



BROADWAY ACTS

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FOR ABORTION

OCT. 2ND 2022 AT 54 BELOW, NYC

WELCOME

Welcome to A is For's 6th Broadway Acts! This is our 10th anniversary. We like to say we are commemorating the moment rather than celebrating it, because we really wish we did not have to do this work. But unfortunately – especially in a post-Roe America – it is now more important than ever.

This year we changed the name of our event from Broadway Acts for Women to Broadway Acts for Abortion. We are no longer willing to euphemize. Let's call it what it is: Abortion! And abortion care is for women, but also for other people. Trans men, non-binary people, and kids under the age of 18 – none of whom are women – also need abortion care.

Since our founding, A is For has built a beautiful and powerful community of artists and supporters. Stigma and shame are particularly insidious tools used to keep people silent. Fuck that. We rebuke this tactic. We work to erode the barriers that leave people susceptible to shame. We amplify stigma-busting art. Instead of getting stuck in dogmatic, political debates, we spotlight work that places us in empathy with other human beings. Every person deserves bodily autonomy and the full spectrum of medical care.



WELCOME

We support and amplify artists who offer us a broader emotional vocabulary with which to talk about reproductive freedom. We donate to abortion funds, practical support organizations, and independent abortion providers. We educate others about self-managed abortion. We teach our children about abortion. We march, call our senators, and vote. We tell our own stories without shame or hesitation. We use the word abortion. We debunk myths and call out misinformation. We have difficult conversations and work to change hearts and minds. And we will continue to have abortions. We will never stop working to eradicate the white supremacist patriarchy that has brought us here. We will be the only arbiters of our own bodies, families, and futures.

Tonight, our A is for All of Us.

What is your A for?

Kellie Overbey

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Co-Founder and Executive Director





Our History

A is For was conceived at a party in 2012 by actors and friends, Martha Plimpton, Kellie Overbey, and Gina Loukereas. At the time, they were discussing Sandra Fluke, a college student who had been demanding coverage for birth control at Georgetown University and the vitriol that she subsequently experienced from conservative press and lawmakers. Rush Limbaugh had even gone so far as to call the law student a “slut” and a “prostitute” for simply seeking equal access to reproductive healthcare. In our shared rage, Martha said “They may as well have us wear the Scarlet A!”

Within the next few months, A is For emerged in response to the further escalating legislative attacks on access to safe abortion. And just as Martha, Kellie, and Gina had imagined at that party, they took Hester Prynne’s Scarlet A, intended as a symbol of shame, and re-claimed it. You decide what your A is for: Access, Advocacy, Autonomy, Abortion, etc.

Our Work

A is For is amplifies art and artists that work to end the stigma against abortion.

A is For works at the intersection of the arts and social justice. Art is a powerful tool for change and through our creative initiatives we seek to elevate the human experience of abortion. A is For also has a history of giving back, and provides monthly financial assistance to abortion providers.





Our Programs

The A is For original Comic Book Series uses a unique medium to tell important stories about abortion access. The series starts with our Clinic Escort Comic Book, detailing the experiences of abortion clinic escorts. The book was created, in part, with the generous support of BC/EFA. We are now creating a second comic book about people who were forced to travel long distances and across state lines to access abortion care, and those who support them. The book is expected to be released in October 2022.

The A is For Playwriting Contest and all it take is ONE ACT Festival engages playwrights who are passionate about abortion rights and reproductive justice, and offers community members the opportunity to see those stories represented on stage. Each year, three winning plays are performed by a talented group of actors. Over the past two years, we have received more than 400 one-act plays about reproductive justice, and brought 6 of them to the stage. The Third Annual ONE-ACT Festival will take place in a New York City theater.

The A is For Beneficiaries Program donates \$1500 each month to an abortion clinic, fund, or reproductive justice organization. Since 2014, A is For has donated more than \$190,000 to abortion providers and organizations across the country.



