

**BOSTON  
CENTER  
FOR THE  
ARTS**

# [Miss]

**WINNER, CHARLES M. GETCHELL AWARD  
BEST NEW PLAY, 2017**

## AUDITION NOTICE

SHOW TITLE: [Miss]

**SHOW DESCRIPTION:** Based on true events, [Miss] tells the explosive story of Dr. Frances Kelsey's epic battle with the William S. Merrell Company over the introduction of thalidomide into the United States. New to the FDA, Dr. Kelsey, only admitted to graduate school because she was thought to be a man, is tasked with approving the drug. Concerned about the drug's potential effect on pregnant women, she refuses. Merrell attacks Dr. Kelsey to force her to back down. [Miss] is about the challenges women face in science, medical malfeasance, pharmaceutical company greed, and the ability of one uncompromising woman to change history.

To learn more about this moment in history, visit <https://bit.ly/2Jcftwi>

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:** Winner-Charles M. Getchell Award (Best New Play 2017), Winner-Tampa Bay Theatre Festival (Full Length Play 2017), Winner-Playwrights' Round Table (Premiere 2017), Featured Show of Southern Theatre Magazine Fall 2017 Issue, Winner-Orlando Sentinel 2017 Best Featured Actress, Drama (Alma J. Hill), Nominee-Orlando Sentinel 2017 Best Central Florida Production

**AUTHOR:** W.L. Newkirk

**DIRECTOR:** Jo D'Angelo

**PRODUCER:** Hardly Working Productions (Deena Flowers) [hardlyworkingproductions.com](http://hardlyworkingproductions.com)  
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**VENUE:** Plaza Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts

**RUN SCHEDULE:** August 24-September 8th

**REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:** Thursdays 7pm-10pm and Sundays 6pm-9pm at the Boston Center for the Arts.  
Potential Third rehearsal per week may be added in August. Tech week will be Aug 19th-Aug 23rd.

**COMPENSATION:** Non-Union, Stipend Pay

## AUDITION INFORMATION

**DATES/TIMES:** Sunday June 24th 6pm-9pm and Monday June 25th 7pm-10pm, sign up at <https://bit.ly/2Ls4U1q>

**LOCATION:** Boston Center for the Arts-Arts Resource Room, 539 Tremont St, Boston MA, 02116

**ACTORS PREPARATION:** Please bring a headshot, resume and a prepared 1-2 minute modern monologue if you have one.  
You will also be reading from the script.

## CHARACTERS:

- \* Dr. Frances Oldham Kelsey: Female-40s/50s
- \* Dr. Raymond Pogge: Male-40s/50s
- \* Dr. Joseph Murray: Male-40s/50s
- \* Gertrude Helfer: Female-20s/30s
- \* Dr. Ray Nulsen: Male-40s/50s
- \* Betty Yoder: Female-20s/30s
- \* John Yoder: Male-20s/30s
- \* Mary Beck: Female-20s/30s
- \* Young Kelsey: Female-Early 20s
- \* Dr. Raymond Stehle: Male-40s/50s (Doubled with Nulsen)



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**AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 8**

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