

WOMEN'S PROJECT &  
SITI COMPANY PRESENT

# Room





# WOMEN'S PROJECT LAB

The heart of WP's artistic programming is its free, two-year Lab for early to midcareer playwrights, directors, and producers. It is a vibrant community providing opportunities to network, brainstorm, test ideas, make new connections, and envision bold new work for the stage.

*"Women's Project was my first theatrical home in New York and it gave me a safe space to develop my voice and my craft." — Katori Hall, WP Lab 2006-2008*

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# WOMEN'S PROJECT

under the direction of Julie Crosby  
and

## SITI COMPANY

under the direction of Anne Bogart and Megan Wanlass Szalla

*present*

# Room

Based on the writings of Virginia Woolf

Directed by Anne Bogart

Adapted by Jocelyn Clarke

Starring Ellen Lauren

*Scenic Design*  
Neil Patel

*Costume Design*  
James Schuette

*Original Lighting Design*  
Christopher Akerlind

*Associate Lighting Design*  
Brian H Scott

*Soundscape*  
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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Virginia Woolf wrote with delicacy, humor, anger, outrage, and passion from the point of view of a highly creative woman in the first half of the twentieth century. Her issues are still contemporary. *Room* examines these notions from the perspective we now share in after the first decade of the twenty-first century. Sampled from a lifetime of Woolf's writings, *Room* traces the movement of a creative spirit in exquisite crisis. Ellen Lauren portrays an artist in the pressure cooker of articulation. The play is about the room to move, the room to breathe, the room to imagine; emotional room, creative room.

Anne Bogart

**Room runs approximately 85 minutes and will be performed with no intermission.**

## CAST

**Ellen Lauren (Actor)** — Associate artistic director for SITI. Company credits include: *Under Construction*, *Radio Macbeth*, *Who Do You Think You Are*, *Hotel Cassiopeia*, *Death and the Ploughman*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Room*, *bobrauschenbergamerica*, *systems/layers*, *War of the Worlds*, *Cabin Pressure*, *The Medium*, *Culture of Desire*, *Going, Going, Gone*, *Orestes*, and *American Document* with Martha Graham Dance Co. National and international venues include: Bonn Germany, Iberoamericano Bogota, BAM Next Wave, Humana, Bobigny, Melbourne, Edinburgh, Singapore Festivals; Wexner, Krannert and Walker Center for the Arts; In NY; Dance Theater Workshop, NYTW, CSC, Miller, Public, Joyce Theater. Regional credits with SITI include: San Jose Rep, ART Cambridge, Court Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville: (including *Picnic*, *Adding Machine*, *Hay Fever*, *Miss Julie*, *Private Lives*). Ongoing classes and residencies in the US and abroad over 18 years. Additional credits include *The Women* (Hartford Stage), *Seven Deadly Sins*, New York City Opera (Kosovar Award for *Anna II*), *Marina*, *a Captive Spirit*, all with Anne Bogart. Resident company member: StageWest, Mass., The Milwaukee Repertory, The Alley Theatre, Houston. Associate artist for The Suzuki Company of Toga (SCOT), under the direction of Tadashi Suzuki; Venues include, Moscow Art Theatre, Toga Festival, Alexandrinsky Theatre, RSC, Theatre Olympics Athens and Shizuoka Japan, Buenos Aires Festival, Vienna Festival, Istanbul Festival, Festival Mundial Chile, Teatro Olimpico Italy, Montpelier France, Hong Kong Festival. Ongoing faculty member: The Juilliard School of Drama; Associate Director Summer Training Program, Toga, Japan. Fox Fellowship recipient for Distinguished Achievement 2008.

## WHO'S WHO

**Anne Bogart (Director)** — is the Artistic Director of SITI Company, which she founded with Japanese director Tadashi Suzuki in 1992. She is a Professor at Columbia University where she runs the Graduate Directing Program. Works with SITI include *American Document*, *Antigone*, *Under Construction*, *Freshwater*, *Who Do You Think You Are*, *Radio Macbeth*, *Hotel Cassiopeia*, *Death and the Ploughman*, *La Dispute*, *Score*, *bobrauschenbergamerica*, *Room*, *War of the Worlds*, *Cabin Pressure*, *War of the Worlds-The Radio Play*, *Alice's Adventures*, *Culture of Desire*, *Bob*, *Going, Going, Gone*, *Small Lives/Big Dreams*, *The Medium*, *Noel Coward's Hay Fever* and *Private Lives*, *August Strindberg's Miss Julie*, and *Charles Mee's Orestes*. She is the author of three books: *A Director Prepares*, *The Viewpoints Book* and *And Then, You Act*.

