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### **Actors Announced for Staged Theatrical Reading of R.U.R.**

WASHINGTON – Cultural Programs of the National Academy of Sciences and the Shakespeare Theatre Company announce a staged theatrical reading of R.U.R. (Rossum’s Universal Robots), a 1920 science fiction play by Czech writer Karel Čapek which introduced the word “robot” into the English language. The performance is directed by **Samantha K. Wyer**, Director of Education, Shakespeare Theatre Company.

Actors featured include John Lescault, Kimberly Gilbert, Rick Foucheux, Tim Getman, Hugh Nees, Harry Winter, Bev Appleton, Jefferson Russell, Joe Isenberg, Lee McKenna, Nora Achrati, Thony Mena, Jacob Yeh, Manu Kumasi, Joy Jones, Nick Byron, and Matthew McGee.

The reading is on Monday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. (includes a 15 minute intermission) at the National Academy of Sciences Auditorium, 2101 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. Reservations and photo IDs are required. No charge. To make a reservation, visit <http://www.cpnas.org/events/rur.html>.

Watch a video of Dennis Jerz speaking about R.U.R. at our June 19 D.C. Art Science Evening Rendezvous: <http://youtube.com/cpnas>. Jerz is Associate Professor of English, New Media Journalism, Seton Hill University, Greensburg, Pa.

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