ROSE: YOU ARE WHO YOU EAT

CONCEIVED, WRITTEN, AND PERFORMED BY

JOHN JARBOE DIRECTED BY MK TUOMANEN





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A NOTE FROM MARIA



John Jarboe is a force of nature.

Her unstoppable talent and openhearted way of moving through the world draw incredible artists and organizations to her and her work. Because of this, a beautiful garden of collaborators have come together to bring *ROSE: YOU ARE WHO YOU EAT* to you tonight, including the Guggenheim Museum, Philly Fringe, La Mama, The Bearded Ladies, the

prolific producer Jecca Barry, and more.

Kristi Maiselman of CulturalDC first brought this show to Woolly's attention, after they had completed a 2-night sold out run in 2021. Kristi intuited that there might be a broader audience for this story so she approached Woolly about a partnership. Our production of **ROSE** actually starts around the corner from the theatre on 7th Street in front of Oyamel restaurant at an exhibit in the CulturalDC Mobile Art Gallery called "Green Room." Working with CultualDC has been an absolute blast.

I love the raw energy and the irreverence of *ROSE*, especially the tongue-in-cheek references to gender cannibalism. I know it conjures up gory imagery but it is also deliciously campy. It is political too. Killing the idea of gender (by ingesting it, no less) is a different way into the acceptance of the trans body as normal in our society. It is the inflexible ideological constructs that are killing us, not trans bodies.. John says all this and so much more with a drumstick in one hand, a wink, and a song.

ROSE is the culmination of our 44th season and our final curated show offering new perspectives on the LGBTQIA+

experience. It is no coincidence that this trans story is Woolly's entry for Pride Month, which should be a celebration of the full spectrum of gender identity, orientation, and expression. For folks who are interested in understanding more about that spectrum and its gorgeous expansiveness, I personally find the infographics helpful on the TSER (Trans Student Educational Resources) website:

transstudent.org/graphics

This is also a bittersweet goodbye as it is the last show under the leadership of Rebecca Calkin, our Director of Marketing. Rebecca has been incredibly instrumental in building back our team post-pandemic, and her intelligence and heart (as well as her affinity for board games) will be missed. She remains Woolly's number one fan, even as she moves to the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, where we Mammoths all expect to get free tickets for life.

Hasta la próxima,

Haria Olanvela Goyanas

Maria Manuela Goyanes, Artistic Director Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company



John Jarboe in **ROSE** at CulturalDC. Photo Credit: Tony Hitchock

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DANIEL DE JESÚS

COMPOSER, SCORE SUPERVISOR
PAX RESSLER

COMPOSER **BE STEADWELL**

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CHRISTOPHER ASH

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LIGHTING DESIGNER
KATE MCGEE

SOUND DESIGNER
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PRODUCTION MANAGER
BRIAN FREELAND

ORIGINAL PRODUCTION
STAGE MANAGER
NICOLE LABADIE-BARTZ

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR

MOLLY PRUNTY

ADDITIONAL
DRAMATURGICAL SUPPORT
SALLY OLLOVE

ROLLING WORLD PREMIERE WITH FRINGEARTS AND LA MAMA ETC FROM A COMMISSION BY WORKS & PROCESS AT THE GUGGENHEIM

CAST

John, RoseJohn Jarboe

MUSICIANS

Guitar Emily Bate
Keys Yifan Huang
Cello Daniel de Jesús
Drums Mel Regn

COMPOSITIONS BY

Emily Bate, John Jarboe, Daniel de Jesús, Pax Ressler, and Be Steadwell

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Heath Allen, Emily Bate, Daniel de Jesús, Pax Ressler, and Be Steadwell

CREW & PRODUCTION TEAM

Associate Producer		
Associate Lighting Designer	.Jacqueline Scaletta	
A1 Sound Operator		
Props Supervisor	Simon Sinnreich	
Deck Crew	Thomas Nagata	
Light Board Operator	Reina Ramos	
Follow Spot Operator, AICA Apprentice	Dennis Bowe	
Crew Swing	Stephen Lyons	
Lighting Crew Max Abramo	vitz, Milan Robinson,	
Royal Miller, Demetrius Sadler, Simon Sinnreich,		
Troy Johnson, Cody W		
Scenic OverhireMickey Cap		
Lily A	nglin, Cass Medinets	

Key Art Design: Sylvie Lass. Key Art Photo: Tony Hitchock, Cultural DC.