**Jocelyn Clarke (Adaptation)** — is a freelance dramaturg and writer. He is a member of the artistic staff of the Sundance Theatre Lab and has taught

dramaturgy at the Kennedy Center (D.C) and at Columbia University. He has written five plays for Anne Bogart and SITI Company: *Bob*, *Alice's Adventures*, *Room*, *Score* and *Antigone*. *Here You Are Human*, his new project with the Tiger Lilies, premiered in the Archa Theatre in Prague in September.

## PRODUCTION TEAM

**Neil Patel** (*Scenic Design*) — With SITI Company: *Under Construction*, *Hotel Cassiopeia*, *War of the Worlds*, *The Adding Machine*, *Private Lives*, *Hayfever*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Room*, *Bob* and *Score*. Broadway: *Fat Pig*, *Wonderland*, *Oleanna*, [title of show], *Sideman* (West End and Kennedy Center), *'Night Mother*, *Ring of Fire*. West End: *Underneath the Lintel*. Off Broadway: Roundabout Theater, Manhattan Theater Club, Playwrights Horizons, New York Theatre Workshop, Second Stage, Vineyard Theater, MCC Theater, Primary Stages, Brooklyn Academy of Music. Regional: Kennedy Center, La Jolla Playhouse, Center Theatre Group, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Guthrie Theater, Steppenwolf Theater, Alley Theater, Arena Stage, Alliance Theater. International: Royal Shakespeare Company, Edinburgh International Festival, Parco Theater Tokyo, Theater Archa, Hebbel Theater. Opera: New York City Opera, Montreal Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Minnesota Opera, Opera Theater St. Louis, Tokyo Nikikai Opera Theater. Dance: *Shadowland* (Pilobolus). Television and Film: *In Treatment* (HBO), *Alone* (Gregory Orr Productions). Helen Hayes Award, EDDY Award, Numerous Drama Desk and Hewes Nominations, 1996 and 2001 OBIE for sustained excellence. [www.neilpatel.design.com](http://www.neilpatel.design.com)

**James Schuette** (*Costume Design*) — has designed over 15 productions for SITI Company Recent work as a set and/or costume designer includes Tarrell Alvin McCraney's *Brother/Sister* plays directed by Tina Landau (McCarter Theatre, Public Theater and Steppenwolf), *Ghosts of Versailles* directed by James Robinson (Opera Theatre of Saint Louis and the Wexford Festival), *Endgame* directed by Frank Galati (Steppenwolf) and Tracy Letts' *Superior Donuts* directed by Tina Landau (Broadway/Music Box). His work has been seen at the American Repertory Theater, Actors Theatre of Louisville, American Conservatory Theatre, Arena Stage, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Berkeley Rep, Court Theatre, Goodman Theatre, Minneapolis Children's Theatre, Long Wharf, La Jolla Playhouse, Mark Taper Forum, Manhattan Theatre Club, New York Theatre Workshop, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Playwrights Horizons, The Public Theatre, Papermill Playhouse, Seattle Rep, Trinity Rep, Vineyard Theatre, Yale Rep, Boston Lyric Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Seattle Opera, New York City Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Minnesota Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, Opera Colorado and internationally. Upcoming projects include *Hot L Baltimore* (Steppenwolf), *La Fille du Regiment* and *The Death of Klinghoffer* (Opera Theatre of St Louis), and *Carmen* (Glimmerglass Opera).

**Christopher Akerlind** (*Original Lighting Design*) — For Women's Project: *Lascivious Something*. With Anne Bogart and SITI: *Room*; *Score*; *Hayfever* (Actors Theatre of Louisville); *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (San Jose Rep); *La Dispute* (American Repertory Theater). Operas directed by Anne Bogart: *Lilith* (NYC Opera); *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* (Glimmerglass Opera). Recently: *Ariadne auf Naxos* (Opera Nationale de Bordeaux), *The Emperor of Atlantis* (Boston Lyric Opera), *Cymbeline* (The Shakespeare Theatre, DC), *Hubicka*, *The Golden Ticket*, and *Virginia* (Wexford Festival Opera), *K'do!* (Foret Nationale, Belgium), *Orpheus X* (TFANA, Hong Kong and Edinburgh Festivals), and *Tamerlano* (Los Angeles Opera). Received the Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle awards for *The Light in the Piazza*, an Obie for Sustained Excellence, the Michael Merritt Award for Design and Collaboration, among many others awards and nominations.

