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Larissa FastHorse - Playwright



Larissa FastHorse is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sicangu Lakota Nation. She is an award winning playwright, director, and choreographer based in Santa Monica. Larissa's produced plays include What Would Crazy Horse Do? (KCRep, Relative Theatrics), Urban Rez (Cornerstone Theater Company, NEFA National tour 2019-20), Landless (AlterTheater), Average Family (Children's Theater Company of Minneapolis), Teaching Disco Squaredancing to Our Elders: a Class Presentation (Native Voices at the Autry), Vanishing Point (Eagle Project) and Cherokee Family Reunion (Mountainside

Theater). Her comedy, *The Thanksgiving Play*, was produced at Artists Rep and Capital Stage last season. Larissa directed the critically acclaimed play, *Our Voices Will Be Heard* (Perseverance Theater Company) and is developing several new projects to direct with an emphasis on cross cultural community engaged work between Indigenous nations. Additional theaters that have commissioned or developed plays with Larissa include ASU Gammage, History Theater, Kennedy Center TYA, Baltimore's Center Stage, Arizona Theater Company, Mixed Blood, the Center Theatre Group Writer's Workshop and Berkeley Rep's Ground Floor. Larissa was awarded the PEN USA Literary Award for Drama, NEA Distinguished New Play Development Grant, Joe Dowling Annamaghkerrig Fellowship, AATE Distinguished Play Award, Inge Residency, Sundance/Ford Foundation Fellowship, Aurand Harris Fellowship, the UCLA Native American Program Woman of the Year and numerous Ford, Mellon and NEA Grants. She is a current member of the Playwright's Union, Director's Lab West 2015, and Playwright's Center Core Writers. She is represented by Jonathan Mills at Paradigm NY. hoganhorsestudio.com

Playwright's Notes

"I think if we wrote down everything I've experienced as an Indigenous person in this country just walking down the street, it would be such a depressing tragedy that no one would want to watch it. So instead, I made a comedy, within a satire, to make it a little more fun for everybody.[In the play] we have some very well-meaning liberal white folks that are in charge of creating this play that's supposed to be for children. It's supposed to be educational and enlightening and progressive, and all the good things for Native American Heritage Month and Thanksgiving - and, for me, it's always ironic that we have Thanksqiving and Native American Heritage Month at the same time. It's always been fascinating to me that we have this really problematic holiday that's supposedly celebrating Native American people and coming together, but in reality, A.) everything we've learned about it is a fiction, and B.) the potential true origins of Thanksgiving are incredibly gruesome and really horrible and have nothing to do with peace and happiness, and they're actually about genocide. So obviously that means comedy. I hope what these folks that I'm actually talking about in my play take away from it is this: let's just all make the mistake together, let's all be ridiculous together, and then that gives us somewhere to go. If I know where you're coming from, you know where I'm coming from, and you can make mistakes, and I can make mistakes, and we can all get kind of crazy and yell at each other, but keep moving forward, that's going to change everything. It truly will."

- from an interview with Larissa FastHorse in **The Interval** by Victoria Myers

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The Thanksgiving Play by Larissa FastHorse

Directed by Bruce DuBose

Cast, in Order of Appearance

Logan Jenny Ledel Garret Storms* **Jaxton** Alicia Kelsev Milbourn* Caden Ben Bryant

The Thanksgiving Play runs approximately 90 minutes

without an intermission

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Cast



Ben Bryant



Jenny Ledel



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Garret Storms*

Director's Notes

If ever there were a quote from the master of satire, Molière, appropriate for our age it is this; "It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do." In his preface to Tartuffe, he affirms the notion of the Roman writer Horace that the function of comedy is "to correct morals with laughter." We may find amid our laughter, the most disturbing of revelations. Whether or not Larissa FastHorse is purposefully following the dictums of Molière and Horace, she has created a way for us to examine the plight of Native Americans through their very absence.