JOHN JARBOE



JOHN JARBOE (Playwright and Performer, she/her) is a director, singer, writer, and host serving you herstory, queer community making, and a whole lot of glitter. She is the founding artistic director of The Bearded Ladies Cabaret in Philadelphia. She has written, performed, and directed original work for La Mama ETC, Joe's Pub, Opera Philadelphia, The

Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Wilma Theater, Lincoln Center, and The Guggenheim's Works & Process series. She recently opened her first art exhibition *The Rose Garden* open through September at The Fabric Workshop and Museum in Philadelphia. Follow her @johnjarbeaux.

ABOUT THE SHOW

A TRUE STORY OF GENDER FEASTING, SET TO MUSIC

Once upon a vine, John Jarboe's aunt revealed that John not only had a twin sister in the womb, but that John consumed her: "You ate her. That's why you are the way you are." This was a lot for John to swallow! In this musical shrine to the consumed twin, named Rose, John welcomes you into a feast of gender through song, storytelling, and a full plate of wordplay.

OPENING NIGHT: JUNE 8, 2024

SHOW RUN TIME: This play runs for a duration of 75 minutes continuously, without an intermission.

SPECIAL THANKS TO CALVIN ANDERSON

MUSICIANS



EMILY BATE (Musical Director, Compositions & Arrangements, Guitar, she/her) is a singer, composer and performer, working fluidly across disciplines including music performance, theater and choral music. She runs a queer & trans community chorus

called Trust Your Moves, an experiment in collective singing designed around liberation and co-creation. She has collaborated with artists such as Erin Markey, Ragnar Kjartansson, filmmaker Chet Pancake, MJ Kaufman, and Pig Iron. In 2023 she premiered *Wig Wag*, a music-theater piece performed by a cast of 4 and the entire audience, as part of the Curated Philadelphia Fringe Festival. Emily is a 2022 Art Works Fellow and a 2021 Pew Fellow. @_emilybate_



YIFAN HUANG (Keys, he/him) is a DC based musician and keyboardist. Originally from Charlotte, NC, he fell in love with music at a young age, and specializes in the genres of r&b, pop, gospel, and hiphop. He can usually be found performing around the city with a

variety of acts and groups, most recently with the Seasons of Love Ensemble of the Gay Mens Chorus of Washington, DC. He is excited to join the Rose cast for this production. Follow him at @yifan_music.



DANIEL DE JESÚS (Cello, Compositions & Arrangements, he/they), a versatile artist from North Philly, is celebrated for blending 'freak folk' and Baroque in their music. Trained by luminaries like Vivian Barton Dozor, they graduated from the University of the Arts with

a bachelor's in fine arts. Their global tour with Rasputina showcased their exploration of gothic and folk realms.

Albums like "La Dolorosa" and "Kyrie" delve into identity and spirituality, rooted in Puerto Rican heritage. As director of music education at AMLA, they empower young musicians. De Jesús's art catalyzes social change, fostering inclusivity and empowerment within marginalized communities. Rose: You Are Who You Eat starring John Jarboe further exemplifies their collaborative prowess.

CREATIVE TEAM



MK TUOMANEN (Director, they/them) is a Jerome Fellow at the Playwright's Center in Minneapolis and recipient of the Terrence McNally Award for their play Night Science. They are a member of Applied Mechanics theater company and an associated artist with

the Bearded Ladies Cabaret. As director, they received a grant from the Pew Center for Arts and Heritage, and been doula to many solo shows including those of Edinburgh Fringe favorite Chris Davis (*Drunk Lion, The Presented, Violence of the Lambs*), Izzy Sazak (*Tiny Witch*), Jess Conda (*Katerina*) and of course dear collaborator John Jarboe, who in turn directed their trans-bovine performance *Consider the Cow.* www.mkplays.com. Liberation in our lifetimes from Palestine to Congo.



CHRISTOPHER ASH (Scenic and Video Designer, he/him) Broadway: New York, New York, Sunday in the Park with George, Saint Joan. Broadway Associate: Network, The Prince of Broadway, The Crucible. Opera: The Met, Paris Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Canadian Opera, and

Houston Grand Opera. International: International Theatre Amsterdam. Regional: Gutherie, Ballet Hispanico, Wilma, Philadelphia Theatre Co., Yale Rep. Dance: Doña Peron -Ballet Hispanico, Callas, La Davina - Municipal De Santiago, CoisCéim, River North Chicago Dance, Anadolu Atesi. His work has been seen in 17 countries and been recognized for 15 awards. Education: MFA Yale School of Drama.



