

# KAREN LI

Playwright

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## FULL LENGTH

Canton Waterfront

**Semifinalist (Announcement Pending)**

O'Neill NPC 2026

**Nominee**

Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, 2026

**Enhanced Staged Reading**

Baltimore Center Stage, 2025

**December 2024:** *Canton Waterfront* was commissioned by Baltimore Center Stage as one of three plays supported in the inaugural year of the Lab410 new play development program. During the four month residency, *Canton Waterfront* progressed from outline to completed first draft

**April 2025:** Final residency presentation at Baltimore Center Stage, public reading with actors at music stands.

**August 2025:** After the conclusion of the residency, Baltimore Center Stage selected *Canton Waterfront* for continued development in a two week workshop. The process culminated in two performances as an enhanced staged reading, incorporating design elements and actors with script in hand

From East, Like the Sun

**Production**

Rapid Lemon Productions, 2026

**Writer's Development Cohort**

Sisters Freehold, 2024

**November 2023:** *From East, Like the Sun* was commissioned by Sisters Freehold as one of two plays supported by the Horticulture Playwrights Workshop. During the one year cohort, this play progressed from outline to completed second draft

**April 2024:** Midway table read produced by Sisters Freehold

**October 2024:** Final residency presentation produced by Sisters Freehold, public reading with actors at music stands

## SHORT / ONE ACT

STAR 1100.1

**Audio Drama**

Feminist Fairytales Podcast, 2025

alight, sweethearted

**Production**

Strand Theater Company, 2024

Meltdown

**Festival Production**

Rapid Lemon Productions, 2022

Hotpot at the End of the World

**Festival Production**

Strand Theater Company 2022

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**Workshop**

Playwrights Project, 2012

Surprise in Sea Sharp

**Festival Production**

Underground New Play Festival, 2011

Smoke And

**Festival Production**

Our New Play Spectacular, 2010

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## TRAINING

University of California, San Diego **B.A. Theatre, B.A. Dance**

2011