

Announcing the two winners of The Annual Parity Commission

Reception: 6:00 - 7:30pm

Event: 7:30 - 10pm

The Cutting Room 44 E. 32nd Street New York, NY 10016

#annualparitygala



From our Founder and Artistic Director

Welcome to The Annual Parity Productions Gala.

It's been an exciting year for us – one in which we staged successful Pride Week readings of our in-development work of She Calls me Firefly, mounted a successful co-production of Places at 59E59 and in Edinburgh to critical acclaim, and were featured in the New York Times, Backstage, American Theatre Magazine online, and Broadway World in an age of shrinking press coverage.

We could not have done it without your support of our very important and differentiated mission – ensuring the hiring of at least 50% women and transgender artists on every production and providing extensive promotional support to other productions that do the same. (Many thanks, by the way, to the dozens of theatre companies that have tweeted their support to us.)

Tonight we announce the first winners of our Annual Commission for Women and Transgender Playwrights – about which we could not be more excited.

And, of course, you will hear more about the successes of our advocacy platforms – our Qualifying Productions Program, our Women and Transgender Artists Database, and The Parity Store (from which 10% of our revenue goes to fund our Commission).

So, enjoy the evening – there is food, drink, performances, and fun to be had. We hope you will consider deepening your involvement with Parity Productions as we continue to grow and achieve even more success.

Warmest Wishes,
Ludovica Villar-Hauser
Founder and Artistic Director

Program

6:00pm Reception and Live Music

Eli Denby Wood & Nandi Kayyy

7:45pm Welcome and Introduction

Ludovica Villar-Hauser

Founder and President of Parity Productions

Awards and Presentations

Excerpt from Places

(featuring Romy Nordlinger)

Excerpt from She Calls Me Firefly

(featuring Paula Ewin and Sean Hudock)

Commission Award, presented by MJ Kaufman

Excerpt from Boxcar

(featuring Emily Skeggs and Emily Batsford)

Commission Award, presented by Cusi Cram

Excerpt from Charlie's Waiting

(featuring Anna Frankl-Duval and Elizabeth Jasicki)

8:45pm Music and Dancing

The Snowy Mountain Sisters

10:00pm End of Program

Henry Buhl and ACE (The Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless) congratulate Parity Productions and the winners of the Inaugural Parity Commission for Women and Transgender Playwrights.





1/3 transgender individuals surveyed were turned away from shelters



40% of 1.6 million youth experiencing homelessness identify as LGBT

1/4

transgender individuals surveyed were sexually assaulted at the shelters

Transgender respondents were more likely to have a household income of less than \$10,000

4x



more than half reported being harassed at a homeless shelter by residents and staff.

1/5

transgender individuals have experienced homelessness

Resources:

National Center for Transgender Equality True Colors Fund The Washington Post

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Charles Fabrizio	Joe & Nancy Friedlander	Mari Lyn Henry
Katarina Hildebrandt	Maryellen Murphy-Peck	Debra Fogel
Teresa Lotz	Julie & William Sargent	Greta Minsky
Bernard Nussbaumer	Judith Polzer & Julian Flear	Nina Rochelle
Helen Sheehy	John & Joan Vail Thorne	Jo-Ann Sickinger
Kathleen Treat	Ludovica Villar-Hauser	Lisa Schiller

Helen Mills & Gary Tannenbaum In honor of Tsiala Corboz-Werntz

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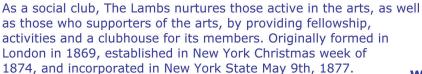
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Mary Francina Golden & Ken Handal

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Presenters of the Inaugural Parity Commission for Women and Transgender Playwrights

MJ KAUFMAN is a playwright and devised theater artist working in New York and Philadelphia. Their work has been seen at New York Theater Workshop, the New Museum, New Georges, and Page73, among others, and has been performed in Russian in Moscow. MJ has received numerous awards and commissions, and is a member of the Public Theater's Emerging Writers' Group, WP Theater Lab, and a core playwright at InterAct Theatre.



CUSI CRAM is a playwright, screenwriter, filmmaker, and performer. Her plays have been seen all over the country and her television writing has garnered her three Emmy nominations. Cusi directed her first film, *Wild and Precious*, through AFI's Directing Workshop for Women where it won The Adrienne Shelly and Nancy Mallone Awards. She is an Assistant Arts Professor Dramatic Writing Department at NYU.





awarding two commissions per year to women and transgender playwrights parityproductions.org

Beyond our annual productions, in concert with our mission to see more women and transgender artists employed in the theatre, we award two commissions per year to women and transgender playwrights who have demonstrated a singular talent for storytelling. The selected playwrights receive \$2,500 each. One out of every \$10 we make from our Parity Store goes to them in support of their commissioned work – we call that our 10% Promise.

