Haruki Murakami's

Sleep

Adapted by Naomi lizuka

Directed and devised by Rachel Dickstein and Ripe Time

DATES: NOV 29—DEC 2 at 7:30pm

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LOCATION: BAM Fisher (Fishman Space)

RUN TIME: Approx 70min

no intermission

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Set and object design

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Costume design **Ilona Somogyi**

Lighting design **Jiyoun Chang**

Projection design Hannah Wasileski

Original score created and performed by

NewBorn Trio Katie Down Miguel Frasconi Jeffrey Lependorf

Sound design Matt Stine

Choreography
Rachel Dickstein
in collaboration with the ensemble

Produced in association with

Octopus Theatricals

ENSEMBLE

Woman: **Jiehae Park** Shadow: **Saori Tsukada**

Woman's Husband, Policeman, Ensemble:

Brad Culver

Child and Ensemble: Takemi Kitamura

Stranger, Old Man, Ensemble:

Akiko Aizawa

Anna and Ensemble: Paula McGonagle

Place: A Stage Time: Now

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Director's Note

Like few other writers, Haruki Murakami straddles the real and the surreal, the everyday and the extraordinary, inside of a quotidian moment in time. In our multidisciplinary approach to staging *Sleep*, we have aimed to dive deep within the dark underbelly of his work to find what is raw, violent, and disruptive.

Sleep's housewife is an unlikely heroine, but one who challenges social constrictions in radical ways. One day, she wakes to find herself caught in limbo between night and day and chooses to stay "awake," defying what is normal or expected. This act of defiance releases a universe of spirits, doubled selves, and hidden passions beneath the floorboards of her very own home. In a fusion of imagery inspired by Murakami, lizuka, Tolstoy, and Japanese Hannya myths, we tell a story that catapults an everywoman from the threshold of a surreal dream through a radical remastering of her life.

The location where the action takes place is literally a box. It evokes both a domestic space and a psychic space. It is at times a prison. It is at times a hall of mirrors. It is at times a portal offering escape. As the woman breaks free of conventions, the space fractures and eventually shatters, leaving her in uncharted terrain that is both a battlefield and the precipice of a new world filled with possibility.

In an era where difference is under siege, we hope *Sleep*'s vision of an ordinary woman tearing down the prison walls of her life as a wife and mother offers a necessary rally cry for us all.

—Rachel Dickstein

Ripe Time dedicates this production to Henry Christensen III. We celebrate his and his wife Constance's decade of generous support for Ripe Time's work.

Sleep is a co-commission from the Joseph V. Melillo Fund for Artistic Innovation at BAM for the 2017 Next Wave Festival and the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Pennsylvania.

Sleep was originally developed for the stage by Ripe Time, Rachel Dickstein (Artistic Director), and The Play Company, Kate Loewald (Founding Producer), Lauren Weigel (Executive Producer.) Sleep was developed with support from The Ground Floor at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Berkeley, CA. Sleep was developed in association with Center Theatre Group with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. A work-inprogress presentation of Sleep was presented with The Play Company at Japan Society in New York City in Winter 2016.

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Who's Who

HARUKI MURAKAMI Author

Haruki Murakami was born in Kvoto. Japan in 1949. He grew up in Kobe and then moved to Tokyo, where he attended Waseda University. After college, Murakami opened a small iazz bar, which he and his wife ran for seven years. His first novel. Hear the Wind Sing, won the Gunzou Literature Prize for budding writers in 1979. He followed this success with two sequels. Pinball. 1973 and A Wild Sheep Chase, which together form The Trilogy of the Rat. Murakami is also the author of the novels Hard-Boiled Wonderland and the End of the World. Norwegian Wood, Dance Dance Dance, South of the Border. West of the Sun. The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle, Sputnik Sweetheart, Kafka on the Shore, After Dark, 1Q84, and Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage. He has written three short story collections. The Elephant Vanishes. After the Quake, and Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman, an illustrated novella, The Strange Library, and several works of nonfiction. The most recent of his many international literary honors is the Jerusalem Prize, whose previous recipients include J. M. Coetzee, Milan Kundera, and V. S. Naipaul. Murakami's work has been translated into more than 50 languages.

