

#### **HOLY COW! READING SERIES: THE RELIGION THING**

By Helen Hayes Award Winner Renee Calarco Sunday, July 22 at 7pm at Jimmy's 43 43 East 7th Street

Mo and Brian are a picture-perfect DC couple: they're smart, they're witty, and they have a beautifully remodeled kitchen. But when Mo's best friend Patti announces she's found Jesus and is putting her own career on hold, Mo must take a closer look at the harder truths surrounding her own marriage. A comedy about relationships, faith, and the fine line between compromise and regret.

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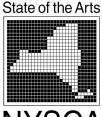
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South Ferry by Bara Swain Guggenheim by Catherine Weingarten No Drama by Benjamin Adair Murphy Columbus Circle by Leah Benavides The Bird by Mike Mariano

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# GOODNESS

By Sean Christopher Lewis



## PROJECT THEATRE COMPANY

Founded in Washington, D.C. in 1999, Project Y is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We are a community of artists, designers, and playwrights devoted to developing new work through staged readings, online video projects, workshop productions, and fully produced world premieres.

**Staged Readings:** Each year Project Y presents a themed bimonthly reading series. The 2012 HOLY COW! Reading Series, currently in progress, has been presenting new plays about religion, faith, and what happens after death. For more information about the playwrights featured in the reading series visit projectytheatre.org. Got a play that fits our theme? Email literary@projectytheatre.org.

**Workshop Productions:** Project Y is committed to fostering new play development by providing playwrights the opportunity to see and hone their work in that space between public readings and full productions.

**Online Video Projects:** Each year, Project Y conducts a themed video monologue contest. Each winning monologue is filmed and uploaded to our YouTube channel. Past themes include: CONFESSIONALS and SITE/SIGHT SPECIFIC. Visit www.youtube.com/ProjectYNYC to watch our latest videos.

**World Premieres:** Project Y produces world premiere productions each season. Past productions include: LOVESICK or THINGS THAT DON'T HAPPEN (2012) Plays by Lia Romeo, Songs by Tony Biancosino, Conceived by Michole Biancosino, NEW YORK NEW PLAY FESTIVAL (2011), THE REVIVAL (2010) by Samuel Brett Williams, and FUBAR (2009) by Karl Gajdusek.







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#### JOIN THE PROJECT Y COMMUNITY

Like what you see and want to be part of the Project Y community? We are always looking for volunteers to assist and help out with our administrative and artistic efforts. Email andrew@projectytheatre.org for more information.

#### **GOT FEEDBACK?**

Your thoughts and opinions are important to us. In order to develop our work, we need to hear from you! If you have any feedback about this play, please email michole@projectytheatre.org

### Support for Y

Project Y exists because of the generosity of people like you. We are here today because of the balance between the generous donations from individual theatre-lovers and our ticket-paying audience. Many thanks to the following individuals who have made the show tonight possible:

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## GOODNESS

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**Playwright** Director

JOE R. SKOWRONSKI

AMIT PRAKASH

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AIDAN ELIZABETH SULLIVAN\*

Assistant Stage Manager

MATTHEW BALL

Technical Assistant

Fight Choreographer ELIZABETH INGHRAM

#### CAST

AALIYAH MUNEERAH HABEEB Roberta "Robbie" Carmel

ROLAND LANE

Okello John

TERESA STEPHENSON\*

Alex MacGregor

SHANNON MICHAEL WAMSER\* **KEONA WELCH\***  Officer James Michaels

Christina Carmel

\*Appears courtesy of Actors' Equity

#### There will be a 10 minute intermission

Michole Biancosino (Director) is a Founder and Co-Artistic Director of Project Y Theatre Company, where she has directed many productions, videos, and reading series. Her production of Project Y's The Revival at Theatre Row earned 7 NYIT Award nominations including Best Director and Best Production. Michole recently directed Lia Romeo's LoveSick or THINGS THAT DON'T HAPPEN at 59E59 Theaters for Project Y. She has worked with Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Crossroads Theatre, PTP, MileSquare Theatre, Camisade Theatre, The New York Fringe Festival, and The Fine Art Center and Marigny Theatre with New Orleans Theatre Experiment. Michole is a recipient of the prestigious SDC Gielgud Fellowship for Directing. She holds a B.A. from Middlebury College and an M.F.A. in Directing from Rutgers University. Check out www.micholebiancosino.com

Patrick Bernard Clayton (Stage Manager) is a graduate of Rutgers University in Stage Management, Recent Credits TheatreWorks USA's National Tour of Seussical, The Musical and Brontë (Alloy Theatre Company) New York Credits: Spring Alive! (One Healing Arts Company, Dixon Place), TUT (NYMF). The Revival (Project Y, Theatre Row), Septimus & Clarissa The Workshop at Classic Stage Company, In God's Hat (Apothecary

Theatre Company, Playwrights Horizons), and *Three Piano's* (New York Theatre Workshop). He would like to thank his family for their constant support.

