

# Two Sisters and a Piano

by Nilo Cruz



Third-Year Drama Production  
2024–25 Season

Juilliard



## A Message From Evan Yionoulis

Welcome to the Juilliard Drama Division's production of Nilo Cruz's *Two Sisters and a Piano*, a hauntingly beautiful tale of desire, art, and resilience, directed by Kathleen Capdesuñer, featuring actors from Group 55. Set in Cuba during the political turmoil of the 1990s, the play traces the journey of sisters Sofia and Maria Celia as they seek freedom under the stifling grip of repression.

Members of Group 55 will return to the Stephanie P. McClelland Drama Theater later this spring to put their training into practice in Georges Feydeau's *An Absolute Turkey*, translated by Nicki Frei and Peter Hall, directed by Erin Ortman, a farcical romp examining love, fidelity, and the absurdities of social convention.

Both productions are supported by the creative work of professional designers and Juilliard's expert production team.

We are glad to have you here and look forward to seeing you again in just a few short weeks!

Warmly,

*Evan*

Evan Yionoulis  
Richard Rodgers Dean and Director of the Drama Division

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The Juilliard School  
presents

A Third-Year (Group 55) Performance Project

# Two Sisters and a Piano

by Nilo Cruz

directed by Kathleen Capdesuñer

April 23–26, 2025

Stephanie P. McClelland Drama Theater

Wednesday at 7:30pm

Thursday at 7:30pm

Friday at 7:30pm

Saturday at 1pm and 8pm

Scenic Design: Baron E. Pugh

Costume Design: Márion Talán de la Rosa

Lighting Design: Carolyn Wong

Sound Design: Bryn Scharenberg

Production Stage Manager: Christine J. Colonna

*Two Sisters and a Piano* was first commissioned as a radio play  
for McCarter Theatre by WNYC's The Radio Stage,  
Sarah Montague, Director.

It was expanded into a full-length play, developed in part  
with the support of the Sundance Institute Laboratory,  
and premiered at McCarter Theatre Center,  
Emily Mann, Artistic Director; Jeffrey Woodward, Managing Director.

It was subsequently produced by South Coast Repertory,  
David Emmes, Producing Artistic Director; Martin Benson, Artistic Director,  
and given its New York premiere at the Joseph Papp Public Theater,  
George C. Wolfe, Producer.



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the performance. The taking of photographs and the use of recording  
equipment are not permitted.

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**Cast**

Lieutenant Portuondo	Andrés Goldszmidt
Victor Manuel/Militia Guard	Santiago Moriarty Peñaranda
Maria Celia	Nora Pantoja
Sofia	Barbara Pires

*Two Sisters and a Piano* will be performed without an intermission.

**Production Team for *Two Sisters and a Piano***

Voice Coach Andrew Wade	Alexander Technique Coach Christine Caleo	Intimacy Director Alicia Rodis	Stage Manager Chloe Marie Lupini*
Assistant Scenic Designer Will Sexton	Assistant Costume Designer Mila Zidel*	Assistant Lighting Designer Helena Magee	Assistant Stage Manager Chris Moeggenberg*
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