



MOONBASE THETA, OUT PRESS KIT

Moonbase Theta, Out is a sci-fi audio drama available everywhere podcasts can be found, and online at monkeymanproductions.com.

SUMMARY

It is 2098. The Moonbase program, owned and operated by corporate enclaves back on Earth, has been determined unprofitable. The last base, Theta, is twenty weeks from being decommissioned. Most of the crew is in stasis awaiting retrieval. Five remain – Roger Bragado-Fischer, Nessa Cheong, Ashwini Ray, Michell L'Anglois, and Wilder.

In Season 1, Roger Bragado-Fischer, Communications, reported to management in a series of official weekly broadcasts. In Season 2, we experience the personal side of the same series of events through each character's voices – their private journal entries, messages sent to one another and those they care for, so far away. And from that distance, we hear at least one voice in reply.

Join the crew of Moonbase Theta, as well as Roger's husband Alex from back on Earth, as they reach out to share the beauty, the isolation and frustration, the love and enmity, the humour, and the tragedy, as they all count down to the operation's end.



CAST AND CREW

D.J. Sylvis (writer, editor, he/they pronouns)

D.J. has been involved in theatre for over 25 years, and for the last ten years has been Monkeyman Productions' Playwright-in-Residence and Business Manager – but this is his first foray into podcasting! Where do D.J.'s ideas come from? D.J. is inspired by monkeys, robots, cats, the Creature from the Black Lagoon, Bigfoot, that theme song from The Greatest American Hero, Arthur Kopit, 80s-era Justice League comics, various dystopias from his childhood (including Bible School), Lego spacemen, Alfred Hitchcock Presents (mostly the host segments), potato chips, Young's Double Chocolate Stout, yellowed sci-fi paperbacks, friends, enemies, strangers in the night ... and all things strange and wonderful in this world.

Leeman Kessler (Roger Bragado-Fischer, he/him pronouns)

Leeman Kessler is a Nigerian-born American actor who joined Monkeyman Productions in 2008 when he was cast as King Kong. His decade-long collaboration with Monkeyman has seen him acting, directing, and producing, and now he returns to be part of this exciting new podcast serial, Moonbase Theta Out. Listeners might also enjoy his long-running web-series [Ask Lovecraft](#) whose genesis began on the stage with Monkeyman and which was featured in the Toronto Fringe. He is patiently endured by his wife and two children.

Gabriel Taneko (Alexandre Bragado-Fischer, he or they pronouns)

I'm a simple dude from Brazil with a fervorous passion for all things audio related, from music composition, sound design, tracking, mixing, mastering, the technological aspects of microphones and recording gear, and also folk metal. Other types of metal, too, but mostly folk. Voice acting was my first real dream (I still love it and I still pursue a full fledged career in it), but now it has permanently evolved into audio in general, and my ultimate dream, now, is to build my own studio for voice over and music production! Now I'm here, involved in the production of Moonbase Theta, Out, hoping to get some good laughs, make some new friends and add another shining star to my portfolio!

Cass McPhee (Michell L'Anglois, he/they pronouns)

Cass McPhee is a trans voice actor / writer, with a pinch of dungeon master thrown in for good measure. A graduate of UNB for English / Communications, Cass cut his theatrical teeth with the Saint John Theatre Company before moving to Toronto. After swindling a President's Medal out of Humber College by way of their Comedy Writing and Performance program, Cass studied voice acting under the inimitable Tracey Hoyt, and improv with the Bad Dog Theatre Company. His voice is heard in ESL learning materials and instruction videos across the globe. As a trans masculine voice actor with a naturally melodic voice, Cass tends to voice characters in the feminine spectrum. He is thrilled to finally lend his voice to a character who is also a trans man. Cass lives with Maya, his cat, and Joey, his sourdough starter.



Elissa Park (Nessa Cheong, she or they pronouns)

Elissa Park is a Toronto based voice actor who's been providing voice work for animations and games for almost 8 years. You can hear them on some other podcasts like The Cat Lover's Circumstances, God Complex, Nym's Nebulous Notions, and the upcoming Adventures of Beauty and the Beast! Elissa Park is extremely excited to be involved in Moonbase Theta Out, and to have the opportunity to work with other great actors from the very spicy province of Ontario and ACROSS SPACE.

Tau Zaman (Ashwini Ray, they/them/their pronouns)

Tau Zaman is the creator of CARAVAN, a weird-west audio adventure. Before that, Tau served as a staff writer for ars PARADOXICA, the flagship audio drama of podcast collective The Whisperforge. Never one to get a moment's shut-eye, they helmed as Head Writer on Liminus, a performance experience that blends AR gaming technology with live theatre. Tau is so excited to lend their voice to some of their favorite audio dramas such as The AM Archives (by Atypical Artists) and Moonbase Theta, Out (by Monkeyman Productions). If you're lucky, you may also catch their burlesque alter-ego on a stage near you.

