

**ANT TEST**  
**2023**

**JUNE 12 @ 8:30PM**

**I'M FINE THOUGH**

# ABOUT ANT FEST

ANT Fest is Ars Nova’s annual festival of All New Talent showcasing dynamic new work from New York’s most adventurous emerging artists. Each June we throw open our doors to the next wave of pioneering theater, comedy, music and hybrid theater-making artists on the verge of being discovered.

## CHECK OUT THE FULL ANT FEST LINEUP

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6/12	6/13	6/14	6/15	6/16	6/17
<b>7PM</b> JUWAN <b>8:30PM</b> I'm Fine Though <i>Only on Ars Nova Supra</i>	<b>7PM</b> ¿baby blue?	<b>7PM</b> Damages	<b>7PM</b> Penguin Sex With Mr. Morgan	<b>7PM</b> Thank You Ryan for a Clean Microwave	
6/19	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23	6/24
<b>7PM</b> To All The Black Girls Who've Waited	<b>7PM</b> Lottie and the Deep Blue Sea	<b>7PM</b> 2 ROSSES	<b>7PM</b> CUM <b>9PM</b> SHOWGASM. ANT Fest Edition	<b>7PM</b> Boy Crazy	<b>7PM</b> Hartwell Church of God: The Musical - The Search for the Next Divine Pastor

AND AFTER  
THE SHOW...

PARTY WITH THE ARTISTS  
POST-SHOW, UPSTAIRS IN OUR  
ANT FEST LOUNGE.  
HEAD ON UP. HAVE A DRINK.  
EAT PIZZA. BE AWESOME.

# ***I'M FINE THOUGH***

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**JUNE 12 @ 8:30PM ET**

BOOK & LYRICS BY  
**SMJ**

MUSIC & LYRICS BY  
**NATALIE MYRICK**

FILMED IN COLLABORATION  
WITH  
**NEXT STOP CREATIVES**

FEATURING  
**VANESSA VIVAS &  
NATALIE MYRICK**

## **WHAT'S ARS IS YOURS!**

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### **WE CARE ABOUT:**

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

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

#### **NAME YOUR PRICE TICKETING**

for every show during our 20th anniversary season. We're serving up a multitude of innovative outside-the-box theater, and making it easier than ever for you to be a part of the action. So come hang with us - because what's Ars is yours!

#### **FAIR PAY IN THE ARTS**

through our FAIR PAY INITIATIVE, which ensures a living, not just minimum, wage for Ars Nova's artists and staff.

#### **EMPOWERING THE NEXT WAVE OF ARTS PROFESSIONALS**

with our EMERGING LEADERS GROUP, 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!**



# **ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND**

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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**Natalie Myrick** (she/they) is a Brooklyn-based actor, musician, and writer who has performed in contemporary musicals regionally and Off-Broadway, created shows for young audiences in South Korea, and played in a rock band on an Alaskan cruise ship. Natalie won the 2022 Write Out Loud Contest with her track “Cool”, which was recorded by Aisha Jackson. They also recently wrote music for *At The Barre*, presented at Green Room 42 this spring. Select credits: *Bridges of Madison County* (Axelrod), *Ocean In A Teacup* (Theatre Row), *Darlin’ Cory* (Alliance), *Reverb Festival* (Roundabout), *Queering The Canon* (Joe’s Pub), *SWAY* (Fled Collective). [www.nataliemyrick.com](http://www.nataliemyrick.com)

**SMJ** (they/them) is a mixed-Latiné, Trans non-binary, and NYC-based playwright & musical theater writer, originally from Mount Vernon, OH. They are a 2022-2023 Dramatists Guild Foundation Fellow. They are currently creating work with *Ars Nova*, *Lincoln Center/National Queer Theater*, *The Road Theatre Company’s Under Construction Playwriting Group*, *Latiné Musical Theatre Lab*, *The Orchard Project*, and *Andy’s Summer Playhouse*. Their work has been seen in various forms throughout the US including the *Eugene O’Neill Theater Center*, *The Fled Collective* at *The Flea Theater*, *Live Arts*, *The Tank*, *DR2 Theatre*, *Carnegie Mellon University*, *Otterbein University*, and *Wright State University*. SMJ has been a semifinalist for the *O’Neill’s National Playwrights Conference*, *Princess Grace Award* at *New Dramatists*, *Van Lier New Voices Fellowship*, and *The Civilians R & D Group* as well as a *Finalist* for *Write Out Loud Contest*, *5th Avenue Theater’s First Draft Commission*, and the *Doric Wilson Playwright Award*. Graduate of *Otterbein University* and *NTI* at the *Eugene O’Neill Theater Center*. Member of the *Dramatists Guild* and *Ring of Keys*. [www.smjwrites.com](http://www.smjwrites.com)

