

## KST PRESENTS

FRESHWORKS | THEATER

# CAROLINE YOO & DAVINE BYON

PROPHECIES & SOY SAUCE SHOTS

Friday & Saturday, April 5 - 6  
7:30pm - 9:30pm

\*Warning: This performance includes bright flashing lights, loud noises, mentions of grief, and smells of homemade Korean food will be in the air throughout the performance (pork, kimchi, soy bean paste, seafood).



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WINTER/SPRING 2024

# BRAVE ACTIONS BOLD VOICES

**Give me a lifetime of promises / And a world of dreams / Speak the language of love / Like you know what it means**

**- Tina Turner**

The Winter/Spring 2024 KST Presents season promises to bring you **simply the best**. From a **Tina Turner tribute concert** to **Abolitionist Expressions**, a visual art exhibition showcasing incarcerated artists, KST continues to celebrate the **Brave Actions** and **Bold Voices** in our community.

We begin the year with **Youth & Family Programming**. **Justice in Action: A Celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** gathers performances and activities centering social justice. Later in February, **The Alloy School** returns with new recreational classes for all ages.

Our Winter/Spring **Freshworks Residencies** support new performance in process from three local artists. First, **Caroline Yoo** and **Davine Byon** present *Prophecies & Soy Sauce Shots*, an experiment in storytelling that spans from the past, present to future. Then, **Anna King Skeels** brings *unstitch*, a new performance examining our relationship to our bodies.

The **Local & Global Performance** series welcomes two weeks of programming from multi-disciplinary artists **Edisa Weeks** and **Mita Ghosal**. After a movement workshop, welcome dinner & artist talk, Edisa's April engagement culminates in the Pittsburgh premiere of **3 RITES: Liberty**, an excavation into the foundations of Liberty in America. **Mita Ghosal's** weeklong May programming brings *Lost on a Loom* to KST's Alloy Studios, examining lost South Asian Histories through Indian textiles and movement.

We can't wait to journey through the winter into the spring with you feeling **warm, inspired, and part of a brave, bold community**.

Sincerely,

**Joseph Hall**  
Executive Director

**JOSEPH HALL**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



# ABOUT KELLY STRAYHORN THEATER

**Kelly Strayhorn Theater** is a non-profit community performing arts center in East Liberty, with two venues running along historic Penn Avenue. KST's Alloy Studios is a cultural hub in the heart of East Liberty, and the historic Kelly Strayhorn Theater is located in the thriving business district. More than 20 years after its founding, KST is a home for creative experimentation, community dialogue, and collective action rooted in the liberation of Black and queer people.

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# CAROLINE YOO & DAVINE BYON

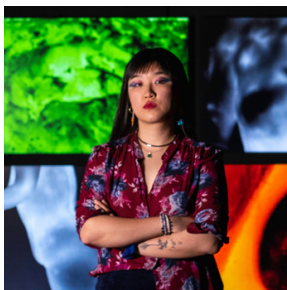
## PROPHECIES & SOY SAUCE SHOTS

### ABOUT THE WORK

*Prophecies & Soy Sauce Shots* is an experimental performance with artists **Caroline Yoo** and **Davine Byon**. They move together, rejecting the permanently aspirational future and reflecting on the consequences of ancestral dreamwork. The performance asks, are we dreaming in resistance of or within the confines of colonized standards of success? They move through three vignettes, using **projections, sculpture, music, and the exchange of dreams**. This new performance in process pieces together a messy, precious home in the diaspora, and asks whose dreams – past, present, and future – we are living for.

### ABOUT THE ARTISTS

**Caroline Yoo** is an interdisciplinary artist working in performance, social practice, intimate gatherings, and video installations. She uses translation to map forgotten histories – to reveal psychological shadows haunting the diaspora – and performs contemporary translations of rituals for the living. She is a co-founder and



leader of JADED PGH, Hwa Records, and Han Diaspora Group, artist collectives focused on the Asian diaspora experience. Yoo has performed, exhibited, and produced at Carnegie Museum of Art; Institute of Contemporary Art, San Francisco; University of Michigan Ann Arbor; McDonough Museum of Art; University of Southern California; LA Art Show; Kelly Strayhorn Theater and more.

**davine byon** is an artist learning to fall in love with awkwardness, koreanness, mistranslations, and herself; this project is a checkpoint in that endeavor. her recent work in theatrical media design and performance art have been featured at Kelly Strayhorn Theater, Rivers of Steel, Quantum Theatre, the Miller Institute for Contemporary Art, Pao Arts Center, Lenfest Center for the Arts, the New Hazlett Theater, City Theatre Company, and The Andy Warhol Museum; BFA Carnegie Mellon University.



## ABOUT THE ARTISTS

A Korean-American photographer, media producer, and multidisciplinary artist, **Hannah Colen**'s work observes the modern world through the female gaze. In 2019, she learned and incorporated a trauma-informed paradigm into her own practice, in preparation for her Tender series and other intimate projects. Outside of portraiture, she's passionate about detailed, documentary-style photography and uplifting marginalized voices. She's currently based in Pittsburgh, PA.



**Iris Seoyoung Kang (she/they)** is an educator and a maker from Seoul, Korea. Combining their interest in art and education, Iris focuses on inclusive and culturally relevant learning in new media arts education. In their practices through music making with cassette tapes, crafts, and zines, Iris explores the ambiguity of boundaries in identity and reality/dreams.



**Sunni** is an artist by necessity of Spirit. She is a writer of poetry and essay and dabbles in many forms of visual arts, including painting, photography, and graphic design. Sunni enjoys singing and occasionally contributing to musical productions. As owner and operator of Manduhandu, a health focused local (Pittsburgh) vegan and gluten-free Korean food pop-up, Sunni also offers learning through classes and literature. Her art explores and expresses ancestral connections to Taoist and Buddhist philosophy, the harmony of Mind, Body, and Spirit, and the practical application of Ritual.



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