



Stolen Chair
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Welcome to

**Community
Supported
Theatre**

fresh, local, indie

**Season I:
Quantum
Poetics**



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...now in our 8th season!

Stolen Chair is a theatre laboratory dedicated to the creation of **playfully intellectual**, **wickedly irreverent**, and **exuberantly athletic** original works.

“Best of Manhattan 2007”





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The Chairs

Stolen Chair is ...

Emily Liza Jon (Hugo) Aviva Kiran David (& Cameron
Otto Wade Stancato Meyer Rikhye Bengali J. Oro
Green





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*Theatre is Dead
and So Are You*

A vaudevillian take on mortality that stares death in the face and laughs.

Development



Production



"A raucous spectacle...happily proving its title wrong"
-Joshua David Stein, *New York Press*



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Kinderspiel

The totally fabricated true story of a Weimar-era nightclub where adults play like children...and customers pay to watch!

Development



Production



"A delectable frolic"
-*Flavorpill*

"Required viewing"
-Martin Denton, *NYtheatre.com*



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The Accidental Patriot
*The Lamentable Tragedy of the Pirate
Desmond Connelly, Irish by Birth,
English by Blood, and American by Inclination*

The swashbuckler that Sophocles might have written if he was under contract to Warner Brothers in the 1930s.

Development



Production



"Absolutely stunning...indie theatre at its best"
-Martin Denton, *NYtheatre.com*

"Happily over-the-top, rollicking fun.
(Think *The Princess Bride*)"
-New York Cool



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Commedia Dell'Artemisia

...a masked farce in rhyming couplets, freely inspired by the infamous 1612 rape trial of painter Artemisia Gentileschi.

Development

Production



"Supple...smart...daring"
-Leonard Jacobs, *The Clyde Fitch Report*

"A must see"
-PBS' *New Theater Corps*



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Kill Me Like You Mean It

..a live film noir for the stage as Ionesco might have written it.

Development



Production



"A stroke of genius"
-Martin Denton, *NYtheatre.com*

"Intriguing...clever...amuses even
as it challenges perceptions"
-Andy Propst, *Backstage*



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The Man Who Laughs

..a live silent film for the stage about a clown, whose face was carved into a permanent smile, and the women who love him.

Development



"Utterly tremendous "
-Trav SD

Production



"By any measure...a triumph"
-Martin Denton, *NYtheatre.com*



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What is Community Supported Theatre?

Community Supported Theatre (CST) is an innovative new way of connecting theatre-makers and theatre-goers. The idea comes from the world of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), where a small community of members literally provides seed money for a local farm in exchange for their share of a season's worth of harvested produce.





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What is Community Supported Theatre?

In Stolen Chair's CST, a community of members will invest "seed" money in the company's ensemble-driven theatrical process and then reap their share of a season's worth of creative "harvests."



Concept to Studio to Stage

CST





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Who should CST?

- **Artistic Admirers:** When you go to the theatre, you're the one who always stays for the backstage tour and the Q&A with the cast and creative team, the one who watches all the special features on a DVD. The CST offers one-of-a-kind access to a community of artists, insights into their process, and the opportunity to give feedback that will actually shape an original work of art.
- **Grassroots Giants:** You already belong to a CSA and a community garden, and support your political causes with potlucks. The CST provides a way to stay engaged with an intentional community while winter frost covers your veggies and politicians are in the off-season.
- **Lifelong Learners:** Always reading and researching, you go to gallery talks and enroll in continuing ed classes so you can surround yourself with high-level discourse and dialogue. The CST offers a space for armchair scholarship and intelligent debate about a new topic each season.
- **Social (Network) Butterflies:** You belong to Facebook, Myspace, LinkedIn, and Twitter, and have an online social life as rich as your offline one. You'll get exclusive membership in the CST's social network, where you can connect (online and in real life!) with interesting people doing interesting things.



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CST: Season 1
Quantum Poetics:
A Science Experiment for the Stage

A world premiere mash-up of laboratory theatre and laboratory science will transform recent advances in theoretical physics and neuroscience into an immersive theatrical world filled with multiple realities, synesthesia, impossible paradoxes, time travel, and cognitive dissonance.





