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**SHIVA FOR ANNE FRANK:
RACHEL MCKAY STEELE TO PERFORM SOLO SHOW AT HOLLYWOOD FRINGE FESTIVAL**

WHO: Comedian, storyteller and writer [Rachel McKay Steele](#) is excited to announce her solo show, *Shiva for Anne Frank*, which is a tribute to her own cultural identity as well as an honorarium to Anne Frank delivered through a comedic lens. The show is world-premiering at the Hollywood Fringe Festival, June 13th-30th.

Directed by [Lauren Campedelli](#)
Produced by Charlie Kanter
Co-developed with [Lauren Ann Brickman](#)

WHAT: Rachel's solo show celebrates Jewish identity, girlhood, community mourning, life, and begs the question of whether or not one Jewish comedian can and should make Anne Frank's death about herself. Although Anne Frank is one of the most famous and recognizable young women in the world, her legacy is often infantilized or simplified so she can remain a saintly beacon from one of humanity's darkest chapters. During the Hollywood Fringe Festival, Rachel invites you to laugh, cry, celebrate and mourn Anne Frank as filtered through her own hilarious experiences of getting a nose job, rehashing her Bat Mitzvah, and sharing her favorite story of a one night stand (with a German). To keep the show socially conscious and aware, Rachel is consistently updating the piece to stay up to date with current news and relevant events.

Please arrive early to nosh on Babka, Bagels and Schmear, and Rugelach. Limited late seating.

\$1 from each ticket sold will be donated to The International Rescue Committee, a global humanitarian aid, relief, and development NGO, the IRC provides emergency aid and long-term assistance to refugees and those displaced by war, persecution, or natural disaster. For more please go to <https://www.rescue.org>.

WHEN: Sunday June 9th, 2:30 PM (Preview)
Thursday June 13th 6:30 PM
Thursday June 20th 8:30 PM
Saturday June 22nd 10:30 PM
Sunday June 30th 4:00 PM

WHERE: The Flight Theater at The Complex Hollywood - 6472 Santa Monica Blvd.

TICKETS: Only \$5-15 (no drink minimum), Tickets [here](#)

For images: [please view press photos here](#)

For more information on Rachel McKay Steele: [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)

For more information on Shiva for Anne Frank: [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook event](#)

For previous press from November's workshop performances: click [here](#) and [here](#).

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ABOUT RACHEL MCKAY STEELE: [Rachel McKay Steele](#) is a writer and comedian from Charleston, SC, who recently left Brooklyn and bagels for Los Angeles and donuts. She's a comedy veteran and has studied at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater and the Brooklyn Comedy Collective and performed improv and stand up comedy around the country. She has worked on numerous award-winning independent films such as *Gayby* and in creative development for Oscar-nominated *What Happened Miss Simone*. Rachel loves breakfast sandwiches and is a cat mom to a calico named Roxy. She is allergic to cats, but they make it work.

LAUREN CAMPEDELLI is a Los Angeles-based director and actor, specializing in new work for the stage. Directing credits include the recent *Intercession* by Maia Villa at Ensemble Studio Theatre/LA, where she also helmed *Evie*, *Duty Calls* by Karen Rizzo, *Lizzie* by Jose Rivera, and numerous staged and workshop readings for its development programs; as well as plays for Padua Playwrights and Evidence Room. SoCal acting credits include productions with Evidence Room (more than a dozen), *Sacred Fools*, *The Actors' Gang*, Center Theatre Group, *The Old Globe*, *EST/LA*, and more. Visit www.laurencampedelli.com

LAUREN ANN BRICKMAN is a performer at the Upright Citizen's Brigade Theatre New York where she co-hosts the monthly show "We Stan Together" alongside Caitlin Bitzegaio. She is also a featured storyteller in Lisa Lampanelli's *Losin' It*. Other credits include *Bull* (cbs), *Gloria Bell* (starring Julianne Moore), and numerous commercials. Lauren's directing work includes the *Story Pirates*, UCB's *Maude Night*, *Trippin'* with Filip Jeremic, and more. For more about Lauren follow her on Instagram & Twitter @LaurenAnnBrickman

CHARLIE KANTER is a performer, producer, and comedian from Los Angeles. She acted in several independent films as a teen but decided to pump the breaks on that to pursue an education at Occidental College where she is double majoring in Sociology and Theater. She works with storyteller David Crabb and the Risk! Show, produces and markets for theater, and pretends she knows what she's doing.