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The New Words Festival is an important part of the National Theatre School of Canada’s English Section. Two brand-new, never-before-produced plays run in repertory during the graduating class’ final weeks at school. Written by students in NTS’s Playwriting Program, and realized by students in the Acting, Production Design and Technical Arts, and Set and Costume Design programs, the plays produced at the New Words Festival represent a culmination of the collaborative process that is central to NTS’ training. A showcase for exciting new talent, New Words is particularly poignant for the playwrights whose plays reach the public for the very first time during their tenure at NTS.

Alisa Palmer, Artistic Director of the English Section, and **Andrea Romaldi**, Director of the Playwriting Program

CAST



Grace Vukovic ^{A3}
(Vancouver, BC)
Aisling



Callan Potter ^{A3}
(Stratford, ON)
Dean, John, Bill



Annie Rutherford ^{A3}
(Toronto, ON)
Virginia



Romi Shrailer ^{A3}
(Toronto, ON/ Tel Aviv- Yafo, Israel)
Jenni, Mackenzie, Nancy



Anna Morreale ^{A3}
(Hamilton, ON)
Beau, Uber Driver



Dylan Thomas-Bouchier ^{A3}
(Fort McKay, AB)
Richard

CREATIVE AND PRODUCTION TEAM GRADUATING STUDENTS



Playwright, Voice #1
Sarah Currie ^{PW3}
(Peterborough, ON)



Lighting Designer
Tiffany Ledesma ^{PDTA3}
(Toronto, ON)



Production Manager
Brendan Agnew ^{PDTA3}
(Vancouver, BC)



Set Designer
Mayumi Ide-Bergeron ^{SCD3}
(Montreal, QC)



Sound Designer
Caitlin Farley ^{PDTA3}
(Wetaskiwin, AB)



Technical Director
Aurora Torok ^{PDTA3}
(Oakville, ON)



Costume Designer
Jung A Im ^{SCD3}
(Seoul, South Korea)



Video Designer
Hailey Verbonac ^{PDTA3}
(Inuvik, NT)



Stage Manager
Ava Bishop ^{PDTA2}
(Calgary, AB)

STUDENTS

Assistant to the Set Designer
Vivienne Angélique Worotnik ^{SCD2}
(Hamburg, Germany)

Head of Sound
Aidan Sparks ^{PDTA2}
(Salmon Arm, BC)

Sound Assistant/Crew
Anthony Allan ^{PDTA1}
(Burlington, ON)

Assistant Technical Director and Head Carpenter
Marshall Kidd ^{PDTA2}
(Quispamsis, NB)

Head of Video
Mitch Labrosse ^{PDTA2}
(Ottawa, ON)

Video Assistant/Crew
Charlotte Baker ^{PDTA1}
(Waterloo, ON)

Assistant Stage Manager
Jordana Natale ^{PDTA1}
(Orangeville, ON)

Fly Operator/Crew
Andrea McMillan ^{PDTA1}
(Châteauguay, QC)

Head Electrician
Drew Lyall ^{PDTA2}
(Kimberly, BC)

Lighting Assistant/Crew
Zachary Weibel ^{PDTA1}
(Renton, WA, USA)

COACHES

Dramaturgy **Sarah Elkashef**, Movement **Rebecca Harper**, Assistant Movement Teacher **Shauna Thompson**, Voice **Laurel Thomson**, Music **Floydd Ricketts**, Set Design **Eo Sharp**, Costume Design **Jessica Poirier-Chang**, Head of Props **Angela Rassenti**, Lighting Design **Jason Hand**, Sound Design **Brian Kenny**, Video Design **Hau J Davis**, Production Management **Andrea Lundy**, General Management **Kathryn Westoll**, Stage Management **Maria Popoff**, Technical Direction **Terri Gillis**, Scenic Painting **Véronique Pagnoux**, Head of Carpentry **Guillaume Simard**, Master Carpenter **Christian Larochelle**, Technical Supervision **Marjorie Lefebvre**, Stage Carpenter **Jérémie Bérubé**, Head of Lighting **Francis Hamel**, Hair and Wig Consultant **Sarah Tremblay**, Makeup Consultant **Gabrielle Brulotte**, Breakdown Consultant **Caroline Gauthier**

COSTUME SHOP TEAM

Head of Wardrobe **Audrey Lee**, Cutter **Mélanie Richard**, Stitcher **Lisange Boulais**, Stitcher **Sonya Vallis**, Wardrobe Apprentice **Ximena Pinilla** (Set and Costume Design, 2020)

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Margarita Brodie and **Heather-Ellen Strain**
Poster Design by **Maryanna Chan** ^{SCDC3} (Saskatoon, SK), **Isabel Fuentes** ^{A3} (Santiago, Chile / Ottawa, ON), and **Anna Morreale** ^{A3} (Hamilton, ON)

LEGEND:
PW3 Third year Playwriting graduating students, **PDTA3** Third year Production Design and Technical Arts graduating students, **PDTA2** Second year Production Design and Technical Arts students, **PDTA1** First year Production Design and Technical Arts students, **SCD3** Third year Set and Costume Design graduating students, **SCD2** Second year Set and Costume Design students, **A3** Third year Acting graduating students

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to those who wait in fear

BY NTS STUDENTS

DIRECTED BY AHDRI ZHINA

MANDIELA

June 1-5, 2021

Studio Hydro-Quebec

(show in English)

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Alisa Palmer Artistic Director, English Section
Frédéric Dubois Artistic Director, French Section
Gideon Arthurs CEO

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