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Season at a glance:
Nov 22 – July 11




- **Exclusive access** to every stage of *Quantum Poetics*' development, from its creative retreat to its world premiere; you'll see first-hand how a new play is born.
- **Members-only panels, lectures, and discussions** with some of the country's hottest scientific writers and thinkers, who will reveal the secrets of how your universe(s) and your brain work.
- A chance to participate in our members-only **science fair** and to build that exploding volcano your parents forbade in 4th grade.
- Your name on the guest list at New York's most scientastic **Valentine's Day party**: "Atoms and Eves"
- An invitation to join the CST's online **social network** filled with exclusive Stolen Chair and *Quantum Poetics* content: a feedback forum, video, photos, podcasts, and more.
- **Field trips** to NYC's most exciting science-themed cultural offerings.
- A discounted year-long subscription to *New Scientist* magazine and **complimentary wine & treats** at all CST events.









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How do I sign-up?




CST membership is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Individual membership: \$200 (\$175 if paid in full by Nov 22)   
...or split the payment up into three auto-billed installments.

Group membership (up to 3): \$350 (\$325 if paid in full by Nov 22)   
...or split the payment up into three auto-billed installments.

Artist/Student: \$175 (\$150 if paid in full by Nov 22)   
...or split the payment up into three auto-billed installments.

Corporate membership (up to 10 employees): \$1000   
(for NYC businesses and firms who want to offer their employees a one-of-a-kind experience)

E-membership: \$75   
(for individuals outside of the NY metropolitan area who would like to participate in our community and receive access to all exclusive digital content posted at the Community Supported Theatre's private online social network)

Contact cst@stolenchair.org to inquire about other special rates.

Just like in CSAs, each member is asked to contribute 2 hours of volunteer time, a great way to meet your fellow CST members and step behind the scenes.



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Questions?

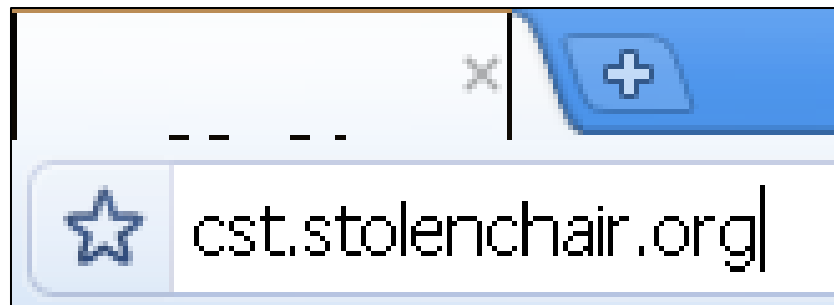


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The Chaise Lounge [*cheyz lounj*]

Community Supported Theatre's exclusive online social network





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1. Receive invitation
2. Create Your Profile

Subject: Come join me on Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST)

From: Aviva Meyer <invitations@communitysupportedtheatre.ning.com>

Sent: Nov 22, 2009 02:26:50 AM

To: Paul Dirac <aviva.meyer@verizon.net>

Reply To: aviva@stolenchair.org

Reply Reply All Forward Spam Print Delete Move To... Go

Join me on Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST)

Welcome to the Chaise Lounge, the social network for Stolen Chair's CST

Follow the instructions to create an account at Stolen Chair's CST Chaise Lounge.

Click to Join

Aviva Meyer has:

- 1 friend
- 107 photos
- 2 Events
- 4 videos
- 11 songs

Members on Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST):

Jon Stancato Ishah Janssen-Patch Cameron J. Oro Liz Eckert Aviva Meyer

About Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST)

	8 members 107 photos 11 songs	6 videos 6 discussions
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Keep the Change® rounds up your

Create Your Profile

One more step: tell the people on Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST) more about yourself. Questions marked with a are private and only visible to network administrators.

