

THE COAST STARLIGHT

by Keith Bunin

One morning, a young man boards the Coast Starlight, a long-distance train that runs from Los Angeles to Seattle. He's got a secret that can land him in terrible trouble, and he has roughly one thousand miles to enlist the help of his fellow travelers - all of whom are reckoning with their own choices in search of a way forward. Keith Bunin's new play is a smart, funny, and compassionate story about our capacity for invention and re-invention when life goes off the rails.

When/Where: **WEDNESDAY, March 27th**
6:30 p.m.
 Studio Theatre, CFA

Preparation: No previous acting experience is necessary. You do not have to be a theatre major to audition. All are welcome. Auditions will consist of the following:

- If you are a theatre major = you should audition with a 2-minute monologue, preferably from a contemporary play.
- Non-majors may choose to either = (1) present a prepared monologue, or (2) perform a cold reading (*made available to you at the time of the audition*)

Roles:

T.J. - a navy medic
 JANE - an artist
 NOAH - a veteran
 LIZ - a gymnastics instructor
 ED - a businessman
 ANNA - a sister; a mother

Performances: *The Coast Starlight* will perform in Studio Theatre on May 16, 17, 18. Actors should be available to rehearse most weeknights from 7:00-10:00 p.m. and all day on the Saturday and Sunday of tech weekend (May 11 & 12).

Script: To read the play in advance of auditions, a read-only link to the text may be obtained by emailing the director (see below), or a perusal copy of the script is available for 24-hour check-out from the theatre office.

Content Notice: Please be advised that this play includes discussions of war induced trauma, military desertion, sex, alcoholism, suicide, and drug abuse. It also contains moments of harsh language.

Academic Credit: Students cast in this production may receive academic credit. Enrollment in Theatre Participation (THTR 271 or 371) for 0.5 or 1.0 credit is optional. Contact the director after casting if interested in this option.

Questions: If you need further information or have questions about this audition, please contact the director: Professor Jeff Grace at jgrace@knox.edu