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A PLAY IS A POEM
By Ethan Coen
Directed by Neil Pepe
World Premiere
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LATIN HISTORY FOR MORONS
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WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME
A Play by Heidi Schreck
Directed by Oliver Butler
Starring Maria Dizzia
Jan 12 – Feb 23, 2020

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By Annie Baker
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What the Constitution Means to Me

By Heidi Schreck

Maria Dizzia
Rosdely Ciprian  Mike Iveson  Jocelyn Shek
Gabriel Marin  Jessica Savage

Directed By
Oliver Butler

What the Constitution Means to Me was commissioned by True Love Productions. This production originated as part of Summerworks 2017, produced by Clubbed Thumb in partnership with True Love Productions. West Coast premiere produced by Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Berkeley, CA, Tony Taccone, Artistic Director/Susan Medak, Managing Director. What the Constitution Means to Me had its Off-Broadway premiere in New York City at New York Theatre Workshop, Jim Nicola, Artistic Director, Jeremy Blocker, Managing Director, 2018.
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CAST

MARIA DIZZIA
ROSDELY CIPRIAN
MIKE IVESON
JOCELYN SHEK
GABRIEL MARIN
JESSICA SAVAGE

ROSDELY CIPRIAN
will perform Wednesday, Friday, Saturday matinee, and Sunday evening performances.

JOCELYN SHEK
will perform Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday evening, and Sunday matinee performances.

*Signs will be posted in the lobby should the schedule change.*

UNDERSTUDIES

Understudies never substitute for a listed performer unless a specific announcement is made at the time of the performance.

Understudy for Maria Dizzia—JESSICA SAVAGE
Understudy for Mike Iveson—GABRIEL MARIN

INTERMISSION

*What the Constitution Means to Me* will be performed without an intermission.
WHO’S WHO

MARIA DIZZIA (Performer), NYC: If I Forget, The Layover, Belleville (2013 Drama Desk Nomination), Uncle Vanya, In the Next Room (2010 Tony® nomination), Eurydice, and more. Film and television credits include three seasons as Polly on Orange Is the New Black, The Deuce, The Newsroom, Red Oaks, While We’re Young, Martha Marcy May Marlene, Margin Call, Horace and Pete, Christine, The Good Wife, Master of None, Louie, Vox Lux, The Neighbors’ Window (2019 Best Actress Award, Short Shorts Festival), Law & Order, and 13 Reasons Why. Upcoming: The Undoing on HBO and Homebody. She made her directorial debut with Amios Theater’s The Loneliest Number (2018 New York Innovative Theatre Award nomination). Maria can currently be seen on ABC’s Emergence. She dedicates this performance to her father, John Paul Dizia, Esq.

ROSDELY CIPRIAN (Performer) is a sophomore in high school who lives with her mom in New York City. She made her Broadway debut this past spring in What the Constitution Means to Me. She also appeared in What the Constitution Means to Me at New York Theatre Workshop and Clubbed Thumb in New York City and the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. Rosedly graduated from Barbizon Modeling School in 2012, was an extra for the 2014 movie Annie, and also played the title role in Annie at her school in 2017. She has a passion for acting and an affinity for technology and helps her community as a Girl Scout Senior. Rosedly has participated in various summer programs and sometimes helps judge debates with her teacher Mr. Beattie. Instagram: @just.rosedly

MIKE IVESON (Performer) was in the original Broadway cast of What the Constitution Means to Me. He has appeared in dozens of productions across the US and internationally, including three stints at REDCAT here in L.A. with the award-winning Elevator Repair Service theatre company (Gatz, Arguedo, The Sound and the Fury). West End: Gatz. Off-Broadway: as Ernest Hemingway’s alter ego Jake Barnes in The Select/The Sun Also Rises, Fondly, Collette Richland (both at New York Theatre Workshop); in the recent revival of David Hare’s Plenty, Measure for Measure (both at the Public, NYC); Everyone’s Fine with Virginia Woolf (ERS/Abrons); the Obie-winning A Beautiful Day…Great Lakes (New Georges); The World My Mama Raised (Clubbed Thumb); Crime or Emergency (PS 122). Film & TV: Orange Is the New Black, Steven Spielberg’s forthcoming West Side Story.

