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SOMETHING ROTTEN!

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> > RUTH N. HALLS THEATRE

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THEATRE & DANCE



Message from the chair



Greetings and welcome to the IU Theatre and Dance 2022–2023 production season!

We are energized with the offerings

we have for our students and audiences this year. Live performance is a place for communities to gather for engaged storytelling. Our stories this year are exciting, meaningful, and express the zeitgeist of our world. We welcome you into the theatres to experience the work of our students and faculty as they create, construct, and share their skills and artistry with our community.

This year we welcome many new guest artists and faculty to our department and are so grateful for their expertise and invaluable experience in mentoring, teaching, and working with our students. We'd like to take a moment to welcome two of our new faculty whose work you will see on our mainstage season: Professor Sam White, director of *The Winter's Tale*, and Professor Robert F. Burden, Jr., the director of our fall dance concert, *Journeys of Joy*. We wish a fond farewell to two long time anchors in our department. Professor Terry LaBolt will be retiring at the end of this year, and we are so appreciative of the guidance and care with which he's molded the vocal technique of our B.F.A. musical theatre students. Costume Studio Supervisor Robbie Stanton retired at the end of June, 2022. It is with affection and tremendous gratitude that the department thanks Robbie for his four decades of expertise, mentorship, and dedication to costume making and design for Indiana University Theatre & Dance.

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We look forward to having you join us for all of our live performances this year and wish you our very best for the 2022–2023 academic year!

With Gratitude, Linda Pisano



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Cast

- **NICK BOTTOM** Evan Vaughan
- NIGEL BOTTOM Jaden Holtschlag
 - BEA Sydney Greene

Malachi Watson

- **PORTIA** Cynthia Kauffman
- **SHAKESPEARE** Devin McDuffy
- **NOSTRADAMUS** Amanda Fawell
- MINSTREL, ENSEMBLE SWING
 - BROTHER JEREMIAH Roberto Russo
 - **CLAPHAM** Ben Sanderson
 - SHYLOCK Hannah Zeldin
 - **ENSEMBLE** Cat Barker
 - **ENSEMBLE** KC Lamont
 - **ENSEMBLE** Katy Plaziak
 - **ENSEMBLE** Lucy Ferguson
 - **ENSEMBLE** Mackenzie Bunzel-Hardie
 - **ENSEMBLE** Mikayla White*
 - **ENSEMBLE** Molly Munn
 - **ENSEMBLE** Chandler Deppert
 - **ENSEMBLE** Jake Kline
 - ENSEMBLE U/S: NICK, CLAPHAM

ENSEMBLE, U/S: NIGEL N

Matthew Mason Baker

Jacob Jackson



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Cast, continued

ENSEMBLE, U/S: NOSTRADAMUS	Kate Glaser
ENSEMBLE, U/S: MINSTREL	Luke Swaller
ENSEMBLE, U/S: BEA	Alanna Porter
ENSEMBLE, U/S: BROTHER JEREMIAH	Justin Tidd
ENSEMBLE, U/S: SHYLOCK	Ryan Skurnak
U/S: SHAKESPEARE	Maya Owens
U/S: PORTIA	Alexa Norbeck
SWING	Laura Rong

Musicians

Conductor/Key 1 Brandon Magid

> **Key 2** Dusty Marlatt

Key 3 Joe Chrisman

Drums Jacob Bauman **Bass** Cat Barker

Bass Maya Toffler

Guitar 1 Tony Mastroberti

Guitar 2 Cam MacLean-Kennedy Violin Emily Nehus

Reed Chance Davis

Trombone Leah Warman

Trumpet Jack Kurtz

Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

Welcome to the Renaissance — Jeremiah, Portia, Ensemble
Welcome to the Renaissance (Playoff) — Ensemble
God, I Hate Shakespeare — Nick, Nigel, Ensemble
Right Hand Man — Bea, Nick, Nigel
God, I Hate Shakespeare (Reprise) — Nick
A Musical — Nick, Nostradamus, Ensemble
A Musical (Tag) — Nick and Nostradamus
The Black Death — Nick, Nigel, Ensemble
I Love the Way — Portia and Nigel
Will Power — Shakespeare, Nigel, Portia, Ensemble
Shakespeare's After Party — Ensemble
Bottom's Gonna Be on Top — Nick, Nigel, Bea, Shylock, Shakespeare, Ensemble

ACT TWO

Welcome to the Renaissance (Reprise) — Minstrel Hard to Be the Bard — Shakespeare and Ensemble It's Eggs — Nick and Ensemble We See the Light — Portia, Nigel, Jeremiah, Ensemble Nigel's Theme — Nigel To Thine Own Self Be True — Nigel and Ensemble To Thine Own Self (Part 2) — Nick and Ensemble Right Hand Man (Reprise) — Bea Something Rotten — Nick, Shakespeare, Ensemble Make an Omelette — Nick, Nostradamus, Shakespeare, Ensemble To Thine Own Self (Reprise) — Nick and Nigel Shakespeare in Court — Ensemble Welcome to America — Nick, Nigel, Bea, Portia, Ensemble

Production team

Dramaturg David Davila

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Sound Run Crew

Bryce Cain Angela Carraher Elijah Carpenter Jayden Buckner



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The Intimacy Coordinator is a member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, a national theatrical labor union.

