

THE PUBLIC THEATER BEGINS PREVIEWS FOR NEW YORK PREMIERE OF ***WILD GOOSE DREAMS*** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Written by Hansol Jung
Directed by Leigh Silverman

October 15, 2018 - The Public Theater (Artistic Director, Oskar Eustis; Executive Director, Patrick Willingham) will begin previews for the New York premiere of ***WILD GOOSE DREAMS***, written by **Hansol Jung**, on **Tuesday, October 30** with a Free First Preview performance. Directed by Tony Award nominee **Leigh Silverman**, this fascinating and unforgettable new play with music has been extended through Sunday, December 16, with an official press opening on Wednesday, November 14.

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The complete cast of ***WILD GOOSE DREAMS*** features **Dan Domingues** (*Chorus*), **Lulu Fall** (*Woman/Chorus*), **Kendyl Ito** (*Heejin/Chorus*), **Francis Jue** (*Father*), **Peter Kim** (*Guk Minsung*), **Michelle Krusiec** (*Yoo Nanhee*), **Jaygee Macapugay** (*Wife/Chorus*), **Joél Pérez** (*Man/Chorus*), **Jamar Williams** (*Chorus*), and **Katrina Yaukey** (*Chorus*).

WILD GOOSE DREAMS returns to The Public after its initial run in Public Studio in a co-production with La Jolla Playhouse, where it had a critically-acclaimed run last season. Minsung is a "goose father," a South Korean man whose wife and daughter have moved to America for a better life. Deeply lonely, he escapes onto the internet and meets Nanhee, a young defector forced to leave her family behind in North Korea. Amidst the endless noise of the modern world, where likes and shares have taken the place of love and touch, Minsung and Nanhee try their best to be real for each other. But after a lifetime of division and separation, is connection possible? Tony nominee **Leigh Silverman** directs this strikingly original play with music about two people from two cultures forced to choose between family and freedom.

WILD GOOSE DREAMS features scenic design by Clint Ramos, costume design by Linda Cho, lighting design by Keith Parham, sound design by Palmer Hefferan, composition by Paul Castles, Korean music composition by Jongbin Jung, movement direction by Yasmine Lee, and music supervision by Charity Wicks.

HANSOL JUNG (*Playwright*). Productions include *Cardboard Piano* (Actors Theater of Louisville), *Among the Dead* (Ma-Yi Theater), and *No More Sad Things* (Sideshow, Boise Contemporary). Commissions include National Theatre (UK); La Jolla Playhouse; Playwrights Horizons; Seattle Repertory; Ma-Yi Theater Company; Artists Repertory; and Play On! at Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Fellowships and residencies

include Royal Court, New York Theatre Workshop, Berkeley Repertory, MacDowell Colony, Hedgebrook, Sundance Theatre Lab, O'Neill Theater Center, Victory Gardens, and Page 73 Productions. Jung received a Whiting Award and Helen Merrill Award. Jung received her MFA from Yale School of Drama, and is a member of the Ma-Yi Writers Lab and Usual Suspects at NYTW.

LEIGH SILVERMAN (*Director*). Public Theater credits include *The Outer Space, No Place to Go, In the Wake* (also CTG/Berkeley, Obie Award, Lortel nomination), *Yellow Face*, and *Well*. Silverman's Broadway credits include *Lifespan of a Fact* (Studio 54), *Violet* (Roundabout, Tony nomination), *Chinglish*, and *Well*. Recent credits include *Soft Power* by Jeanine Tesori/David Henry Hwang (Ahmanson Theater/Curran Theater) and *Harry Clarke* (Vineyard Theatre/Minetta Lane, Lortel nomination). Other credits include *Sweet Charity* (New Group); *On the Exhale* (Roundabout); *All The Ways to Say I Love You* (MCC); *The Way We Get By* (Second Stage); *Tumacho* (Clubbed Thumb); *American Hero* (Williamstown Theater Festival/Second Stage); *Kung Fu* and *Golden Child* (Signature Theatre); *The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence, The Call*, and *Go Back to Where You Are* (Obie Award, Playwrights Horizons); and *The Madrid* (MTC). Encores credits include *Really Rosie, The Wild Party*, and *Violet*.

DAN DOMINGUES (*Chorus*) has performed at The Public in *Fidelis, The Great Immensity*, and *Let Me Ascertain You* (Joe's Pub). Off-Broadway credits include Rattlestick, Abingdon, BAM, 59E59, INTAR, Atlantic, and Cherry Lane. Select regional credits include Alley Theatre, Arena Stage, Guthrie, Goodman, NY Stage & Film, Hangar Theatre, Studio Theatre, Cape Playhouse, Kansas City Rep, Long Wharf, Florida Stage, Portland Stage, and George Street. His film and television credits include *Run All Night, Future '38, In Stereo*, "West40s," "Blacklist," "Royal Pains," and "Law & Order." He received his MFA from A.R.T. and is an Associate Artist with The Civilians.

LULU FALL (*Woman/Chorus*). Broadway credits include *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812* and *Hair*. Off-Broadway credits include *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812; Pretty Filthy; Hometown;* and *This Ain't No Disco*. She appeared in the national tour of *Hair*. Regional credits include *The Who's Tommy, Acid Queen* (Denver Center); *Smokey Joe's Cafe* (Capital Repertory Theatre); and *Passing Strange* (Studio Theatre). Select workshops include *August Rush, 15 Minutes*, and *Annie Golden Bounty Hunter*. Television credits include "Random Acts of Flyness" (HBO). Her featured music performances include Jazz Re:refreshed (London) and American Songbook Program.

