

Hello, Fellow SRJC Student!

We are a creative company of SRJC performing arts students working on an exciting collaborative Theatre Arts project called *Leaving Home*. This is a dramatic exploration of the concept of “home” and what it means to “leave home”, both literally and metaphorically, brought to life through stories drawn from interviews with actual SRJC students like you.

The script does not currently exist. We are going to create it and that’s why we need you. **If you are holding this paper, it is because someone believes you have a compelling story to share.**

We are looking for many types of stories, not just those limited to the literal concept of leaving home. The theme of leaving home does not just mean physically leaving a home; it can be any number of interpretations. **We are casting our net and hoping to find students who feel a call to share their stories.**

Your interview with us will take place in a safe environment on one of the SRJC campuses at a time and location convenient for you. While we will be filming our interviews (to aid us in our writing and rehearsal process), we understand that we are asking for stories with potentially sensitive subject matter that may require a certain level of confidentiality. You will be asked to sign a release form allowing us to use your story; on that form, **you can specify the level of confidentiality with which you want us to handle your story, your interview, and your privacy.**

Once the stories are gathered, we will begin to create our script. Your story may become part of our play in a variety of ways – an actor may actually portray you telling your story, excerpts from selected stories may become a collage, or your story may be inspiration for original material created by the company. At the end of the semester we will share highlights of our work in a workshop performance during Finals Week. Then, we’ll polish the script this summer and it will be produced as a full Theatre Arts production next fall!

If you are willing to share your story, please contact us by April 1, if possible. (We’d love to hear from you sooner!). **We’ll just need your name and how to reach you (cell? phone? email?) to get us started and then you’ll be contacted by a member of our team.**

How to reach us:

- Email our instructor, Laura Downing-Lee, at ldowning@santarosa.edu.
OR
- Give your contact information to the SRJC faculty or staff member who told you about our project; they’ll send it to us through email or campus mail.
OR
- Drop your contact information off in the Theatre Arts Office, Burbank Rm. 208, for our instructor, Laura Downing-Lee.

Feel free to contact our instructor, Laura Downing-Lee, Theatre Arts (527-4420; ldowning@santarosa.edu) if you have any questions about the project or the interview process.

Hope to hear from you!

The Leaving Home Creative Team