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**Anne Bogart/SITI**  
*Alice's Adventures*

World Premiere

NOV 5-7, 1998 / 8 PM  
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Performance Space



Karenjune Sanchez photo: Megan Wanlass

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## PROGRAM

World Premiere

### ***Alice's Adventures***

Concept/Direction: . . . . . Anne Bogart  
Text: . . . . . Jocelyn Clarke  
& SITI Company  
Created and Performed by: . . . . . Jefferson Mays  
Susan Hightower

Scenic Design: . . . . . Neil Patel  
Lighting Design: . . . . . Mimi Jordan Sherin  
Costume Design: . . . . . James Schuette  
Noize: . . . . . Darron L West  
Company Stage Manager: . . . . . Megan Wanlass

#### Staff for *Alice's Adventures*

SITI General Manager: . . . . . Ellen Lauren  
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#### ***Alice's Adventures***—Director's Note

One day Charles Lutwidge Dodgson told a story to three young girls on a boat in a river on the way to a picnic. The story became the third most widely translated narrative in the history of the world. It is the unique genius of a man like Dodgson, better known to his readers as Lewis Carroll, to structure and contain a story that provokes such intense responses and multifaceted associations from people who come in contact with it.—Anne Bogart

*Alice's Adventures* was commissioned by the Wexner Center for the Arts at The Ohio State University and the City Theater of Pittsburgh.

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## RESIDENCY ACTIVITIES

In addition to organizing public presentations of contemporary work in the performing, media, and visual arts, the Wexner Center actively seeks to provide opportunities for interaction among visiting artists; students, faculty, and staff of The Ohio State University; and members of the community. These activities and associated discussions led by authorities in many fields offer our audiences a better understanding of the creative process and the work of artists engaged by the Wexner Center.

In conjunction with the premiere of *Alice's Adventures* at the Wexner Center, members of SITI conducted a week-long teaching residency in Ohio State's Department of Theatre. Bogart also participated in a discussion session with students who were invited to rehearsals of *Alice's Adventures* to gain further insight into the working methods of the company. The invitation for this residency, sponsored by the College of the Arts, stemmed from Bogart and SITI's past experiences at the Wexner Center and Ohio State. Bogart conducted a remarkable workshop and discussion session with theater students in 1996 in conjunction with SITI's Wexner Center debut with *The Medium*. Last season, Bogart and company members participated in a teaching residency in association with the premiere of their Obie Award-winning production *BOB*, commissioned by the Wexner Center. This partnership deepens our relationship with one of the leading theater companies of our time and reflects the shared interests of the Wexner Center and the College of Arts in bringing unique arts experiences to this campus.

The teaching residency is centered on Bogart and SITI's Viewpoints philosophy of making theater that involves taking into account the key perspectives (tempo, duration, kinesthetics, gesture, and spatial topography, among others) theater artists can address in building a total approach to their craft. With their unique movement-theater style of choreography, innovative means of developing texts, and pioneering acting techniques, Anne Bogart and SITI introduce a world of fresh ideas to theater students eager to embrace new approaches.

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## SITI COMPANY

The SITI Company, previously known as Saratoga International Theater Institute (SITI), was founded in 1992 by Anne Bogart and Tadashi Suzuki to redefine and revitalize contemporary theater in the United States through an emphasis on international cultural exchange and collaboration. Originally envisioned as a summer institute in Saratoga Springs, New York, SITI has expanded to encompass a year-round program based in New York City with a summer season in Saratoga.

SITI's three ongoing components are the creation of new work, the training of young theater artists, and a commitment to forming partnerships with international collaborators. SITI believes that contemporary American theater must necessarily incorporate artists from around the world and learn from the resulting cross-cultural exchange of dance, music, art, and performance experiences.

