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**PLAYFUL SUBSTANCE ANNOUNCES THE WORLD PREMIERE OF
CANARY BY DONALD WOLLNER, JANUARY 9- 20, 2024 (TUES- SAT 8PM)
THE CHAIN'S STUDIO THEATRE - 312 W 36th Street, 4th Floor, New York,
NY 10018**

Canary by Donald Wollner will be the first full production mounted by Playful Substance since Raphael Perahia's oddly prophetic *Shelter in Place* in the fall of 2019.

"After nearly four years of focusing on development work, community events, and side projects, we are excited to open our return season with a world premiere from such a skilled playwright." says **Playful Substance's Artistic Director, Bree O'Connor**, "Don's work embodies Playful Substance's highest aspirations; to tell the truth with a quick wit and embrace discomfort as part of the fun."

About Canary:

We are in the previous century and Cassie wants to be the best copywriter in advertising history. She's young, inexperienced and a woman in a deeply sexist world. But she and her art director turn out extremely creative work. It gets noticed and soon they are locked in a room grinding out their agency's coveted "mystery" campaign. Can they get Americans to swallow the biggest chunk of bullsh*t this country has ever seen? And who are the winners and losers in this game?

Canary is written by Donald Wollner (*Tales from the Dark Side*), directed by Bree O'Connor (*Frank, I Can Kiss Like Ted Bundy*) and features Dan Kellmer (*Shelter in Place, The Blacklist*), Yessenia Rivas (*Cow!Girl, Your Silent Face*) and *Jason Scott Quinn (*All That You Love Will Be Carried Away*)

Canary by Donald Wollner will run for 10 performances, **January 9-20, 2024**
Tuesday- Saturday @ 8:00 pm at **The Chain** (Studio Theater) 312 W 36th
Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10018.

**Tickets for *Canary* are \$35 and will be available for the general public on
December 5th at <https://our.show/canary>.**

Canary was developed through Playful Substance's weekly Writers' Group, an ongoing, feedback and accountability group for playwrights and screenwriters at all levels of experience. Playful Substance offers writing mentorship, developmental readings and workshops along with unique opportunities to present new works through annual community events such as **Play Date** and **Pithy Party**. Our weekly **Writers' Group** is offered throughout the year on Tuesday evenings both in-person and online. We also offer a monthly **Writers' Group for Caregivers** (online only) the third Saturday of each month. For more information, email Bree O'Connor at artisticdirector@playfulsubstance.com.

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