* indicates a required question

Full Name *

Paul Dirac

Profile Photo



No file chosen

Upload a Photo (GIF, JPG or PNG; limit 10MB)

Gender

Male Female Don't Display

Country

United Kingdom

City, State

Phone number (This question and the ones that follow will not be posted publicly on the network) * Private

914-225-3641

How would you describe yourself? (Check all that apply) * Private

- A theatre lover A science lover
 A current or former theatre artist A current or former scientist

Since there is a volunteer requirement for all CST members, it would be helpful for us to know your skills and interests. Which of the following would you feel comfortable helping out with? (Check all that apply) * Private

- Distributing postcards Decorations Lighting Carpentry
 Painting Sewing Set-up



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3. Account will be pending
4. Approval emailed within 24 hours.

From	Subject
Stolen Chair's Community Supported... Aviva Meyer	Your Stolen Chair's Co Come join me on Stole

Your membership to Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST) is pending approval

Hello, Paul Dirac

Your profile details must be approved by the Administrator before you can become a member of Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST). You will receive an email once your profile is approved. ([Withdraw Request](#))

Subject: Your Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST) membership has been approved

From: Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST) <mail@communitysupportedtheatre.ning.com>

Sent: Nov 22, 2009 02:33:03 AM

To: Paul Dirac <aviva.meyer@verizon.net>

Reply-To: do-not-reply@communitysupportedtheatre.ning.com

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Congratulations! Your Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST) membership has been approved.

You can now sign in using your email address here:

http://communitysupportedtheatre.ning.com/profile/PaulDirac?xg_source=msg_wel_accepted

Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST)



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- My Page (like Facebook profile page)

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a profile page on the Ning social network. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://communitysupportedtheatre.ning.com/profile/PaulDirac>. The page header includes the Ning logo and the text "Create Your Own Social Network". The profile is for "Paul Dirac" and is titled "Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre". The profile description reads "fresh, local, indie @ the Chaise Lounge". A red stamp graphic says "Season 1: Quantum Poetics". The navigation menu includes: Main, Invite, My Page, Events, Forum, Videos, Photos, Podcasts, Chat, Members, Support. The profile information section includes a profile picture of Paul Dirac, a welcome message "Welcome, Paul Dirac!", and a "Latest Activity" section. The "Profile Information" section includes a bio: "How would you describe yourself? (Check all that apply) A current or former scientist" and "Since there is a volunteer requirement for all CST members, it would be helpful for us to know your skills and interests. Which of the following would you feel comfortable helping out with? (Check all that apply) Decorations, Painting, Sewing". The "Text Box" section contains the text: "+ Add Text - Put text, HTML, videos, photos, or any third-party widgets here." The "My Photos" section contains the text: "+ Add Photos". The "Comment Wall" section contains the text: "No comments yet! + Add a Comment". The right sidebar includes a "Paul Dirac" profile summary with "Sign Out", "Inbox", "Friends - Invite", and "Settings" links. Below this is a "Quick Add..." section and a "Auto by Google" section with a link to "Obama & Bernanke's War Secret War On The Dollar Exposed! Washington Doesn't Want You To Know www.UncommonWisdomDot". At the bottom of the sidebar, there are two more links: "1 Tip of a flat belly : Cut down 3 lbs. of your belly every week by using this 1 weird old tip. Fatburningface.com" and "Is Your Bank In Trouble? Free list Of Banks". The footer of the page shows "Stolen Chair's Community Supported Th... Chat | 2 Online".



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Main page: central navigation for the latest activity and featured additions

The screenshot shows the Ning website for Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST). The page layout includes a header with the company name and logo, a navigation menu, and a main content area with several sections:

- Header:** "Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre" with the tagline "fresh, local, indie @ the Chaise Lounge". A red stamp in the top right corner reads "Season 1: Quantum Poetics".
- Navigation:** Main, Invite, My Page, Events, Forum, Videos, Photos, Podcasts, Chat, Members, Support.
- Welcome Message:** "Welcome to Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST), Paul Dirac! Here are a few things you can do right now..." with buttons for "Invite Friends" and "Add Content".
- Birthdays:** "There are no birthdays today".
- Latest Activity:** A list of recent posts, including one by Jon Stancato and another by Aviva Meyer.
- Events:** A list of upcoming events, including "CST Kickoff" on November 22, "Contemporary Performance and the Multiverse" on December 9, and "Stolen Chair presents Act 1 of Kinderspiel" on December 12.
- Forum:** A section for community discussions.
- Right Sidebar:** User profile for Paul Dirac with options like "Sign Out", "Inbox", "Friends - Invite", and "Settings". It also includes "Ads by Google" and a "Quick Add..." button.




