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STAGING AND DIRECTING ALIYAH CURRY



BOOK, MUSIC, AND LYRICS DAVID QUANG PHAM

DRAMATURGY
JORDAN ALEXANDRIA EALEY



THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

David's heart and passion spans as wide as the fabric of spacetime, not only in creating this piece, but in person. I was struck reading his initial introduction of Singularity and her galaxies in Addae Moon's workshop last year by the relationship between parent/child and older siblings/younger siblings, themes I write about often and relate to coming from a close knit family, yet still having the need to set boundaries. The Universe has expanded since then, with David taking us on this science-spree that very much pulls on our nostalgic heartstrings of going through puberty, adjusting to family changes, learning power dynamics, greif, and rebirth. It is a joy to present to you how the parallels of the galaxies to our own lives aren't so formulaically different. Declinations!

- Aliyah Curry

AUTHOR'S NOTE

Moon's "Generating Story Ideas" class meant dearly to me for bringing light to my storytelling and the creation of ELLIPSES and importantly: meeting new friends, especially Aliyah. After presenting two pages of my personification of the Big Bang between Singularity and their kids, Aliyah was literally the first person ever to give their thoughts.

Addae: "What grabbed you?" Aliyah: "The BB gun."

When Aliyah shared her story about generations of families having kids on a porch, it struck me. The house was an entity in it of itself. Not only that, but the dynamics of how Aliyah writes sibling was inspiring.

Despite Addae believing that both our stories would be full-lengths, little did I know that it would be fleshed out in a year. But universally I knew that wherever the story went, Aliyah would take it light years ahead.

- David Quang Pham

ELLIPSES

Book, Music, and Lyrics by DAVID QUANG PHAM

Dramaturg **Jordan Alexandria Ealey**

Stage Manager **Alexis 'Lexi' McKay** Director Aliyah Curry

CAST

Singularity Parris Sarter

Gravity Vallea E. Woodbury

SPT0615-JD Daniela Cobb

Cartwheel Jason-Jamal Ligon

Whirlpool Skye Passmore
Triangulum Abby Holland

Andromeda Daniel Sakamoto-Wengel

Milky Way Evan Phillips
Tidals Kait Rivas

Narrator Sofia Palmero

Understudy Kate Leanne Jacoby

CONCERT

"Bounce" Singularity, SPT0615-JD, Cartwheel,

Whirlpool, Triangulum, Andromeda,

Milky Way

"Anomaly is Everything" Triangulum, SPT0615-JD

"Time is Relative" Cartwheel, Whirlpool

"Warp, Waves, and Wrinkles" Milky Way, Solar System

"Big Bang"

"Globular" Andromeda

"Parallax" Gravity, SPT0615-JD

MUSICAL NUMBERS (DURING READING)

"Crunch" Singularity, Cartwheel, Whirlpool,

"Cutting Edge" Triangulum, Andromeda, Milky Way
"SPT0615-JD, Cartwheel, Whirlpool,

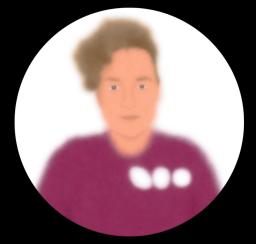
Triangulum, Andromeda, Milky Way

Singularity, Gravity, SPT0615-JD,

(During Intermission) Cartwheel, Whirlpool, Triangulum,

Andromeda, Milky Way, Tidals

The concert will run a half hour. The reading will run approximately 2 hours with one 5-minute intermission. The following talkback will run a half hour.



