

Symposium 2026 Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026				
Time	Lincoln Hall (LH) Location	Session Title	Type of Session	Presenters/Hosts/Performers
12:00 PM	Broadway Entrance Lobby	Registration Opens		GII Team
2:00-3:30 PM	Classroom (319)	How to GII?	Plan your itinerary, tour Lincoln Hall, learn improv basics	P.I.E. (PSU Impro Ensemble)
	Boiler Room (55)	Embracing the Audacious— Using Improv Skills to Address Today's Insurmountable Challenges	Pre-Symposium Workshop	Caitlin McClure
	Rehearsal Studio (327)	Improv Jam: Activate the Possible!	Pre-Symposium Workshop	Oluwadamilola Abdulai-Apotieri
4:00-5:00 PM	Recital Hall (75)	Activate the Possible	GII 2026 Kick-Off	GII Team
	DINNER	On your own. Go HERE for nearby food truck & restaurant suggestions.		
6:30-8:00 PM	Studio Theater (115)	<i>The Theatre Machine Reunion docushort & Keith Johnstone's Master Class, GII 2017</i>	Film Screenings	Theresa Robbins Dudeck (co- director/producer) & Joel Veenstra (producer)
8:30-10:00 PM	Recital Hall (75)	<i>The Oracle</i>	Performance	Jonathan Pitts (director/creator) & Guest Players

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026

Time	Lincoln Hall (LH) Location	Session Title	Type of Session	Presenters/Performers
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Recital Hall (75)	THE UN-KEYNOTE	Opening Plenary	Guest Artist, Anthony Veneziale
All Day Happenings 11:00 AM -5:00 PM	Design Studio (307)	GII Lounge	A free space to hang out, meet folks, work or relax!	
	Classroom (205)	“Activating the Possible”	Podcast recording studio	Jonathan Pitts (podcast host)
SESSION I 11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Acting Studio (7)	Play the Problem: Improv, Cynefin & the Art of Navigating a Complex World	Workshop	Caitlin McClure & Don Waisanen
	Boiler Room (55)	The Improvisational Facilitator	Workshop	Kat Koppett
	Studio Theater (115)	Epic Disney: A Brechtian Approach to Improvisation	Performance Demo & Workshop	The Improvocateurs: Samm Hill, Donna Arasin, Michelle Guthrie, Samson Carruth, Myra Lavenue
	Rehearsal Studio (327)	Improv for Role Playing Games	Workshop	Tiffany Anne Crotty
	Classroom (221)	Improbable	Virtual Discussion/Q&A	Phelim McDermott, Lee Simpson & Matilda Leyser (UK)
	Classroom (225)	Human Connection & Improv: Solving Workforce, Mental Health & Inclusion Challenges through Authentic Connection	Workshop	Brent Darnell
	Classroom (319)	Cog Creative: Navigating Dementia with Improvisation	Presentation & Discussion	Nicola Pauling (New Zealand)
12:30 - 2:00 PM	LUNCH	On your own. Go HERE for nearby food truck & restaurant suggestions.		

SESSION II 2:00 - 3:30 PM	Boiler Room (55)	The Audacity of Nope: Replacing Passive Agreement with Generous Redirection	Workshop	Theresa Robbins Dudeck
	Studio Theater (115)	Making DAME: Exploring Under-represented Aspects of Female Identity through Improvisation & Community Connection	Roundtable & Performance Demo	Stephanie Wichmann, Georgia Gunesch, Rebecca Rothery, Leann Ruth Johnson, Kari Smit, Laurie Shumate, Angela Michtom
	Rehearsal Studio (327)	Stories that Move Us	Workshop & Jam	Oluwadamilola Abdulai-Apotieri (Nigeria)
	Classroom (221)	Vulnerable Improvisation: The Aesthetic of Chaos, Viscerality & the Dramaturgical Discourse of the “Wild” in the Contemporary Scene	Virtual Workshop	Aline Bourseau (Brazil)
	Classroom (225)	OHSU Vital Talks: Improv in Medical Role-Play	Panel	Dr. Katie Stowers & Dr. Jared Chiarchiaro, with host Patrick Short
	Classroom (319)	Improvisation as a Tool for Creating Scripted Content	Panel	Andra Whipple & Guests
SESSION III 3:45 - 5:15 PM	Acting Studio (7)	Making Your Improv Auditions Equitable & Ethical	Workshop	Mary C. Parker
	Boiler Room (55)	Freestyle Rap	Workshop	Anthony Venezia
	Studio Theater (115)	The Pedagogy Beneath Johnstone’s Exercises: Less Pressure, More Play	Workshop	William Hall
	Rehearsal Studio (327)	DanceAbility: Improvisation as the Key to Inclusion	Workshop	Aaron Wheeler-Kay
	Classroom (225)	Improvisation for Personal & Community Healing	Panel	Brad Fortier (host) & Guests

	Classroom (319)	Reindigenizing Improvisation Storytelling	Roundtable	Cassie Funmaker (facilitator)
5:15 - 6:50 PM	DINNER	On your own. Go HERE for nearby food truck & restaurant suggestions.		
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Boiler Room (55)	<i>Love, Shakespeare</i>	Performance	Rose Bonomo, Rachel Rosenthal, Andy Perkins, Peri Ahmadi, Jake Hull, Tyler Quinn, Kristen Schier
	Studio Theater	<i>P.I.E. Slices of Life</i> (working title)	Performance	PSU Impro Ensemble (P.I.E.)
8:15 - 9:15 PM	Recital Hall	<i>Worlds Collide: Freestyle Love Supreme Meets American Immigrants</i>	Performance	Anthony Veneziale & Company
9:30 - 11:00 PM	Recital Hall	Keith Johnstone's Maestro Impro™	Performance	Featuring players from the GII Symposium 2026

