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JUDY GOLD

YES, I CAN SAY THAT!

WRITTEN BY JUDY GOLD AND EDDIE SARFATY
DIRECTED BY BD WONG



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Welcome to YES, I CAN SAY THAT!

Wer're so excited you're joining us for this new Primary Stages production by Judy Gold and Eddie Sarfaty, directed by BD Wong, and of course, starring the icon herself... Judy Gold.

We're incredibly lucky to count Judy Gold as a long-time member of our Primary Stages family. Over the past 11 years, Judy has taught for our Einhorn School of Performing Arts (ESPA), auctioneered and hosted our annual Galas, received the Primary Stages Einhorn Mentorship Award for her extraordinary leadership in the theater community, and presented a limited run of her hit show 25 Questions for a Jewish Mother in December 2019. When we heard that Judy was working on a new book about the pressure comedians face in our modern world, we knew right away that we wanted in. Judy has always been able to tackle difficult subjects while making us laugh, and we knew her passion for comedy, coupled with her unwavering belief in the importance of free speech, would create a play not to be missed. Joined by comedian Eddie Sarfaty as co-writer and director BD Wong (not to mention another long-time friend and supporter Jamie deRoy as Associate Producer), they've crafted a show that makes us think just as much as it makes us laugh.

Since we began working on the show in 2019, Judy's message has only gotten more urgent, as has our need for a good laugh.

It is a gift to be able to join with each other and laugh, discuss, and see the world in a new light, and we're so grateful we get to do that all with you. Thank you for joining us for this production of Yes, I Can Say That! We're happy to be your Off Broadway home.



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Judy Gold

(Playwright/Performer)



Judy Gold has had stand-up specials on HBO, Comedy Central, and LOGO. She was a part of Netflix's Stand Out: An LGBTQ+ Celebration. She is the author of "Yes I Can Say That: When They Come For The Comedians, We Are All In Trouble", a critically acclaimed book about free speech and cancel culture which debuted as the number one comedy release on Amazon and was featured in the New York Times Book Review. Judy is also host of the hit podcast, "Kill Me Now with Judy Gold."

Judy's TV acting credits include City On A Hill (Cassandra Kassell), FX's Better Things (Chaya), and Showtime's The First Lady (Elizabeth Read). Judy also guest stars as Sophie in the much-anticipated Apple TV+ drama series Extrapolations. Other guest stars include Hulu's Life and Beth and season 2 of Peacock's Girls 5 Eva. She has had recurring roles on Comedy Central's Awkwafina, Netflix's Friends from College, and TBS' Search Party. Her recent film credits include Love Reconsidered and the upcoming She Came To Me and Eternal Buzz.

Judy is one of the main subjects in the Hulu documentary Hysterical. She has appeared on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert and The Tonight Show. From 1999-2010, Judy was the host of HBO's At the Multiplex with Judy Gold. Judy also won two Emmy awards for writing and producing The Rosie O'Donnell Show. She was also a writer on the final season of Better Things.

Judy has written and starred in two critically acclaimed, Off Broadway hit shows: The Judy Show – My Life as a Sitcom (Outer Critics Circle Nomination) and 25 Questions for a Jewish Mother (GLAAD Media Award – Outstanding NY Theater, Drama Desk Nomination - Actor). Judy received rave reviews as Gremio in The Public Theater's Shakespeare in the Park all-female production of The Taming of The Shrew. She also costarred in Off Broadway's Clinton! The Musical and Disaster! The Musical.

Judy has made numerous appearances on The View, The Today Show, The Drew Barrymore Show, and on MSNBC, CNN, and NewsNation as a free-speech advocate. She often pops up on The Food Network, but please do not mention Chopped All Stars or Rachel vs. Guy to her.