AMBER BRADSHAW [she/they]

ern queer and a fierce believer in the power Wild Dance, and Theatrical Outfit, Since 2006, Amber has directed, dramaturged and directs and dramaturgs for the Ethel Woolson ly for all WTP programs and teaches a yearlong New Play development Dramaturgy



DANIELA COBB [she/her] (SPT0615-JD) has enjoyed being a member of Working Title Playwrights family, as it allows the opportunity for the art community to speak in so many ways. She has performed in the Atlanta Theatre district with many companies; True Colors, The Alliance, Horizon Theatre ... and more. She is now a traveling performer with the National Broadway Tour of The Lion King. "Always grateful for an opportunity to create and heal through the arts."





with her at theirdaughters.productions

JORDAN ALEXANDRIA EALEY [they/she] Outfit, Working Title Playwrights, and Hush authored musicals from the nineteenth in their career.





ABBY HOLLAND [she/her] (Triangulum) is excited to be collaborating with so many wonderful artists in Ellipses as Triangulum. Favorite recent credits include: Ride The Cyclone, Naked Mole Rat Get Dressed: A Rock Experience (Alliance Theatre); Head Over Heels, The Crucible, Little Shop of Horrors, Company, Appropriate (Actor's Express); Macbeth (Synchronicity Theatre); Freaky Friday (Horizon Theatre); Fun Home (Out of Box). Abby received her BA in Theatre and Women's Studies from the University of Georgia. Currently, she is working on creating an original musical with some very talented friends. We thank you for supporting this new work and we hope your experience is out of this world! IG: @abbyholland

JASON-JAMAL LIGON [he/him] (Cartwheel) is an Atlanta-based tv, stage, & Dog), & Equus (Nugget). As the actor or audience, Jason Jamal enjoys a good story, regardless of genre or budget. When not acting, he enjoys learning about plants. He also serves as the Atlanta Botanical Garden's growing, storing, and researching seeds from threatened and endangered plant @botanyblackout.



ALEXIS 'LEXI' MCKAY [she/her] (Stage Manager) moved to Atlanta after working in Savannah, GA for three years. She has worked her way around Atlanta the past few years to learn about all the amazing companies and to gain more knowledge about how to be the best stage manager and theater artist. While stage managing is her passion; she also loves any chance to help others. So when she learned about Out of Hand she couldn't wait to work with them and the empowering work they do. When she's not working, she is finding a quiet corner to curl up with her dogs and try to get her next play written. Currently, she is a part of the Philip Hamilton tour stage management team while they are in Atlanta.



SOFIA PALMERO [she/they] (Narrator) is a writer, actor, director, and dramaturg in Atlanta, GA. Their full-length play Harina Pan was a finalist for the 2021 Ethel Woolson Lab, Sofia is also a member of the WTP Actor Ensemble and has been seen on stage with Out Front Theatre, Vernal and Sere Theatre Co., and Essence to Crux. Sofia is available as and you may catch her moderating if you





SKYE PASSMORE [he/him] (Whirlpool) on the Warehouse stage in BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON and PRIDE AND PREJU-DICE, and has performed with Actor's Ex-RollCall Theatre, and the Atlanta Lyric Theatre. As a playwright his work has been New Play Festival as well the Actor's Express Dinners, and his play MAN FROM THE EAST the next Alliance Theatre's Reiser Artist Lab. the upcoming Dungeons and Dragons comedy webseries "The Campaign" (IG: @thecampaignshow).

DAVID QUANG PHAM [he/him] (Author) is a science dramaturg from Wyoming, Working Title Playwrights. He loves this the modern sackbut. In high school, he wrote his first musical (MATHLAND) for a Calculus project. He has been drafting musical love letters to science ever since. Janelle Lawrence is his musical mentor. As a member of $\Sigma \mathcal{T} \Sigma$, he attained an astrophysics degree at Michigan State University. Since college, David has been working on a partisubatomic educators who collide and comes science communication through the human condition.





