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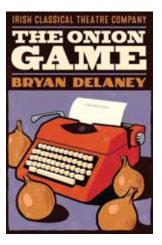


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## STAGE KISS By Sarah Ruhl Directed by Fortunato Pezzimenti

### Cast

She	Tracie Lane*
Не	Guy Balotine
Director	Greg Howze
Kevin/Butler/Doctor/Pimp	Kevin Craig
Husband/Harrison	Rolando Gómez
Millicent/Laurie	Marisa Caruso
Millie/Maid/Angela	Christine Turturro

\*Member of Actors' Equity Association

There will be one 10-minute intermission.

### **Production Staff**

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

In interviews commenting on the inspiration leading to the creation of "Stage Kiss," Sarah Ruhl expressed an ongoing fascination with the phenomenon of kissing onstage, thinking that the whole idea of kissing and sex on stage was a rather strange action. Ruhl explored the idea that the actuality of love and the stories we tell ourselves about love are reflected in the reality and illusions of the kiss. The act of kissing can release the chemicals that can make one feel euphoric as the action stimulates the feelings of affection and bonding.

Ruhl was intrigued by the idea of the uniqueness of kissing in a public performance as it is as much an internal performance for the actors engaged in it, and the public act of kissing may stimulate an internal reaction to those viewing it.

Love as a potent and powerfully combustible emotion is often more compelling than a long and stable relationship. Our imaginations continue to be fascinated by romance but our practical sides may want the stability of a long-term marriage or partnership.

A good play often asks a question. In "Stage Kiss," many questions may arise – What is the nature of love? What to do with the profound feelings stimulated by love? How to conduct ourselves in the face of these powerful emotions? Appropriate questions for a playwright and the theatre to pursue. What is real and what is illusory? What is manufactured emotion vs. what are authentic emotions?

In "Stage Kiss," we see how the illusions of the play imbue the actuality of the actors' lives and vice versa. Art imitates life, Life imitates art. (Ruhl is an avid fan of 1930's drama, believing that the inflated love language of the play is no less authentic than today's contemporary language about love.)

On a dedication page to the script, Sarah Ruhl quotes author Iris Murdoch, "Love is the extremely difficult realization that something other than ourselves is real." Essentially, that is the journey of the characters in "Stage Kiss."

"Stage Kiss" is also a love note to all the actors with whom Ruhl has worked. The playwright expresses a love and genuine appreciation for all that actors confront in rehearsal and performance.

"Stage Kiss" is also a love note to first loves and finally,

"Stage Kiss" is a love note to her husband.

– Fortunato Pezzimenti Director

## Who's Who ... Cast

#### Guy Balotine (He)

Guy has worked on the Buffalo stage for over 20 years. He is very excited to be back at ICTC, having performed in such shows as Lady Windermere's Fan, The Cavalcaders, Sons of Ulster, and The Lover, to name but a few. He has also worked at The Kavinoky, Shakespeare in Delaware Park, and TOY. Elsewhere he has worked on the London stage and in Northern Ireland, he has toured with The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, The Virginia Arts Festival, and most recently worked Off-Broadway (*The McKittrick*). TV credits include Jack Ryan (Amazon), *The Lord Of Misrule* (BBC), as well as numerous national and regional commercials, and independent films. He is a graduate of The Arts Educational School Drama School, London, where he was a recipient of The Lilian Baylis Award.

#### Marisa Caruso (Millicent/Laurie)

Marisa Caruso is a multi-hyphenate theater person, last seen at Irish Classical in *The Awful Truth* and *Hay Fever*. She has performed on many Buffalo theater stages and appeared in some small films such as *The Rainbow Bridge Motel*. She is the Managing Director of Torn Space Theater, an improv comedian, sometimes stage manager, and writer.