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

Time	Lincoln Hall (LH) Location	Session Title	Type of Session	Presenters/Performers
9:00 - 9:45 AM	Recital Hall (75)	Building Bridges in Bridge City!	Day 2 Plenary	GII Team
All Day Happenings 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Design Studio (307)	GII Lounge	A free space to hang out, meet folks, work or relax!	
	Classroom (205)	“Activating the Possible”	Podcast Recording Studio	Jonathan Pitts (podcast host)

SESSION IV 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	Acting Studio (7)	Intimate Possibilities: How Improvisation Activates Emotional Connection (Part I)	Workshop	Bobbi Block & Nicola Pauling
	Boiler Room (55)	Intuitive or Authentic Improvisation	Workshop	Randy Dixon
	Studio Theater (115)	The Resistance Will Not Be Scripted: Improv as Anti-Authoritarian Practice	Workshop	Dr. Catherine Beckett
	Rehearsal Studio (327)	How Improv Prepares Us For The Speed of Change	Workshop	Jude Treder-Wolff
	Classroom (221)	Global Improvisation	Zoom Panel	Joel Veenstra (host) with International Guests
	Classroom (225)	NeuroScience and Improv	Panel	Dr. Troy Campbell & Dr. Larry Sherman
	Classroom (319)	Improvising Wellness: Applied Improvisation as a Tool for Psychosocial Support & Peacebuilding in Nigerian IDP Camps	Roundtable	Oluwadamilola Abdulai-Apotieri (Nigeria)
SESSION V 11:45 - 12:45 PM	Acting Studio (7)	Intimate Possibilities: How Improvisation Activates Emotional Connection (Part II)	Workshop	Bobbi Block & Nicola Pauling
	Boiler Room (55)	How to be Curious: Teaching Improv 101	Workshop	Kendell Uyeji
	Studio Theater (115)	BIPOC Voices	Panel	Guests from Kickstand Comedy's BIPOC Comedy Program
	Rehearsal Studio (327)	Everything's an Offer...Really	Workshop	Brad Robertson & Mariah Muñoz
	Classroom (221)	The Power of Three: Bringing Together Image, Movement & Words to Inspire New Ideas & Connect with Others	Virtual Workshop	Kay Scorah

	Classroom (319)	Using Applied Improv for Speech, Language & Cognitive Challenges	Workshop	Ruth Jenkins, CCC, MS-SLP
12:45 - 2:00 PM	LUNCH	On your own. Go HERE for nearby food truck & restaurant suggestions.		
SESSION VI 2:00 - 3:30 PM	Acting Studio (7)	Improv for Dating & Relationships	Workshop	Tiffany Anne Crotty
	Boiler Room (55)	Improvising Shakespeare	Workshop	Rick Steadman
	Studio Theater (115)	Playing with Kindness	Workshop	Stephanie & Dave Dennison
	Rehearsal Studio (327)	Play the Difference: Musical Improv Across Cultures	Workshop	Xuan Zhao (USA/China)
	Classroom (221)	A Case Study in Representative Improv: The Black Anthology Project	Virtual + In-Person Discussion & Workshop	Mary C. Parker (in-person), Blue Cavell-Allette & Tashika Campbell
	Classroom (225)	The Art of Improvisational Art Making	Workshop	Gary Hirsch
	Classroom (319)	Teaching Beyond Fear: Improv as Change Practice	Workshop	Brad Fortier & Emareena Daniels
SESSION VII 3:45 - 5:15 PM	Boiler Room (55)	The Power of You: Marginalized Genders Reclaiming Space, Authority & Authenticity with Improvisation	Workshop	Betse Green
	Studio Theater (115)	Easy Bake Coven: A Magical Musical Improv Show	Performance & Talkback	Kyndel James (Musical Director); Cast: Ally Kineman, Mick James, Kalin Honaker, Jordan Marzka, Sophie Carter-Kahn
	Rehearsal Studio (327)	Embracing the Unknowable Future with Buber, Spolin & Sills	Workshop	Amy Seham

	Classroom (221)	Improvising for Others' Well-being: A 'Super Happy Birthday' Card Game Workshop	Workshop	Yuri Kinugawa (Japan)
	Classroom (225)	Playing Softball: Improv Negotiation Strategies for Teachers	Workshop	Brook Oehme
	Classroom (319)	Creating a New Form: The Vision♥Euro Experience	Panel & Demo	Erika Lowe, David Gordon & Patrick Short (host)
5:15 - 6:50 PM	DINNER	On your own. Go HERE for nearby food truck & restaurant suggestions.		
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Boiler Room (55)	<i>Improv in Real Life</i> (Podcast)	Live Taping & Performance	Jude Treder-Wolff (Podcast Host) & GII Guests
8:15 - 9:45 PM	Recital Hall	<i>Vision Euro</i>	Performance	CSz Seattle & Portland Comedy Theater
10:00 - 11:30 PM	Recital Hall	Keith Johnstone's Maestro Impro™	Performance	Featuring players from the GII Symposium 2026
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026				
OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY				
9:00 AM Opening Circle				
Round I 10:15 - 11:15 AM		Round II 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM		Round III 2:00-3:00 PM
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3:15 - 4:00 PM Closing Circle				