

U.S. PREMIERE

HEY GIRL! EVOKES MYSTERY & POWER OF WOMEN IN STAGE SPECTACLE

"Hypnotically beautiful...a visual resonance that you find all too rarely on stage."—Financial Times

In what is sure to be one of the most talked-about theater events of the season, Italian director Romeo Castellucci and his company Societas Raffaello Sanzio bring their surreal, visually spectacular production ***Hey Girl!*** to Columbus for the show's **U.S. premiere** at the Wexner Center **January 15–16**.

Exploring the individual yet universal drama of women, the production unfolds in a series of startling stage pictures, complete with the heroine emerging fully formed from a chrysalis. The protagonists go on to explore themes of isolated vulnerability as a Juliet without a Romeo, and of powerful determination as a Joan of Arc, ready to sacrifice herself for a greater cause. The vivid stage images are enhanced by an atmospheric soundscape and starkly dramatic lighting, creating an enigmatic and surreal experience. The show is intended for mature audiences.



From *Hey Girl!*
Photo by Francesco Raffaelli

Male volunteers from the community are needed for a short section of this show. Click [here](#) for details. No experience is necessary.

The [Societas Raffaello Sanzio](#) was founded in 1981. The group's body of work reflects the founders' interest in the idea of theater as art, capable of combining all artistic forms to communicate directly with the senses and the mind.

CALENDAR INFORMATION: Making its U.S. premiere, ***Hey Girl!*** is a theater production from Italy comprised of enigmatic and surreal dreamscapes about ordinary and extraordinary women. It will be presented Tuesday-Wednesday, **January 15–16**, 2008 at 8 pm in **OSU's Thurber Theatre at Drake Center** (across from the stadium at 1849 Cannon Drive). Free parking is available in the lots across the street and just south of Cannon and Morrill Towers after 5 pm. Click [here](#) for a map. Tickets are \$20 for the general public, \$17 for members, and \$10 for students; call 614 292-3535 or visit [ticketmaster.com](#). More info at [wexarts.org](#).

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Preferred accommodations: **The Blackwell Inn**.

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