KATE MCGEE (Lighting Designer, she/her) is a trans*designer and new media artist. Off-Broadway: My Lingerie Play (Rattlestick Theater), The Infinite Love Party (Bushwick Starr), while you were partying and Notes on Killing ... (Soho Rep), I'm Revolting (Atlantic

Theater), Pay no Attention to the Girl (Target Margin Theater), The Hang by Taylor Mac and Matt Ray (HERE/ Prototype Festival), Early Plays (New York City Players/ Wooster Group). International: protec/attac (Deutsches Schauspielhaus - Scenery, Costumes, Lighting), Emily's D+ Evolution, songwrights apothecary lab, and Off-Brand gOdds tours for Esperanza Spalding. Regional: An Iliad and A view from the Bridge (Long Wharf), Life of Galileo and Julius Caesar (Playmaker's Rep), and A Tale of Two Cities (Trinity Rep). She was a 2022/2023 project one artist in residence at Soho Rep. where she used her year to develop a VR experience called Girl Mode. Kate is a close collaborator with Peter Mills Weiss and Julia Mounsey, with whom she designs and devises "somehow literary" works that engage with guestions of authenticity, spectatorship, violence, coercion and comedy. katedesignsfortheater.com.



NICOLE LABADIE-BARTZ (Original Production Stage Manager, they/them) is a freelance stage manager based in Philadelphia. Nic's stage management ranges from opera to cabaret, musicals to immersive theatre, concerts to dance theatre, and everything in between.

They are most passionate about new and devised work, and making work that breaks the rules. Favorite credits include Bearded Ladies Cabaret (*Love Notes: A Year of No Regrets*,

Blythely Ever After, Contradict This!, Do You Want a Cookie, You Can Never Go Down the Drain, Marlene and the Machine), Opera Philadelphia & Obvious Agency (The Raven), Applied Mechanics (Other Orbits, FEED, The Bandits, This Is On Record, Chronotope: Rough Draft), New Orleans Opera (Madama Butterfly), and best of all - many years of Rose! Nicole also does event planning and coordinating, and especially loves wedding planning (including their own, just a couple of weeks ago!).



MOLLY PRUNTY (Production Supervisor, she/ her) is a stage manager, puppeteer, writer & general deviser of things from Baltimore, MD. She currently is an artist in residence at Bread & Puppet Theatre and co-founded the Mutual Obsession Circus, a burlesque & puppetry

duo. She formerly was the production manager at Baltimore Theatre Project. Recent stage management credits include [Everyman Theatre]: (Assistant Stage Manager): Harvey, Jump, The Lion in Winter, Behold, A Negress. [Peabody Opera]: Don Giovanni; [Baltimore Center Stage]: Young Playwrights Festival. Molly has a B.A. in Theater Design & Production from University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

TAYLOR JEDLINSKI (Sound Designer, she/her) is a Philadelphia-based sound designer and audio engineer. She is also the Production Manager of The Bearded Ladies Cabaret. Taylor has a BFA in Technical Theatre/Design from Lindenwood University. Some favorite credits include Sound Design and A1 for Blythely Ever After with Boston Lyric Opera, Asst. Sound Design and A1 for The Appointment with Lightning Rod Special, and A1 for Late Night Snacks with The Bearded Ladies Cabaret. She is so grateful to be a part of this magnificent Rose garden of artists and collaborators. Taylor sends all her love to her partner Matthew and daughter, Ella, the brightest light in her life.



JECCA BARRY (Producer, she/her) is an independent theatre, opera, film, and music producer. She is the founder and creative producer of Fin Productions, and a co-founder of the Up Until Now Collective. Jecca's practice focuses on developing work with artists that are challenging the

conventions of the performing arts industry. From 2012-2022, she served as Executive Director of the acclaimed production company Beth Morrison Projects (BMP) and was a Co-Director of New York's annual PROTOTYPE Festival from 2017-2022. Jecca has overseen the commissioning, development, production and touring of over 30 new theatre, music-theatre, and opera works, and has toured those works to over 40 national and 20 international venues. Notable productions include FOOD, HOME, and The Object Lesson by Geoff Sobelle, NOWISWHENWEARE (the stars) by Andrew Schneider, Unholy Wars by Karim Sulayman, and HONOR by Suzanne Bocanegra. Jecca holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in avant-garde flute performance from the Royal Northern College of Music and New York University.

ORGANIZATIONAL BIOS

CULTURALDC supports innovative artists across all disciplines and makes their work accessible to diverse audiences, providing space for relevant and challenging work essential to nurturing vibrant urban communities. CulturalDC has made a name for itself in providing a platform for bold contemporary artists to interact with audiences in thought-provoking ways. Current and most recent programs include Stephanie Mercedes' *Gun Destruction Opera, Never in Our Image* and *TORRENTS: New Links to Black Futures.* In addition to presenting, CulturalDC has brokered more than 350,000 square feet of artist space since 1998. CulturalDC owns Source Theatre and the Mobile Art Gallery, a 40-ft shipping container transformed into a gallery that has been shown in all eight wards of the city and has seen over 90,000 visitors.