**Next Stop Creatives** is a New York-based, multi-hyphenate production company, committed to supporting artists at any stage of their creative process. Since its founding in January 2021, Next Stop Creatives has produced a wide variety of content, including short-form concept videos, reels, long-form passion projects, business content creation, new theatrical works, and podcasts. The company is headquartered in Manhattan, but operates nationally, having worked in 6 out of 50 states in their first calendar year. Next Stop is owned and co-founded by Joshua Keen, Giuliana Augello, Candice Hatakeyama, Camille Theriault, and Kate Jarecki. A massive thanks to SMJ, Natalie Myrick, & Vanessa Vivas for being fantastic collaborators, as well as the *Ars Nova* for this incredible opportunity! @nextstopcreatives

**Vanessa Vivas** (she/her) is a Venezuelan actress, creative, and arts administrator. Recent stage credits include the world premiere of *Mi Abuela*, *Queen of Nightmares* (Quail Bell Productions) and *Islands Never Say* (Grassroots Theatre Co). Vanessa is also the *Communications Apprentice* at *Page 73 Productions*, a teaching artist with *NYC Children’s Theatre*, and the *Social Media Coordinator* at *Think Big Picture, LLC*. When not working, you can find her solving her Rubik’s cube or probably on Facetime with someone. Much love to Jess y mi familia linda. [vanessavivas.com](http://vanessavivas.com) @vivas\_javida

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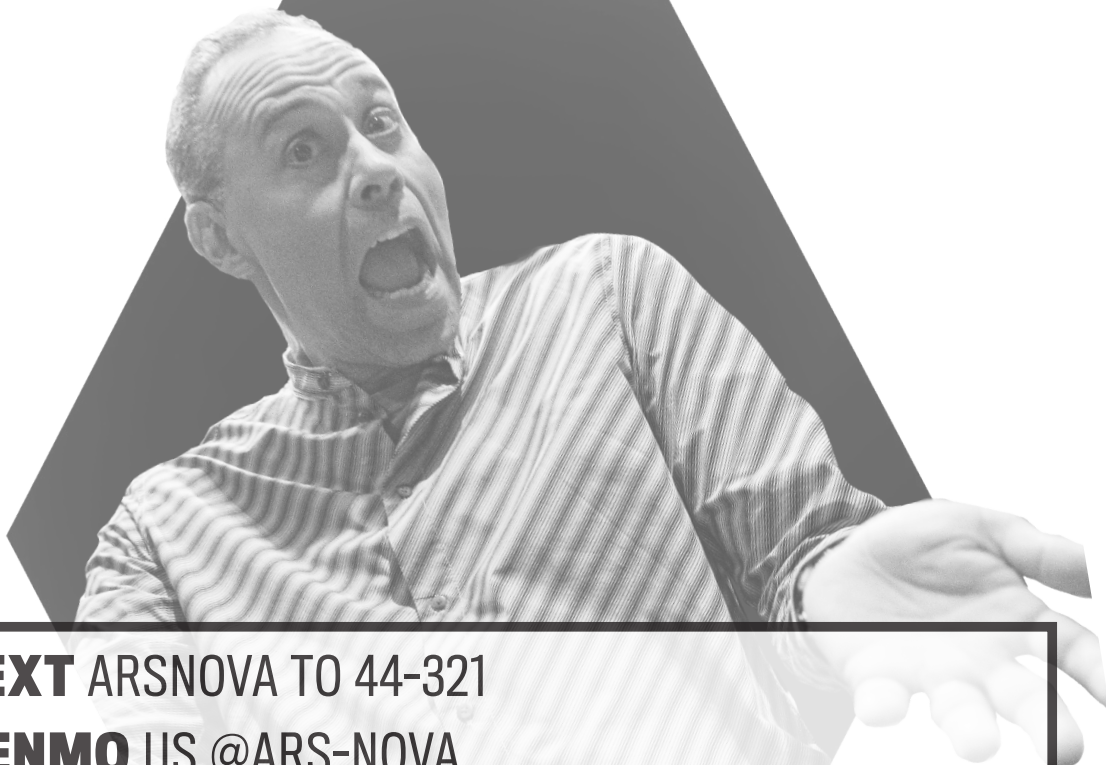
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