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Last year more than 1,200 productions and 198,000 students participated in the American College Theater Festival nationwide. By entering this production, our department is sharing in the KC/ACTF goals to help college theater grow and to focus attention on the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.



The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Department of Theatre  
Presents

# Stop Kiss

By  
Diana Son

Produced through special arrangements with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Scenic Design  
Kelly Allison

Costume Design  
Lee Turner♦

Light Design  
Lydia Milman♦

Sound Design  
Richelle Thompson

Stage Manager  
Alicia Jett

Directed by  
**LEE SHACKLEFORD.**

Opening Night, Tuesday, March 18, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

♦Member of Psi Beta cast, Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honorary

This production is funded in part by the UAB Cultural Activities Committee.

## CAST

(in order of appearance)

Callie.....Lauren Nicole Lippeatt♦  
“Shadow Callie”.....Christina Thurston  
“Shadow Sara”.....Jennifer Reid  
Sara.....Kristin Nichols  
Detective Cole.....Jon Hennington♦  
Mrs. Winsley.....Suzanne Ludovina♦  
George.....Tobie Windham  
Peter.....Jeremy Renta  
Nurse.....Erin Thompson♦

and Ramona as Caesar

Setting: New York City

Time: Now

STOP KISS is performed without an intermission.

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Very few scripts written in the last few years have more immediate appeal than STOP KISS. When reading it, people either love it for what the characters *say* or for what the characters *don't* say. I'm in the latter category. The way these people talk *around* what they're trying to communicate, the way they sometimes sabotage their own conversations ... these are keen observations about the truth of human relationships.

Like most other fans of this script I'm also fascinated by the clever way the story is presented. STOP KISS flashes backward and forward through time, alternating between what occurred before The Kiss and what happened afterward. At some point it occurred to me that the entire play seems to take place in Callie's memory. She's trying to make sense of a chain of events, fitting the moments together like pieces of a puzzle --

-- which reminded me of a song called "The Puzzle" by Joanna Agee, one of my favorite living humans. She had recorded it with her group "Vivian's Keeper," and thanks to Joanna and her worthy partner Adam Bentley, it's their music you hear in this production of STOP KISS. You can find out more about them online at [www.vivianskeeper.com](http://www.vivianskeeper.com), and I hope you will.

Of my long list of people I need to thank, I want to mention two in particular: naturally I give deep thanks to Diana Son, not only for her remarkable script, but for her extremely kind advice on how to handle some particular aspects of the show. And as always, my very deepest thanks to Kinta, who doesn't swerve.

-- Lee Shackelford, March 2003

## UAB THEATRE FACULTY

Kelly Allison, Associate Professor.....Head of Design Technology  
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Cheryl Hall, Assistant Professor.....Intro to Theatre  
Ron Hubbard, Associate Professor.....Movement  
Karma Ibsen, Professor.....Directing  
Dennis McLernon, Assistant Professor.....Acting  
Marc Powers, Professor/Chair.....Acting  
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Ed Zuckerman, Associate Professor.....Technical Director

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Jack Cannon.....Intro to Theatre  
Tara Fasshauer.....Dance  
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Scenic Studio/Electrics Assistants.....Cassie Bird, Kim Dean♦, Ashley Hubbert♦,  
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### Staff for this Production

Assistant Director.....Lydia Milman♦  
Choreographer.....Constance Cooper  
Assistant Stage Managers.....Adam Lisk, Parker Newton  
Scenery/Lighting Construction.....Archie Blackmon, Gerald Brandon♦  
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