



## ***Secret Admirer: - Press Release***

Seattle's Dacha Theatre brings you SECRET ADMIRER, an interactive digital show that invites audiences to RSVP for a virtual reunion sleepover with four best-friends-since-middle-school—and to join the fun as the BFFs rediscover their old favorite pastime: playing “Secret Admirer,” an original ‘90s-era deductive board game with a digital twist.

When Autumn, Maya, Raven, and Zoe graduated from sixth grade, they celebrated by eating too much pizza, codifying the rules of best-friendship in gel pen, and sharing secrets over a round of their very cool new prom-themed board game, “Secret Admirer.” Now, three “Spice Girls” reunions later, Autumn is getting married—and the four friends are ready to reconnect, revive their time-tested rules, and rediscover their affection for the nostalgia-infused board game... Until the “secret admirers” from the game itself—high school boys, all—suddenly appear in the Zoom room, ready to spill the beans on the BFFs with some old secrets of their own.

Created by Danielle Mohlman with Dacha Theatre and directed by Kate Drummond, this devised digital play features an original board game—and invites audiences to play along. Using the B.F.F. 2000™—an intelligent game interface in the stream chat—audiences will gather clues and work together to save our four friends from a game hell-bent on taking them back to high-school for good.

Virtual reunions, well-loved board games, and 90s-kid nostalgia meet in SECRET ADMIRER, an original, interactive show for a digital platform!

This interactive digital play saves a pillow at the slumber party for the exhilaration (and occasional awkwardness) of enduring friendship—and the power of revisiting the past, growing pains and all. Remember, don't blame the player... blame the game.

SECRET ADMIRER runs from March 19th - April 4th, with all performances happening virtually. Tickets are available on a sliding scale, with tiered pricing ranging from \$25-50. A pay-what-you-can option is always available. The amount an audience member chooses to pay for their ticket has no bearing on what access or experience they have in the show. Tickets are available online at [dachatheatre.com/tickets](https://dachatheatre.com/tickets).

Founded in 2016, Dacha Theatre is a Seattle-based theater company that specializes in devised, immersive, and playful work. SECRET ADMIRER is the latest installment in Dacha's all digital season, following the success of :ROBOT\_FACE: (Fall 2020). See page 2 for more information on SECRET ADMIRER, including show dates and personnel.



**Secret Admirer – Production Information**

**Creator and Writer:** Danielle Mohlman

**Director:** Kate Drummond<sup>y</sup>

**Creative Team:** Nick O’Leary\* (game designer), Ryan Long\* (co-writer and script supervisor), Mike Lion<sup>y</sup> (streaming director), Evelyn Robertson\* (graphic designer), Kyle Levien\* (sound designer and composer), Amber Parker (lighting and scenic designer), Olivia Kridle (assistant director), Hannah Rae Bracey (animator and associate graphic designer), Casey Bowen\* (audience interactivity consultant)

**Production Team:** Haley Thomas (stage management), Claire Stark<sup>y</sup> (production management), Orianna O’Neill<sup>y</sup>, Emily Huntingford<sup>y</sup>, Beth Pollack<sup>y</sup>

**Cast:** Minki Bai\*, Bailey Ellis\*, Emily Huntingford<sup>y</sup>, Kpojo Kparyea, Alexandra Kronz\*, Gavin Michaels, Mimi Santos\*, Megan Twamley\*, Spencer J. Vigil

**Venue:** Virtual, via Twitch

**Opening:** March 19th, 2021 – 7:00PM PT      **Closing:** April 4th, 2021 – 6:00PM PT

**Shows – (All times listed in Pacific Standard Time)**

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Friday</i>   | <i>March 19th</i> | <i>7:00PM</i>        | <i>Opening Night</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>March 20th</i> | <i>7:00PM</i>        |                      |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>March 21st</i> | <i>2:00PM</i>        |                      |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>March 25th</i> | <i>7:00PM</i>        |                      |
| <i>Friday</i>   | <i>March 26th</i> | <i>7:00PM</i>        |                      |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>March 27th</i> | <i>7:00PM</i>        |                      |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>March 28th</i> | <i>2:00PM</i>        |                      |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>April 1st</i>  | <i>7:00PM</i>        |                      |
| <i>Friday</i>   | <i>April 2nd</i>  | <i>7:00PM</i>        |                      |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>April 3rd</i>  | <i>7:00PM</i>        |                      |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>April 4th</i>  | <i>2:00PM/6:00PM</i> | <i>Closing Night</i> |

**Tickets:** Sliding Scale:

\$35 Suggested | \$25 Discounted | Pay-What-You-Can | \$50 Patron Tier

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More information available at [dachatheatre.com/secret](https://dachatheatre.com/secret).

\* indicates a Dacha company members

<sup>y</sup> indicates a Dacha board member — Dacha Theatre is run by a producing board made up of six directors, actors, and creators, which manages the artistic, financial, and production elements of the organization.