

# THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY THEATER

## FALL 2023 / SPRING 2024

Wanjiru Kamuyu  
*A disguised welcome...*  
September 22-23, 2023

Second Annual Gala  
September 27, 2023

Takahiro Yamamoto  
*NOTHINGBEING*  
October 5-7, 2023

Antonio Ramos and the Gangbangers  
*CEREMONIA*  
(at Abrons Arts Center)  
October 19-21, 2023

chameckilerner  
*Aging Prelude*  
October 20-28, 2023

Michelle Ellsworth  
*Evidence of Labor and The Post-Verbal Social Network*  
November 9-11, 2023

Jen Rosenblit + Phil Hayes  
*Creative Residency*  
November 2023

Brian Rogers  
*Small Songs*  
December 6-9, 2023

Animals and Giraffes  
December 12, 2023

Hannah Krafcik + Emily Jones  
*Creative Residency*  
December 2023

Juliana May  
*Family Happiness (reprise)*  
January 2024

Hilary Clark  
*Creative Residency*  
January 2024

Stina Nyberg + Kaki King  
*Creative Residency*  
January 2024

Kim Brandt  
*Creative Residency*  
February 2024

Ursula Eagly  
*Dream Body Body Building*  
March 2024

Stacy Grossfield  
*metamorphosis 2*  
March 2024

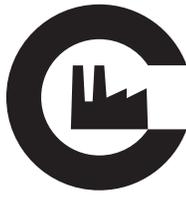
Leslie Cuyjet  
*For All Your Life*  
April 2024

Heather Kravas  
*overly merry*  
May 2024

Alex Romania  
*Face Eaters*  
May 2024

Angie Pittman  
*Black Life Chord Changes*  
June 2024

jess pretty  
*call and response*  
June 2024



**THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY THEATER  
PRESENTS**

**Wanjiru Kamuyu**  
***A disguised welcome...***

Supported by  
**Villa Albertine**

**September 22-23, 2023**

Choreographer and performer: **Wanjiru Kamuyu**  
Dramaturge and producer: **Dirk Korell**  
Texts: **Laetitia Ajanohun**  
Music composition: **LACRYMOBOY**

With the voices of **Sherwood Chen, David Gaulein-Stef, Naïs Haidar, Karine Hanselmann, Wanjiru Kamuyu, Dirk Korell, Crystal Petit, Monika Schwarzl, Sean Seago** and the stories of Tout-Monde.

Light design: **Cyril Mulon**  
Costume design: **Birgit Neppl**  
Production intern: **Yvan-Loïc Kamdem Djoko**

Special thanks to **Robyn Orlin, Jean Gaudin** and **David Gaulein-Stef**

Executive Production: **camin aktion**

**Co-production**

Espace 1789 de Saint-Ouen, scène conventionnée de Saint-Ouen  
La Manufacture CDCN Nouvelle-Aquitaine  
Bordeaux • La Rochelle  
L'échangeur – CDCN Hauts-de-France  
Musée National de l'Histoire de l'Immigration  
Théâtre de la Ville – Paris  
L'Onde Théâtre Centre d'Art, Scène Conventionnée d'Intérêt National – Art et Création pour la Danse micadanses, Paris

**Funding**

Direction régionale des affaires culturelles d'Île-de-France  
Région Ile-de-France  
SPEDIDAM

**Residencies**

Direction des Affaires Culturelles de la Ville d'Aubervilliers – Espace Renaudie  
SUBS, Lyon, Saison 2019-20

**Partnership - residencies**

L'échangeur – CDCN Hauts-de-France  
La Manufacture CDCN Nouvelle-Aquitaine  
Bordeaux • La Rochelle  
La Place de la Danse - CDCN Toulouse/ Occitanie

**Partnership – studio space**

Atelier de Paris / Centre de développement chorégraphique national  
Les Laboratoires d'Aubervilliers  
CN D Centre national de la danse, Pantin micadanses, Paris (as part of a specific partnership)

*A disguised welcome...* is a specific version of Wanjiru Kamuyu's solo work *An Immigrant's Story*.

The journey goes further...

The core of *An Immigrant's Story* lies at the intersection of choreographer Wanjiru Kamuyu's personal story and her collection of 19 additional stories from fellow travelers, floaters, nomads, migrants...

In the form of vocal recordings, the collection of stories continues to remind us of our vital need for compassion for one another, freedom and mobility. They reflect back to us society's general perceptions of the newcomer, the "other(ed)". They highlight the politics around the desirable and undesirable migrant, privilege and stigma.

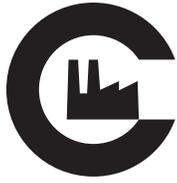
Through journeying our stories reveal our multiple identities, a mosaic of encounters with the "other(ed)", which opens up space for personal and collective enrichment.

We wish to offer you access to these stories. We invite you, the spectators of *An Immigrant's Story*, to listen in as well as contribute to this "universal narrative", a collection in perpetual evolution. For access please visit <http://caminaktion.eu/stories> or use your smartphone to scan the QR code. We thank you.



## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**We acknowledge that The Chocolate Factory Theater is situated on the unceded ancestral lands of the Munsee Lenape and Canarsie people. We pay respect to the past, present and future stewards of these lands. The Chocolate Factory Theater respectfully offers this acknowledgment as a small step on a path towards recognition and repair, with the understanding that acknowledgment is not a substitute for action.**



## ABOUT THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY THEATER

The Chocolate Factory Theater is an artist-centered organization, built by and for artists. Co-founders Sheila Lewandowski and Brian Rogers began making work together in 1995 and quickly saw the need for a creative home to support their work and the work of fellow experimental performance-based artists. The Chocolate Factory therefore has grown and developed within and through a creative process that centers the development of new work, as guided by makers.

The Chocolate Factory Theater exists to encourage and support artists in their process of inquiry. We engage specifically with a community of artists who challenge themselves and, in doing so, challenge us. We believe that by supporting the labor of artists and the public presentation of their work, we contribute to elevating New York City as a thriving and more equitable wellspring of ideas.

The Chocolate Factory embraces artistic practice as an integral part of the artist's whole life, an essential component of the life of our community and a key element of a larger national and international artistic dialogue. As such, we host artists as our equal partners with shared autonomy, trust and appreciation. While we seek to make big ideas and extended relationships possible, we commit to working at a small, intimate and personal scale, with few artistic compromises or boundaries.

We achieve all of this by creating a vessel for artistic experimentation through a residency package serving the whole artist - salary, space, responsive and flexible support for the development of new work from inspiration to presentation.

**MAJOR SUPPORTERS:** Lily Auchincloss Foundation, CATES Tutoring NYC, Con Edison, Howard Gilman Foundation, Harkness Foundation, The Henry Luce Foundation, the Willem de Kooning Foundation, and Teiger Foundation through the Coalition of Small Arts New York, Jerome Foundation, jetBlue, Lambent Foundation, M&T Bank, National Endowment for the Arts, New York Community Trust, New York Foundation for the Arts, NYC Council Member Julie Won, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, New York State Council on the Arts, The Chocolate Factory Theater Trustees, The McGue Millhiser Trust, Mental Insight Foundation, Mertz Gilmore Foundation, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Jr., Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, Rise Light and Power, Select Equity Group Foundation, Shubert Foundation, Emma A. Sheaffer Charitable Trust, Shine Electronics, Trust for Mutual Understanding, and our many individual donors.

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