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THEATRE
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right before i go.

a new play by
stan zimmerman

SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2024

CRITICAL SOCIAL ISSUES TAKE CENTER STAGE... SUICIDE AWARENESS.

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Celebrity Guest Readers

NARRATOR	Stan Zimmerman
YOUNG WOMAN'S THERAPIST	Wendy Ryan
BILL ZELLER	Rob Zettler
VINCE FOSTER	Denis Phillips
DEBORAH JEANE PALFREY.....	Diane Egner
DANIEL SOMERS.....	Donald Dowridge Jr.
VIRIGINA WOOLF	Clara Reynolds
VIRIGINA WOOLF	Cloe Cabrera

Cast

YOUNG MAN/STEVEN	Max Carley
YOUNG WOMAN	Shawna Hopper
MAN/VINCE FOSTER.....	Jonathan Scott Hartman
WOMAN/KRISTIN	Lydia Real

Creative Team

THEATRE FOUNDER.....	Fran Powers
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR.....	Clareann Despain
DIRECTOR.....	Karla Hartley
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.....	Chris Corley
STAGE MANAGER.....	Johnny Garde
LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR	Megan Ressler
SOUND/PROJECTIONS OPERATOR	Jakob Nordstrom
LOBBY MANAGER.....	Cheryl Flowers
MARKETING.....	Deb Kelley

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Running Time - 45 minutes | No Intermission

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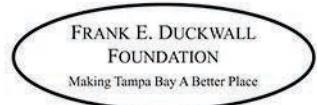
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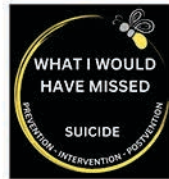


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Meet the Celebrity Readers of *right before i go*

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PLAYWRIGHT/NARRATOR

STAN ZIMMERMAN is an award-nominated writer, producer, and director known for his work on *The Golden Girls*, *Roseanne*, and *Gilmore Girls*. He has directed numerous plays and written several original works. [Read full bio online.](#)

CLOE CABRERA is an award-winning journalist and founder of Cabrera Communications. She is the first Black and Hispanic Miss Florida USA and a former Miss World USA. [Read full bio online.](#)



DONALD L. DOWRIDGE, JR. is a motivational guru, author, and founder of DLD Enterprises. A military veteran and former U.S. Post Office manager, he has been recognized by two U.S. Presidents and the Governor of Florida. [Read full bio online.](#)

DIANE EGNER is the publisher of 83 Degrees and an award-winning journalist with over four decades of experience in the Tampa Bay area. She serves on multiple advisory boards and is a member of Leadership Florida and the Athena Society. [Read full bio online.](#)



DENIS PHILLIPS is the Chief Meteorologist at WFTS-TV in Tampa, known for his engaging weather reports and passion for severe weather. He graduated from Penn State University and has worked in various cities before settling in Tampa. [Read full bio online.](#)

CLARA REYNOLDS is the President & CEO of the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, leading the organization since 2015. She has over 19 years of experience in nonprofit management and has significantly expanded the Center's services and impact. [Read full bio online.](#)



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WENDY RYAN is an Emmy award-winning journalist and evening news anchor at ABC Action News since 2003. She launched a Mental Health franchise during the pandemic and has covered major events and hurricanes in the Bay Area. [Read full bio online.](#)

ROB ZETTLER is an assistant coach for the Tampa Bay Lightning, entering his fifth season. He has previously coached the San Jose Sharks and the Syracuse Crunch, and played 14 seasons in the NHL. [Read full bio online.](#)



Meet the Cast of *right before i go*



MAX CARLEY is honored to participate in this staged reading of *right before i go*. Most recently seen on stage at the Tampa Theater Festival and with Carrollwood Players. He hopes those lost to suicide and their loved ones can find peace. Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Powerstories for this opportunity.

JONATHAN SCOTT HARTMAN, in recent years had had the pleasure of performing in various community theatre productions (*Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Violet*, *Chess*, *Bloom*) and an original opera, *Apollo XIII* written and directed by Matt Burke, but nothing can compare to the gravitas of *right before i go*. Thank you for this opportunity.



SHAWNA HOPPER is excited to be a part of this experience with Powerstories! She is studying Musical Theatre at the University of South Florida. She was recently Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* at Stage West Playhouse. She would like to thank her family and boyfriend Sam for their constant support!

LYDIA LEA REAL is an Actor, Teaching Artist, Arts Integration Specialist, and Arts Administrator with over 30 years of experience in the Performing Arts. She has worked with La Jolla Playhouse, Theatre Winter Haven, Olney Theatre Company, and the National Players. Currently, Lydia is a personal chef and the Executive Director of The Thru-Line Theatre, a Central Florida based non-profit dedicated to expanding diversity and elevating marginalized voices in the arts.



Meet the Director of *right before i go*



KARLA HARTLEY Is currently the President and Producing Artistic Director for Stageworks Theatre in the Channel District. She received a BFA in Theater Studies from Boston University in 1992 and is the owner of five Theatre Tampa Bay awards for Best Director. She is also an Adjunct Professor in the Theatre Department at the University of Tampa. [Read full bio online.](#)

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CLARA REYNOLDS is the President & CEO of the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay. [See Bio Page 4.](#)

KEN GIBSON is the Senior Director of Marketing & Public Relations at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, a local non-profit organization that works with individuals and families dealing with crisis and traumatic situations. In his roll at the Crisis Center, he works to increase awareness about the organization in the community.



