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CHESAPEAKE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY PRESENTS PLAY
Award Winner Kaiulani Lee in Performance to Support Graduate Students

Solomons, MD – “There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter,” wrote Rachel Carson in 1962’s *Silent Spring*.

Carson, an American marine biologist and author wrote *Silent Spring* 55 years ago near Silver Springs, Maryland. Her love of the natural world and fight to defend it are themes of a play coming to Solomons November 4.

“In support of our mission, we are bringing the play *A Sense of Wonder* to Solomons Holiday Inn Conference Center,” said Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL) Director and Professor Tom Miller. “Our flagship is named R/V Rachel Carson, and many faculty, researchers, and students were inspired to pursue their careers because of Carson’s writings.”

The play has many audiences/touches on several topics: women, science, the environment, oceans, the natural world, clean air, chemical-free food, Cancer survival, foster parenting, single parenting, and being a private person thrust into the glare of the public spotlight. Lee wrote the book *A Sense of Wonder* and has performed as Carson for 25 years throughout the world. Lee lives in Virginia and teaches at George Mason University when not touring or appearing in TV show like *A Handmaid’s Tale*, or movies like *A Civil Action*, or on Broadway.

Tickets are \$30 for the pre-show reception and the play; \$40 for the reception, play and an After Party with the actress. For more about the play and to buy tickets <http://www.umces.edu/events/sense-wonder-life-and-works-rachel-carson>) Proceeds benefit graduate students and programs at CBL.

CBL is part of a network of laboratories of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. For more than 90 years it has been a national leader in fisheries, estuarine ecology, environmental chemistry and toxicology. In 2017 research included:

- Advising agencies on blue crab management to support the resurgence of blue crab in the Bay
- A citizen science program to understand dolphins in the Bay (Chesapeakedolphinwatch.org)
- Monitoring water quality in Southern Maryland bays, creeks, and rivers

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