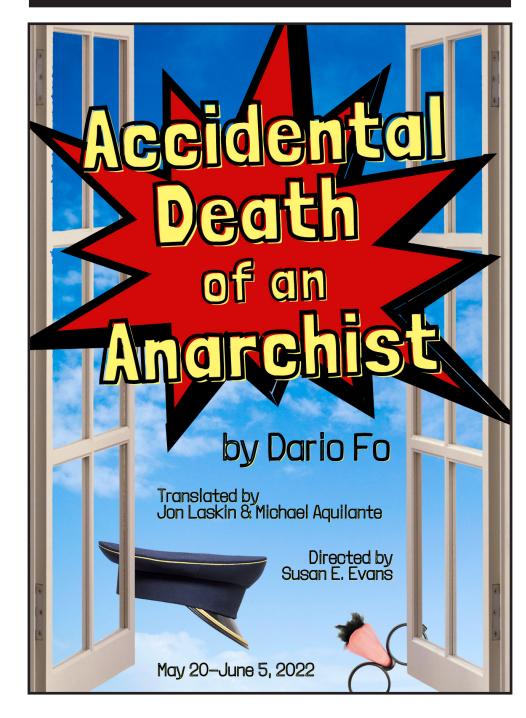
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Milan Investigator Shot Dead; Led Inquiries Into Terrorism

Special to The New York Times

MILAN, Italy, May 17—An unidentified gunman this morning shot and killed a nationally known law enforcement officer, Luigi Calabresi, who was chief of the political-investigations section of Milan's police force.

The victim, who was 35 years oid, had played a leading role in investigations of extremist groups believed responsible for a series of bombings and other acts of terrorism in and near this city in the last few years.

Mr. Calabresi himself was undergoing judicial inquiry in the death of an anarchist, Giuseppe Pinelli, who fell or jumped out of a fourth-floor window of the Milan police headquarters in December, 1969. This fatal fall took place during investigations after a bomb had gone off in a local bank, killing 16 persons.

Mr. Calabresi was also involved in the inquiry into the death of Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, the millionaire publisher who died in a mysterious explosion at the base of a power pylon near here on March 14.

Police officers said today that Mr. Calabresi had been receiving anonymous death threats and had changed his residence several times lately.

He was slain in front of an apartment house where he and his family had last been living as he was about to board his car to drive to police head-quarters this morning. Witnesses said that the assassin was a blond man, about 30 years old, who got away in a car driven by a young woman. The car, which had been stolen yesterday, was later found abandoned nearby.

Italy's Minister of Interior, Mariano Rumor, immediately flew to Milan from Rome and called an emergency meeting of high law enforcement officers here.

Mr. Rumor charged that the killers had intended "to intimidate the forces of order and through them the democratic state."

The New York Times

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A NOTE FROM **THE DIRECTOR**

Dario Fo didn't believe in catharsis. Catharsis, a Greek term, roughly means an effect in a play meant to elicit feelings of fear or pity or anger, with the goal of purging or cleansing those feelings in the audience. After one performance of ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST, he said, "Laughter helps avoid one of the worst dangers, which is catharsis ... We want [people's] anger to stay inside them, to remain there and not be let go, we want it to become active, we want to force people to reason about the time we find ourselves in, and we want them to carry all this forward into the struggle."

ANARCHIST is the perfect blend of the insanely ridiculous—or as Fo put it, the grotesque—and the deadly serious. He wanted his plays to move people to action, to engage in political debates and struggles. I've had a long-running mantra as a theater-maker: the hope that audience members leave a show with their heads full of thoughts and questions and somehow changed. I confess I cringe when I hear someone say, "I just want to sit back and be entertained." There's nothing wrong with a bit of entertainment. I just prefer to add at least a smattering of provocative thinking in the takeaway.

It's an understatement to say that ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST is based on a true story. The play itself is "an exercise in counterinformation," wherein Fo used actual trial transcripts and police reports and turned them upside down. Laugh hysterically at the knock-about gags, and then realize you're laughing at a horrific event that killed 16 people. When Fo courageously premiered this play so soon after the tragedy of the Piazza Fontana bombing, the audience immediately recognized the real-life players, continual cover-ups, lies, and strategy of tension. We are half a century removed from this particular incident, and yet, and yet ... I don't think it takes much of a stretch to relate it to current events. You'll hear plenty of anachronistic dialogue, references, and ad libs—all intentional.

There's certainly no shortage of quotes by and about Dario Fo and his amazing body of work; but for some reason a line from Lauren Gunderson's *The Revolutionists* sticks in my mind:

"Let us laugh too loudly and too often, and call out the hypocrites of our age until they are the butt of the joke. That's what we give our children. A good laugh."

