

## "THE BOX OFFICE" by Claire Crowley Makes World Premiere at THE TANK

Six Debut Performances Starting October 28, 2023

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, October 23, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ --The world premiere of <u>THE BOX OFFICE</u> from emerging playwright Claire Crowley debuts with six performances at The Tank, running October 28th through November 7th.

It's opening night of La Bohème and Box Office Assistant, Jess, has to make a choice. Does she attend her stepfather's funeral the next day or stay behind in the Box? THE BOX OFFICE asks the question: who is allowed to grieve and for whom and what?



Directed by Claire Marieb (Dance Nation, Top Girls), the 90-minute dark comedy stars a talented cast that includes Isabelle Deveaux (Twisted, Dance Nation), Giancarlo Herrera\* (My Mother's Severed Head, Clue: Onstage), Bilgin Turker (80 Mins Around the World), Donna Jean Fogel\* (Every Brilliant Thing, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime), and Michael Takiff (Black Tie: A Son's Journey through the Death and Life of His Father; Jews, God, and History (Not Necessarily in That Order). This is an AEA showcase production (\*Equity Actors).

"In essence, I wrote this dark but comedic story about feeling on the outskirts of one's own grief experience. It's about perspectives of grief and love -- who is 'allowed' to grieve and for whom and what? And the unexpected people who help us along the way," explains Crowley. "I wrote it for a younger version of me, who wasn't kind to herself. I wrote it for my little sister, for my mom, for my two departed stepdads, for my friends, and for anyone who has lost love."

About Claire Crowley - Playwright/Producer:

Based in New York, Crowley has been building a solid reputation as a writer. Previously, her 10-minute dark comedy play, R.I.P. Billy, was selected for a public reading at The Playwrights Group. Her full-length play, Adirondacks in June, and short play, School Upon a Hill, were both developed at The Barrow Group. In addition, she has workshopped new pieces at the Chicago Dramatists and Oregon Contemporary Theatre. Crowley showcased her skills in the film and television arena with the web series Lady Cops, produced by Alison Chace and LMC Productions, and the dramatic short film, Dawn. Crowley is currently a Junior Board Member of Brave New World Repertory Theatre and holds a master's degree in "not playwriting" which sometimes helps



Claire Crowley, playwright/producer

her creative process and sometimes really doesn't.

## About The Tank:

The Tank is a small, Manhattan-based non-profit arts presenter and producer serving emerging artists. Their goal is to remove economic barriers from the creation of new work for artists launching their careers or experimenting within their art form, while being inclusive and accessible. They strive to keep ticket prices affordable, expanding the creation and attendance of the arts for a broad and diverse community.

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Dates/Times:

Saturday, October 28 at 9:30p / Sunday, October 29 at 3p / Wednesday, November 1 at 7p / Friday, November 3 at 9:30p / Sunday, November 5 at 7p / Tuesday, November 7 at 7p

Location: The Tank - 312 West 36th Street New York, NY 10018

Tickets/Info: https://thetanknyc.org/calendar-1/theboxoffice

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