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Dramaturg's note



When *Something Rotten!* first hit the Broadway stage it was met with a show-stopping standing ovation halfway through Act One after the spoofy musical number, "A Musical" roasted and satirized the entire twentieth century Broadway canon. I know, because I was there, in the audience of the St. James Theatre on the evening of the first preview and it was completely and utterly electric. However, as audiences raved about the comedic gold apparent in this send up of Shakespeare and the American Musical, they were equally verbal about their criticisms of

the piece. Many noted that though the musical pointed to the absurdity in the lack of opportunities for women in theatre, it reinforced the very status quo it was investigating. There are only two speaking roles for female identifying actors, and both characters exist only to serve the story arcs of the male characters—it's a major Bechdel Test fail.

So I was thrilled when director DJ Gray shared her idea to cast women in several key male roles to balance the inequality of representation within the show. Using women to play men makes perfect sense for a show that lampoons the Renaissance, where all female roles were played by men in drag. In fact, it's popular folk etymology that the word drag is an acronym used in Shakespeare's stage directions for "DRessed As Girl" or "Dressed Resembling A Girl." Though there is no historical evidence that Shakespeare invented this term, the legend is popular enough for RuPaul, the Queen of Drag herself to tote it as fact all over primetime media. Shakespeare after all, is credited with having invented over fourteen hundred words in the English language. Or did he? A major plot point of the show revolves around the long standing rumor that Shakespeare stole all of his ideas. Though it's possible there's no truth to these claims, it's well within our rights and perhaps even our duty to investigate this rumor and explore the possibility that Shakespeare rode on the backs of a number of uncredited artists. He wouldn't be the first or last to do so. How many women and other marginalized people have had to be content being the wind beneath a Shakepeare's wing? There's even a fabulous new musical currently playing on Broadway called "& Juliet" that imagines Shakepeare's wife as one of his uncredited co-writers. It's certainly trying to grapple with the same problematic ideas we consistently find amid the Western canon.

It's these questions about representation and equity that make *Something Rotten!* the perfect piece to examine in an academic setting. And how fitting a time to celebrate the long historic art of drag on stage when only three hundred miles from us in Tennessee, it has so recently been criminalized. It's hard to imagine any of these talented students being arrested for entertaining us tonight. One has to wonder as you watch this beautiful, rauchhaus, zany, and irreverent production, whether or not the children of the Renaissance were in fact corrupted, as some contemporary politicians might suggest, by watching men dress in women's clothing as they played the great roles of Juliet, Rosalind, Portia, Cordelia, Ophelia, or Lady Macbeth.

David Davila, Dramaturg

Cast



MATTHEW MASON BAKER

(Ensemble, U/S: Nigel Bottom)

(he/him) is a Junior B.F.A. Musical Theatre major with minor in Arts Management. He is incredibly excited to

be a part of the Something Rotten! cast. For IUST: Joseph...Dreamcoat (Reuben/Baker). For IU Theatre: Gross Indecency (Harris/Taylor/ Lockwood), Carrie (Swing, Mr. Stevens/Reverend Bliss u/s), Light in the Piazza (Fabrizio), Boys in the Band (Emory). University Players: Footloose (Jeter), Puffs (J.Finch Fletchley/Others), Camp Redacted (Chet). He is extremely grateful for his supportive friends, family, and faculty for helping and encouraging him along the way. @m_bake11 matthewmasonbaker.com.



MACKENZIE BUNZEL-HARDIE

(Ensemble, Voice Captain)

(she/her) is so thrilled to be performing in Something Rotten! Originally from California. Mackenzie is a

sophomore studying to get her B.F.A. in musical theatre. Her past IU credits include Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Great Comet, Sweeney Todd, Nice Jewish Boy, and Light in the Piazza. Some of her other favorite credits include Christine in Phantom of the Opera and Hope in Anything Goes. She would like to thank the amazing cast and crew of Something Rotten! for such a joy-filled rehearsal process and a safe and loving environment to learn and grow in. She would also like to thank her friends and family for their endless support and encouragement. She hopes you enjoy the show!



CHANDLER DEPPERT (Ensemble)

(he/they) is a first-year B.A. student in acting. He is extremely excited to be in his first IU main stage production of *Something Rotten!* He formerly acted in *The Lightning Thief*

(Grover) for Stages Bloomington, *Carousel* (Enoch Snow) for Sounds of South, *Beauty and the Beast* (Lefou) for Sounds of South. Chandler was born and raised as a townie in Bloomington, IN.



