HERE Presents

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Music and Sound by Christina Campanella
Text by Stephanie Fleischmann

Voices, in order of appearance
Christina Campanella — the guide
Jude Shimer — the deer
Black-Eyed Susan — the deer translator
Callie Katrice Holley — Destiny, a teenager
Carl Hancock Rux — the park gardener
Mia Pixley — the artist
John-Andrew Morrison — the weeping pharmacist
Abraham Gomez-Delgado — the old man

Instrumentalists
Mark Spencer — all guitars, electric bass, pedal steel, lap steel, keyboards, percussion, synth
Christina Campanella — wurlitzer, combo organ, moog
Sam Baker — drums, upright bass
Ryan Packard — drums, percussion
Mia Pixley — cello

Recorded, Mixed and Produced by Christina Campanella
Additional Music by Mark Spencer
Piano Improvisation by Lisa Ullen

Lenape Historical Consultant Oleana Whispering Dove
Outreach Producer Maya Davis
Sound Programmer Ryan Gamblin
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Graphic Design by still-room

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Seth Gottfried, Ryan Packard, Drew Gardner, John James Audubon

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HERE pays respect to the Munsee Lenape ancestors past, present, and future. We acknowledge that *The Visitation* is situated on the Lenape island of Manhattan (Mannahatta) and more broadly in Lenapehoking, the Lenape homeland.

Inspired by the words of Adrienne Wong: HERE acknowledges the legacy of colonization embedded within the technology, structures, and ways of thinking we use every day. This production is using equipment and high-speed internet, not available in many Indigenous communities. Even the technologies that are central to much of the art we make leave significant carbon footprints, contributing to changing climates that disproportionately affect Indigenous people worldwide. We invite you to join us in acknowledging all this, as well as our shared responsibility to make good of this time and for each of us to consider our roles in reconciliation, decolonization, and ally-ship.
CREATORS

CHRISTINA CAMPANELLA (Co-creator / Music & Sound) is a composer, vocalist, and sound artist who works across disciplines. Her pieces for theater, film, installation, and fixed media blend songwriting and music composition with sound design. She has received 3 NYSCA Commissions in Film, Media and New Technologies. All Things From Zero (concert-installation), commissioned by The Great Learning Orchestra, Swedish Cultural Council (Royal Academy of Fine Art, Stockholm); Find Me (12:1 sound installation), HERE; No Wake (live cine-concert), Fylkingen (Stockholm); Lighthouse 40°N, 73°W (headphone installation), NY Electronic Art Festival, Harvestworks; Parts Are Extra (experimental cinema, filmmaker Peter Norrman), HERE, Fylkingen; Breathe (sound installation, sculptor Arthur Ganson), Museum at MIT (Cambridge); The Secret Lives of Coats (music-theater, writer Stephanie Fleischmann), Red Eye (Minneapolis); Red Fly/Blue Bottle (music-theater, Catlett & Fleischmann), HERE, EMPAC (Troy), Noorderzon (Groningen), EXIT Festival (Paris). Campanella has been a vocalist/performer in works by Richard Foreman and others, and frequently performs the operas of composer/visual artist Joe Diebes. christinacampanella.com

MALLORY CATLETT (Co-creator) is an Obie award winning creator/director of performance across disciplines from opera to installation art. In New York her work has premiered and performed at 3LD, HERE, Ontological-Hysteric, PS122, Abrons, Chocolate Factory, EMPAC; featured at COIL, PROTOTYPE and BAM’s Next Wave. Her work has toured internationally to Canada, France, UK, Ireland and Australia. She is a recipient of a 2016 Creative Capital Grant and a 2015 Foundation for the Contemporary Arts Grants to Artists Award. She is the founder of Restless Productions NYC, an Associate Artist at CultureHub, a member of the Collapsable Hole, an artist-run development and performance venue, and the newly appointed Co-Artistic Director of Mabou Mines. restlessproductionsnyc.org / mallorycatlett.net

