Every Piece of Me
By Mary Conroy
Directed by Zohar Fuller
April 20 - 30

Boston PLAYWRIGHTS' Theatre
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Boston University College of Fine Arts
New Play Initiative
A WELCOME FROM OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the last show in our Season of New Plays, *Every Piece of Me* by Mary Conroy! This has been a full season of new work in this new collaboration between Boston Playwrights’ Theatre and the Boston University College of Fine Arts School of Theatre. It has been, in our considered and prejudiced opinion, madly successful. These talented designers, directors, actors, and playwrights have explored wildly different continents—both literal and figurative. From the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to a Massachusetts hospital waiting room, from the Belfast of 1979 to modern-day Ireland—we have banded together for your entertainment. It has been a real thrill for all of us!

In Mary Conroy’s *Every Piece of Me*, an Irish ex-pat daughter and her newly-minted American husband return to meet the parents. Secrets abound in this very Irish family, and where there are secrets, there are revelations and repercussions. We hope you enjoy this journey as much as we are excited to bring it to you.

And don’t forget—Boston Playwrights’ Theatre’s season is not quite over. On the weekend of May 13-14th, we celebrate more new works (full-lengths and ten-minute plays) in our Boston Theater Marathon at the Calderwood Pavilion in Tremont Street’s Boston Center for the Arts. Please join us for our Warm-Up Laps and for the marathon itself. Fifty ten-minute plays will be performed starting at 12 noon (ending before 10 p.m.) on Mother’s Day, so...Bring your mom!

Thanks for your presence this season. It has meant the world to us!

Sincerely,

Jim Petosa, Director
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College of Fine Arts

Kate Snodgrass, Director
MFA in Playwriting/English Department
Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Boston Playwrights’ Theatre and
Boston University College of Fine Arts School of Theatre
present
Every Piece of Me
a Boston University New Play Initiative production
by Mary Conroy
directed by Zohar Fuller

Scenic Design: Lindsay Fuori
Lighting Design: Aaron Henry
Sound Design: J Jumbelic
Costume Design: Stephanie K. Brownell
Dramaturgy: Alexis Scheer
Stage Manager: Katherine Humbert*
Assistant Stage Manager: Tasha K. Matthews
Associate Production Manager: Kate Bartels
Assistant Costume Design: Tori Moline
Light Board Operator: Benjamin Murphy
Master Electrician: Keithlyn Parkman
Electricians: Ida Aronson, Amanda Holt, Aurelia Lyman, Becky Marsh, Jen Russo
Dialect Coach: Christine Hamel
Production Assistants: Anmol Dhaliwal, Jake Mellen, Linda Seminario
Costume Masters: Tori Moline, Laura Neill
Properties Master: Beirut Balutis
Run Crew: Katherine Kvacek
Paint Charge: Trish Torpey
House Managers: Anna Oehlberg, Paisley Piasecki
Front of House Staff: Beirut Balutis, Anmol Dhaliwal, Marzie Ghasempour, Matt Manarchy, Kira Rockwell, Sarah Shin

CAST
Bridie Joe Maureen Adduci
Joe Stephen Cooper*
Aine Sarah Hirsch
Deirdre Maggie Markham
Hunter Charlie Tisch

Every Piece of Me runs 90 minutes with no intermission.

*Appears courtesy of Actors’ Equity Association.

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A NOTE FROM THE DRAMATURG

A quick search on Google Maps shows me eleven abortion clinics within a ten minute drive of my home in Miami, Florida. Safe, legal places I can access if I choose to. On January 21st, I joined women in pink hats from around the world and took to the streets with a sign that said “Females Are Strong As Hell”—a nod to Tina Fey’s Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt—but an even greater nod to the fearless and unbreakable female spirit. And I marched in support of these clinics, the ones I didn’t know their names and addresses of until this Google search. I marched because though these buildings were faceless in my mind, the people who need them were not. Are not. I know them. You know them.

Mary Conroy takes us home to a place where there are no clinics at all. Despite Ireland’s modern sensibility and effort to move with the times, abortion still remains illegal. And even the sale of contraception wasn’t legalized until 1980. The Catholic church’s hold on the country is palpable. The Catechism states, “Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.” And that certainly is the law of the land. For safe and legal services you have to travel to another country. You cannot go home. But the women, the ones with faces that we all know, still exist. And Conroy shows us that regardless of the choices they make, and the consequences that follow, their spirits remain unbreakable.

For more information about abortion law in Ireland visit The Irish Family Planning Association.

—Alexis Scheer
MAUREEN ADDUCI (Bridie Joe) is very pleased to be making her BPT debut. Most recently she appeared as Pam in Zeitgeist Stage Company’s production of Exit Strategy by Ike Holter. Also with Zeitgeist: The Normal Heart (Elliot Norton Outstanding Actress Award), Time Of My Life and Tiny Kushner (Elliot Norton Outstanding Actress nominations for both), and Flesh and Blood, all directed by David J. Miller. Other companies include Argos Productions: Lifers (dir: Brett Marks), Maiden Phoenix: Playhouse Creatures (dir: Anna Trachtmann), Huntington Theatre Company: Cry of the Reed (dir: Danny Goldstein), All My Sons (dir: David Esbjornson), Becky Shaw (dir: Peter Dubois). Thanks to Kate for the opportunity, and to Mary and Zohar for such a wonderful journey.