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- Events calendar – CST members only events will have Stolen Chair icon


All Events (5)

November
22
Sunday




CST Kickoff
November 22, 2009 from 7pm to 8:30pm - Peter Jay Sharp Theatre
Meet Stolen Chair and the other members of the pilot CST. Learn about Quantum Poetics and see highlights from the first creative retreat.
Organized by [Jon Stancato](#) | Type: [members-only](#)
You have not responded.

December 9
Wednesday



"Contemporary Performance and the Multiverse"
December 9, 2009 from 7pm to 8pm - Sony Wonder Technology Lab
On December 9th, PS122 will host the second discussion in its new Conversations with Culture series, "Contemporary Performance and the Multiverse." The conversation uses as its launching pad PS122 ...
Organized by [Jon Stancato](#) | Type: [fieldtrips](#), [panel](#), [free](#)
You have not responded.

December 12
Saturday



Stolen Chair presents Act 1 of Kinderspiel
December 12, 2009 from 5pm to 7pm - Playwright's Horizons Studio
Stolen Chair presents the first act from its critically acclaimed 2007 production KINDERSPIEL, the totally fabricated true story of a Weimar-era nightclub where adults play like children and custom...
Organized by [Jon Stancato](#) | Type: [fieldtrips](#), [performance](#), [free](#)

Popular Event Types

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November 2009

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December 2009

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- Forums – place for discussion, feedback, ideas, sharing


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Discussion Forum (6)

 Sort by: 


Featured Discussions



Which scientists and science writers do you want to hear from?
Is there a scientist or science writer you'd like us to invite to speak at a CST meet-up? This is the place to post your wishlist. If you...
Started by Jon Stancato [Latest Reply](#)



Community Supported Theatre & Quantum Poetics in the news...
Two of North America's hottest arts bloggers were the first to the story: Andrew Taylor ("The Artful Manager"), Director of the Arts Adm...
Started by Jon Stancato [Latest Reply](#)



Research for Quantum Poetics
Attached is the reading list we prepared for our retreat. What great science writing did we miss? If you've read anything on this list (a...
Started by Jon Stancato [Latest Reply](#)

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Video and Photos – members can add their own
Photos via Flickr, email, or uploaded from laptop
Video via linking to Hulu, YouTube, Vimeo, email, or uploaded

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by Aviva Meyer

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Featured Videos

Public Display of Invention

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Sort by: Latest

Drop of water
Time warp
Aviva Meyer 1 view
Nov 17

Perception 0:12
Aviva Meyer 3 views
Nov 7

Quantum Physics Cartoon
The double-slit experiment which gave rise to the electron's double-life (as both particle and wa...
Jon Stancato 2 views
Oct 30

She Blinded Me With Science
Fabulous flo's music video about deranged scientists which uses the silent film tradition of title...
Jon Stancato 1 view
Oct 30

Test Your Awareness: Do The Test
How many passes does the team in white make? Test your awareness and Do the Test! TFL cycling saf...
Tags: perception

Public Display of Invention
Jon Stancato, Stolen Chair's Co-Artistic Director, speaks about the CST at WNYC's Green Space
Aviva Meyer 3 views
Oct 20



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Podcast – Stolen Chair’s own BlogTalkRadio station – interviews with scientists and artists from around the country

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Podcasts from The Stolen Chair Theatre Company, produced exclusively for Stolen Chair's Community Supported Theatre (CST)




