

THE BEARDED LADIES

CONTRADICT THIS!

make me wince,
I see what you do not—I know what you do not
Inside these breast-bones I lie smutch'd and choked
Beneath this face that appears so impassive, hell's
tides continually run,
Lusts and wickedness are acceptable to me
I walk with delinquents with passionate love
I feel I am of them—I belong to those who seduce and
prostitute myself,
And henceforth I will not deny the
deny myself?



A Birthday Funeral for Heroes



Upcoming for the Beards

Contradict This! At La MaMa in New York
Part of the Stonewall at 50 celebration from June 20-29th

Beach, Please
At the Spirit Bar in Atlantic City on Friday Nights August 9-30

Hairballs: A Regurgitated Cabaret
Aug 15th at World Cafe Live in Philly
August 24th at Joe's Pub in New York

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Help us bring **Contradict This!** to New York City at La MaMa for the 50th anniversary of Stonewall in June! To support us, visit our website. All donations are tax deductible.

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MUSIC IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

The Song of Who Is Here- Lyrics JJ Music HA
Welcome- Lyrics JJ Music HA
Song of the Players- Lyrics JJ and Ensemble Music HA
Song of How We Got Here- Lyrics JJ Music HA
Song of Expectations- Lyrics JJ Music HA
Song of Who Whitman is To Us- Lyrics JJ Music HA
Camden- Lyrics JJ Music HA
Daddy Poet- Lyrics and Music DDJ
Best Sex I Never Had- Lyrics and Music by PR and JS
Take Off Your Hat- Lyrics WW Music EB
Welcome to the Trial of Walt Whitman- Lyrics JJ Music HA
Black Twitter- Words JS Music HA
I Know We All Hungry- Lyrics by AMB, music by AN, AMB & HA, with vocal arrangement contributions from PR
Hero Song- Lyrics EB with JJ and Music EB
Too Much Space- Lyrics and Music PR
The Judge's Song of Recusal- Lyrics JJ and VCS Music PR
I Am Large- Lyrics WW Music HA
Do I Contradict Myself?- Lyrics WW Music HA
Poeta de la Barba- Lyrics and Music DDJ
Cancel Ballet- Lyrics JS & EB, music as performed by T, with various samples
What Is Grass?- Lyrics JJ, Music HA and EB
If You Are the Soil- EP
And Don't We Need It- Lyrics and Music EM with contributions from AMB

Composers/Lyricists

HA- Heath Allen
EB- Emily Bate
VCS- Veronica Chapman-Smith
DDJ- Daniel de Jesús
JJ- John Jarboe
AMB- Anthony Martinez-Briggs
EP- Elah Perelman
PR- Pax Ressler
JS- Jackie Soro
WW- Walt Whitman
With contributions from/samples of Andrew Nittoli (AN), and Taio Cruz (T)
Additional incidental lyrics by JJ & music by HA

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CONTRADICT THIS! A Birthday Funeral for Heroes

Director: John Jarboe
Written By* John Jarboe and the Ensemble with Mary Tuomanen
Music Supervisor/Band Leader: Heath Allen
Choreography: Jumatatu Poe

Performers: Anthony Martinez Briggs, Daniel de Jesús, Elah Perelman, Emily Bate, Jackie Soro, Pax Ressler, and Veronica Chapman-Smith

Featuring the Whitman Choir
Choir Director: Elizabeth Braden
Choir Coordinators: Emily Bate and Veronica Chapman Smith
Band: Heath Allen, Jimmy Coleman and Josh Machiz

Scenic Designer: William Boles
Costume Designer: Tyler Mark Holland
Lighting Designer: Reza Behjat
Sound Designer: Daniel Perelstein
Props Designer: Sara Outing
Vocal Coach: Pax Ressler
Dramaturgy: Sally Ollove
Stage Manager: Nic Labadie-Bartz
Production Manager: Calvin Anderson
Technical Directors: Flannel & Hammer- Lauren Tracy and Joe Daniels
Assistant Stage Manager: Melody Wong
Assistant Costume Design: Scott McMaster
Assistant Sound Design: Lucas Fendley
Production Intern: Jem Rubin
General Manager: Brandi Burgess
Bearded Ladies Artistic Producer: Dan O'Neil
Bearded Ladies Company: Heath Allen, John Jarboe, Rebecca Kanach, Sally Ollove
PR: Bryan Buttler

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