

Pearl Marill as Hermes in We Players' "Psychopomp," which is performed at McLaren Park.  
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THEATER

DATEBOOK PICK

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## We Players' 'Psychopomp'

### Date & Time

Thu. May 13 - Sun. Jun. 27  
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### Where

McLaren Park  
21 John F Shelley Drive

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Maybe, as the world reopens, we could all use a guide – ideally, someone with experience crossing from one plane to another. Or perhaps someone who can help us remember what it is to be alive by giving us a glimpse of the afterlife.

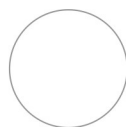
In Greek mythology, there’s a name for that type of being: the psychopomp, and now outdoor site-specific theater company We Players has a whole show dedicated to these messengers of the underworld and the heavens.

Staged in McLaren Park, “Psychopomp” introduces audience pods of one or two people at a time to guides of the spirit world from many cultures, including the ox-head and horse-face of Chinese myth; the anubis of Ancient Egypt (who also frequently appears in canine form); and the Maya’s Ixchel, a deity devoted to the other boundary of life: midwifery and birth.

– *Lily Janiak*

## DATEBOOK REVIEW

“Follow the red ribbons and red arrows, they said. Stay on the marked path through the eucalyptus and over the hills; otherwise, you might miss encounters with creatures from the spirit world. But be on the lookout for dog walkers and bicyclists, too. This magical park, with its portals to the...” [Read More](#)



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