

Research

Dramaturgical:

- The original production of *Love and Information* was performed by the Royal Court Theatre.
- Minneapolis-based Frank Theatre produced *Love and Information* January 30-February 22 of 2015. This production went on at the Ritz Theatre in Minneapolis, MN
- Malthouse Theatre and Sydney Theatre Company co-produced an Australian production which opened in Melbourne in June 2015 and toured to Sydney in July 2015.
- **New York Theatre Workshop Feb 2014**

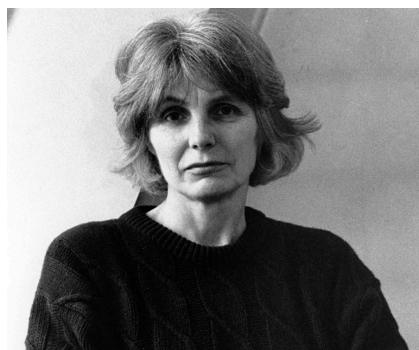


- **Canadian Stage 2018**



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Textual (author): Caryl Churchill

- "one of Britain's greatest poets and innovators for the contemporary stage".
- Her four earliest plays, *Downstairs* (produced 1958), *You've No Need to be Frightened*, *Having a Wonderful Time* (1960), and *Easy Death* (produced 1962) were performed at Oxford by student theatre ensembles.
- In her early work Churchill explored gender and sexuality through modernist theatre techniques of Epic theatre. In the mid-1980s she started to incorporate dance-theatre in her writing.
- Her *Love and Information*, opened at the Royal Court Theatre in September 2012



Historical (the play):

Genre:

Postmodern comedy

- Postmodern Theatre is based on the idea that there is no Grand Narrative or Ultimate Truth
- This process of deconstruction raises questions rather than attempting to supply answers.
- As a reaction against Modernism, Postmodern Theatre deconstructs the axioms of genre and style and has no rigid structure, style or genre

Budget:

- Scenic
 - White Tape (\$30)
 - Black paint? (\$50)
- Costumes
 - \$50
- Props
 - \$50

Design Breakdown (needs and thoughts):

- **Props**
 - A remote control (wedding video)
 - A notepad and pen (Savant/Memory House/Flashback/Linguist/Shrink/Decision/The Child Who Didn't Know Pain)
 - Glasses of water (Ex/Sex/Wife)
 - A bowl full of jewelry/a hanger full of ties (Dinner)
 - A piano? (A piano bench) (Piano)
 - Game controllers (Maths)
 - Coffee mugs (God/Grief/Fate)
 - Laundry (Rash)
 - Drinking Glasses (bourbon) (Children)
 - iPhone (Depression/Climate/Earthquake)
 - A book (Censor/Chinese Poetry)
 - A red rose (Manic)
 - Stones (Stone)
 - A computer (Virtual/Facts)
- **Lighting**
 - Downstage: Stage lighting
 - Consistent front and top light
 - Range between cool and warm depending on the story being told/ time of day

- Mid/Upstage: Dance lighting
 - Heavy sidelight
- **Costumes**
 - Natural, modern clothing. Use actors closets as much as possible
- **Sound**
 - Ambient music that possible switches when we enter a new section

A chronology of relevant historical events:

- Invention of Computers
 - First computer between 1936-1938
 - Computers became common in households 1980s
- Internet invented in 1983
- Apple Devices
 - 1976: Apple I (computer)
 - 1989: Macintosh Portable
 - 1993: PowerBook
 - 1993: Newton Message Pad
 - 2001: First Generation iPod
 - 2008: MacBook Air
 - 2008: iPhone 1st Generation
 - 2009: iMac
 - 2010: iPad
 - 2014: iPhone 6
- Science of Genetics
 - 1856: Mendel's Pea Plants
 - 1913: Alfred Sturtevant makes the first genetic map
 - 1950: Erwin Chargaff determined the pairing method of nitrogenous bases.
 - 1953: DNA structure is resolved to be a double helix by James Watson, Francis Crick and Rosalind Franklin
 - 2021: Whole Human Genome is completely mapped
- History of Memory Palaces
 - Method of Loci developed by the Greeks. Used all throughout Western History, from the Greeks to the Romans to recorded uses of it being used in the early 19th Century

A list of facts about the world of your play:

- This world has computers
- This world has the internet
- This world has virtual girlfriends/boyfriends
- This world has marriage
- This world has divorce
- This world has therapists
- This world has amnesia/dementia
- This world has death
- This world has pain
- This world has children
- This world has adults

- This world has people that can't feel physical pain
- This world has emotional pain
- This world has knowledge of genetics and memory palaces
- This world has math