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**PSYCHIC
SELF DEFENSE
NORMANDY SHERWOOD**

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Though the pandemic is still very much a reality, we are thrilled to continue supporting artists, and to offer a window into the creative process of our nationally recognized **HERE Artist Residency Program (HARP)**. The 2021 program features workshop presentations at various stages of development that blur the boundaries between theatre, music, dance, new media, and visual art. Whether you can join us physically – masked, distanced, and partially outdoors – or virtually from the comfort of your own home, we look forward to welcoming you to this year's **HERE RAW / Resident Artist Works!**

[HERE.ORG/HERE-RAW/](https://www.here.org/here-raw/)

HERE presents

PSYCHIC SELF DEFENSE

A work-in-progress presentation for **HERE RAW / Resident Artist Works**

Created, Written, Directed, and Design Directed by **Normandy Sherwood**

Composition and Sound Design by **Craig Flanagin**

Scenic / Rigging Design by **Daniel Allen Nelson**

Lighting Design by **Christina Tang**

Video Design by **Nico Schiavone**

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Stage Manager **Hannah Stoffer**

Performed by **Ean Sheehy**

Performed / Puppeteered by **Kate Brehm, Juanita Cárdenas**
and **Daniel Allen Nelson**

Conceptual Collaborators

Nikki Calonge

Craig Flanagin

Daniel Allen Nelson

Ean Sheehy

Christina Tang

Costume Associate **Charlie Collins**

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

HERE pays respect to the Munsee Lenape ancestors past, present, and future. We acknowledge that *Psychic Self Defense* and *HERE RAW* are 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.

ARTISTIC TEAM

NORMANDY SHERWOOD (Creator, Writer, Director) makes theater. She's a playwright, costumer, director and performer. Her shows include *Madame Lynch*, *Tiny Hornets*, *Permanent Caterpillar*, and *The Golden Veil* among others, and they have been presented in NYC at The New Ohio Theatre, The Public Theater, The Kitchen, Dixon Place, The Brick and more. She and Craig Flanagin make no-wave music driven spectacles with their company, The Drunkard's Wife. She was a co-Artistic Director of the OBIE-award-winning National Theater of the United States of America (2000-2017, R.I.P.). She was a 2018 Fellow in the Target Margin Theater Institute and has been a resident at the MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, the Millay Colony and more. As a costumer she has designed for Rachel Chavkin, Young Jean Lee, Faye Driscoll (BESSIE Award, 2009) and many more, and her designs have been nominated for Henry Hewes Awards twice. Also, she plays in the band God Is My Co-Pilot and teaches Expository Writing at NYU. thedrunkardswife.com

CRAIG FLANAGIN (Composer, Sound Designer) works with Normandy Sherwood in the group God Is My Co-Pilot, and in the theater company The Drunkard's Wife. His head is a swarm of bees.

KATE BREHM (Performer, Puppeteer) is a puppeteer and movement director. She is a close associate of Basil Twist, certified in the Margolis Method of physical theater, and teaches Movement for Puppeteers and Performing Design. Her company, imnotlost has produced theater and events in NYC since 2003. Credits: (creator - imnotlost) *The Poofs*, *Dark Space*, *Things Fall Apart*, *Discrepancies*, *The Eye Which We Do Not Have*, *Dance Halls*, *Fireside Puppet Chats*; (Puppet/ Movement Direction) *Hansel and Gretel* - Michigan Opera Theater, *Dorothy and the Prince of Oz* - Tulsa Ballet/ Ballet Met, *Beauty and the Beast National Tour* - Bdway, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory National Tour* - Bdway, *Paper Hat Game*, *Dreaming - Torry Bend*; (puppeteer - Basil Twist) *Symphonie Fantastique*, *Dogugaeshi*, *Rite of Spring*, *Arias With a Twist*, *Petrushka*, *Sister's Follies*, *Seafoam Sleepwalk*; (Puppeteer) *Unicorn Afterlife* (Justin Perkins), *La Divina Caricatura*, *Animal Magnetism* (Mabou Mines), *El Niño* (John La Bouchardière), *Ship of Fools* (Jessica Scott)

JUANITA CÁRDENAS (Performer, Puppeteer) is a New York based multidisciplinary artist. She is the artistic director of the absurdist artist collective Visceral Abstractions with whom she performs, directs and creates circus puppet theater.

CHARLIE COLLINS (Costume Associate) has worked in costume, wig, and craft design for over six years. They have collaborated with

Normandy on a handful of projects including but not limited to *Permanent Caterpillar*, *Madame Lynch* and *Tiny Hornets*. Find their work on Instagram @ctippydesign.

