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*Our Fathers, Sons, Lovers and Little Brothers* is a protest for all Black life beyond headlines and hashtags, a prayer for all families left behind, and a promise to the community that all Black lives matter.

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**MAKAMBE K SIMAMBA** is a Dora Mavor Moore Award–winning playwright and actor for *Our Fathers, Sons, Lovers and Little Brothers*. Other plays include *A Chitenge Story, The Drum Major Instinct Trilogy, Makambe Speaks*, and *MUD*. Select acting credits include *A Chitenge Story, invisible, giant, Bea, Winners and Losers*, and *SIA*. She is the 2020/2021 Urjo Kareda Artist-in-Residence at the Tarragon Theatre. She recently co-directed *invisible (Too)* at the University of Lethbridge and is a resident member of the artist-run theatre company ARC. Makambe is proudly Zambian, and her intention is to be of service to her community through her ability to tell stories. She is based between Calgary and Toronto.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME
CAT WALSH

“Sometimes you learn more about yourself when you struggle and fail.”

Twelve-year-old Genevieve has been having a hard time at home, and all she really wants is to be an altar server at her church. Except it’s 1963 and Father Paul tells her that’s not allowed. After having her dreams crushed and being made fun of by her classmate and star altar boy Martin, Genevieve prays to God hoping for an exception. Instead, a fourteen-year-old martyr from the fourth century, Saint Pancras, appears and promises to get her an answer from God. But with her mom missing for weeks and Martin disappearing on his way home from school the next day, she fears her prayers have been answered in dire ways.

This dark comedy dives into the expansive time between childhood and adolescence, exploring questions about the realities of home life to the possibilities of unknown worlds. Do This in Memory of Me is for anyone who has ever questioned the relationship between faith and trust or wondered where they fit in the bigger picture.

“A poignant look at the time of life when children become aware that adults actually don’t have all the answers, and that answers (just in general) can be quite difficult to come by.”
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CAT WALSH is an award-winning performer and playwright based in Edmonton. Her plays include the site-specific ANXIETY (Theatre Yes), the gas-station gothic The Laws of Thermodynamics (Theatre Yes/Workshop West Playwrights’ Theatre), and the quantum-inspired FETCH (Interloper Theatre). Cat is a graduate of the University of Ottawa.
SECRET LIFE OF A MOTHER
HANNAH MOSCOVITCH
WITH
MAEV BEATY &
ANN-MARIE KERR

“In the cab on the way to the hospital, I could tell that the cab driver was worried about his seats. So I tried to hold in my amniotic fluid.”

The raw and untold secrets of pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, and mothering are revealed in this true story of motherhood for the twenty-first century.

A playwright writes an exposé of modern motherhood full of her own darkly funny confessions and taboo-breaking truths. One of her real-life friends, an actress, performs the piece, and through it her own experiences of motherhood start to surface. These mothers are not the butts of jokes, the villains, or the perfect angels of a household.

This empowered and relatable play was written collaboratively between award-winning theatre artists Hannah Moscovitch, Maev Beaty, and Ann-Marie Kerr, with co-creator Marinda de Beer. Uplifting and full of love, Secret Life of a Mother is a generous and powerful act of truth-telling for anyone who has thought about, been, loved, known—or come from—a mother.

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—Karen Robinson
MAEV BEATY is a critically acclaimed actor, writer, and voiceover artist, originating roles in twenty-three Canadian premieres (Hannah Moscovitch’s Bunny, Kate Hennig’s The Last Wife, Judith Thompson’s Palace of the End, Sharon Pollock’s Angel’s Trumpet); co-writing and starring in award-winning theatre (Secret Life of a Mother, Montparnasse, Dance of the Red Skirts); interpreting lead classic roles across the country and over six seasons at the Stratford Festival (King Lear, She Stoops to Conquer, Midsummer Night’s Dream); and acting in epic theatre endeavours (Soulpepper’s August: Osage County, Sheep No Wool/Outside the March/Convergence’s Passion Play, Nightwood’s Penelopiad, Volcano’s Another Africa, Theatrefront’s The Mill). She is a Toronto Theatre Critics’ Award winner, and has won multiple Dora Mavor Moore Awards and a thirteen-time nominee. She lives in Toronto.

