

**ANTIFEST
2023**

JUNE 16 @ 7PM

**THANK YOU RYAN
FOR A CLEAN
MICROWAVE**

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
7PM JUWAN 8:30PM I'm Fine Though <i>Only on Ars Nova Supra</i>	7PM ¿baby blue?	7PM Damages	7PM Penguin Sex With Mr. Morgan	7PM Thank You Ryan for a Clean Microwave	
6/19	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23	6/24
7PM To All The Black Girls Who've Waited	7PM Lottie and the Deep Blue Sea	7PM 2 ROSSES	7PM CUM 9PM SHOWGASM. ANT Fest Edition	7PM Boy Crazy	7PM 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.**

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WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY
JAMES CAVERLY & ANDREW MORRILL

FEATURING
**JOSHUA M. CASTILLE, PAMELA DECKER-WRIGHT, JAMIL HAQUE,
AMELIA HENSLEY & SIENA RAFTER**

PRODUCED BY
KAYLEIGH MARSHALL

STAGE MANAGEMENT
MICKEY McVANN

LED AND CREATED BY DEAF ARTISTS, THIS SHOW WILL BE PRIMARILY PERFORMED IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, WITH CAPTIONING AVAILABLE FOR NON-SIGNING AUDIENCE MEMBERS.

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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

JAMES CAVERLY is known for playing Theo Dimas on *Only Murders In The Building*. Broadway: *Studio 54 Children Of A Lesser God*. Regional Theatre: *Olney Theatre Center- The Music Man*; *Huntington Theatre Company- I Was Most Alive With You*; *Studio Theatre, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Kitchen Theatre Company, and SpeakEasy Theatre Company- Tribes*. He is also a former member of the prestigious National Theatre of the Deaf. Director: *Noises Off, Dr. Faustus, and Cloud 9* (assistant) at *Gallaudet University*; *Romeo and Juliet* at *Community College of Baltimore County at Catonsville*; *Every Brilliant Thing and Romantic Fools* at *New York Deaf Theatre*. Playwright: *A Better Place* (short), *Surprise Guest* (short), *See/Hear/Speak No Beast, A Zoom Christmas Carol, Trash* (co-writer). His work as a Director of ASL spans across more than 20 different performances in Washington DC, Baltimore, New York City, and Philadelphia.

ANDREW MORRILL (he/him) is a Brooklyn-based theatremaker and actor. Direction of ASL credits: *Grey House* (Broadway), *Dark Disabled Stories* (The Public Theater), *Hamlet* (Deaf West & Fiasco Theater), *Oedipus* (Deaf West), *The Moment* (Prospect Theater Company), *Titus Andronicus* (Apothetae), *Hit the Wall* (Illinois Theatre), *Candide* (Gallaudet Theatre). Playwright: *Trash* (co-writer) at *JACK NY* and *IRT Theatre's 3B Development Series*. Regional: *The Music Man* (Olney Theatre Center), *Oedipus* (Deaf West & Getty Villa), *The Christians* (Phamaly Theatre), and *The Vanderburgs' Dancing Gril* (sheNYCArts) He received a Helen-Hayes nomination for Outstanding Supporting Performer in Musical for his portrayal of Mayor Shinn in *The Music Man* (Olney Theater Center). He holds a Master of Fine Arts in Acting from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

JOSHUA CASTILLE (Otto) is a Deaf performance artist based in Los Angeles. Favorite Credits: *Spring Awakening* (Ernst, Broadway), *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Quasimodo, 5th Ave), *Romeo and Juliet* (Romeo, ACT Theatre). Recently seen in the Fox anthology series *Accused*. Josh strives to form meaningful collaborations that explore the boundaries of art. He has worked on various projects in different roles including ASL master, director, actor, set designer, and more. Amidst the adrenaline rushes, he harbors the humility of knowing that no matter how you communicate, you have a voice to be heard. Joshua is repped by *KMR & Associates*. joshuacastille.com

