

**Department of Theatre and Dance**  
**Production Meeting Notes**



Production: MACHINAL  
Stage Manager: Ellie Hemming  
Date: November 19, 2025

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**Director: (Mary)**

- Auditions went great!
- Character/Actor doubling spreadsheet is available in the director folder.
- This is a memory play.
  - This play takes us through YOUNG WOMAN's head in the moments before her death.
- Episode 5 (Prohibited) and Episode 6 (Intimate): YOUNG WOMAN is more herself.
  - These episodes can be more vibrant and colorful, while the other episodes are grimmer.
- Because *Machinal* is public domain, changes to the script might be made.
  - Potential to change problematic words used in the script.
- Viterbo is giving comp tickets for UWL students and faculty for *Antigone*.

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**Scenery**

**Designers: (Mandy & Ilex)**

- Backwall will include a door and window staying more in greyscale.
- Translucent backwall to play with silhouettes, shadows, and cutouts.
  - Collab w/lights & Dave
- The Cyc will be used.
- There will be a lofted wagon for the actors in Episode 6 for the background.
- Mary would like to lean towards expressionist furniture pieces but stay in greyscale.
  - Meeting with Mary & Props team to discuss further

**Technical Directors: (Nate & Avery)**

- How the walls will be supported is still in question.
  - Will work w/Mandy

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**Costumes (Michelle)**

- Costumes will use warm tones and add pops of color against the grey scale scenery.

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**Lights (Mandy & Leah)**

- Play with when the Cyc is lit vs not lit.
- Silhouette moments will be fun logistics to figure out.
- Lights will be placed for the backwall to help with silhouettes.
  - Future discussion will take place regarding if the lights are movable or stationary with Dave.

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**Sound (David & Angelina)**

- Electric chair noises could be heard at the start of the show.
- Potential opportunities to incorporate sound with different furniture and prop pieces like the switchboard & wagon.

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**Props (Michael & Morgan)**

-Meeting with Mary & Mandy to discuss furniture pieces.

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**Dramaturgy (Avery & Abby):**

-Mary has a running list of questions and will be in touch.

-Dave has questions regarding music.

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**Stage Management (Ellie):**

-Nothing new at this time.

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm.