

### Diana Varco - Artist / Agent





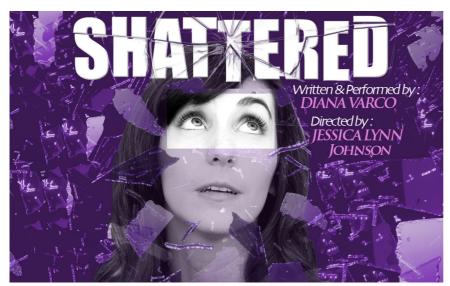
'Clever, brilliant, disturbing, funny and heartbreaking all in equal measure' BroadwayBaby.com

FringeBiscuit.com

'Dramatic, emotional and brilliantly done' Derek Awards - Edinburgh Fringe 'Hilarious, harrowing, & inspiring'

# Shattered

A tragicomedy solo play about resilience & trauma recovery - told through 35+ characters



What starts with solo artist Diana Varco asking herself 'Why don't I date much?' becomes a shocking and satirical exploration of past experiences that shaped her views of dating, sex and relationships.

Through narration, flashback and character personification, Diana delivers a powerhouse performance - opening up nuanced conversations around mental health, sexual agency, the power of Shame and much more.

Using comedy to navigate tragedy, *Shattered* ultimately tells the tale of one individual picking up the broken pieces of herself and learning to live again.











Content warning:
Mature themes, contains discussion of sexual assault
and potentially distressing moments, strong language.



**Diana Varco (Writer/Performer)** - is an Upright Citizens Brigade and Groundlings trained expert improvisor, storyteller and actress. Since its premiere in 2017, Diana's solo show *Shattered* has graced many stages in Los Angeles, New York, Iceland, Finland, Sweden and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. With over 10 years experience in comedy, Diana co-created and co-produced *Ladies' Night* - a variety show dedicated to the celebration of female identifying and non-binary artists (which ran for over 5 years), co-created and co-produced the improv-based web series *Riding Buddies* (available on YouTube), and co-wrote the pilot *Mom Circle* (available on the Undiscovered Scripts Podcast.)
Find out more at: www.dianavarco.com or follow @dianavarco on all social platforms.

**Jessica Lynn Johnson (Director/Solo Theatre Guidance) -** is a published playwright, recipient of Best National Solo Artist Award, Board Member of the LA Women's Theatre Festival, Director for Whitefire Theatre's SoloFest, and Founder & CEO of Soaring Solo LLC. Jessica works as a full-time Director & Developer of solo theatre, having aided in the development of over 150 solo shows (and still going strong)! As a performer, Jessica has educated and entertained international audiences touring her own 25-character, one-person shows *ZE* and *Oblivious To Everyone* for over 15 years. Over the years, Jessica's projects have taken home Top of Fringe, HFF Encore Producer Awards and several other awards! For more information, visit: www.JessicaLynnJohnson.com.

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"Every feature of this play takes creativity to another level." EdFringeReview.com

## Diana's Mission:

To break down stigma, build compassion and cultivate joy - through the power of the creative arts

#### **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Performance of Shattered

A live or taped performance of Shattered (or excerpt of the show), followed by a Q&A with Diana or panel discussion.

## • Speaking Presentation

A carefully crafted 'key note' speech to highlight a topic of choice, using references or excerpts from Shattered and other elements of Diana's creative work.

## • Educational Enrichment

A 60 minute workshop led by Diana on a theme of Shattered and/or her artistic journey.

Runtime: 60-65 minutes Playing venues: 35 to 300 seats Suitable for ages: 16+

#### Themes include:

- Mental Health
- Sexual Assault
- Creative Expression
- Compassion
- Suicidal Ideation
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Dating & Relationships
- The Power of Shame
- Post-traumatic Growth

A Shattered performance with talk-back discussion, 'key note' speech, or workshop presentation is great for:

- **Community Engagement**
- Education
- Personal Growth
- Fundraising
- **Entertainment**
- Female Empowerment\*\*

\*\*Female identifying and non-binary

## **Past Performances & Presentations**

- Edinburgh Festival Fringe
- Gothenburg Fringe Festival
- Reykjavík Fringe Festival
- Solo Voce Festival NYC
- LA Women's Theatre Festival
- Whitefire Theatre SoloFest
- Antioch University
- Joshua Tree Solo Theatre Festival
- Melbourne Fringe Festival (virtual)
- Sydney Fringe Festival (virtual)
- Brighton Fringe Festival (virtual)
- United Solo (Off-Broadway)

Diana's website: dianavarco.com/

Show's page: dianavarco.com/shattered---solo-show.html

- Performance Pack
- Outreach Information

• Tech Rider

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Press: dianavarco.com/press.html

- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/dianavarco
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