Yibin Wang Selected Productions

A Hunger Artist

Original story by Franz Kafka Written by Michael Landes Directed by Yibin Wang Lenfest Center for the Arts at Columbia February 2024 A Hunger Artist is a radical reimagining of Kafka's seminal short story about an artist who fasts in a cage. Set in an online streaming world, this production examines the human condition and noble ways of interactions in the current time through the hunger artist's questions of "what does it mean for him to gain attention from people" and "what are his real values that he can insist on" in that world.

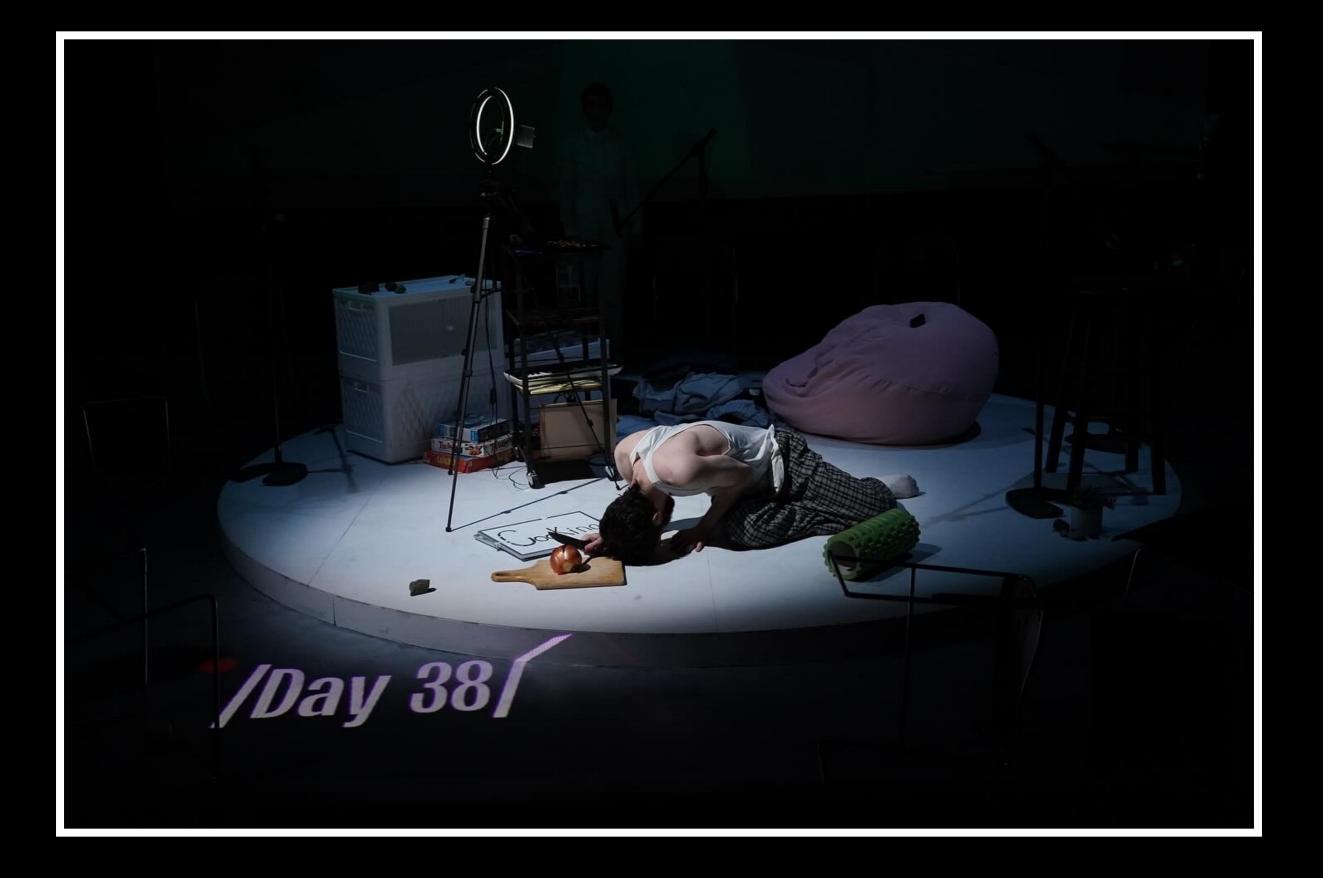












A Theater Letter To You

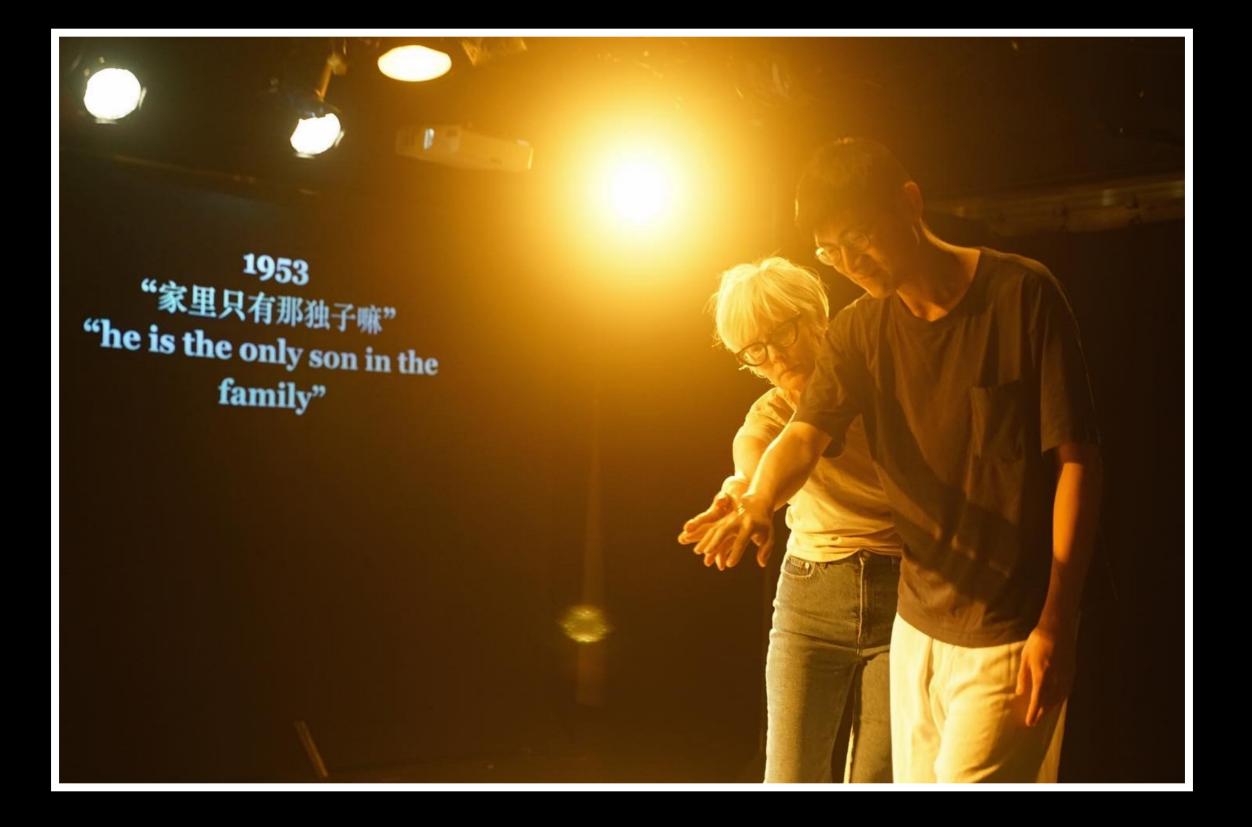
Conceived and directed by Yibin Wang Devised with Natalina Lopez, Michael Lee, Elaine Davis, Roberto Perez, Lingyi Wang, and Yi-Ming Chen Shapiro Studio, Columbia University April 2023 A theatrical letter from Yibin Wang to his loved ones who don't quite understand what he is doing in a different country over 7000 miles away. Through the nature of gathering in theater, he invites the audience on a spontaneous journey to explore this heartfelt but difficult communication together.













