

# Envisioning Resilience Through The Ume Group's Inaugural Online Playback Theatre Event



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ATHE Plenary: Envisioning Resilience in Performance

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# My Playback Journey!!!



Playback Theatre





# Playback Theatre Online



A 20-page guidebook by Anne & Christopher Ellinger

Anne and Christopher Ellinger  
Playback North America

# Roles in Playback Theatre

- Teller(s)
- Conductor
- Actors
- Musician(s)
- Audience (who are each potential Tellers)

# Envisioning Resilience

**“Stories of Resilience”**



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**LIVES**

**MATTER**

# Playback Theatre Companies & Individuals Talking About Racial Justice

(an incomplete list)

- Poetic Justice Theatre Ensemble
- True Story Theater
- Nisha Sajnani



# Markers of Success

- Robust participation by audience in storytelling.
  - Narrative Reticulation - the interrelatedness of stories.
- Numerous unsolicited thank-you notes.
- Audience donations.
  - Zero overhead performing online = Ability to pay performers.

**HOWLROUND**  
THEATRE COMMONS



ESSAY BY

JAN

COHEN-CRUZ

# Expanding Where, Why, How, and With Whom Artists in the United States Work

Invitation for Participatory  
Research

06 May 2020

Cohen-Cruz, Jan. “Expanding Where,  
Why, How, and With Whom Artists in the  
United States Work.” HowlRound Theatre  
Commons, 6 May 2020,

[howlround.com/expanding-where-why-how-and-whom-artists-united-states-work](https://howlround.com/expanding-where-why-how-and-whom-artists-united-states-work).

Audience as *Collaborators*, not Consumers

**Community creates  
Resilience**

**“The core of Playback Theatre remains intact  
[in an online setting]”  
- Kaitlyn Samuel Rosin**



KAITLYN (she/her) - CONDUCTOR



KEELIE (she/her) - ACTOR



KARINA (she/her) - ACTOR



JORDAN (he/him) - TECH SUPPORT



YOKKO (she/her) - ACTOR



JORGE (he/him) - ACTOR



KAITLYN (she/her) - CONDUCTOR



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