RACHEL DICKSTEIN Devisor/Director

Rachel Dickstein is the founder and artistic director of Ripe Time. She devised, choreographed, and directed the world premiere of Sleep at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in October 2017. She created the critically acclaimed The World Is Round (BAM Fisher 2014, Obie award—Special Citation for Heather Christian (music), Jiyoun Chang (lighting), and Hannah Wasileski (projections), finalist for 2014 Richard Rodgers Award); Septimus and Clarissa (Baruch Performing Arts Center, Joe A. Calloway, Drama Desk, Drama League nominations); Fire Throws (3LD ART & Technology Center); Innocents and Betrothed (Ohio Theatre); and The Secret of Steep Ravines (PS 122). Other recent projects include Sankaram/ Yankowitz's Thumbprint (LA Opera, Prototype), and Vijay Iyer/Mike Ladd's In What Language? (Asia Society, RED-CAT. PICA TBA Festival). Her awards include the 2015 LPTW Lucille Lortel Award for her work with Ripe Time. She was nominated for the 2014 Alan Schneider Award and the 2014 and 2015 Doris Duke Impact Award. She has received commissions from BAM, Annenberg Center, CTG, NYSCA, MAP, and PS 122, along with NEA/TCG and Drama League Director's Fellowships. She holds a BA from Yale College, has been a Usual Suspect at NYTW since 1995, and is currently on faculty at Purchase College, SUNY.

NAOMI IIZUKA Playwright/Adaptation

Naomi lizuka's plays include 36 Views, Polaroid Stories, Anon(ymous), Language of Angels, Aloha, Say the Pretty Girls, Tattoo Girl, Skin, and At the Vanishing Point. Her plays have been produced at theaters across the country including Berkeley Rep. the Goodman, the Guthrie, Cornerstone, Children's Theater Company, Kennedy Center, Actors' Theatre of Louisville, and the Public Theatre, lizuka is an alumna of New Dramatists and the recipient of a PEN/Laura Pels Award, an Alpert Award, a Joyce Foundation Award, a Whiting Writer's Award, and a Stavis Award from the National Theatre Conference. Her play Good Kids was the first play commissioned by the Big Ten Consortium's New Play Initiative. Iizuka was named a Berlind playwright-in-residence at Princeton University earlier this year. She heads the MFA playwriting program at the University of California, San Diego.

Ensemble

AKIKO AIZAWA Stranger/Old Man/Ensemble

Akiko Aizawa's previous BAM performances with SITI Company include Steel Hammer (Julia Wolfe, Bang on a Can All-Stars, 2015 Next Wave); A Rite (Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, 2013 Next Wave); Trojan Women (Jocelyn Clarke, 2012 Next Wave); Hotel Cassiopeia (Chuck Mee, 2007 Next Wave); bobrauschenbergamerica (Chuck Mee, 2003 Next Wave); and War of the Worlds (Naomi lizuka, 2000

Next Wave). Other SITI credits include the theater is a blank page (with Ann Hamilton, Wexner Center), Persians (Getty Villa, LA), Radio Macbeth (The Public Theater), La Dispute (ART), and American Document (Martha Graham Dance Company, Joyce Theater), all directed by Anne Bogart.

BRAD CULVER

Woman's Husband/Policeman/ Ensemble

Brad Culver's performances include Gertrude Stein's Brewsie and Willie (REDCAT/The Public Theater's Radar LA); One Man, Two Guvnors (Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Bay Area Critic's Circle Award nomination—best featured actor); Thirty. Three. (by Bill Cain, Ojai Playwright's Conference); Edward Tulane (South Coast Repertory); The Black Glass (Ballhaus Ost, Berlin); Satyr Atlas (Getty Villa, LA); and The Internationalists (International Theater Festival, Serbia). Culver has collaborated with notable artists to develop new work at institutions such as CAP@UCLA, Center Theatre Group (with Rajiv Joseph), EM-PAC, University of Zagreb, and Berkeley Rep's Ground Floor. In film and television, recent credits include Extracted (Official Selection, SXSW Film Festival), The Next Big Thing, Cartoon Network's Regular Show, and Dead in the Room (produced by Slamdance Film Festival). Culver is a founding member of LA-based company Poor Dog Group. He received his BFA in theater from the California Institute of the Arts.

