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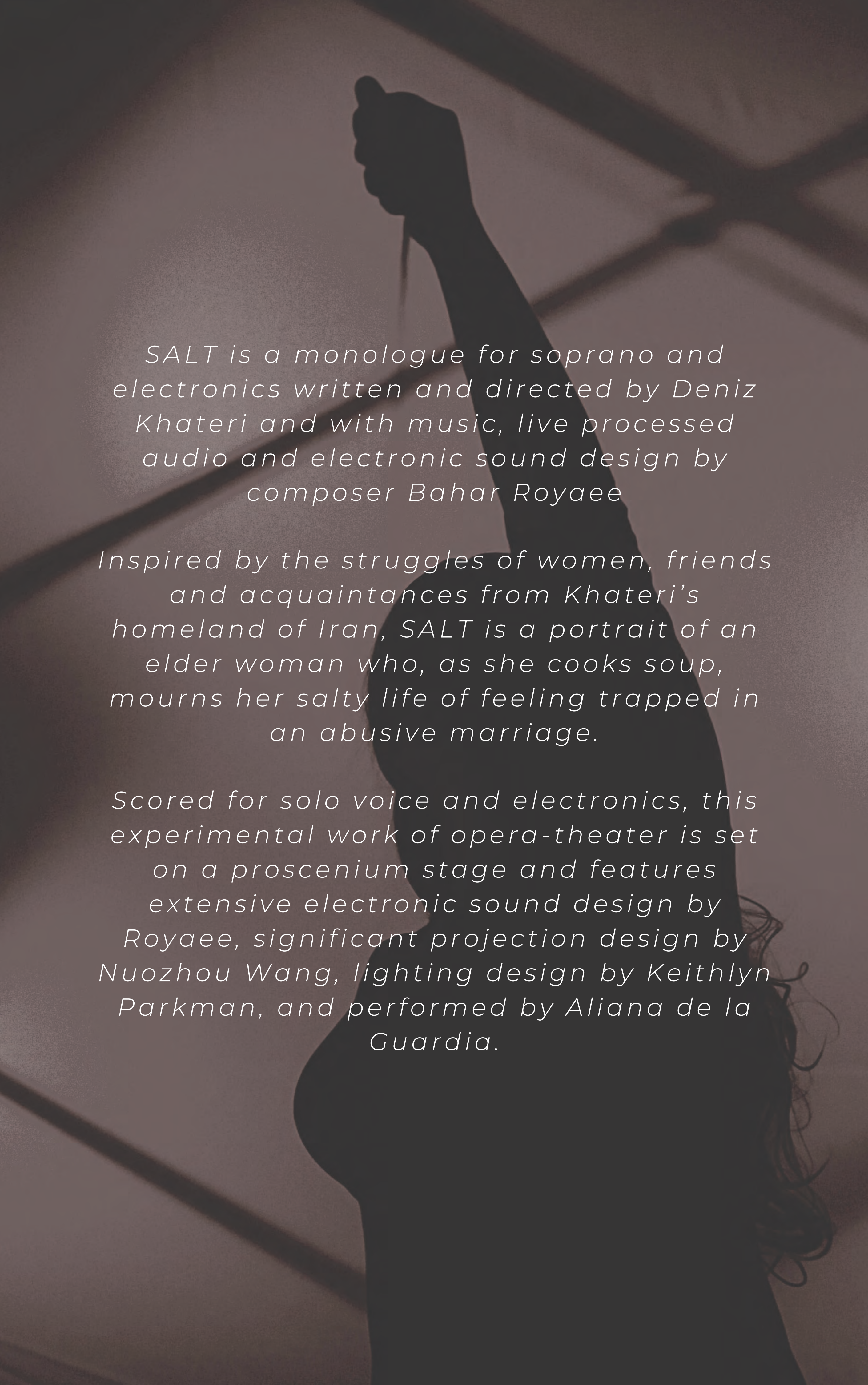
*A MONOLOGUE FOR
SOPRANO AND ELECTRONICS*

*BY DENIZ KHATERI
AND BAHAR ROYAEI*



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A GUERRILLA OPERA PRODUCTION



SALT is a monologue for soprano and electronics written and directed by Deniz Khateri and with music, live processed audio and electronic sound design by composer Bahar Royae

Inspired by the struggles of women, friends and acquaintances from Khateri's homeland of Iran, SALT is a portrait of an elder woman who, as she cooks soup, mourns her salty life of feeling trapped in an abusive marriage.