Parity Productions reads submissions blind and makes decisions based on who we believe to be the most promising playwrights with work that is in harmony with our artistic mission. Playwrights will receive regular feedback on their commissioned work within 30 days of their submission of a first and second draft. They will also receive one "closed door" reading (cast, Parity Productions Artistic Director, and literary department) and at least one public reading and/or developmental production of the commissioned work. An option for Parity Productions to produce the work is included in the Commission agreement.

342

Plays Read (by at least two readers)

42

incredible readers on our 2017 team!

The Winners





CORBIN WENT is a non-binary trans identified playwright whose work has been developed by The Tank, The Flea, The Brick, and Living Room Theatre. Their solo piece, *Mongrel*, was published in Dionysian Magazine. Finalist for the 2017 Ingram New Works Lab. They are a cofounder of The Renovationists.

MELISA ANNIS plays has had developed The Lark and at Festival Dorset Theater at the Theresa Rebeck Writers Colony, The New School, Primary Stages' ESPA*Drills, The National Arts Club NYC, The Playground Experiment, and RAL. Melisa was a finalist for the High Tide New Playwriting Prize (2015), the Lark's Playwrights Week (2015) and she was the recipient of the Fordham Summer Fellowship while studying for her MFA in playwriting at Fordham/Primary Stages.

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CELEBRATING WOMEN'S PLAYS OF THE PAST-

qualifying productions

support for other theatre companies that hire 50% women and transgender artists parityproductions.org

A key part of our mission is to give extensive and free promotional support to other theatre companies that hire 50% women and transgender artists. We provide extensive promotion in the form of social media, email blasts, PR support, and placement in our online directory of Qualifying Productions.

To be listed, your show must meet three criteria:

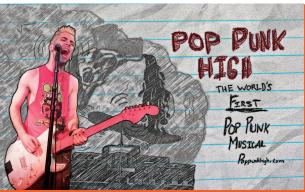
- 1. 50% of the playwrights, directors, and designers working on the production must be women or transgender artists. We do not currently consider the following disciplines when determining our 50% hiring standard: actors, producers, stage managers, casting directors, assistants to members of the creative team, media and marketing team, press agents, and interns.
- 2. Shows must be full productions (design elements included) that run for at least two calendar weeks in a New York City venue.
- 3. There must be a minimum of six performances over the course of the two week period.

Since the inception of the Qualifying Productions program in July 2016:

200 shows listed and promoted by Parity Productions

10 to 40+ productions listed on The Directory every month

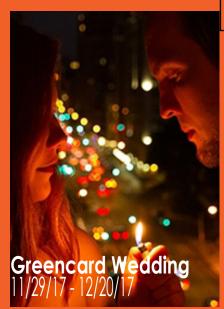




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She Calls Me Firefly by Teresa Lotz

TERESA LOTZ Playwright

Teresa Lotz is a playwright, composer, and musical theatre writer whose work includes *ThreeTimesFast* (book & music), *Mommy's Little Princess* (play), and *The Awakening* (music). MFA in Musical Theatre Writing, NYU. teresalotz.com



SEAN HUDOCK (Ken)

Select theatre: Sex with Strangers (Cleveland Play House; Cleveland Critics nom. Best Actor), nine seasons with Shakespeare Theatre NJ. Film includes Private Romeo (NY Times Critics' Pick; HBO Outfest Outstanding Actor), Powerless opposite Kelli Giddish, English (Gold Remi). Upcoming: The Chaperone by Julian Fellowes opposite Elizabeth McGovern for Masterpiece. www.SeanHudock.com

PAULA EWIN (Freddie)

Founding Member 29th Street Rep in NYC - 27 leading roles including OOBR Winner for Best Actress *Visiting Oliver* by Bill Nave. Directed by Ludovica Villar-Hauser in *Bold Girls*, *The Brightness of Heaven*, *For Heaven's Sake* and most recently, *Cora Fry's Pillow Book*. AEA SAG/AFTRA



PLACES by Romy Nordlinger

ROMY NORDLINGER

Actress/Playwright, (Alla Nazimova)

PLACES @ 59E59 & Edinburgh Fringe 2017. Some NYC acting: Clurman, Judson, Metropolitan, Beckett. Regional: Actors Theatre of Louisville, Wilma, Emelin. Playwrighting; Lipshtick @ NYFringe, Broadville @ MITF, The Feeling Part @ Playwrights Collective. Selected Film: A Separation, Law & Order, Gotham, Proud Member League of Professional Theatre Women, Playwrights Gallery, NY Madness. Audiobok Narrator of over 200 titles.