The Wichita, Comanche, Caddo, Wacos, Tonkawas and Cherokee tribes all camped in and passed through the Dallas/Ft. Worth area without making the Blackland Prairie a permanent home. Native Americans of Texas who survived the Texas-Indian Wars and the American-Indian Wars were sent north to inhabit the "Indian Nation" territory of Oklahoma. This left a notable absence of indigenous people here and in most urban centers throughout Texas and beyond which begs the question, where are the native peoples of this land?

In The Thanksgiving Play, FastHorse's characters face the issue of creating a pageant for middle school children that celebrates both Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage. This situation creates a satire rife with comic possibilities. Perhaps the tragic center of this comedy is the empty space that we the audience and the characters ultimately encounter.

Bruce DuBose - Producing Artistic Director/Director



Bruce DuBose is the co-founder and Producing Artistic Director of Undermain Theatre where he has acted, directed, designed and produced for 36 years with his wife and artistic partner Katherine Owens. He has directed Undermain productions such as JOHN by Annie Baker, Eurydice by Sara Ruhl, The Anger in Ernest and Ernestine by Leah Cherniak and Martha Ross, The Castle by Howard Barker and Swedish Tales of Woe by Erik Ehn among others. He has performed in recent Undermain productions such as An

Iliad, Henrik Ibsen's The Lady from the Sea, Len Jenkin's How is it That We Live or Shakey Jake + Alice, Anton Chekhov's Three Sisters, Bertolt Brecht's Galileo, and Harold Pinter's The Birthday Party among many others. Sound Design work includes The Lady from the Sea, so go the ghosts of méxico, part one, Jonah, and The Testament of Mary. Other area stage work includes Antony and Cleopatra at the Shakespeare Festival of Dallas, Arms and the Man at the Dallas Theater Center, and Fool For Love at Stage West. NYC stage appearances include Mud into Gold at HERE, Swedish Tales of Woe and Glamour at the Ohio Theatre, The Inner Circle at the Sande Shurin Theatre and Undermain's tour of Neil Young's Greendale at the ICE Factory Festival. He wrote the Undermain original play Waiting for a Train; The Life and Songs of Jimmie Rodgers and arranged the libretto for the Undermain production of Neil Young's Greendale. Independent films include Spring Eddy, I Become Gilgamesh, Dusk and Late Bloomers. Television includes appearances on *Prison Break*, Walker Texas Ranger, The Deep End, Dangerous Curves, and Friday Night Lights. Animation voice-over characters include Marcus Kincaid in Borderlands, King Neptune in One-Piece on the Funimation network. Thor in the video game series SMITE, and the Boomer in Gears of War. National Documentary voice-over work includes narration for the Emmy-winning PBS documentary series The US/ Mexican War, and PBS documentary The Marines.

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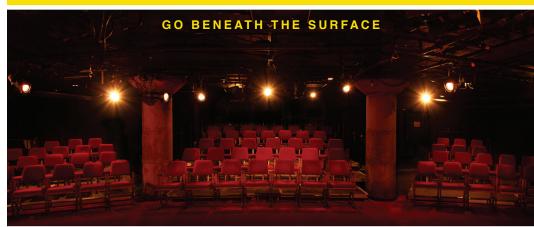
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Biographies

Ben Bryant (Caden) Ben returns to Undermain after appearing in *The Black Monk* and *Waiting for a Train*. Recent local roles include *As You Like It* (Shakespeare Dallas), *Twelfth Night* (Shakespeare in the Bar), and *Remember Rudy* (The Ochre House). Other local companies Ben has worked with include Theatre 3, Bootstraps Comedy Theatre, Wingspan Theatre Company, and Contemporary Theatre of Dallas. This January, he will be appearing in Pegasus Theatre's *The Color of Death*, marking ten years with their "Living Black and White" series. Ben has also appeared in various web videos and Virtual Reality projects, and regularly supplies voices for shows from Funimation Entertainment.

