

The Tank to Bring Italian Theatre to New York With Two Winners of the Mario Fratti Award

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By Leah Putnam

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The plays are part of *Play It Again In Scena! A Very Special Coming Back Edition of the Italian Theater Festival*.



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The Tank has announced it will present *The Land of Swollen Faces* by Paolo Bignami and *Hide and Seek* by Tobia Rossi in collaboration with Kairos Italy Theater as part of the 2022 *Play It Again In Scena! A Very Special Coming Back Edition of the Italian Theater Festival*. Performances are scheduled for May 5-15 at The Tank's Proscenium Theater.

Bignami's *The Land of Swollen Faces* brings the true story of an industrial workplace accident that happened in Italy to the stage in a single voice narration denouncing the tragedy. Translated by Carlotta Brentan, Laura Caparrotti and Jay Stern will direct the production starring Joseph Franchini and featuring set design by Sarah Edkins.

Hide and Seek by Rossi has also been translated by Carlotta Brentan who will direct. The play about fifteen-year-old Gio who struggles to find acceptance in his family, school, and small town follows the teenager as he runs away to live in a secluded cave. His discovery by a classmate takes the two boys on a dark journey as they search for escape, revenge, and love. Joseph Monseur and Michael Luszczak will star in the production which also features set design by Edkins.

The Land of Swollen Faces won the 2017 Mario Fratti Award while *Hide and Seek* won the award in 2019. Named after the Broadway playwright, the award has been given annually since 2014 to a never-before-produced play. Winning plays are then translated into English, published, and produced by Kairos Italy Theater in New York.

This year's *Play It Again In Scena!* festival will take place across New York City's five boroughs from May 3-18. The festival is presented by New York City's Kairos Italy Theater, Italy's KIT Italia, Casa Italian Zerilli-Marimò at NYU.

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Proceeds from the Jonathan Silverstein-directed event will support the Off-Broadway company's upcoming season and other initiatives.

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The John Doyle-directed production of the Stephen Sondheim-John Weidman musical will play one performance at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre.

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The play by Gabriel Jason Dean starred Mari Vial-Golden, Mark Cuddy, and Owais Ahmed.

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Warren Carlyle directs a cast led by Sierra Boggess and Chip Zien in the musical about the Comedian Harmonists.

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The new musical re-imagines the classical Greek epic *The Odyssey*.

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Alex Edelman's *Just for Us* Plans 2nd Off-Broadway Encore

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The comedian's show has announced a move to Greenwich House Theater this summer.

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Off-Broadway's Public Theater Promotes Garlia Cornelia Jones to First-Ever Director of Innovation and New Media

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Jones became a line producer at The Public in 2019 and has also served as a photographer.

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The Off-Broadway theatre's annual Gala on the Green will celebrate Free Shakespeare in the Park's upcoming 60th anniversary season.

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Schedule of Upcoming Off-Broadway Shows

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Director Robert Icke's *Hamlet* and *Oresteia* to Play Park Avenue Armory

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The North American premieres will be performed in repertory starring Lia Williams and Alex Lawther.

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Playwrights Horizons' 2022-2023 Season to Feature New Works From Bruce Norris, Mia Chung, John J. Caswell, Jr., More

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The Off-Broadway company will present three world premieres, a New York premiere, and Chung's *Catch as Catch Can*.

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Sistas the Musical Begins Previews Off-Broadway April 2

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With choreography and direction by original cast member Tracey Conyer Lee, the production tells the story of a multi-generational African American family.

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Keen Company's *This Space Between Us* Ends Off-Broadway Run April 2

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Ryan Garbayo, Glynis Bell, Alex Chester, and Joyce Cohen star in the world premiere comedy from playwright Peter Gil-Sheridan.

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Tony Nominee Carolee Carmello and Javier Muñoz to Star in New Michael John LaChiusa Musical *Los Otros*

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The one-act musical features music by the *Giant* writer and a book and lyrics by Tony nominee Ellen Fitzhugh.

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World Premiere of *Edie Saves the Birds* Begins April 1

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Stephanie Fagan's new work plays the Astoria Performing Arts Center.

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Dorcas Leung, Teresa Avia Lim, John Yi, More Cast in Classic Stage Company's *Snow in Midsummer*

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Zi Alikhan will direct Frances Ya-Chu Cowhig's murder mystery Off-Broadway.

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The Public Extends Long-Awaited *The Vagrant Trilogy* by Mona Mansour

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The production was originally slated to run in 2020 but cancelled due to the shutdown days ahead of its scheduled start.

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The Ars Nova production has extended through May 15.

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The Obie winner's previous works include *Paper Armor*, *Six Minutes*, and *The History of Light*.

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TFANA's Production of Alice Childress' *Wedding Band* to Star Brittany Bradford, Rosalyn Coleman, Veanne Cox, More

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The play has rarely been performed on professional stages since its 1966 premiere.

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Dominique Morisseau's *Confederates* Extends Off-Broadway Run

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Directed by Stori Ayers, the Signature production plays The Alice Griffin Jewel Box Theatre.

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Theatre Alternatives

2nd Season of Keen Company's Audio Theatre Series to Include World Premieres by Mashuq Mushtaq Deen and Deb Margolin

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The new audio dramas will star Cesar J. Rosado, Lance Coadie Williams, Marcia Jean Kurtz, Randy Danson, and more.

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Brian Watkins' *Epiphany* Sets Off-Broadway Run With Lincoln Center Theater

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Tyne Rafaeli will direct a cast that includes Marylouise Burke, Jonathan Hadary, Omar Metwally, Colby Minifie, and more.

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Previewing March 31 and Opening April 1, *Balkan Bordello* Explores the Effects of War

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Making its U.S. premiere at La MaMa, the play is a modern re-telling of anti-war trilogy *The Oreisteia*.

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This revival reunites director Jack Cummings III and solo-actor David Greenspan.

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The Signature Theatre Production opened March 27.

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