STEPHANIE FLEISCHMANN (Co-creator / Text) is a playwright and librettist whose texts serve as blueprints for intricate three-dimensional sonic and visual worlds. Her “lyrical monologues” (The New York Times), “smart” opera libretti (Opera News), plays, and music-theater works have been performed internationally and across the United States. Selected plays/music-theater: Sound House (New Georges/the Flea); Niagara (Daniel Fish, Hudson Hall); Red Fly/Blue Bottle (Christina Campanella, Mallory Catlett; HERE; EMPAC; Noorderzon Festival, NL; Exit Festival, Paris); The Secret Lives of Coats (Campanella, RedEye); Tally Ho (Round House, London); Eloise & Ray (New Georges). Developed c/o Mass MoCA, New Victory, Vineyard, Soho Rep, Synchronicity, Birmingham
Rep (UK), among others. Opera libretti commissioned by: Wien Modern, LA Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Chicago Lyric, Dawn Upshaw/Brentano Quartet, among others. Recipient: Venturous Theater Fund; Howard Foundation, Tennessee Williams and 3 NYFA Fellowships, 3 NYSCA Individual Artist Commissions; NEA Opera/Music-Theater; Frederick Loewe Award; MAPFund, Greenwall Foundation. Residencies: New Dramatists, HARP, American Lyric Theater, Macdowell. stephaniefleischmann.com

PERFORMERS

SAMMY BAKER (Drums, Upright bass) is a multi-instrumentalist from Murfreesboro, TN. He has played music professionally since the age of 10 in venues ranging from the dingiest little dive bars to Royal Albert Hall and beyond. Sammy performed in Red Fly/Blue Bottle (Campanella, Fleischmann, Catlett and Peter Norrman) at HERE, EMPAC and Noorderzon (Netherlands). He counts the music he has performed with Christina Campanella and Latitude 14 to be amongst the work of which he is most proud. He is humbled and honored to be a part of this newest project.

BLACK-EYED SUSAN (Deer Translator) was a founding member of Charles Ludlam’s Ridiculous Theatrical Company, appearing in Eunuchs of the Forbidden City, Camille, Hot Ice, Stage Blood, Caprice, Utopia Incorporated, The Enchanted Pig, Reverse Psychology, Love’s Tangled Web, Exquisite Torture, Galas, The Artificial Jungle, and Medea (playing both the nurse and the title role). She has also collaborated with Jim Neu, Mabou Mines, Ethyl Eichelberger, Sheila Callaghan, and John Jesurun with appearances in Liz One, and Stopped Bridge of Dreams. From 2006 to 2009, she collaborated with Mallory Catlett, Christina Campanella and Stephanie Fleischmann on Red Fly/Blue Bottle, and more recently, with Catlett on This is The End (2014). She appeared in Fleischmann’s Eloise & Ray. Films include: Ironweed, Black Maria, and Stuart Sherman’s A Portrait of an Actress. She has received a Foundation for Contemporary Arts Grants to Artists award, a Villager Awards for Outstanding Performance, and an Obie Award for Sustained Excellence of Performance.

ABRAHAM GOMEZ-DELGADO (the Old Man) Born in Puerto Rico to a Native-American, Peruvian father and a Puerto Rican mother, Abraham Gomez-Delgado relocated to the U.S. as a child. He leads the experimental LatinX jazz music group Zemog el Gallo Bueno. He has also co-led the avant-latin jazz big band Positive Catastrophe with cornetist Taylor Ho Bynum, and is creating a performance-art solo project, Eje.
He dances and plays in the movement/sound collective Masters of Ceremony with Melanie Maar, Rachel Bernson, and Taylor Ho Bynum. Gomez-Delgado is also a vocalist, guitarist, percussionist, and composer, and has performed and recorded with the late composer/saxophonist Fred Ho’s Green Monster Big Band. He was the recipient of the New Jazz Works grant from Chamber Music America and a grant from the Doris Duke Foundation, and has been awarded a Meet the Composer MetLife Grant, a USArtists International Award, and a National Endowment for the Arts grant.

