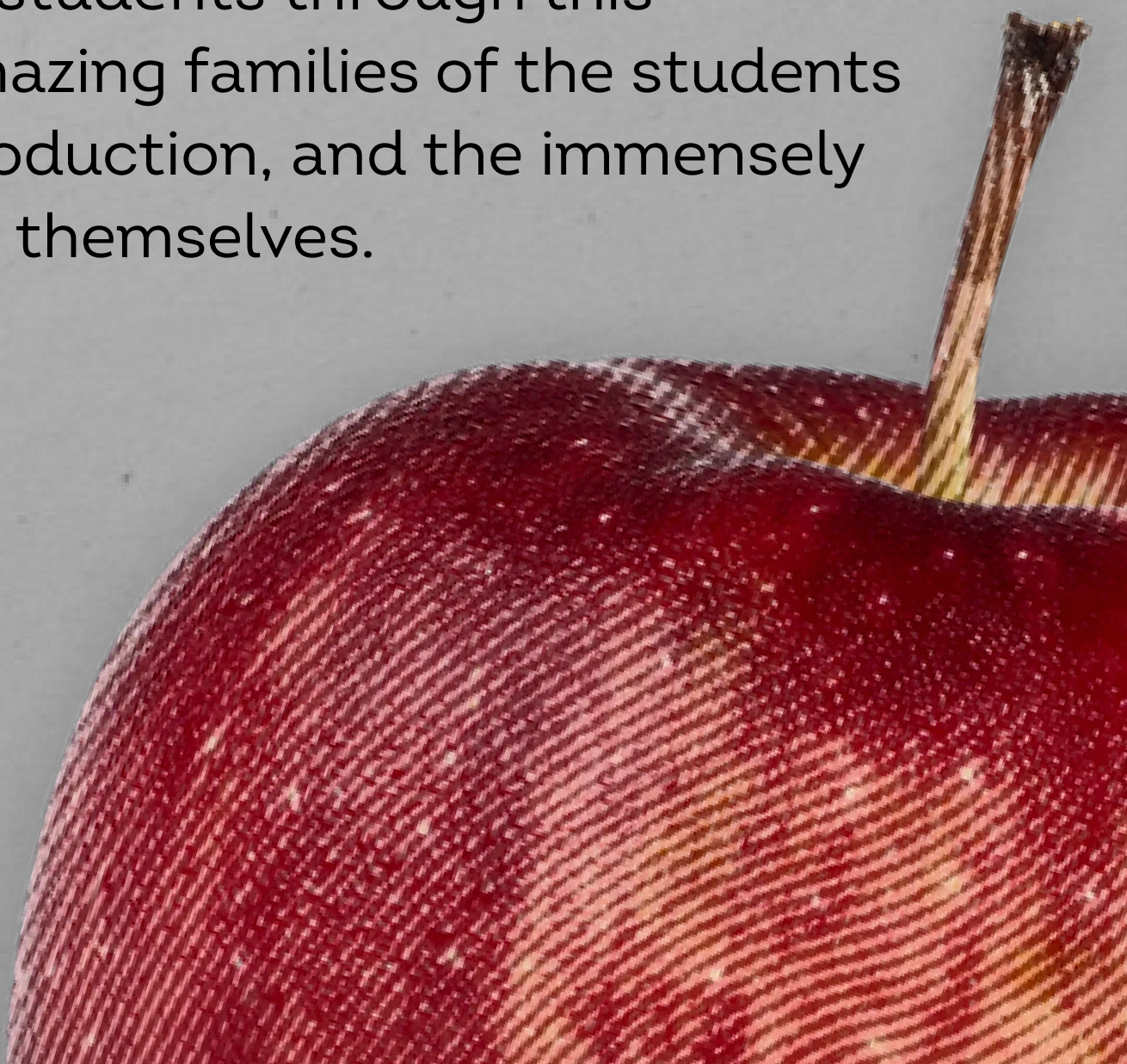
DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Greetings, and welcome to “The Community”.

For over thirty years, the story of Jonas and the Giver have been teaching young people the significance of individuality and love in our everyday lives - and what life is like without them. It's a cautionary tale that has introduced generations to the word “conformity” and the dangers that come with it. More than anything, it tells the story of a brave middle school-aged boy who, alone, must take on the burden of generations of memories, and the challenges he endures to pursue what is right.

It's been a deeply meaningful experience guiding the remarkable middle school students of this company through these somewhat controversial themes in this unique time in our world, and I can't wait for you to see the heart and soul these kids have poured into bringing this world to life. Thank you to the incredible SAE staff for supporting these students through this adventure, the amazing families of the students involved in this production, and the immensely talented students themselves.

Thank You,
Mr. E.J. Marquez
Director



SPECIAL THANKS

Robert Shields - Artistic Director

Kevin Gasio - Associate Artistic Director

The SAE Live Event Arts 8th Block Students

Susana Marquez

Manny, Renee, Noah, Alyanna,
& Miguelito Marquez

The SAE Security Team

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