The American theater is at a significant turning point. Regional theaters are now many generations removed from the artists who created them, and these institutions and their audiences are experiencing a crisis of identity. The way SITI is accomplishing its mission is to integrate into other organizations in the existing American and international theater systems. Examples include our ongoing relationships with Actors Theatre of Louisville, Modus Ensemble and the Magic Theater in San Francisco, Skidmore College, Wexner Center for the Arts at The Ohio State University, Walker Art Center, City Theatre in Pittsburgh, the Toga International Arts Festival, New York Theatre Workshop, and other organizations. It is exciting to see these relationships take hold and continue. The institutions and their audiences experience a breath of fresh air from us, and we, in turn, can grow and create in relation to them.



**Karenjune Sanchez** photo: Megan Wanlass

SITI has most recently completed our annual Summer Intensive at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs; other teaching workshops in Wales and Los Angeles; and a week-long run of *Culture of Desire* at New York Theatre Workshop. We are currently developing two new pieces: *Cabin Pressure*, in collaboration with the Actors Theatre of Louisville and the 1999 Humana Festival of New American Plays, and *Alice's Adventures*, in collaboration with the Wexner Center for the Arts and the City Theatre in Pittsburgh. The upcoming season has workshops in venues including Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Belfast, Prague, and New York, as well as Columbus.

The SITI Company is: Akiko Aizawa, J. Ed Araiza, Will Bond, Leon Ingulsrud, Andrew Kranis, Ellen Lauren, Kelly Maurer, Jefferson Mays, Tom Nellis, Barney O'Hanlon, Neil Patel, Karenjune Sanchez, James Schuette, Mimi Jordan Sherin, Megan Wanlass, Stephen Webber, and Darron L West.

For more information on the company and its training programs and performances; to purchase copies of *Anne Bogart: Viewpoints* or SITI Training T-shirts; or to make a tax-deductible contribution in support of SITI, please contact the SITI Office, PO Box 1922, Old Chelsea Station, NY, NY, 10011; 212.727.0651 (phone & fax); e-mail: [inbox@siti.org](mailto:inbox@siti.org) or visit Planet SITI at <http://www.siti.org>.

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## B I O G R A P H I E S

**Anne Bogart** (Director) is the artistic director of the SITI Company, which she founded with Japanese director Tadashi Suzuki in 1992. She is also an associate professor at Columbia University. Her previous productions with SITI include *Culture Of Desire*; *BOB*; *Private Lives*; *Going, Going, Gone*; *Miss Julie*; *Small Lives/Big Dreams*; *The Medium*; and *Orestes*. Bogart's upcoming productions with SITI are *Cabin Pressure* and *War of the Worlds*.

**Jefferson Mays** (Performer) has previously performed with SITI in *Small Lives/Big Dreams*, *Miss Julie*, *Private Lives*, and *Culture of Desire*. His New York performances include *Orestes* (En Garde Arts), *Moe's Lucky Seven* (Playwrights Horizons), *Quills* (New York Theatre Workshop), and *Bella, Belle of Byelorussia* (WPA). Mays has also worked regionally with La Jolla Playhouse, San Diego Repertory Theatre, Yale Repertory Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Baltimore Center Stage, and Long Wharf Theatre. His film and television credits include *Cousin Bette*, *Some Folks Call It a Sling Blade*, *The Big Brass Ring*, *Hudson Blues*, *Low Life*, *Grey Night*, and *Liberty!*. In 1994 Mays received an Obie Award, and in 1997 he was the recipient of a Dramalogue Award. He holds a B.A. from Yale and an M.F.A. from UCSC.

**Susan Hightower** (Performer) has performed with SITI in *Culture of Desire* at New York Theatre Workshop (as standby for Ellen Lauren), and in *Orestes* in Saratoga and Toga Mura, Japan. In New York she has created roles for new works at Here, Nada and the New York Fringe (Martini Ceremony). Recent productions include *Play, Come and Go*, and *Hedda Gabbler* with the Millenium Theatre in Norfolk, Virginia. Regionally, she performed at Stage West in *Holiday Memories* and *Hamlet*.

