

The Amazing Life of Margot Heuman

Online screening of play and panel discussion

March 1, 7:00 pm EST



Bringing Queer Holocaust History to the Stage

The Amazing Life of Margot Heuman is a new play about the first, and possibly the last, lesbian Holocaust survivor to bear testimony. Born in 1928 in Germany, Margot Heuman is a survivor of Theresienstadt ghetto, Auschwitz, Neuengamme, and Bergen-Belsen. The play, which takes its text from interviews conducted by Warwick University historian Anna Hájková in 2019, offers a poignant look on coming of age as a Jewish queer woman in the concentration camps. In the play, Margot Heuman reflects on love, choices, sexual violence and sexual barter, homophobia, and survival. Moving, funny, pragmatic, and original, she reminds us of humanity within the society of Holocaust victims, but also of the stories that have been erased by homophobia. Today, Heuman will probably remain the only lesbian voice to speak about her experience in the Holocaust. "I am amazing," she tells her interviewer, and the audience.

This event is sponsored by the College of the Humanities; the Edgar & Dorothy Davidson Lecture Series; the Department of Drama; the Department of History; Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies; Migration and Diaspora Studies; The Pauline Jewett Institute.



Dr Anna Hájková (she/her, co-author) is associate professor at the University of Warwick. Her book, *The Last Ghetto: An Everyday History of Theresienstadt*, was published in 2020 to academic and popular acclaim. Her current project explores queer Holocaust history.



Dr. Erika Hughes (she/her, director / co-author) is Reader in Performance at the University of Portsmouth. She is the author of the forthcoming book *Holocaust Memory and Youth Performance* and her work as a director has been seen on stages in the United States, United Kingdom, Pakistan, Israel, and Germany.

Register in advance to view the play online from Feb 15 - March 15:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to the online play and another link to the March 1 webinar.



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