Weber State University Theatre Professor Jennifer A. Kokai Named One of Seven Playwrights to Participate in 21st Annual Playwrights’ Week in New York City

*Kokai’s play, ‘Girl of Glass’ recognized for revealing ‘unheard and vital perspectives’*

**Who:** Jennifer A. Kokai, Assistant Professor of Theatre at Weber State University (WSU)

Kokai is both a playwright and a director. She is one of the world’s up-and-coming theatre historians. Most recently, her play *Lost Land* was performed as part of the Frontera Fringe Festival in Austin, Texas and as a reading at Good Company Theatre in Ogden, Utah. Previous works have been produced in New York City, Louisville, and Indianapolis as part of festivals or in educational settings. Kokai holds a Master of Arts from Washington University in St. Louis and a doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.

**What:** Lark Play Development Center 21st Annual Playwright’s Week

The Lark Play Development Center provides transformative support for playwrights. Founded in 1994, this laboratory for new voices and ideas. Lark provides playwrights and their collaborators with resources to develop their work in a supportive, yet rigorous environment and encourages them to define their own goals and creative process in pursuit of a unique vision.

The seven playwrights selected for Playwright’s Week participate in an intensive seven-day retreat, designed to foster a peer-based community among the writers, their creative teams, and Lark’s staff. After defining their goals, the playwrights receive ten hours of rehearsal in advance of a public staged reading, focusing on the writer’s self-stated developmental goals. In addition, the playwrights will be part of a “Meet the Writers’ event scheduled for global distribution on Monday, September 22 at 5 p.m. Mountain. Viewers can watch the event live at [http://howlround.com/tags/howlround-tv](http://howlround.com/tags/howlround-tv).

*Girl of Glass* by Jennifer A. Kokai tells the story of Edgar, a delivery man, who meets Truly who works in a strange shop, that she is never allowed to leave, filled with glowing glass jars. Every week Edgar visits her, falling more and more in love, but Truly is not who she seems to be.

**When:** Mon. Sept., 22 at 5 p.m. (MTN)

**Where:** Lark Play Development Center

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(btwn 8th & 9th Avenues)
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