



Lampedusa



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Pi Theatre presents the Canadian premiere of Anders Lustgarten's *Lampedusa* at The Annex in the heart of downtown Vancouver.

Lampedusa tells the story of two people who have never met, but whose lives are deeply affected by immigration. Stefano follows in the footsteps of generations of Lampedusa's fishermen. But in the 21st century the catch is very different: the fish have disappeared, and his job in the new economy is to pull migrants out of the Mediterranean. Meanwhile, in a small corner of the UK, Denise, a mixed race woman from Leeds, goes from door to door collecting payday loans, witnessing crippling hardship, and hearing violent complaints about a country being destroyed by immigration.

Written by award-winning playwright Anders Lustgarten and directed by Pi Theatre's Richard Wolfe, *Lampedusa* brings us the story behind the headlines of two strangers finding hope and connection where they least expect it.

"*Lampedusa* is one of the most gently enticing pieces of storytelling you will see, softly encroaching on the moral consciousness like a lullaby. . . . There's dark beauty here, on the sharp end of Europe's implosion." - The Times

"Lustgarten's text is brilliant: he tells the stories of both Stefano and Denise with enormous directness and power. The writing is bright in its intensity, combining both fact and humour. . . . *Lampedusa* is a political play that shows how human contact and empathy can make things better, without any ideology or without relying on our rulers to do everything for us. The result is a short but stunning piece of radical theatre." - Tribune

". . . a curiously moving hymn to the small, transfiguring acts of compassion amid a sea of indifference." - Daily Telegraph

"Lustgarten's portrait is haunting, potent and humane." - Time Out London

Playwright: Anders Lustgarten

Director: Richard Wolfe

Featuring: Robert Garry Haacke and Melissa Oei

Costume Design: Julie Edgeley
Lighting Design: Conor Moore
Set Design: Carolyn Rapanos
Sound Designer/Composer: Mishelle Cuttler
Production Manager: Jayson McLean
Stage Manager: Jethelo E. Cabilete

Tickets: \$28 for previews, 2pm, and 4pm shows, \$36 for evening performances.

Venue: The Annex, 823 Seymour St, Vancouver, BC V6B 3L4

Watch for announcements of our FREE speaker series taking place in the lobby of the Annex by signing up for our newsletter on the Pi website homepage! We will also let you know when tickets are available.

Warnings: *Pi Theatre produces and presents bold theatrical experiences that are intellectually alive and emotionally charged. We do not offer specific advisories about subject matter as sensitivities differ widely from person to person. If you have any questions about content, age-appropriateness, stage effects or anything else, please don't hesitate to give us a call at (604) 872.1861.*

This project is supported in part by Vancouver Civic Theatres.



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April 22, 2020 8:00 pm
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April 25, 2020 4:00 pm
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April 29, 2020 2:00 pm

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