KATE BARTELS (Associate Production Manager) is a second-year MFA candidate for Production Management at Boston University. Originally from New Orleans and an avid Saints fan, Kate received her BA in Theatre Design and Technology from Louisiana State University before moving to New York and working as the Management Assistant for the York Theatre Company. In addition to production management, Kate works professionally as an AEA and AGMA stage manager.

STEPHANIE K. BROWNELL (Costume Design) is an interdisciplinary writer, artist, and educator based in Boston. Local design credits include Franklin, The Honey Trap, Sickle, and Restricted (Boston Playwrights’ Theatre); Revolt. She Said. Revolt Again. (Company One); From the Deep (FringeNYC); Eyes Shut. Door Open. (Wax Wings Productions); Radium Girls (Flat Earth Theatre); I, Snowflake (Anthem Theatre Company); and Julius Caesar (Bridge Rep). Assistant costume design: Fiddler on the Roof (New Repertory Theatre), Twelfth Night and Bride*Widow*Hag (ART Institute), Hello Again (Bridge Rep). Stephanie is the recipient of the 2015 NAPAT Playwriting Excellence Award and a 2014 national finalist for the Gary Garrison Award. She is a member of Company One’s 2017 PlayLab and an artistic associate at Artists’ Theatre of Boston. Stephanie teaches writing at Bentley University and Grub Street Writing Community. Upcoming designs: The Fear Project (Open Theatre Project). MFA: Boston University. BA: Carroll University. skbrownell.com

MARY CONROY (Playwright) teaches Screenwriting at Boston College. She has been awarded a graduate fellowship and is a full-time MFA in Playwriting student at Boston University. She serves as the Dramatists Guild representative for Boston Metro. During the past year, Mary has worked with an agent and received meetings on the Sony Lot and Universal Studios in regards to her television spec pilots. Last year, her original television pilot Proud Mary was runner-up for the prestigious Cinestory Retreat. In 2014, Mary was an invited artist at the Nantucket Film Festival with her co-written television pilot, Good Morning Detroit, and she attended the BANFF World Media Festival in Banff, Canada. Previously, she has been an invited participant at the Kennedy Center’s Playwriting Intensive. She has had numerous productions of her short plays in the New England area as well as New York and California. Mary reads and
judges for a variety of festivals and screenwriting competitions. She continues
to write in all three genres of visual storytelling: film, television, and theatre.
She also holds an MFA in Creative Writing and a BS in Court Reporting. She
says, “This process has been a learning experience in all areas of my life. I’ve
learned that my family are my strength, my mentors are my guiding lights, and
my supporters are my anchors. To PJ and the kiddies, I am forever grateful. To
my mother and step-mother, your unwavering support has pushed me forward.
This production would not be possible without the collaboration of the BU
School of Theatre and their amazing students and Boston Playwrights’ Theatre.
Alexa and Jake, you are rock stars. I have to thank Zohar for her patience and
calmness, what a journey it has been. To the actors, Stephen, Maureen, Sarah,
Charlie, and Maggie, I am in awe of your professionalism and hard work. To
Katie and Tasha, you are the lifeline in a world filled with chaos. To the entire
crew, your art and craftsmanship is amazing, thank you. And finally, I have to
acknowledge my unsung heroes, Melinda, Ronan, and Kate. Your gifts will keep
on giving...thank you.”

STEPHEN COOPER* (Joe) debuts with the BU New Play Initiative and Boston
Playwrights’ Theatre, although he worked on this very stage in one of its earli-
est presentations, Little Moon of Alban (Boston Theater Club, 1983), directed by
Nora Hussey. He’s also appeared here in Theresa Rebeck’s The Family of Mann
(Wellesley Rep, 2001) directed by Ms. Hussey; Blinders (2005) and The Matern-
al Instinct (2006), both Member Showcase productions directed by Melissa
J. Wentworth; in the Larry Blamire-written revue Half-Wits (2010); and in five
Boston Theater Marathons (2000-2004). In between, he spent a decade in L.A.
studying under the late Susan Peretz.

ZOHAR FULLER (Director) is a Boston-based director, performer and educator.
She is currently pursuing an MFA in Directing at Boston University where she
has directed God’s Ear, Uncommon Women and Others, The Shape of Things,
and Blue/Orange. This past summer, Zohar worked on Company One Theatre’s
The T Party. Previously Zohar was the Program Director for The Theater Of-
fensive’s Creative Action Crew and worked with TTO’s youth programming, True
Colors, for four years. In the past she has worked on productions at the Berk-
shire Theatre Group, Lyric Stage, Nora Theatre, Liars and Believers, and Double
Edge Theatre. Zohar holds a BA in Theatre for Social Change from Brandeis
University.

