



Alexandra Magdaleno of Art Rock's 247 talks with Jacque Wilke, a remarkable actress...Jacque is currently performing in "THE OUTSIDER" North Coast Repertory Theatre's newest production – Playing now thru March 15th, 2020

By Paul Slade Smith
Directed by David Ellenstein

"The Outsider" is a razor-sharp, hilarious satire of modern American politics and an inspirational tribute to democracy. Overflowing with clever plot twists portraying the contemporary political climate, Paul Slade Smith's (Unnecessary Farce) play is a fun-house mirror, held up to reflect our often-confounding governmental system. If you're overwhelmed by today's headlines, this thoroughly non-partisan laugh-fest is just what you need!

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The phone interview took place on February 8th, 2020

Jacque: Hi, is this Alexandra?

Alexandra: Yep, the one and only! (both giggle)

A: Okay, so you ready to jump in here?

J: Let's do it. Okay

A: What is your favorite season? One word

J: I would have to say Fall

A: What is your favorite exercise? Two words

J: Pilates/yoga, I guess, that would be my first initial two words combo there

A: Okay, cool. Yeah, I just started Pilates, and man it looks so easy, but wow, I was sore for a week!

J: Yes, I know. I, actually teach it

A: Guess I would be considered a wimp in your class (Ha ha)

J: Yeah. It's a cool mind-body connection, which is fun

A: This can be three words...what is your idea of perfect happiness?

J: Uh, trust, safety, and family

A: This can be one sentence. What is your greatest fear?

J: Uh, an unspecified, lonely life

A: Ooh, that's a good one. I don't think anybody wants that, right. Mine is snakes always has been probably always will be

J: Yeah, I went to the zoo recently and looked at the reptile exhibit, and I was like, yeah, no, I can't do this

A: What is the trait that you most deplore in yourself? And this could be three words

J: Oh, I would say perfectionist. I'm a perfectionist, but it sometimes it's to a fault, and I push myself a little too far

A: That's a common one for folks. Yeah, I live with one, so I know firsthand

A: What is your greatest extravagance? It does not have to be money related; you know, it can be what you treat yourself to at Starbucks...

J: I would say honestly, just coffee, a regular black coffee. I buy coffee bags that are way too expensive, but it's one thing that I care about because I love it so much; roasted whole bean coffee is my greatest extravagance!

A: This one's always a funny one to me. Um, and it could be a sentence, on what occasion do you lie?

J: Well, that's an easy one for me, every day, I'm at work as an actor!

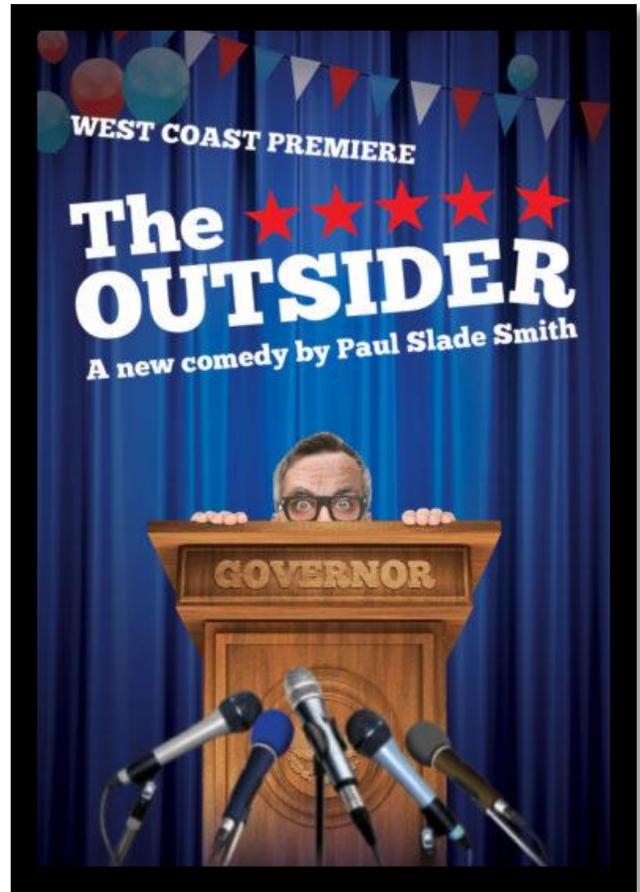
A: How true (giggle)

J: I'm a great liar, but, um, on occasion, if I do, I lie it's to benefit another person's wellbeing; to boost someone in a way that is not harmful to them

A: I lie when I'm double-booked, now my secret's out!

