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Hannah Moscovitch's **EAST OF BERLIN**
Artwork by Dina Bursztyn

A Gripping Regional Premiere Comes to Catskill's Bridge Street Theatre

"Do not hold against us the sins of the fathers; may your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need." – Psalm 79: 7-9.

When the son of an escaped Nazi war criminal (still alive and living in Paraguay) and the American-born daughter of an Auschwitz survivor meet and fall in love in Berlin, what they choose to reveal to and conceal from one another brings the past crashing down on them. Love, guilt, and recriminations mix in the regional premiere of this

riveting theatrical gut-punch from the author of last season's smash hit production of "Sexual Misconduct of the Middle Classes", coming to Catskill's Bridge Street Theatre from May 25 – June 4, 2023.

'East of Berlin' was a Nazi euphemism for the deportation of Jews to the death camps, where, unbeknownst to his son, Rudi's father conducted brutal "experiments" on prisoners. Estranged from his family after the true extent of his father's war crimes are revealed to him by a classmate, Rudi flees to Berlin where he falls in love with Sarah, who is Jewish, but reveals nothing to her of his family history. It is only after she becomes pregnant with his child that Rudi feels he must return to Paraguay to confront his father. The play is a genuine nail-biter, with the tension mounting higher and higher until a last-second climax as shocking as it is unexpected.

Hannah Moscovitch is an award-winning Canadian playwright who also created "Sexual Misconduct of the Middle Classes", presented by Bridge Street Theatre during the Fall of 2022. That acclaimed production was helmed by the magnificent Margo Whitcomb, who'll also be directing "East of Berlin". Featured in the cast are Orlando Grant as Rudi, JD Scalzo as Hermann, and Kara Arena in her BST debut as Sarah. The costumes are by Michelle Rogers, with sets and lighting designed by John Sowle. Kiara Vedovino is the production stage manager.



**Orlando Grant as Rudi, JD Scalzo as Hermann.
Photo by John Sowle**

Want to spend a breath-taking evening perched on the edge of your seat? You won't want to miss "East of Berlin", being presented on Bridge Street Theatre's "Priscilla" Mainstage at 44 West Bridge Street in Catskill, NY, Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2:00pm from May 25 through June 4. Tickets can be purchased online in advance for \$28 – this year, no additional service charge will be added to any online ticket purchase – or at the door prior to each performance (on a seats available basis) for \$30. Tickets for patrons ages 18 and under are priced at only \$15. For more

information and to purchase tickets, visit the theatre online at bridgest.org/east-of-berlin/ and follow the links you'll find there.

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Performance Calendar:

Bridge Street Theatre presents

The Regional Premiere of

EAST OF BERLIN

by Hannah Moscovitch

with Kara Arena, Orlando Grant, and JD Scalzo

Directed by Margo Whitcomb

Set and Lighting Design by John Sowle

Costumes by Michelle Rogers

Sound Design by Zak Kline

Production Stage Manager Kiara Vedovino

Artwork by Dina Burstyn

8 Performances Only!

May 25 – June 4, 2023

Thursdays-Saturdays @ 7:30pm, Sundays @ 2:00pm

Bridge Street Theatre's "Priscilla" Mainstage

44 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY

Thursday May 25 @ 7:30pm ("Pay What You Will" preview)

Friday May 26 @ 7:30pm (Opening Night)

Saturday May 27 @ 7:30pm

Sunday May 28 @ 2:00pm ("Pay What You Will" performance)

Thursday June 1 @ 7:30pm

Friday June 2 @ 7:30pm

Saturday June 3 @ 7:30pm

Sunday June 4 @ 2:00pm (Closing performance)

Tickets:

Advance tickets available at <https://bridgest.org/east-of-berlin-tickets/>

General Admission \$28, Ages 18 and under \$15 (no added online purchasing fee)

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