GABRIEL MARIN (Understudy for Mike Iveson) has most recently been seen Off-Broadway in Then They Forgot About The Rest (INTAR). Marin has appeared in over 60 productions regionally with American Conservatory Theater, Kansas City Rep, Ensemble Theatre Company, San Francisco Playhouse, San Jose Rep, Kitchen Theatre Company, Merrimack Rep, TheatreWorks, Marin Theatre Company, Aurora Theatre Company, Magic Theatre, and Center REP, among others. He has performed on NBC, CBS, PBS, and the BBC. gabriel-marin.com

JOCELYN SHEK (Performer) is a high school freshman from Los Angeles who is thrilled to be performing in her first production. She greatly enjoys theatre, having been part of her school’s improv troupe and being on stage crew in her school’s middle school play. Jocelyn has been debating since fifth grade and hopes to apply the skills she is developing in debate to promote social justice and to help bridge the political divide in America. Additionally, she is interested in STEM and has been a proud member of her schools’ robotics teams for six years. Instagram: @jocelyn.shek

JESSICA SAVAGE (Understudy for Maria Dizia). Select theatre: The Carpenter (Alley Theatre); Thirst, The House on the Hill, Everything is Wonderful, Byhalia, Mississippi (CATF); By the Water (Manhattan Theatre Club); Kimberly Akimbo (Barrington Stage). Television: Quantico (ABC), Elementary (CBS). Awards: The Laura Pels International Foundation for Theater Award in Acting. Training: The Juilliard School.

HEIDI SCHRECK (Playwright) is a playwright, screenwriter, and performer living in Brooklyn. Her most recent play, What the Constitution Means to Me, was named a Pulitzer Prize finalist and won the New York Drama Critics’ Circle Award for Best American Play. Schreck also received two Tony Awards.
nominations for What the Constitution Means to Me for Best Play and Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Play, the 2019 Smithsonian American Ingenuity Award, the Horton Foote Playwriting Award, the Hull-Warriner Award, and an Obie. Heidi’s other plays include Grand Concourse, Creature, Mr. Universe, and There Are No More Big Secrets. Her screenwriting credits include I Love Dick, Billions, and Nurse Jackie. Schreck has taught playwriting and screenwriting at NYU, Columbia, Kenyon College, and Primary Stages.

OLIVER BUTLER (Director). Broadway: What the Constitution Means to Me. Co-Artistic Director of The Debate Society: The Light Years (Playwrights Horizons), Jacuzzi (Ars Nova), Blood Play (Bushwick Starr), Buddy Cop 2 (Ontological), Cape Disappointment (P.S. 122), You’re Welcome, The Eaten Heart, The Snow Hen, A Thought About Raya. Off-Broadway: What the Constitution Means to Me (New York Theatre Workshop), Thom Pain (based on nothing) (Signature Theatre), The Amateurs (Vineyard Theatre), The Open House (Signature Theatre, Lortel Award Best Play, Obie Award Direction). Regional: The Plot (Yale Rep), The Whistleblower (Denver Center), Thom Pain (Geffen Playhouse), Legacy (Williamstown Theatre Festival), Bad Jews (Long Wharf), An Opening in Time (Hartford Stage). International: Timeshare (The Malthouse, Australia). He is a Sundance Institute Fellow and a Bill Foeller Fellow (Williamstown).

RACHEL HAUCK (Scenic Design). Broadway: What the Constitution Means to Me, Hadestown (Tony Award, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Award nominations), John Leguizamo’s Leguizamo’s Hurricane Diane (New York Theatre Workshop); Othello, Twelfth Night (Shakespeare in the Park); The Lucky Ones (Ars Nova); you’ll still call me by name (Sonya Tayeh/Jacob’s Pillow); Tiny Beautiful Things, Dry Powder (The Public); Amy and the Orphans, On the Exhale (Roundabout); Parallelogram (Second Stage); Fucking A, Night Is a Room, Our Lady of Kibeho (Signature); Animal, Harper Regan, Bluebird (Atlantic); Antlia Pneumatics, Grand Concourse (Playwrights Horizons), Princess Grace and Lilly Awards, Drama Desk and Lortel nominations, Obie Award for Sustained Excellence.