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The 2021/22 Live Arts Season

ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST

(Morte accidentale di un anarchico)

By Dario Fo

LIVE ARTS

May 20-June 5, 2022

Translated by

Jon Laskin & Michael Aquilante

Directed by

Susan E. Evans

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Act I will be one hour. Act II will be one hour.

There will be one 20 minute intermission.

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SETTING

Central police headquarters, Milan, 1970

CAST

In Order of Appearance

NICK HAGY as MADMAN

JOHNNY BUTCHER as BERTOZZO

CECILIA HUANG as OFFICER MARTINI

JULIA ROBERTSON as SPORTY

DAVID JOHNSON as OFFICER LINGUITITO

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PRODUCTION TEAM

Director Susan E. Evans

Production Stage Manager Khadijah Williams

Assistant to the Stage Manager Kathleel Mueller

Scenic & Lighting Designer Jackson Key

Master Electrician Heather Hutton

Props Designer Sam Flippo

Sound Designer Becky Brown

Costume Designer Amy Goffman

Stitcher Tammy Eberly

Sound Board Operator Etta Feigert

Light Board Operator Khadijah Williams

Rigging Queen Cecilia Huang

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Did you know that ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST is based on historical events?

Learn more about Dario Fo, the real figures who inspired Fo's characters, and the timeline of political turbulence leading up to the 1969 Piazza Fontana bombing in the Study Guide.

DRAMATIC TRANSLATION

Since its premiere in Italy in 1970, ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST (originally *Morte accidentale di un anarchico*) has been translated and performed in more than 40 countries. Director Susan E. Evans read and compared various English translations and adaptions, including versions of the play by Gavin Richards (1979), Richard Nelson (1983), Ed Emery (1992), and Simon Nye (2003), before choosing this translation by Laskin and Aquilante.

Jon Laskin and Michael Aquilante are writers and theater translators who have co-translated several works by Dario Fo, including *The Devil with Boobs* and the classic political farce *They Don't Pay? We Won't Pay!* Laskin and Aquilante's critically acclaimed translations have been staged in cities around the world, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Anchorage, London, Dublin, Brisbane, Ottawa, and Toronto. Their translation of ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST is currently the version authorized by the estate of Dario Fo and Franca Rame.

PLAYWRIGHT & DIRECTOR BIOS



DARIO FO **PLAYWRIGHT**

Dario Fo was an Italian playwright, actor, director, stage designer, songwriter, campaigner for the Italian left wing, and recipient of the 1997 Nobel Prize for literature. The Swedish Academy praised Fo as a writer "who emulates the jesters of the Middle Ages in scourging authority and upholding the dignity of the downtrodden." His plays have been translated into 30 languages and performed across the

globe, making him one of the most widely performed contemporary playwrights in the world. Fo's works are known for improvisation and *commedia dell'arte* style, and their courageous criticism of political corruption, organized crime, racism, war, and the church.



SUSAN E. EVANS DIRECTOR

Susan (she/her) joined the talented Live Arts team in June 2021. Prior to moving to Charlottesville, she held several artistic director positions in the San Francisco Bay Area, including Eastenders Repertory Company, the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, and Town Hall Theatre. In the Bay Area, she also directed at Contra Costa Civic Theatre and with Actors Reading Writers, and has ongoing collaborations with solo

artist Carolyn Doyle and playwright Scott Munson (The Brecht Project). She is a proud graduate of the Drama Studio London @ Berkeley and an associate member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. www.susaneevansdirector.com

CAST BIOS



JOHNNY BUTCHER | BERTOZZO

Johnny's last stage appearance was here in the Gibson Theater in the 2020 Live Arts production of THE HUMANS. This August he begins a monthly songwriter residency at Dürty Nelly's. Check their listings for dates and times. Love to Kim and Jackson.



NICK HAGY | MADMAN

Nick is excited to make his Live Arts debut as the Madman. He is a theater techie by day and performer by night who works as the technical director at Four County Players. He has worked in DC, LA, and on the road. He is very happy to be back onstage!



CECILIA HUANG | OFFICER MARTINI

Cecilia (she/they) has had a wonderful time working on her first Live Arts show with the magnificent cast and crew of ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST! She is a second-year drama major and a proud J. Sanford Miller Family Arts Scholar at UVA.



DAVID JOHNSON | OFFICER LINGUITITO

David (he/him) is thrilled to be a part of ANARCHIST, his first Live Arts production! If you recognize David, chances are you saw him during his UVA days (class of 2020) as a member of the Whethermen improv comedy or Hot Kids sketch comedy. David loves his cat, Hestia, very much.