PAMELA DECKER-WRIGHT (Marianna) is excited about debuting in New York! Previous credits: *ACTING 'Night, Mother* (Jessie), *Glass Menagerie* (Amanda), *Othello* (Emilia) for which she won an Irene Ryan Nomination. *DIRECTING: Romeo and Juliet* (Arizona, Minnesota), *All the Way* (Original Play, Denver), *Chava's Latke Party* (Original Film, Minnesota) *MindDive* (physical theater troupe). *DASL: Arizona Theater Company, Transformation Theater, Inc.* *EDUCATION: National Theater of the Deaf, Gallaudet University.*

IFTEKHAR "JAMIL" HAQUE (Thomas) is a Bangladeshi-American educator and ASL artist based in Queens. Losing his hearing and being raised as a profoundly Deaf person, ASL became his everything. He regularly performs at *ASL Slam* at *Nurocyian Cafe*. He also serves as an ASL teacher at *Sign Language Center*. As an ASL performer, he made several appearances in various places including *Whitney Museum*. He will make an appearance in *Riz Ahmed-led film, Relay*, directed by *David Mackenzie*. He holds a BS degree in *Business Marketing* from *Baruch College*.

AMELIA HENSLEY (Heart) is a Deaf artist, and actor, widely well-known for her role as *Thea* in *Deaf West's Spring Awakening* on Broadway. She recently made appearances on *Station 19* (ABC/Hulu) and *Sesame Street* (YouTube). Her selected credits: *I Was Most Alive With You* (Playwrights Horizons), *Beethoven's Fidelio* (LA Philharmonic), *Meredith Willson's The Music Man* (Olney Theatre Center), *Oedipus* (Getty Villa / Deaf West), *Orphee* (Deaf West), and *Into the Woods* (Lincoln Center). Her upcoming project is *Laramie's Project* with *Deaf Austin Theatre* and *Hypernovas Productions*. She's also currently writing a new musical, *Soldiers Without Guns*, at *IRT Theatre*.

SIENA RAFTER (Voice) is a proud graduate of *LaGuardia High School's Drama program* and *Brown University's Theater Arts class of 2020*. Broadway: *Sam Gold's King Lear* starring *Glenda Jackson* (ASL team), *Children of a Lesser God* (Assistant Director to *Kenny Leon*). As an actor: *Off-Broadway/ Lincoln Center: Liz Swados' Runaways* (City Center's Encores, Off-Center), *Deep Blue Sea* (*Bill T Jones* at the *Park Avenue Armory*), *The Division* (directed by *SRDA*), *American SongBook Series*. *The Public Theater/Delacorte: Twelfth Night* (written by *Shaina Taub*), *Runaways, For the Love of Vinyl* (*Joe's Pub*), *From Hair to Hamilton...Gala '17*. *TV/Webseries: HBO's Crashing*. *Siena's play, T*, premiered at the *Tank* last year and plans to have another life in *New York* very soon! Keep an eye out...

KAYLEIGH MARSHALL (Producer) they/them. is a queer and Deaf producer. They is honored to be producing their first independent production with *Andrew and Joey*. They served as *General Manager* at *New York Deaf theatre* and produced multiple productions including *Every Brilliant Thing, Sylvia, Romantic Fools, and A Zoom Christmas Carol*. They used to serve as a *Board Member* of the *ASL Slam*. Showcasing Deaf stories is the core value to their artistry.

MICKEY McVANN (Stage Manager) they/them. is ecstatic to work with *Joey, and Andrew* again! Previously they were the production stage manager for all three iterations of *Trash* at *JACK, JACK's Radical Acts series, and IRT*. Mickey has also production managed for *Notes from Now* (Prospect Theatre Company), *Oscar Micheaux* (Prospect Theatre Company), *Jump* (Astoria Performing Arts Center), and *Associate Production Manager* for *Einstein's Dreams* (Prospect Theatre Company), *Production Manager* for *Mary Stuart* (Olney Theatre Company). They currently work as a *Project Manager* for *American Christmas* who design and install famous *New York City Christmas Decorations* including *Macy's, Saks on Fifth, Radio City, and Rockefeller Center*. Mickey personally project managed four square blocks of *Water Street Tampa*. Mickey thanks *Joey and Andrew* for all the opportunities they have given to keep learning sign language and be involved with the amazing theatre they write.

