

Stage It Festival

MAY 21 - 24

MOTEL THEATRE & CENTRE COURT,
WERKLUND CENTRE

Produced by Downstage

featuring fresh local talent!

House Program

TICKETED PERFORMANCES

Four Strong Seasons

created by The Memorias Collective

Hunt / Peck

created by Donna-Michelle St. Bernard

with choreography by Denise Clarke & Jared Tobias Herring

Squeaky

by Tara Beagan

Untitled: The Pippa Bacca Parable

conceived by Marina Buston & Hannah Meyers

Womanifesto

created and performed by Bitch Sassidy & Karla Marx

HUNT / PECK

A Downstage & New Harlem Productions Collaboration

Created by Donna-Michelle St. Bernard

Film Direction by Clare Preuss

Live Performance Choreography by Denise Clarke & Jared Tobias Herring

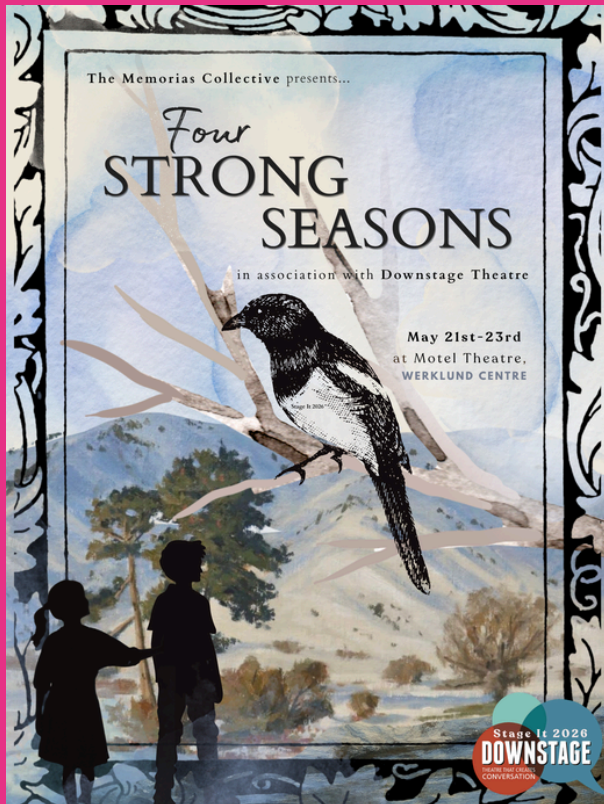
Film & Live Performances by Denise Clarke, Jared Tobias Herring, Linnea Swan, Omatta Udolor



FOUR STRONG SEASONS

Created by The Memorias Collective

Performed & Devised by Arash Minhas, Vicky Pablo, Orion Barrera, Kat Arifin, Kam J Chuku, Anastassiia Alexander, Izzy Laesecke, Evelina Groll, Andres Cortes, Jason Santos-Ticas, Cedar Konelsky, Anne-Marie Hivert & Natalia Cortes



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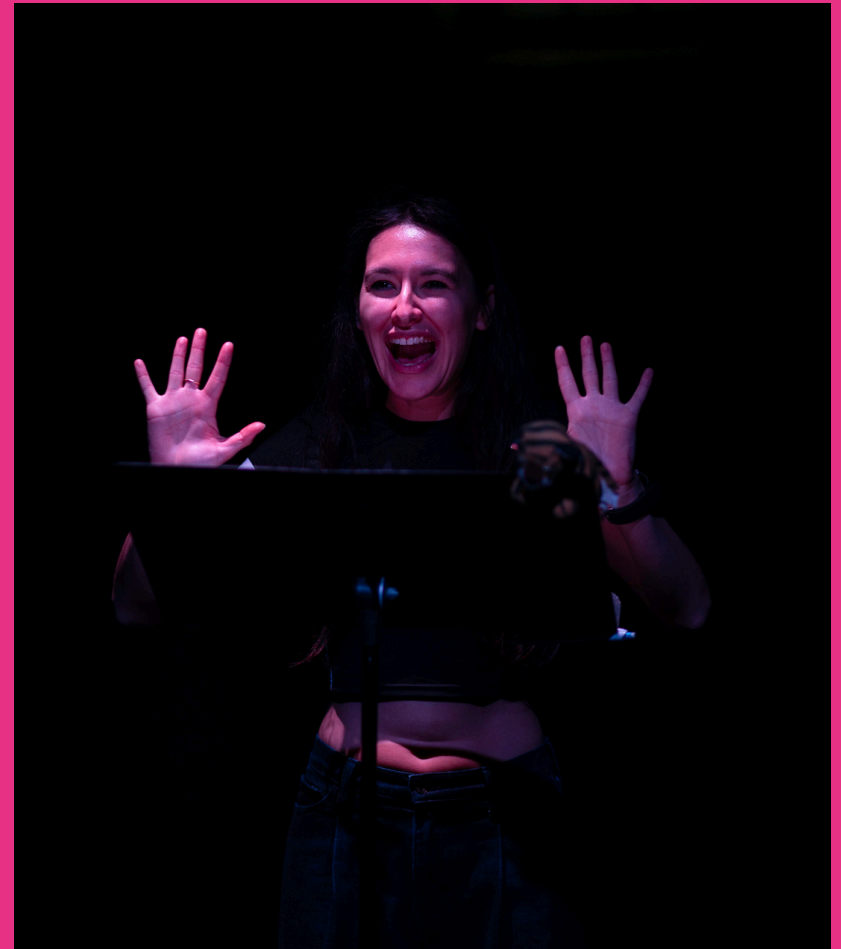
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Squeaky

Written by Tara Beagan

Play reading featuring Tara Sky

With stage management by Claire Boulton



SQUEAKY photos of Tara Sky by Kate Dalton at a Native Earth Performing Arts reading

Untitled: The Pippa Bacca Parable

Directed and Co-Created by Hannah Meyers

Associate Directed and Co-Created by Marina Buston

Performer and Collaborator - Angelina Berlinic

Performer and Collaborator - Jocelyn Mah



WOMANIFESTO

Created and Performed by Bitch Sassidy & Karla Marx



DROP-IN EVENT ARTISTS

FRIDAY

DJ KaamilK.

Breakthrough (short film) by Mide Kadiri

Belladonna the Blest

Harvey Nichol

with market vendors

Sewgay & Cytostiich

SATURDAY

SallieMae

ZENON

Mac Zine & Divina Diefor

DJ Goodword

with market vendors

Sewgay & Cytostiich

SUNDAY

Creative Stretch with Linda Kee

STAGE IT TEAM

Dylan Bauer

Downstage Production Manager & Technical Director

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Stage It Associate Producer

Bianca Miranda

Downstage Producer

Em Pfeiffer

Festival Technician

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Call for Playwrights

Dreaming Climate Consciousness

We invite playwrights interested in speculative storytelling, climate futures, dynamic collaboration, and new modes of collective creation to apply for this paid opportunity!

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN
Applications Close June 26, 2026

PART OF OUR 2026-27 SEASON



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