

Department of Theatre and Dance
Production Meeting Notes

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



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*.

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

Costumes (Michelle)

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

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.

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.

Props (Michael & Morgan)

-Meeting with Mary & Mandy to discuss furniture pieces.

Dramaturgy (Avery & Abby):

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

-Dave has questions regarding music.

Stage Management (Ellie):

-Nothing new at this time.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 16th at 12:15 pm.