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TEMPLE OF THE SOULS (musical drama) Taino/ Puerto Rican story

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JANUARY GARDEN OF ALLA* WELCOME TO CLOWNTOWN BACCHAE OMINOUS MEN*

WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST* LET THE DEVIL TAKES THE HINDMOST* THE JIG IS UP* DON'T WALK IN THAT SHIT GIRL* COMIDA DE PUTA (F#&ing Lousy Food)* SPRING FLUNG (w/ Tim Daly) - 24 Hr Play Fest BLACK GIRL YOU'VE BEEN GENTRIFIED* MORPHO GENESIS (w/ Kathryn Layng)* ALCESTIS (Euripides Festival) HELL AND HIGH WATER* AND THEN I WENT INSIDE (Kathleen Chalfant)* HONOR AND FIDELITY (solo)* EXILE (Edward Albee Fellow) THE BALLAD OF EDDIE AND JO* WHAT COMES NEXT* KNOWING BLISS (Emmy Winner Blanche Baker)* MEMOIRS OF A MANIC DEPRESSIVE (solo)* NOBODY TOLD ME THERE'D BE DAYS ...* DAY OF RECKONING * TWO MEN WALKING A BREAST* NOVEL* MOVING TARGETS (dance/theatre)* VARIATIONS ON CHRISTOPHER STREET MAIL (NYC premiere) SEXCAPADES* **TWO DOLLAR BILL*** THREE BY THREE* **MUSICAL THEATRE/ OPERA**

TEMPLE OF THE SOULS AIDS QUILT SONGBOOK THE ISLAND OF NO TOMORROWS* THE LONESOME TRAIN (Narrated by Ruby Dee, Sam Waterston as Abe Lincoln) THE JUDAS TREE*

VIRTUAL THEATRE (selected)

THE KEEPERS*

* world premieres

LORCA PERESS

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COMPOSERS/ BOOK

Book by Anita Velez-Mitchell, Lorca Peress, Anika Paris Music: Anika Paris, Dean Landon Lyrics: Velez-Mitchell, Paris, Landon

PLAYWRIGHT

Paula Cizmar Romy Nordlinger Tanya Perez Euripides **Desi Moreno-Penson**

Theresa Rebeck Maya Contreras Mohammed Naseehu Ali Maya Macdonald Desi Moreno-Penson Susie Felber Nichole Thompson-Adams Fengar Gael Euripides Jamuna Yvette Sirker Anne Hamilton Tanya Perez Lindsey Ferrentino David Sard Pamela A. Popeson Arden Kass Gary Mizel C. Ingber F. Saviano Melody Cooper (Audelco) Tina Weintraub Nick Bellitto Gloria Vando, poet Various Authors Stephen Bartell N.D. Bellitto Barbara Becker Bellitto, Peress, Ruhlman

COMPOSER/ BOOK

See Off Broadway credits above Multiple Composers Reed-Paris/Fengar Gael Earl Robinson

Paris/Fengar Gael

Melody Cooper

THEATRE/ PRODUCER

NYMF 2017 Next Link Project, The Acorn at Theatre Row MultiStages

THEATRE/ PRODUCER

Theater at the 14th St. Y. MultiStages On Tour (Theatre West, LA; Firehouse, VA; TheaterLab, NYC) The Tank Euripides Summer Fest, American Thymele Theatre NYC Tour Theater at the 14th St. Y, MultiStages June Havoc Theatre, Life Force Arts 2016 Fringe International Festival, Soho Playhouse Lucille Lortel / Bennington College Spencer Cox Fund Signature Theatre/Bennington College Spencer Cox Fund West End Theatre, MultiStages The Public Theatre/ Bennington College Nicolas Martin Fund The Public Theatre, Joe's Pub. New World Stages, LPTW New Play Festival Tour NYC Parks, American Thymele Theatre Hudson Guild, TNC LES Festival, MultiStages Cherry Lane, LPTW New Play Festival Cherry Lane; Downtown Urban; La Tea One Fest, Drilling Co. Manhattan Repertory Theatre Hudson Guild Theatre, Strasberg One Act Winner Access Theatre, Rebellion Dogs Teatro La Tea; TNC LES Festival, MultiStages Gene Frankel Theatre; Washington Square Inst. Mania Conf Teatro La Tea, Standing Bear Producer The Kraine Theater, MultiStages Sanford Meisner Theatre HERE Arts Center, MultiStages Primary Stages, Sackett Group Women's Work The Lark Studio Theatre, MultiStages Primary Stages, Sackett Group Women's Work Producers Club Producers Club **Musical Theatre Works** THEATRE/ PRODUCER