#### Kevin Craig (Kevin/Butler/Doctor/Pimp)

Kevin holds a BFA in Theatre from Niagara University and recently earned his MFA in Theatre from Michigan State University. Specializing in acting and directing, he was featured in several MSU projects including ESPN's *30 for 30, Rodman: For Better or Worse* and *One Man, Two Guvnors* at Summer Circle Theatre appearing as Francis. National credits include: work with the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival and Omaha Theater Company. Local credits include *King Lear* at Shakespeare in Delaware Park, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* at the New Phoenix along with *The Irish Curse, The Normal Heart* and *Christmas in July* at Buffalo United Artists. Kevin also starred in Don't Talk to the Actors and The Foreigner at the Kavinoky Theatre after appearing in *King O'* the Moon, Both Your Houses and Noises Off. He was also featured in Musicalfare's productions of *My Fair Lady, Ring of Fire, Peter and the Starcatcher* and How to *Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* for which he won an Artie Award. Previous ICTC credits include: *Engaged, Playboy of the Western World, Da, School for Husbands, Stones in his Pockets, The Liar, The Winslow Boy,* and *The Night Alive.* Kevin is honored to return to the Andrews Theatre!

#### Rolando Gómez (Husband/Harrison)

When I said yes to my "SHE," I was an aspiring actor living in NYC working at the internationally renowned Spanish Repertory Theater. I was already divorced and praying to GOD to help me find my true LOVE. I have been praying, meditating, chanting and everything in between for a year before I started dating my best friend's sister of 15 years. We got married in 1995. Coincidentally, the last time the Buffalo Bills went to the Super Bowl. I lived in NYC for almost 10 years and I was not a football fan. So, when I arrived in Buffalo to get married and I witnessed how the Bills have lost 4 straight Super Bowls, I became a fan. Don't ask me why, but the idea of never giving up was similar to how I felt about marriage. I was in for the long haul. I have planned to love HER over time. After 26 years of marriage one thing is for sure, marriage is about both repetition and romance. I knew from the first day that the feeling of true LOVE comes from knowing deep inside that you are no longer alone, that love exists outside of myself. In HER heart lies the key to my own happiness. That is why I said yes and continue to say yes, every day until death do us part. I dedicate this performance to my lovely wife Maria Perez-Gomez who inspires me, and who says yes to me every single day until the Bills win the Super Bowl and beyond.

#### Greg Howze (Director)

Greg would like to express his utter excitement for having the opportunity to be a part of this homecoming Season at ICTC. You may have seen Greg last in *The Antipodes* at Road Less Traveled Theater, however, the last show that Greg was a part of with ICTC was *The Hostage* in 2012. Needless to say, he is more than thrilled to be back on the stage especially with such a wonderful team. When Greg has a spare minute from his full-time job at Buffalo General Hospital, he enjoys creating new dishes in his kitchen and new art pieces in his studio. Greg would like to thank Fortune, Kate, and the entire team at ICTC, and of course his #1 fan Danielle for her unwavering support and strength.

## Who's Who ... Cast

#### Tracie Lane (She)

Tracie Lane is thrilled to be making her WNY debut at Irish Classical Theatre Company! She is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association. Juilliard: Pelagiya/Dragana in Queens, Marlene in Top Girls, Northumberland/Duchess of York in Richard II, Dorine in Tartuffe, Ophelia in Hamlet. Off-Broadway: Elizabeth/Exeter/Rutland in Henry VI Part 3 (Play On! Festival at Classics Stage Company). Regional: Mrs. Givings in In the Next Room (Stages Repertory Theatre); Yelena in Uncle Vanya (Classical Theatre Company); Milady de Winter in Three Musketeers (Orlando Shakes). Shakespeare: Joan in Henry VI Part 1 (Utah Shakespeare Festival); Olivia in Twelfth Night (Tennessee Shakespeare Co.); Lady Percy in Henry IV Part 1 (Orlando Shakes); Rosalind in As You Like It, Juliet in Romeo and Juliet, Helena in All's Well That Ends Well, Portia in Merchant of Venice, Julia in Two Gentlemen of Verona (American Shakespeare Center); Kate in Taming of the Shrew, Desdemona in Othello, Lady Macbeth in Macbeth, Viola in Twelfth Night, Lady Anne in Richard III (Houston Shakespeare Festival). Tracie also serves as the Education Director at the Alleyway Theatre as well as on the faculty of the Theatre Arts program at NCCC. MFA, Juilliard. IG: @tracielane48