Jenny Ledel (Logan) Jenny is an actor living in Dallas, TX where she is an Artistic Associate at Second Thought Theatre, an Acting Company member at Kitchen Dog Theater, as well as a multiple recipient of the DFW Critics Forum Award for Best Actress for her work in numerous professional theatres in the metroplex. Her previous credits at the Undermain include *Tomorrow Come Today, The Droll*, and *Three Sisters*. Other theatrical credits include Second Thought Theatre, Kitchen Dog Theater, Texas Shakespeare Festival, WaterTower Theatre, Theatre 3, Trinity Shakespeare Festival, Shakespeare Dallas, Circle Theatre, and the Dallas Theater Center. She is also a voiceover artist, theatrical director, and playwright. She gives credit for her artistic inspiration to her family, her fellow artists, and husband Alex Organ. She is represented by The Mary Collins Agency where she works in voiceover, television, film, and commercials. Jenny holds a Bachelor's in Fine Arts from Baylor University. She would like to thank the late great Katherine Owens for her work ethic, art, wisdom, and love.

Kelsey Milbourn (Alicia) Kelsey Milbourn is a KS native and TCU graduate with a BFA in musical theatre and independent study in modern dance. She's adjunct faculty for the BFA theatre program at TCU and is an actor and dance/fight/intimacy choreographer in the DFW area as well as a stilts instructor for Amphibians Tadpoles for 4 years. Some of her recent acting and choreography credits includes projects at WaterTower, Circle Theatre, DTC, Undermain Theatre, Stage West, Amphibian Stage Productions, Danspiek NYC, Cape Fear Regional. She's been artistic associate of the Trinity Shakespeare Festival for a decade and a proud recipient of the Tarrant County Theatre League award.

Garret Storms (Jaxton) Acting credits include productions at Stage West Theatre, WaterTower Theatre, Stages Repertory Theatre, Uptown Players, Trinity Shakespeare Festival, Second Thought Theatre, Theatre 3, Amphibian Stage, Shakespeare Dallas, Kitchen Dog Theater, and RADA among others. He has recently directed *Hir, Like a Billion Likes, The Nether, Deer, Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol, Mr. Burns, a post-electric play, International Falls,* and *Orlando,* all for Stage West, as well as *Bright Half Life* for WaterTower Theatre and *The Moors* for Theatre 3. Garret has a BFA in Musical Theatre from Sam Houston State University.

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With heightened attention to language, Undermain premieres new work and revisits seminal modern work while focusing on artistic refinement and using its unique performance space to create intimate theater experiences. Because of its national reputation for artistic excellence, Undermain is nurturing a pool of some of America's best new and experimental writers. American Theatre Magazine has said, "Undermain seeded the ground for a writer-friendly town." Since its inception. Undermain has produced 35 world premiere productions, contributing to the American theatrical canon and introducing new voices to Dallas audiences. At the heart of Undermain Theatre is its company of artists. Today, the company consists of actors, directors, designers, and producers who are deeply embedded in the Theatre's artistic life, appearing in all Undermain productions and serving on each production's creative team. As Undermain expands its audience, it maintains its pledge to keep the highest production values while guaranteeing access to all. Affordable ticket prices are made possible by Undermain's generous donors whose gifts open the Theatre's doors for a diverse audience to experience language-rich, visionary theater.









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Amanda Capshaw (Costume Designer) Amanda is delighted to return to Undermain for her eighth season after designing *Red Chariot*, so go the ghosts of méxico, parts one, two, and three, The Lady from the Sea, JOHN, Galileo, 10 out of 12, Jonah, The Droll, and The Fairytale Lives of Russian Girls. She earned her BFA in Theatre from Baylor University and completed her MFA in Stage Design at SMU. Recent credits include *Drunk Enough to Say I Love You/Here We Go, Lela & Co, Empathitrax, Martyr* (Second Thought Theatre), and *The Adding Machine: A Musical* (Theatre 3).