DANIEL ALLEN NELSON (Scenic/Rigging Designer, Production Manager, Performer, Puppeteer) is a writer, performer, & member of Woofnova Collective. Original works include: *Microcosmitor*, *Give Back My Beast*, *Spoleum*, *Don't Peek*, *Hearts & Tongues*, & *The Vanishing Play*. He has performed at venues including: LaMama, PS122, Public Theater, Target Margin, Ontological-Hysteric, Dance Theater Workshop, Dixon Place, The Kitchen, Mabou Mines, 3LD, St. Ann's Warehouse, Invisible Dog, Roulette, Issue Project Room; and in projects by Object Collection, John Jesurun, Richard Foreman, Jeff McMahon, and Joshua Gelb. Regional Theater/Touring: Berkeley Rep, Guthrie Theater, LaJolla Playhouse, Center Stage, Ensemble Theater, Theatre Jeune Lune, Jungle Theater, Red Eye, Ko Festival, Cafe Oto (London), Birmingham Rep (UK), & Borealis Festival (Norway). BFA: UCSB; MFA: Towson University.

NICO SCHIAVONE (Video Designer) (he/they) is a digital artist focusing primarily in animation and layered video design. Their work in the live arts is driven by interesting conceptual and design challenges and how a fresh aesthetic can be applied to elevate collaborative works. Nico's Interest in the medium comes from the cross section of technology and artistry that enables us to produce work that holds relevance in our current moments and pushes the boundaries of what we can create. Nico being a massive enthusiast of collaboration is always looking for the next project and new collaborators to take an idea and run it into art. Primarily though, their life is fulfilled by creative work and the joy of connecting with other humans.

EAN SHEEHY (Performer) - Many episodes of *Law & Order*, *Law & Order SVU*, and *Law & Order Criminal Intent*; as well as the HBO series *John Adams*. Also appearing in the new film *Slow Machine*. Theater: *Red-Eye To Havre De Grace* at New York Theater Workshop and Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, Paramount Theater in Boston, Georgia Tech, Dartmouth College and many others, *Inflatable Space* at the Edinborough Fringe Festival as well as theaters in Denver, Cleveland and other locations. Also *Thom Pain (based on nothing)* (The Ensemble Theater of Cincinnati), *No Foreigners Beyond This Point* (Center Stage Baltimore) *Master and Margarita* (The Fisher Center) *The Making Of King Kong* (Target Margin) and *This Is The Color Described By The Time* (The Flea). Delighted to be working with Normandy Sherwood again after many collaborations, including *Don Juan*, *Chautauqua!*, *The Golden Veil*, *Gentleman's Choice*, *Feather Gatherers*, *Ruffles*, and more!

HANNAH STOFFER (Stage Manager) (she/her/hers) has been working with Normandy and Craig for two years including *Psychic Self Defense* and *Madame Lynch* (Drunkard's Wife). She was a stage management fellow at ACT (American Conservatory Theater) where she worked on *Top Girls*, *Toni Stone*, and middle and high school cabarets in 2019/20. During the pandemic, she decided to go back to school and study Entertainment Technology at City Tech in Brooklyn. She is also stage managing *MyOnliness* at the New Ohio Theater as part of the 2021 Ice Factory Festival and *Love Parade* at the Hudson Guild Theater as part of the 2021 New York Theater Festival.

CHRISTINA TANG (Lighting Designer) (she/her) is a lighting designer, production manager, and digital art amateur based in New York City. She is a frequent collaborator on new works for theater and dance. Recent credits include *The Madman and the Nun* (One-Eighth), *CIRCLE* (PSNY), *Untitled: The Black Act* (PSNY), and *Madame Lynch* (The Drunkard's Wife). She is a 2021 winner of Opera America's Robert L.B. Tobin Director-Designer Prize. christinaftang.com

HERE RAW CONTINUES...

LIVESTREAM



THE EMOTIONS

GAMIN + SACHIYO TAKAHASHI
NOW - SEP 9

Using sound, object performance and live projection, this work-in-progress presentation of *The Emotions* explores the transience of things, the deep sentiment of longing and parting.

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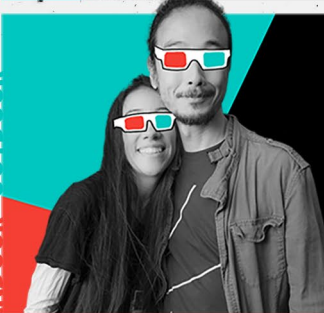


MO:NN

GELSEY BELL
JULY 8 @ 6PM

Solo concert version of *mo:nn*, an opera by Gelsey Bell about the triumphs and legacy of an Earth devoid of humans.

INDOOR+OUTDOOR



A MEAL

XIMENA GARNICA + SHIGE MORIYA
JULY 8-10

An indoor video portrait exhibit running parallel to an outdoor series of encounters with guests speakers, artists and community members to reflect on our post-industrial relationship with food.

OUTDOOR



CANNABIS! A VIPER VAUDEVILLE

GRACE GALU + BABA ISRAEL
JULY 10 @ 8PM * CULTURE LAB LIC

Grounded in the Hip Hop tradition of the remix, Baba Israel and Grace Galu's band Soul Inscribed mash-up iconic music, dance, and stories of countercultural icons into a time-traveling tale of jubilation, injustice, and transformation.

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HERE ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

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:

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Psychic Self Defense

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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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Kristin Marting & Suzi Takahashi
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A NOTE ABOUT THE NEW STRUCTURE OF OUR DONOR LIST:

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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