CARL HANCOCK RUX (the Park Gardener) is a poet, playwright, novelist, essayist, actor, director, singer/songwriter. He is the author of several books including the Village Voice Literary Prize-winning Pagan Operetta, the novel, Asphalt, and the Obie Award-winning play, Talk. Rux is also a singer/songwriter with four CDs, as well as a frequent collaborator in the fields of dance, theater, film, and contemporary art. Notable collaborators include Nona Hendryx, Toshi Reagon, Bill T. Jones, Ronald K. Brown, Nick Cave, Anne Bogart, Robert Wilson, Kenny Leon, Ruben Santiago-Hudson, Jonathan Demme, Stanley Nelson Jr., Carrie Mae Weems, and Glenn Ligon. Honors include: Doris Duke Award for New Works, New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) Prize, Bessie Award, Alpert Award in the Arts, Global Change Maker award from wemakechange.org. Rux’s archives are housed at the Billy Rose Theater Division of the New York Public Library Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, and the Film and Video/Theater and Dance Library at CalArts. Mr. Rux is a co-Artistic Director of Mabou Mines. carlhancockrux.com

CALLIE HOLLEY (Destiny) is a junior musical-theater and producing student at New York University. As a singer, actress, writer, and producer, Callie seeks to create and be a part of work that illuminates truth and inspires communal connection. Her favorite previous credits include Encantamiento: Music of Daniel Catán (Young Antonieta), Sonnets and Soul (Diana), Ain’t Misbehavin’ (Nell), Hair (Dionne), and Measure for Measure (Lucio). Callie can also be seen in the recently premiered Netflix film Giving Voice. She would like to express gratitude to the creative team for the opportunity to tell such a beautiful, powerful story; her wonderful voice coach, John Carden, for his unwavering support and inspiration; and her mother for absolutely everything.

MIA PIXLEY, Ph.D. (the Artist), is a psychologist and an artist who uses her cello, voice, and music performance to study aspects of self, other, and the natural world. Mia’s music plays with the beauty hiding in the depths of sorrow, pain, and loss, and its potential to move us closer to our humanity and each other. Mia has recorded cello on GRAMMY-
award-winning albums (Fantastic Negrito, Please Don’t Be Dead). And tours annually on the Windham Hill Winter Solstice Tour, spearheaded by multi-instrumentalist/composer Barbara Higbie. Mia performed in the off-Broadway musical, Futurity (Lucille Lortel Award) and will soon release her first full-length album, Margaret in the Wild, a project inviting all of us to move toward nature—within and without. This July, she will begin an artist’s residency with Lucid Art Foundation. Professional studies diploma in cello performance, San Francisco Conservatory of Music; PhD, CUNY Graduate Center. drpixley.com

JOHN-ANDREW MORRISON (the Weeping Pharmacist) is an award-winning actor living and working in New York City. He was a member of the world-premiere cast of the Pulitzer-prize-winning musical A Strange Loop at Playwrights Horizons in a co-production with Page 73. His performance landed him a Lucille Lortel Award, and he was honored along with the cast and entire creative team with a Special Citation OBIE Award. He was in the Off-Broadway premiere of Blues for an Alabama Sky produced by KEEN Company, for which he received an Outer Critics Circle Award. His regional credits include work at Hartford Stage, Baltimore Center Stage, and La Jolla Playhouse. He is the host of a weekly online show called 5 Questions with James and JAM along with his fellow A Strange Loop castmate, James Jackson, Jr. He holds an MFA in Acting from UCSD and hails from Kingston, Jamaica. @jandymorri 5qjandj.com

RYAN PACKARD (percussion) is a percussionist, composer and sound artist currently based in Stockholm, SE and Chicago, IL. Recent projects and collaborations explore the sonification of lived experiences through their accompanying objects and interpersonal relationships. A curiosity towards listening environments, physical space, and psychoacoustics drive the work as it seeks to promote a heightened state of consciousness even in the most understated spaces and moments. He is a member of the new music ensemble Fonema Consort; a founding member of Architek Percussion; and performs with ZRL, John McCowen, Dave Rempis, Nelly Agassi, V.V. Lightbody, Skeleton$ and many other lovely people. ryanpackardsounds.org

JUDE SHIMER (the Deer) is a Brooklyn artist and musician who makes silly and sad tunes, drawings, videos, and performances about how intense everything feels all the time. They recently wrote and illustrated a zine called The Guide to Getting Dumped and Rejected and would be happy to give you a free copy. Jude is largely a recluse who performs solo under the name Sneaky Mister only when someone pulls their arm, but in January 2021 they completed a residency with Tiny Trip performance company at the Center at West Park. They’re also a
member of Kitty Brazelton’s Essential Prayers vocal ensemble, and those projects get them out of the house. Sometimes Jude runs around with a trash can over their head, and in summer you may catch them playing cello with friends in Prospect Park. They hold an MFA in New Forms from Pratt Institute.