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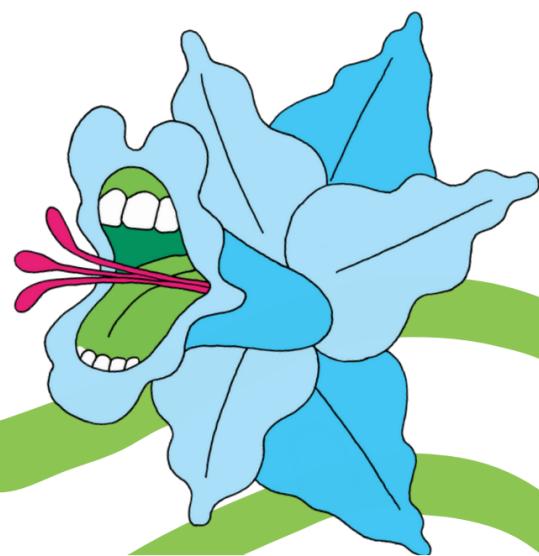
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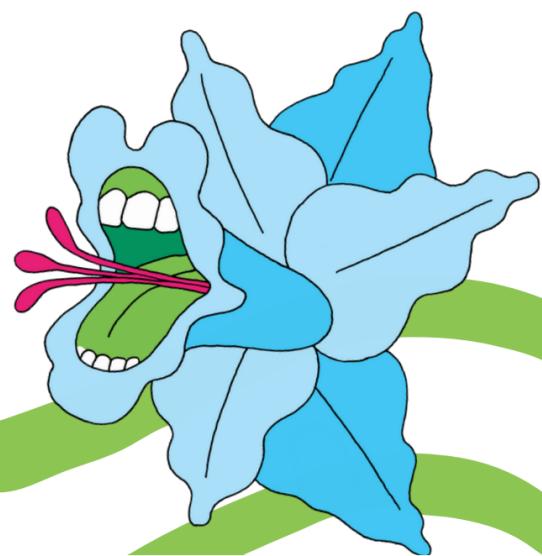
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