Theater for the New City; West End Theatre, MultiStages Cooper Union, Sing for Hope Co-production Interart Development Series/MultiStages Riverside Church, Queens College Choir, QC Aaron Copland Orchestra, NY Labor Chorus Teatro La Tea; TNC LES Festival, MultiStages

MultiStages' SPEAKOUT PROTEST FESTIVAL

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UNIVERSITY THEATRE

An Enemy of the People **EVERYBODY** MASS (theatre, opera, dance) THE IMAGE MAKER (opera)* MY KINSMAN, MAJOR MOLINEUX (opera) REDACTED "MINOR CHORD" (Devised) RADIUM GIRLS WAR STORIES THE CITY, TOWN & COUNTRY **SNAPSHOTS** ALL IN THE TIMING TALKING WITH SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY OUR TOWN (two productions) FEIFFER'S PEOPLE THREE PENNY OPERA KISS ME KATE

WORKSHOPS / STAGED READINGS

ABRAHAM'S DAUGHTERS OMINOUS MEN ESAI'S TABLE JANUARY APPETITE (w/Tovah Feldshuh, Lynn Cohen) YBOR CITY (musical) **GREAT EASTERN** RIDE BALD LIES, WILD CRIES (w/ Angelica Page) SHADOWS (w/ Kathryn Layng) INSIDE OUTSIDE THE ISLAND OF NO TOMORROWS THE LOST CITY OF ASHER THE ABANDONED EL SIN PARADISE TWISTER WITH AN OCTOPUS SUNSET ON THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE THE CHAT ROOM LAMIA INK! ONE-PAGE PLAY FESTIVALS TAP THIS FESTIVAL

THEATRE INTERNSHIPS

LAST MEETING OF THE ... MAGNOLIA MORNING STAR TOOTH OF CRIME THE CHERRY ORCHARD MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING THE HOT L BALTIMORE

FESTIVALS

SPEAKOUT: Protest Plays & More

A multidisciplinary online festival of commissioned new works in theatre, dance, poetry, music and multimedia

Brad Birch Brandon Jacobs Jenkins Leonard Bernstein/Steven Schwartz Bruce Savlor/James Merrill Bruce Saylor/Cary Plotkin Ibsen's An Enemy of the People D.W. Gregory Various Playwrights Various Playwrights Various Playwrights David Ives Jane Martin Edgar Lee Masters Thornton Wilder Jules Feiffer Kurt Weill/Brecht Porter/Spewack

Emma Goldman-Sherman Desi Moreno-Penson Nathan Yungerberg Paula Cizmar Arden Kass Anita Gonzalez, Dan Furman Anna Moensh Eric Lane Adam Kraar David Sard Gena Bardwell Fengar Gael Adam Kraar Adam Kraar George Joshua Ben Hur Carmona Ben Hur Carmona Bob Santana Rue McClannahan, Robert Patrick Various playwrights

DIRECTOR

Tom Gruenwald Harold Scott Davey Marlin Jones Vincent Dowling James Asaad Rae Allen NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio Colden Center, Queens College Kaufman Theatre, Queens College Kaufman Theatre, Queens College NYU Tisch School of the Arts NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio

