

# ABOUT THE PRODUCTION (AND THE POEM)

## THERE In the Light and the Darkness of the Self and of the Other

*THERE is a collaboration that stretched across the globe to bring a poem to life.*

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### THERE IS A POEM.



**Etel Adnan** is a visual artist and poet who writes about war, but she also writes of love, of beauty, and of nature and has been translated in over ten different languages.

### Excerpts from THERE:

*Who are we, a race, a tribe, a herd, a passing phenomenon, or a traveler still travelling in order to find out who we are, and who we shall be?*

*Where are we? where? There is a where, because we are, stubbornly, and have been, and who are we, if not you and me?*

### THERE IS AN EXPERIMENT.

**Artistic Director, Blanka Zizka** created the Wilma's HotHouse as an incubator for theatrical investigation and experimentation, where local actors rigorously explore text and movement for performance. *THERE* is a result of one such HotHouse experiment.

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### THERE IS AN ABSTRACTION.

Performers from the **HotHouse** will represent individual voices in the poem embodying the vibrancy, curiosity, and passions present in Etel's text. This concept may remind you of the Pixar animation, *Inside Out*, but *THERE* is more for grown-ups.



## THERE IS MUSIC.

Original music composed and directed by **Alex Dowling** will create an ambient and dynamic soundscape built around four singers who are able to electronically manipulate the tuning and timbre of their own voices in real-time.

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## THERE IS BIG.



**Visual Artist, Rosa Barba's** installation places the action in the middle of the audience and is the most expansive performance environment our stage has ever seen.

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## THERE IS A MEDITATION ON BIG QUESTIONS.

As our audience **YOU** are *THERE's* final collaborator. **YOU** are the only one who can connect these questions to your own life experience. We want to hear about what **YOU** connect with. Join us for conversations after each show at the Good Karma Café in our lobby.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

**HOW DO YOU DEFINE WE?**

**HOW DO YOU FIND JOY WHEN LIFE FEELS HARD?**

**WHAT IS YOUR OUTLET FOR SELF-EXPRESSION?**

**WHAT IS THE KEY TO WORKING TOGETHER?**

**WHAT IS A SONG OR POEM THAT LEADS YOU TO REFLECTION?**