ANN-MARIE KERR is an award-winning theatre director, actor, and teacher based in Halifax. Select directing credits include Concord Floral (Fountain School of Performing Arts, Halifax), Secret Life Of A Mother (Theatre Centre and Crow’s Theatre, Toronto), One Discordant Violin (2b theatre company, Halifax, and 59E59 Theatre, New York), Bed and Breakfast (Soulpepper Theatre Company, Toronto), A Christmas Carol (Theatre New Brunswick, Fredericton), Daughter (Summerworks, Toronto, and Battersea Arts Centre, London), Snake in the Grass (Neptune Theatre, Halifax), I, Claudia (Globe Theatre, Regina, and Neptune Theatre, Halifax), Stranger to Hard Work (Eastern Front Theatre, national tour), The Circle (Alberta Theatre Projects, Calgary), The Debacle (Zuppa Theatre Company, Halifax), Invisible Atom (2b theatre company, Halifax, and international tour). She is a graduate of L’École internationale de théâtre Jacques Lecoq and York University and is the former artistic associate of the Magnetic North Theatre Festival.

HANNAH MOSCOVITCH is an acclaimed Canadian playwright, TV writer, and librettist whose work has been widely produced in Canada and around the world. Recent stage work includes Post-Democracy and Old Stock: A Refugee Love Story (co-created with Christian Barry and Ben Caplan). Hannah has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Trillium Book Award, the Nova Scotia Masterworks Arts Award, the Scotsman Fringe First and the Herald Angel Awards at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and the prestigious Windham-Campbell Prize administered by Yale University. She has been nominated for the international Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, the Drama Desk Award, Canada’s Siminovitch Prize in Theatre, and the Governor General’s Literary Award. She is a playwright-in-residence at Tarragon Theatre in Toronto. She lives in Halifax.
Especially necessary in a historical moment in which many theatre companies have been forced to move their work online, *Digital Performance in Canada* illuminates the influence and ubiquity of digital technology on performance practices in Canada. This collection of essays explores how digital technology forces us to reimagine our relationships to performance. Looking at the three categories of space, bodies, and relationships, this collection includes contributors Bruce Barton, Owen Brierley, Chris Eaket, Alan Filewod, Patrick Finn, Peter Kuling, Pirkko Markula-Denison, Kim McLeod, Jennifer Nikolai, Xavia Publius, Andrea Roberts, and Don Sinclair.

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**DAVID OWEN** holds a Ph.D. in Performance and Theatre Studies from York University, and an M.F.A. in Directing from the University of Calgary, and an M.A. in Dramatic Theory and Criticism from the University of Alberta. He is an award-winning scholar, a theatre director, and a member of the Playwrights Guild of Canada. His current research focuses on the intersection of performance, game structures, and digital technology. He has written on a range of related topics such as LARP, burlesque, roller derby, and ideology embedded within planned communities. His book *Player and Avatar: The Affective Potential of Videogames* was published in 2017. He resides in Edmonton, Alberta.
“Follow me along the noodle of time and space as I explore the history of Vietnamese food and ignore my schoolwork!”

Nam, a procrastination-prone Vietnamese Canadian university student, sets out with the vague ambition to write a musical about his diaspora as embodied by food, particularly the world-famous noodle soup pho. What follows is pure meta-musical genre-bending through thousands of years of history, featuring rapping ancient kings, communist spies, dancing sharks and refugees, and awkward first dates in suburbia. However, Nam eventually finds himself caught between his different characters as each argues what pho (the food and the show) truly represents, and he struggles to find an answer that will satisfy everyone—in the end, isn’t this just a bunch of silly soup songs?