Scored for solo voice and electronics, this experimental work of opera-theater is set on a proscenium stage and features extensive electronic sound design by Royae, significant projection design by Nuozhou Wang, lighting design by Keithlyn Parkman, and performed by Aliana de la Guardia.



The music draws strong influences from traditional Iranian music, though highly contemporary and avant-garde.

Otherworldly drones, chanting, and experimental vocalizations transport the audience into the psyche of a woman mourning an unfulfilled life lacking in love and connection and contemplating an escape.

The work features highly stylized movement, which draws upon both Khateri's and de la Guardia's training in contemporary movement theater and from Iranian culture.

The electronic sound design features recorded vocalizations by both Royae and de la Guardia as well as live-processed vocalizations.





WHY

Deep emotional
impact, compassion
and understanding

HISTORY

09/04/2020

First planning meeting.

12/03/2020

Table read with creative team.

01/15/2021

Vocal demonstration/mucial workshop.

04/2/2021

Recording of vocal sounds and effects for electronic score.

4/12/2021

Guerilla Opera received a CIP Projects Grant award from Mass Cultural Council in support of this project.

6/4-6/8/2021

Multimedia design/Filming workshop.

11/17/2021

First presentation at Boston's Museum of Science

8/18-8/20/2022

Work premiere at the ICE FACTORY festival in NYC





KEY ARTISTS

Deniz Khateri
writer and director

Bahar Royae
composer and electronic sound designer

Nuozhou Wang
projection and video effects designer

Aliana de la Guardia
performer and executive producer

Keithlyn Parkman
lighting designer and associate producer





WORK SAMPLES

SALT Project Webpage

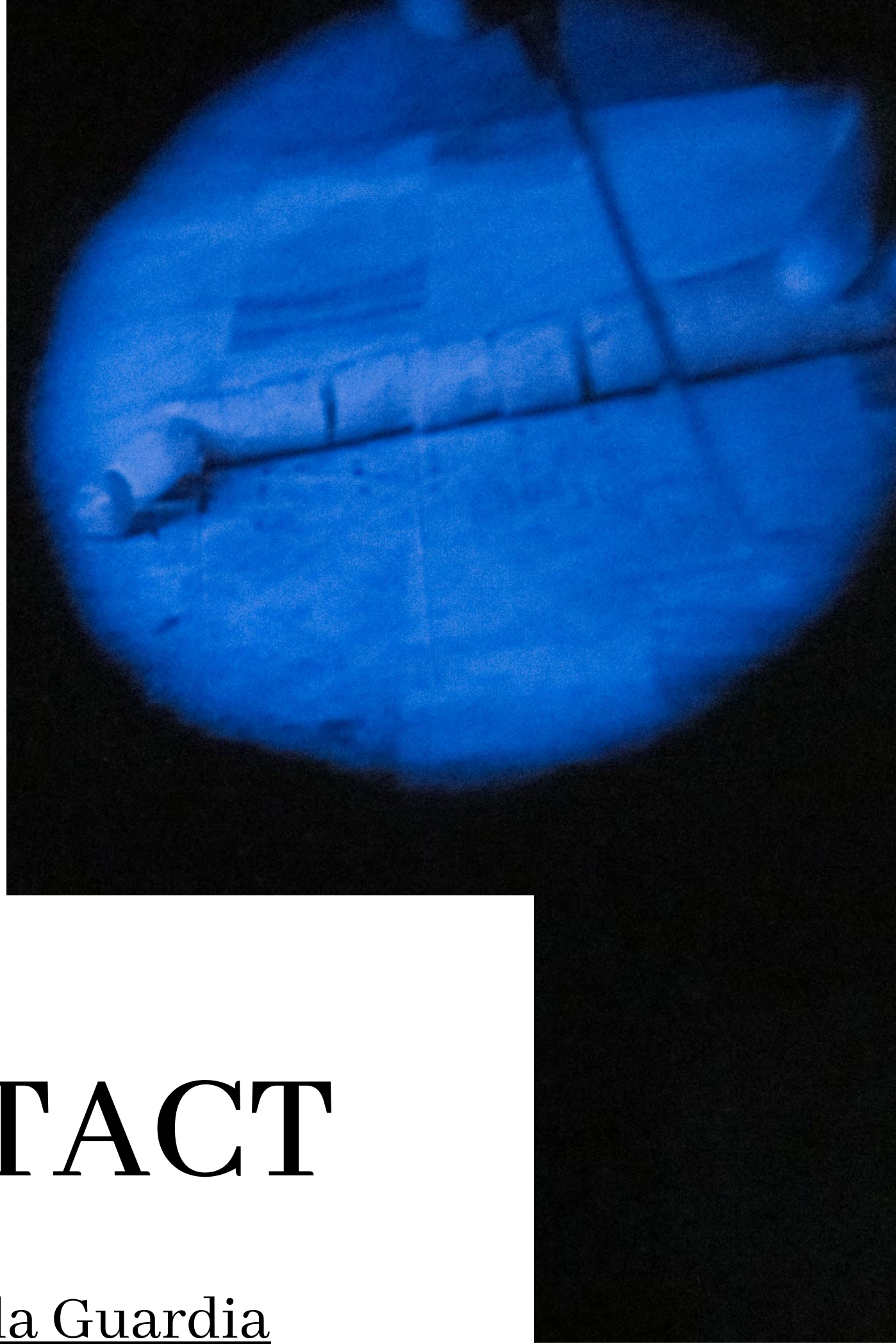
<https://guerillaopera.org/repertoire/salt>

