

LIFE SUCKS

Characters

Vanya (he/his, late 30s - 40s, Any Race/Ethnicity) - A ruminator. A kvetch. A smart, sweet, passionate, wound-tight failure

Sonia (she/hers, 20s, Any Race/Ethnicity) - Kind, caring, and quirky, Serious self-esteem issues. More insightful than folks realize. Not comfortable in her body.
Role requires stage violence (hand to hand)

Ella (she/hers, 30s, Any Race/Ethnicity) - Searching, frustrated, hopeful, and sad. Weary of men's inability to manage themselves and their feelings. Keenly aware of the assumptions that other people make about her physical appearance/personality/hopes/wants/dreams.
Role requires stage violence (hand to hand) and physical intimacy (multiple kisses)

Babs (she/hers 60s, Any Race/Ethnicity) - Vibrant, artistic, outspoken, and enlightened. A great soul and scrappy wit. Knows who she is, what she likes, and wishes everyone else followed her example.

The Professor (he/his, 60s, Any Race/Ethnicity) - Big mind, big ego, small-ish soul. Well meaning. Terrified of the future. Missing the past.

Dr. Aster (he/his, 40s - early 50s, Any Race/Ethnicity) - Broken, beautiful, dissatisfied, savvy, and sad. He cares deeply and oddly.
Role requires a physical intimacy (partial undressing onstage, multiple kisses) and stage violence (hand to hand)

Pickles - (she/hers or she/they, 40s, Any Race/Ethnicity) A tender-hearted, vulnerable, loyal, odd duck. Very literal. A relentlessly positive utopian lesbian. An acquired taste.
Role requires physical intimacy (a kiss)

A Note About The Acting Style

Aggressively honest, Achingly transparent. Very, VERY FUNNY. Very rarely are moments played for the dramatic pathos, and when they are, it isn't where you thought it should be. Heartfelt and vulnerable, but never sentimental. Fast and front-footed, but never rushed. Full of endless amazement and wonder; and always tipping toward more love, more hope, more passion, and more perseverance

Content Trigger Warnings

- Alcohol consumption by ensemble
- Physical intimacy
- Stage violence, that includes prop guns