KENDYL ITO (*Heejin/Chorus*) performed in the national tour of *Matilda*. Regional credits include *Soft Power* (world premiere), *A Chorus Line, Grease, Rent, Seussical, American Idiot*, and *Oliver*. Her concerts include *54 Sings Little Women, Music and Laughter, Samantha Spade*, and *Hatched*.

FRANCIS JUE (*Father*) has performed at The Public in *Yellow Face, Love's Labour's Lost, Hamlet, Timon of Athens, Pericles, King Lear, A Winter's Tale, A Language of Their Own*, and *Richard II*. Broadway credits include *Pacific Overtures, Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and *M. Butterfly*. Off-Broadway credits include *Kung Fu, Coraline*, and *Falsettoland*. Regional credits include *Soft Power; In the Next Room (or the vibrator play); Cabaret; King of the Yees; Tiger Style!; Miss Saigon;* and *Amadeus*. Film and television credits include *Joyful Noise*, "Madam Secretary," "Good Wife," and "Law & Order: SVU." He has received Obie and Lucille Lortel Awards.

PETER KIM (*Guk Minsung*) has appeared at The Public in *Yellow Face*. Broadway credits include *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and Off-Broadway credits include *Charles Francis Chan Jr.'s Exotic Oriental Murder Mystery* (NAATCO), *Kung Fu* (Signature), *The Golden Dragon* (PlayCo), *Maple and Vine* (Playwrights Horizons), *Year Zero* (2ST), *American Hwangap* (PlayCo/Ma-Yi), and *Sides* (Ma-Yi). Film credits include *Saturday Church, Margin Call, Sex and the City*, and *Hackers*. Television credits include "After Forever," "Chicago Med," "Mercy," and "Ugly Betty." He is an associate producer at NAATCO and a lecturer at Princeton University. Kim is a recipient of the Lilah Kan Red Socks Award.

MICHELLE KRUSIEC (*Yoo Nanhee*). Regional credits include *Chinglish* (International Broadway tour, Berkeley Rep, South Coast Rep, and Hong Kong Arts Festival). Krusiec wrote and performed the solo show *Made in Taiwan* (HBO Aspen Comedy Arts Festival, New York Asian American Theatre Festival, NY Fringe Festival, and Fringe Encores). Her workshop credits include *King of Hell's Palace* (Goodman) and *Kung Fu* (Signature). Her selected film credits include *The Invitation*, *Saving Face*, and *Far North*, and selected television credits include "Supergirl," "Hawaii 5-0," and "Getting On." She also wrote and directed *Scenes from a Real Marriage*. Krusiec received a Best Actress nomination for The Golden Horse Awards.

JAYGEE MACAPUGAY (*Wife/Chorus*) has appeared at The Public in *Here Lies Love* as Imelda Marcos and on Broadway in *School of Rock*. Her Off-Broadway credits include *School of Rock* (Gramercy); *Hello, Dolly!* (National Asian Artists Project); *Imelda: A New Musical* (Pan Asian Rep/East West Players); and *Honor, The Rockae* (Prospect Theatre). Regional credits include *Soft Power* (Ahmanson, Curran); *The King and I* (KC Starlight); *Miss Saigon* (MUNY, 5th Avenue, Casa Mañana); and *Smokey Joe's Café* (Maltz Jupiter, Riverside). International credits include *Where Elephants Weep*. She is a USO singer.

JOÉL PÉREZ (*Man/Chorus*) has appeared at The Public in *Oedipus El Rey*, *As You Like It*, and *Fun Home* (and Broadway). Off-Broadway credits include *Sweet Charity* (The New Group, Lortel Award for Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical) and *Raw Bacon from Poland* (Abrons Art Center). Regional and tour credits include *In the Heights* (first national) and *Stuck Elevator* (A.C.T.). Pérez is an ensemble member of Broken Box Mime Theater. Television credits include "Jesus Christ Superstar Live!"; "Person of Interest"; "Odd Mom Out"; "The Big C"; and "The Outs."

JAMAR WILLIAMS (*Chorus*). Off-Broadway credits include *The Hairy Ape* (Park Ave Armory), *The Death of The Last Black Man...* (Signature Theater), and *Invisible Thread* (Second Stage). Regional credits include *Passing Strange* (Wilma Theatre); *Burn All Night*, *Witness Uganda*, *The Black Clown* (A.R.T.); *The Cardboard Piano* (Humana Fest); and *Hairspray*, *The Piano Lesson* (Santa Rosa Rep). Workshop and readings credits include Sundance Theater Lab (new musical by Jeanine Tesori, David Lindsay Abaire), *Secret Soldiers* (Marsha Norman/Zoe Sarnak, WTF), Director's Lab 2016 (Lincoln Center), and tour credits include Theatre Works USA.

KATRINA YAUKEY (*Chorus*) has performed at The Public in *Road Show*. Her Broadway credits include *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812*; *Cabaret* (2014); *War Horse*; *Billy Elliot*; *Company*; and *Cabaret* (1998). Her tour credits include *Billy Elliot*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Cabaret*, and *Victor/Victoria*.

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TICKET INFORMATION

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