

THE NETHER

By Jennifer Haley

Directed by Tom Amen

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Mainstage Theater

Golden West College

Audition Date, Time, and Place: Wednesday December 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Mainstage Theater at GWC.

Callbacks (As Needed): Thursday December 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Mainstage Theater at GWC.

Audition Type: Cold Reading

Audition or Appointment Required: None

Pay: None

Note: It is recommended that all actors wishing to audition read the script prior to auditioning. It is also recommended that all actors wishing to audition read the character descriptions in the Character Breakdown. As this is a drama with very specific character ages and types, this production will be cast according to the character descriptions listed below.

Rehearsals: Beginning Tuesday, January 21, 2025 and running Monday - Thursday 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM. However, if actors are available to work at 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Monday - Thursday, we are happy to do so.

About the Play

Part riveting crime drama, part thought-provoking sci-fi thriller, *The Nether* is a daring exploration of the darkest corners of human desire. Set in the near future, the play begins in an interrogation room in which a police detective is questioning the creator of a lurid online platform that offers total sensory immersion – simply

log in, select an alternative identity, and indulge your private fantasies in a virtual playground free of all moral and ethical boundaries.

Raising more questions than it answers, *The Nether* is a timely, disquieting, and cautionary parable about the shadowy middle-ground between the strictures of a virtuous reality and a beckoning virtual realm in which anything goes.

NOTE: This production contains adult language and situations and is intended for mature audiences.

Character Breakdown

Sims/Papa - (Male 40s-60s) A successful businessman. Intelligent, dominant, controlling, menacing at times.

Morris - (Female 30s-40s) A detective. Intelligent, committed, resourceful, tenacious.

Doyle - (Male 40s-50s) A science teacher. Nervous, vulnerable, dissatisfied with the life he leads.

Iris - (Female 9-12) A shining young girl. She is sweet and innocent, but also curious and crafty at times. **Note: This role can be played by a very young-looking actor up to the age of approximately 16. The ideal actor brings the maturity of an older actor with a look that will be believability prepubescent from the house of a large proscenium theater.**

Woodnut - (Male 20s-30s) A curious young man. Friendly, but tentative and out of his element.