TAKEMI KITAMURA Child/Ensemble

Takemi Kitamura is a native of Osaka, Japan and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a BA in dance education from Hunter College, where she received the Choreographic Award from the dance program. Her work has been presented at numerous venues in New York. Her latest performance credits include The Oldest Boy (puppeteer/dancer, Lincoln Center Theater); The Indian Queen (dancer, opera directed by Peter Sellars); Demolishing Everything with Amazing Speed (puppeteer, production by Dan Hurlin); Shank's Mare (puppeteer, production by Tom Lee and Koryu Nishikawa V); and Memory Rings (2016 Next Wave, puppeteer/dancer, Phantom Limb). Kitamura has worked with Nami Yamamoto, Sondra Loring, Sally Silvers, Christopher Williams, The Body Cartography Project, Risa Jaroslow and Dancers, and Crossing Jamaica Avenue. She has been a lead perfomer for eight years in Samurai Sword Soul, a Japanese sword fighting theater company.

PAULA MCGONAGLE Anna/Ensemble

Paula McGonagle has worked with Ripe Time since 2003. Her productions include Septimus and Clarissa, Fire Throws, Betrothed, and Innocents. As a founding member of Gabrielle Lasner & Co., McGonagle collaborated and performed in over a dozen productions including River Deep: a Tribute to Tina Turner, Salt Chocolate, Crush, and Holocaust Stories, and her films include Dad, Wishing, and The Stranger. She has performed at Trinity Repertory

Theatre, Harvard Summer Dance, EST, NYTW, and La MaMa. McGonagle is a teaching artist and has been awarded a teaching grant from the Jerome Robbins Foundation.

JIEHAE PARK Woman

Jiehae Park has performed with Clubbed Thumb Summerworks, La Jolla Playhouse, Studio Theatre, Tiny Little Band, A Collection of Shiny Objects, and REDCAT. As a writer, Park's plays include peerless (Yale Rep premiere, Cherry Lane MP), Hannah and the Dread Gazebo (Oregon Shakespeare Festival), and Wondrous Strange (collaborative, ATL/Humana); development includes Sundance, Soho Rep, Berkeley Rep's Ground Floor, EWG at The Public Theater, p73, DG, Ojai Conference, and Ma-Yi. Current commissions include Playwrights Horizons, McCarter, Williamstown, the Geffen, MTC/Sloan, Yale, and OSF. Park is a NYTW Usual Suspect, Hodder Fellow, Lincoln Center New Writer in Residence, and New Dramatist. She received her BA from Amherst College and an MFA in acting from UCSD.

SAORI TSUKADA Shadow

Saori Tsukada was born in America and raised in Japan. Her "astoundingly precise movements" (*Irish Times*) and "carefree charisma" (*Village Voice*) made her a "virtuoso" (*TimeOut NY*) performer in the NY downtown dance and theater scene. She has collaborated with composer/theater artist John Moran, playwright/director Aya Ogawa, choreographer Yoshiko Chuma, chore-

ographer/multi-media artist Catherine Galasso, video artist Katja Loher, theater company Hoi Polloi, Witness Relocation, and composer Joe Diebes. Aside from her favorite NY venues such as La MaMa, The Kitchen, PS 122, and Japan Society, she has performed in London, Edinburgh, Amsterdam, Glasgow, Düsseldorf, Warsaw, Skopje, and Bucharest, among other places. Her autobiographical silent film theater work called Club Diamond (co-created with Nikki Appino) was presented at The Public Theater as part of Under the Radar Festival as well as Days and Nights Festival. Tsukada was nominated for best actress at Dublin Fringe Festival in 2005 and 2008. She holds a BA in visual communication from Waseda University.