THE BEARDED LADIES CABARET

THE BEARDED LADIES CABARET is a queer arts organization that sits on your lap and sings you a story. Whether it's an opera, a home-made cabaret, a musical walking tour, or a show on a truck, we employ song, spectacle, storytelling, and heart to welcome audiences into moments of joy, healing, and subversion. Through sharing our original pieces and creating bespoke platforms for performance at home in Philadelphia, nationally, and abroad, we nurture artistic connection for a community of misfits, rabble-rousers, chanteuses and the people who love and need them.

John Jarboe | Founder & Artistic Director
Sally Ollove | Associate Artistic Director & Dramaturg
Wesley Flash | Managing Director
Briana Nicholas | Operations Manager
Elena Faverio | Marketing Coordinator
Taylor Jedlinski | Production Manager
Nicole Labadie-Bartz | Staff Administrator
Beards ASSociate Artists: Anthony Martinez-Briggs,
Cookie Diorio, Daniel de Jesús, Messapotamia Lefae,
Jackie Soro, Jess Conda, MK Tuomanen, Rebecca Kanach,
Veronica Chapman-Smith

CONTENT TRANSPARENCY

This production includes themes of fetal mortality, pregnancy, childbirth, and growing up queer in Michigan in the 90s, graphic eating imagery, sexually explicit language, and cannibal humor. Flashing lights will be used briefly, 40 minutes into the show.

Recommended for ages 13+



ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

BY JULIA MASLI | CO-DIRECTED BY JULIA MASLI AND KIM NOBLE

JULY 17-AUGUST 4. 2024

<mark>haha</mark>hahahahahahaha hahahah<mark>ah</mark>ahaha hihih<mark>i ha</mark>hahahahahaha hoho hahahhahahaha hehe hahahahahahahahaha

This summer, Julia Masli's wild an<mark>d z</mark>any ha ha ha ha ha ha hits the Woolly stage after successful, buz<mark>zed-about runs at</mark> Edinburgh Fr<mark>in</mark>ge and in Melbourne, London, and New York. As Masli states in her bio, "Julia Masli is an award-winning clown from Estonia, based in London. All she wants to do is solve people's problems...but this plan keeps going wrong as she continually wins prizes for comedy." This hilarious show garnered five-star reviews from publications like the Guardian, Telegraph, and Time Out, and has been hailed as "The year's most exciting, have-to-be-there comedy moment," by the Guardian, "The breakout star of this year's Edinburgh Fringe," by The New York Times, and "A strange and beautiful masterpiece" by the Telegraph.

THE COMEUPPANCE

BY BRANDEN JAC<mark>obs-Jenkins | d</mark>irected by Morgan Green | *A co-production with the Wilma*

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 2024

Welcome Back Class of 2003.

On the night of their 20th high school reunion, the self-proclaimed "Multi-Ethnic Reject Group" reconnects while they pregame in Prince George's County, Maryland. But amid the flow of reminiscing, an otherworldly presence forces these former classmates to face the past head-on and reckon with an unknowable future. The latest from MacArthur Genius Award- winner Branden Jacobs-Jenk<mark>ins (*An Octoroon, Appropriate, Gloria*), this "mesmerizing" (*The Wrap*) new play garnered</mark> a New York Times Critic's Pick and Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Play. Featuring members of Woolly Mammoth's Company of Artists, Jon Hudson Odom and Erika Rose, in collaboration with The

THE SECOND CITY'S DANCE LIKE THERE'S BLACK PEOPLE WATCHING

A BLACK EXCELLENCE REVUE | DIRECTED BY ROB WILSON

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 2024

The Second City is back!

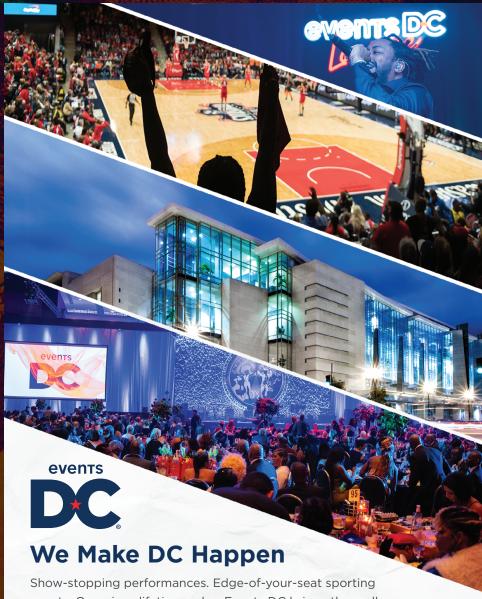
From the creators of Black Side of the Moon and She the People, The Second City returns to Woolly Mammoth, now delivering a dose of brilliant Black Joy. The hilarious brand-new show, created exclusively for Woolly Mammoth, features the troupe's world-renowned improv, an ensemble of rising comedy stars, songs, and sketches. The Black Excellence Revue is here to help you blow off steam at the end of this year with razor-sharp wit, a fresh look at the ridiculous things in life, and non-stop laughs.