“A fresh new musical that pulses with life, anarchic energy and invention.”
—Glenn Sumi, NOW Magazine

“Hilariously and exhaustingly meta-theatrical . . . Nguyen’s is a name to watch.”
—Karen Fricker, Toronto Star

NAM NGUYEN is a Toronto-based playwright and lyricist of Vietnamese descent. His publisher forced him to write this bio less than a month after he graduated from the University of Toronto, at a time when his only work of note was this one. Nam was named one of NOW Magazine’s Breakthrough Stage Artists of 2019 following the premiere presentation of A Perfect Bowl of Pho by fu-GEN Asian Canadian Theatre Company. His plays have been performed in theatres all across the TTC streetcar network.
THE EMPIRE: A TRILOGY
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For fans of *Game of Thrones*, *The Handmaid’s Tale*, and *The Mists of Avalon*, *The Empire* is both foreign and shockingly familiar, leaving you asking, how did we get here, and where are we going?

The Empire exists in many forms besides theatrical productions and a book—it’s also a podcast, mini graphic novel, and interactive website (empiretrilogy.com). The book will feature exclusive new content that further connects the narratives.

“Four Sisters’ diversions and beauty never detract from the protestations at its heart. This is a plea against the ghettoization of the poor or otherwise marginalized, against the systematic devaluation of those who aren’t deemed prized contributors to a distinctly patriarchal brand of advanced capitalism. —José Teodoro, NOW Magazine

*SUSANNA FOURNIER* is an award-winning writer, theatre maker, actor, and educator based in Toronto. She is most known for writing texts for live performance, visioning interdisciplinary productions, and that gig she had in that X-Men movie. She is the artistic producer of PARADIGM productions, an indie company she started in 2013 to produce rowdy, joyous, contentious, and “impossible” theatrical works. Her work has played in Toronto, Dublin, London, Berlin, and Munich, and is known for its formal experimentation and wild spirit. She is currently the playwright-in-residence at Canadian Stage.
“Kids, this may be the only moment we ever get, but if we live it hard enough, it’ll be the only one we ever need.”

From the acclaimed author of Huff & Stitch comes a new dark comedy about the lies we tell each other in order to make the best of a desperate situation.

Maria and her kids—Lisa, a pregnant teenager, and Jude, an excitable preteen—are on the run following the murder of Lisa’s rapist. As the police close in, Maria is determined to give her kids a last supper that prepares them for everything they’re going to need to survive in the world without her.

“A darkly comic exploration of family relationships, the power of storytelling, and what it means to have a home.”
—Allison Gerson, Mooney on Theatre

“You have to appreciate material that doesn’t trap its characters in victimhood.”
—Radheyan Simonpillai, NOW Magazine

“This captivating tale of an off-grid mother and her desperate kids solidifies Cardinal as one of the most talented and intriguing writers in the country.”
—Glenn Sumi, NOW Magazine

**TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**
Cliff Cardinal

**YOU MAY LIKE:** BANG BANG by Kat Sandler and The Crackwalker by Judith Thompson

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**CLIFF CARDINAL** is a polarizing writer and performer known for black humour and compassionate poeticism. His solo plays Stitch, Huff, and Cliff Cardinal’s CBC Special have won numerous awards. Born on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, he studied playwriting at the National Theatre School of Canada, fronts Toronto pop-reggae band Cliff Cardinal and the Skylarks, and is the son of iconic Canadian actress Tantoo Cardinal. He lives in Toronto.
For three years, Evelyne de la Chenelière wrote on the long entrance wall in Montreal’s Espace GO as part of an artistic residency that would profoundly shake her outlook on words, theatre practice, and writing. The culmination of this is Ravage of Life, a bold departure from prevailing norms where the playwright breaks with written and performative conventions in her dramatization of an endless and multifaceted instant between life and death.

In this experimental text, bits and pieces of a family’s realities unfold in a non-linear simultaneity that reflects with captivating irony the difficulties encountered when language is expected to facilitate communication. 

Ravage of Life is a challenging invitation to eviscerate theatre and create a space where thought finds its body, freeing theatrical languages from grammatical constraints, logic, and structure in order to promise new theatrical experiences.

EVELYNE DE LA CHENELIÈRE, Montreal-based author and actress, won the Governor General’s Literary Award for French Drama in 2006 for her collection of plays, Désordre public, while her plays Les pieds des anges, La chair et autres fragments de l’amour, and La vie utile were nominated in 2009, 2012, and 2019 respectively. The Académie des lettres du Québec awarded La vie utile the Marcel Dubé Prize in 2021, and the play will be produced in German in 2022 at Landungsbrücken Frankfurt.