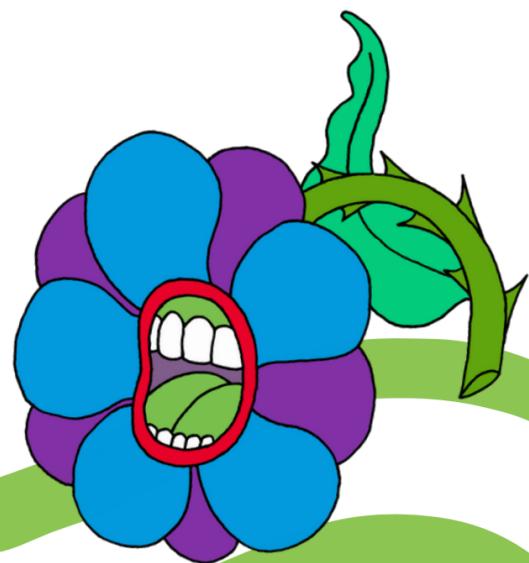
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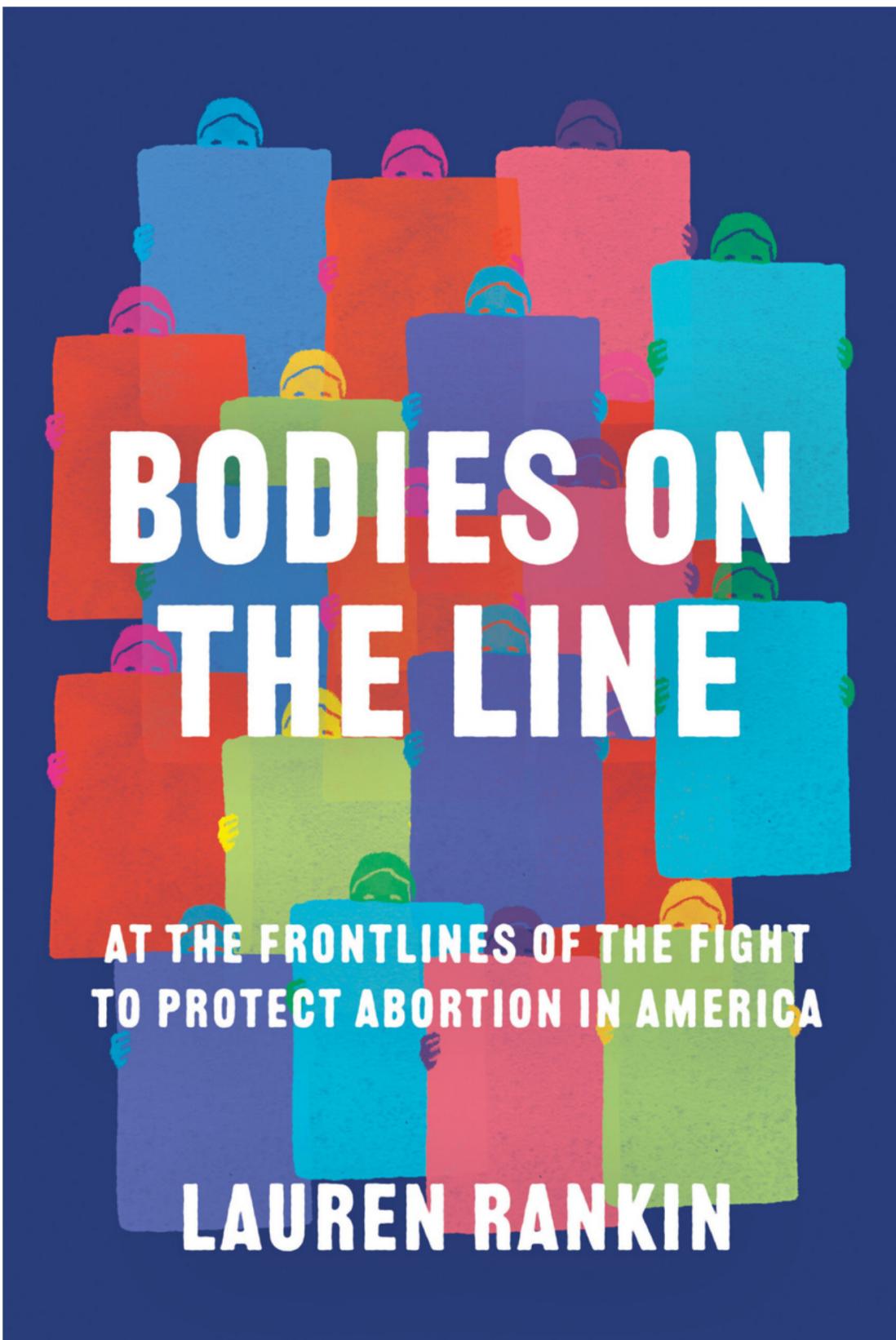
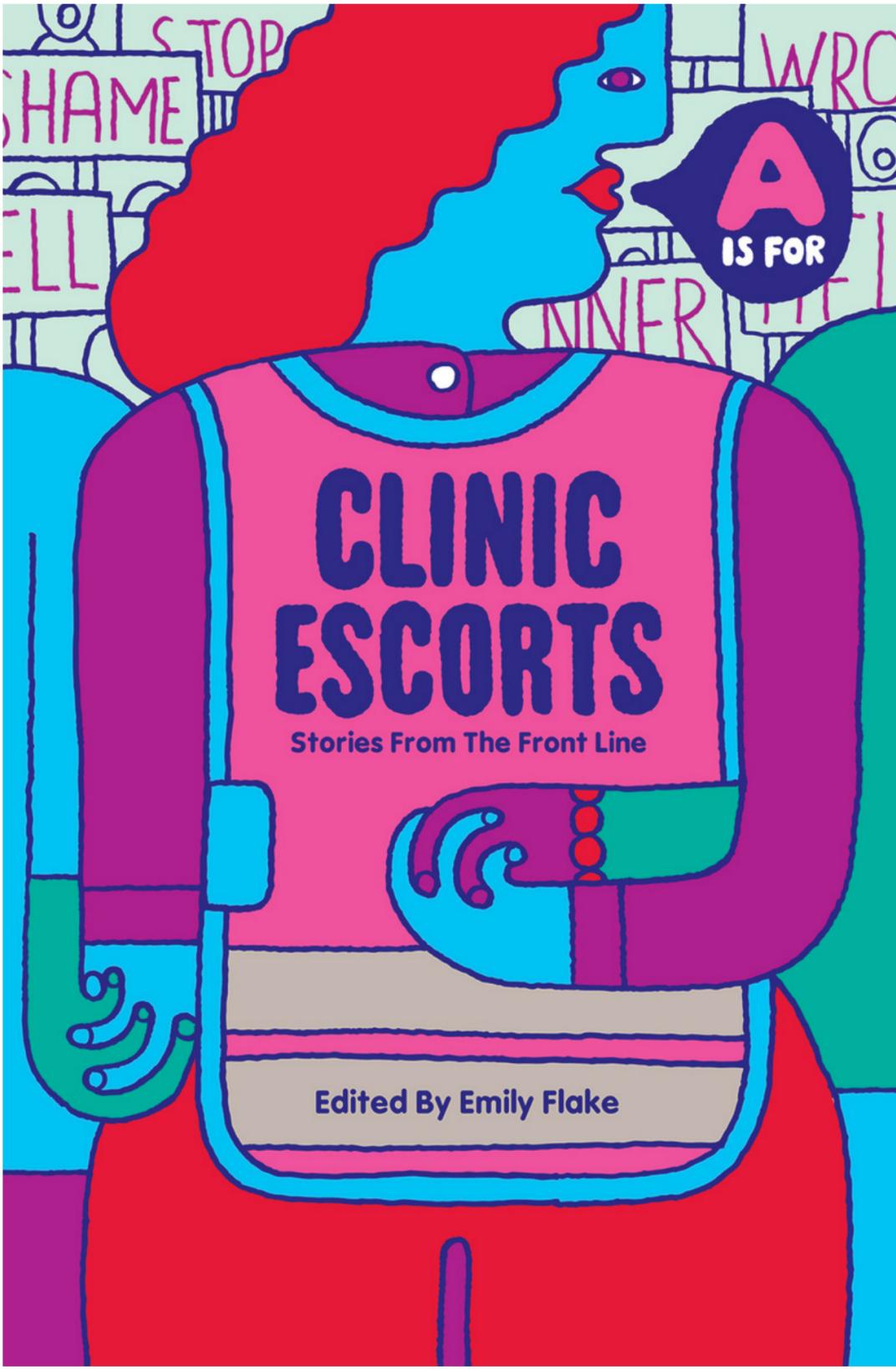
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