NewBorn Trio

KATIE DOWN Metal and glass objects

Katie Down is a composer, performer, meditation teacher, and creative arts therapist. Her sound scores for theater, dance, and film include Roland Schimmelpfenig's The Golden Dragon (Drama Desk nomination 2013) and Aditi Kapil's Agnes Under the Big Top at Long Wharf Theatre (Connecticut Critics Circle Award). Down has performed at Under the Radar, Live Arts Festival, Fryma e Re Festival, National Arts Festival (Grahamstown, South Africa), Trn Festival Slovenia, Ohrid Summer Festival, Zadar Snova Theatre and Music Festival, Malta Experimental Theatre Festival, and in Poznan, Poland. She has received a Meet the Composer commission, a Jerome Foundation grant, and Mid Atlantic Arts travel grant

to Kosovo. She has taught workshops in music and theatrical improvisation, deep listening meditation, and collaborative songwriting at Roma villages in Kosovo, youth programs in Macedonia, an orphanage in Johannesburg as well as at NYU, SVA, the New School, Cal State Fullerton, Rensselaer Institute, and The Jewish Theological Seminary. katiedown.com

JEFFREY LEPENDORF Shakuhachi, xiao, tanso, bawu, & objects

Jeffrey Lependorf, a member of the New Born Trio, a composer, certified master player of the shakuhachi (traditional Japanese bamboo flute), and player of multiple Asian bamboo flutes, has performed and been performed around the globe—literally. In fact, a recording of his "Night Pond" for solo shakuhachi was launched into space when the shuttle Atlantis took off on May 15, 1997 and remained for a year aboard the Russian space station Mir. He received degrees in music composition from Oberlin Conservatory and Columbia University, serving as a beloved teacher at the latter for many years, and created and currently directs the Art Omi: Music International, a collaborative musicians program in upstate New York. jeffreylependorf.com.

MIGUEL FRASCONI Glass percussion

Miguel Frasconi is a composer and improviser specializing in the relationship between acoustic objects and musical form. His instrumentarium includes glass objects, analog electronics, laptop, and hybrid constructions of his own design. He has composed chamber music, operas, and numerous dance scores. A new short opera was recently premiered at Symphony Space, NYC, and his previous opera was premiered in Northern California in 2015. He has performed with many new and experimental music ensembles and is co-director of Ne(x)tworks, one of the leading new music ensembles in NYC. In September 2012 he curated the CAGE100 Festival@The Stone, which The New York Times called "one of the best observances of John Cage's 100th birthday." Frasconi's music has been released on New Albion Records. Porter Records, clang.cl, and his string quartets will soon be released on the Tzadik label. frasconimusic.com

Design & Production

SUSAN ZEEMAN ROGERS Set and object design

Susan Zeeman Rogers' many works with Ripe Time include Septimus and Clarissa, Innocents, Betrothed, and Fire Throws. Her off-Broadway credits include NYTW, Prototype Festival, New Georges, Red Bull Theater, INTAR, Mint Theater, Susan Marshall and Co., MCC Theater, Flea Theater, Hook & Eye Theater, One-Eighth Theater, and a Mabou Mines Artists Residency. Regionally, she has designed for Los Angeles Opera, Trinity Repertory Theatre, Shakespeare and Co., Two River Theatre Company, Actors Shakespeare Project, SpeakEasy Stage Co., Opera Boston, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Commonwealth Shakespeare, Curtis Opera, Opera North, Underground Railway Theatre, ART Institute, and Moscow Art Theatre School, Awards include a Drama

League Nomination for distinguished production for *Septimus and Clarissa*; Best Design, First Irish Festival; 2010 Elliot Norton Design Award; 1997, 2008, 2010 IRNE Design Awards; Best Design, Opera Online; HOLA Scenography Award; ACE Award, and the National Endowment for the Arts/Theater Communications Group Career Development Program (NEA/TCG CDP). Rogers' design for *Septimus and Clarissa* was selected for the 2015 Prague Quadrennial. She is a New Georges Affiliated Artist. szrdesign.com

