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*The show runs 70 minutes, no intermission*
In their new solo work, writer and performer Justin Elizabeth Sayre takes on the artist’s mind. Using memory from their own life and the lives of artists, Sayre explores the compulsion to create, and the inherent hope that keeps them and so many others showing up to create.
Justin Elizabeth Sayre is a playwright and performer who Michael Musto called, “Oscar Wilde meets Whoopi Goldberg.” Sayre is a fixture of the Downtown Cabaret Scene in New York, first with their long-running monthly show, *The Meeting of The International Order of Sodomites*, (Bistro Award-winning & 2 MAC nominations), and now with new shows at Joe’s Pub/The Public Theatre like *Peaches, Eggplants, and Tears & The gAyBC’s*, a five-part series on which this book is based. As a playwright, Sayre’s work has appeared at Dixon Place, The Wild Project, The Celebration Theatre, Dynasty Typewriter, and La MaMa Experimental Theatre. Most recently with the 12-part-epic *Ravenswood Manor*, a Camp-Horror-Soap-Opera, called “a sharply written and well-acted exemplar of the horror-comedy genre,” by the LA Times. The project is currently being developed with Sony Television. Sayre also hosted and wrote, *Night of a Thousand Judys*, a benefit honoring the legacy of Judy Garland and raising money for The Ali Forney Center for Homeless LGBT Youth in New York. Sayre has written a series of YA Novels, *Husky, Pretty, and Mean*, released by Penguin Books. Sayre has also written for Television, working with Michael Patrick King on his Hit CBS comedy, *2 Broke Girls*, and most recently on Fox’s *The Cool Kids*. Sayre also appeared on HBO's *The Comeback* with Lisa Kudrow. They live in a world in a world of their own and they have been blocked by Meghan McCain on Twitter.

Dusty Childers is a theater artist, storyteller, and educator who has worked as a director, producer, dramaturgist, costumer, and stylist. He has collaborated with Taylor Mac, Justin Vivian Bond, Machine Dazzle, Silas Howard, Big Dipper, Dan Fishback, Amber Martin, among many others. Dusty’s body and body of work have graced the likes of The Guggenheim, St. Ann’s Warehouse, The Whitney, BAM, Parsons, The Public Theater, Pratt, International Center of Photography, Signature Theater, Institute of Contemporary Art Philadelphia, Town Hall, Joe’s Pub, Abrons Art Center, Dixon Place, Irving Plaza, The Bushwig Festival, Judson Memorial Church, MIX Queer Experimental Film Festival, The Delancey, Governors Ball, The Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Soho Playhouse and beyond. He starred in the animated short film *The Shawl* which premiered at The Sundance Film Festival, won a special jury award at SXSW, and ran at the Metrograph Theater in New York City. @duddylynn
A full program with information on this production can be found on the To Build a Soul page of the La MaMa website.

In addition you can scan the QR code Poster located in the lobby for program as well.
La MaMa’s historic, landmark building at 74 East 4th Street is undergoing an urgently needed complete renovation and restoration to preserve the historic façade, create building-wide ADA accessibility, and provide much needed performance, exhibition and community space for decades to come.

La MaMa, founded by Ellen Stewart in 1961, has been on east 4th Street since 1967. La MaMa embraces every person in its community and is legendary as the place where new artists of all nations, cultures, races, and identities are given opportunities. It is the place where art begins.

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