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## **Relapse - Program Note**

Commissioned by the Washington National Opera at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and first produced at the Kennedy Center during the 2018/2019 season.

### **roles (in order of appearance):**

Marina - soprano

Nurse - baritone

Jessie, Marina's sister - soprano

Aaron, Marina's boyfriend - tenor

### **synopsis:**

Marina wakes up in a hospital room after a serious drug overdose. As she pieces together the details of how she wound up so debilitated by her dependence on the pills, the formidable challenges of overcoming her addiction slowly come into fresh focus. In the chaos of influence from those who want her to make a full recovery and those who would perpetuate her cycle of dependency, Marina has to decide for herself if and how she will move forward.