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Meet the Mental Health Talkback Panel of *right before i go*



ELIZABETH BEHNER, M.A., LMHC, NCC, is a dedicated school counselor at a public high school in Pasco County, Florida. With a background in education and mental health, she has been a certified school counselor since 2015 and obtained her mental health counseling licensure in 2022. Elizabeth currently supports students in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme, using her expertise to help them achieve their academic and personal goals. Her passion for mental health, shaped by personal experiences, drives her commitment to fostering both academic excellence and emotional well-being.

PHOENIX BULLIS-CABALLOS serves as a therapist at the Corbett Trauma Center, which is part of the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay—a local non-profit committed to aiding individuals and families through crises and challenging times. In his role, he supports clients in processing, managing, and moving forward after traumatic experiences, as well as educates groups on suicide intervention.



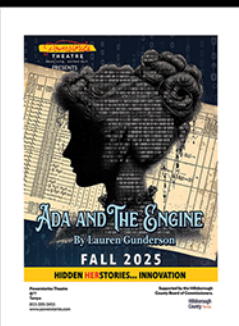
STEPHANIE KOSZALKA, LCSW is the Manager of Clinical Services at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay. In her role at the Crisis Center, she is responsible for the daily operations of the non-profit organization's counseling service program.

NATASHA A. PIERRE is an award-winning speaker, author, Emotional Intelligence Coach, and mental health educator with over 20 years of lived experience. She connects with diverse audiences to emphasize mental health care, self-advocacy, and community building. Natasha frequently shares her experiences in the community, law enforcement training, and as a media expert. She holds a B.A. in Mass Communications from Duquesne University, credentials from Cornell University, and certificates from the University of South Florida. Natasha is the author of two books and is working on her third.



DR. DARLENE WILLIAMS is a licensed clinical psychologist with 35 years of experience. She has advanced training in forensic psychology, hypnotherapy, and equine-assisted psychotherapy, utilizing transpersonal, experiential, and CBT methods. Dr. Williams focuses on trauma, grief, dissociative disorders, and couples' issues, treating individuals, couples, families, and groups. As cofounder and clinical program director of Equusolutions, Inc., she offers customized workshops and retreats for trauma survivors and their supporters to address secondary trauma and burnout.

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25TH

ANNIVERSARY

“We are thrilled to celebrate Powerstories Theatre's incredible achievements in 2024! This year, we successfully transitioned into *Powerstories in Motion*, discovering incredible new audiences with our 24th season.

Our theme, Critical Social Issues Take Center Stage, brought powerful productions to life:

Alabama Story (Book Banning)

Voices of Women (Critical Social Issues)

Irena's Vow (Anti-Semitism)

Right Before I Go (Suicide Awareness)

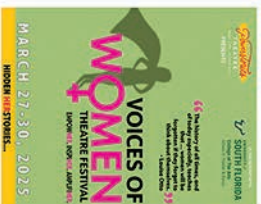
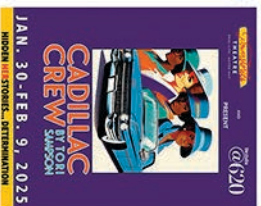
We are pleased to reveal our upcoming 25th Season and celebrate Powerstories' 25th anniversary!

We look forward to continuing our mission of bringing true stories that open minds and hearts to our community. Thank you for your unwavering support as we brought these vital stories to life and will continue in 2025.”

Steve Harding
Board President
Powerstories Theatre

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- Reserved front-row seats for opening night to your individual sponsored show.

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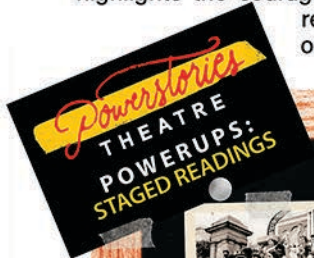
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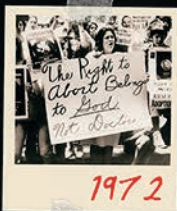
NEW IN OUR 25TH SEASON - POWERUPS:

Staged Readings of Pressing Issues that Impact our Community

JANE is a part-documentary drama about the secretive abortion service known as "Jane" that operated in Chicago from 1969 to 1973. This powerful staged reading highlights the courage and resilience of the women involved, offering a timely reflection on feminist resistance and our ongoing struggle for reproductive rights.



BENEFITING



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Founder's Message

Today, we are only a few months away from our 25th anniversary.

It started with my love of stories. Those that inspire, educate, and make us laugh. As a young girl, growing up in a family of fourteen stories entertained us around the dining room table. So, when I had the call 24 years ago to start a theater using true stories to open minds and hearts, I gladly accepted the call.

Starting Powerstories Theatre has been a magnificent, joyful creation, and my personal goal is to produce plays and programs that bring joy to others.

Since 2000, this theatre moved from a dream in one heart to a dream of thousands. Today, we are a small, beautiful professional theater providing a season of shows, a Voices of Women Theatre Festival, Girlstories Leadership Theatre, and Seek and Speak Your Story Workshops. Honestly, I am extremely proud of the work that is being done.

This next year promises to be filled with producing new shows on the hidden histories of women, reaching new people, serving more young girls, and helping others learn how to tell and honor their stories.

Also, next year, we are creating the beginning of a new physical theater for Powerstories. I would like all patrons to envision with me that the right building, funders, and people will come our way to help us build the first performing arts center in the region dedicated to the performance of true stories. I also invite you to help us raise \$25,000 in our 25 anniversary year to help make our dreams a reality.

It has been an honor serving you and this community.

With delight,
Fran

MISSION STATEMENT

Staging true stories to open minds and hearts and inspire action worldwide.

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