ILONA SOMOGYI Costume design

Ilona Somogyi's previous collaborations with Ripe Time are The Secret of Steep Ravines, Innocents, and The World is Round. Theater credits include London West End: Nice Fish (previously at St. Ann's Warehouse and A.R.T.); Broadway: Clybourne Park: off-Broadway: Gloria (Vinevard, Goodman Theater): Body of an American. Satchmo at the Waldorf, Dinner with Friends, My Name Is Asher Lev, and A Soldier's Tale (Zankel Hall); Maple and Vine, A Small Fire (Playwrights Horizons); Jerry Springer: the Opera (Carnegie Hall); and the original production of Wit. Her recent regional work includes Oklahoma (Glimmerglass): Assassins. Three Sisters, and Passion Play (Yale Rep); Seder, Cloud 9, Heartbreak House, and Romeo and Juliet (Hartford Stage): Carousel, King Hedley II, and Smokey Joe's Café (Arena Stage); Grey Gardens (Ahmanson/LA); Anything Goes (Goodspeed Opera House); and Vanya, Sonia, Masha & Spike, and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (Guthrie). She is a graduate of the Yale MFA program and is currently on faculty there.



JIYOUN CHANG Lighting design

Jiyoun Chang's New York credits include Too Heavy for Your Pocket, Ugly Lies, The Bone (Roundabout Underground); Sojourners, Her Portmanteau (NYTW, projection and lighting design), brownsville (LCT3), Goldberg's Variation (2013 Next Wave), The World is Round (Ripe Time, BAM Fisher 2014), The Dance and the Railroad (Signature), and T.1912 and Peter and the Wolf (Guggenheim). Among her other credits are The Parchman Hour (Guthrie): Tokyo Fish Story (The Old Globe); Aubergine and An Octoroon (Berkeley Rep); and The Unfortunates and Troilus and Cressida (OSF). She has received an Obie Award special citation in lighting design and is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama.

HANNAH WASILESKI Projection design

Hannah Wasileski is a visual artist and projection designer whose work spans theater, opera, music, and installation. Her recent designs include Pipeline (Lincoln Center); A Mouth is Not for Talking (National Sawdust); The Death of the Last Black Man in the Whole Entire World (Signature Theatre); Revolt. She Said. Revolt Again. (Soho Rep.); A Proust Sonata (Wortham Center); Angel's Bone (Prototype Festival); The Wreckers (Bard SummerScape Opera): Albany Symphony's American Music Festival (EMPAC), architectural projection design for La Celestina (Metropolitan Museum); The World Is Round (BAM Fisher 2014: Obie Award); Dear Elizabeth (Yale Rep and Berkeley Rep): and Strange Tales of Liaozhai and My

Life in a Nutshell (HERE Arts Center). Her video installations and designs have been exhibited in London, Brighton, Glasgow, and Prague. She received her MFA from the Yale School of Drama. hannahwasileski.com

MATT STINE Sound design

Matt Stine's Broadway and off-Broadway credits include Sweeney Todd (Barrow Street Theatre; Drama Desk, Lucille Lortel, Outer Critics Circle Award nominations for outstanding sound design); Here Lies Love (music producer, Public Theater/Royal National Theatre/ Seattle Rep): The Liar (sound design, Classic Stage Company); A Christmas Carol (music producer, McCarter Theater): Dead Poets Society (sound design, CSC); The Clearing (sound design, 59E59); The Black Crook (sound design, Abrons Art Center); Nathan The Wise (sound design, CSC); Misery (music producer, Broadway); Mother Courage and Her Children (sound design, CSC); and The Tempest (music producer, Delacorte Theater) and Love's Labour's Lost (music supervisor, Delacorte). His composer credits include The Weight Of Smoke (Paul Taylor Dance Company) and Mo(or)town/Redux and Hapless Bizarre (doug elkins choreography, etc.) He also produced the albums Love's Labour's Lost (Sh-K-Boom Records) and The Remix Collection From Here Lies Love (Todomundo!), and will be music producer for the upcoming musical adaptation of Moulin Rouge! directed by Alex Timbers. 27sound.com

