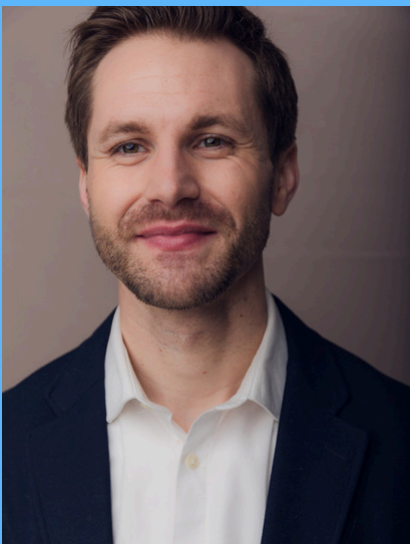


HONEYSUCKLE, BRUTAL & BREAKING



BRANDON MONOKIAN - PLAYWRIGHT

Brandon has studied with Arlene Hutton at The Barrow Group since 2021. He wrote honeysuckle, brutal & breaking in class last year and is thrilled to have the play's first public reading at The Barrow Group. The play will have another developmental reading this October as part of All Exits! NJPL Statewide Play Reading Series at Cape May Stage. Plays he's written in class at The Barrow Group that have received productions include Free Baby Parakeets, Zombie Cheerleaders, A Teenage Witch & The Demonic Voice On The Other End of the Phone, Let's Summon a Demon at Debbie's, and Echo & Narcissus Blast Third Eye Blind Outside a Diner in New Jersey at 2AM. Published versions of the latter two of these plays are available for purchase at the Drama Book Shop and online from 1319 Press. Other plays include amethyst. (written as an Artist in Residence for EveryLibrary), Of Coffee & Fish or The Very Final First Date of Ethan Splunk, poison can be bliss, and Quiche. He has spent time workshopping plays at the Sewanee Writers Conference, Valdez Theater Conference, Twin Cities Horror Festival, Luna Stage's New Moon series and The Tank. He wrote and appeared in the feature film Happy Yummy Chicken. His creative work is dedicated to Suzzanne Douglas.



DEREK HERMAN - DIRECTOR

Derek is a director, educator, and actor. His recent work includes an adaptation of Aristophanes' FROGS for Northwestern University's National High School Institute Theatre program, DEAR MR. ZINN at the Tamiment Library, GLORIA and LORD OF THE FLIES at the Professional Performing Arts School, where he also teaches acting. He was formerly the Artistic Director of Fearless Theatre in Chicago, where he directed DOG SEES GOD in Chicago and Michigan, and has also directed THE STINKY CHEESE MAN at Northwest Children's Theater in Portland, Oregon. His work is rooted in passing the torch to the next generation of artists, amplifying their voices and experiences through community-centered performance. He holds a BFA in Acting from Roosevelt University and an MA in Theatre Arts from NYU. He is a member of Actors' Equity Association and has performed onstage and on screen in New York, Chicago, and Portland. He is thrilled to be collaborating with Brandon on this beautiful coming-of-age story. @derekdirectsyoun | derekRherman.com



VIVIAN MAUCHER - TRISH

Vivian is thrilled to be performing in honeysuckle, brutal & breaking and grateful to be working with Brandon Monokian again after 6 years! She is currently a Junior Arts Administration at Wagner College. Her previous credits include: Twelfth Night (Lady Olivia), Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play (Jenny/Marge), Romeo and Juliet (Lady Capulet), Legally Blonde (Elle Woods), and Into the Woods (The Witch). IG: @vivmaucher



SOFIA AYRAL-HUTTON - BRIANNA

Sofia is a multidisciplinary artist based in New York City and a BFA Drama student at NYU Tisch School of the Arts. This fall, she will continue her training at StoneStreet Studios, following her studies at Atlantic Theater Company and the Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute. Recent acting credits include Shake Rag Hollow at the 2025 Edinburgh Festival Fringe and the 2026 Valdez Theatre Conference, both directed by Eric Nightengale; According to the Chorus at 59E59 Theaters, directed by Chris Goutman; and Virgin Mary at Reunion Live!, directed by Devon Kanez. She has also participated in numerous readings at New Dramatists, JCC Manhattan, and The Barrow Group.



MASSIMO CIAVARELLA - ERIC

Massimo is an 18 year old actor from South Jersey. He is pursuing a career in the performing arts and is currently attending Wagner College in Staten Island, NY for Theatre. Massimo is very excited to be a part of this project and can't wait to get to work.



CONNOR PERRI - RALPHIE

Connor is ecstatic to be reading honeysuckle, brutal & breaking. A southern New Jersey native, he is currently a junior at Wagner College pursuing his BA in Theatre Performance and minor in marketing. Connor is so beyond thankful for Brandon and the team at The Barrow Group for letting him be apart of this beautiful process.



SIMONE SERRA - STAGE DIRECTIONS

Simone is a Voiceover Actor who has helped brands and creatives bring their stories to life, with a client roster that includes Marvel, The Late Show With Stephen Colbert, Samsung, Amazon, Liquid IV, Skyrizi, Yoplait, and Ulta Beauty. In addition to performing, Simone has taught VO as an Adjunct Professor at NYU Tisch School of the Arts and, most recently, at The Broadway Star Project Summer Intensive Program, and has worked as an Associate Casting Director for Hobo Audio. She is also an actor on both stage and film, recently seen in That Creep From The Bar Last Night, which won multiple nominations and awards throughout the film festival circuit. Check out her work or reach out for VO coaching inquiries at www.simoneserra.com.