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POTUS



What happens when the President of the United States causes chaos and his aides have to clean up the mess? We all know the answer, thanks to so many Bob Woodward books. But can it be funny? That's a question that falls to Selina Fillinger, a twenty-eight-year-old playwright making her Broadway début with "POTUS: Or, Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive." The farce, which begins previews on April 14, at the Shubert, features such comedic sharpshooters as Rachel Dratch, Julie White, Vanessa Williams, and Lea DeLaria, as the women scrambling to contain an unseen President's P.R. disaster. It's a big step for Fillinger, whose most recent play was at the tiny Roundabout Underground, but she has a veteran in her corner: the Tony Award-winning Susan Stroman ("The Producers") directs.

<u>— Michael Schulman</u>

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