LOUISE H. FORSYTH taught at Western University and the University of Saskatchewan. She has published articles, books, translations, and scholarly papers on Québec women writers, including the three-volume Anthology of Québec Women’s Plays in English Translation, Marie Savard’s Bien à moi (Mine Sincerely), Nicole Brossard: Essays on her Works, and Mobility of Light: The Poetry of Nicole Brossard. She lives in Calgary.
MORTIFIED
AMY RUTHERFORD

“A girl in the body of a woman. Stuck between this world and another. Longing to be human again.”

A woman runs into her former abuser and is surprised by the power he still holds over her. In an attempt to uncover the truth of what happened between them, she recalls her adolescent self: a fourteen-year-old synchronized swimmer struggling to make sense of the world around her. Humorous and dark, Mortified explores sex, shame, and transformation and how we reckon with the traumatic experiences that have shaped us.

Winner of the 2019 Carol Bolt Award

Mortified is a loose adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen’s “The Little Mermaid.”

“The very fearlessness of Mortified is the biggest strength in a play that has many.” —Janet Smith, Georgia Straight

“Mortified feels whole and perfect in the same way that a body can feel whole and perfect: it’s just that organic, sensual—and complicated.” —Colin Thomas, colinthomas.ca

“Taking on the suffocating feeling of a young woman dealing with sexual assault and trauma, Mortified does so with grace and humour. It is a beautiful and memorable piece of theatre that will not be easily forgotten.” —Katie Gartlan-Close, Vancouver Presents

AMY RUTHERFORD is a Canadian playwright and actress who has worked for twenty years in TV, film, and theatre with some of the country’s leading artists. A graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada and the Stratford Festival’s Birmingham Conservatory, Amy has co-written several plays, including The Public Servant and Out of the Woods. She currently divides her time between Toronto and Vancouver with her partner Jonathon Young.
Voices of a Generation collects three Canadian plays that speak to millennials’ complex and varied experiences and the challenges and stereotypes they often face.

zahgidiwin/love by Frances Koncan is a comedy about loss in the era of truth and reconciliation, with a mash-up of theatrical styles that embody the millennial creative impulse to remix and remake while presenting a vital perspective on what decolonization might look like both on and off stage.

The Millennial Malcontent by Erin Shields is a gender-swapped adaptation of Sir John Vanbrugh’s Restoration Comedy The Provoked Wife, following a group of millennials during a night out as they romantically and sexually pursue each other with comical results. By satirizing plenty of tropes, Shields reveals the loneliness lurking under every smiling profile photo.

In Smoke by Elena Eli Belyea, Aiden’s ex Jordan arrives at Aiden’s door to confront her about the allegation that Jordan sexually assaulted her two years ago, forcing them to discuss their conflicting memories of their last night together and whether and how they’re going to move forward. Smoke is a nuanced examination of issues and perceptions surrounding sexual assault and consent.

Michelle MacArthur is Assistant Professor at the University of Windsor’s School of Dramatic Art. Her research focuses on four main, often intersecting, areas: theatre criticism, contemporary Canadian theatre, equity in theatre, and feminism and performance. Her work has appeared in several edited collections and journals, including Theatre Research in Canada, Canadian Theatre Review, and Contemporary Theatre Review. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto’s Centre for Drama, Theatre & Performance Studies.
From the author of *trace* comes two adaptations that transport mythological stories from Ancient Greece to modern-day civilizations. Led by people of colour, these darkly comedic plays depict recognizable plights for justice.

*Iphigenia and the Furies (On Taurian Land)* highlights the repetition of hate and colonialism that occurs in ancient myths through a mischievous lens. Since Iphigenia was rescued from the sacrificial altar, she has served as a high priestess to the goddess Artemis on Tauros, where she in turn is to sacrifice any foreigners who try to enter. When she discovers that an exiled prisoner is her brother, they together plot their escape, but are soon confronted by a force beyond their control.