THE FORD / HILL PROJECT

CREATED BY LEE SUNDAY EVANS AND ELIZABETH MARVEL | DIRECTED BY LEE SUNDAY EVANS A WATERWELL PRODUCTION, PRESENTED BY WOOLLY MAMMOTH AND THE PUBLIC THEATER **SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Special presentation to benefit Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company.

This excavation of the testimonies of Anita Hill and Christine Blasey Ford is revisited in the nation's capital in a special debut presentation of a new play. Ford and Hill, 30 years apart, stood in front of one of the highest bodies of power in our country to publicly tell their stories about some of the most private moments of their lives. With an ensemble of four actors speaking from the verbatim transcripts of these pivotal hearings, these two women's stories are seen in a new light when side-by-side in Waterwell's illuminating new work.



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NURTURING, CARE-TAKING, AND THE POWER OF SING-A-LONG

AN INTERVIEW WITH JOHN JARBOE

Can you talk about the gestation of **ROSE: YOU ARE WHO YOU EAT?** How did it evolve and change over time into the performance that you'll be doing at Woolly?

ROSE started as a pandemic film and music project. I wanted to tell my gender journey in collaboration with other queer artists, hence bringing on the compositional voices of Emily Bate, Daniel de Jesús, Pax Ressler, and Be Steadwell. I wrote lyrics and some melodies and then prismed my experience through their musical styles. At the center of the process, I had a desire to showcase trans and queer people holding each other's stories. I made a bunch of songs and a suite of films with Christopher Ash and Mk Tuomanen, thinking that they would be installed in an art installation: a sort of Sleep No More/escape room/womb-derkammer of Midwestern denial. But once we were done filming, our sugar daddy/commissioner, the amazing [Guggenheim's] Works and Process, asked us to do a concert of all the music. So....that's what we did. The piece was sewn together out of a series of experiments, letters, longings, and regurgitated memories. Once I started performing the story in front of people, it felt really right to be in live space, sharing and singing along.

We learn a little about your journey in the show, but I'd love to hear about how you came to be who you are as an artist. How did you find theater?

Oh...you know the old story......girl is told she is a boy....girl finds theater and plays girls as much as possible calling it "acting," eventually girl realizes that she is acting all the time to fit people's notions of "boy" and "man" and she identifies as "girl." Theater has been a means to an end, a heightened site

of communication with others and with myself. It is where I have always found profound truth through play. It is where my favorite conversations happen.

How did you come to cabaret?

I was doing a bunch of mediocre Shakespeare and musical theatre in Philly and somebody asked me to do cabaret and I said yes even though I didn't know what it was. Once I was in the form, the fact that there was no fourth wall, that I could talk directly to people, and that really what I was doing was being a social lubricant for a conversation in the audience -- that felt really rich to me and it relaxed my whole body. Whereas sometimes there's a tyranny of politeness in higher art spaces like theaters and museums, cabaret is aggressively unpretentious to the point that it gets undervalued. But what's amazing about it is that people let their guard down in the way that they don't in our theater spaces. It was a love affair with the form and then going back and asking for grant money so I could research and get to know my contemporaries and host cabaret artists in Philly. All of this was to do the work of what the [Bearded Ladies] have been trying to do, which is to make Philadelphia an international hub for queer performance in cabaret. That's something that we've been working at and have made a lot of headway in.

Tell me about the Bearded Ladies Cabaret.

We are a manifestation queer abundance. We sit on your lap and tell you a story. The Bearded Ladies is a company I founded that has grown way beyond my own artistic vision. We have a truck called The Beardmobile that drives around Philly and converts into a stage. We host annual cabaret festivals featuring over 70 artists from around the world in a found space, and we make original work like **ROSE** and our upcoming climate justice ice show **BEARDS ON ICE**.

As a director, choreographer, producer and performer – how do you navigate all of those roles? Do you lead with any particular one?

I've taken on a lot of roles because I had to in order to make work I believe in. I built The Bearded Ladies Cabaret in Philadelphia with a number of treasured collaborators because we needed a place to be ambitious and uncompromisingly queer. Like so many artists, I've had to learn to fundraise, manage, produce, navigate philanthropy, market, do fabulous makeup, and rhinestone all while working one-to-two-day jobs. It's just part of the career. I'm lucky on ROSE to be mostly wearing my writer/performer hats. I've got an amazing constellation of artists and administrators supporting this work, not the least of which is the team at Woolly.