Judy's three albums, "Conduct Unbecoming," "Kill Me Now," and "Judith's Roommate Had a Baby," are available wherever you get your music.

www.JudyGold.com







BD Wong

(Director)



BD Wong most recently directed the world premiere of Mr. Holland's Opus, the new musical, at Ogunquit Playhouse, for which he wrote the book and lyrics (composer, Wayne Barker). He directed Lauren Yee's The Great Leap at the Pasadena Playhouse, co-produced by EastWest Players, and (with Robert Lee) co authored the 2016 La Jolla Playhouse Pop Tour production of Alice Chan, which he also directed. He directed Speak Up Connie (All For One Festival) and The Yellow Wood (NYMF), directed on

the Comedy Central series Awkwafina is Nora from Queens (on which he also acts as Nora's dad, Wally), and authored the critically acclaimed memoir "Following Foo..." (Harper). He has performed in four Broadway shows and received a Tony Award for his performance in M. Butterfly, as well as Emmy and Critic's Choice nominations for his work in Mr. Robot. His most recent film is Netflix' Heart of Stone. He sits on the board of trustees for the Entertainment Community Fund (formerly The Actors Fund), Rosie's Theater Kids, and American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.

Eddie Sarfaty

(Playwright)



Comedian and writer Eddie Sarfaty has appeared on The Today Show, Comedy Central's Premium Blend, Logo's Wisecrack, and is one of the subjects of the documentaries Laughing Matters and Heartfelt. He's been featured at the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal, and is the author of a collection of humorous autobiographical essays entitled "Mental: Funny in the Head". Additional essays of Eddie's have been published in the anthologies "When I Knew," "I'm Not the Biggest Bitch in This Relationship," and

"Love, Christopher Street." His writing has also appeared in The Huffington Post, Out, Advocate, Metrosource, The Gay & Lesbian Review Worldwide, and LA Confidential magazines.

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Lex Liang

(Scenic Designer, Stylist)

NYC/Off Broadway: 50+ productions, most recently *Penelope, or How the Odyssey Was Really Written* and The Acting Company's *Romeo & Juliet*. Regional: Alliance, Asolo, Cleveland Playhouse, Cincinnati Playhouse, Dallas Theatre Center, Denver Center, Geva, Goodspeed, Guthrie, La Jolla, Playmaker's, Portland Center Stage, St. Louis Rep, Syracuse Stage. Lex is the founder of LDC Design Associates, the experiential event design and production company in NYC. Recent clients: Ubuntu Pathways, Operation Smile, Johnson & Johnson, The Tony Awards Gala, BCBG, NYFW. Member, USA-829.

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Anshuman Bhatia

(Lighting Designer)

Anshuman Bhatia's designs for opera, theater, and dance have been seen at Santa Fe Opera, Beijing's NCPA, Dublin's Civic Theater, The McKittrick Hotel, The Public, The Atlantic, Arena Stage, The Park Avenue Armory, The Juilliard School, Kentucky Opera, Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Opera Omaha. MFA: NYU.

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Kevin Heard

(Sound Designer)

Recently Off Broadway: ¡Americano!, In & Of Itself, The Hello Girls, Midnight at The Never Get, Neal Brennan's Unacceptable, Einstein's Dreams, safeword., #DateMe. International premieres: Fun Home, Kinky Boots, and Matilda in Manila, Philippines. Dozens of regional sound designs. Producer: The Jinkx & DeLa Holiday Show. Proud member of United Scenic Artists.

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Shawn Duan

(Projection Designer)

NYC-based projections/media designer. Recently in NYC: Letters of Suresh (2nd Stage; Lortel Award, OCC nom), The Chinese Lady (Ma-Yi/The Public; Lortel nom, Drama Desk nom). Broadway: David Henry Hwang's Chinglish. NYC: MET Museum, NYC Opera, The Public. Regional: Arena Stage, the Alliance, Berkeley Rep, Goodspeed, The Guthrie, McCarter, the MUNY, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Seattle Rep, South Coast Rep, and Yale Rep. Commercial work includes Las Vegas, US/International tours, and corporate events.