Danielle Georgiou (Choreographer) Danielle Georgiou is the Associate Artistic Director of Undermain Theatre, and is a Dallas-based choreographer, performance artist, and director. Since 2011, she has been the Artistic Director of the Danielle Georgiou Dance Group (DGDG), an ensemble-based dance theatre company that produces original dance plays and musicals. DGDG was selected as Best Dance Troupe of 2017 and 2015 by the Dallas Observer and Best Dance Company for 2016 by the Readers of D Magazine. The Show About Men (2015) was named Best New Play or Musical and cited for Outstanding Creative Contribution for Choreography by the Dallas Fort Worth Theater Critics Forum Awards. At Undermain, Danielle has worked on so go the ghosts of méxico parts two and three, How is it That We Live or Shakey Jake + Alice, Three Sisters, and the Whither Goest Thou America? Festival. She has also worked at Theatre 3, Kitchen Dog Theater, Echo Theatre, Dead White Zombies, Stage West, and Circle Theatre. She was the Movement Consultant for the Off-Broadway production of Lonesome Blues, and her choreography and video works have been presented nationally and internationally. She holds a Ph.D. in Humanities-Aesthetic Studies from the University of Texas at Dallas, is a guest teacher in the Division of Theatre at Southern Methodist University, and is the Program Coordinator of Dance at Eastfield College.

Jen Gilson-Gilliam (Properties Designer) Jen has worked for many different theaters over the years, such as Casa Manana, Lyric Stage, Dallas Childrens Theater, Shakespeare FTW, Shakespeare Dallas, Cara Mia Theatre Company, Kitchen Dog Theater, Classical Acting Company, and Contemporary Theatre of Dallas, to name a few. She is very excited to be working at Undermain Theatre, and enjoys finding the perfect prop for the stage.

Rob Menzel (Assistant Stage Manager/Sound Design) Rob is a multi-instrumentalist that has played in bands such as Straightaway, Mildred, Westworld, and Bob Helps Band. He began working with Undermain Theatre during the production of *Greendale* as sound mixer and operator. He continued as sound technician/videographer on Undermain productions of *Eurydice*, *Black Monk*, *Port Twilight*, *The Dog Problem*, and *Profanity*. Rob appeared as Rodney Pinkham Jr. (the quiet drummer) in Undermain's production of Len Jenkin's *Abraham Zobell's Home Movie: Final Reel*. During Undermain's 35th season, Rob operated sound and light boards for *How is it That We Live or Shakey Jake + Alice* and *An Iliad*. Rob also added video projections to his duties for *so go the ghosts of méxico*, *part three* and *Whither Goest Thou America Reading Festival*. Recently, Rob operated sound and lights for this season's *Red Chariot*.

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Seventy Scenes of Halloween by Jeffery M. Jones (Dallas & Canada)

Blood on the Cat's Neck and Bremen Coffee by Rainer Werner Fassbinder

All Night Long by John O'Keefe

Rough For Theatre 1 (Three One-Act Plays) by Samuel Beckett

Traps by Caryl Churchill

Security Anxiety Developed by Undermain Theatre (Dallas Museum of Art)*

Criminal Minds by Robin Swicord

Fen by Caryl Churchill

Other Places: Three One Act Plays by Harold Pinter

Can't Pay, Won't Pay by Dario Fo

Two Plays (Act Without Words & Imagination Dead Imagine) by Samuel Beckett

In Fireworks Lie Secret Codes by John Guare

Excavation: Killer's Head by Sam Shepard

Twirler by Jane Martin

Waking Up by Franca Rame In Fireworks Lie Secret Codes by John Guare

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The Thanksgiving Play by Larissa FastHorse

Red Chariot by Gordon Dahlquist*

so go the ghosts of méxico, part three, a poet sings the daughter songs by Matthew Paul Olmos*

An Iliad by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare

The Lady from the Sea by Henrik Ibsen, in a version by Pam Gems

How is it That We Live or Shakey Jake + Alice by Len Jenkin*

Three Sisters by Anton Chekhov, English Version by Sarah Ruhl

John by Annie Baker

so go the ghosts of méxico, part two by Matthew Paul Olmos*

Really by Jackie Sibblies Drury

Galileo by Bertolt Brecht

10 out of 12 by Anne Washburn

so go the ghosts of méxico, part one: a brave woman in méxico by Matthew Paul Olmos