JOY MEADS Dramaturg

Joy Meads is the literary manager/ artistic engagement strategist at Center Theatre Group. At CTG, her dramaturgy credits include Archduke by Rajiv Josepth, Good Grief by Ngozi Anyanwu, Appropriate by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, Forever by Dael Orlandersmith, Marjorie Prime by Jordan Harrison (2015 Pulitzer Prize finalist), A Parallelogram by Bruce Norris, The Royale by Marco Ramirez, and Radiate by Daniel Alexander Jones. Previously, Meads was literary manager at Steppenwolf Theatre Company and associate artistic director at California Shakespeare Theater. She has also developed plays with NYTW, Berkeley Rep. Denver Center, the O'Neill, Ojai Playwrights Conference, Portland Center Stage, South Coast Rep, and Campo Santo, among others. She is a proud member and co-founder of The Kilroys. thekilroys.org

LISA MCGINN Production stage manager

Lisa McGinn's recent stage managing credits include Geoff Sobelle's Home (2017 Next Wave) and The Object Lesson (2014 Next Wave); Underground Railroad Game (Jennifer Kidwell, Scott Sheppard + Ars Nova); Chimera and The Wholehearted (Stein | Holum Projects); This Is Reading (Lynn Nottage, lead artist, Kate Whoriskey, director); Jacuzzi and The Light Years (The Debate Society); Eager to Lose (Ars Nova); How to Build a Forest (PearlDamour + Shawn Hall); Revolt. She said. Revolt Again and Winners and Losers

(Soho Rep); Rememberer (2016 Next Wave, Steven Reker & Open House); Forbidden Creature Virgin Whore and From the Spot Where We/You/I Stand (Stood) (Miller Rothlein Dance); You. My Mother (Theatre of a Two-Headed Calf); Card and Gift and Baby Screams Miracle (Clubbed Thumb); The Seagull and Ivanov (Chekhov at Lake Lucille); Temporal Powers and Donogoo (Mint Theater Company); The Room Sings, The Peripherals, and Hot Lunch Apostles (Talking Band). Regional credits include Trinity Repertory Company, Two River Theatre Company, George Street Playhouse, and Passage Theatre.

MEG KELLY Production manager

Meg Kelly's many credits include Liz Lerman's *Healing Wars* (on tour), *Insignificance* at Langham Place with UKbased Defibrillator, and numerous touring productions with Dance Exchange (Hammock, Blueprints of Relentless Nature, Drift, Language from the Land, The Matter of Origins) and the Public Theater (Shakespeare in the Park, Mobile Unit, Under the Radar). She is a graduate of the University of Arizona (BFA in theater design and technology) and Columbia University (MFA in theater management and producing).

Octopus Theatricals

Founded in 2013 by creative producer Mara Isaacs, Octopus Theatricals is dedicated to producing and consulting in the performing arts. From experimental to commercial, Octopus collaborates with artists and organizations to foster

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Ripe Time

Ripe Time is an Obie-winning theater company founded in 2000 and led by director and deviser Rachel Dickstein. It develops and presents ensemblebased theater with rich language, visual power, and physical rigor. It tells stories from the inside out, using the language of memory and imagination to trace how women negotiate identity in the face of cultural constrictions. Inspired by the most searing novels and stories, it creates original multidisciplinary events for the 21st century celebrating women's dreams and awakenings. Since 2000, Ripe Time has created large-scale ensemble works that have received three Obje Awards and nominations from the Drama Desk, the Drama League, and the Joe A. Calloway Award for outstanding direction. Its work has been commissioned by BAM, CTG, and Annenberg Center for the Arts and presented at such venues as

BAM-Fisher, Annenberg Center Live, the Baruch Performing Arts Center, 3LD Art & Technology Center, the Ohio Theatre, PS 122, and the Clark Studio at Lincoln Center. Ripe Time Designs were featured in the 2015 USITT Prague Quadrennial, an international exhibit featuring excellence in design from across the globe.

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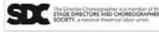












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