The Vanya Project

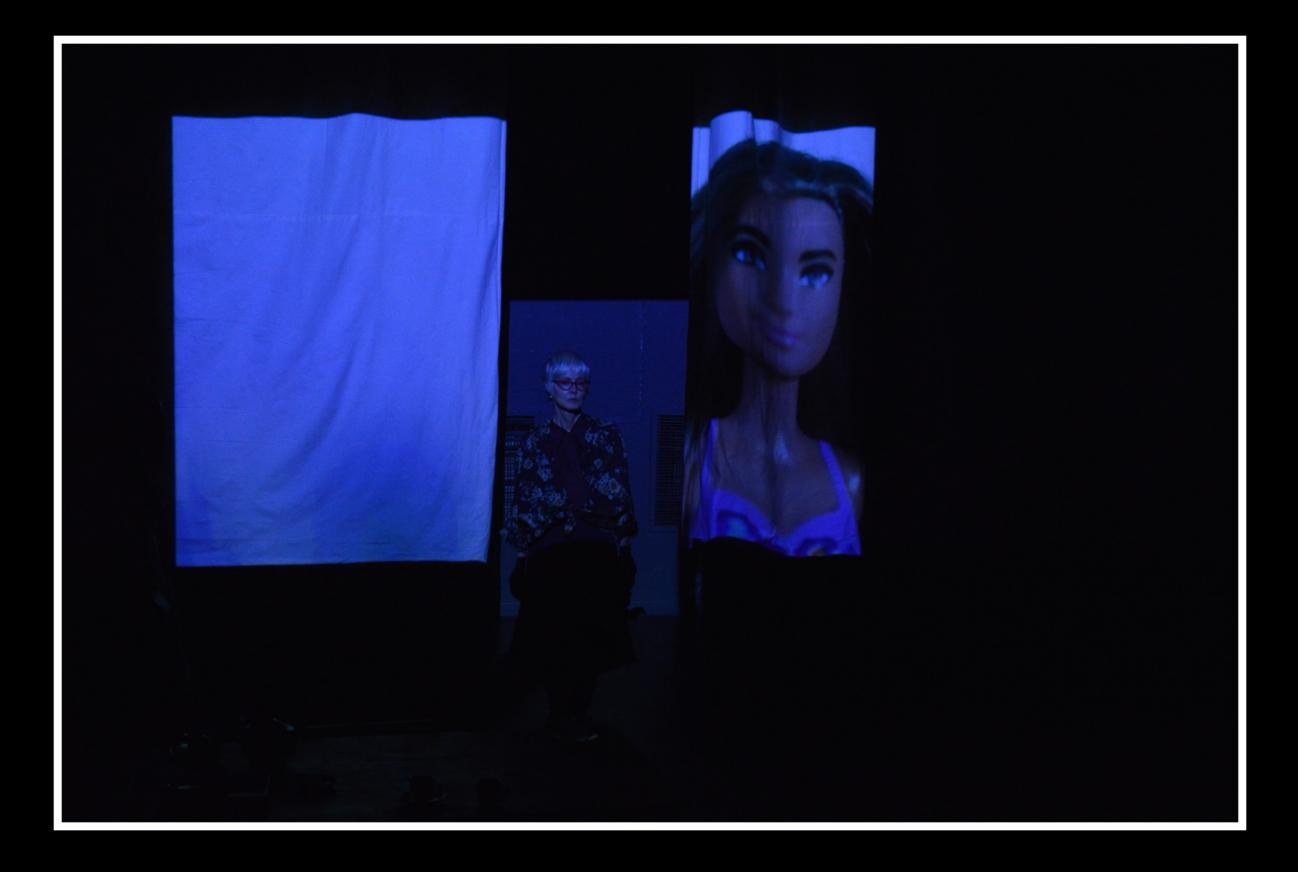
Original Text by Anton Chekhov Adapted by Yibin Wang and Taylor Everts Directed by Yibin Wang Shapiro Theater, Columbia University November 2022 An eclectic group of people in our society meet to play Uncle Vanya on stage, but voyeuristic footage soon intercedes... In this "play within the play," a film student plays The Professor; a K-Pop addict plays Vanya; a YouTube doll collector plays Yelena... As they perform Uncle Vanya on stage, prerecorded content about their daily lives interrupts the Chekhovian narrative. Interruptions become intercuts become conversations. And neither reality will be the same.















Our Grandparents/旧识

by Yibin Wang, Brooke Tyborowski Devised with the cast Directed by Yibin Wang Luma Theater, Fisher Center at Bard February 2020 Two young people, an actor and a non-actor, are invited by a director onto stage to act their grandparents in front of a live camera. They memorize their grandparents' lives, trying to reconnect with the older generation and their histories. In the end, they share their very special experiences of this process with the audience and ask "how can we shorten the mental distance between younger and older generations?"





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The Family 2.0

Conceived by Yibin Wang, Lu Feng Devised with the Cast Directed by Yibin Wang 201 Sheng-qi Studio, Hangzhou August 2018 Based on real stories. On the two sides of the stage, there are respectively Jianhua's stories from a small town and Lu's stories from a city.

They interact with each other in the middle as their stories start to inherently connect with each other.





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