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## **Scottsdale Community College Students Push the Limits of Theatre with Two Major Spring Productions**

*Scottsdale, Ariz., April 6, 2021* – Students at the Scottsdale School of Film+Theatre are busy preparing two large-scale theatrical productions this semester that test the limits of technology, creativity and collaboration – all while working remotely.

**2020... The Year That Was** is a documentary theatre piece exploring the various ups and downs of one of the most profound years in modern history. When faced with the task of creating a piece of theatre, the Scottsdale School of Film+Theatre students of Acting 3, aka The Company, took on the challenge of documenting the year and their place in it. Through interviews, journal entries, news reports, tweets and some well-placed silliness, *2020... The Year That Was* takes viewers through this unprecedented year in surprising and emotional ways.

April 30 and May 1, 2021 at 7 p.m.  
May 2 at 2 p.m.

**War of the Worlds** is a multimedia-streamed performance piece based on the landmark 1938 Orson Welles radio broadcast that fooled the world into thinking America was being invaded by aliens from Mars. Using podcasts, film, streaming, live theatre and radio, *War of the Worlds* takes the concepts of that radio show and transports it to the 21st century. This is one of the most ambitious collaborations to date among the many disciplines that make up the Scottsdale School of Film+Theatre. A related *Otherworldly AZ* podcast series can be heard on [Stitcher](#), [Spotify](#) and [Podcast Addict](#).

May 20, 2021 at 7 p.m.  
May 21 at 2 p.m.

Links to the online productions will be published on this page the day of the performance: <https://www.scottsdalecc.edu/news/2021/scc-students-push-limits-theatre-two-major-spring-productions>

“During times of economic crises, societal adversity and now a global pandemic, theatre continues to find a way to reinvent itself and stay relevant,” said Don K. Williams, Head of Performance and Directing at SCC, is directing both productions. “I’m so proud of our students who, while working remotely, are driving innovation in the field.”

Williams is a theatre industry veteran who served many years as an instructor and head of acting at the prestigious Stella Adler Studio in New York and Hollywood. This real-world educational experience helps prepare students to be successful for a career in theatre and

technical theatre.

There is no cost to attend either online production, and they are open to the public to view remotely.

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### **Scottsdale School of Film+Theatre**

Widely regarded as one of the best film schools in the Southwest U.S., SCC's [Scottsdale School of Film+Theatre](#) features two-year hands-on programs that are exceptional and unique among the community colleges in Arizona. From the stage to the soundstage and all points in between, students are immersed in virtually every aspect of the film and theatre disciplines. Through both a theoretical and hands-on approach, each student leaves with not only a degree in their chosen field, but with a keen understanding of how their education is applicable in the professional world. For more information, visit SCC's [Scottsdale School of Film+Theatre](#).

### **About Scottsdale Community College**

Scottsdale Community College (SCC) is student centered with a focus on active, engaged and intellectually rigorous learning. The College is known for high quality, accessible educational opportunities and innovative teaching, learning and support services. SCC serves about 10,000 students a year, offering more than 100 degrees and 60 certificates of completion in diverse occupational areas. At only \$85 per credit hour, SCC is one of the most affordable colleges in Maricopa County, and the average class size is only 16 students. Through a partnership with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, SCC is honored to be the only two-year public higher education institution located on Native American land. For more information, phone 480-423-6700 or visit [www.scottsdalecc.edu](http://www.scottsdalecc.edu).

*Scottsdale Community College (SCC) is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). SCC is one of the 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District, one of the largest community college districts in the nation. SCC offers academic courses leading to associate degrees, university transfer, certificates and short-term job training.*

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