EVAN HILL PHILLIPS [he/him] (Milky Way) is a graduate from Michigan State University with a BFA in Theatre & an alumnus of Aurora Theatre's Apprentice Company 2019. Evan was also a mentor for Openspot Theatre & is an Associate Artist of the Sense-Ability Ensemble, who are currently developing an original musical geared towards neurodiverse audiences. Previous credits include: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, The Lawrenceville Ghost Tours (Aurora Theatre), Disney's Newsies (Aurora Theatre/Atlanta Lyric Theatre), Water Works (Herschend Family Entertainment) and Nowhere City (Kingdom Entertainment Studios). Evan is very excited to be a part of this astronomical reading with all of the talented artists of Working Title Playwrights. Happy National Gummi Worm Day!

KAIT RIVAS [they/them] (Tidals) is new Woolson Lab readings with WTP. Previous in the Square), Entertaining Lesbians, Working the Musical, and Evil Dead the Square Playhouse). Follow them @kaitrivers



DANIEL SAKAMOTO-WENGEL [he/him] (Andromeda) is an Atlanta-based actor, dog dad, and loving husband, who grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. Daniel graduated in 2016 from the University of Minnesota/Guthrie Theater BFA Actor Training Program who moved to Atlanta in 2018. Daniel is an acting ensemble member of Working Title Playwrights, and a member of the Atlanta-based writers group, The Cultivators. Daniel is excited to embark on this journey across the Universe with this galactic family.



PARRIS SARTER [she/her]

(Singularity) is pleased to be a part of the reading of Ellipses as Singularity. She has been a member of Working Title Playwrights for several years and believes firmly in supporting new work. She has worked extensively throughout the Atlanta theater community. Some of her credits include: Angels in America parts 1 and 2, An Octoroon (Actor's Express), Angry Fags, The Revolutionists (7 Stages), Eclipsed (Synchronicity), and The Cake (The Horizon). She just concluded a new work that she has been collaborating with Hush Harbor Lab Productions called NINA. She hopes that you enjoy this reading of this galactic story and that it expands your imagination. Thank you for supporting live theater and please stay sane and safe out there.





MINKA WILTZ [she/her] (Singularity's Music) is a trained classical singer, professional stage actor, and writer. She has collaborated extensively on new and developing works written by playwrights including Robert O'Hara, Marcus Gardley, and Kia Corthron. She has performed on the stages of The Alliance Theater, Horizon Theater, The Actors Express, Synchronicity Performance Group, Working Title Playwrights, The Atlanta Opera, San Diego Repertory Theater and The Atlanta Symphony.

VALLEA E. WOODBURY [she/her] My Dream at Alliance Theatre, A Christmas Carol and Doris the Church Lady in The Color winning productions at The Second City Vallea has an MFA in Performance from the ry. www.vallea.com



Maya Caldwell

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We express our gratitude to the following organizations and friends who have supported the development of ELLIPSES in the past year. If we have inadvertently left your name off this list, please accent our applications and content.

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FIRST READERS	Liz Dooley	WORKING TITLE
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Jordan Alexandria Ealey	Fred Kempner	Erin Considine
Aliyah Curry	Hank Kimmel	Elisa Cornish
Amber Bradshaw	Maya Lawrence	Tara Coyt
	John Mabey	Paul Donnelly
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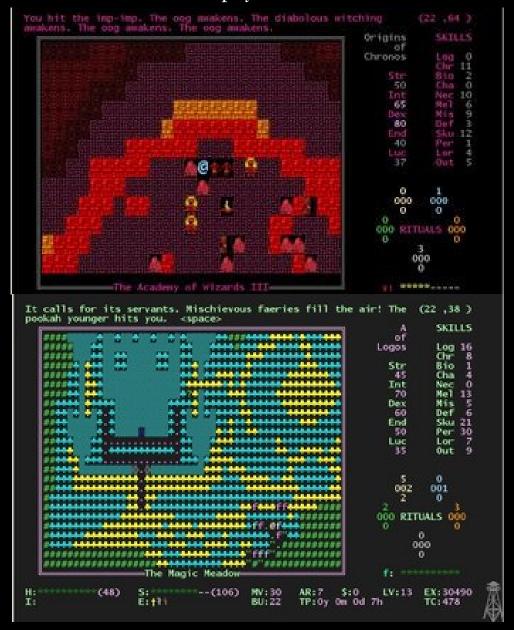
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There are also some puzzles, and a fair number of shrewd (lewd?) jokes. Mild psychotic interludes and hallucinatory episodes are also featured.

