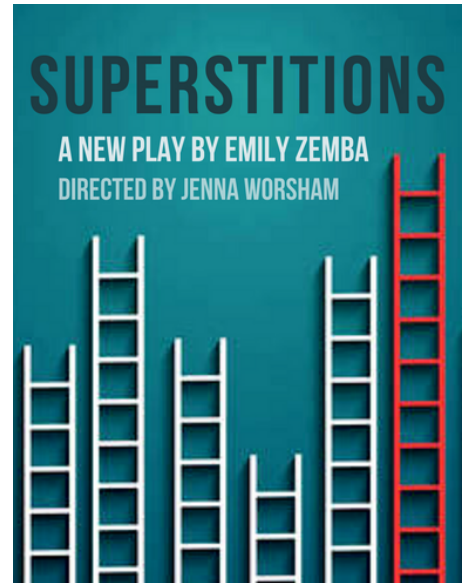


THE PLAYS

The Pool 2020 proudly presents three **bold, subversive comedies** - *in rep.* We think our audience will come back ready to commune, ready to think, and ready to *laugh!*



***Is Edward Snowden Single?* by Kate Cortesi, directed by Kate Bergstrom**

Much like the United States government, two BFFs find themselves in a crisis of integrity, whatever the hell that word means. Two virtuosic actors play all nineteen roles in this volcanic comedy about pretty lies and ugly truths.

***The Ding Dongs* by Brenda Withers, directed by Kel Haney**

When a sweet-faced couple shows up on a suburban doorstep, an unsuspecting homeowner finds himself the victim of a surreal home invasion. An offbeat look at the cycle of violence that fuels our system of private property.

***Superstitions* by Emily Zemba, directed by Jenna Worsham**

A foreigner finds a penny on the ground and offers it to a stranger. Personal and national terrors ensue. Who knew the ridiculous could be so terrifying?

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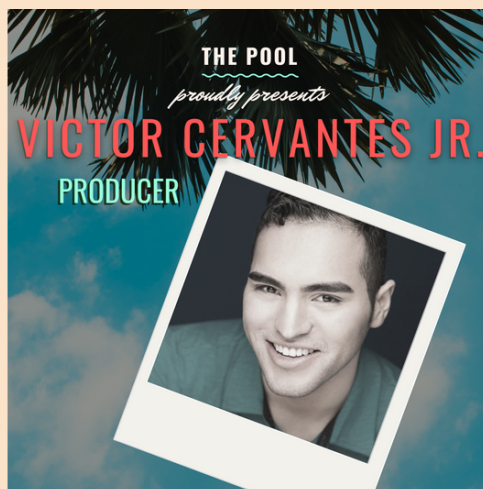
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CAST: IS EDWARD SNOWDEN SINGLE?

starring

REBECCA S'MANGA FRANK



in the role of April

starring

ELISE KIBLER



in the role of Mimi

starring

BRIAN MISKELL



as Edward Snowden

CAST: THE DING DONGS

starring

JONATHAN FIELDING



in the role of Joe

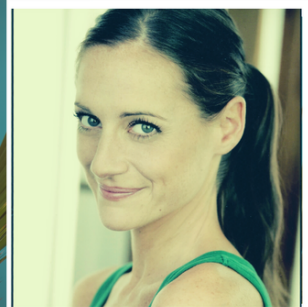
starring

ROBERT KROPF



in the role of Redelmo

and world famous playwright
BRENDA WITHERS



*will perform the role of
Natalie*

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CAST: SUPERSTITIONS

starring

CELESTE ARIAS



in the role of Jane

starring

LATOYA EDWARDS



in the role of Nereida

starring

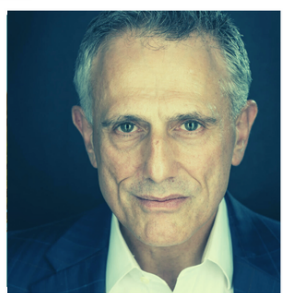
NICHOLAS GORHAM



In the role of Sildat

starring

DAVID GREENSPAN



In the role of Grieg

starring

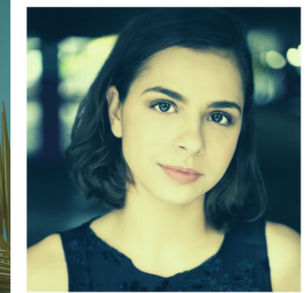
ILIANA GUIBERT



In the role of "Older"

starring

REBECCA JIMENEZ



in the role of "Younger"

starring

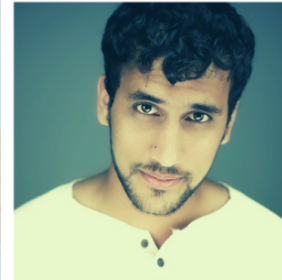
RICARDO VÁZQUEZ



in the role of Henry

starring

NAREN WEISS



In the role of Michael

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If you're reading this, we have opinions about you. We believe:

- You love the theater.
- The social distancing of Covid-19 has you concerned for the health of the theater industry, and you're interested in **supporting theater artists right now**, while forging a path ahead for new, vital American theater.
- You know **Kate Cortesi, Brenda Withers, or Emily Zemba** (or all three!) and believe these women have something substantial to offer the audience and the art form.

WELCOME TO THE POOL

The Pool 2020 is a **pop-up theater company** producing three volcanic new plays in rep in New York in the fall of 2020. **Our artist-led theater model puts playwrights at the helm of their process and brings bold, timely plays to life with integrity and immediacy.**

Kate, Brenda and Emily inherited this company from three founding playwrights who pooled resources to produce their own plays and then passed the company on to us. When we're done, we will do the same. **We're creating and perpetuating a viable model of artist-led theater production.**

In this uncertain time, The Pool is offering a nimble, new play production model with zero overhead that puts agency and resources directly into the hands of working theater artists.

Will you help us get back into the theater?

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SUPPORT

LIFEGUARD - \$10,000

An offstage character will be named after you and/or your pet.
Acknowledgement in published scripts & pre-show announcement.

HIGH DIVER - \$5,000+

We will put a photo of you somewhere on the set of a play!
Social gathering with the playwrights before or after a show (NYC).

WAVE MAKER - \$2,500+

Specialty cocktail named in your honor at the theater bar.
Pair of tickets to opening night, when Zemba will perform a good luck ritual for you before the show.

FLAMINGO FLOATIE - \$1,000+

Invitation to final dress.
Brenda will bake you homemade Ding Dongs or do a ring-and-run on an enemy of your choosing.

KICKBOARD - \$500+

Cortesi will take a pre-show shot with you and tell you a funny fact about Edward Snowden's fiancée.

VIP PARTIER - \$100+

Acknowledgement in the program.

POOL PARTIER - UP TO \$99

Social Media shoutout and our heartfelt thanks.

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clever writing, produced on a shoestring, full of the sheer delight of doing things with words."

-Helen Shaw, New York Magazine



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Fewer than 1/3 of plays produced in the US are written by women. The Pool 2020 battles this inequity with exuberance by putting female voices and leaders in conversation - not competition - with each other. Join the fun!