



BETWEEN
WORDS

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A live play reading series



Featuring

David Heyman's



Lloyd Davis'



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About Between Words:

Founded by Kurt Archer in 2023, Between Words Theatre is a community-driven non-profit dedicated to uplifting local voices through new-work festivals and theatre events. Its flagship Victoria One Act Play Festival invites Greater Victoria artists to present original one-act works in a pay-what-you-can model, fostering bold storytelling, inclusive collaboration and artistic experimentation. Between Words anchors itself in accessibility and the belief that every story deserves a stage. Between Words is a member of Victoria Theatre Collective



Synopsis: *Motherland* by Lloyd Davis

Winter, 1942. An area outside Stalingrad. The Soviet army has suffered greatly in the war so far, losing much territory and tenfold more lives than most other major nations. Moscow is at risk of falling to the enemy.

The play takes place near the frontlines, in and around a barracks that houses this women's sharpshooter unit. The trio are lethal, elite soldiers. The commander's quarters are nearby, as are additional Soviet housing compounds and headquarters. A relationship develops between Dasha and a prisoner of war.

About the playwright



Lloyd is primarily a playwright but also writes short fiction. He has worked in theatre tech with The Banff Center and at Cirque du Soleil's Montreal headquarters. His work has been published in Absolute Underground and he proudly serves as a Drama Editor for This Side of West.

We acknowledge and respect the ləkʷəŋən peoples on whose traditional territory the center stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

CAST OF READERS

Motherland

Dasha **Alejandra Cruz**
Petra **Erin Goold**
Any **Georgia Tooke**
Marina **Liz Carey**
Hans **Bill Allen**
Narrator **Laurie Best**

Wedlock

Otis **Ace Gabriel**
Atena **Lorene Cammiade**
Penny **Erin Sterling**
Judge **Wendy Magahay**
Al **Bill Allen**



The Readers of *Motherland*



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Synopsis: *Wedlock* by David Heyman

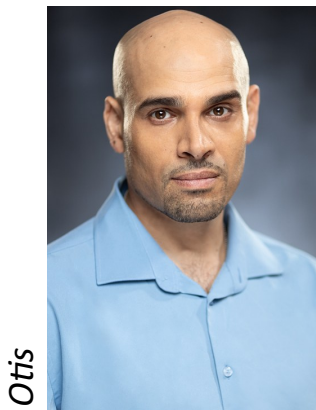
A man facing the death penalty refuses an offer of life in prison for a guilty plea, seeing no reason to spend the rest of his life behind bars. His lawyer, desperate to save him, devises a last-minute plan. Just before the verdict, she brings in his former girlfriend — the woman whose abusive partner he killed — hoping that her gratitude might persuade him to reconsider.

About the playwright



David is a Canadian playwright whose work delves into the intersection of politics, crisis, and human frailty. Based in Victoria, B.C., he is an active figure in the independent theatre scene, with his works featured in festivals such as the Victoria One-Act Plays, and the Edmonton, Nanaimo, and Victoria Fringe Festivals. He is the founder of Handmade ivy Stage and Screen.

The Readers of *Wedlock*



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[Meera Mathew](#)

Co-producer



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Whether you're part of a theatre company or an
individual artist, now's the time to join a new
group hoping to help shape the future of our
local theatre scene.*

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