JEN SCHRIEVER (Lighting Design). Broadway: Grand Horizons, The Lifespan of a Fact, Eclipsed, Ghetto Klown. Recent Off-Broadway: Power Strip (LCT 3); A Strange Loop (Playwrights Horizons); Superhero (2ST); What the Constitution Means to Me (NYTW); Thom Pain, Night is a Room (Signature); Collective Rage, School Girls… (MCC); Usual Girls, Bobbie Clearly, On the Exhale (Roundabout); Dan Cody’s Yacht, In the Body of the World (Manhattan Theatre Club); The Amateurs (Vineyard); Strange Interlude (Transport Group); The Moors (Playwrights Realm); Eclipsed, Toast, A Second Chance (The Public). Tour: Blue Man Group national. Regional: NYSAF, Goodman, Berkeley Rep, A.R.T., OSF, Goodspeed, Studio Theatre, Shakespeare Theatre, Woolly Mammoth, South Coast Rep, and Williamstown. Opera: Die Fledermaus, The Pearl Fishers (Metropolitan); Faust, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, La Traviata (Mariinsky, Russia); The Pearl Fishers (English National Opera). Adjunct Professor: Purchase College. jenschriever.com

SARAH LUNNIE (Dramaturg). Broadway: Grand Horizons, What the Constitution Means to Me (also NYTW, Clubbed Thumb), Hillary and Clinton, A Doll’s House, Part 2. Off-Broadway: The Thin Place (Playwrights Horizons), Mrs. Murray’s Menagerie (Ars Nova), Miles for Mary (Playwrights,
TATIANA PANDIANI (Associate Director) is an Argentine director/choreographer. Recent development work: When My Mama was a Hittite (Park Theatre, London), Torera (Long Wharf, CT), Cristina (Cleveland Play House), Dike (Urbanite Theatre, FL). Tatiana directed the international tour of Le Negrophilie (Barbados, Rwanda, Uganda). Upcoming: Azul Otra Vez [A New Bilingual Musical]. Fellowships: NYTW 2050, NDF O'Neill Center. Tatiana is an Associate Artist at Miami New Drama and a professor at Hofstra University and the Atlantic Theater Company. MFA: Columbia. tatianapandiani.com

TAYLOR WILLIAMS, CSA ( Casting). Broadway: What the Constitution Means to Me (NYTW, Barrow Street, Broadway) and Jeremy O. Harris’ Slave Play (NYTW, Broadway). Taylor is the Resident Casting Director at New York Theatre Workshop and Page 73 Productions. She has cast various productions in NYC and around the country. Notable productions include Daniel Fish’s Oklahoma! (Fisher Center at Bard), Aleshea Harris’ Is God Is (Soho Rep), Amy Herzog’s Mary Jane (NYTW), Lucas Hnath’s The Thin Place (Humenana Festival, ATL). Upcoming: Martyna Majok’s Sanctuary City (NYTW), Sam Gold’s Three Sisters (NYTW), Whitney White’s The Amen Corner (Shakespeare Theatre, DC).


TERRI K. KOHLER (Stage Manager). Broadway: What the Constitution Means to Me, Off-Broadway: Constitution…, The House That Will Not Stand, Red Speedo, Scenes from a Marriage, Belleville (NYTW); Fairview, Futurity, We are Proud… (Soho Rep); In the Blood, The Death of the Last Black Man…, Fabulation, Cheri (Signature); Pretty Filthy, In the Footprint, Paris Commune (Civilians). NYTW Usual Suspect; Associate Artist, The Civilians.

MICHAEL CAMP (Company Manager) is very honored to be a part of this important show. Michael has traveled the world with such shows as Wicked, Jersey Boys, Fun Home, Riverdance, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, and Forbidden Broadway.

BETHANY WEINSTEIN STEWERT (Production Management). Most recently on Broadway: What the Constitution Means to Me, Torch Song, Lobby Hero, and Straight White Men. Bethany has production managed at Aurora Productions, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Manhattan Theatre Club, Atlantic Theater Company, and Second Stage Theater. She is the founder of Stewert Productions, LLC.

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AARON GLICK (Producer). Producing credits include & Juliet (West End), The Boys in the Band (Tony Award Best
Revolutions), **Fully Committed**, **Gypsy** (West End, Olivier Award Best Revival), **The Old Man and The Old Moon**, **Abraham Lincoln's Big Gay Dance Party**. Aaron is an associate producer with David Stone and has worked on such shows as **Three Days of Rain**, **The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**, **Wicked**, **Next to Normal**, **If/Then**, and **War Paint**. Aaron is on the Board of the Musical Theatre Factory, a graduate of Marymount Manhattan College, and the recipient of Hal Prince’s T Fellowship.