*Antigone:* 方 is set against the backdrop of the Hong Kong Umbrella Movement and Tiananmen Square Massacre protests. When citizens challenge a state’s traditional doctrine, the ruling family is divided between their own interests and those of its citizens. After brothers Neikes and Teo kill each other in the protests, their sister Antigone defies her father’s orders to retrieve Neikes’s body, causing the government—and what’s left of their family—to reach a reckoning.

*Iphigenia and the Furies (On Taurian Land)* won the 2018-19 Toronto Theatre Critics’ Award for Best New Canadian Play.

*Iphigenia and the Furies (On Taurian Land)* will be remounted by Theatre Passe Muraille in 2022.

**HO KA KEI / JEFF HO** is a Toronto-based theatre artist, originally from Hong Kong. His works include *Iphigenia and the Furies (On Taurian Land), Antigone: 方, and trace*. He has held residencies with the Stratford Festival, Tarragon Theatre, Nightswimming, Cahoots, the Banff Playwrights Lab, and Factory Theatre. Jeff has received a Toronto Theatre Critics’ Award for Best New Canadian Play, the Jon Kaplan Legacy Fund Award for Young Canadian Playwright, and has been the recipient of a Harold Award. He has also been nominated four times for the Dora Mavor Moore Award—both as a performer and as a playwright. He is a graduate of the National Theatre School.
Interdependent Magic: Disability Performance in Canada is a collection of plays and interviews by, for, and about Disabled theatre artists that invites readers into the magical worlds of Disability arts culture.

The book features four plays as well as interviews with artists Justin Manyfingers and Niall McNeill. In Smudge by Alex Bulmer, a woman details her journey toward Blindness, mourning what she loses and discovering what her other senses provide. Access Me by Boys in Chairs Collective is a celebration of sex and Disability, providing an all-access safe space to spin around. Antarctica by Syrus Marcus Ware imagines a world where racialized people have survived multiple catastrophes and must begin terraforming a new colony. And in Deafy by Chris Dodd, a Deaf public speaker takes the audience on an unexpected journey of discovering what it really means to belong.

An audiobook will also be available.

Jessica Watkin is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Toronto’s Centre for Drama, Theatre & Performance Studies. Her research is engaged in Disability artists and the way they create performance. She is a Blind multidisciplinary artist, accessibility designer, Disability dramaturg, and educator. She lives in Toronto.
“We need to heal.”

Black Boys uncovers the complex dynamics of the queer Black male experience. Text, movement, and design portray the rhythm and vulnerability of three very different Black men who seek a deeper understanding of themselves, each other, and of how they encounter the world. As they explore their unique identities, their performances rigorously interrogate and playfully subvert the ways in which gender, sexuality, and race are read and performed.

Theatrical and intimate, Black Boys weaves together the ensemble’s own personal stories in search of an integrated self and a radical imagination while shining a light on new possibilities for young Black queer people.

“This is an exceptional, powerful, and quite delightful piece of work.” —S. Bear Bergman, Mooney on Theatre

“This is theatre at its very best.” —Willow White, alt.theatre

“Black Boys suggests that conflicts don’t have to be smoothed over, but can be the beginning of creativity.”

—J. Kelly Nestruck, The Globe and Mail

SAGA COLLECTIF, founded in 2012, is a theatre company that brings to the stage under-represented bodies and voices in a fashion that is risky, honest, and new. They dissect and dismantle, pose questions to unravel identity, ancestry, and place in society. They bravely challenge themselves to move into the unknown to discover personal truths, and hope to offer themselves as examples for those who see limits and choose to transcend them.
**VIRGILIA GRIFFITH** is a Toronto-based actor and movement artist. Winner of the META Emerging Artist Award for *Gas Girls* by Donna-Michelle St. Bernard and the Dora Mavor Moore Award for Outstanding Performance for *Harlem Duet* by Djanet Sears, she was also a Dora Mavor Moore nominee for Outstanding Female in the Independent Theatre Division for her performance of *Honesty*, directed by Jordan Tannahill, and *Iphigenia and the Furies (On Taurian Land)* by Ho Ka Kei (Jeff Ho). Selected credits include *Guarded Girls, Betrayal, Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom, The Wedding Party, Other Side of the Game, ‘da Kink in my hair, How We Are*, and *Up the Garden Path*. She is a graduate of Ryerson University with a B.F.A. in Theatre Performance.