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"ChroNOs? More like ChroYES!" David Quang Pham

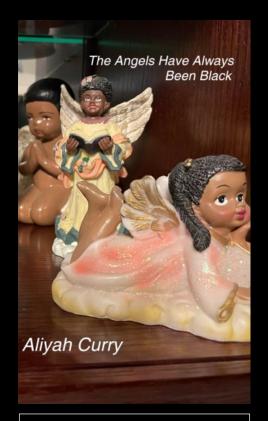
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The Angels Have Always Been Black by Aliyah Curry

The Angels Have Always Been Black is a metamorphosis of Black girlhood, queer sexuality, God, and family. Through a mix of traditional forms, as well as her own style of verse, the angels will take you up, then down, then up again, weaving hope through all the memories, beloved and triggering, before resting once again on the shelves of Mommy's freshly dusted mahogany shrunk.

This narrative is matured into Black womanhood on these wings, journeying home, earth, riverlands, and sky. Granny braids your hair, a new lover breaks your heart, and Black women prevail.





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by Malina Decheva-Rossa, Marie Incontrera, David Quang Pham

A science comedy about finding your zone. This is developed under Across a Crowded Room summer program of New York Public Library for the Performing Arts.



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GALAXY BRAINS

Thoughts and Reflections by WORKING TITLE GENIUSES

"I don't understand what's going on, but I understand what's going on."

Liz Dooley

February 1, 2021 at WTP Monday Night Development Workshops

"The musical that I most compare it to in terms of character journey is actually **AMERICAN IDIOT** but like through the lens of KATAMARI DAMACY."

Liz Dooley

October 5/December 7, 2020 at WTP Monday Night Critique Sessions

"It really raises the stake of everything and introduces this poltergeist feeling where suddenly stuff is happening."

Nathan Jerpe

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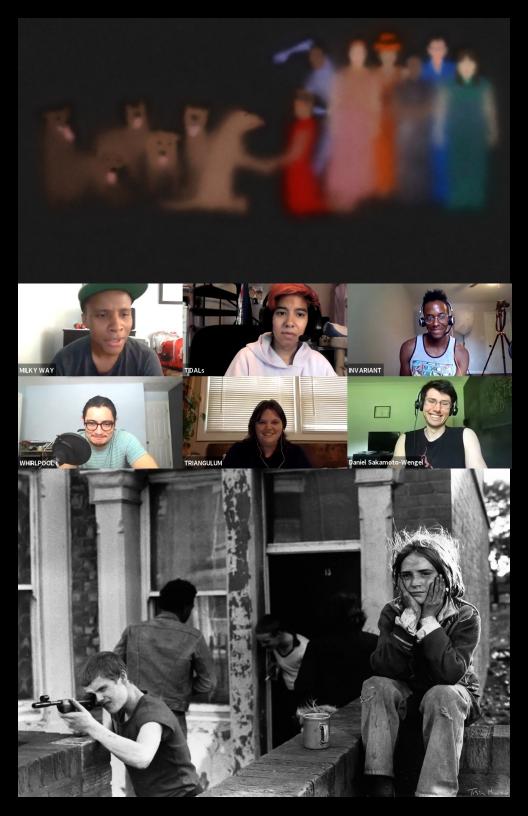
"My brain is like HUH, but my gut is like YES."

Sofia Palmero

February 1, 2021 at WTP Monday Night Development Workshops

Directly right: One of four images in the first exercise of "Generating Story Ideas."

It served as the inspiration for the Galaxy family and the Big Bang Taser.



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