ERIC RAMÍREZ-WEAVER | **commissioner**

At Live Arts, Eric (he/him) was Chorus, choreographer, and assistant stage manager for LET GO OF ME (2021) and an ASM for EVERY BRILLIANT THING (2021). He performs character roles at Charlottesville Ballet and created ballet concept and sculpture for *Astrolabium* (2019), choreographed by Sara Clayborne.



JULIA ROBERTSON | SPORTY

Julia has acted on both sides of the Atlantic and was a founding member of the Edinburgh Footlights. Her most recent Live Arts show was THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME (2019). Despite being a Scot, she has never used a Scottish accent on stage until this production.



ELIZABETH ROSE | REPORTER

Elizabeth (she/her) thanks Susan for the opportunity to work with this amazing cast and crew. She studied acting in New York and has performed in venues throughout the city. Recent credits include Amanda in *Marriage Wars* (LOCALLY SOURCED 2021) and Hecate in *Macbeth* (The Seeing Place Theater). Elizabeth dedicates her performance to her late husband and biggest fan, Joel.

Meet the cast at our **AUDIENCE TALKBACK**

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 | 9:30PM | ALL ARE WELCOME

Take a peek behind the curtain! Join us for a post-show talkback with Director Susan E. Evans and the cast of ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST at Live Arts.

Moderated by Education Director Ti Ames

You do not need to see the show on June 2 to attend.

PRODUCTION TEAM BIOS

BECKY BROWN | Sound Designer

Becky (she/her) makes music/films/websites about running for local office, the stock market, car shows, fashionable cops, and dying. ANARCHIST is her third Live Arts show this season, so consider this the spicy left hook of a sound designer's three-hit combo! She is working on a PhD in music composition at UVA.

ETTA FEIGERT | Sound Board Operator

Etta (they/them) is excited to be back backstage so quickly. Previous Live Arts credits include PIPPIN, CRYBABY, RENT, MEN ON BOATS, LET GO OF ME, THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE, and THE CHILDREN.

SAM FLIPPO | Props Designer

Sam (she/her) is the prop master at UVA and has a gallery on display at Paint It Orange in Orange, VA. On top of all that she found time to volunteer for Live Arts and is delighted to be a part of the ANARCHIST team. Her favorite prop is the bomb. Sam also trained the actors to safely use weapons in a theater.

AMY GOFFMAN | Costume Designer

Amy has costumed many shows at Live Arts, most recently THE CHILDREN. She thanks Susan, the cast, and the production team for making ANARCHIST a joy to costume. Thanks always to Jim for putting up with a home costume shop. Love to Ruby.

HEATHER HUTTON | Master Electrician

Heather has been a professional lighting designer for 20 years. Live Arts credits: MEN ON BOATS, SWEET CHARITY, THE SUGAR, GREY GARDENS, HE WHO GETS SLAPPED, EURYDICE, LYSISTRATA, 24/7, and Gala. Heather is master electrician for the Live Arts Fringe Team.

JACKSON KEY | Scenic & Lighting Designer

Jackson (he/him) is a 2022 graduate from the University of Virginia School of Architecture from Fort Worth, Texas. Recent scenic designs: 16 Winters, or the Bear's Tale (UVA Drama), and FOLLIES (Assistant, Live Arts). Selected lighting designs: LET GO OF ME, THE HUMANS, RENT (Live Arts); UVA Dance Concerts, Lighting of the Lawn 2020 & 2021.

KHADIJAH WILLIAMS | Production Stage Manager

Khadijah (she/they) is a junior at James Madison University studying theater. They are extremely excited to be back at Live Arts and a part of the amazing ANARCHIST team! You may have seen her in Live Arts productions of RAGTIME (2018) and RENT (2019). Khadijah recently stage managed JMU's mainstage production of *Head Over Heels*.





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We're looking for someone who loves theater and the people who make it. If you want to **inspire**, **empower**, and **engage volunteers of all skill levels and backgrounds**, this might just be the perfect job for you!

To Apply: Please email resume, cover letter, and the names and contact information of three references to anne@livearts.org by June 5, 2022. Estimated start date is late-June, 2022. This exempt position reports to the executive director and includes full benefits.



Full Job Description at livearts.org/work-here



GENERAL AUDITIONS

SATURDAY, **JUNE 11** (AGES 14+)

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General Auditions are a great way to...

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When: Saturday, June 11 (11am-4pm)
Where: Live Arts Fourth Floor
Questions? Email volunteer@livearts.org

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