**STEPHEN JACKMAN-TORKOFF** is a Toronto-based lover, a wandering poet, and a disco dancer. They were born in Toronto and raised in foster care in Richmond Hill. Stephen has acted in several productions across Canada including *Angels in America, Botticelli in the Fire / Sunday in Sodom*, and *The Glass Menagerie*. Stephen is the resident poet with the Queer Songbook Orchestra and toured with them in October 2018 to ten cities across Canada. After spending a lot of time in institutions, Stephen is now immersing themselves in creation and collaboration beyond institutional walls.

**TAWIAH M’CARTHY** is an Akuapem Larteh, Ghanaian-born theatre artist and professional. He is a founding member of Blue Bird Theatre Collective and Saga Collectif. Tawiah’s playwright/creator/performer credits include *The Kente Cloth, Obaaberima (2013 Dora Mavor Moore Award–winner for Best Production), and Maanomaa, My Brother*. He was a Metcalf Artistic Director Intern and programming curator for the 2019/20 Festival of Ideas and Creation at Canadian Stage. He has worked with various arts organizations across the country including Obsidian Theatre, the Shaw Festival, the Stratford Festival, Factory Theatre, the National Arts Centre, the Cultch, and Buddies in Bad Times Theatre. Tawiah is a Dora Award–nominated playwright and performer. He trained at York University and is currently Artist Outreach and Development Coordinator at Canadian Stage. He lives in Toronto.

**THOMAS ANTONY OLAJIDE** is a stage and screen actor from Vancouver, BC. Some of his leading film credits include *Inhuman Condition, Mariner, White Lie*, and *Nomades*, for which he was nominated for Best Actor at the 35th Prix Gémeaux. Some theatre credits include *Black Boys, Love’s Labour’s Lost, Hamlet, King Lear* (for which he received Stratford Festival’s Peter Donaldson award), *Macbeth, The Winter’s Tale, Oliver!, And Slowly Beauty, The Whipping Man*, and *Ruined*. He is a Dora Mavor Moore Award nominee as well as a graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada, the Stratford Birmingham Conservatory, and the Canadian Film Centre.

**JONATHAN SEINEN** is a founding member of Saga Collectif and Boys in Chairs Collective, co-artistic producer of Architect Theatre, and former artistic associate with lemonTree creations. In addition to directing *Black Boys*, he directed *Iphigenia and the Furies (On Taurian Land)*, which was nominated for nine Dora Mavor Moore Awards, including Outstanding Direction, co-created and performed in *Highway 63: The Fort Mac Show* and *Like There’s No Tomorrow*, and was Assistant Director for *Timon of Athens* at the Stratford Festival. He co-created *Charisma Furs* with Mx. Sly, which was published by Playwrights Canada Press in *Q2Q: Queer Canadian Performance Texts*. A graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada, he recently completed his M.F.A. in Theatre Directing at Columbia University in New York City, where he directed *Cabaret, Our Town*, and *The Seagull*, and was Assistant Director to Anne Bogart on *Tristan Und Isolde* at the Croatian National Theatre in Rijeka. He is a winner of the Canada Council for the Arts John Hirsch Prize, and is now an assistant professor at SUNY Buffalo State College in Buffalo, New York.
THE CHILDREN’S REPUBLIC
HANNAH MOSCOVITCH

“I want there to be some children left who haven’t been changed by the war, who don’t think it’s normal for people to be shot in the street.”

Confined within the walls of the Warsaw ghetto, Dr. Janusz Korczak struggles to protect the children at his orphanage from the horrors of the Second World War. There is not enough food or pairs of eyes to keep watch over them. Between a trouble-making thief, an abandoned girl, a malnourished boy, and a violin prodigy, Janusz has his hands full, but together they fight for beauty and hope in the world crumbling in around them.

Based on the WWII advocacy work of Dr. Janusz Korczak, The Children’s Republic is a reminder of the hope that can still be found in a world devoid of freedom and the necessities of life.