**MATT ROSS** (Producer) produced the Tony-nominated Broadway engagement of Heidi Schreck’s *What the Constitution Means to Me*. Prior producing credits include the Tony Award-nominated productions of *Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812* and *On the Town*. He has been a press agent since 2005, representing more than 30 Broadway and 100 Off-Broadway productions. In 2014, he founded Matt Ross Public Relations, which represents a wide array of theatrical institutions and productions. He serves on the board of the Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers (ATPAM) and the Brooklyn-based theatre company The TEAM. Love and gratitude to Alyssa and Sydney.


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**MADELEINE FOSTER BERSIN** (Producer) is a producer and dramaturg. Broadway: *What the Constitution…* (Tony nomination), *The Inheritance*. Off-Broadway: *House Plant, 1969: The Second Man* (Next Door @ NYTW). As line producer, projects with A$AP Rocky, A.R.T., BAM, NYTW, and The TEAM. fosterbersin.org


**JENNA SEGAL** (Producer). Jenna Segal/Segal NYC supports female-led artistic projects in theatre, film, and TV (or whatever you call it!). Broadway: *Hadestown, What the Constitution Means to Me, Les Liaisons Dangereuses, Gigi, Off-Broadway: What We’re Up Against, Gloria, Small Mouth Sounds*.

**CATHERINE MARKOWITZ** (Producer). Credits include *What the Constitution Means to Me* (Broadway), *Our Dear Dead Drug Lord* (Off-Broadway). So proud and thrilled to be on the producing team for this incredible show! Grateful to the whole team, family, friends, and especially Dan.

**JANA SHEA** (Producer). Jenn Maley and Cori Stolbun are producers at Seaview Productions, a Tony- and Olivier Award-winning Broadway and Off-Broadway production company. Additionally, Jana is a Board Member of Women Moving Millions.

**MALEY-STOLBUN-SUSSMAN** (Producers). Broadway: *What the Constitution Means to Me*. In development: *Love in Hate Nation*. Jenn Maley and Cori Stolbun are producers on *Be More Chill* and *Reunion*. Maley: *Indecent* (Tony
They are currently represented on Broadway with *Porgy and Bess* and Off-Broadway (*Sleep No More*), she is a champion of not-for-profit theatre.

**JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS** *(Producer)* is the founder of Define American, a culture change nonprofit. A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Emmy-nominated filmmaker, he is the author of *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen*. More info on joseantoniovargas.com.

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**DANIEL RAKOWSKI** *(Associate Producer)*. Previously on Broadway: *The Great Comet* and *On The Town*. Thank you to my family and to Matt Ross for this opportunity.

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MEGHAN PRESSMAN (Managing Director) joined Center Theatre Group as Managing Director in 2019. Previously, she served as Managing Director of Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company (D.C.), Director of Development for Signature Theatre (N.Y.), and Associate Managing Director of Berkeley Rep, in addition to working at numerous other theatre and arts organizations across the country. She is the Vice-Chair of the National Board for the Theatre Communications Group (TCG).

DOUGLAS C. BAKER (Producing Director) is now in his 30th season at Center Theatre Group. He is an active member of the Broadway League, the Independent Presenters Network, and is a proud member of the Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers. In May 2013, Doug received the Broadway League’s prestigious Outstanding Achievement in Presenter Management Award.

LINDSAY ALLBAUGH (Associate Artistic Director) is a member of Center Theatre Group’s artistic staff and has served in varying capacities for the past 15 years. Selected producing credits include—Mark Taper Forum: Archduke, Bent, What the Butler Saw, Steward of Christendom, Waiting for Godot. Kirk Douglas Theatre: Block Party, Big Night, Good Grief, Vicuña, Throw Me On the Bumpile and Light Me Up, Endgame, Women Laughing Alone With Salad, Chavez Ravine, Race, different words for the same thing, The Nether. Co-Artistic Director of the Elephant Theatre 2004–2014.

NAUSICA STERGIOU (General Manager) has worked supporting artists in theatres of all shapes, sizes, and locales including Center Theatre Group as General Manager and, previously, as Audience Development Director. She oversees productions at the Taper and Douglas, as well as new play commissions and developmental productions. Nausica has taught at USC’s School of Dramatic Arts and works with local nonprofits including Hollywood Orchard.

