CREATORS' NOTES

From Rusty Thelin, Director/ Co-Deviser: The Constellationist is a love letter, like the letters Molly and I write to those we truly love; and we truly love Mary Helen Carey.

Watching Molly, who is the love of my life, go through this process of retelling a person’s life, of hearing their most intimate details, of sometimes bringing up painful emotions in both the subject and the interviewer, was a harrowing experience for me. On the one hand, I don’t ever want to see anyone go through that again; on the other, I know we will absolutely go through it again the next time we do a show. As creators of theater about real people, we grapple with exactly what to share with audiences and what to keep to ourselves, so our audience gets the full impact of “real stories”, uncovering a well-rounded portrait of a human being. Many a rehearsal with the ensemble involved deep discussions about what it means to be alive today. Some of these talks were revelatory, others mundane, the best were possibly cathartic. Mary’s story is everyone’s story, to some extent. That is the impulse behind People of Pittsburgh. We are all people, regardless and in spite of the qualities that separate us. While we at RealTime are interested in the qualities that make people different, we are more interested in the things that link us all together. And if you look closely and carefully at anyone, we all contain multitudes, some aspects of which can be expressed as beautiful, even stunning works of art. Hopefully this play captures the tiniest fraction of that art and the multitudes contained within Ms. Mary, the Constellationist of Braddock, PA.

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From Molly Rice, Conceiver/ Writer/ Co-Deviser: To the ensemble, artist collaborators and team members: I love and admire every one of you. Thank you for your endless creativity, wit, intelligence, patience and generosity during this process.

Things I learned (or remembered) from working on this play:

1. There are people around us every minute of every day, seen and unseen, reshaping our world through relentless love.
2. Try not to enjoy talking to your subjects so much that you collect 200 hours of interviews. 100 is probably plenty.
3. Creativity is the most powerful engine on the planet.
4. Loss is inevitable. Love is a choice.
5. The only antidote for loss is love.
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CAST & CREW

Lead Artists:
Molly Rice: Conceiver, writer, co-deviser
Christine McCray Bethea: Environmental Design

Core Artist Team:
Bayley Brown: Audio/Sound Design
Cheryl Capezzuti Original Puppets
Deavron Dailey: Banners
Rusty Thelin: Director/Co-Deviser

Community Devising Ensemble:
Aerin Adams, Erika Denae J, Sanford Mark Barnes II, Calise Cowans-Rini, Lish Danielle, Azriel Hutchins, Elliott Rose Hutchins, Jasmariah Johnson-Parker, Travis Matuke. Featuring Michele Bankole performing Saturday night for Erika Denae J!

Original Songs and Music by:
Sanford-Mark Barnes, Erika Denae J, Travis Matuke with Aerin Adams

Production Team:
Jess Levine: Production Stage Manager
Zev Woskoff: Assistant Stage Manager, Sound Board Operator, Volunteer Coordinator
Bella Bergamin: Light Board Operator, Studio Tech

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THE TEAM (CONT.)
Audio interview collation: Lindsay Herring
Marketing design: Allie Amoaye
Photography: Laura Petrilla

Interviewees: Ombrea Askew, Roslyn Berry, Christine Bethea, Dwayne Hopkins, James Kidd, Jan McManus, Laura Petrilla, Leslie Stem, Cathy Welsh, Troy West, Jadon Wilkes, Kenya "Lil Homie" Jordan

Production Intern: Stephen Tao
Marketing intern: Kaitlyn Markert

Volunteers: Melanie Marshall, Lindsay Herring, Kaitlyn Markert, Karen and Gil Hart, Jamie Agnello, Becky Hukill, Leeann Younger, Divya Heffley, Hazel Leroy

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CONGRATS, MARY!
Mary is part of the Age-Friendly Community Panel, a group of residents who serve as age-friendly consultants to organizations and businesses.
To learn more, contact Randi Vega at randi@agefriendlypgh.org or 412-439-2025.
Congratulations, Mary, you are truly the person who connects people to people, stars to stars!! Tonight we celebrate the star that you are!!

Sincerely,
Aunt Cheryl’s Cafe.

This show is dedicated to all those lost to gun violence in Braddock. You are loved. You are missed.

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CALVIN HALL
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EMERY HEARD-ELLIS
JAMAL HOLYFIELD
ANTHONY HOOTS
MACK HOOTS JR.
JOHN HUTSON
ROBERT LAFORE JAMES
TORI JEETER
BRANDON JOHNS
JEREMIAH JONES
NORRIS (SCURRY) JONES
TED JONES
JO LAWRENCE
VITO SANCHEZ LEE
JASON LEWIS
JORDAN LEWIS
JOSHUA LONG
KEVIN LOVELACE
CORTEZ LUCAS
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- Monthly Journaling Group with Mama Roz and RealTime Arts
- Remembrance Walks
- Youth & Community events

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Mary wishes to dedicate her involvement in the show to Tonee Turner. "I love you. I miss you. We're waiting for you to come home."
-Mary

The Ohringer Arts apartments and studios celebrate the life of Mary Helen Carey and the resilience and resurgence of the Braddock Community!

The Wilkins School Community Center thanks Ms. Mary for all she does for our community!