

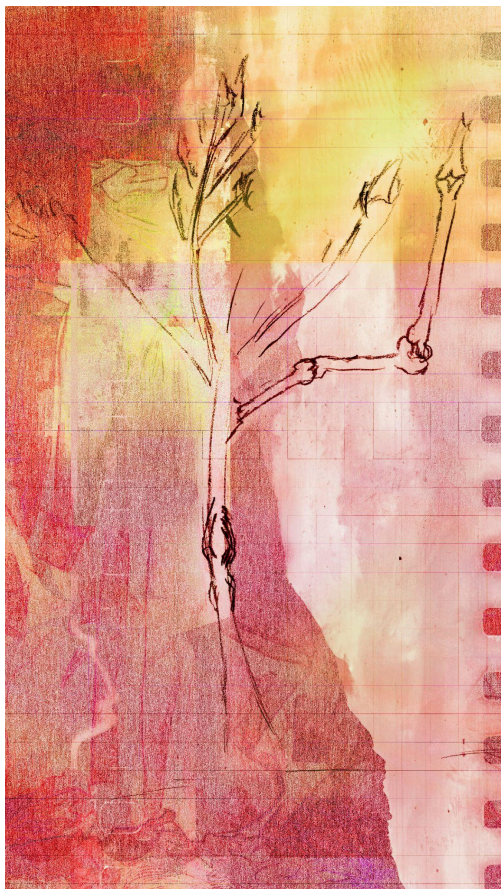
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ward

by

Jarek Pastor



A developmental reading

Court Square Theater

Friday, June 28, 2024 at 8:00 pm

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Place: An Earth that Is but Is Not but “kind of has the feel of it, if that makes sense?” one may find in their dreams.

Time: “Wow, it’s been so long!”

“We should really catch up.”

“Are you free this week?”

“No, how about next?”

“I don’t think so, how about—”

“You know what? I’ll look at my schedule and get back to you.”

“For sure! We do need to catch up.”

(The time-distance between now and whenever this meeting would hypothetically occur, proportionately applied to the human-epochal time scale.)

Directed by **Erica Wray**

Music & Sound by **Dakota Parobek**

Dramaturgy by **Morgan Grambo**

Herald Puppet Design by **Peanut Ricky**

Stage Managed by **Courteney Leggett**

Assistant Directed by **Isabelle Chirls**

Company of actors: **Isabelle Chirls, Marie Donna Davis, Kevin Gill, Luli Gomez Teruel, Liat Graf, Josue Zeus Guerrero, Annie Hoeg, Annie McCoy, Michael Ortiz, Ren Pepitone**

Learn more about our collaborators!



About the Playwright

Jarek Pastor (they/them) is a theatermaker with a focus on play composition, dramaturgy, and directing. Their work moves with a tonal dynamism to enact absurdist portraits of social systems from a mixed race/bilingual/transnational perspective. The result is a theater of being more than the expected doing—of presence and acquaintance more than deed and explanation. This practice is driven by an insistence on finding more communal ways of living beyond the closed horizon of imperialism in all its forms. They hold an MFA from the University of Iowa Playwrights Workshop and a BA in Playwriting from Columbia College Chicago. Jarek Pastor is Playwrights' Center Many Voices Fellow.

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The Interstitial recommends more plays by Jarek...

And Then

Unable to keep ignoring worker dissatisfaction, a factory adjusts to new times. *And Then* is an absurdist cautionary tale on what comes after institutions acknowledge their social harms, and the way employees hopeful for change react to it.

Production history: May 2022, performance directed by Jarek Pastor

A Plant

A tale recounted. An overdue act of creation. Wrists and digits. Andam has a lot to learn and Lab has a lot to say; will there be time? Part-clown, part-elegy, part-presentation on cultivation, *A Plant* is the story of a laborer's attempt at preparing a future life form to repopulate a withered planet.

Production history: May 2021, virtual performance directed by Ann Kreitman

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You Must Wear a Hat
by C. "Meaks" Meaker

October 2024 @ Theatrelab

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