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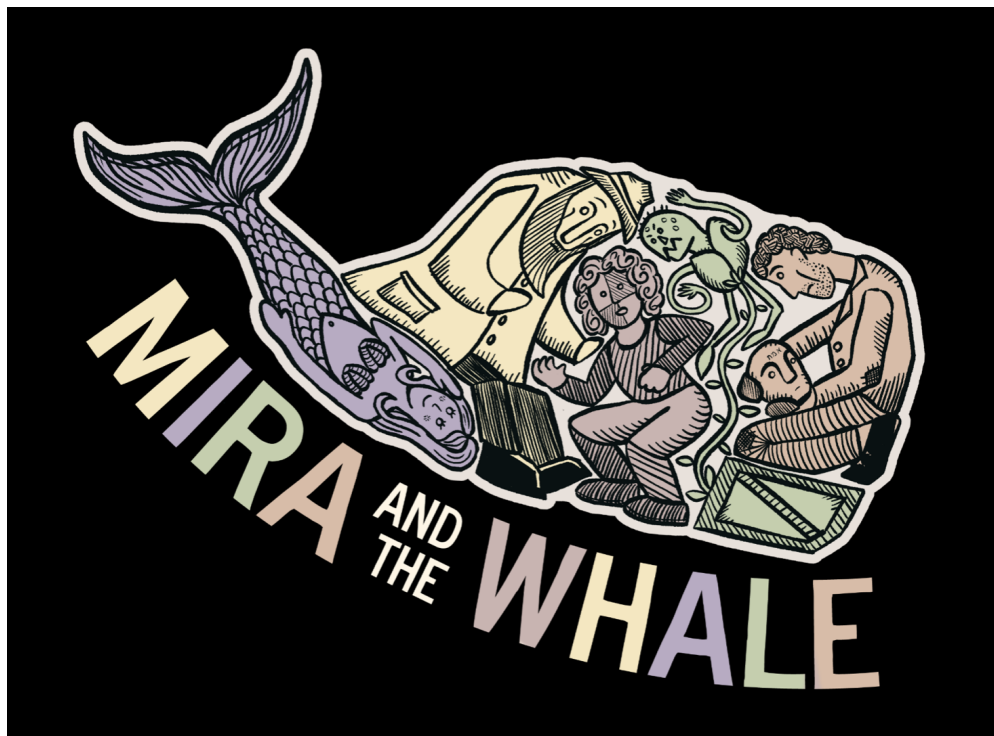
MIRA AND THE WHALE

by Jacob Surovsky

Directed by Rachel Berney Needleman

Monday, November 6th at 8:00pm

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Cast

Mira	Yahm Steinberg
The Muddy Man	Mateo Mpinduzi-Mott*
Jonah	Tony Pasqualini+ *
The Yedua	Kion Heidari
The Mermaid	Brie Eley+
Stage Directions	Denah Angel*

+Member of Actor's Equity

DevLab Workshop Collaborators

Denah Angel*	Kion Heidari
Kenajuan Bentley	Sarah Hollis
Jordan Broberg	Patrick Hurley*
Sarah Brooke*	Mateo Mpinduzi-Mott*
Angela Bullock* IP	Bruce Nozick
Lauren Campedelli* IP	Tony Pasqualini* PU
Tonya Cornelisse*	Gita Reddy
Brie Eley	Christopher Reiling*
Felipe Figueroa*	Sandy Shenkman
Elisheva Glaser	Yahm Steinberg
Alex Goodale NW	Jeanne Syquia*
	Jayne Taini*

Workshop Stage Manager: Michelle Vasquez

Dramaturg: Dylan Southard

* EST/LA Member or Associate Member EST/LA
+ Proud member of Actors Equity Association
NW NewWest Member
IP Ignite Project Member
PU Playwrights Unit Member

JONAH AND THE WHALE

A brief retelling

Jonah and the Whale is a story read on Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of Atonement.

Jonah the prophet is commanded by God to go warn the sinful people of Nineveh of their impending destruction. Jonah doesn't believe God will follow through with destroying Nineveh, and so he tries to run from God's command by getting on a boat headed the opposite direction of Nineveh. In response, God sets a terrible storm upon the boat, threatening to sink it. Jonah confesses he is the subject of God's wrath to his fellow sailors, who reluctantly throw him overboard, immediately stopping the storm. Jonah sinks to the bottom of the ocean and nearly drowns, but is instead swallowed by a whale sent by God. Jonah spends three days in the whale praying and repenting and then he is spat out at the shore of Nineveh. Jonah goes into the city and warns them to repent, and the city immediately takes heed of his warning. Jonah sits outside under the shade of a vine waiting for God to destroy Nineveh, while inside the people repent. When God says he has forgiven the city and will not destroy it, Jonah asks God to kill him. God chastises Jonah for caring more about the single vine that gave him shade, than all the people of Nineveh.

SEEKING COLLABORATORS

We are actively seeking collaborators to help us bring this script to the stage in a full production. If you are interested in joining us, or know someone who would be, please contact us via the email **jacobsurovsky@gmail.com** with the subject line "Mira Production".

Thank you.