

When approaching a show like *Lysistrata Jones*, it's easy to chalk up the dramaturgical research to a summary of the original text and a simple understanding of its influence. While we did take time to examine constructs of Greek theater and the impact of Aristophanes' work, we knew that the heart of the show lay elsewhere. At a glance, *Lysistrata Jones* is a comical piece that provides its audience with an escape into its quick wit, catchy tunes, and funky moves. The characters themselves even express a yearning to party all night long and just say "whatever" to the hardships. But as we know, giving up and giving in to apathy can never be the answer. In reality, everyone has wants; everyone has something that they are fighting for. *Lysistrata Jones* reminds us that we cannot walk away from where we are; from who we are. Changing the world isn't easy, but this show is a reminder that fighting is always worth the shot.

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