

Go Somewhere Extraordinary.



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Dear Fellow Artists,

We are thrilled to be a part of the Open Dream Ensemble to write and direct the 2009 season.

As you may know, all members of the Open Dream Ensemble are asked to step outside of their traditional artistic roles; actors are asked to play instruments, musicians are asked to dance, dancers are asked to portray characters in scene work, etc. When artists are challenged to explore in this way, every aspect of the creative process is enriched and enlivened. We are not expecting to find performers with a full range of experience in every discipline. We are looking for people with passion for their art, willingness to experiment, and commitment to the creative process. In return, your professional career will be enhanced greatly with teaching artist training, creative educational sessions, original live performances, collaborative work with other professional artists, and much more.

Returning for its second season, *The Red Planet*, written and directed by Mollye and Kelly Maxner, tells the story of the first human community on Mars and their history-making broadcast to Planet Earth. In connection with the IMAGINE MARS program of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab, *The Red Planet* blends real science with bold imagination—affirming how artists and scientists work together to build our future.

Premiering this season with the Open Dream Ensemble is a new musical, *Dream Machines*, written and directed by Matt Cowart and Isaac Klein. *Dream Machines* tells the story of the Wright brothers and their sister, Katharine, as they struggle to achieve the impossible—create the first flying machine. *Dream Machines* harnesses the limitless power of imagination to prove that the impossible can happen when you look beyond the horizon.

If you have questions, please contact General Manager Rebecca Nussbaum at 336.782.7837 or by email at Rebecca@opendreamensemble.com.

We sincerely hope that you will audition for us on January 25th in Winston-Salem, as we build our team for what is sure to be an extraordinary experience.

Yours truly,

Matt Cowart

Isaac Klein

Mollye Maxner

Open Dream Ensemble is a project of the Thomas S. Kenan Institute for the Art, which builds partnerships to support creative projects, many of which are associated with the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.