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**STILL LIVES (First performance, 2001)**

In this drama, written by WOMEN AT PLAY and including original songs and music, several paintings come to life.

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ACT 1

SCENE 7

AT RISE: A painting of DIEGO RIVERA and FRIDA KAHLO. DIEGO and FRIDA enter frame, pose, then move out of frame and DSC.

DIEGO

Frida de mi corazon. Do you mock me?

FRIDA

Diego de los dios, my love, I merely gather together my brows.

DIEGO

Ah, but they are mockinbirds, those eyebrows. They will take wing and pierce my heart. I will bleed until I am white, like an angel, and I will leave you here in the darkness.

FRIDA

Diego, love, what you see are swallows. So much I have swallowed. Your affairs. My own sister, sangre de cristo. Your dick. I am so full of you, it is a mockery to stand before my mirror. An angel? Do you think heaven is as forgiving as I am?

DIEGO

Compared to my life with you I think anything else must be heaven.

FRIDA

Now who mocks?

(As the lights dim on them, they turn their backs and sit on the edge of the musician's platform with the BAG LADY. She looks at them, but they don't seem to see her)

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