Islamaphobia Liberty Fest, Urban Stages ART-NY MultiStages Script Development Series MultiStages Script Development Series MultiStages Script Development Series Independent 3 Graces Theatre Co. NJ Repertory; Soho Repertory MultiStages Script Development Series MultiStages Script Development Series MultiStages Script Development Series / TNC LES Fest Repertorio Espanol (MET Life Nuestras Voces Finalist) La MaMa, E.T.C. **Urban Stages** Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre Festival La MaMa, E.T.C.; Chez Laroe (7 seasons) La MaMa, E.T.C; Puffin Room (2 seasons)

THEATRE COMPANY

Missouri Repertory Missouri Repertory Stage West, MA Missouri Repertory Missouri Repertory Stage West, MA

ARTISTIC COMPANY Writers: Gena Bardwell, Melody Cooper, Fengar Gael, Dorothy Tan, Nathan Yungerberg;

Poet Gloria Vando

Directors: Kimille Howard, Toussaint Jeanlouis, Eugene Ma, Lorca Peress

Performers: Actors: Kate Bornstein, Dimitri Carter, Rainbow Dickerson, Brie Eley, Vanessa Guadiana, Wai Ching Ho, Michael Gene Jacobs, Amanda Salazar, Donnell E. Smith, Michael Striano, Messeret Stroman Wheeler, Lu Yu. Dancers: Jennifer Chin, Madeline Jafari, Oscar Antonio Rodriguez, Anne Parichon-Buoncore, Richard T. Sayama.

MultiStages New Works Finalist Festivals:

(Contest Finalists from 2001-2019)

MultiStages Climate Change Festivals (2015 and 2017)

In association with The Arctic Cycle, Theatre Without Borders, NoPassports, Climate Change Theatre Action is a global event created by Chantal Bilodeau and Caridad Svich

MultiStages The Future is Female (2017) TFIF Fest was created by writer Mya Kagan, who saw "the future is female" as a way of saying the future would hold better, brighter, more equal opportunities for women. A Swan

NYU International hotINK Festivals:

(2002-2010), NYU Tisch School of the Arts Catherine Coray, Festival Director Lorca Peress, Strasberg Studio Curator (Produced 24 readings of new plays) **Artistic Company**: Jennifer Chin, Choreographer; Jan Hartley, Projection Design, Background Imagery, Dance Video Editing and Videographer; Sun Hee Kil, Music and Sound Design; Lisa Renee Jordan, Costume Design; Michael Lee Stever, Videographer; Paul Peress, Drummer on "Rage" dance film; Christopher Marston, Festival Video; Editor; Anika Paris, Poem Videographer; Tate Kenney, Costume Assistant

Lorca Peress, MultiStages Producing Artistic Director and Festival Creator; Gena Bardwell, Associate Producer; Produced by MultiStages

Playwrights: Isaac Gomez, Stacy Osei-Kuffour, Paula Cizmar, Lavonne Mueller, Nicole Quinn, Andrew Black, Fengar Gael, Claudia Barnett, Jeffrey Harper, Isabella Russell-Ides, Karen Hartman, Phil Lebovits, Michael Bettencourt, C. Rusch, David Muschell, Naomi Lazard, Chris Longo, Pamela A. Popeson, Abi Basch, Adam Kraar, D.L. Siegel

Festival Directors: Melissa Maxwell, Candido Tirado, Jose Zayas, Gregory Simmons, Mia Walker, Katrin Hilbe, Robert Kalfin, Elowyn Castle, Lorca Peress, Tea Alagic, James B. Nicola, Scott C. Embler, Chris Silva, Tania Inessa Kirkman, James Cunningham, Gregory Simmons, Elfin Vogel, Vince Pesce, Giovanna Sardelli

Guest Actors: Crystal Lucas Perry, Arica Himmel, Mikeah Jennings, Joe Urla, Melissa Leo, Seret Scott, Adam LeFevre, Thursday Farrar, Shawn Eliot, Dion Graham, Quincy Dunn Baker, Sanjiv Jhaveri, joining companies of artists.