SALT Trailer (1min)

<https://youtu.be/GNiDeAsW2k4>

Contact [Aliana de la Guardia](#) for full performance video.





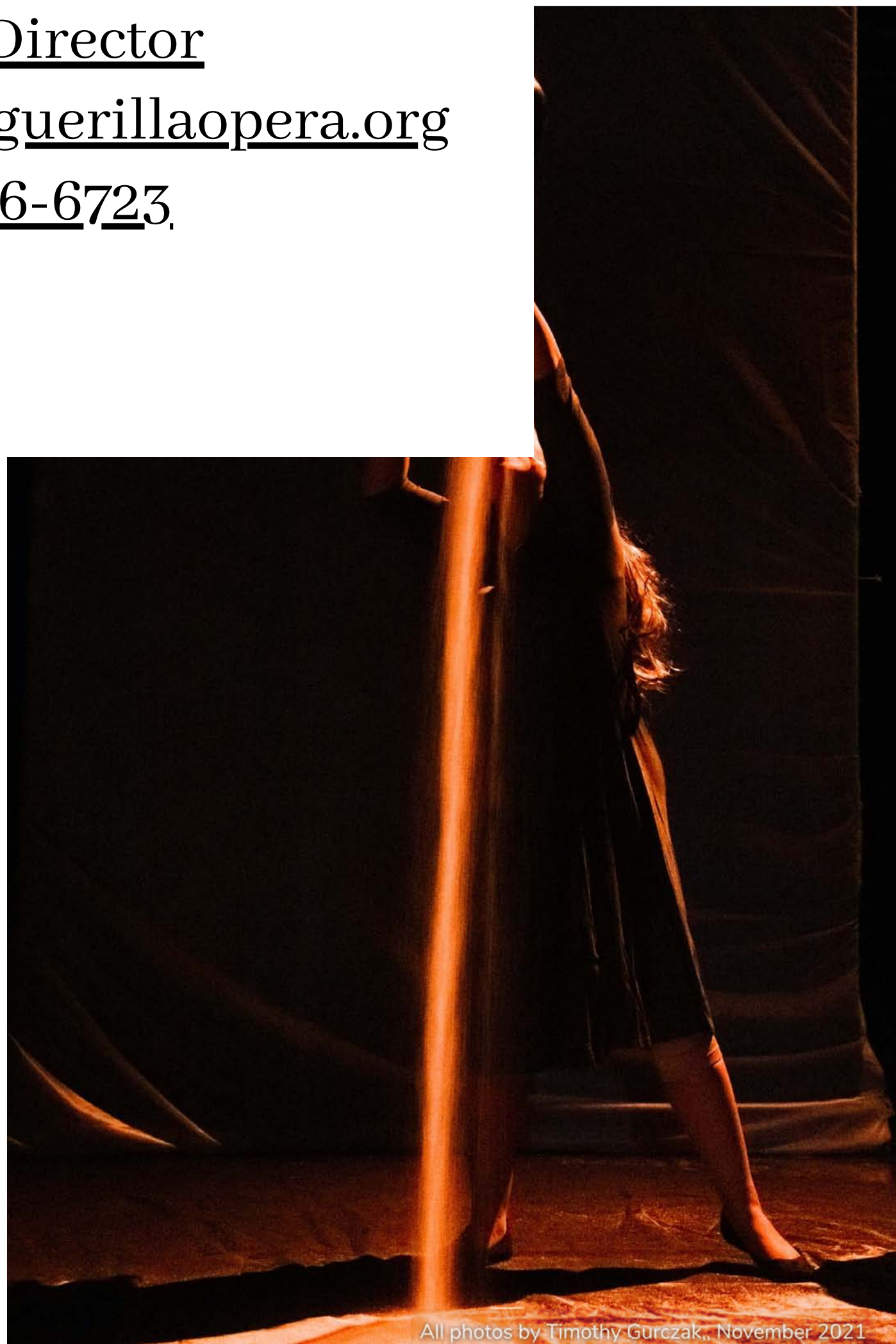
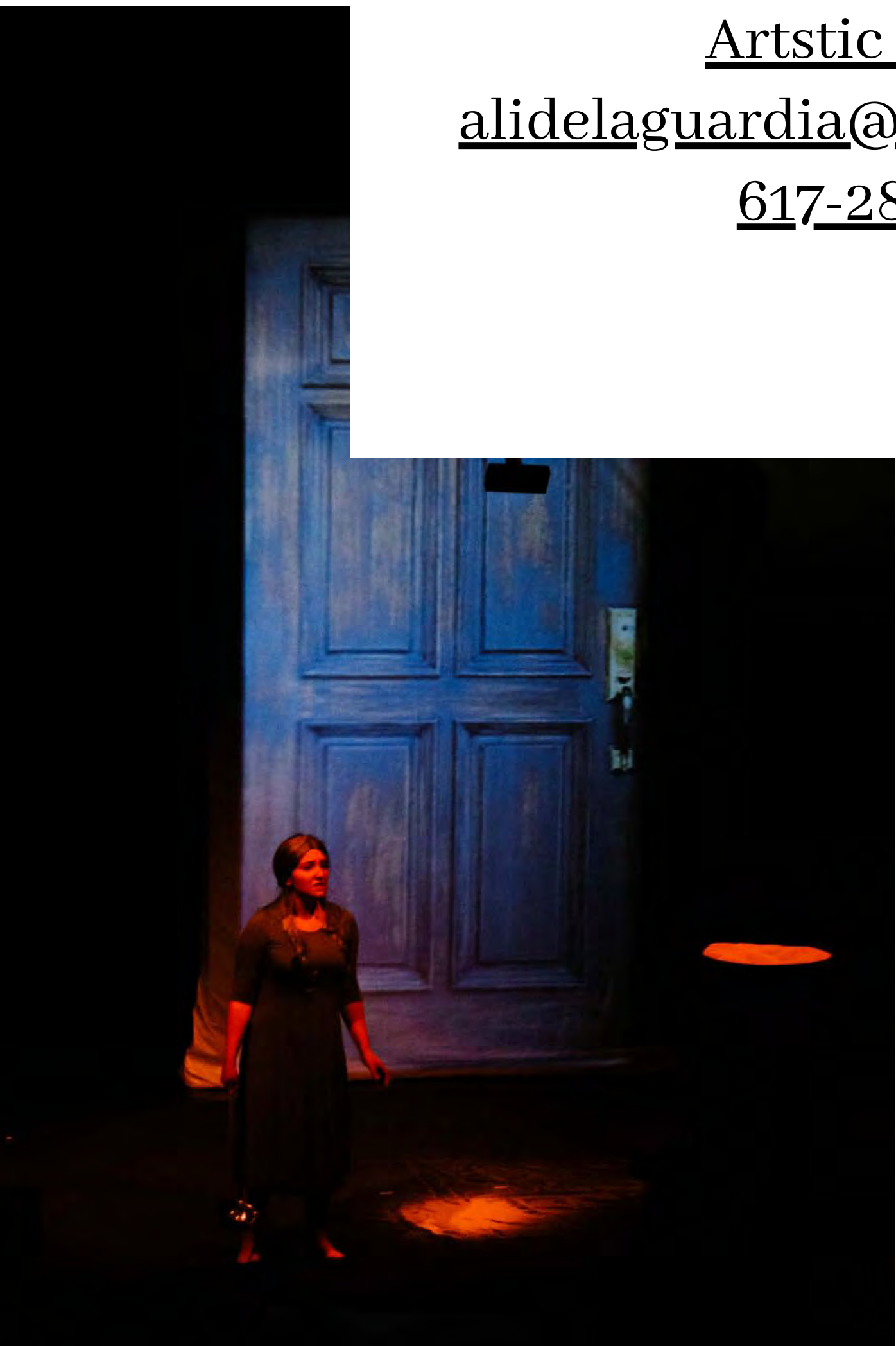
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