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NICK T. MOORE (Sound Designer & Composer)

Selected works include *The Drawer* (IT nominee, best sound) - SoHo Playhouse/Oberon Theater Ensemble; *Expatriate* - Culture Project; *Summer Shorts* 14'/15/16" - Throughline Artists @ 59e59; Crazy For The Dog - Jean Cocteau Rep., *Defenses Of Prague* - La Mama; *Embraceable Me* - (NY) Rachel Reiner Productions/ (NC) Blumenthal PAC. Member: Dramatists Guild, Roundabout Theater Company: Master Teaching Artist. nicktmoore.com

ADAM BURNS (Graphics & Video)

Adam's artwork, films, and theater video designs have been shown internationally, including major New York venues like the Big Apple Film Festival, the New York International Fringe Festival, and Tribeca Cinemas. Shows include *Lipshtick*, *Sex* + *Sealing Wax*, *Broadville*, and now *PLACES*. Adam is currently writing his third novel, a dystopian scifi about humanity's urgent need to evolve toward empathy.



Boxcar by Corbin Went

Winner of Inaugural Parity Commission for Women and Transgender Playwrights

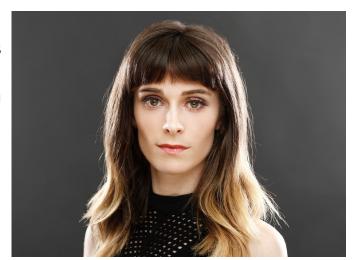


EMILY SKEGGS (Alexis)

In October, Emily wrapped on the upcoming TNT pilot of SNOWPIERCER, and can be seen in one of the lead roles in Desiree Akhavan's upcoming feature film THE MISEDUCATION OF CAMERON POST, based on the popular YA novel. Emily was nominated for dual Tony and Grammy Awards as the lead in Sam Gold's hit musical FUN HOME on Broadway, all the while shooting a recurring role on Brannan Braga's series SALEM and a lead role in Dustin Lance Black's ABC miniseries WHEN WE RISE, directed by Gus Van Sant.

EMILY BATSFORD (Ida)

Emily loves the Parity team! She is an actress, voice-over artist, and teaching artist. She is also a dog-mom extraordinaire. Proud member of AEA. @efcbatsford

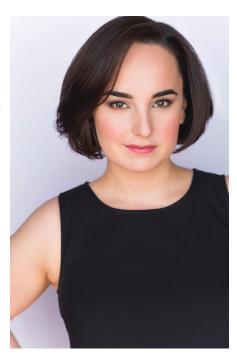


Charlie's Waiting by Melisa Annis

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ANNA FRANKL-DUVAL (Annie)

Anna Frankl-Duval is a British actor, singer, and filmmaker based in NYC. Her first short film, If Only, has just premiered on the festival circuit. Anna continues to work on both sides of the Atlantic - some work includes: *Subway Plays* - This Is Not A Theatre Company (New York), *The Curse Of Love* - Bread and Roses Theatre (London), *Definitely* - Edinburgh Festival, *Agamemnon:Redux* - The Lab at Roger Smith (New York). www.annafranklduval.com





ELIZABETH JASICKI (Louise)

Elizabeth is very happy to be supporting Parity Productions as she played Alma Mahler in VHTDF's production of *Final Analysis* at the Signature Theatre. She has worked extensively in theatre (most notably *Abigail's Party* at The New Group with Jennifer Jason Leigh), TV and film (most recently the new indie *Creative Control* that that ran for a month at the Landmark Sunshine). She has also recorded over 100 audio books and numerous voice overs.

Production Team

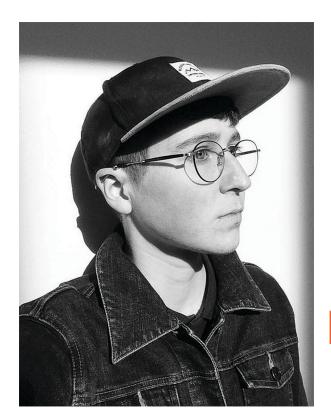


LUDOVICA VILLAR-HAUSER (Director) Ludovica Villar-Hauser is the awardwinning Artistic Director of Parity Productions. Ludovica's directorial accomplishments include the Off-Broadway and West End premieres of Gregory Murphy's The Countess (634 Off-Broadway performances), Philip Ridley's Leaves of Glass, and Laura Pedersen's For Heaven's Sake!, among many other critically-acclaimed shows. She has served on the Board of the League of Professional Theatre Women since 2009.

JENNA R. LAZAR (Day of Producer)

Jenna is currently the ASM for The Mad Ones with Prospect Theatre Company. Other favorites: Death for Five Voices; Summer Shorts (seven seasons); The Drawer Boy; The Hummingbird's Tour; Order; Pimm's Mission; The Woolgatherer; Honor; 35mm; The Seafarer; The Mar Vista; A Hard Wall at High Speed; Sex Good, Money Bad; Twelfth Night; and Hamlet. Member AEA.