#### Christine Turturro (Millie/Maid/Angela)

Christine Turturro is a graduate of Niagara University's BFA Theatre program. She has performed with the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland at Carnegie Hall and has toured with the Live Literature company in London, England. Recent Buffalo theatre credits include *The Tem*pest at Shakespeare in Delaware Park (Miranda), *The Undeniable Sound of Right Now* at Road Less Traveled Productions (Lena) and *The Crucible* at The Kavinoky (Betty Paris). Additional Niagara University credits include *The House of Bernarda Alba* (Marty Alba), *Dead Man's Cellphone* (Jean), *Afflicted: Daughters of Salem* (Ann Putnam), and *Stage Door* (Linda Shaw). Extra thanks to mom and dad, love to Michael.

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## Who's Who ... Production

#### Gina Boccolucci (Props Master)

Gina Boccolucci (she/her) was born and raised in Buffalo, New York where she comes from a fine art background. She received her BFA in Theatre Design and Technology from the University at Buffalo (SUNY) and her MFA in Production Technology, focusing in Stage Properties and Stage Combat-Worthy Weaponry, at Ohio University. She has previously worked professionally in the Buffalo Theater Community as a scenic painter, carpenter, and craftsperson. Gina has held staff positions STAGES St. Louis (2017), at The Santa Fe Opera (2018, 2020, 2021), and Syracuse Stage (2021). Some of her honors and acclamations include First Place in the 2020 SETC Properties Design Competition, KCACTF Region II Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Scenic & Properties Design for 45 Plays for 45 President's, Gina was the Founding Secretary for the University at Buffalo's student chapter of USITT for which she then held the position of President, for her senior year and was part of the twelve-person build team of the United States' 2019 Exhibit at the Prague Quadrennial. Her work can be found at ginaboccolucci.com.

#### Paul Bostaph (Set Designer)

Paul has been nominated for multiple Artie Awards for Set Design over the past 6 years, winning Outstanding Set Design in 2015 for his work on *Of Mice and Men* and in 2016 for *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*. In addition to working with ICTC, he has also designed and built sets for The New Phoenix Theatre, Second Generation Theatre, Buffalo United Artists, O'Connell & Company and The Kavinoky Theatre. Paul is very excited to be back at The Andrews Theatre.

#### Megan Callahan (Dialect Coach)

Megan Callahan holds a Master of Fine Arts in Acting from Wayne State University/The Hilberry Repertory Theatre Company and has a certificate of completion as a teacher in the Michael Chekhov Technique, which she has been studying since 2004. In addition to dialect coaching, Megan is a nominated and acclaimed director, theater teacher, actor, and musician. She also is the founder of a nonprofit yoga studio in North Buffalo called Yoga Parkside. She has taught the Michael Chekhov technique for many years, including workshops in Ireland and throughout the United States. Most recently she directed an award-winning production of *Frankenstein* at her alma mater of Ramapo College of New Jersey. As an actor and dialect coach she has worked with Torn Space Theater, ICTC, Musicalfare, Jewish Repertory Theater, The Kavinoky, Theater of Youth, Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Second Generation Theater, BUA, Subversive Theater Collective and The Alt. Some of her previous Buffalo directing credits include: *Mojada* (Ralces Theater Company, staged reading), *My Birthday Party* (Against the Grain Theater Festival, staged reading), *Lulu, Uncle Vanya, He Who Gets Slapped* (Torn Space Theater), *The Furies of Mother Jones and Far Away*. She is thrilled to be working again at the beloved ICTC, the Company that brought her to Buffalo.

#### Jayson Clark (Lighting Designer)

A graduate of Niagara University, Jayson has designed lighting for over 25 productions. He was Technical Director at Torn Space from 2014-2018. Jayson has worked as a Sound/Lighting Technician for dozens of local and national acts. He recently appeared in Once and Pump Boys and Dinettes (MusicalFare) and is currently on Staff at Niagara University. Recent design credits: The Wolves, The Pajama Game, The Drowsy Chaperone (Niagara University), Detour, Uncle Vanya, He Who Gets Slapped (Torn Space), and Accidental Death of an Anarchist (Subversive).

