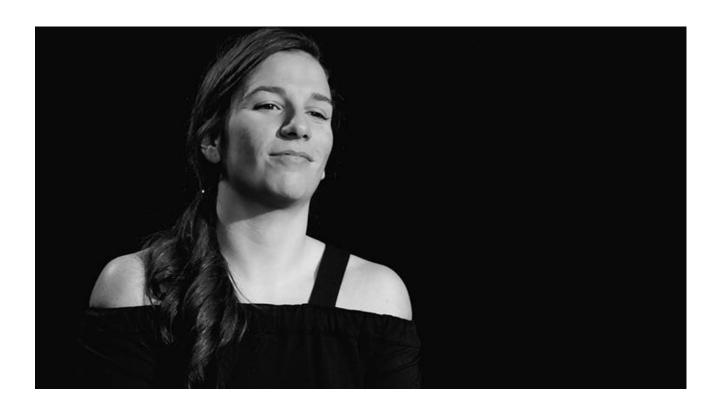
"Lifegate" by Giorgia Mazzucato at the Hollywood Fringe Festival



Artists from all over the world are coming to Los Angeles Italian because the Hollywood Fringe Festival is back from June 8th to the 25th! Italian actress, writer, and director, Giorgia Mazzucato, will be on stage performing "Lifegate," a monologue which weaves together the adventures of three different characters who seem to have nothing in common.

The <u>Hollywood Fringe Festival</u> [2] is an annual, open-access, community-derived event celebrating freedom of expression and collaboration in the performing arts community. Each June during the Hollywood Fringe, the arts infiltrate the Hollywood neighborhood: fully equipped theaters, parks, clubs, churches, restaurants and other unexpected places host hundreds of productions by local, national, and international arts companies and independent performers.

Hollywood Fringe is unlike any other art fest because participation is completely open and uncensored. This free-for-all approach underlines the festival's mission to be a platform for artists without the barrier of a curative body. By opening the gates to anyone with a vision, the festival is able to exhibit the most diverse and cutting-edge points-of-view the world has to offer. Additionally, by creating an environment where artists must self-produce their work, the Fringe motivates its participants to cultivate a spirit of entrepreneurialism in the arts.

On June 17th and June 21st, <u>Giorgia Mazzucato</u> [3], Italian actress, writer, and director, will weave together the stories of three characters, as they fight for love, success and eventually, cathartic emotions and life with a monologue called Lifegate. The comedic performance will include a

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completely unexpected twist that will leave the crowd stunned. A special guest, the <u>Consul General of Italy in Los Angeles</u> [4], Antonio Verde, will attend the June 21st perfomance.

The Plot of "Lifegate":

A young and brave woman, in love with a very first friend from grade school; a smart funny girl, whose dream is the world, outside her house and a naive, gullible good boy, who wants to become a mechanic, to follow in the footsteps of his old man. Through their stories, we will experience the tastes of fear, happiness, love, pain and... life. The Noble Price Dario Fo called Lifegate "[a pièce] played by a great professionist, with a paradoxical, metaphysical, precise, incisive script. A masterpiece".

About the Festival:

The Hollywood Fringe Festival is a non-profit company. The festival gives 100% of box office revenue back to participating artists and venues—that's over 1.8 million dollars since the inaugural festival in 2010. Donations are essential for both day-to-day festival costs as well as the growth of festival programs and resources. To help sustain Hollywood Fringe, you can donate here [5]. For more information click here >>> [6]

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