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**JUNE 2 @ 9PM ET**

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# Bill, Bill, Billz

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## **THE TEAM**

BASED ON THE STAGE PLAY **BILL, BILL, BILLZ**

WRITTEN & PERFORMED BY **MARS WOLFE**

DIRECTED BY **JESS MAYNARD, HUGO HENTOFF & MARS WOLFE**

STARRING **AYANNA BRIA BAKARI & JEROME BECK**

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# ABOUT THE ARTISTS

**MARS WOLFE** (they/them) is a genderqueer nomad. They orbit New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, writing, performing and project managing. Mars moonlights as the genderf\*ck drag queen Ella Van o'Clock (11 o'Clock) and their one person variety show, *Mundane Moments of Time*, has been performed at Williamstown, Chicago's Berlin Nightclub, and in TMI: Black Trans Stories Matter showcase. As a project manager and coordinator, Mars has worked on MTV's Video Music Awards, VH1's Trailblazers Honors and Tyra Banks' ModelLand attraction. Mars has written and performed for The Onion and their plays have been seen on All Arts/PBS (*Wish I Could P.* starring Linda La) and Victory Gardens. The digital salon Mars created, following BIPOC freelance artists during quarantine 2020, is available to stream at [de-cypher2020.com](http://de-cypher2020.com). Mars is the stage manager of the upcoming Broadway musical *Kimberly Akimbo* and they are a tall poPpy apprentice, studying with Tony Award winning composer Jeanine Tesori. Mars' Trans-fairytale series, *Who Rang the Bell?!*, is being archived in the Library of Congress: COVID-19 Response Collection. Mars aims to amplify the voices of Trans/Gender variant people of color, adjusting the volume and turning the dial from the familiar to the unsung and unconventional.

**JESS MAYNARD** (she/her) is an actor, writer, and photographer based in Chicago, IL. Her work is based in the psycho-physical work of Michael Chekhov. She is a graduate of DePaul University and The University of Michigan. She has worked with The Michigan Shakespeare Festival, Remy Bumppo, Theater Wit, Eclipse Theatre, Pursuit Productions, and more. During the pandemic, Jess created online communities to cold read Shakespeare, Chekhov, and the work of Contemporary Playwrights. Her photography is focused on portraiture and headshots. Check out her work at [JessMaynard.com](http://JessMaynard.com) and [JessMaynardPhotography.com](http://JessMaynardPhotography.com)

**HUGO HENTOFF** is a DC native with a passion for theatre, filmmaking, photography, and finding great deals at thrift stores. Since arriving in Chicago, he's worked closely with the Auditorium Theatre, as well as doing video work for the Harris, iO, and the Midwest chapter of the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art. Hugo is currently part of the video team at the Goodman Theatre and, at least once a day, thinks, "how cool is it that *this* is my job?"

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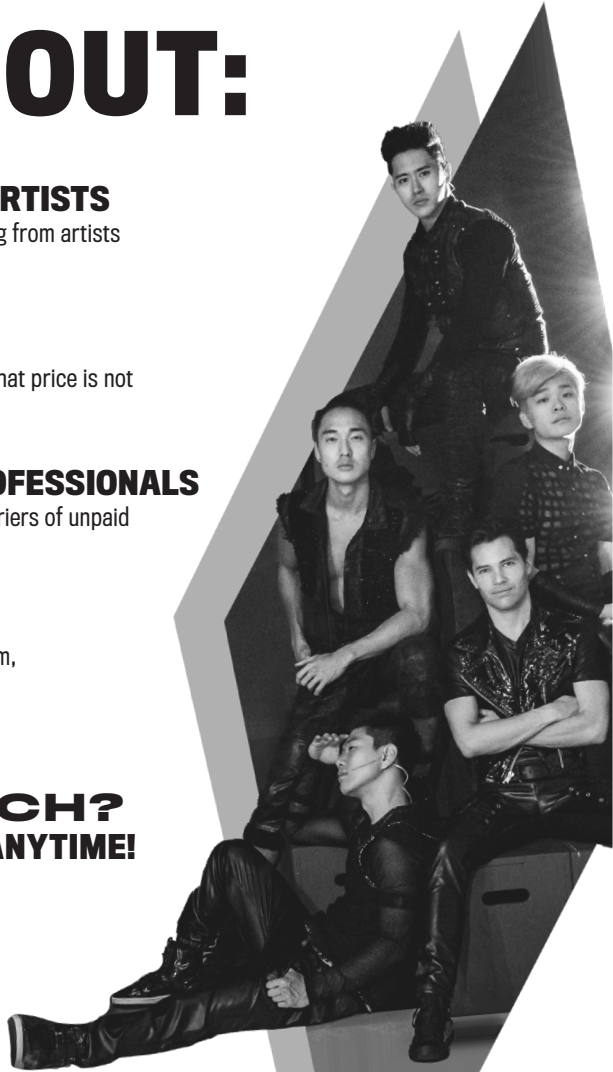
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