Jonah by Len Jenkin*

Long Day's Journey Into Night by Eugene O'Neill

The Night Alive by Conor McPherson

The Droll by Meg Miroshnik*

The Testament of Mary by Colm Tóibín

The Flick by Annie Baker

The Fairytale Lives of Russian Girls by Meg Miroshnik

Tomorrow Come Today by Gordon Dahlquist*

We Are Proud to Present a Presentation... by Jackie Sibblies Drury

Abraham Zobell's Home Movie: Final Reel... by Len Jenkin*

Profanity by Sylvan Oswald*

Sacrifice by Rabindrinath Tagore

The Ghost Sonata by August Strindberg

Penelope by Enda Walsh

Burying Our Father: A Biblical Debacle by Fred Curchack

An Iliad by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare

The Birthday Party by Harold Pinter

Time In Kafka by Len Jenkin*

Ages Of The Moon by Sam Shepard

The Shipment written by Young Jean Lee

Easter by August Strindberg translated by Michael Meyer*

The Dog Problem by David Rabe

Endgame by Samuel Beckett

The Be(a)st of Taylor Mac written and performed by Taylor Mac

Port Twilight by Len Jenkin*

The Black Monk by David Rabe

Eurydice by Sarah Ruhl

Monkey: The Quest To The West by Laura Jorgensen and Fred Curchack

Neil Young's Greendale adapted for the stage by Bruce DuBose*

Noh: Angels, Demons & Dreams created & performed by Laura Jorgensen & Fred Curchack

The Snow Queen by Lynn Alvarez*

Shining City by Conor McPherson

The Appeal by Young Jean Lee

Waiting for a Train (expanded) by Bruce DuBose*

Waiting for a Train: The Life and Songs of Jimmy Rodgers by Bruce DuBose*

Margo Veil by Len Jenkin

A Number by Caryl Churchill

A Man's Best Friend by Jeffery M. Jones (Dallas & Ohio Theatre, New York)*

Blasted by Sarah Kane

Two September by Mac Wellman*

The Late Henry Moss by Sam Shepard

Silence by Moira Buffini

Glamour by John O'Keefe (Dallas & Ohio Theatre, New York)

Cats Paw by Mac Wellman

Judges 19: Black Lung Exhaling by Ruth Margaff (Belgrade, Dallas, Austin)*

St. Nicholas by Conor McPherson

Swedish Tales of Woe by Erik Ehn (Dallas & Ohio Theatre, New York)*

Gold Into Mud by Erik Ehn (Dallas & New York)*

Coaticook by Lenora Champagne (ICE Factory Festival, New York & Dallas Video Festival)*

Live Love Acts written and performed by Fred Curchack

Pericles: Prince of Tyre by William Shakespeare Shiner by Erik Ehn and Octavio Solis*

Polaroid Stories by Naomi lizuka

Malla an an Daylor by Naoini iizuka

Wallpaper Psalms by Ruth Margaret

Marlo Mysliwiec (Stage Manager) Since her very first production, Marlo has been honored to work with Undermain Theatre and is thrilled to return as Stage Manager for her first show as a member of Actors' Equity. Most recently she was the Assistant Stage Manager for Red Chariot, Whither Goest Thou America?, so go the ghosts of méxico, part three, An Iliad and The Lady from the Sea. She has a BFA in Dance from Wayne State University and graduated from the Jazz/ Musical Theatre program at Jacob's Pillow under the direction of Chet Walker. Marlo has traveled around the world performing with Carnival Cruise Lines and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines as a dancer before finding her path to stage management. Marlo would like to thank Brad, Cheryl, and most of all Bruce for believing in her and their endless support.

Robert Winn (Scenic Designer) Robert's first design for Undermain was John O'Keefe's All Night Long in 1986. Shortly after, he was invited to be a company member and has been here ever since, designing in some capacity on dozens of productions. His design credits include Vinegar Tom, Ghosts, Mad Forest, Poor Folk's Pleasure, Therese Raquin, The Anger in Ernest and Ernestine, Harm's Way, Disgrace, Love Trouble, Shiner, Goose and Tom Tom, Moira McOc, Red Sheets, We Are Proud to Present a Presentation..., The Flick, The Night Alive, Really, JOHN, The Lady from the Sea, and the Dallas and New York productions of Coaticook, Swedish Tales of Woe, A Man's Best Friend, and Neil Young's Greendale. Robert has also designed for many other theatre companies in town, including Kitchen Dog, Echo, and Shakespeare Dallas. He has worked in the Art Department on many films and television series, including Disney's Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl, Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland, and most recently, Netflix's Mindhunter.