Profile

StolenChair
<http://stolenchair.org>

Country: United States
Language: English

Listeners



Nothing Scheduled Yet

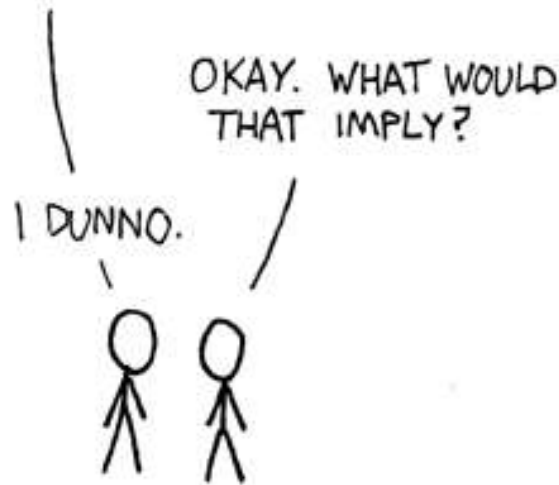


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Creating Quantum Poetics: The Concept

STRING THEORY SUMMARIZED:

I JUST HAD AN AWESOME IDEA.
SUPPOSE ALL MATTER AND ENERGY
IS MADE OF TINY, VIBRATING "STRINGS."





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Creating Quantum Poetics: The Research

Table of contents: *(listed in order of density, from subway reading to armchair reading to library reading)*

1. “Art That Transfigures Science” by Alan Lightman (from *New York Times*).....pg 1
 - Brief survey about what science can offer art and what art can offer science
2. “Creativity Special: One Culture” by Arthur I Miller).....pg 4
 - Quick compare and contrast about scientific vs. artistic perspectives
3. “Listening to Koko” by Elizabeth Hanly (from *Commonweal*)pg 5
 - Profile of Koko the “talking” gorilla in which she weighs in on big questions
4. “Clever Hans the Math Horse” from *DamnInteresting.com*pg 8
 - History and legacy of horse trained to solve complex math problems
5. *Copenhagen* by Michael Fraynpg 11
 - Broadway play which accessibly investigates the high drama behind the famous “Copenhagen Interpretation”
 - See reference: “Copenhagen Intepretation”
6. *The Physicists* by Friedrich Durrenmattpg 16
 - A play about 3 physicists who go insane and believe they are Einstein, Newton, and Mobius
 - See reference: “Newton’s Laws of Motion,” “General Relativity,” and “Special Relativity”



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7. *What We Believe But Cannot Prove* edited by John Brockmanpg 23
 - The country's greatest scientific thinkers answer the question: "What do you believe even though you cannot prove it?"
 - Introduction and selections from Seth Lloyd, Dennis Dutton, and Janna Levin
8. "Rehearsal Procedures" from *Performance Theory* by Richard Schechnerpg 101
 - Scientific, empirical approach to theatre-making
9. *The Development of An Aesthetic* by Bertolt Brechtpg 106
 - Brecht assesses what it means to create art in an age of modern science
 - "Shouldn't We Abolish Aesthetics?" & "Can the Present-day World be Reproduced by Means of Theatre"
10. *The Second Brain* by Michael D. Gershon, MDpg 110
 - Traces (and personalizes) the discovery that the bowels have their own standalone brain
11. *The Philosophy of Science* by Samir Okashapg 118
 - Debates the ultimate "truthiness" of science and scientific reasoning
 - "Hume's Problem," "Inference to the Best Explanation, & "The Structure of Scientific Revolutions"
12. *Wednesday is Indigo Blue* by Richard Cytowic MD & David Eagleman MDpg 129
 - Fascinating look at the phenomenon of synesthesia ("Dude, I'm seeing sounds!")



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13. *Poetics* by Aristotlepg 141

- Um...the founding text of Western theatre (Unified place, unified time), it seeks to explain the laws of theatre via logic

14. *How the Universe Got Its Spots* by Janna Levinpg 146

- Delightful prose which blends Levin's personal diary with an explanation of physics concepts
- See reference: Special Relativity

15. *Fabric of the Cosmos: Space. Time. And the Texture of Reality* by Brian Greenepg 155

- Best-selling, elegantly written take on physics by the founder of the World Science Festival
- See reference: Newton's Laws of Motion, General Relativity, Special Relativity, Copenhagen Interpretation, Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, & Schrodinger's Cat

16. *Godel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid* by Douglas Hofstadterpg 167

- A rewardingly brain-busting study of how the paradoxes in the art of Escher, the music of Bach, and the theorems of Godel are a kind of consciousness.
- See reference: Infinity

17. Secret History from *Vacuum Diagrams* by Stephen Baxterpg 177

- A sci-fi short story trying to blend good sci- with good fi- instead of bastardizing both.

