**GENEVIEVE ANGELSON, KATHLEEN CHALFANT, MOLLY BERNARD,**

**LORA LEE GAYER, JUDY GOLD AND MORE TO PREMIERE**

**“THE PUSSY GRABBER PLAYS”**

**IN NYC ON JANUARY 14 AT JOE’S PUB**

**Groundbreaking one-night-only production of short plays will tell the stories of women sexually assaulted and harassed by President Trump**

**Acclaimed, all-female team will make plays available for royalty-free productions across the nation**

**NEW YORK** (January 9, 2019) – Award-winning artists and activists are joining forces to bring the #MeToo movement to the stage. Inspired by the women who have come forward with personal accounts of President Donald Trump’s sexual harassment and assaults, “**[The Pussy Grabber Plays](https://www.thepussygrabberplays.com/)**” will premiere **Monday**, **January 14 at 9:30 p.m.** at Joe’s Pub at The Public Theater. An acclaimed, all-female production team will make the play available royalty-free to theaters, community groups and colleges across the country, creating a new platform for survivors of sexual abuse.

**“**[**The Pussy Grabber Plays**](https://www.thepussygrabberplays.com/)**”** draws from interviews of the seven women who reported sexual harassment and assault by President Trump in the wake of the notorious Access Hollywood tape and were sidelined during the 2016 election.

Each piece will focus on an aspect of one woman's personal experiences, including deciding to come forward, telling their families what happened to them, and questioning and confronting issues of victimhood, sexism and power. One will center on women who have not yet come forward, creating a unique theatrical evening of hurt and humor, disgust and courage, honesty and anger.

Playwrights also include **Halley Feiffer**, **Bess Wohl** and **Anna Ziegler**.Directors include **Lila Neugebauer, Sarna Lapine** and **Jade King Carroll.** Participating actors include **Genevieve Angelson**, **Tina Benko**, **Kathleen Chalfant, Molly Bernard**, **Tasha Dixon**, **Caitlin Fitzgerald**, **Judy Gold**, **Sue Jean Kim**, **Lora Lee Gayer**, **Maria-Christina Oliveras**, Mirirai Sithole and more. A full list of participants can be found below.

**“The Pussy Grabber Plays”** were developed and produced by an award-winning, all-female creative team led by co-creators **Kate Pines** (Theater Agent, ICM Partners) and **Sharyn Rothstein** (playwright, “By the Water”). **Tasha Dixon**, actress and former Miss Arizona who has spoken out about Trump’s beauty pageant harassment, will play herself in a piece written by **Julia Brownell**. **Natasha Stoynoff,** who was attacked by Trump when interviewing him for People magazine, is writing her piece with playwright **Melissa Li.**

“The women President Trump assaulted have to confront him every time they turn on their televisions or log onto Twitter, and he continuously attempts to silence them. We couldn’t think of a more powerful way to amplify their stories than through the theater, which brings people together and reveals our humanity,” **said Kate Pines and Sharyn Rothstein, co-creators of “The Pussy Grabber Plays.”** “This New York premiere is the beginning of a national movement of theaters, educational institutions and community centers to celebrate the strength of these women and to ensure that their stories remain a vital part of the conversation about this administration, the #MeToo movement and the 2020 election. Together, we will raise our voices to support survivors and end sexual violence.”

All of the proceeds from the Joe’s Pub premiere will be donated to The [New York Women’s Foundation](https://www.nywf.org/)’s The Fund for the Me Too Movement and Allies. The fund was launched with Tarana Burke to invest in organizations across the country that led by and for survivors of sexual violence working to prevent gender-based violence and promote healing at the individual and community level. Following the premiere, the plays will be available online and royalty-free for artists and survivors nationwide to partner and share their stories, and will benefit local women’s organizations.

***\*A limited number of tickets are now available to members of the media. Contact Sara Koenig to make a reservation: 917-420-0303; pgp@westendstrategy.com.***

*Organizations interested in producing the plays royalty-free, and joining the movement can contact info@thepussygrabberplays.com.*

**WHAT:** Series of plays inspired by survivors of Donald Trump’s sexual harassment and abuse

**WHEN:** Monday, January 14, 2019, 9:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** [Joe's Pub at The Public Theater, 425 Lafayette St, New York, NY 10003](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Joe%27s%2BPub/%4040.7290178%2C-73.9917494%2C15z/data%3D%214m2%213m1%211s0x0%3A0xdd057fbd3e5bd47e?ved=2ahUKEwjCyK3r4IPfAhVk5oMKHc9KBWsQ_BIwCnoECAQQCA)