**Jocelyn Clarke** (Text) previously collaborated with Anne Bogart to create the text for SITI's *BOB*. He is the lead theater critic with the *Sunday Tribune*, a national newspaper based in Dublin, Ireland. He works as a freelance dramaturge and translator and is co-director of the National Playwrights Conference in Waterford, Ireland. He is currently teaching a course in theater criticism at the Gaiety School of Acting and has taught for the last two years at the annual National Critics Institute's program at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center in Connecticut. Clarke lives and works in Dublin.

**Neil Patel** (Set Design) has worked with SITI on *BOB*; *Private Lives*; *Culture of Desire*; *The Adding Machine*; *The Medium*; *Small Lives/Big Dreams*; *Going, Going, Gone*; and *American Silents*. His Broadway credits include *Sideman*, and he has worked off-Broadway with New York Theatre Workshop, New York Shakespeare Festival/The Public, Playwrights Horizons, Classic Stage Company, Theater for a New Audience, SoHo Rep, and MCC Theater. He has worked regionally for Center Stage, Long Wharf Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Guthrie Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse, and Dallas Theater Center. Patel received an Obie Award in 1996 for Sustained Excellence. He is a New York Theatre Workshop "usual suspect."

**James Schuette** (Costume Design) has worked with SITI on *Seven Deadly Sins* (New York City Opera), *BOB*, *Private Lives*, and *The Adding Machine*. His work as a set and costume designer includes *Saturn Returns*, *Insurrection: Holding History*, *The Chang Fragments*, and *The Treatment* (The Public); *Space and Time to Burn* (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); *Floyd Collins* (Playwrights Horizons); *Trojan Women: A Love Story*, *Stonewall: Night Variations*, and *Orestes* (En Garde Arts); *The Outcast* (Brooklyn Academy of Music/ Majestic); *Quills*, *The Secretaries*, *Lypsinka! A Day In The Life*, and *Love and Anger* (New York Theatre Workshop). Future projects include Charles Mee's *Berlin Circle* at Steppenwolf Theatre Company and *Carmen* at Santa Fe Opera.

**Mimi Jordan Sherin** (Lighting Design) designed SITI's productions of *BOB*, for which she received an Obie Award; *Culture of Desire*; *The Medium*, for which she received an American Theatre Wing nomination; *Going, Going, Gone*; and *Small Lives/Big Dreams*. Other shows with Anne Bogart include *Picnic*, *The Adding Machine*, *Miss Julie*, and *Private Lives* at Actors Theatre of Louisville and *The Women* at Hartford Stage Company. On Broadway she designed *Our Country's Good* and *The Glass Menagerie*. For her extensive work at the New York Shakespeare Festival she has received an Obie Award, an American Theatre Wing Award, and four Drama Desk nominations. In London she has worked at the National Theatre and The Royal Shakespeare Company. Her regional theater work includes many designs for Baltimore Center Stage, Hartford Stage Company, American Repertory Theatre, American Conservatory Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Long Wharf Theatre, and others. She has also designed extensively in opera, including productions for The Vienna State Opera, Bayerische Staatsoper, Wales National Opera, The Royal Danish Opera, Houston Grand Opera, The Canadian Opera, The Washington Opera, New York City Opera, The Seattle Opera, the Santa Fe Opera, and Glimmerglass Opera. Upcoming designs include productions at The Met, Opera Australia, and Glyndebourne. Sherin's two SITI company assistants are Brian Scott and D. M. Wood.

