

## THE MARSH BERKELEY PRESENTS **ARE YOU DRESSED FOR THE APOCALYPSE?**

Written and Performed by Alicia Dattner

Directed by Tom Bentley-Fisher

September 21 – October 6, 2024

BERKELEY, CA (22 August 2024) — **The Marsh Berkeley** will present award-winning comedian **Alicia Dattner**'s standup show, the uniquely quirky comedy experience, *Are You Dressed for the Apocalypse?*. This laugh-out-loud solo performance dives into the hilarity (and absurdity) of climate change, Instagram influencers, mustachioed men of Valencia, and even Flamin' Hot Cheetos. Directed by **Tom Bentley-Fisher**, this one-woman show is a raw, uncensored, apocalyptic, post post-feminist trauma-informed dark comedy—complete with a ukulele—that will leave audiences thinking and laughing long after the show ends. Dattner was awarded Best of the Fringe twice by the San Francisco Fringe Festival and *Theatrius* hailed her as “Animated and graceful.” *Are You Dressed for the Apocalypse?*, written and performed by Alicia Dattner and directed by Tom Bentley-Fisher will be presented 4:00pm Saturdays and Sundays September 21 – October 6, 2024 at **The Marsh Berkeley**, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley. For tickets (\$20-\$35 sliding scale, \$50 and \$100 reserved) or more information the public may visit [themarsh.org](http://themarsh.org).

Fresh off its Los Angeles run at The Fanatic Salon, *Are You Dressed for the Apocalypse?* returns to The Marsh after its successful 2022 run. This show has toured throughout the Bay Area, making stops in Carmel, Oakland, Concord, Palo Alto, and San Francisco, as well as at the San Francisco Fringe Festival.

### **ABOUT THE CAST AND CREATIVES**

**Alicia Dattner** (Playwright/Performer) is an award-winning comedian who has performed throughout the world, including Hollywood, Hawaii, Bali, New York, Bombay, and London. She began performing stand-up at the age of 18, appearing often at The Marsh's Mock Café. Since then, she has been mentored by and performed with many talented comedians including W. Kamau Bell (HBO, FX, CNN), Eugene Mirman (“Bob's Burgers”), and Bill Santiago (Comedy Central), and has been seen at leading national comedy clubs including The Punchline, Cobb's Comedy Club, The Improv, Gotham Comedy, and Ha. She has played alongside luminaries including Ali Wong, Moshe Kasher, Maria Bamford, and many more. Dattner has also published

the hilarious self-help book *Getting Shit Done*, and started a circus called The Latest Show on Earth, which toured nationally. Dattner's acclaimed solo shows also include *The Oy of Sex* and *The Punchline*, and their extended runs have garnered her many awards and accolades, including Best Comedian in both the *SF Weekly* and *SF Bay Guardian*. *The Oy of Sex* premiered Off-Broadway at The Bridge Theater. It was a hit at The Marsh where it enjoyed an extended run in 2013-2014, followed by her well-received *Eat, Pray, Laugh!* which had audiences laughing through an extended run in 2017. Dattner was last seen at The Marsh in 2022 when she performed her standup comedy show, *Are You Dressed for the Apocalypse?*.

**Tom Bentley-Fisher** (Director) has been the artistic director of five professional theaters, has directed over 100 productions at theatres across Canada, Spain, and the U.S., and has taught his approach to movement and acting in universities, theater schools, and studios throughout North America and Europe for more than 30 years. Early on, Bentley-Fisher developed a reputation for developing and staging physically evocative world premieres for some of Canada's finest playwrights, as well as the premiere of Pulitzer Prize winner Paula Vogel's *The Oldest Profession*. Bentley-Fisher also directed Dattner's *One Life Stand*.

### **ABOUT THE MARSH**

**The Marsh** is known as “a breeding ground for new performance.” Launched in 1989 by Founder and Artistic Director Stephanie Weisman, it annually hosts more than 500 performances across the company's two venues in San Francisco and Berkeley. A leading outlet for solo performers, The Marsh's specialty has been hailed by the San Francisco Chronicle as “solo performances that celebrate the power of storytelling at its simplest and purest.” The East Bay Times named The Marsh one of the Bay Area's best intimate theaters, calling it “one of the most thriving solo theaters in the nation. The live theatrical energy is simply irresistible.” In April 2020, The Marsh launched its digital platform MarshStream and hosted more than 700 live streams which provided 300 performers and its youth class participants a platform to continue discovering, developing, and producing art during the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown. Today, The Marsh presents both in-person live performances and content on its MarshStream, continuing to expand its reach to audiences onsite and around the world. The Marsh believes in the power of people's storytelling and has several classes for the public to create their own works as well as through its developing work performance series: Monday Night Marsh, Tell It on Tuesday, and Marsh Risings. The theater company also collaborates with over 25 San Francisco public schools providing a year-round youth program serving students at its theater and in the classrooms.

### **FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:**

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**SHOWS:** 4:00pm Saturdays and Sundays

**WHERE:** **The Marsh Berkeley**, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley  
*Parking: Allston Way Garage, 2061 Allston Way between Milvia & Shattuck.  
BART station (closest): Downtown Berkeley BART*

**TICKETS:** \$20-\$35 sliding scale; \$50 and \$100 reserved

**INFO:** For information or to order tickets visit [themarsh.org](http://themarsh.org) or call **415-282-3055**  
(Monday through Friday, 1:00pm-4:00pm).

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