Playwrights: Chantal Bilodeau (US/Canada), Naomi Iizuka (US), Elyne Quan (Canada), Arthur Kopit (US), Chiori Miyagawa (US), Abhishek Majumbar (India), Elspeth Tilley (New Zealand), : Keith Josef Adkins (US), Élaine Ávila (Canada), Chantal Bilodeau (Canada), Mindi Dickstein (US), Angella Emurwon (Uganda), Kendra Fanconi (Canada), Vinicius Jatobá (Brazil), Abhishek Majumdar (India), Caridad Svich (US), Jordan Tannahill (Canada), Nathan Yungerberg (US), Silvio Martinez-Palau (Colombia/US), Lorca Peress (US), David Sard (US)

Company: Playwrights: Raquel Almazan, Maya Contreras, Cynthia Cooper, Cecilia Copland, Cesi Davidson, C.S. Hanson, Penny Jackson, Chiori Miyagawa, Desi Moreno-Penson, Noemi de la Puente, Liz Sipes, Nichole Thompson-Adams; Dancers: JENNIFERCHINdance; Poet: Tess Cacciatore, Gloria Vando, Ela Alster; Composers: Juana Aquerreta, Anika Paris; Conductors: Tong Chen, LaFrae Sci; Directors: Sara Berg, Elowyn Castle, Kimille Howard, Lorca Peress; Performers: Victoria Franzetti, Crystal Rodriguez, Alexandra WilliamsonAndrea Abello Raquel Almazan* Tonia Anderson* April Armstrong* Gena Bardwell* Sara Berg* Darryl K. Brown Elisa Brown Tess Cacciatore Kim ChinhJY Chun Bobby Crace Noemi de la Puente William Franke* Victoria Franzetti Joy Kelly*Tate Kenney Kathryn Layng* Desi Moreno-Penson Romy Nordlinger* Lorca Peress* Angelica Pinna Perez Tanya Perez* Gary Ramsey Clea Rivera Crystal Rodriguez Kate Armstrong Ross* Daniela Thome Nichole Thompson-Adams Alexandra Williamson

Playwrights: Jeffrey M. Jones, Arthur Kopit, Israel Horovitz, Susan Yankowitz, Migdalia Cruz, Jeffrey Hatcher, Mary Fengar Gail, Itamar Moses, Jean Sterrette, Frank Higgins, Abi Basch, D.W. Gregory, Susan Nussbaum, Lee Gundersheimer, David Lescot, Christopher Campbell, Adam LeFevre, Rémi De Vos, Carole Fréchette, Ahmed Ghazali, Bobby Theodore, Desi Moreno-Penson, Judith Rudakoff, Maksym Kurochkin

Festival Directors: Robert Kalfin, Kay Matschullat, Joel Bishoff, Michelle Tattenbaum, Elowyn Castle, Candido Tirado, Kristen Brandt, Melia Bensussen, James B. Nicola, Rasa Allan Kazlas, Judy Dennis, Bill Balzac, John Pietrowski, J. Ranelli, José Zayas, Isis Saratial Misdary, Michael Sexton, Jean Randich, Daniella Topol **Guest Actors**: Kathleen Chalfant, Joan Macintosh, Henry Stram, Frances Jue, Adam LeFevre, Thursday Farrar, Shawn Elliot, Dan Laura, Ron Orbach, Ellen McLaughlin, Larry Pine, Daniel Gerroll, Leon Addison Brown, Stephen DeRosa, John Seitz, Florencia Lozano, Jay O. Sanders, Gregory Simmons, Steven Schnetzer, Jessica Hecht, Bill Buell, Pamela Payton Wright, David Zayas, Judith Delgado, Armando Riesco, Dominic Colón, Allen B. Rickman, Rita Wolf, Ronald Gutman, Teresa Yenque, and others

