

Visual Story for
the Relaxed Performance of
Gertrude and Alice



Relaxed Performance:

Sunday, September 30, 2:30PM
Buddies in Bad Times Theatre
12 Alexander St., Toronto, ON

About the Show

The show is 80 minutes long with no intermission break.

The show takes place in the Chamber space at Buddies. The audience sits on both sides of the space, so you can choose which side to sit on – an usher will help you find your way. There is no assigned seating in the theatre, so you may sit in any unoccupied seat, unless it has a reserved sign on it.



These are the audience seating areas.

Between the two seating areas is the main playing space. On the ground and suspended from the ceiling, there are

white sculptures or structures created with rods and spheres. There are also several black sandbags around the space that act as counterweights, and keep the hanging sculptures in place. You might notice that sand is pouring out of one of the sandbags.



These are photos of how the set will look before the show starts.

Meet the Performers



Evalyn

Evalyn plays Gertrude Stein in the play. Gertrude is a novelist and poet, and she is married to **Alice**.



Anna

Anna plays Alice B. Toklas in the play. Alice is **Gertrude's** wife and secretary

What to Expect

Gertrude and Alice is a play about Gertrude Stein (1874-1946) and Alice B. Toklas (1877-1967). Gertrude and Alice were two American Jewish women living in Paris. Gertrude

was a novelist, poet, and playwright. Alice was Gertrude's secretary and wife. In the play, Gertrude and Alice are visiting the audience in 2018 to see how they are remembered. Gertrude also recites some of her poetry and writing throughout the play. Most of the dialogue in the play is addressed directly to the audience.

If you are curious to know more information about Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Tolkas, there is a program with some more dates and timelines that will be handed out before the performance.

Music and Sounds

There is music throughout the play – sound effects are sometimes used to emphasize words that are repeated when Gertrude or Alice are reciting poems.

Sculptures

During the performance, the sculptures that are onstage and suspended from the ceiling will move and be used for different purposes. Sometimes Alice (played by Anna) will open one of the sandbags, which will make the hanging sculpture it is attached to rise or lower.



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Credits

These people created the show:

conceived + created by **The Independent Aunties**
directed + dramaturged by **Karin Randoja**
written + performed by **Anna Chatterton + Evalyn Parry**
with additional text by **Gertrude Stein + Alice B Toklas**
set design **Sherri Hay**
lighting design **Michelle Ramsay**
costume design **Ming Wong**
composition **Karin Randoja**
sound design **Aleda DeRoche**
stage management **Christina Cicko**

The show is produced by **Buddies in Bad Times Theatre**

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