Steve Woods (Lighting Design) Steve is an Undermain Company Member. International work has taken him around the world with stops in Berlin, Moscow, London, Prague, Taipei, Budapest, Amsterdam, Madrid, and beyond. His work has been seen at many of the world's national theaters, the Olympics, and International Festivals including the Festival de L'Imaginaire and the Festival Blues Sur Scene in Paris. New York City credits include work with: Lincoln Center, Juilliard, Theatre for a New Audience (Lucille Lortel Award), Riverside, York Theatre, Ohio Theatre, Guggenheim Museum, Summer Stage, Masters of American Dance, and the Jovce Theatre, Since 1988, he has been a frequent designer for the Jose Limon Dance Company where his work has been seen in the New York, Washington DC, and Los Angeles seasons. His designs include works by Alwin Nikolais, John Cranko, Garth Fagen, Donald McKayle, Martha Graham, and Carlos Orta. Regionally his designs have also been seen at The Shakespeare Theatre (DC), The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Jacob's Pillow, Los Angeles Music Center, American Dance Festival, Dallas Theater Center, Undermain Theatre, Kitchen Dog Theater, Utah Festival Opera, and the Spoleto Festival. His television work includes: broadcasts of Evangeline. Lewis and Clark - Passages, Rigoletto, Heartbeats: The Dances of Donald McKayle, Susannah (conducted by composer Carlisle Floyd), and Lucia de Lammermoor with Roberta Peters (PBS) as well as work with the BBC, ESPN, MTV, VH-1, Showtime, and NBC. He is Professor of Theatre and Head of the Stage Design Program at SMU.

He's Born, He's Borne By David Rabe April 16 - May 2, 2020

The Centerpiece production of Whither Goest Thou America Festival of New American Play Readings

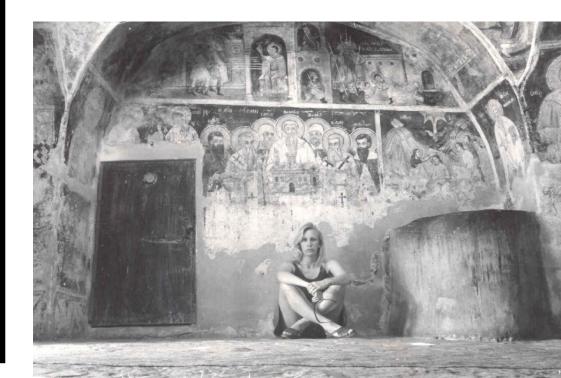
Our workshop, which is being generously supported in part by a grant from TACA's New Works Fund, will be an opportunity to work with David Rabe to develop his new play, He's Born, He's Borne in a workshop environment to be performed for an invited audience free from the pressures of premieres, openings and critical reviews. The play will remain a work in progress with each performance incorporating the changes made along the way by Mr. Rabe working with director and Undermain company member Blake Hackler. This will be an opportunity for audiences to witness the developmental process of a play by a legendary writer of the American Theater. The play will have a full cast and design team to create the medieval world suggested by Mr. Rabe's play. A world of agrarian human tribes as well as angels where death, in human form, roams the earth. There will be discussions with Mr. Rabe, director Blake Hackler and the cast along the way providing audiences with additional points of contact with the artists involved in the production. Through this process we hope to create a transformative pathway for Undermain as a place to workshop new ideas and approaches to the theater outside the demands and pressures of production.

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Katherine Owens: Artist, Painter, Photographer A retrospective collection of her life and legacy

Katherine Owens was a well-respected artist and director to all she collaborated with in the international theatre community. In addition to Katherine's directing career, she was also an avid painter and photographer. Research and observation were embedded into her daily life and her travels throughout the world. Her thoughts and research were kept as journals which became compilations of the volumes of work she created. These facets of Katherine's life will be presented in an exhibition in the Undermain lobby.