MARK SPENCER (Multi-instrumentalist) is a multi-instrumentalist, engineer, studio owner, and composer based in Brooklyn, NY. He has performed and recorded a wide range of music in multiple genres with both high-profile and independent artists, and has appeared on television, in major concert halls, small clubs, and festivals across the U.S. and internationally. Primarily known as an electric guitarist, Spencer is adept with acoustic, slide, lap, and pedal steel, as well as on piano, organ and synth, bass, drums, and percussion. A short list of artists he has recorded or performed with includes: Son Volt/Jay Farrar, Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories, The Pretenders, Aimee Mann, Laura Cantrell, Blood Oranges, Wanda Jackson, Kelly Willis, and numerous others. Although often linked to the Americana movement, Spencer’s wide-ranging abilities have been put to broad use as a session player, arranger, and producer/engineer, including original soundtrack and advertising sound work created in his studio, Tape Kitchen.

PRODUCTION TEAM

MAYA DAVIS (Outreach Producer) is a Black biracial NYC-based director and producer originally from the DC area. She is focused on creating works that are inclusive and accessible, with a specific interest in community-engaged theater. She has directed, assisted, and produced in NYC at institutions including National Black Theater, The Public Theater, The Flea, The Tank, The Drawing Center, and Fordham University, and regionally at Williamstown Theatre Festival and The Big Sky Theatre Company. Maya is the Artistic Associate of Two Headed Rep, a NYC company that produces new plays in repertory with the classic plays that inspire them. She is currently the interim Associate Producer at The TEAM and a Community Engagement Artist with Williamstown Theater Festival. Playwrights Horizons ’18-’19 Directing Fellow. Alumna of Fordham University.

RYAN GAMBLIN (sound programmer) is a sound designer, composer, arts technologist, and theater maker based in Brooklyn, NY, having recently moved from Portland, Oregon. They are thrilled to be working with Latitude 14 and HERE for the first time. Recent credits include sound design and composition on You are Here: Conversations from Portland and #ENOUGH: Plays to End Gun Violence (Thrd Rail Repertory Theatre,
Portland, OR); direction, sound design, and composition for The Last to Go (Reprise), a devised song cycle that served as the capstone project of their undergraduate thesis; and sound design and composition for various virtual worlds and installations through sharedspace.etc and Portland Art & Learning Studios. ryangamblin.com.

OLEANA WHISPERING DOVE (Eastern Tsalagi/Algonquin; Lenape Historical Consultant) has been working in museum administration and outreach for over ten years at museums ranging from the Metropolitan Museum of Art to the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum. She curates Native-American public programs and exhibitions, spotlighting traditional and contemporary indigenous artists. Smithsonian trained in Lenape (Native New York) history, Graham frequently appears as a keynote speaker, presenting material aimed at broadening the general population’s myopic perspective of contemporary Native Americans, and imagining a new reverence for life beyond the reservation. She recently launched into the art of spoken word, sharing her inherited diary of published poems, Reflections of a Whispering Dove (in the Schomburg Center’s permanent collection) with Def Poetry Jam cofounder Danny Simmons. Oleana’s recently debuted portrait, The Tsalagi Water Spider, by photographer Lisa Levart, instates her legacy as a Native-American advocate, educator, and author. Additionally, Oleana is a NYC American Indian Community House member, working alongside Ramapough Lenape Chief Perry on behalf of the Ramapough Lenape Nation.
READING LIST