You, John, are additionally performing the role of John who guides the audience through your journey. What is it like to perform through somewhat of a third person perspective?

Since I come from a cabaret background, I'm used to dealing in versions of myself. So much of drag and cabaret is just taking parts of yourself and turning up the volume on them. In ROSE, I'm not really thinking so much about who I am, but more how I am telling the story. The audience connection is what is primary for me. Dwelling in the 3rd person is also helpful for this piece because it gives me a healthy distance to judge, explain, mock, and cross examine myself. Then there are beautiful moments when I realize on stage that in fact, I am talking about me, and that is very emotional.

I read an interview where you said that the real gift of queerness is "being born with a question inside you that's insistent," can you talk about how that gift manifests?

I try not to take things for granted. I try not to assume. Because I had to question, I keep questioning. Queer is a noun and a verb. It is more than an identity. It is a way of moving through the world with an open mind and heart. **ROSE** is a clear manifestation of the gift of questions. Instead of shutting down and dismissing the strange assertion of my aunt...I wondered and investigated and searched, and that search, that questioning, is rewarding, transformative, and vital.

I'm thinking about the metaphor in **ROSE: YOU ARE WHO YOU EAT** and how the things we consume form us. What is the art that you are drawn to consume now?

There is such a long list! I love Duchamp. Hitchcock has had a huge influence on me. Much of the visual imagery for *ROSE* was inspired by Gregory Crewdson. I do a lot of work with The Bearded Ladies seeking out cabaret history: performers like Claire Woldolf, who sang protest songs in Berlin, Aristide Bruant, who wrote satirical songs about French politics, Josphine Baker, Ertha Kitt. I see my work as part of an oft overlooked form of queer cabaret and performance art whose roots are in these ancestors. At the same time, I draw inspiration from my colleagues and contemporaries: Adrienne Truscott, Cherdonna Shinatra, Taylor Mac, Machine Dazzle, Cookie Diorio, Meow Meow, Justin Vivian Bond, Stephanie Blythe, Martha Graham Cracker, and more.

Our cultural understanding of gender feels like it is rapidly evolving. Can you share your perspective on what you've seen?

Queer generations move so fast! I'm still catching up with my teachers (a.k.a. the younger generation). I grew up thinking that the only queer references I had were Norman Bates, Jeffrey Dahmer, James Bond villains and Ellen. It took so much time and good community to nurture me into my identity and out of the notion that I was evil and flawed. It's amazing to meet young people today who are given possibilities from the start, who understand [Judith] Butler's assertion that gender

is a construct. We really just have to listen to the young folx in our lives to know where we are headed.

What are the themes or questions that you find yourself coming back to? What are the obsessions of your work?

I'm obsessed with nurturing, care-taking, and the power of sing-a-long. I want you to feel like an active participant in my gender journey.

I find myself exploring food and eating a lot. **ROSE** is definitely the most extreme version of that. I think I am drawn to visceral and universal metaphors. I've always thought about good theater like a good meal. It needs to be nutritious, meet our spiritual food group needs, and ideally delicious.

Do you have a favorite part of the show?

I love the ending, but I don't want to give it away....let's just say I engineered a whole section of the show that leaves me feeling very loved.

What are you excited about in bringing ROSE to Woolly?

I'm really looking forward to connecting with queer audiences in D.C. After each show I'm gonna hang out in the lobby to give hugs and to meet people. I'm hoping to grow my friendships and connections to queer community here.

What's next for you?

There is a massive installation of **ROSE** film in Philly at The Fabric Workshop and Museum called "The Rose Garden." It's up 'til September, and I'm curating a bunch of performances by trans artists in it. Check it out!

What do you hope people walk away with after seeing *ROSE*?

I hope people walk away chewing on their own gender journeys.



InterPride





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CulturalDC presents

John Jarboe's The Rose Garden: Green Room JUNE 8 - JULY 14, 2024

CULTURALDC'S MOBILE ART GALLERY

7TH AND D ST NW. IN FRONT OF OYAMEL

The Rose Garden: Green Room is an immersive exhibition filled with video, music, and sentimental items to connect the visitors to the light-hearted memory of John's consumed twin, Rose.

Dear You,

Have you ever been told that you ate your twin in the womb?

That's what my aunt told me when I came out as trans.

It gave me a lot to digest.

My twin's name would have been Rose,
and this exhibition is dedicated to her.

Explore, sing-a-long, rest, and relax here for
as long as you like.

