

## **CLIMATE CHANGE & OTHER SMALL TALK**

### **TRAILER TRANSCRIPT**

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#### **SUNNY DRAKE:**

I'm Sunny Drake, the creator of Climate Change & Other Small Talk. In 2019, I sailed on a tall ship in the Arctic Circle. I got to spend a few weeks onboard with 30 artists and scientists. The first day we sailed through massive sheets of ice on the water, I thought: *I am going to die!* I had no idea a boat could cut through ice like that! And I found it wasn't only these ice floes cracking open, but also my own resistance to truly facing the total mess we're making of everything. So many of us know what's going on, we care about what's going on, so why aren't most of us doing more to address climate change? I grappled with this question onboard and frantically wrote a dozen short plays.

#### **EXCERPT FROM AUDIO PLAY:**

*SOUND: A storm is raging and flood water gushes into a home*

2:                   Actually, Amazon aren't you now in charge of Emergency Services?

AMAZON:         Yes, I am.

2:                   So could you help?

AMAZON:         Yes, I could.

*Beat.*

1:                   What's happening, are you helping?

AMAZON:         No, I'm not.

2:                   Why aren't you helping?

AMAZON:         I'm sorry, I don't understand the question.

1:                   We need help, why are you not helping?

AMAZON:         I can only help when there is an Emergency.

2:                   You don't consider this an Emergency?

AMAZON: I can assure you my share price is the best it's ever been. Would you like to purchase shares?

2: We're in a flood.

AMAZON: A rising tide lifts all boats.

**SUNNY DRAKE:**

When our tall ship arrived at Ny-Ålesund, the world's northernmost climate research station, I had an idea. Scientists up there collaborate with hundreds of weather stations globally. And I was inspired by this teamwork, so I decided to invite 9 other playwrights from around the world to become "story scientists." Together, we're delving into the human side: the stories we're told, the stories we tell ourselves, and the ways they shape our responses to climate change.

Our constellation of audio dramas, creations and events is CLIMATE CHANGE & OTHER SMALL TALK.

The pilot episode is directed by Weyni Mengesha and co-produced by myself, Sunny Drake, and Why Not Theatre.

You can find out more at [sunnydrake.com](http://sunnydrake.com)