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Dear Donald/Dear Hillary (Their Secret Correspondence) Takes Liberties (for Laughs) with Two Political Rivals at FringeArts Festival Sept 9-Oct 4, 2021

Imagine an 8-year-old millionaire in 1950s Forest Hills, Queens, assigned as a pen pal a feisty 8-year-old girl in Chicago. They start writing letters and keep the correspondence going through high school, college, marriages, and divorces (his), scandals (his and hers) -- right up to election day 2020.

Dear Donald/Dear Hillary (Their Secret Correspondence) is available to view [online](#) at the FringeArts Festival, Philadelphia, September 9-October 4, 2021.

Inspired by AR Gurney's *Love Letters*, this epistolary comedy two-hander by Dallas playwright Elaine Liner is drawn from things Donald and Hillary really said ... and things they should have. Filmed in an empty theater in Dallas, Texas, in 2021, the production stars Bob Hess and Sally Vahle.

So far the play has been seen as a virtual entry at the Edinburgh and Brighton Fringes, and the National Arts Festival of South Africa, where it won the Standard Bank Ovation Award in July 2021. It will be available to be seen this summer and fall at fringe festivals in Greater Manchester & Clapham, England; Winnipeg, Ontario; Boulder, Colorado; Kansas City, Kansas; San Francisco; Philadelphia; Oklahoma City; Whangarei, New Zealand; and Queensland, Australia.

HERE IS THE EXCLUSIVE LINK TO THE COMPLETE VIDEO for review purposes:

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/536525738>

Link to the FringeArts ticket site:

<https://fringearts.com/event/dear-donald-dear-hillary-their-secret-correspondence/>

Playwright Elaine Liner and the actors are available for interviews by Zoom, email or phone (Central Standard Time, USA).

More about the playwright: Elaine Liner wrote *Dear Donald/Dear Hillary* in a fit of rage early in the administration of the 45th president.

More about the actors: Bob Hess and Sally Vahle (rhymes with "nail") are longtime professionals on Dallas, Texas, stages, appearing in many films and TV shows shot in and around Texas. Both are theatre professors at the University of North Texas.

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