**\*\*\*AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\***

Open Auditions – Seeking Actors for a Staged Reading – Professional & Student Actors – Seeking Actors with a Range of Abilities & Disabilities (casting against ability type, with commitment to casting actors with disabilities)

**Performance Dates**

Rehearsals: February – March 2, 2018

Performance: March 2-3, 2018

in the Motion Studio at Yale University’s

Center for Collaborative Arts and Media

**OPEN AUDITIONS**

5:00-8:00pm, January 25th, 2018

Location: Yale University Theatre Studies, 220 York Street

Audition space is wheelchair accessible

Please sign up for an audition time [online](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4daea92ba4f85-audition1)

Auditions conducted in tandem with YDC’s spring semester casting process.

Contact Dr. Elise Morrison (Director) or Dr. Cassandra Hartblay (Playwright-Ethnographer)

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**"I WAS NEVER ALONE"** is a new play based on research with adults living with a variety of disabilities in contemporary Russia. The play script draws directly from interview transcripts to create original character portraits woven together as a 90-minute play (a 7-12 minute monologue for each role). In English with some Russian words and phrases (not in dialect). More information: <https://cassandrahartblay.com/i-was-never-alone/>

**CAST of CHARACTERS**

VERA ÷÷ 31-year-old mom of two, high femme, paralyzed from the waist down, uses a manual wheelchair. Witty and social. Homemaker.

VAKAS÷÷ 32-year-old man with Traumatic Brain Injury; walks with a limp and communicates with impaired speech or by typing; enjoys poetry and pretty girls

SERGEI ÷÷ 31-year-old with Cerebral Palsy that affects his gait. Shy, middle class. Enjoys singing, playing guitar, and war movies.

ALINA ÷÷ 31-year-old teacher from a working class family who can't find work. Wheelchair-user with Cerebral Palsy that affects the muscle tone in her arms and legs. Sarcastic stand-up comedy fan.

MAMA ÷÷ 60-something mother to Alina. Retired school lunchlady. Opinionated, long-suffering.

RUDAK ÷÷ 40-something man. Local celebrity & lead singer and guitarist in a rock band. Manual wheelchair user following spinal injury in mid-adulthood. Creative, kind, and highly masculine.

ANYA ÷÷ 35-year-old woman. Busy professional psychologist with two jobs. Power wheelchair user with a degenerative muscular condition. Snarky and intellectual.

**ALSO SEEKING**

Stage Manager / Producer

Lighting Designer