

LET THERE BE THEATER!

WITH GAYLE TUFTS | TEXT: NASSIM SOLEIMANPOUR
THEATER | DIGITAL EVENT | LIVE STREAM | CAMPAIGN FOR SOLIDARITY
Saturday, March 13, 2021 | 8:00 pm
[Tickets 10 €] The live stream will be offered via the platform Zoom.



On Friday, March 13, 2020, theaters across the world had to close due to COVID-19. We remain far away from theaters returning to regular operations. On the occasion of this sad anniversary, the Berlin-based theatrical booking agency Aurora Nova is inviting artists and audiences to take part in a symbolic production, an act of protest and solidarity, an outcry and incantation: Let There Be Theater!

From Canada to Chile, from Athens to Minsk to Tokyo, hundreds of theaters worldwide are taking part in the initiative and presenting the play *White Rabbit, Red Rabbit* by the Berlin-based Iranian playwright Nassim Soleimanpour as a digital live stream event on March 13, 2021. *White Rabbit, Red Rabbit* is one of the most performed plays in the world. It has been translated into more than 30 languages and performed by a huge range of renowned actors. The Berlin premiere took place in 2013 at English Theatre Berlin | International Performing Arts Center.

For March 13, English Theatre Berlin | International Performing Arts Center has been able to **bring in a star: Gayle Tufts, "Germany's most famous US-American"**.

The proceeds from this special evening of theater will be used to support theater artists who have been unable to work due to the pandemic.

White Rabbit, Red Rabbit is a whirlwind of improvisation and civic resistance as art: every performance is a premiere. The respective actor for the evening first receives their script in a sealed envelope at the beginning of the performance. And, like magic, without a director or a set designer, an exciting, informative, highly individual and very entertaining encounter with a young playwright takes place, one who has more questions for his (fictitious) audience than he has answers.



When he first wrote the play at the age of thirty-one, Nassim Soleimanpour was denied a passport for refusing to serve in the military, thus giving him almost no possibility to leave his homeland of Iran. With the success of *White Rabbit, Red Rabbit* around the globe, Nassim Soleimanpour literally wrote his way to freedom.

Gayle Tufts has been a household name in the German theater landscape as an entertainer, writer, singer and commentator since the 1990s. She presented two of her early shows in a small basement theater on Fidicinstraße called Friends of Italian Opera, what is now English Theatre Berlin | International Performing Arts Center. <https://www.gayle-tufts.de/>

English Theatre Berlin | International Performing Arts Center in collaboration with [Aurora Nova](#). *White Rabbit, Red Rabbit* was originally produced by Volcano Theatre, Necessary Angel and Wolfgang Hoffmann (Aurora Nova). Dramaturgy by Daniel Brooks and Ross Manson >>>> Participating cities >>>>

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Let There Be Theater! Participating Cities:

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