

# THE WOOSTER GROUP



**WORK-IN-PROGRESS THEATRO-FILM**

recorded at The Performing Garage and on tour

2017

# THE TOWN HALL AFFAIR

(in the form of a one act play)

Based on the film *Town Bloody Hall*  
by Chris Hegedus & D.A. Pennebaker

Directed by Elizabeth LeCompte

1. Excerpt from *Lesbian Nation*
2. The Play
3. Coda: Excerpt from *Lesbian Nation*

Kate Valk .....Jill Johnston  
Ari Fliakos.....Norman Mailer  
Scott Shepherd .....Norman Mailer  
Maura Tierney .....Germaine Greer  
Greg Mehrten..... Diana Trilling  
Erin Mullin .....Jill’s Friend / Ruth Mandel  
Gareth Hobbs (voice).....Peter Fisher  
Enver Chakartash ..... Usher

Ari Fliakos.....Norman, The Director  
Scott Shepherd ..... Rip, The Actor  
Maura Tierney ..... Beverly, The Wife  
Greg Mehrten.....A Friend  
Mia Fliakos.....A Daughter

Lighting: Jennifer Tipton and Ryan Seelig  
Sound: Eric Sluyter, Gareth Hobbs  
Video and Projections: Robert Wuss  
Additional Video: Zbigniew Bzymek  
Costumes: Enver Chakartash  
Assistant Directors: Enver Chakartash, Matthew Dipple  
Stage Manager: Erin Mullin  
Technical Director: Joseph Silovsky  
Production Manager: Bona Lee  
Associate Director: Kate Valk  
Producer: Cynthia Hedstrom

## Sources

*Town Bloody Hall*, a film by Chris Hegedus and D.A. Pennebaker, 1979, 88 min, color. The film documents a 1971 Theater for Ideas debate entitled "A Dialogue on Women's Liberation."

Excerpts from the film *Maidstone*, 1970, 110 min, color, by Norman Mailer, courtesy of the Norman Mailer Estate. *Maidstone* is an independent film directed by Norman Mailer with D.A. Pennebaker as one of the cinematographers. In *Maidstone*, Norman Mailer plays a famous film director, Norman Kingsley, who is running for President while making a movie about his campaign.

Additional text by Jill Johnston from *Lesbian Nation* ("Tarzana from the Trees at Cocktails" and "On a Clear Day You Can See Your Mother") © Jill Johnston.

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Filmed and Edited by Ken Kobland  
Additional Footage Shot by Juliet Lashinsky  
Film Sound Mix by Eric Sluyter  
Directed by Elizabeth LeCompte



The film *Town Bloody Hall* is available for streaming and on DVD & Blu-ray via the Criterion Collection.  
[www.criterion.com](http://www.criterion.com)