NOEL ROCHFORD (Music) he/him. is a composer, singer, & multi-instrumentalist based in *St. Petersburg, FL*. Raised in the theatre world, he began performing at a young age and developed a fascination with sound. His curiosity led to teaching himself how to play several instruments during his teen years, and a desire to better understand music theory led to formal instruction at *St. Petersburg College*. While studying at *SPC* he founded a band called *UNRB* with fellow music majors. The band developed a loyal following and toured for seven years, releasing two albums in that span. Some of their performance highlights include *Summerfest* (Milwaukee), *SunFest* (Miami), & *Musikfest* (Bethlehem PA). Noel performs with various groups throughout the *Tampa Bay Area*, primarily singing lead vocals and playing the ukulele & trombone. His favorite song is "In My Life" by *The Beatles*.

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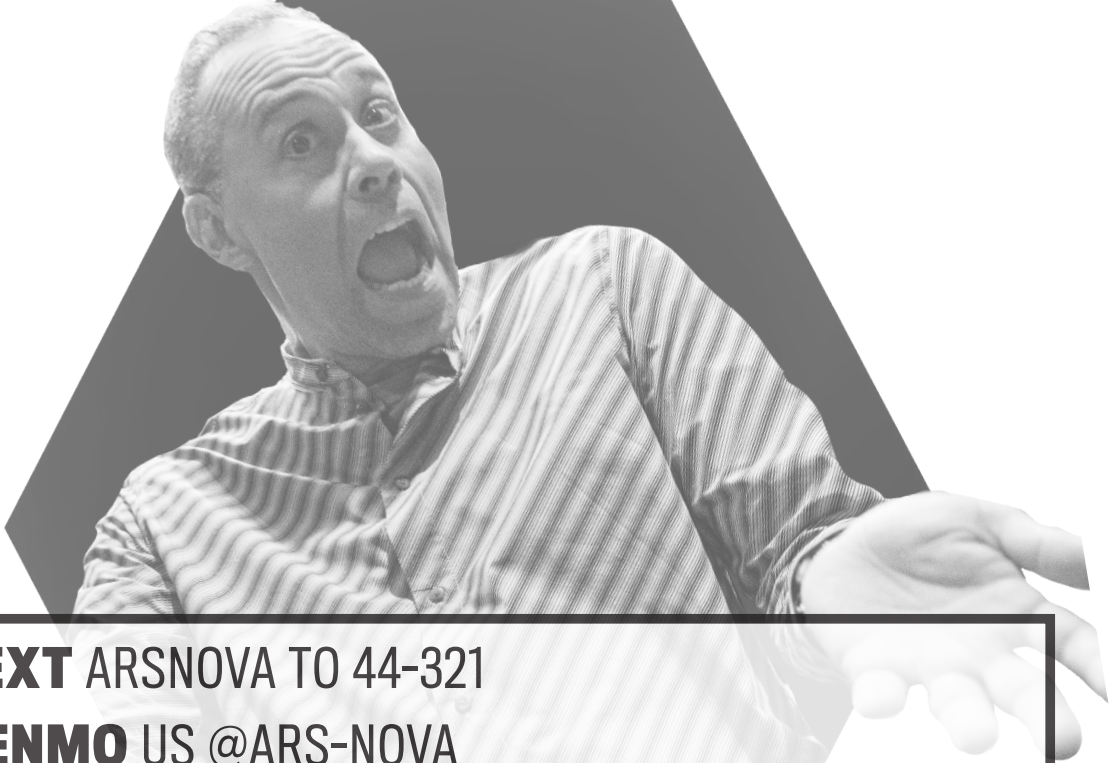
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