Janusz, thirteen staff members, and 200 children were taken to the Treblinka extermination camp in August 1942. There were no survivors.

“It’s one of those things you’ll have in your head for a long time . . . It’s Hannah Moscovitch at her best . . . at her grittiest, at her most eloquent, poetic, and that sure goes a long way.”
—David Lennam, CBC Radio
“Witches are just people that society has decided have no value.”

She’s more than just a wicked old witch. Baba Yaga is a legend, usually known as that elderly woman who lives alone in the woods and grinds the bones of the wicked. But what if she was actually a sexy, smart, modern woman operating off of morally ambiguous motives?

A detective finds himself in a small, isolated town asking what the disappearance of a young heir to a yogurt empire has to do with some random lore about an old witch. Matched by an apprehensive local sheriff, a university professor with a taste for younger men, and a whole cast of curious characters, the Slavic myth of Baba Yaga twists into a new labyrinth of secret lives, ancient magic, and multiple suspects.

This genre-bending comedic fairy tale meets thrilling whodunit gives voice to an anti-hero of epic proportions while interrogating how her story has historically been told by men. From now on, you’ll remember the name Baba Yaga for the right reasons.

“This one will get people talking.” —Karen Fricker, Toronto Star

“Sandler has triumphantly reclaimed the evil-woman myth. Move over, Wicked and Maleficent, and welcome Yaga to the sisterhood.” —Martin Morrow, The Globe and Mail

Kat Sandler is a playwright, director, screenwriter, and the artistic director of Theatre Brouhaha in Toronto. She has staged seventeen of her original plays in the last eight years, including Yaga and the concurrent double bill of The Party and The Candidate, where the same cast raced back and forth between two theatres to perform two simultaneous plays. Her play Mustard won the Dora Mavor Moore Award for Best New Play and BANG BANG was nominated for the same award. Kat is a graduate of the Queen’s University Drama Program and is based in Toronto.
“Love has nothing to do with survival.”

The Sri Lankan civil war has left many scars on Thangan and his family, most noticeably the loss of his eldest son and the crippling epileptic seizures brought on by his torture. As the final days of the war play out, the family bears witness from their new home of Toronto. Thangan’s other son Kanan comes home from a protest, shaken that someone referred to him by his brother’s name. His young daughter Kavitha innocently dances around with a mysterious pair of anklets that she found. And Thangan’s wife Sevi is consumed with feeling responsible for her broken family. Amidst the ongoing trauma, the family is faced with the possibility of Thangan undergoing neurological surgery. Will the surgery give them a chance to heal, or will it cause even more pain?

Presented in English and Tamil, this poetic play is both medical and mystical, drawing a connection between trauma and memory that creates a stark reminder of loss, hope, family, and freedom.
Welcome to “The New Now,” a time in which written language has been forbidden and forgotten. Those determined to hold on to love’s language must make a dangerous journey to the secret and illegal camp to find She, the Keeper of the Lost Hand. Aided by the mysterious showman Me, She recounts how her past led her to be one of the last people able to read and write in cursive. In tandem, the tale of Zacko Budaydos and his dancing Bear illuminates the time of “The Before,” when the carnival performer had to rely on wit, love, and the underground language of Polari in order to survive.

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In folklore, pelican mothers feed their young on their own blood. Today, four sisters are trying to come to terms with their mother’s death—and divide their mother’s house between them.

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Sisters Connie and Ursula were once everything to each other. Years on, they’re almost strangers.

It’s Michael Thomas’s birthday. A cake sits in his mother Evelyn’s living room, its candles burning undisturbed.

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When social media goes into a frenzy over pictures of a girl at a party, Louise’s teacher lectures all the schoolgirls on taking more responsibility for their actions. Enraged that it’s them getting reprimanded—and not the boys who took the pictures—Louise wages war on the school’s systemic misogyny.

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Lily Bevan’s play Zoo is a wildly inventive comic drama about courage, female friendship, and flamingos. This edition also includes twelve comic monologues for female performers, some of which featured in the BBC Radio 4 series, Talking to Strangers (co-written with Sally Phillips), and were performed by Olivia Colman, Jessica Hynes, and Emma Thompson, amongst others.
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