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LAURA BENANTI, MORGAN DUDLEY, SAMANTHA WILLIAMS AND MORE TO STAR IN *THE PRECIPICE* AT THE LINCOLN CENTER ATRIUM ON NOVEMBER 12, 2026 and VAN VLECK HOUSE IN MONTCLAIR, NJ ON DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2026

A new musical by Miranda Ferriss Jones will be performed at Lincoln Center and Van Vleck House this fall.

Following a residency at Williamstown in 2022 and a private salon with the feminist organization, Black Women's Blueprint, Tony-winner Laura Benanti and writer & composer Miranda Ferriss Jones are bringing *The Precipice* to the David Rubenstein Atrium as part of the Lincoln Center Presents 2026-27 season and at the Van Vleck Gardens as a part of its Cultural ARTS series. These performances invite audiences to peek behind the curtain at what's ahead for this developing piece.

The David Rubenstein Atrium at Lincoln Center is located at 1887 Broadway, New York, NY 10023. This performance is on Thursday, November 12, 2026 from 7:30-9:00pm ET.

Lincoln Center Presents event is free and unticketed.

General admission, first-come first-served. Just show up!

https://www.lincolncenter.org/series/lincoln-center-presents/the-precipice-637

The Van Vleck Gardens at 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. These performances are on Tuesday December 1 and Wednesday, December 2, 2026 7-8:30pm ET.

Tickets for the Van Vleck performance can be found here:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tmfs-cultural-arts-series-the-precipice-tickets-1997625424419?aff=oddtdtcreator

***The Precipice* features book, music and lyrics by Miranda Ferriss Jones (www.mirandaferrissjones.com) with Rebecca Martinez directing and Ayana Parker Morrison**

as producer. Select songs will be performed by Laura Benanti plus, Morgan Dudley, Samantha Williams, and students from Pace University. The band includes Sujin Kim-Ramsey, Simone Broucke, Vivi Rama, and Rich Mercurio

MUSICAL CLIPS

"You Just Sat There" performed by Michaela Diamond and Morgan Dudley - https://www.mirandaferrissjones.com/gallery?pgid=lds5gxtd-b7de2c5a-a5d8-4e71-8808-dec9dc3b2125

"Put On Your Armor" performed by Morgan Dudley - https://www.mirandaferrissjones.com/gallery?pgid=lds5gxtd-6673e623-cdd3-462d-ac2a-4408bafc9d73

"Bird in a Golden Cage" performed by Laura Benanti

https://www.instagram.com/reel/Db_VC-VxJR_/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&stkn=MzRlODBiNWFlZA==

Additional clips -https://www.mirandaferrissjones.com/theprecipice

ABOUT THE PIECE - THE PRECIPICE

Born out of Miranda's bi-racial upbringing in the expansive countryside of Vermont, *The Precipice* is an original fairytale musical that tells the story of Iris and Polly, two daughters of the Goddess of Dreams, Lady Midnight. Sent to Earth to inspire a broken society, Polly embodies the dark side of the moon and Iris is the light. Once on earth they are separated and come of age under vastly different circumstances. When they reunite as teenagers, they must navigate a narrow path to preserve their identities and sisterhood in a society determined to keep them stifled and apart. *The Precipice* asks, "What will you do when they come for your wildness?"

The Precipice **will be presented on November 12th, 2026 as the second—and largest-scale—work in Miranda's Lincoln Center Presents partnership. For the first time, audiences will be able to experience the full arc of the show from beginning to end, integrating both legacy material and newly composed work in a fully rewritten fairytale that reflects the evolution of the story since the 2022 Williamstown workshop.**

The Precipice **is dedicated to the late Bob Weir of the Grateful Dead who was one of the piece's first champions in its early conception and is credited as an Angel Producer.**

Follow THE PRECIPICE: https://www.instagram.com/theprecipicemusical

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