BOOKS

Heart and Blood, Living with Deer in America,  
by Richard Nelson; Vintage
My Forefathers, Their History from Records & Traditions,  
by A. Maunsell Bradhurst; The De La More Press
American Earth, Environmental Writing Since Thoreau,  
edited by Bill McKibben; The Library of America
“Deer in the Headlights” from Vesper Flights, New and Collected  
Essays, by Helen Macdonald; Grove Press
Down to Earth, Politics in the New Climatic Regime,  
by Bruno Latour; polity

ONLINE

NYC PARKS
NYC Tree Map
The Kermit Project — Jackie Robinson Park History
Parks Without Borders Schematic Design Proposal, Jackie Robinson Park

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
The Lenapes: The First New Yorkers
NY Nature: How the Lenapes Celebrated
Waking Up On Turtle Island: Mesingwe, the Hunter Spirit
Hundred Year Films: Forest Spirits
Harlem World: Wecksquaesgeek Indians in Harlem 1626
Brown University: Colonial Enslavement of Native Americans Included  
Those Who Surrendered, Too

BLACK ARTEMIS
The Root: Artemis of Ephesus: A Goddess Who Represented an Ideal  
View of Blackness

AUDUBON
The Smithsonian: The Myth of John James Audubon

NORTH BROTHER ISLAND
Christopher Payne — North Brother Island
Radiolab: The Most Horrible Seaside Vacation
HARLEM
Hamilton Heights/Sugar Hill Historic District Extension Designation Report
A Walk Through Harlem, New York’s Most Storied Neighborhood

NEW YORK NATURAL HISTORY
The New York Times: When the Bronx Was a Forest: Stroll Through the Centuries
Insider: NYC When it Was Covered in Farmland

POEMS
Deer Dancer, by Joy Harjo
A Hunger So Honed, by Tracy K. Smith
Deer Dance, by Linda Hogan
Imagine Sisyphus Happy, by Nicole Sealey
Meander is a soundwalk for Brooklyn Botanic Garden that guides listeners on a meditative stroll into the natural landscape. Created by Joseph White and HARP Artist Gelsey Bell, the composers that brought you Cairns (included on The New York Times’ “Best Theater of 2020” list), Meander encourages listeners to watch, listen, and reset their clocks to pastoral temporality, inviting them to sink into the complex patterns and fine details of the natural environment.

CREATED BY Gelsey Bell & Joseph White
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here.org/shows/meander
Through the HERE Artist Residency Program (HARP), HERE commissions and develops new hybrid works over a 2-to-3 year period. As part of the HERE community of artists and audiences, our resident artists show works-in-progress, develop workshop productions, and mount full-scale productions. For 2020–21, HERE supports the following artists and projects:

**Gelsey Bell**

**Gisela Cardenas | InTandem Lab**
The Carmen Variations

**Shayok Misha Chowdhury**
Rheology

**Ximena Garnica & Shige Moriya | LEIMAY**
A Meal

**Baba Israel & Grace Galu | Soul Inscribed**
Cannabis! A Theatrical Concert

**Maiko Kikuchi & Spencer Townley-Lott**
9000 Paper Balloons

**Minor Theater**
Marie It’s Time

**Normandy Sherwood**
Psychic Self Defense

**Sachiyo Takahashi & Gamin**
The Emotions

**Imani Uzuri**
Songs of Sanctuary of the Black Madonna

**Nia Ostrow Witherspoon**
Priestess of Twerk

**HERE & BACK**

HERE & Back encompasses projects produced by HERE and helmed by established artists with deep connections to HERE. For audiences, HERE & Back provides the chance to experience daring performances by high-profile multidisciplinary artists in our intimate spaces; for the artists, HERE remains a special home for their work and a space open to risk-taking. For 2019–20, the following artists are developing HERE & Back projects:

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Community-Centric Fundraising is a fundraising practice that is grounded in equity; it calls on all non-profits to bring principles of racial and economic justice into our development strategies. As one small step towards aligning HERE with this model, we have removed giving levels from our donor list. We hope to celebrate and raise up all of our supporters no matter the size of their contribution and recognize the generosity of our community as a whole. We would like to thank the team of Community-Centric Fundraising for their leadership and their call to action; more information on CCF can be found on their website.

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