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Paae 4 of 5 "Centering Creators in the Creative Economy" Moderated by Keith Hamilton Cobb; Panelists: Lorca Peress, Benny Sato Ambush, Erica Yale Venture Summit, New Haven Schrwartz, Jessica Burr "Gender Parity – Are We There Yet?" Moderated by Bob Ost; Panelists: Lorca Peress, Malini Singh Macdonald, Martha Wade Theatre Resources Unlimited Town Hall Steketee, Cheryl L. Davis, Prosche McGovern "What Producing Companies Need Now" Moderated by Bob Ost; Ariel Estrada, Lorca Peress, Aimee Todoroff Theatre Resources Unlimited Town Hall Moderated by Melissa Maxwell; Panelists: Lorca Peress, Kim Weild, Lileana Blain-Cruz, Jenny "So You Want to Direct: Women's Panel": Koons, Tiffany Nichole Greene, and Michole Biancosino The Fire This Time Festival "Collaboration Panel w/ Women Directors": Moderator: Shellen Lubin; Panelists Lorca Peress, Ludovica Villar-Hauser Women in Arts and Media Coalition "Women's Work": Moderator: Susan Jonas; Panelists: Lorca Peress, Jan Hartley, Fengar Gael League of Professional Theatre Women 30 Plays Series w/ MultiStages "New Plays Series Producers": Panelists: Gabor Barabas, David Black, Charles Johanson, Lorca Peress, Ricky L. Stevens; Eric Theatre Resources Unlimited Ting, Cheryl Wiesenfeld Moderator: Bob Ost; Panelists: Jan Hartley, Sven Ortel, Lorca Peress, Stafford Arrima, Karen Projecting the Future: Projection Designers & Directors: Eterovich, Richard DiBella Theatre Resources Unlimited NYU hotINK International Festival: Panelists: playwrights Caroline McGee; Allan Graubard; Moderator: Lorca Peress NYU Tisch School of the Arts Moderator: Steven Sapp; Panelists: Dominic Taylor, Lorca Peress "Dreaming the Americas/ Diversity and Difference in Performance": Festival Producer: Caridad Svitch NOPASSPORT Conference, CUNY Grad "Performing Across Cultures and Histories": Moderator: Una Chaudhuri; Panelists: Branislav Jakovljevic, Sansan Kwan, Nori NkeAka, Lorca NYU Tisch School of the Arts Peress, and Biljana Srbljanovic. OHIO STATE ARTS COUNCIL: Judging Panel Symposium for Playwriting and Screenwriting, Columbus, OH MultiStages Talk-Backs: "Toppling the Production Patriarchy: "Meet the Women Creators on Ominous Men": Director Lorca Peress and Playwright Desi Moreno-Penson talk with the all-female creative company: Projection Design Jan Hartley, Scenic Design Jennifer Varbalow, Sound Design Sun Hee Kil, Lighting Design Kia Rogers, Costume and Makeup Design Lisa Renee Jordan, Choreography Jennifer Chin, Fight Director Carlotta Summers, Moderated by Antonio Miniño, Assistant Director. "Classical Adaptations by Artists of Color": "Comida de Puta" Production, MultiStages; Moderated by Lorca Peress, MultiStages Artistic Director; Panelists: with Playwrights Desi Moreno-Penson, Patricia Ione Lloyd, Carlos J. Serrano, and Dramaturg A.J. Muhammad "Knowing Bliss" Playwright Arden Kass and director Lorca Peress in conversation with Floyd Gomez/Mountain Walking Cane, Taos Pueblo Indian Tribe Director of Native American Programs at Sacred Healing Circle. "Temple of the Souls" in conversation with Jorge Estevez, Taíno Cacique from the Dominican Republic, Workshops Coordinator at Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian on Taino Culture and History. "Temple of the Souls" Lorca Peress in conversation with Roman Guaraguaorix Perez, Taíno **Cacique Chief** "Taíno Nation Culture, and Music with Dance and Drums Demonstration"; Moderator: Lorca Peress in conversation with Taíno Cacique Cibanakan