ELI DENBY WOOD

As a masculine presenting person, Eli's mezzo soprano range catches many by surprise. They have been writing music for 13 years and play a variety of stringed instruments, but mainly focus on the underrated ukulele. Look out for them playing house shows in and around Brooklyn. Instagram: @normcore.dinosaur

Musical Performers

NANDI KAYYY

Nandi Kayyy is a Queer, Southern born singer/songwriter based in Brooklyn, New York. Drawing inspiration from artists like Imani Omari, Aaliyah, & The Internet, while being guided by Neosoul ancestors like Erykah Badu, Nandi Kayyy delivers a sound from where 90s R&b meets space.



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transgender playwrights, directors, and designers working in New York City theatre parityproductions.org

Parity Productions is the only organization to host a free database of women and transgender playwrights, directors, and designers working in professional theatre in New York City.

Theatre artists who have worked on at least one production in New York City are eligible to receive a free profile like this one:

MEGANNE GEORGE - SET AND COSTUME DESIGNER SHE/HER/HERS



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meganne's website

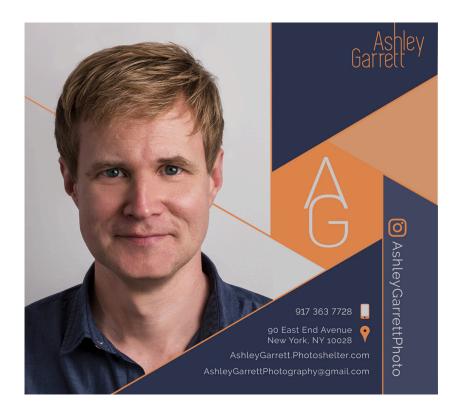
contact meganne

Meganne George recently designed costumes for the Actor's Fund Benefit performance of A Wonderful Life at the Shubert Theatre. She has also been working extensively with Mabou Mines and Lee Breuer, designing costumes for their off-Broadway productions Dollhouse (NYC, national and international tour), Red Beads, and Cara Lucia (American Theatre Wing Hewes Nomination for Costume Design). Other off-Broadway designs include Superpowers, Two Little Indians, Orpheus and Eurydice, and Macbeth. She has designed costumes for Robin Becker Dance, Maffei Dance Company, Nicholas Andrea Dance Theatre and Sal LaRussa Dance Theatre. Opera designs include scenery for La Traviata, L'Equivico Stravegante (American premiere), La Boheme, Dido and Anaes, and Susannah. She has served as the production designer on several independent short films including "Don't Nobody Love the Game," which aired on PBS's Independent Lens. Most recently, she was in Greece designing costumes for Lee Breuer's Choephorae, premiering in Patras as part of the 2006 European Capital of Culture events, and then flew off to Hong Kong and Australia for more Mabou Mines' Dollhouse.

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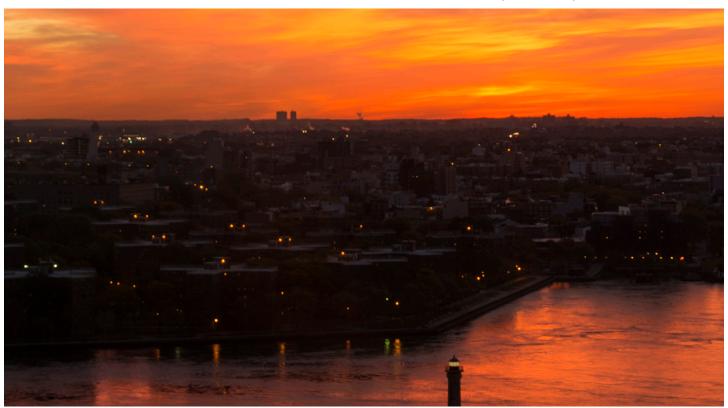


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Rush Hour, New York, 2015



Appealing Orange, New York, 2016

Ashley Garrett is a New York based photographer who specializes in photographing the performing arts. She has photographed actors, dancers and musicians all over the world.

Rush Hour and Appealing Orange are available as part of our **silent auction**.

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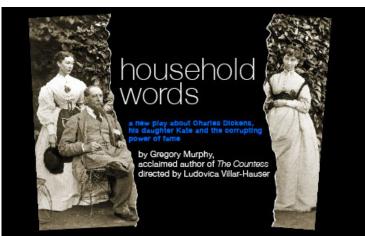
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- @EverydayInferno

"Parity Productions is a beacon of inclusion in the theater world, and we couldn't be more proud to be on this list with so many other amazing shows."

- Marina Tempelsman

"What a list! We're **beyond thrilled** to be involved with outstanding work that has also hired creative teams comprised of 50% women and transgender theatre makers. And bravo to Parity Productions on their incredible efforts in promoting gender equality in theatre and beyond."

Catherine Adler Productions

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