#### Vivian Del Bello (Costume Designer)

Vivian is happy to be back at ICTC. Her costume design work has been seen on The Andrews Stage in 'Tis Pity She's a Whore, A Child's Christmas in Wales, The Onion Game, Entertaining Mr. Sloan and Minding Frankie. She is a proud graduate of the Design/Tech Program at Emerson College. Vivian is also serving as Wardrobe Supervisor for the fourth consecutive Season and has worked on over 30 productions at ICTC.

## Who's Who ... Production

#### Susan Drozd (Hair & Make-Up Designer)

Susan is the Resident Hair, Wigs & Make-Up Designer for ICTC, a position she also holds at MusicalFare. Some of her favorite ICTC designs include: *Blithe Spirit, The Lion in Winter, The Night Alive, Frost/Nixon and Midsummer* with the BPO. She is also a director, actor, and dramaturg. Her credits include: Directing (most recently) MusicalFare's *All is Calm, MF's My Fair Lady* (2010-11 Artie Award, Outstanding Direction of a Musical), MF's *Fun Home* at 710 Main (2019-20 Artie Award, Outstanding Direction of a Musical), MF's Violet, MF's Master Class and Alleyway Theatre's World Premiere of The Yellow Wallpaper, Performing in ICTC's Amadeus and Blithe Spirit, MusicalFare's Measure for Measure. Susan is the proud theatre teacher for Buffalo Seminary, a member of the Buffalo Soundpainting Ensemble, and Co-Founder of Rogue Repertory #roguerep. Education: Niagara University/DePaul University & Lincoln Center. Love & Light.

#### Adriano Gatto (Fight Director)

Adriano has previously worked at ICTC as the Fight Director on *Tis Pity She's a Whore, Entertaining Mr. Sloane, Golden Boy, The Night Alive, and The Liar, among others. Regionally, select work as a Fight Director includes: the world premieres of <i>Revival: The Resurrection of Son House and Heartland, The Niceties, To Kill a Mockingbird, Last Gas* (Geva Theatre Center); *The Diary of Anne Frank, Wait Until Dark* (Arizona Theatre Company); *One Man, Two Guvnors, Into the Breeches!* (Chautauqua Theatre Company); *Equivocation, The Crucible* (Kavinoky Theatre); *Carmen* (Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra); *Don Giovanni, Proving Up, and The Marriage of Figaro* (Eastman Opera Theatre). As a Certified Fight Director and Certified Fight Instructor with Fight Directors Canada, Adriano has taught stage combat for such institutions as the AFDC National Certification Conference (Calgary, AB), Eastman School of Music, SUNY Buffalo State and Niagara University, where he serves as the Artist in Residence. Heartfelt gratitude to the entire team here at ICTC. Huge love to my H2RO!

#### Anna Krempholtz (Intimacy Director)

Anna is an Actor, Fight Director, Intimacy Director, and Scenic Artist. She is a certified Intermediate Actor-Combatant with the Academy of Fight Directors Canada, having recently choreographed All for One's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* at Shea's 710 Theatre, and has trained with Theatrical Intimacy Education. Anna is a proud member of United Scenic Artists, Local USA 829, IATSE, has painted sets for ICTC's 'Tis *Pity She's a Whore, Frost/Nixon, The Awful Truth, The Constant Wife*, and *Design for Living*, and she currently works as a scenic artist on Saturday Night Live. Her ICTC acting credits include 'Tis *Pity, Hamlet*, and *Design for Living*, and she was most recently seen in *Tribes* this season at Road Less Traveled Productions. BFA, Niagara University.

#### Tom Makar (Sound Designer and Original Music)

Tom has been Sound Designer/Composer for over 250 productions for various Western New York theatres. He received an Artie Award for Technical Achievement – Sound and Music for 2019 Shakespeare in the Park The Tempest. He received an Artie Award for Supporting Actor as "Morty" in JRTC's After the Revolution. He played "Gonzalo" in SIDP's The Tempest. Other notable roles include: "Richard" in Seafarer and "Sir Andrew Aguecheek" in Twelfth Night. Tom directed the Kavinoky's Hank Williams: Lost Highway and Always...Patsy Kline, Ujima's Side Man and New Phoenix's Harvey and My Three Angels.

