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### **DISCOVERING, DEVELOPING & LAUNCHING ARTISTS**

through year-round programs devised to support outside-the-box thinking from artists in the early stages of their careers.

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with our EMERGING LEADERS GROUP FELLOWSHIP, which aims to break down the barriers of unpaid internships and create a more diverse pipeline of arts leaders.



## WANNA KEEP IN TOUCH? SCAN THE QR & SLIDE INTO OUR DMs ANYTIME!

# ***SATURN RETURN***

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**MAY 18 @ 7PM ET**

CREATED & PERFORMED BY

**NATALYA SAMEE**

DIRECTED BY

**ARPITA MUKHERJEE**

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

**NEAL GUPTA**

NARRATED BY

**VISHAL KALYANASUNDARAM**

WANT TO KNOW WHEN YOUR SATURN RETURN WAS?  
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Ars Nova operates on the unceded land of the Lenape peoples on the island of Manhahtaan (Mannahatta) in Lenapehoking, the Lenape Homeland.

We acknowledge the brutal history of this stolen land and the displacement and dispossession of its Indigenous people. We also acknowledge that after there were stolen lands, there were stolen people. We honor the generations of displaced and enslaved people that built, and continue to build, the country that we occupy today.

We invite you to join us in acknowledging all of this as well as our shared responsibility: to consider our way forward in reconciliation, decolonization, anti-racism and allyship. We commit ourselves to the daily practice of pursuing this work.

# ABOUT THE ARTISTS

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**NATALYA SAMEE** is a writer, actor, comedian, and Libra based in Brooklyn. She is a CAMP resident at Ars Nova, and was recently an artist-in-residence in SFFILM's 2022 Filmhouse Residency for her project, DOHA GIRLS, an original TV series based on her adolescence in the Middle East. Previously, she was shortlisted in Lena Waithe's MACRO Episodic Lab for her original TV pilot, DOTHEADS. She currently performs improv, stand-up, and sketch around New York City (previously: Off-Off Campus in Chicago, Leela in San Francisco). Born in Pakistan but raised in oil-rich monarchies, Natalya is interested in telling stories that illuminate the world she comes from.

**ARPITA MUKHERJEE** is a NYC based director and writer who recently made her Broadway debut as the resident director of The Kite Runner. Arpita previously directed Bollywood Kitchen by Sri Rao (Geffen Playhouse), House of Joy by Madhuri Shekar (San Diego Rep), and Eh Dah: Questions for my Father by Aya Aziz (Next Door @ New York Theatre Workshop). Arpita has developed work at the Public Theater, WP Theater and O'Neill Theater Center, amongst others. She is a 2021 Resident Director at the Drama League, a 2018 - 2020 Women's Project Lab Member and a 2018 Eugene O' Neill National Directing Fellows and an alumni of the Lincoln Center Directors Lab. Arpita recently directed Running, a film written by and starring Danny Pudi and co-wrote the screenplay for the upcoming Disney+ Hotstar film Gulmohar with director Rahul Chittella. Arpita is currently developing projects for WIIP, AMC, and a Netflix feature directed by Mira Nair, with music by Pharrell Williams.

**NEAL GUPTA** is a NYC based director, writer, actor & producer who seeks to conjure the magic that voices of color possess into imaginative stories with extraordinary craft. He recently directed the pilot of an episodic comedy he co-created and is developing several series and films. Neal has worked as Associate Director at Manhattan Theatre Club, Geffen Playhouse, The Public & BRIC. He studied at Shakespeare's Globe, Rutgers University-Mason Gross, and Interlochen Arts Academy. Neal is inspired by the brilliant artists he has been able to collaborate with such as Arpita Mukherjee, David Cromer, Reese Witherspoon, Mira Nair, Lucy Liu, Liz Garbus, and Marisa Tomei.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## **the care & keeping of u**

Created & Performed by

Sofia Dobrushin & Catherine Bloom

Directed by Federica Borlenghi

**May 19 @ 7PM**

## **MY DEAD WEDDING - A FUNERAL FOR MY WEDDING**

Written & Performed by Chet Siegel

Directed by Emily Olcott

**May 23 @ 7PM**

## **Bada Swing!**

Created & Performed by

Michelle Chan Bennett & Josh Nasser

Directed by Shem Pennant

Musical Direction by Andy Bell

**May 23 @ 7PM**

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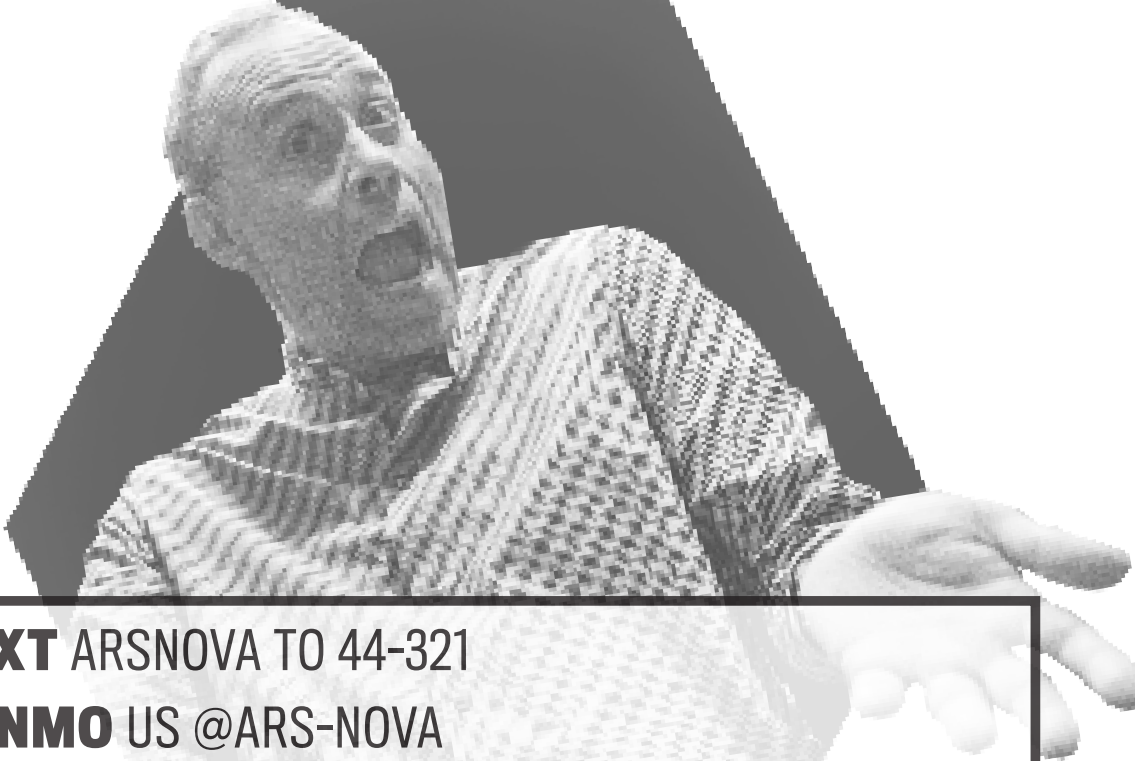
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