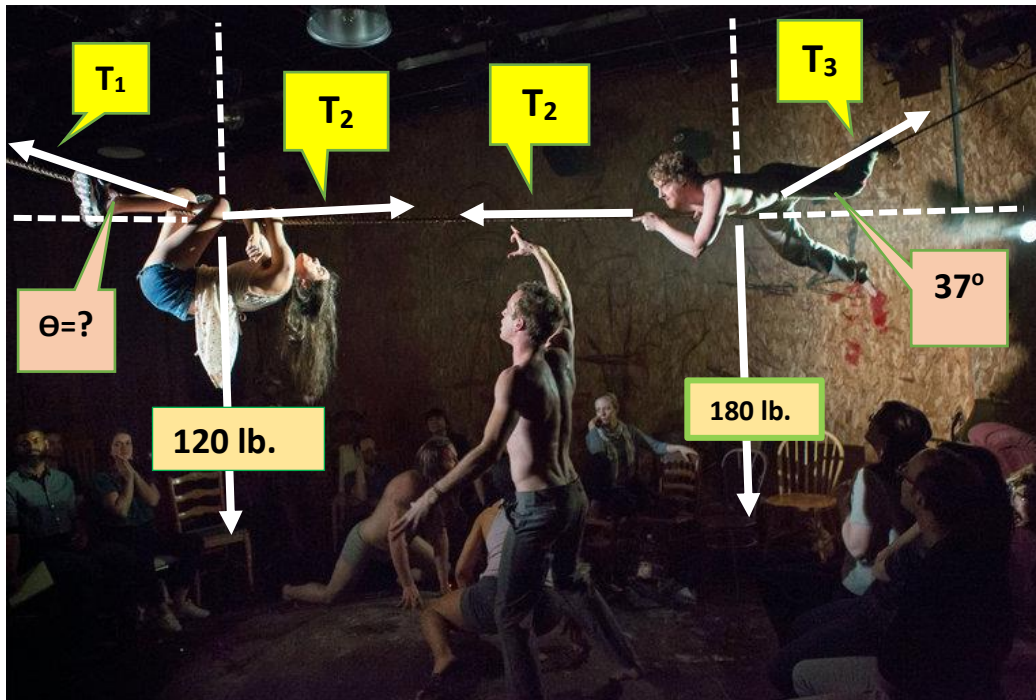


# STATICS

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## Review: 'Wolf in the River,' Adam Rapp's Latest Tale of the Dysfunctional and Dispossessed



**INTRODUCTION:** To be in equilibrium:  $\Sigma F_x = 0$   
 $\Sigma F_y = 0$

**QUESTIONS:** Find  $T_1, T_2, T_3$  and  $\theta$  ?

**HINTS:** Kate & Mike are connected by a cable with tension force  $T_2$ . Solving for four unknowns needs to set up four equations.

**ANSWERS:**

$T_1 = 268.3 \text{ lb.}$  ,  $T_2 = 240 \text{ lb.}$

$T_3 = 300 \text{ lb.}$  ,  $\theta = 26.57^\circ$

From left, Kate Thulin, Jack Ellis and Mike Swift in the play "Wolf in the River." CreditHunter Canning

A ripe mound of earth, festering with sickly flowers and garbage, rises from the upstairs stage of the [Flea Theater](#) these days. Audience members in the front row for "Wolf in the River" — which opened on Monday night in a highly intimate in-the-round production — could easily lean over and rub their faces in the muck, which may well be the symbolic intention of this play's creator, [Adam Rapp](#).

But mostly, this squalid pile exists as a place for an enthusiastic tribe of young theater folk — members of the Bats, the Flea's resident acting company — to get dirty, histrionic and, on occasion, naked. It must be said that they seem to be having just as good a time doing so as Mr. Rapp apparently had writing and directing this tall and bloated tale of nasty doings on the banks of a cannibalistic river.