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## **WOMEN SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN CAROLINE KAVA'S "THE EARLY GIRL"**

Brazen-Faced Varlets Spring Production: Caroline Kava's "The Early Girl"

The Brazen-Faced Varlets are bringing Caroline Kava's *The Early Girl* to Buffalo this May at the Compass Performing Arts Center. Kava's piece aligns with the Varlets' mission to produce nonconformist theatre, tackling the topics of modern-day sex work and economics. The play follows Lily, a young woman who enters a brothel to give herself and her baby a better chance at life. With the goal of making \$20,000 in one month, Lily has the cards stacked against her but finds companionship and friendship in the other "working girls".

Leyla Gentil-Rosado's makes her directorial debut with the Varlets. She reflects, "It's been a joy to work with such talented and dedicated people. The willingness to play, discover, and refine has been so supportive and makes me excited for people to watch this show." Maria Costa, who plays Lana, the brothel madame and owner, says of her experience, "Working with the Varlets on *The Early Girl* has been a delight: from auditions and casting to first read and all through rehearsals, my experience has been consistently satisfying and engaging. Background research and deep character development have been actively bolstered by the team, and it is evident that this company has a dedication to the work produced. As a performer, I feel supported and my work valued. As an employee, I feel respected and understood." Costa is joined on-stage by VerNia Sharisse Garvin, Kai Crumley, Emerald Ja'ceil, Juli Grygier, Vanessa Vacanti, and Isabel Deschamps.

*The Early Girl* has a runtime of 1 hour and 45 minutes, including 10-minute intermission. Performances take place May 9th through 25th at the Compass Performing Arts Center: Fridays at 7:30 PM, Saturdays at 5:00 PM, and Sundays at 2:00 PM. The house will open 30 minutes prior to each performance. Tickets are available at [theearlygirlbfv.eventbrite.com](http://theearlygirlbfv.eventbrite.com). Please email [bfvarlets@gmail.com](mailto:bfvarlets@gmail.com) for the industry rate code and group rates. The Compass Performing Arts Center is located at 545 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222 and is wheelchair accessible. There is an elevator and seating available on the ground level. There is ample free street parking on Elmwood Ave, Anderson Pl. and Utica St. Parking is also available at the Gallagher Parking Ramp for a fee. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the bar.

*The Brazen-Faced Varlets' mission is to produce consequential works with strong artistic integrity while being committed to promoting the growth of female and gender-minority theater artists. They seek to break out of the traditional and stereotypical gender roles onstage and behind the scenes. Their work is for everybody; they strive to challenge, provoke, and delight their audiences. More information about the Brazen-Faced Varlets can be found at [www.varlets.org](http://www.varlets.org). You can follow them on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), or send them an email at [bfvarlets@gmail.com](mailto:bfvarlets@gmail.com).*