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## Senior Project Proposal

For my senior project, I will direct the show *Exit the King* for The Laboratory Theatre Company. This opportunity is one that I believe pulls together all that I've learned in my time at Missouri State. When I first came to college, I saw myself becoming a full time actress and by Sophomore year, I realized I also wanted to write, direct, and produce absolutely any work I could. Being a B.S. Theatre has allowed me to follow all of those paths, instead of just keeping to the one and it's been the greatest part of college. By being able to showcase how much I have learned in directing, I think that this would make a great senior project. I can show what I know about the whole process of directing and everything that comes along with it (leading the team, approving sets, costumes, lighting, etc.). I think that there is also a silver lining to the point of doing it during COVID. Half of my time in school has come during a pandemic so 50% of my learning has been covid centered. Why wouldn't I show how to direct and hold a show during a pandemic? I think that would help pull together my time at Missouri State in a very ironic way while also providing a lot to build from. This will do great things for my post college career because being able to update my resume with a full length play, listing my title as a director will hopefully look just as good as I think it will.

I plan to be able to execute this over the next few months with the help of a TD, AD, the consulting artistic director, and several others who want to help make this project possible. I plan to create a diligent schedule that overprepares me in regards to rehearsals and deadlines. I hope to achieve a positive work space, see myself grow into this position, and ultimately entertain an audience at the end of April.

I hope you see this as much of a valuable project topic as I do and I hope I've given you enough information to go off of to understand my reasoning behind this. I'm looking forward to finding a great team and pulling off a just as great show.