Reference: *100 Most Important Science Ideas*pg 186

The Selfish Gene, Junk DNA, Newton's Laws of Motion, Conservation of Energy, Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, Copenhagen Interpretation, Schrodinger's Cat, Special Relativity, General Relativity, Fermi Paradox, Infinity, Fibonacci Sequence, Chaos, Probability, Game Theory



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Creating Quantum Poetics: The Retreat



Dave



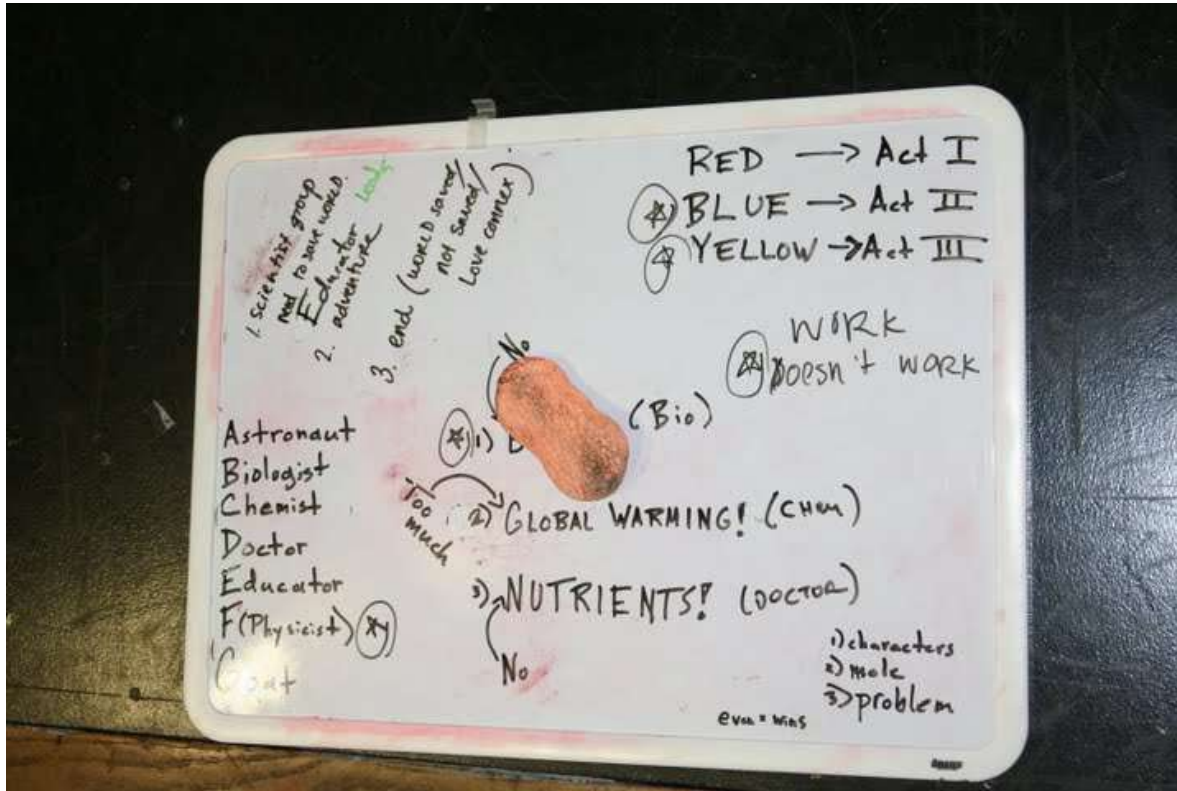
Liz



David



Noah



Ishah



Timothy



Liza



Ben



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***Creating Quantum Poetics:
The Retreat***

Photos from the retreat



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Questions?