## Who's Who ... Production

#### Fortunato Pezzimenti (Director)

Fortunato served as ICTC's Producing Director for over a decade. Winner of the Artie Award for Career Achievement in Theater (1998), he has directed over 75 plays and musicals for the Company. Most recently, the five-time Artie Award nominee directed a successful film version of the stage play Sea Marks by Gardner McKay in collaboration with Pan American Film Division. In January 2020, Fortunato, in conjunction with JoAnn Falletta and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, directed the well-received production of Shakespeare's A Midsummer's Night Dream with music by Felix Mendelssohn. In September 2019, Pezzimenti's 'Tis Pity She's a Whore opened the ICTC Season and received several Artie Award nominations including Outstanding Production of a Play as Clifford Odets' Golden Boy did in the 2018 season. Previously, you have seen his work in The Awful Truth, Fully Committed, Outside Mullingar, After Miss Julie, The Liar, School for Husbands, Next to Normal (Artie Awards: Outstanding Production of a Musical, Outstanding Direction of a Musical; and a Best of WNY Award – Best Theatre Production, Buffalo Spree). He is also proud to have directed Amadeus, in collaboration with the BPO. He received an Artie Award for Outstanding Direction of a Play for the outrageous comedy The Servant of Two Masters, starring the brilliant Brian Mysliwy; and also the Best of Western New York Award from Buffalo Spree Magazine for Best All Around Director. Selected directing favorites for ICTC, include Amadeus (2005), the World Premiere production of Shay Linehan's The Cant, Charley's Aunt, She Stoops to Conquer, The Misanthrope, Wit, La Bête, My Sister in this House, A View from the Bridge, Betraval, Remembrance and, The Gigli Concert.

#### Reneé Radzavich (Production Stage Manager)

Reneé is pleased to be returning for her twelfth Season as Production Stage Manager for ICTC. In May 2009, she received her BFA in Theatre Design and Technology from the University at Buffalo and is currently studying there to receive her MA in Arts Management in the spring of 2022. In addition to working with ICTC, she has also had the pleasure of working with Artpark (*Cinderella, The Sound of Music, Mary Poppins, Peter Pan*), Shakespeare in Delaware Park (All's Well That Ends Well, Othello), Torn Space Theater (The Fastest Clock in the Universe, Endwords), and Studio Arena Theatre (An Evening with Stephen Henderson). Reneé would like to thank her friends and family for their continued love and support.

#### Eliza Zanolli-Stiles (Assistant Stage Manager)

Eliza Zanolli-Stiles is so excited to finally be back to Assistant Stage Manage for Irish Classical. She is a graduate of Buffalo State College with a degree in Theatre and Television & Film Arts. She has previously worked with Irish Classical on *Tis Pity She's a Whore, A Midsummer Nights Dream*, and *Sea Marks*.

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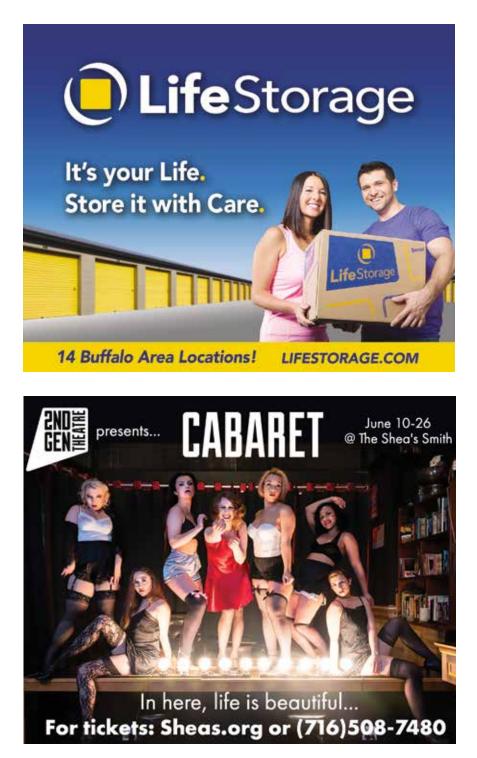
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