Love, John and Rose



visit our website for gallery hours

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Photo by Christopher Ash



IN THE LOBBY

After the show, experience The Rose Project exhibition and activations presented by CulturalDC

EXPLORE THE ROSE GARDEN: GREEN ROOM BY JOHN JARBOE June 8-July 14 — Free and Open to the Public

The Rose Garden: Green Room by John Jarboe is an immersive exhibition inside CulturalDC's Mobile Art Gallery, currently at 7th AND D St NW (In front of Oyamel).

ROSE'S CLOSET, PICK A GENDER, LEAVE A GENDER

In collaboration with The DC Center for the LGBTQ+ Community, CulturalDC invites you to visit Rose's Closet and other installations inside Woolly Mammoth's main lobby. Rose's Closet is an inclusive and free clothing exchange where you can take a gender and leave a gender. Please browse for new summer outfits, and/or leave gently worn clothing that you no longer need.

WRITE A LETTER FOR YOUR GENDER

Our "Write a Letter to Your Gender" writing station, where participants are invited to express feelings about gender identity and queerness.



John Jarboe in **ROSE** at FringeArts. Photo Credit: Christopher Ash.

ACCESSIBILITY DATES

ASL INTERPRETED PERFORMANCES

Saturday, June 15th, 8pm Sunday, June 23rd, 2pm

OPEN CAPTIONED PERFORMANCES

Wednesday, June 12th, 8pm Friday, June 14th, 8pm

AUDIO DESCRIBED PERFORMANCES

Saturday, June 15th, 3pm Saturday, June 22nd, 3pm

MASK REQUIRED PERFORMANCES

Sunday, June 16th, 2pm Tuesday, June 18th, 8pm

TALKBACKS

(Immediately Following the Performance)

GOLDEN TICKET NIGHT PRE-SHOW EVENT

Thursday, June 13th, 8pm

LGBTQ+ AFFINITY NIGHT

Friday, June 14th, 8pm

MATINEE

Sunday, June 23rd, 2pm

SPECIAL GUESTS AND PERFORMANCES

BE STEADWELL 30 MINUTE PRE-SHOW SET IN LOBBY

Friday, June 21, 7pm

PERFORMANCE WILL FEATURE THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF DC

Sunday, June 23rd, 2pm

SPECIAL EVENT: TRUST YOUR MOVES POP-UP CHOIR Saturday, June 22nd, 11am-1pm

Led by Emily Bate, Composer and Music Director of **ROSE: YOU ARE WHO YOU EAT**

Join us in the rehearsal hall before the matinee for a pop-up choir! Pop-up choirs are one-time meetups where we learn a song on the spot. No experience necessary! A unique singing event designed for queer & trans people, and friends. We will be singing "People I've been sad" by Christine & the Queens.

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The Tony Award®-winning Woolly Mammoth creates badass theatre that highlights the stunning, challenging, and tremendous complexity of our world. Woolly is proud to be considered "a national champion of the new—and frequently provocative—American play" (Washington Post).

For over 40 years, Woolly has maintained a high standard of artistic rigor while simultaneously daring to take risks, innovate, and push beyond perceived boundaries. Woolly Mammoth was co-founded in 1980 by Roger M. Brady, Linda Reinisch, and Howard Shalwitz and is now co-led by Artistic Director Maria Manuela Goyanes and Managing Director Kimberly E. Douglas. Located in Washington, DC, equidistant from the Capitol Building and the White House, this unique location influences Woolly's investment in actively working our mission: To produce courageous and invigorating new work to radically redefine theatre as a catalyst for an equitable, creative, and engaged society.

One of the few remaining theatres in the country to maintain a company of artists, Woolly serves as an essential research and development role within the American theatre.

PLAYS PREMIERED HERE HAVE GONE ON TO PRODUCTIONS AT HUNDREDS OF THEATRES ALL OVER THE WORLD AND HAVE HAD LASTING IMPACTS ON THE FIELD.

A STRANGE LOOP was produced at Woolly in 2021, ran on Broadway from April 2022 through January 2023, and won the Tony Award® for Best Musical in 2022. Other notable highlights include the world premiere productions of Danai Gurira's ECLIPSED in 2009 that later went on to be the first Broadway play with a cast & creative team of all Black women; Bruce Norris' Pulitzer Prize-winner CLYBOURNE PARK in 2010; and Anne Washburn's MR. BURNS: A POST-ELECTRIC PLAY in 2012. Woolly produces theatre beyond our

building by sending productions like Aaron Posner's **STUPID F*CKING BIRD** across the nation, bringing Aleshea Harris' **WHAT TO SEND UP WHEN IT GOES DOWN** to neighborhoods throughout DC, and launching a national tour of Madeline Sayet's **WHERE WE BELONG.**

Woolly has built a reputation for innovation off the stage as well. Woolly values building relationships with its local community and resident artists in the DMV area. Our nationally-acclaimed Connectivity Department is one of the ways we accomplish this by linking Woolly to like-minded community organizations in order to generate mutually beneficial, impact and power-aware partnerships.