**WHO**

*Actors\* As of January 11, 2019*

* Clea Alsip (M. Butterfly)
* Genevieve Angelson (Good Girls Revolt)
* Ashlie Atkinson (BlacKKKlansman)
* [Tina Benko](http://www.tinabenko.com/) (The Avengers, The Greatest Showman)
* Molly Bernard (Younger, Transparent)
* [Kathleen Chalfant](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0149910/) (Duplicity, Perfect Stranger)
* Tina Chilip
* [Tasha Dixon](https://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2016/10/13/tasha-dixon-former-miss-arizona-intv-donald-trump-walking-backstage-naked-sot-lemon-ctn.cnn), actress and former Miss Arizona who has spoken out about Trump’s beauty pageant harassment
* Caitlin Fitzgerald (Masters of Sex, Sweetbitter)
* [Katie Finneran](http://www.katiefinneran.com/) (Bloodline, It’s Only a Play)
* [Judy Gold](http://judygold.com/bio/) (25 Questions for a Jewish Mother and The Judy Show – My Life as a Sitcom)
* Sue Jean Kim (Office Hour, The End of Longing)
* [Lora Lee Gayer](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm5415910/) (Holiday Inn: The New Irving Berlin Musical, The Tick)
* Maurice Jones (Lifespan of a Fact, Saint Joan)
* Susannah Perkins (The Wolves)
* Isabel Keating (Spiderman: Turn off the Dark)
* Sue Jean Kim (Aubergine)
* Maria-Christina Oliveras (St. Vincent and Person of Interest)
* [Mirirai Sithole](http://www.miriraisithole.com/) (The Homecoming Queen, School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play)
* Tiffany Rachelle Stewart (Sugar in our Wounds, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time)
* Zurin Villanueva (Mean Girls, Clueless: The Musical)

*Survivors and truth-tellers:*

* [Rachel Crooks](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/09/us/politics/rachel-crooks-ohio.html)
* [Tasha Dixon](https://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2016/10/13/tasha-dixon-former-miss-arizona-intv-donald-trump-walking-backstage-naked-sot-lemon-ctn.cnn)
* [Jill Harth](https://www.wnyc.org/story/jill-harth-accuses-donald-trump-of-sex-assault/)
* [Samantha Holvey](https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/thanks-donald-trump-i-know-what-it-feels-be-eyed-ncna830951)
* [Jessica Leeds](https://www.npr.org/2016/10/14/497953012/jumped-out-of-my-skin-trump-accuser-jessica-leeds-on-why-she-came-forward)
* [Natasha Stoynoff](https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2017/10/17/long-before-trump-attacked-me-actor-in-bathrobe-people-writer-natasha-stoynoff-column/768452001/)
* [Karena Virginia](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/karena-virginia-becomes-tenth-woman-accuse-trump-sexual-misconduct-n670146)

*Playwrights:*

* Julia Brownell (This Is Us, Parenthood, About a Boy)
* Sam Chanse (The Opportunities of Extinction)
* Halley Feiffer (I’m Gonna Pray For You So Hard)
* Melissa Li (Interstate)
* Sharyn Rothstein (By The Water, Suits)
* Natasha Stoynoff (Captive: A Mother’s Crusade to Save Her Daughter From a Terrifying Cult, published by Simon & Schuster)
* Bess Wohl (Small Mouth Sounds)
* Anna Ziegler (Photograph 51)
* Sharon Kenny (Mrs. Hughes)

*Directors:*

* [Jaki Bradley](http://www.jakibradley.com/)
* [Katherine Carter](http://www.katherinemcarter.com/)
* Jade King Carroll
* [Sarna Lapine](http://www.theintervalny.com/interviews/2017/03/an-interview-with-sarna-lapine/)
* [Lila Neugebauer](http://www.playbill.com/article/why-lila-neugebauer-is-the-director-you-should-be-tracking)
* [Tyne Rafaeli](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/05/theater/ususal-girls-review.html)
* [Laura Savia](https://www.laurasavia.com/)
* [Marlo Hunter](http://www.marlohunter.com/)

*Producers:*

* [Kate Pines](https://deadline.com/2018/06/icm-partners-adds-agent-kate-pines-in-theater-department-expansion-1202405945/) and [Sharyn Rothstein](https://rebelliousmagazine.com/sharyn-rothsteins-by-the-water-coasts-into-town-for-midwest-premiere/), co-creators
* [Shira Milikowsky](https://www.therevolutionwillnotbeboring.com/about/), artistic producer
* Hope Chavez, managing producer

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