

**ANTIFEST  
2023**

**JUNE 15 @ 7PM**

**PEN GUIN SEX  
WITH MR. MORGAN**

# 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
<b>6/12</b>	<b>6/13</b>	<b>6/14</b>	<b>6/15</b>	<b>6/16</b>	<b>6/17</b>
<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	
<b>6/19</b>	<b>6/20</b>	<b>6/21</b>	<b>6/22</b>	<b>6/23</b>	<b>6/24</b>
<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.**

# ***PENGUIN SEX WITH MR. MORGAN***

**A CABARET FOR AN APOCALYPSE**

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**JUNE 15 @ 7PM ET**

WRITTEN & PERFORMED BY

**DHARI NOEL**

DIRECTED BY

**ANDREW WATRING**

PRODUCED BY

**AYLA TAFFEL**

IN COLLABORATION WITH

**EMMIE FINCKEL**

## **Content Notice:**

Explicit Sexual Language & Explicit Bodily Functions.  
References to Social, Psychological & Physical Violence.  
Anti-Black racism & Racist Epithets & Sexist Epithets &  
Queerphobia, Collective Trauma.

## **Sensory Notice:**

Sudden Changes in Volume.  
Movement in close proximity to audience seating.

## **Audience Engagement Notice:**

Encouraged, not required.  
Consent Based.  
Considerate of accessibility.  
Individual and Collective.  
Passive and Active.  
Please note that any and all audience members  
interested may engage with me when invited to. This may  
result in a sudden increase in volume and motion in close  
proximity to audience seating.

THIS PERFORMANCE WILL BE INTERPRETED  
IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE BY PRO BONO.  PRO BONO ASL

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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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**DHARI NOEL** is a Queer Black-Caribbean-Harlemite playwright/performer whose work explores the incoherence of race, failures of gender, and inherited performances. This summer, Dhari will be a Tennessee Williams Scholar at Sewanee Writers Conference and an Emerging LGBTQ Voices fellow at Lambda Literary's writing retreat. Recent plays include: Penguin Sex With Mr. Morgan (Brown University), Man Made, Spirit Junkie (Cherry Picking, The Wild Project). Recent performances include: Black Exhibition (Bushwick Starr), In The Penal Colony (Next Door at NYTW). Dhari has a BA in Sociology from Columbia and is currently pursuing an MFA in Playwriting at Brown. [www.dharinoel.com](http://www.dharinoel.com)

**ANDREW WATRING** is a Black trans Object-theatre-creator, director, award-winning playwright, producer, performer, and Anarkata-in-training from sweet home Huntsville, Alabama. Andrew's career has been dedicated to the creation and continued cultivation of Shakespeare as a White Supremacist, a theatrical ritual grounded in Shakespeare's colonizing effect on the American theatre; most recently staged with Main Street Players (Miami-Dade, FL). Select directing credits include: RENT, Angels in America, The Henriad, Richard III, White Noise, Hamletmachine, Passing: A Stage Play, Coriolanus. Andrew holds an MFA from Brown University / Trinity Repertory Company and a BA in Theatre Arts from American University.

**AYLA TAFFEL** is an interdisciplinary theatre artist with a passion for lighting, stage management, producing, props, and theatre finance. Humanity is at the core of Ayla's artistic process. Select credits include: All Fall Down (People's Light - Stage Manager), the book of lucy (Brown/Trinity Rep - Props Artisan), RENT (Yale University - Lighting Designer), Sueño (Trinity Rep - Programmer/Light Board Operator), and The Henriad (Brown/Trinity Rep - Stage Manager/Production Designer). Ayla graduated from American University with a BA in Theatre Arts (Focus: Theatrical Design).

**EMMIE FINCKEL** is a queer, Asian-American scenic designer. Recent credits include Comedy of Errors (Public Theater: Mobile Unit), the ripple, the wave, that carried me home (Yale Repertory Theater), As You Like It (La Jolla Playhouse), 53% Of (2nd Stage), In the Southern Breeze (Rattlestick Playwright's Theatre), The Watering Hole (Signature Theatre), In the Penal Colony (NYTW Next Door), Athena (JACK), Riot Antigone (La MaMa). Associate design credits include many productions with Gabriel Evansohn (KPOP (Broadway), Empire Travel Agency) as a member of Woodshed Collective. Emmie holds a BA from Wesleyan University and an MFA from the Yale School of Drama, and is currently on the faculty of the Playwrights Horizons Theater School at NYU. [www.efinckel.com](http://www.efinckel.com).

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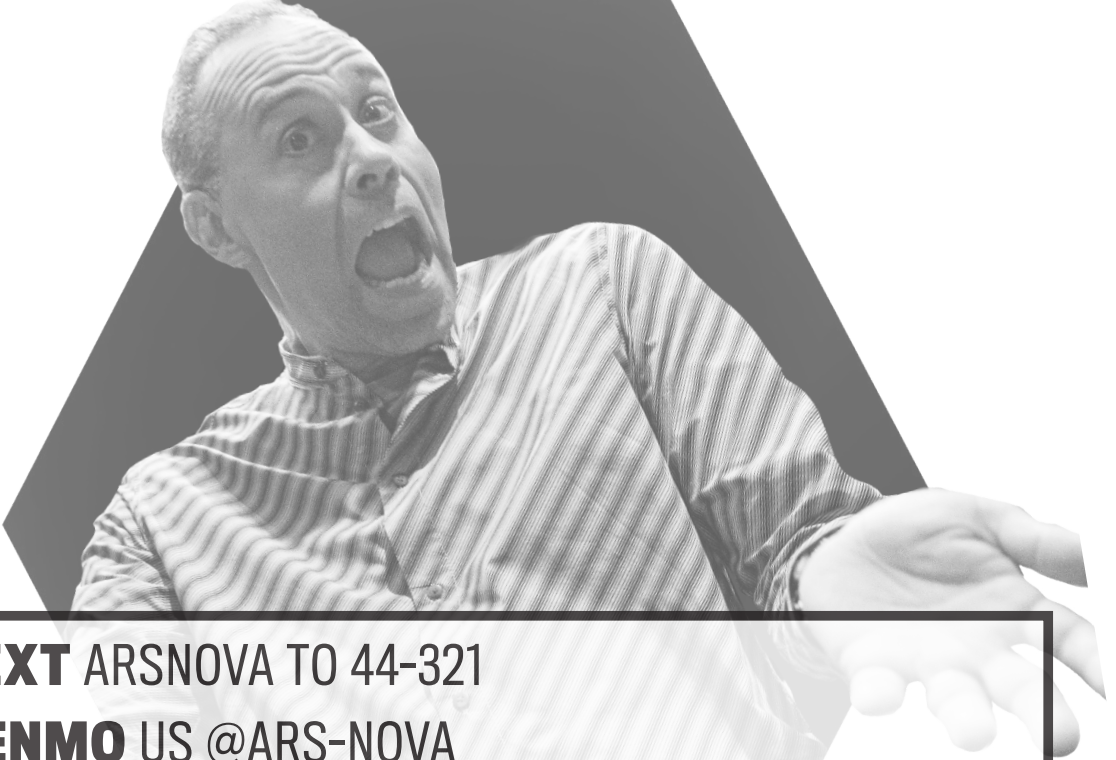
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