**Brian H Scott** (*Associate Lighting Design*) — With SITI Company: *American Document* (2010), *Antigone*, *Freshwater*, *Who Do You Think You Are*, *Radio Macbeth*, *Hotel Cassiopeia*, *Death and the Ploughman*, *bobrauschenbergamerica* (2004 Henry Hewes Design Award), *systems/layers*, *War of the Worlds - The Radio Play*. With Rude Mechanicals: *The Method Gun*, *Lipstick Traces*, *Big Love*, *Cherrywood*, *Matchplay*. Classic Stage Company: *The Age of Iron*, *Hamlet*, *Richard II*, *Richard III*, *The Tempest*. With Playwrights Horizons: *Dead Man's Cell Phone*. With NYTW: *Songs From an Unmade Bed*.

**Darron L West** (*Soundscape*) — A SITI Company member since 1993 and first collaborated with Anne Bogart in 1990 while resident sound designer at Actors Theatre of Louisville. His work has been heard in over 400 productions both nationally and internationally. His accolades include a 1998 OBIE award for SITI's *Bob*, a 2000 Princess Grace Award, an Entertainment Design Magazine EDDY, the 2004 and 2005 Henry Hewes Design award, and a 2006 Lortell Award. As Director: *Kid Simple* (2004 Humana Festival at Actors Theater of Louisville), *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* and *Eurydice* (Children's Theater Co. Minneapolis), *Big Love* (Rude Mechanicals Austin, Texas) and SITI Company's *War of the Worlds - The Radio Play* (National Tour).

**Barney O'Hanlon** (*Movement Dramaturg*) — has been a SITI Company member since 1994 and collaborator with Anne Bogart since 1986. International: Dublin Theatre Festival, Edinburgh International Festival, Prague Quadrennial, MC93 Bobigny, France, Bonn Biennial, Festival Iberoamericano, Bogota, Kaleideskop Theatre, Copenhagen, Denmark, Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford on Avon. New York: BAM's Next Wave Festival, Public Theater, New York Theater Workshop, PS 122, Dance Theater Workshop, New York City Opera, Glimmerglass Opera. Regional: American Repertory Theater, Trinity Rep., Alley Theater, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Steppenwolf, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, San Jose Rep, Portland Stage, UCLA Performing Arts, Walker and Wexner Arts Centers, the Krannert Art Center, Austin's Rude Mechs (with Deborah Hay) and numerous Humana Festivals. Other: Los Angeles Opera, Opera Omaha, Prince Music Theater and most recently, SITI Company's collaboration with the Martha Graham Dance Company on *American Document* (2010).

**Aduro Productions** (*Production Management*) — is Carolyn Kelson and Jason Janicki. Off-Broadway credits include: *Fela!*, *Flamingo Court*, *Crooked*, *Sand*, *Aliens With Extraordinary Skills*, *Freshwater*, *Or,*, *Smudge*, *Lascivious Something*, *Tall Grass*, *Fugue*, *Slava's Snowshow*, *The Fantasticks*, *My Name is Rachel Corrie*, *Striking 12*, *The Spanish Play*, *Sealed For Freshness*, *Mayumana*. International: *SpongeBob Square Pants Live*, *Broadway Asia*.

**Kris Longley-Postema** (*Production Stage Manager*) — Previous stage management work with SITI Company includes *Radio Macbeth*, *Death and the Ploughman*, *American Document* (2010) (with Martha Graham Dance Company), *bobrauschenbergamerica*, *Antigone*, and *Who Do You Think You Are*. Recent credits include *Notes from Underground* at Theatre for a New Audience, La Jolla Playhouse and Yale Repertory Theatre; The Santa Fe Opera's *Albert Herring* and *The Tales of Hoffmann*; and the 75th Anniversary Tour of *Porgy & Bess*. Other notable credits include The Public Theater, The Playwrights Realm, The Playwrights' Center and Glimmerglass Opera. A graduate of Cornell College, he received his MFA from Yale School of Drama.

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**Megan E. Carter** (*Associate Artistic Director, Women's Project*) — Prior to joining Women's Project in 2006, Megan worked as a director, dramaturg and educator in Seattle and New York. Select New York credits include *Lascivious Something* by Sheila Callaghan; *Or*, by Liz Duffy Adams; *Smudge* by Rachel Axler; *Freshwater* by Virginia Woolf; *Aliens with Extraordinary Skills* by Saviana Stanescu; *Sand* by Trista Baldwin; Mac Wellman's *Sincerity Forever* and *Harm's Way*. Megan has collaborated with Tea Alagic, Anne Bogart, Lear deBessonnet, Katori Hall, Carson Kreitzer, Daniella Topol and with such companies as Intiman Theatre, ACT Theatre, and Classic Stage Company. She has an MFA in Dramaturgy and Theatre Criticism from Brooklyn College/CUNY.

