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New from TCG Books: Havana is Waiting by Eduardo Machado

NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of Eduardo Machado’s Havana is Waiting and Other Plays, the Cuban-born playwright’s examination of the intersection of the personal and the political on a generation of immigrants. One of the few Latinos whose work is produced regularly by mainstream regional theatres, “Machado’s appeal comes from the fact that he is interested in exploring cultural roots, but…he is one of a growing group of writers moving beyond race politics to emphasize craft and storytelling” (Los Angeles Times).

Havana is Waiting “transmits a head-over-heels love for the theater.” – New York Times

With humor and passion, Eduardo Machado pursues his lifelong exploration of the Cuban-American experience in this new collection of his plays: Havana is Waiting examines the complex relationships that exist not only between men, but between the countries in which they live; the comedy Kissing Fidel is set in an upscale Miami funeral home where a Cuban-American family for its matriarch’s final rights; in The Cook, “the kitchen is used as a metaphor to examine the oppression and betrayals of both exile and revolution [in] a shining theatrical experience” (New Yorker) and Crocodile Eyes examines the lives of men without jobs, food or spiritual guidance who find hope in the teachings of the fascist brown shirts.

“The existential pain of exile, the confusion of sexual identity and the complex legacies of the Cuban revolution are predominant in Mr. Machado’s writing.” – New York Times

Eduardo Mahado was born in Cuba and came to the United States when he was nine, growing up in Los Angeles. He is the author of more than forty plays, including In the Eye of the Hurricane, Once Removed and Stevie Wants to Play the Blues. He is the head of dramatic playwriting at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts. His first collection of plays, The Floating Island Plays, is published by TCG.
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