

TARRAGON THEATRE

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TARRAGON THEATRE PRESENTS THE WORLD PREMIERE OF HANNAH MOSCOVITCH'S EAST OF BERLIN

East of Berlin by Hannah Moscovitch

World Premiere

Starring: Diana Donnelly, Paul Dunn, Brendan Gall

Directed by Alisa Palmer

Set and costumes designed by Camellia Koo

Lighting designed by Michael Walton

Sound designed by John Gzowski

Stage manager: Leigh McClymont

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East of Berlin opens in the Extra Space on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 8:00 pm. Previews from October 16, 2007.

Rudi (**Brendan Gall**) has grown up in Paraguay, blissfully unaware of his father's past as a Nazi doctor in the concentration camps. When a friend (**Paul Dunn**) reveals the truth, Rudi is devastated, and he searches for a way to humiliate and hurt his father. He soon leaves Paraguay for Berlin, where he tries to begin a new life. In a library, he meets Sarah (**Diana Donnelly**), an American Jew with secrets of her own, and they fall for each other. But Rudi's past catches up with him, and he must return to Paraguay to confront his father, and face the source of his confusion, rage and guilt.

Hannah Moscovitch developed *East of Berlin* during her time in the Tarragon Playwright's Unit. Her writing has also been produced at Buddies in Bad Times' Rhubarb Festival, The SummerWorks Festival and Saravati Women's Week Cabaret. Her play, *Essay*, debuted to critical acclaim at the 2005 SummerWorks where it won the Contra Guys SummerWorks Playwriting Award. Critically acclaimed, *The Russian Play* was the winner of the 2006 SummerWorks Prize and was part of the HATCH season, playing for a week at Harbourfront Centre in November 2006. In the coming year Hannah will be working with Theatrefront, Volcano, Factory Theatre, Youtheatre Montreal, Prairie Theatre Exchange and with CBC on an episode of the hit radio series *Afghanada*. She is a 2007 finalist for the Mayor's Art's Award for Emerging Artists.

East of Berlin features a trio of fine actors: **Diana Donnelly** (*Impromptu on Nuns' Island*), **Paul Dunn** (Tarragon debut), and **Brendan Gall** last seen in his acclaimed portrayal of Alex in *Past Perfect* by Michel Tremblay. Brendan's play *Alias Godot* will also receive its North American premiere later this season at Tarragon. **East of Berlin** is directed by **Alisa Palmer**, **Camellia Koo** designs the set and costumes, **Michael Walton** designs the lighting, **John Gzowski** designs sound. **Leigh McClymont** is the stage manager.

East of Berlin previews in Tarragon's Extra Space on Tuesday, October 16, opens Wednesday, October 24 and runs until Sunday, November 25.

Preview tickets:	Oct. 16 to Oct. 23 at 8 pm	\$18
	October 21 at 2:30 pm	\$17 (reserved) & PWYC
Regular run:	Tuesday through Saturday at 8 pm	\$27 - \$32
	Saturday matinee at 2:30 pm	\$27
	Sunday matinee at 2:30 pm	\$17 (reserved) & PWYC

Seniors' and students' prices for regular performances, except Saturday night:
\$18 - \$27

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