**Megan Wanlass Szalla** (*Executive Director, SITI Company*) — has been a member of SITI Company since 1995. Megan was the company stage manager for five years prior to becoming SITI's Executive Director. In her tenure with SITI, Megan has helped to create over 30 shows. She began working with Anne Bogart during *The Adding Machine* at Actors Theatre of Louisville. She has an Arts Administration Certificate from New York University, attended the Executive Program for Non-Profit Leaders at Stanford University Business School, was a member of the Arts Leadership Institute Charter Class at Teachers College, Columbia University and holds a B.A. in Theater from Occidental College in Los Angeles, California. Megan currently serves on the board of Theatre Communications Group (TCG).

**Julie Crosby** (*Producing Artistic Director, Women's Project*) — prior to joining Women's Project in 2005, Julie worked for over two decades on and off Broadway and international productions with many towering and empowering artists and scholars, including Laurie Anderson, Anne Bogart, Ruth Brown, Betty Buckley, Barbara Cook, Lea DeLaria, Eve Ensler, Joan Ferrante, Linda Hopkins, Julie Hughes, Sarah Jessica Parker and Leslie Uggams, to name but a few. A published author and university lecturer, Julie received her Ph.D. from Columbia University.

## PRODUCTION STAFF

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Ellen Lauren and Kris Longley-Postema are members of Actors Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers in the United States.

All designers are members of the United Scenic Artists Union (USA).

Anne Bogart is a member of SDC, the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers.

# Theater Women's ^ Project

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Women's Project delivers compelling theater, innovative programs and electric events as the nation's oldest and largest company dedicated to producing and promoting theater created by women.

Our mainstage seasons garner reviews a theater company can bank on. Most recently, *Variety* raved "Kudos to Women's Project for its dazzling work". *Time Out New York* trumpeted "Women's Project is on a roll!". And *The New York Times* declared us "precise and imaginative".

Under the leadership of Julie Crosby since 2006, Women's Project presents the most dynamic and talented women playwrights writing for the American stage. Most recently, the impressive list includes: *Crooked* by Catherine Trieschmann, Saviana Stanescu's *Aliens with Extraordinary Skills*, Trista Baldwin's *Sand, Or*, by Liz Duffy Adams, *Smudge* by Rachel Axler, Sheila Callaghan's *Lascivious Something* and Lynn Rosen's *Apple Cove*.

Julia Miles founded Women's Project in 1978 to address the conspicuous underrepresentation of women artists working in the American theater. Even today, only 20% of opportunities in the professional theater nationwide are granted to women. Women's Project continues to combat gender bias with the simple act of job creation. In the past 32 years, Women's Project has staged over 600 mainstage productions and developmental projects, and published 11 anthologies of plays by women. And

each year, WP showcases extraordinary women at our annual *Women of Achievement Awards* which pays homage to luminaries such as Audra McDonald, Eve Ensler, Estelle Parsons, Whoopi Goldberg, Vanessa Redgrave, and Chita Rivera, to name but a few. Visit [www.WomensProject.org](http://www.WomensProject.org).

## **WP LAB 2010-2012**

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WP is deeply committed to its Lab artists and alumnae, who in recent seasons have written or directed most of WP's mainstage and Hothouse productions, including work by Lear deBessonet, Liz Diamond, Anne Kauffman, Carson Kreitzer, Pam MacKinnon, Lynn Rosen, Saviana Stanescu, Daniella Topol, Joy Tomasko, and Meiyin Wang.

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- ◆ Perform and tour these productions nationally and internationally;
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**“I have recommended that my friends stay away from this play.”**

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By **CHARLES MEE**  
Directed by **ANNE BOGART**

**“It changed what I thought could be done in the theater. I will never forget it.”**

That, was not a traditional play! As bad as it gets. It was wonderful and thought provoking. There were some sparkling, precious tidbits throughout this play but if someone dumps a can of garbage on you, it is difficult to pick out a nice piece of cake from it all. Downright disturbing. Everyone needs to have this kind of theater experience. Even if they come out not liking it, I think they will be glad that saw it. We talked about the play for days....hmmmmm.

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