LINDSAY FUORI (Scenic Design) is currently pursuing her BFA in Scenic Design
from Boston University. She is delighted to make her Boston Playwrights’
Theatre debut with Every Piece of Me. Previous design credits at BU include
The Cherry Orchard, In the Heart of America, and Dancing at Lughnasa. She is
currently working on La Llorona with Fresh Ink Theatre Company.

SARAH HIRSCH (Aine) is so excited for her debut with the incredible Boston
Playwrights’ Theatre! She is a sophomore Theatre Arts major at Boston Univer-
sity with interests in psychology and comparative literature in addition to all
aspects of theatre-making. Her previous credits at Boston University include
being a company member of the devised piece *Women in Character* with the extraordinary Judith Chafee. She wants to thank the rest of the cast and the crew for all of the laughter, dedication, and generosity of spirit during the late night rehearsals!

**KATHERINE HUMBERT* (Stage Manager)** is delighted to be working on another production with Boston Playwrights’ Theatre where she stage managed *The Atheist* and *Memorial* earlier this season. She has spent several years with Central Square Theater where she has assistant stage managed The Nora Theatre Company’s *Operation Epsilon* and *Arcadia*, and the Underground Railway Theater’s productions of *SILA, A Disappearing Number*, and *Mr. g*. She has also had the pleasure of working on The Nora/URT’s *The Other Place* and *Arabian Nights*. A graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, she returned to the Boston area several years ago to explore the theatre scene and has been enjoying every moment. Most recently, Katherine stage managed The URT’s production of *Matchless* and *The Happy Prince* in its second season. Other recent stage management credits include: *Into the Woods* (Weston Drama Workshop), *Translations* (Bad Habit Productions), and *Company* (Moonbox Productions).

**J JUMBELIC (Sound Design)** has been working in New England for nearly ten years. He most recently designed *Franklin* at Boston Playwrights’ Theatre. Previous designs include: *The Honey Trap* and *Faithless* (BPT); *A Palpable Hit* presented by Cambridge Historical Tours; *Small Craft Warnings* (Provincetown Tennessee Williams Festival); *A Great Wilderness* (Zeitgeist Stage Company); and *The Laramie Project* (Curry College). In his spare time, he is the full time sound engineer at Huntington Theatre Company’s mainstage venue. jjumbelic.com

**MAGGIE MARKHAM (Deirdre)** is thrilled to return to Boston Playwrights’ Theatre after her recent debut in Leo McGann’s *The Honey Trap*. She is currently a student in the Boston University School of Theatre and is grateful to her teachers and mentors in the program for this opportunity. Many thank yous to her friends and family for all of the endless love and support!

**TASHA K. MATTHEWS (Assistant Stage Manager)** is thrilled to return to Boston Playwrights’ Theatre after her ASM debut with *Franklin*. Some recent Worcester area and local stage management credits include SLAM Boston/ The Fear Project/JP Porchfest (Open Theatre Project); MASTERCLASS Showcase (Steve Blackwood Productions); *Laughing Wild* (HUB Theatre Company); *The Voices of We* (333 Productions); *A Street Car Named Desire, The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, and *The Most Dangerous Woman* (4th Wall Stage Company); *42nd Street* (Vanilla Box Productions); and *Death and the Maiden* (Open Theatre Project).

**TORI MOLINE (Assistant Costume Design, Costume Master)** is a costume designer and hair and makeup designer working in the Boston area. She is new to the BPT team and couldn’t be more excited! She is currently a senior at University of Massachusetts Boston studying theatre. Her recent credits include costume assistant and hair and makeup artist for *Sweeney Todd* (Lyric Stage
Company), costume design for Argyles (UMB), costume assistant for Edith Can Shoot Things And Hit Them (Company One), Wild Williams (Beau Jest Moving Theatre), and Company (Lyric Stage Company).

ALEXIS SCHEER (Dramaturg) is an actor, playwright, and Producing Artistic Director of Off the Grid Theatre Company. She holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from The Boston Conservatory and is an MFA candidate at Boston University.

CHARLIE TISCH (Hunter) is excited to be performing in Every Piece of Me, which is his first time working at Boston Playwrights’ Theatre. Currently studying for a BFA in Acting at Boston University, he is thrilled to be working in a professional theatre in the Boston area. Most recently, Charlie worked on Of Blood and Dirt, a new work at Boston University.

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• *Our Lady* by James Fluhr (CFA’10), a featured event of the 2012 New York Fringe Festival
• *Exposed* by Robert Brustein, co-produced with Boston Playwrights’ Theatre
• *Baltimore* by Kirsten Greenidge, co-produced with New Repertory Theatre, and a 2016 nominee for the Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding New Script.

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Last year more than 1,300 productions were entered in the KCACTF involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. By entering this production, our theater department is sharing in the KCACTF goals to recognize, reward, and celebrate the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.
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