**45 Coffee Dates**

***“In search of my soul-mate through cyberspace & beyond!”***

***(Based on the book and a true story)***

**Written & Performed by Antonia Kasper**

**Directed by Katherine Elliot**

With her biological clock ticking, thirty-nine-year-old New Yorker, Rachel Yardley is propelled into doing something that goes against everything she believes in—Online Dating. Challenged by her sister’s dare to meet fifty men in ninety days, Rachel rises to the occasion. While desperately speed dating at Starbucks, she questions her past choices in ex-boyfriends, abusive/abandonment issues with her father, and why the only unconditional love she has ever known…is with her dog.

Take the humorous and timely rollercoaster ride as Rachel Yardley races against her

biological clock to find Mr. Right (and possibly conceive a child). Can this woman who

feels “past her prime” find true love in a city where the odds are against her?

**Antonia Kasper** is writer, producer, actress, and director. Right before the shutdown, *The Playwrights Circle*, produced a staged reading of her short play, ***Sleeping with Harvey***, in February 2020. Last summer, she produced, wrote, and directed ***True Confessions of The Straight Man*** – *(A 90’s Farce) w*hich premiered during and celebrated World Pride in NYC.

She has performed stand-up at Gotham Comedy Club, Broadway Comedy Club and has studied at Circle in The Square and The Actors Studio. With a BA in Theater and English from Tulane University, Antonia has written, produced, directed, and performed many theatrical projects throughout the United States as well as in Europe. During the pandemic, she recently founded ***The Solo Artists’ Mastermind Group*,** which meets monthly via zoom and helps seasoned solo performers stay creative, supportive, and accountable in their artistic pursuits. Her production company, ***Kasper Productions***, focuses on women geared material.

Since writing ***45 Coffee Dates***, based on her true story, she has been a guest speaker as a dating expert and has formed The Dating Smart Workshops for both men and women. She hopes her show and book inspires everyone that… ***“It’s never too late for self-discovery…or love!”***

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Running Time: 20 minutes (excerpts from the show)

Triggers: Broad humor, jokes about dating and men, mention of mental/emotional abuse

Age: 18 and over