

# **The Seagull on the SIMS 4 FAQs**

## ❖ **What is the event about?**

- *Artist Celine Song attempts to reenact the classic text on 21st century videogame Sims 4 via Twitch. Join us for a durational installation art piece that explores the newly emerging popular form of live—and interactive—performance.*
- *"The Seagull (Russian: Ча́йка, romanized: Chayka) is a play by Russian dramatist Anton Chekhov, written in 1895 and first produced in 1896. The Seagull is generally considered to be the first of his four major plays." –Wikipedia.org*
- *When it first premiered, The Seagull was a famous failure, the audience unfamiliar with ideas of subtext and subtlety that Chekhov was experimenting with and preferring the more conventional melodrama of the 19th century. It has gone on to become one of the most recognizable titles in Western drama.*

## ❖ **Is it a zoom play?**

- More than a zoom play - it is an out-of-the-box theatrical experience that will allow you to take the journey of Chekhov's Seagull along with Celine as she explores the world of the SIMS 4 - an interactive performance - in a popular gaming platform!

## ❖ **What platform will this event be on?**

- It will be hosted on Twitch: "Twitch is the world's leading live streaming platform for gamers and the things we love. Watch and chat now with millions of other fans from around the world." –Twitch.tv

## ❖ **Is Night 2 a continuation of the previous Night?**

- Night 1 is Acts I and II and Night 2 is Acts III and IV of The Seagull, so they're not standalone. That said, you can certainly still enjoy Night 2 on its own, but the full experience is watching on both nights and witnessing the blossoming of the seeds that Celine plants on Night 1 blossom into fruition on Night 2.

## ❖ **Is this an interactive event?**

- While audience members will NOT appear on camera, there is a chat feature on the Twitch platform that audience members are encouraged to post on throughout the show.
- Want to participate directly in the chat during the show? Click [here](#) for instructions on how to create a Twitch account.
- Shy about chatting live? No worries - you'll be able to VIEW the scrolling chat without an account and you can also submit questions or comments for Celine [here](#) and we will share on your behalf. *Note: Messages will be sent to Celine on a regular basis but, owing to what's going on in the game, she may not have time to engage with them.*

## ❖ **Will the episodes be performed live or pre-recorded?**

- The performance is a live art installation, and unfortunately encore showings will NOT be available.
- ❖ **Are there episodes you recommend?**
  - They haven't ever been performed before, so we can't recommend one of them over the other. We'll be tuning in with you to experience these world premiere theatrical experiences!
- ❖ **What is the performance schedule?**
  - **Act I & II - October 27th 7PM**
  - **Act III & IV - October 28th 7PM**
- ❖ **What is the running time?**
  - For these live performances, the running time is being estimated at approximately 120 minutes. But feel free to move around, eat and take care of yourself during this time as this live art installation is Celine creating the world of The Seagull on SIMS 4 just for you.
- ❖ **How do I get access to my events?**
  - Virtual events will have special access links that grant exclusive online access to each member. Access links are for one-time use.
- ❖ **Where can I purchase a membership?**
  - **ONLINE:** [memberships](#) are available for purchase exclusively from New York Theatre Workshop.
  - **BY PHONE:** Call the NYTW Box Office at 212-460-5475. Current hours: Monday–Thursday Noon–4PM.
  - **IN-PERSON** sales are **not** available at this time.
- ❖ **Can I have multiple memberships?**
  - Each customer is limited to one membership. Every member must have a unique email address to access your account and sign up for virtual events.
  - If you normally have two memberships and you still want to have two tickets for events, we'd recommend the Level 3 membership.
  - If you normally arrange for a group of three or more people, you'll each want your own membership so you can access virtual programming while you shelter separately. Think of it like a yoga class—you attend together, but you sign in separately.
  - If you normally purchase memberships for other people, you're still welcome to do that, you'll just need an account for each person you want to "gift" a membership to. Our box office team is happy to help you set up accounts or answer questions!
- ❖ **What if I miss my performance?**
  - We will make every possible effort to ensure you're able to experience these performances! If that's not possible, we'll make it right to ensure you get the full value of your membership.