Emily Swain as Ruth Madoff:

"Emily Swain gives a sincere and multi-layered performance... capturing intense mood swings and a complicated character – reminiscent of Norma Desmond or Blanche DuBois." – Theatre & Tonic

"The central performance by Emily Swain is a solipsistic triumph... Under a shocking blond wig, she clings to dignity in reduced circumstances. Swain's performance suggests she may just have an inkling of how monstrous she is." – The Peg Review

"Performing an almost one-woman show is no easy feat, and Emily Swain's take on Ruth is energetic and driven." – A Youngish Perspective

"Emily Swain is committed – veering between longing, cursing, setting dinner for absent sons, and planning a surreal elopement with an Italian pizza delivery man." – Salterton Arts Review



Emily Swain as Ruth Maydoff in RUTHLESS & Evan Emmanuel as the Pizza Boy Marco 2025