J: Oh, gosh. I hate it when that happens...It's overwhelming

A: Okay. These are going to all be one word, so it's going to be quick. Who was the last person you texted?



J: Uh, I believe my boyfriend
A: Perfect. Does he come to all your performances?
J: Yeah
A: (He better, right?), LOL...Well that's very nice
A: If your life was a song, what would the title be?
J: Uh, I think Bliss
A: Diamonds or pearls?
J: Pearls
A: Heels or flats
J: Flats - 100%.
A: If you had your choice of anybody, who would you want to shoot a love scene with, who would it be?
J: Oh, I'd have to say, my boyfriend
A: Aw, playing it safe, okay, what about someone famous?
J: Second would be Adam driver
A: Really?
J: Yeah. He's definitely a talent crush
A: What talent would you most like to have?
J: Fine arts. If I could be able to draw. I've never been able to do that
A: Yeah, me either it's stick people or nothing. Sad to say, but it's true
A: What is your most treasured possession?
J: My dad passed away about four years ago, and my mom made a quilt out of all his ties and her wedding dress, it was all my father's work ties. I think that the quilt is probably at this point in my life, my most favorite possession
A: That sounds lovely. My most treasured possession is my sense of humor
J: Oh, that's great. See I'm thinking material things, but yeah, you just opened it up
A: If you had a superpower, what would be?
J: It would be the ability to brighten someone's day or if someone is grieving or sad or having a hard time to be able to kind of flip a switch for them and, and make them feel better
A: Wow, that is an interesting superpower
A: What's your one annoying habit?
J: Huh, there's so many to choose from
A: No shortage here (giggle)
J: I would say maybe I have to feel like I'm in control a lot of the time. Relinquishing control was probably what I would say, taking a step back and just allowing other things to happen
A: Are you good at accents?
J: Yes
A: Just out of curiosity, how do you prepare for an accent?
J: I have a dialect coach, if I'm diving into accents, I will listen to or watch movies or people that have that accent and almost immerse myself in that. Like when I was doing "Pride and Prejudice," I just watched the British Netflix shows for months at a time
A: Wow!
J: I'm in total immersion into the sound and the audio of that accent to really ingrain it in my brain
A: Yeah, that makes sense. Um, did you have a show that you liked on Netflix that you watched?
J: Yes, during that time I got into "The Great British Baking" show
A: Oh, I'd love that show!
J: Right. It's competitive, but not really at all. And it also teaches you how to do the stuff that they make. I was just blown away
A: Yeah. I remember I did a binge on it
J: Yeah. They bring the humanity of everybody into it, and they all really cared about each other at the end
A: Yeah. Which I thought was really cool
A: So, let's see here. Um, we're gonna wrap up. What is your motto?
J: "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."
A: That's good. Mine is, "Never say."
A: Last but not least, how would you like to die?
J: Quickly and bravely
A: And not anytime soon! (both giggle)



Jacquie Wilke, Actress Extraordinaire

J: Live it to your best ability so that if it happens, you've done what you could to make it count for something

A: Great. All right, well, that was really fun. I hope I got you thinking so early in the morning

J: Yeah that was fun

A: How the rehearsals going for "The Outsider"?

J: This show is so much fun. It's a comedy about politics, but it's not on one side or the other. It's just kind of making fun of the idea of government. I guess you could call it like a derivative of a Shakespeare school

A: Well, no shortage of material there! (both laugh) Well, we can't wait to see "The Outsider" and seeing you up on stage is always delightful!

J: All right, we'll see you on opening night. Thanks again for having me

A: The pleasure was mine

J: Bye bye

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