Nikki Lint

(Production Stage Manager)

Nikki Lint is grateful to be working with Primary Stages. Broadway: School of Rock (SM Sub), King Kong (SM Sub). Tour: Cabaret (ASM), The Band's Visit (SM). PSM: Red Bull Theatre, Gateway Playhouse, Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Second City, American Girl Theatre, and Ogunquit Playhouse (including the world premiere of Mr. Holland's Opus, co-written & directed by BD Wong).

Jamie deRoy

(Co-Producer

Jamie deRoy started producing theater by accident...which has led to 10 Tony Awards and credits on 150+ Broadway and Off Broadway shows, including: Leopoldstadt, The Piano Lesson, Death of a Salesman, Ohio State Murders, The Lehman Trilogy, Hangmen, TINA, Ain't Too Proud, Company, The Inheritance, Beetlejuice, To Kill a Mockingbird, and The Play That Goes Wrong, among others. For Primary Stages, Jamie has co-produced 25 shows, including Downstairs, Dividing The Estate, Feeding the Dragon, and Exit Strategy (Off-Broadway Alliance Award, Best Play), among others. Additional awards include nine MAC Awards, nine Drama Desk awards, two Audience Choice Awards, 10 Drama League Awards, three GLAAD Awards, four Back Stage Bistro Awards, numerous Telly Awards and CaB Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award. She has been honored by Theatre Works/USA, Albert Einstein Spirit of Achievement, The Ruth Kurtzman Benefit Award, and Primary Stages – twice! A frequent presence on the New York night scene, Jamie has produced nine CDs for the "Jamie deRoy & friends" series on Harbinger and PS Classics. Her long-running variety shows have benefitted The Entertainment Community Fund (formerly The Actors Fund) and she also hosts a TV variety show which has been on the air for over 30 years. Onstage, she appeared with René Auberjonois in The Threepenny Opera and The Drunkard with musical direction by Barry Manilow. Other producing credits include Jamie deRoy & friends, CityArts including the Emmy nominated The Biggest Little Operas in Town, and the documentaries Broadway: The Golden Age and Broadway: Beyond the Golden Age. Jamie has also produced two short films: Wish on the Moon (16 Film Festivals) and

Daddy's Girl (15 Film Festivals and winner of 4 awards), just released.

Primary Stages

Primary Stages is an Off-Broadway not-for-profit theater company dedicated to inspiring, supporting, producing, and sharing the art of playwriting. We operate on the strongly held belief that the future of American theater relies on nurturing playwrights and giving them the artistic support needed to create new work. Since our founding in 1984, we have produced more than 135 new plays. Our productions and artists have received critical acclaim, including numerous Tony, Obie, Lortel, Off-Broadway Alliance, AUDELCO, Outer Critics' Circle, Drama League, and Drama Desk awards and nominations. Primary Stages supports playwrights and develops new works through commissions, workshops, readings, and our education and engagement programs: the Dorothy Strelsin New American Writers Group, Marvin and Anne Einhorn School of Performing Arts (ESPA), Creative Access Grants, the Echoes Writers Group, our Free Student Matinee Program, and the Primary Stages Off-Broadway Oral History Project. Through these programs, Primary Stages advocates for our artists, helping them make important—and often transformative—connections within the theater community.

For more information on Primary Stages and our various programs, please visit us at www.primarystages.org.

Shane D. Hudson

(Executive Director)

Shane D. Hudson is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama and Emerson College. Shane has served as Director of Development at Elevator Repair Service, Managing Director of the Yale Cabaret, Associate Director of Development at PlayMakers Repertory Company, General Manager/Marketing Director for Blue Man Group, Theater Manager of the Charles Playhouse, and Executive Director of StageSource. He is an adjunct professor at Marymount Manhattan College.

Erin Dalev

(Associate Artistic Director)

Erin Daley joined Primary Stages in 2016 after working as Company Manager at The Flea and producing the Eugene O'Neill Festival at Arena Stage in Washington DC. In addition to her work selecting and producing the Primary Stages season, she manages all artistic development activities, including the Dorothy Strelsin New American Writers Group, The Echoes Writers Group, new play commissions, and playwright residencies. She is a proud graduate of Skidmore College and a Massachusetts native.