GORDON DAVIDSON (Founding Artistic Director) led the Taper throughout its first 38 seasons, guiding over 300 productions to its stage and winning countless awards for himself and the theatre—including the Tony Award for theatrical excellence, Margo Jones Award, The Governor’s Award for the Arts, and a Guggenheim fellowship. The Kentucky Cycle and Angels in America (Part One) won the Pulitzer in consecutive years and, in 1994, three of the four plays nominated for the Tony Award for Best Play were from the Taper (Angels in America won). In 1989, Gordon took over the Ahmanson and, in 2004, he produced the inaugural season in the Kirk Douglas Theatre.
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“One of the things that I’m also hoping to do is I want to open up a nonprofit, kind of like the one that I’m already in… [which] uses photography for girls like me who want to either get into photography as a business, or who just like to use it as a tool for their creativity and for their mental health. I’m not entirely sure how to go about it, but what I want to do is I want to use all types of art, and I want to use it to help the children in the neighborhood, because that’s where I grew up and I want to come back to my community and help them do the same thing that I was able to do.”

Fabiola Lopez, age 18, photographed in front of a church by the nonprofit where she works in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, California. Photograph by Rikki Wright.

“I imagine I’ll be in college and that I’ll be in California, because I want to study for performing arts. I want to be in a dorm over there. If my life is going good, then maybe sometimes I could come and visit and tell my family to come with me [to California] for a bit and then bring them back.”

Maria Mejia, age 13, photographed in her grandmother’s front yard in Mendanles, New Mexico. Photograph by Melanie Metz.
What the Constitution Means to Me opens with Heidi Schreck traveling back in time to her 15-year-old self, trying to recall the award-winning speech she gave in the American Legion Oratorical Contest.

Inspired by What the Constitution Means to Me, Victoria Myers of the theatre publication The Interval asked 15 photographers from around the country to photograph teenagers in their communities ranging in age from 13 to 20. Each photographer chose their own subject and submitted work reflective of their point of view. They then asked all the teens, “What do you imagine your life will be like in 15 years?” Below are a few of the photos and excerpts from the text.

“I see myself, hopefully, being done with school. I really want to go into psychology and eventually become a doctor. And with that I want to advocate for LGBTQ+ rights—medical and healthcare rights. I feel like it’s my duty, growing up and knowing people in that community and loving people in that community, to do what I can. And I think it would be a really great way to bridge my passion for activism with my interests in medicine and science.”

Chaya Michaels, age 16, photographed in their bedroom in Manhattan, New York. Photograph by Marisa Chafetz.

“In 15 years I think I see myself post-transition. I also want to really become a film director at that point. I hope in 15 years I’ll be happy with the way everything’s turned out.”

Samm Yu, age 16, photographed at the Pappajohn Sculpture Park in Des Moines, Iowa. Photograph by Meanz Chan.
“I see myself in 15 years being emotionally stable for others around me, as well as myself, and financially stable. I see myself on the billboards in Hollywood [as a model], and I also see myself in magazines like *Vanity Fair*, *Vogue*. I see myself in New York. I want to be involved in motivating other models, and giving them an example of what expressive creativity looks like, and just adding to the greatness that’s already been out there. I just want to be a part of it.”

Autumn Long, age 18, photographed in her bedroom in Charlotte, North Carolina. Photograph by Lauren Woods.

“I guess I just see myself still figuring stuff out, and writing, hopefully. Writing is the goal. Writing plays. When I was younger, I was like, ‘When I turn 20 years old, I’m going to go eat lunch at this exact time, and go to this exact school.’ But then things changed. I was like, ‘Oh, that’s probably not going to happen for me.’ I’m just excited to see how things have changed in 15 years.”

Ariana Ghafari, age 16, photographed in her backyard in Great Falls, Virginia. Photograph by Rosie Brock.
“I see myself as spiritually and happily grounded. Because at this time, I’m still figuring out who I am, and working on my identity. I hope in 15 years, I’ll be definitely grounded and know who I am, or who exactly I really want to be. I don’t think I’ll leave New York City. I was born and raised here, so I definitely think I’ll be in New York City in 15 years. And I do think I’ll still be creating art. I don’t know what it’ll transform to be in 15 years, but it’ll still be art. It will be something bigger, better. Because you can only go up from here.”

“I want to keep meeting new people and be really close to my friends and family and have that be a priority in my life still. I also don’t want to be set on one thing, like being an illustrator and writer because I have been kind of all over the place, like in ballet and then other things, so I want to be open-minded. Maybe there’s something else that I would be even more passionate about or interested in or equally passionate about and that I don’t really know right now, but in 15 years I will.”

Ava Mayer, age 20, photographed in front of her mother’s new house in Bovina Center, New York. Photograph by Tess Mayer.

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