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2023 LPTW Special Award for Meritorious Service, 2019 Creative Engagement Award (LMCC/ DCA), Institute of Puerto Rico 2017 Cultural Award, NYMF 2017 Next Link Project, Six 2015 Innovative Theatre Nominations (for MultiStages: Outstanding Production, Original Music, Original Full-length Script, Lead Actress, Innovative Design, Costume Design); Four Manhattan Community Arts Grants: 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 (Lower Manhattan Council and Department of Cultural Affairs); 2015 HOLA Award (MultiStages, Outstanding Design); 2015 Taíno Areito Award in Drama; 2015 National Opera Contest 3rd Prize; 2012 National Opera Contest 2nd Prize Professional Division; 2012 HOLA Awards (Gilberto Zaldivar Outstanding Production Award; Lighting, Choreography, Music); 2012 Taíno Award; 2011 Women in Arts and Media Director/Playwright Collaboration Honorable Mention; N.W. Dible Foundation Grants; Dramatists Guild Fund Grant (2009); Jewish Communal Fund Grant (2008-2014); La MaMa INKY Playwriting Award (Harold and Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust Honorarium); two-time Lamia Ink! One-Page Play Finalist.

FACULTY POSITIONS:

Current: (2000-Present) Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute; (2001-Present) NYU Tisch School of the Arts Field Instructor (Strasberg Studio). Former Faculty: NYU hotINK Festival Curator, Strasberg Studio Faculty Summer at Tisch Instructor;

Mentoring: NYC Mayor's Conference on Women Mentorship at Barnard College (Under Grad/Grad); Guest Speaker: Columbia Teachers College Leadership Workshop; Teacher of the Day at East Bronx Academy for the Future; Guest Director of the Day at Cathedral School

PLAYWRITING JUDGE:

Repertorio Español Nuestras Voces I and II, Lamia Ink! International One-Page Contests, MultiStages New Works Contests, Ohio Council on the Arts Playwriting and Screenwriting Contest, Strasberg One Act Contests,

DIRECTORSHIPS:

1997-Present: MultiStages Artistic Director and Founder (multicultural multidisciplinary theatre company) 2011-2014: Co-President of the League of Professional Theatre Women 1992-2002: Lamia Ink! Director of the Acting Company - One Page Plays and Tap This Festivals (outgrowth of La MaMa Poetry Project)

MEMBERSHIPS:

National Theatre Conference, League of Professional Theatre Women, Fractured Atlas, Founding Member of the Creative Network of the Federal Office of the Governor of Puerto Rico (US/NYC Regional Office 2011-2015); AEA, SAG-AFTRA, SDC

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

Bennington College (BA Drama): Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute: Master Classes: National Theatre Institute (O'Neill): Director Playwright Lab Playwrighting Paul Sills, Philip Minor, Larry O'Dwyer, Mary Doyle, Kenneth Cavander, Leroy Logan Irma Sandry, Charlie Laughton (Professional Classes) Shelley Winters, Gene Frankel, Joanna Merlin, Dana Alexis-Zeller, Mark Zeller, Gene Frankel Sheldon Patinkin, Rae Allen, George White, Fred Voelpel (Costume Design), David Hays (Scenic Design) Gene Frankel, Leonard Melfi Gene Frankel

ADDITIONAL:

Writer, Performer: Actor, Singer, Musician, Dancer (LORT, Operas, NYC); Dance Styles (modern, ballet, jazz); Theatre Design (Scenic, Puppetry, Sound, Mask); Visual Artist (book illustrator, painter, sculptor); Bilingual (Spanish), knowledge of Hebrew, Arabic, French, Italian; Gourmet Cook

Multicultural Heritage: Puerto Rican, Taino, Iraqi Sephardic, European Third Generation Artist