WE'VE EARNED OUR REPUTATION BY HOLDING FAST TO OUR CORE VALUES.

We are an anti-racist and radically inclusive community— across race, ethnicity, nationality, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical ability, socioeconomic background, and political viewpoint—in which all are encouraged to exchange ideas freely and reach for new understanding. We are a supportive home for creative risk-taking by our company and guest artists, staff, board, volunteers, audiences, donors, and colleagues. Through relentless inquiry and experimentation, we strive for world-class excellence and innovation in every aspect of our work.

OUR AUDIENCE COMPLETES OUR MISSION.

Woolly attracts one of the youngest and most diverse theatre audiences in DC, and we're committed to making our work widely accessible. Woolly was the first to pioneer Pay-What- You-Will tickets in the DMV, which are now available at every single performance. We also offer \$25 day-of-show Stampede Seats, \$25 tickets for all patrons 30 and Under, and a variety of discounts for educators, members of the military, and artists.

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Pictured in *A STRANGE LOOP*: Jason Veasy, John-Michael Lyles, Jaquel Spivey, John-Andrew Morrison, James Jackson, Jr., Antwayn Hopper.

WOOLLY LEADERSHIP



MARIA MANUELA GOYANES (she/her) is the Artistic Director of Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company. Prior to joining Woolly, she served as the Director of Producing and Artistic Planning at The Public Theater, where she oversaw the day-to-day execution of a full slate of plays and musicals at the Public's five-theatre venue at Astor Place and the Delacorte Theater for

Shakespeare in the Park.

Earlier in her career at The Public, she managed some of the theatre's most celebrated productions, including *Hamilton* by Lin-Manuel Miranda, *Josephine and I* by Cush Jumbo, *Straight White Men* by Young Jean Lee, *Barbecue* by Robert O'Hara, and *Here Lies Love* by David Byrne and Fatboy Slim.

While at The Public, Maria also held a position on the adjunct faculty of Juilliard and curated the junior year curriculum of the Playwrights Horizons Theater School at NYU. She has guest lectured at Bard College, Barnard College, Brown University, Columbia University, Juilliard, the National Theater Institute at The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, UCSD, the University of Texas-Austin, and Yale University, among others.

Since 2015, Maria has also served as a member of the board of the National Alliance for Musical Theatre. From 2006 to 2008, she co-chaired the Soho Rep Writer/Director Lab with Jason Grote, and from 2004 to 2012, Maria was the Executive Producer of 13P, one of her proudest achievements. Maria is a first-generation Latinx- American, born to parents who emigrated from the Dominican Republic and Spain. She was raised in Jamaica, Queens, and has a collection of hoop earrings to prove it. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from Brown University.



kimberly E. Douglas (she/her) is the Managing Director of Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company. She has 20+ years of experience in event production management, program development, strategic partnerships, arts education, and the performing arts.

Graduating from Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Kimberly then continued her studies at Howard

University College of Fine Arts graduating with a B.A. in Music Business and a minor in Jazz Voice.

Kimberly served as the Managing Artistic Director for THEARC Theater, a program of Building Bridges Across the River. For 15 years she led the theater operations for a 365-seat theater and a Black Box, led the development and fundraising for theater initiatives such as facilities and buildings enhancements and upgrades, curated seasonal programming on THEARC Theater stage and Black Box, and expanded relationships and funding for the iCAN Technical Theater internship. Through her leadership, THEARC Theater is widely recognized as a cultural staple for artists, arts organizations, and community East of the River. Kimberly served as a board member for Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company from April 2021–March 2023 after establishing a long-standing partnership as Woolly Mammoth's Core Connectivity partner.

Kimberly launched her company KD ARTS Consulting in March 2022, providing program curation and production services, talent and operations management, and arts administration. Through KD ARTS Consulting, she worked with organizations like Demaskus Theatre Collective in residency at the August Wilson African American Cultural Center and The Musicianship's 2023 Wammie Awards. Currently, Kimberly is co-chair of the D.C. Co-lab Equity and Justice Committee advocating for arts education. She was born and raised in D.C. and presently resides in Upper Marlboro, MD.

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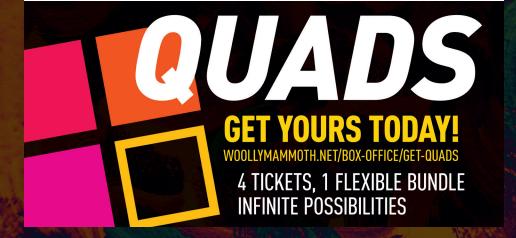
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