



NO ONE COMES BACK

A new play by Maureen Gleason

Theater | World Premiere: November 27, 2025 | 8pm

Further Performances: November 28 + 29 | 8pm

When one twin goes to war, can the other escape it?

When her twin brother is deployed as a fighter pilot, a sister finds herself in a war she never signed up for. Bombings, cornfields, deer eyeballs and shamans, *No One Comes Back* is a true story about war, twinhood and what it means to save each other when no one really comes back.

The debut solo show by Berlin-based performer, vocalist and writer Maureen Gleason is based on her true story:

When Maureen Gleason's twin brother was deployed, she realized how few people she could talk to about it. The world felt so divided, by profession, by politics, by ideas of what makes someone "good" or "bad" that she still tells very few people she even has a twin. Whenever she tries to open up, she finds herself needing hours of context just so others won't write him, or her, off.

No One Comes Back was born from that disconnect, from her desire to speak about love, fear, and moral complexity in a language that allows for nuance. Gleason wrote the piece as an attempt to open the space between right and wrong, in the hope that something more essential might shine through: our shared humanity.

In English



Maureen Gleason is a performer, vocalist and writer based in Berlin. Her work is interested in theatre as an act of reckoning. It explores the space where confession meets ritual, where personal story becomes collective witness. Her background is in both classical actor training and devised theater making. She trained in Studio Acting at the Guthrie Theater BFA Program in Minneapolis, studied Shakespeare at the Globe in London, and earned an MFA in Devised Theatre Making with Rose Bruford College.

<https://www.etberlin.de/production/no-one-comes-back/>

Writer & Performer: Maureen Gleason | **Director & Dramaturg:** Stephanie LeBolt | **Costume & Stage Design:** Arina Slobodianik | **Original Music:** Alex Connaughton | **Literary Dramaturg:** Mary Kelly | **Lighting Design:** Tina Kovalski | **Graphic:** © Maureen Gleason | **Photo:** © Vince Losanes

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