

**LA MAMA PRESENTS**  
**SURAT**  
**SURATNYA**  
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A collaboration between Stage of Wawan Sofwan, Ria Soemardjo and Sandra Fiona Long following 25 years of creative award-winning collaboration.

From 1965-67 Ibu Helen lived in Jakarta with her Indonesian husband, a trade unionist, and their two young children while a violent political purge unfolded in Indonesia. Ibu Helen wrote letters home to her family in Gippsland, first full of enthusiasm for the political ideals inspiring many people with hope, then slowly becoming more guarded as friends and family 'disappeared' and danger enveloped her family. Surat-Suratnya takes over La Mama HQ's theatre and rehearsal hub with two performances inspired by these letters: a monologue 'Our Last Dinner was Sayur Lodeh', capturing Helen's last meal in Jakarta before fleeing to the relative safety of Australia, and an immersive sound installation 'Between The Letters', by Ria Soemardjo, reflecting on the impact of these events on her family.

**WRITERS** Wawan Sofwan and Ratna Ayu Budiarti,  
**BASED ON THE LETTERS AND INTERVIEWS OF Ibu Helen.**

**DIRECTOR:** Wawan Sofwan  
**ACTOR:** Ellen Marning | **PERFORMER / CREATOR:** Ria Soemardjo  
**COMPOSER:** Kurnia Eka Fajar | **DESIGNER:** Yudith Christianto  
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**PROJECT MANAGER / STAGE MANAGER:** Nirvana Vania  
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