

CHARLES BUSCH

BRIOGRAPHY

CHARLES BUSCH has forged a unique place in the world of entertainment as playwright, actor, director, novelist, cabaret performer and drag icon. He is the author and star of over twenty-five plays including *The Divine Sister*, *The Lady in Question*, *Red Scare on Sunset*, *The Tribute Artist*, *The Confession of Lily Dare* and *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*; one of the longest running plays in the history of Off-Broadway. His play *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife* ran for 777 performances on Broadway, won the Outer Circle Critics' John L. Gassner Award for playwrighting, received a Tony nomination for Best Play and is the longest running Broadway comedy of the past twenty-five years.

He wrote and starred in the film versions of his plays, *Psycho Beach Party* and *Die Mommie Die*, the latter of which won him the Best Performance Award at the Sundance Film Festival. For two seasons, he appeared as Nat Ginzburg on the HBO series *OZ* and is the author of the auto-biographical novel *Whores of Lost Atlantis*. He has directed two films; the Showtime short subject, *Personal Assistant*, and a feature, *A Very Serious Person*, which won an honorable mention at the Tribeca Film Festival. His most recent film is the comedy caper *The Sixth Reel* starring Charles along with Julie Halston, Margaret Cho and Tim Daley. In 2003, Mr. Busch received a special Drama Desk Award for career achievement as both performer and playwright and was given a star on the Playwrights Walk outside the Lucille Lortel Theatre. He is also the subject of the documentary film *The Lady in Question is Charles Busch*.

He is a two-time MAC award winner, a Bistro Award Honoree and has performed his cabaret act in many cities including San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New Orleans, Philadelphia, London, Paris, Barcelona and New York. In winter of 2016, his show *The Lady at the Mic* premiered at Jazz at Lincoln Center's American Songbook series.

His autobiography *Leading Lady: A Memoir of a Most Unusual Boy* was published by BenBella Books.

Charles was among the 2024 inductees in New York's Theater Hall of Fame.