This exhibition, curated by renowned painter Mary Vernon, from the Katherine Owens archive which is overseen by Bruce DuBose, will evolve and change throughout the season as new pieces are rotated into the collection. The exhibition will be open for viewing at all Undermain performances beginning September 26th through the end of our season in May 2020.



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Katherine Owens - Founding Artistic Director



Katherine Owens (10/27/1957 - 7/21/2019). Founding Artistic Director of Undermain Theatre and celebrated artist and director, was known for bringing new and visionary theater to Dallas audiences. Starting in 1984, Katherine, with fellow actor Raphael Parry and her future husband, actor Bruce DuBose, created the Undermain Theatre -- a thriving mid-sized professional theater in a basement space beneath Main Street in Deep Ellum. Katherine and Bruce went on to form a company of longtime collaborators consisting of actors, designers, directors and writers. Central to Katherine's work was forging relationships with American playwrights whose experimental new work came to be Undermain's main focus. The company would also present, and become widely recognized for, stagings of classic works by writers they saw as key artistic influencers of Undermain's

experimental tradition. Widely recognized for her impact on the field, Katherine's awards and honors included Texas Woman of Distinction. Fellow of the Sundance Theater Institute, Dallas Institute of Humanities Fellow, D magazine Best of Dallas and the Dallas 40 Influencers, multiple Dallas Theater Critics Forum Awards for directing and ensemble performance, Dallas Observer and Dallas Morning News Best Of lists, the Dallas Historical Society Award for Excellence, the Ken Bryant Vision Award and the McLean-Paris Award for Artists. She was a member of the SDC. Katherine directed well over a hundred productions in her career. Owens said of her approach, "I think there are two traditions in the theater-the hermetic and the heroic." She received multiple awards for her directing of such notable productions as An Iliad, by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare, Sarah Kane's Blasted, Young Jean Lee's The Appeal, David Rabe's Goose and Tom Tom and The Black Monk, classics such as Macbeth, Three Sisters and Galileo and world premieres like Gordon Dahlquist's Tomorrow Come Today, Len Jenkin's How is it that we Live, or Shakey Jake + Alice, Matthew Paul Olmos's Trilogy so go the ghosts of méxico, and Lynn Alvarez's The Snow Queen, among many others. Katherine's work was not exclusive to the Undermain basement. She directed in venues as far flung as Macedonia during the siege of Sarajevo, the Belgrade international theatre festival in Serbia, and in New York. Undermain's Off-Off Broadway productions culminated in a premiere of Bruce's rock opera adaptation of Neil Young's Greendale directed by Katherine during a sold-out run at the The Ice Factory Festival. More recently in 2018 she directed the world premiere of Lonesome Blues, a play about legendary blues singer Blind Lemon Jefferson Off Broadway at the York Theatre, a play created by Alan Govenar with Akin Babatundé. Katherine served as a juror for the Asian Film Festival of Dallas, had been a panelist for the Alpert Awards and Texas Commission on the Arts, and was a member of the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts Artistic Council. Her familiar voice could be heard narrating a number of programs for PBS and KERA 90.1 as well as several documentaries including Mark Birnbaum's Las Mujeres de Valle and Judy Kelly's Frozen Music, which won an Emmy and a Matrix Award. Undermain Theatre was Katherine's life work and legacy. As Producing Artistic Director Bruce continues their work to lead the Undermain in accordance with her artistic vision.

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Undermain Theatre was Katherine's passion and life's work. To establish her legacy, her husband, Producing Artistic Director Bruce DuBose, joined by Undermain's Board of Trustees, has established a fund that will support the continuation of the work Katherine fostered here in North Texas during her incredible 36 year career at Undermain.

The Katherine Owens - Undermain Fund for New Work, managed by Undermain Theatre, seeks to provide additional support to increase Undermain's ongoing commitment to new work, our commitment for 36 years. To make a gift to the Katherine Owens - Undermain Fund for New Work in memory of Katherine, please go to undermain.org or call 214-747-1424.