

# TROGLOBITES

An original play by  
Zachary Desmond



[Featured Image](#): photographer Robbie Shone, featured in [2012 article](#) by Mark Prigg.

Somewhere in the American West, the ground opens up and swallows seven cavers. Hidden beneath glittering gems and underground rivers, something is alive and yearning to bestow an extraordinary gift.

With no route to escape and no promise of rescue, the cavers must traverse the underworld, invoke their mythic ancestors, and rally together to face down the end of all things.

We first read a draft of **Zachary Desmond's** original play, ***Troglobites***, over Zoom this past December.

We're so excited to now come together in person for this newest draft, directed by **Henry Gottfried**, featuring **Piper Rae Patterson, Felix Teich, Danyel Geddie, Julian Robertson, Steven Conroy, Ali Lopez-Sohaili, Vann Dukes, Kassandra Cruz**, and Stage Directions by **Gabriela Torres**.

## PLAYWRIGHT BIO

**Zachary Desmond** is an actor, playwright, and director living and working in New York City. He is a member of the resident acting company at the Mercury Store in Gowanus, Brooklyn and a recent graduate of the Juilliard School of Drama. He played Hunter and Headmaster Burns in Undiscovered Works' production of *Hooded, or Being Black for Dummies* by Tarrance Arvelle Chisholm at 59E59.

## DIRECTOR BIO

**Henry Gottfried** is a theater artist based in New York City. His directing and associate directing credits include projects on Broadway and Off-Broadway, as well as NYC concerts and the development of new plays and musicals (most recently: *THE LESSON* by Tyrone Davis, Jr. at Ars Nova). Henry has also

developed new plays as a director/collaborative dramaturg at Ojai Playwrights Conference and Hedgebrook Playwrights Festival. As an actor, he has performed in the Broadway production of WAITRESS, the national tours of BRIGHT STAR and PIPPIN, and the world premiere production of THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA. Henry holds a BA in Theater Studies from Yale University.  
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## DECEMBER 2022 ZOOM READING TEAM

Directed by **Piper Patterson** and featuring **Alexander Bianchi, Kate Eberstadt, Anthony Gabriele, Helen Hood, Jake Lasser, Hannah Martin, Kelly Thomas, and Nate Wise**. Original composition and sound by **Kate Eberstadt** and **Nate Wise**; lyrics and music by **Hannah Martin**.

## ABOUT THE STORYTELLING SERIES

Our monthly storytelling series is all about community engagement. We believe that stories impact change, that we better our world by coming together to learn about our shared and unique experiences.

Last year, we were thrilled to be able to continue reaching our artists and audiences around the globe through our Zoom format while also coming together in person in NYC. A few times each year, we'll be live NYC while also continuing to offer online programs. Be on the lookout at [www.udiscoveredworks.org](http://www.udiscoveredworks.org) for upcoming events.

## UNDISCOVERED WORKS NEEDS YOUR STORIES!

Are you a creative artist looking for an opportunity to share new work? We'd love to consider including you in our monthly series! Please contact us at [leaha@undiscoveredworks.org](mailto:leaha@undiscoveredworks.org).

Undiscovered Works is dedicated to supporting artists as they develop plays, music, monologues, comedy, and film. Our monthly storytelling series presents work in all stages of development, bringing together voices from across our community. Our ensemble-based Off and Off-Off Broadway productions bring to light the social issues of our times, all the while entertaining and inspiring dialogue.

## MIXOLOGY RETURNS IN JUNE!

Born of the pandemic's necessitating the move to Zoom storytelling and, thus, an inability to screen short films as we used to do at our live events, Mixology explores the creative possibilities of presenting theatrical, cinematic, and performance pieces in virtual space. The series returns **June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2pm** (11am PT), on Zoom!

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