# Angels in America Part One: Millennium Approaches

by Tony Kushner Sanctuary Theatre April 18-27, 2025



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by Tony Kushner
Directed by John DeMita

With

Jordan Anderson Maia Benarouche Jordan Cooper Ella Davis Jacquelyn Fajarillo

Caleb Kocsis Collette McCurdy Aneesa Monét KJ Odea Patricia Ogbac Adrian Quinonez Landon Robinson Riley Skinner Maya Sta. Ana

Scenic & Costume Design **Maya Channer** She/Her,

BFA Theatrical Design Senior

Lighting Design

Charlotte Baklarz

She/Her, BA Theatre,
Emphasis in Design Sophomore

Sound Design
Richie Nickel He/Him,
BFA Sound Design Sophomore

Projections Design **Billie Oleyar** They/He,

BFA Theatrical Design, Junior

Technical Director **Duncan Mahoney** 

Production Stage Manager **Talia Sinder** She/Her,

BFA Stage Management Junior

## Sanctuary Theatre April 18-27, 2025

MILLENNIUM APPROACHES was first performed in a workshop production presented by Center Theatre Group/Mark Taper Forum, May 1990

The world premiere was presented by The Eureka Theatre Company, May 1991

Opened in London at the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain, January 1992

Opened in New York at the Walter Kerr Theatre in April 1993

The first production of ANGELS IN AMERICA, Parts One and Two was presented at the Mark Taper Forum ANGELS IN AMERICA, PART ONE: MILLENNIUM APPROACHES is produced by special arrangement with Broadway Play Publishing Inc, NYC www.broadwayplaypublishing.com

#### CAST (In alphabetical order)



Jordan Anderson He/Him, Maia Benarouche she/Her, The Eskimo, Prior 1, Man in the Park+ BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



Hannah Porter<sup>+</sup> BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



Jordan Cooper she/Her, The Angel, The Voice, Emily\*\* BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



Ella Davis she/Her, Harper Pitt\*\* BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



Jacquelyn Fajarillo She/Her, The Angel, The Voice, Emily\* BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



Caleb Kocsis He/Him, Prior Walter+ BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



Collette McCurdy She/Her, Rabbi Chemelwitz, Ethel Rosenberg, Sister Ella Chapter BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



Aneesa Monét They/She, Henry, Prior 2, Homeless Woman+ BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



KJ Odea He/Him. Belize+ BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



Patricia Ogbac She/Her, Martin Heller, Mr. Lies+ BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



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Landon Robinson He/Him, Joseph Pitt+ BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



Riley Skinner He/Him, Louis Ironson+ BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior



Maya Sta. Ana She/Her, Harper Pitt\* BFA Acting for Stage & Screen Senior

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates role that will be performed 4/18, 4/21, 4/25, 4/26

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<sup>\*</sup> Indicates role that will be performed during all performances

#### NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC TEAM:

In 2024, Merriam-Webster named *polarization* the Word of the Year—capturing what so many of us feel: that we're living in a time of deep division. Between *gaslighting* in 2022 and *authentic* in 2023, it seems that each year, we search for language to help us make sense of a fractured world.

Angels in America was written over 30 years ago, yet in many ways, it feels like it could've been written yesterday. The play emerged from a national crisis—the AIDS epidemic—and a political climate marked by denial and fear. Its characters are torn: between belief and identity, love and abandonment, power and powerlessness.

Looking at the play now, in our current era of polarization, *Angels* doesn't just reflect the divide. It offers a way to hold it, to question it, and maybe—even—begin to move through it. ■

This performance contains two 10-minute intermissions.

#### CONTENT WARNING

Please be advised that this production features adult themes and language, including the use of discriminatory language that exhibits racism, homophobia and antisemitism. It explores themes of death, HIV stigmatization and drug addiction. It includes depictions of alcohol and tobacco use, blood, sex and nudity.

#### Additional Angels in America Production Staff

Fight Choreographer Edgar Landa | Asst. Director Jed Levinson | Cultural Consultant Brighde Mullins | Vocal/Dialect Coach Emily Alpren | Intimacy Director Jaclyn Chantel | Production Deputies Jacquelyn Fajarillo, Billie Oleyar Asst. Stage Managers Kenny Tapia-Ramos, Lukas Loza | Production Manager Leia Crawford | Stage Management Mentor Jennifer Franco | Scenic Design Asst. Ying Tong Jin | Scenic Mentor Takeshi Kata | Hair & Makeup Consultant Gary Domasin | Costume Assts. Auburn D'Artell, Duck Brown | Costume Mentor Ann Closs-Farley | Assoc. Lighting Designer Elizabeth Harper | Production Engineer Sean Allinson | Sound Mentor Jon Gottlieb | Projections Mentor Joe Shea | Asst. Technical Director Abby Soroka | Technical Crew Dhiya Aiyer, Pragya Bhatt, Austen Cooper, Dawson Dettman, Andra Ionescu, Dekland Jones, Chloe Kampmeier, Sev Krauss-McClurg, Junyu Lu, Asha Mody, Celeste Spear, Ava Tello

#### SPECIAL THANKS

Tony Taccone, Asha Mody, William Handley, Sarah Bunin Benor, Rabbi Jocee Hudson

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