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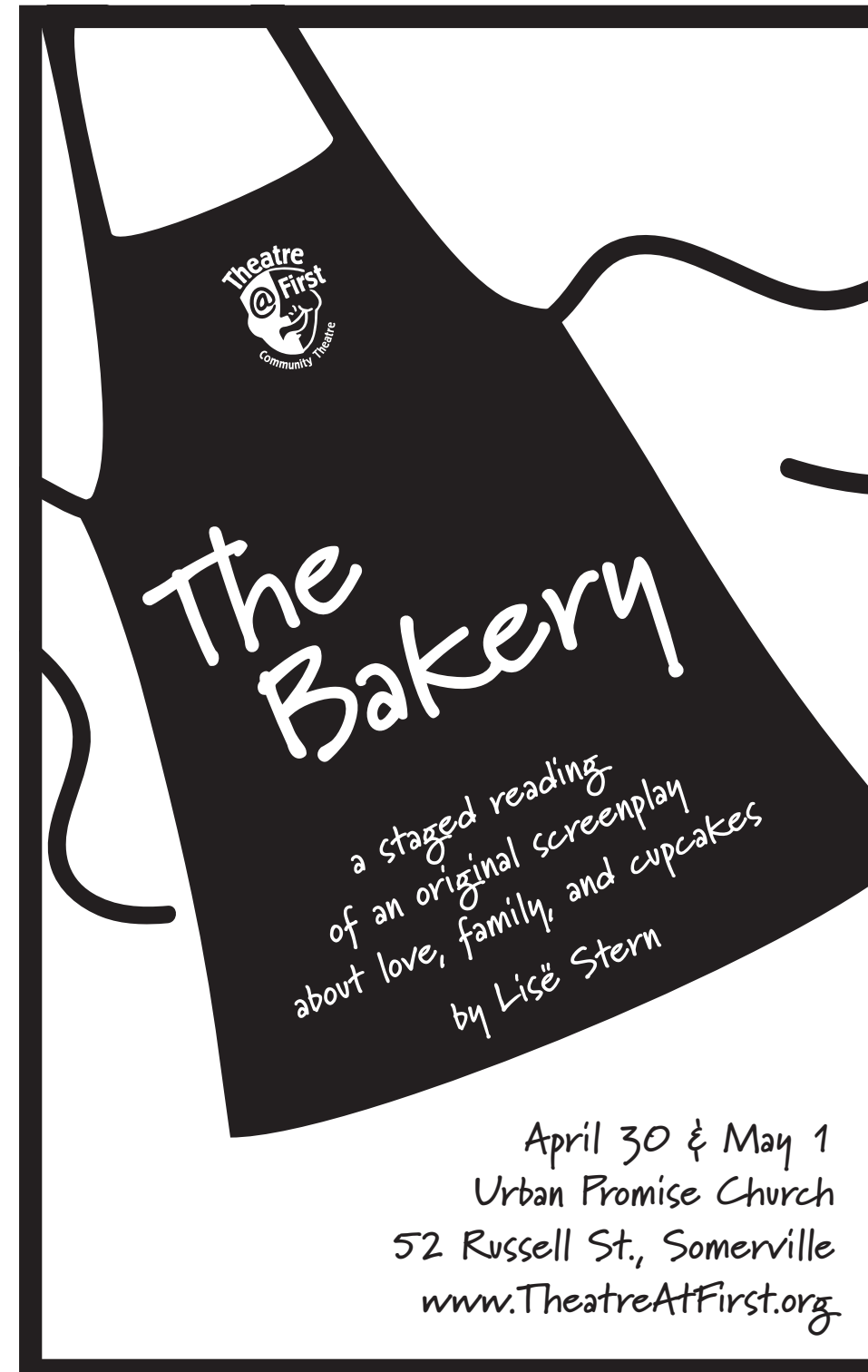
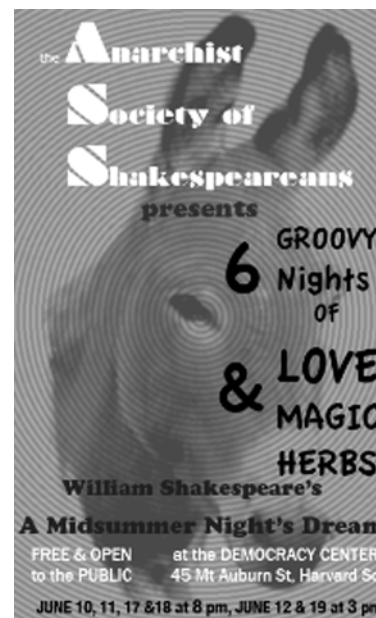
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Our friends, family, and members of our audience, without whom we wouldn't be here.



Writer/Director's Note: The Bakery

For the past two decades, food has been the theme of my professional life. I edit two culinary magazines, and have written and contributed to several food-related books, as well as newspapers, magazines, and websites. It seems only natural, then, that a screenplay I'd write would have a gustatory influence.

My first book, *The Boston Food Lover* (1996), was a guide to non-restaurant food sources in the Boston area – butchers, bakers, pasta makers. I interviewed owners at hundreds of establishments, tasting as I went along. While I certainly enjoyed the nibbling, I also savored the stories of the people behind the food, their dedication and love of the craft.

One story that made an impression was that of Herman and Janet Kett, then owners of Lyndell's Bakery on Broadway in Somerville. They had met at the bakery when she was in high school, and later bought it and ran it for over a quarter century. I liked the romance of love evolving and enduring among the cupcakes.

Although the Ketts were one of those lucky lasting couples, their bakery beckoned to me as a setting for both unexpected divorce and second chances. In *The Bakery*, I've created characters and settings that let me explore the complexities of love, especially through the complications of divorce and betrayal. I wanted to delve into the intricacies of romance – why some relationships last, while others don't. There are no easy or obvious answers...we are all left to find our own ways.

A staged reading of *The Bakery* with the wonderful folks at Theatre@First has enabled the Morgan and Boyajian families to come to life. I think we all fall a little in love with romance, no matter our experiences. *The Bakery* explores many paths, and I hope it will speak to you of love, hope, and positive choices.

Lisè Stern

Cast

<i>Narrator</i>	Sonia Chintha
<i>Fran Morgan</i>	Nicole Kinsley
<i>Dotty Morgan/Cynthia/Corrine</i>	Jessica Viator
<i>Sue Spalding/Gram/Mrs. Boyajian</i>	Briavael O'Reilly
<i>Joe Morgan</i>	Neil Marsh
<i>Sammy Booth/Mr. Jones</i>	Michael Simon
<i>Leon Vasquez/Grandpa/Duncan/ Mr. Boyajian/Waiter/Emile</i>	Stephen Bagg, Jr.
<i>Rita Morgan</i>	Nellie Farrington
<i>Marlene Morgan</i>	Tianna Tagami
<i>Gregor Boyajian</i>	Zach Gillette
<i>Zara Boyajian</i>	Cindy Bell
<i>June/Stacy/Ellie/Doris</i>	Jane Bartholomew
<i>Miles/Teddy/David/Tom</i>	Andy Lebrun
<i>Musicians</i>	Sweet Wednesday (Dave Falk & Lisa Housman)

Crew

<i>Director</i>	Lisè Stern
<i>Producer/House Manager</i>	Chris DeKalb
<i>Technical Director</i>	Hilary Caplan
<i>Script Doctor</i>	Steve Rosenberger
<i>Graphic Design</i>	Gilly Rosenthol
<i>Program Design</i>	Danny Burau
<i>Publicity</i>	Beckie Hunter & Elizabeth Hunter