Tina Daniels (Wilder, she/her pronouns)

When she's not fighting her cats for control of her recording space, she enjoys reading, creating coffee drinks, and pretending she'll one day complete her Pokédex. As well as appearing as Wilder, Tina is currently a writer for Oakpodcast and stars as Elizabeth in the upcoming show The Influx Podcast. Other credits include Greater Boston, Forest Guide, The Beacon, and Lesser Evils. For information on upcoming projects, vegan recipes, and fur baby pictures, she can be found on twitter at @_tinad.

Jen Ponton (Tumnus, she/her pronouns)

Jen Ponton is an actor, writer, and fat activist, best known for her work on "Dietland," "30 Rock," and "The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt." She's been featured on many podcasts, including Still Got It, WhoHaHa's Woman of Size, and Mortified. She currently has several pilots in development. A lifelong New Jerseyan, she loves pizza, cursing, and The Boss. For more information, visit www.jenponton.com.

GUEST STARS

S1E12 – HE Casson as "Moddy Sarah" (pronouns they/them, character pronouns they/them)
S2E5 – To Be Announced
S2E6 – To Be Announced
S2E7 – To Be Announced
S2E8 – To Be Announced
S2 IPM Special Episode – Multiple Guests To Be Announced

Theme music is "Star" by the band Ramp. <http://www.ramp-music.net/>

Cover art was created by Peter Chiykowski. <http://lookitpeter.com/>



REVIEWS / QUOTES

From the *Audio Dramatic* newsletter by [Elena Fernandez Collins](#):

"I continue to be impressed by how much character, world-building, and plot the creator has compacted into five-minute episodes, and how much life voice actor Leeman Kessler brings to Roger."

From Tor.com's [8 Sweet, Funny, Thrilling Queer Fiction Podcasts](#):

"Going into Monkeyman Productions' inaugural fiction podcast, knowing that it concerns a decommissioned corporate Moon base counting down its final weeks of operation, one would expect a bleak science fiction story about loneliness and the evils of capitalism. Instead, it's *hopeful*."

From *The Full Lid* newsletter by [Alasdair Stuart](#):

"Moonbase Theta, Out is everything science fiction likes to say it is. Character driven, action defined, intellectual and concerned with the human condition as well as the unfolding plot."

From [Atticus's Attic – A Listener Reviews](#):

"It takes some very careful planning and creativity to build an intro, bit of intrigue, emotional punch, and outro within just a few minutes."

Twitter Quotes:

[@Oz9podcast](#) – "... the attention to detail without losing the power of the story. It's beautifully balanced."

[@inn_between](#) – "The tone of it is professional and focused on moonbase business, with subtle (and then increasingly less subtle) hints of characterization and worldbuilding. Through sparse details, the show creates a complex and fascinating window into a world."

[@malene_gitte](#) – "[@MonkeymanProd](#) is making a wonderful show Moonbase Theta, Out. Don't let the length of the episodes fool you. It's amazing how much information you get in every episode, and it shows, that great writing and acting can tear you up in a matter of minutes."

[@Sckit](#) – "'Moonbase Theta, Out' from [@MonkeymanProd](#) is SO GOOD. Cannot wait for everyone to hear it!! I HAVE EMOTIONS."



HOW TO FIND MTO

Moonbase Theta, Out can be listened to online through most popular podcast applications, or [on our company site](#). You can also find subscription links for iTunes, Google Podcasts, Stitcher, and Spotify, among others, on that page.

Season 1 episodes were released from November 12, 2018 through March 17, 2019, with two bonus episodes released in April. Season 2 will premiere on Sunday, August 18, 2019, with new episodes being released every two weeks from there. S2 is ten episodes long, with several bonus episodes thereafter. Transcripts are available on the website on Wednesdays following release.

A special flashback episode of Moonbase Theta, Out will be included as a part of this year's [International Podcast Month](#).

DIVERSITY IN STORYTELLING

Monkeyman Productions is committed to telling stories featuring queer characters, ethnically diverse characters, disabled and neurodivergent characters, and those from other marginalized groups in strong, positive, enduring roles. In some of these aspects, we recognize that we are starting from a place of privilege; in all of them, we attempt to listen and learn and continue growing through everything we create. If you have questions, comments, or critiques, we want to hear them.

CONTENT WARNINGS

Moonbase Theta, Out was designed to be basically 'PG' in content. There is some accidental violence and a few mentions of death, and some of the situations are morally ambiguous. There are dark and anxious moments throughout the story.



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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

You can find a high-resolution version of our cover art [here](#).

All our episodes are available as listed above; but [here is a direct link to our promo episode](#) as well. And now our [Season 2 promo episode!](#)