**Aaliyah Muneerah Habeeb** (Roberta "Robbie" Carmel) is an MFA III actor at Rutgers Mason Gross, hails from Kent, OH. She received her BA at the University of Pittsburgh. Aaliyah was last seen in Rutgers Theater Company's production of *Intimate Apparel* as "Mayme," directed by Michole Biancosino. Rutgers credits also include *Machinal*, *Lady of Fadima*, *A History of Kites*, and *Marat/Sade*. Special thanks to Project Y and Sean Christopher Lewis for this wonderful opportunity!

Elizabeth Inghram (Fight Choreographer) is an actor/producer/writer in NYC, trained in Williamson and Viewpoints physical techniques, stage combat, etc. She a co-founder of Core Creative Productions and a member of FoxStole, a movement based theater company. As an actor, Elizabeth was recently noted as "a splendidly feisty, grounded heroine with some nifty opportunities to show off her fighting skills as well" (nytheatre.com) in Dia de los Muertos at Teatro Latea. For more info, please go to www.elizabethinghram.com.

Roland Lane (Okello John) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and raised in Hillsborough, New Jersey. He enrolled in the Acting program at the New York Film Academy; since then he has performed in numerous projects from film and theatre, and has performed at the Players Club Theatre and The Access Theatre. He thanks his friends and family for showing support over the years as he progresses as an artist. You can find his work at www.rolandlaneacting.com.

Sean Christopher Lewis (Playwright) Sean's plays have won the NEA Voices in Community Award, Kennedy Center Rosa Parks Award, NNPN Smith Prize, Barrymore Award, two Central Ohio Critic Circle Awards, William Inge Fellowship and NNPN Playwriting Residency. They have been produced at Baltimore Centerstage, Interact Theatre, Riverside Theatre, Woolly Mammoth, Hancher Auditorium, Southern Rep and many others. He is currently under commission with Hancher Auditorium, Interact Theatre and Davenport Theatricals. Most likely you have heard him as a commentator on NPR's This American Life where he tells funny stories about his family. He is the Artistic Director of Working Group Theatre. www.seanchristopherlewis.com

Amit Prakash (Sound Designer) has designed numerous shows for Project Y since its first production in Washington, D.C. Recently, he has designed *Thérèse Raquin Desire*, and *Baby Boom* (New Orleans Fringe Festival), *FUBAR* (59e59), and *The Revival* (Theater Row – IT Award nomination) for Project Y. He has also designed for Camisade Theater Company, Mile Square Theater, New Orleans Theatre Experiment (N.O.T.E.) and Nunya Productions. Amit holds a B.A. in English from Oberlin College and a Ph.D. in history from Columbia University.

Joe Skowronski (Lighting Designer) Joe is from Bayonne, New Jersey. Joe received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater Design from Mason Gross School of The Arts, through which he came to be part of Project Y Theater Company. Design credits include *Oleanna* (Rutgers Theater Company), *Hamlet* (BAMA Theater Company), and *LoveSick* (Project Y). Joe was recently nominated for an Outstanding Achievement in Lighting Award by Papermill Playhouse for his work on *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (GSB Players).

**Teresa Stephenson** (Alex MacGregor) Recent credits: *Lovesick* (Project Y); *Going to the River* (EST), *Reasons to be Pretty* (Studio Theater, Washington D.C.), *Race Music* (DiverseCity Theatre Company), *Caitlin and the Swan* (The Management); *Therese Raquin Desire* (Project Y). Film and TV: *Evan and Gareth are Trying to Get Laid* (Comedy Central); *Happy New Year* (SXSW nominee); *The Eternal Clockwork of the Universe* (Malik Isasis). Training: NOCCA, New Orleans; BA, Vanderbilt University; MFA, Rutgers University. Teresa is an Artistic Associate of Project Y.

**Shannon Michael Wamser** (Officer James Michaels) is thrilled to be making his debut with Project Y. Recent credits include *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Jack) and *The Rainmaker* (Jimmy). Upcoming credits include George in *Of Mice and Men* and Cassio in *Othello*. Look for him also in an upcoming Bud Light NFL print campaign. SMW is a proud member of AEA and an active actor, director and teacher. He invites you to find out more at www.shannonmichaelwamser.com.

**Keona Welch** (Christina Carmel) Off-Broadway: *Court-Martial At Fort Devens* (Castillo Theatre); *We in Silence Hear a Whisper* (Red Fern Theatre Company); *Colored Peoples Time, Savanna Black & Blue* (Negro Ensemble Company); *The Ritual* (New Perspectives Theatre Company); *The Cold Chill of Winter* (Strawberry Theatre Festival). Regional: *Ruined* (The Philadelphia Theatre Company). Film: "End Of Hope", "Birth Report"; "The Riot"; "Candy". TV: "Law & Order"; Law & Order SVU". Training: Duke Ellington School; Rutgers University, BFA; Shakespeare's Globe Theatre (London; England).

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