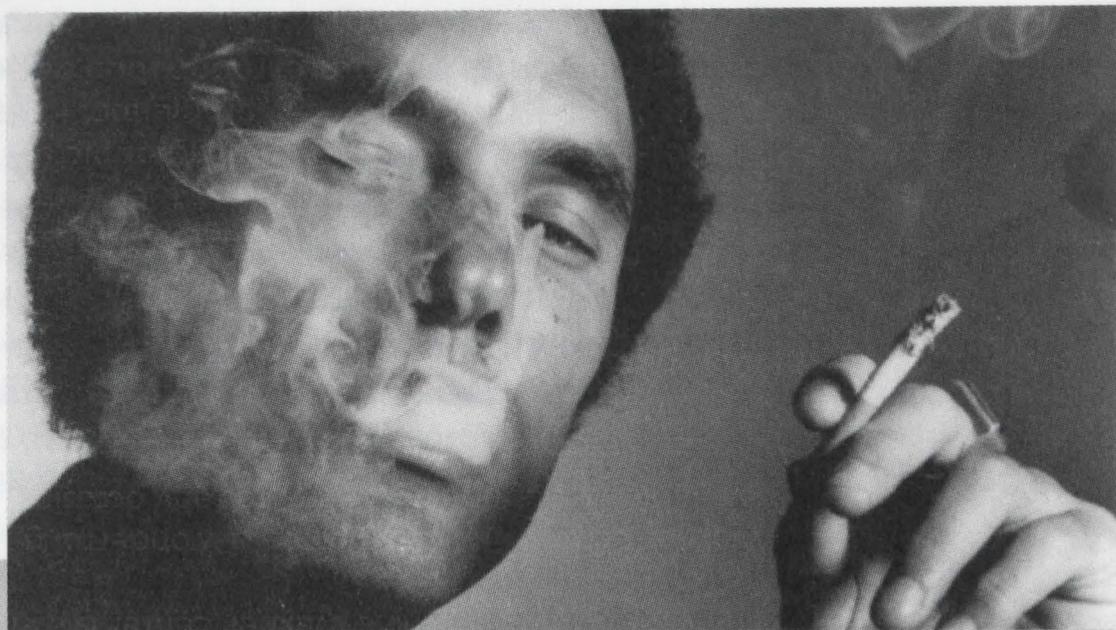
**Darron L West** (Noize), a SITI Company member since 1993, also collaborated with Anne Bogart on *Escape from Paradise*, *Eye of The Hurricane*, *Picnic*, *The Adding Machine*, and *American Silents*. With SITI, West has collaborated on multiple U.S. and international productions of *The Medium*; *Small Lives/Big Dreams*; *Going, Going, Gone*; *Miss Julie*; *Culture of Desire*; *Private Lives*; and *BOB*, for which he received a 1998 Obie Award for soundscape. West made his Broadway debut with *Wait until Dark*. Other credits include work with Philip Glass at Avery Fisher Hall, as well as a myriad of productions with New York Shakespeare Festival/The Public, Circle Repertory, The Vineyard, PS122, SoHo Rep, New York University, Theatre for a New Audience, Baltimore Center Stage, Portland Stage, The Alliance, Philadelphia Theatre Company, American Music Theatre Festival, Williamstown Theatre Festival, and La Jolla Playhouse, as well as national tours for The Acting Company and International Production Associates NYC. West is a design associate and "usual suspect" at New York Theatre Workshop, where his credits include *Quills*, *The Secretaries*, and Jonathan Larson's *Rent*. He is former resident sound designer at Actors Theatre of Louisville, a two time American Theatre Wing and Barrymore Award nominee for sound design, and winner of the 1997 Princess Grace Award for his work with the SITI company.

**Megan Wanlass** (Company Stage Manager) stage manages all of the company's repertoire including the national and international productions of *The Medium*; *Small Lives/Big Dreams*; *Going, Going, Gone*; *Culture of Desire*; and *BOB*. She is currently rehearsing SITI's *Cabin Pressure*. She began working with Anne Bogart during *The Adding Machine* at Actors Theatre of Louisville. Her other credits include *A Dybbuk* (New York Shakespeare Festival/The Public) and the 1996 and 1997 Actors Theatre of Louisville Humana New Play Festivals.

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