Casey Childs

(Founder)

Casey Childs founded Primary Stages in 1984 and has directed many productions for the company. He served as the Artistic Program Director for the New Dramatists from 1981-1985 and was the recipient of the Carnegie Mellon Commitment to New Playwrights Award, as well as two Emmy Awards and many nominations for his extensive work in television. He is a past vice president of the Directors' Guild of America and a past trustee of The National Association of Television Arts and Sciences. Casey has a BFA in acting and an MFA in directing from Carnegie Mellon University.

In Loving Memory of Artistic Director Andrew Leynse



It is with endless sadness that Primary Stages shares the passing of our beloved Artistic Director, Andrew Leynse. Andrew passed away suddenly in January of this year, and in a moment we lost one of the dearest, kindest, most devoted people we have ever known. Andrew was our light and our heart, and his passing diminishes us all. We are grateful for every day we had with him, and know he touched so many of you, our audience and community, both personally and artistically. Please hold his incredible family, especially his wife Mary Bacon, son Abadi, brother James Leynse, and sister Anne Bullock, in your hearts – we know this is the first thing he would have asked of all of us.



Andrew Leynse was the Artistic Director of Primary Stages for 21 seasons. He produced, managed, and directed in the New York Theater community for more than thirty years.

Andrew began his career at Primary Stages in a variety of different roles, including Production Manager and Literary Manager, after graduating from Carnegie Mellon University's directing program. In 1999, he left Primary to work as an Associate Producer to Julian Schlossberg at Castle Hill Productions, where he developed over twenty productions on and off-Broadway. Upon returning to Primary Stages in 2001 as Artistic Director, he oversaw their move to 59E59 Theaters, to The Duke on 42nd Street, to the Cherry Lane Theatre, and most recently to their return to 59E59 Theaters.



During his tenure at Primary Stages, he fostered a home for playwrights, producing new works including Charles Busch's The Tribute Artist and The Confession of Lily Dare; Theresa Rebeck's Downstairs and Poor Behavior; Terrance McNally's The Stendhal Syndrome and Dedication or The Stuff of Dreams; David Ives' All In The Timing and Lives of the Saints; Donald Margulies' The Model Apartment; multiple works by Horton Foote, including Dividing the Estate (two Tony nominations);

A.R. Gurney's The Fourth Wall and Black Tie; Michael McKeever's Daniel's Husband; Willy Holtzman's Sabina; Danai Gurira and Nikkole Salter's In the Continuum; In Transit by Kristen Anderson-Lopez, James-Allen Ford, Russ Kaplan, and Sara Wordsworth; Billy Porter's While I Yet Live; Sharon Washington's Feeding the Dragon; and Kate Hamill's Pride and Prejudice and Little Women.

Andrew was also a director and founding member of the Primary Stages Dorothy
Strelsin New American Writers Group, and helped launch the Primary Stages/Fordham
MFA in Playwriting and the Primary Stages Einhorn School of Performing Arts (ESPA).
He was the Artistic Director of the Colorado New Play Festival, and a board member
of Colorado New Play Festival and A.R.T./New York. Andrew taught for Carnegie
Mellon University, The Tepper Semester at Syracuse University, and Primary Stages ESPA.



Andrew's dedication to playwrights and the theater launched dozens of careers and brought hundreds of new plays to life. His work had an incredible and indelible contribution to the American theater, and his vision and generosity will never be forgotten.

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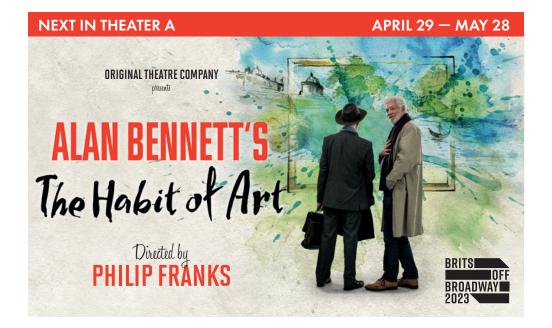
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