AMANDA FAWELL

(Nostradamus)

(she/her) Fawell is a fourth-year IU student pursuing her B.F.A. in Musical Theatre and Minor in Creative Writing. For Regional Theatre: Bigfork Summer Playhouse- *Guys*

& Dolls (Adelaide), The Full Monty (Vikki Nichols), Freaky Friday (Hannah/ Dance Captain), Mamma Mia! (Ens/ Donna US), Constellation Stage- Elf! (Deb). For IU Theatre: Everybody (Somebody), Carrie (Norma), The Well of Horniness (Narrator), Little Women (Meg), Crazy for You (Elaine/ Showgirl). Amanda is also a proud alumna of the Jimmy Awards (2019). Amanda is from Framingham, MA. She would like to thank her family, friends, and professors for their continued love and support!



LUCY FERGUSON

(Ensemble)

(she/her) is a first-year B.F.A. musical theatre major from St. Louis, MO. She is thrilled to be making her IU mainstage debut! Favorite credits: *Chicago* (Teen Ensemble)

and *Legally Blonde* (Off-Stage Singer) at The MUNY, *The Sound of Music* (Maria), *Little Women* (Meg March), and *Freaky Friday* (Savannah). Lucy would like to thank the cast and crew for making this production an incredible experience, as well as her family for all their endless love and support!



KATE GLASER

(Ensemble, U/S: Nostradamus)

(she/her) is thrilled to be a part of Something Rotten! as her last show at IU. Kate is a current senior at Indiana University studying

for her B.F.A. in Musical Theatre and minor in arts management. She currently serves as the Artistic Director of University Players, IU's student-run theatre organization that mounts six full scale productions a year. Her most recent work includes swinging for Constellation Stage and Screen's *Elf*, Assistant Directing alongside Broadway's Jerry Dixon on an original musical called *Modern*, appearing as Joanne in IU's production of *Company*. Additional credits include: *Little Women* (Aunt March), *The Threepenny Opera* (Betty), *Shout!* (Yellow), *Young Frankenstein* (Dance Captain), *Chicago* (Mama), and *One Night Only* (Director/Choreographer).



SYDNEY GREENE (Bea)

(she/her) is a junior Musical Theatre major and Arts Management minor. She was last seen on the IU stage in *Carrie* as Helen (Carrie U/S). For Regional Theatre:

Beauty and the Beast (Belle), Footloose (Urleen, Ariel U/S), Cabaret (Rosie), Elf (Ensemble/ Dance Captain). She also serves on the Board of Directors with University Players. She would like to thank her family, friends, and mentors for all of their guidance and support! Special thanks to DJ for this egg-cellent show! Sydgreene.com.



JADEN HOLTSCHLAG

(Nigel Bottom)

(he/him) is a junior studying Musical Theatre at Indiana University. For Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre: Joseph....Dreamcoat (Ensemble/Brother

Swing), Man of La Mancha (Dancer), Carmen (Dancer). For IU: Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812 (Swing/Dance Captain), Carrie (Ensemble/Dance Captain), Footloose (Ren McCormack), Bright Star (Daryl Ames/Dance Captain). For Constellation Stage & Screen: Elf the Musical (Manager/Asst. Choreographer), Modern: A New Musical (Ensemble). Other credits include: Cats (Mr. Mistoffelees). Huge thanks to the cast and crew for all their hard work to make this production possible! Enjoy the show! @jadenholtschlag.



JACOB JACKSON

(Ensemble, U/S: Nick Bottom, Lord Clapham)

(he/him) is a third-year B.F.A. Musical Theatre major from Overland Park, KS. He most recently was seen on the IU stage as *Pierre in*

Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812. He can't quite seem to get enough of Something Rotten! as this is his third time being in the show. Jacob hopes that you never forget how to make an Omelette after watching this egg-cellent production. Much love to DJ, Brandon, and all of his friends and family.



CYNTHIA KAUFFMAN (Portia)

(she/her) is so thrilled to be spending her final semester giggling on stage as Portia in *Something Rotten!* She is a senior Musical Theatre major graduating in

May. IU credits: *Threepenny Opera, Company*. Other credits: *Cats* (Interlakes Theatre), *Cabaret* (Eclipse Theatre), *Sound of Music* (Beef & Boards). Eternally grateful to all my mentors, friends and family for their continuous support.



JAKE KLINE (Ensemble)

(he/him) is a third year B.F.A. Musical Theatre student, originally from Newark, DE. For IU Theatre: *The Threepenny Opera* (Walter), *Joseph and The Amazing*

Technicolor Dreamcoat (Gad/Potiphar). Other: Ordinary Days (Warren) for University Players, Spelling Bee (Chip Tolentino) for Independent Project, Footloose (Cowboy Bob) for University Players, Brightstar (Daddy Cane) for University Players, Shrek (Shrek) for B.E.S.T, School Of Rock (Dewey) for Community Music School. He would love give an immense thanks to his parents for their love and support.



KENDALL CLAIRE LAMONT (Ensemble)

(she/her) is a third year Musical Theatre Major and Dance Minor from Prairieville, LA. IU Mainstage credits include: Carrie

(Ensemble). For University Players: *Lizzie* (Alice Russell), *Footloose* (Wendy Jo), *Bright Star* (Lucy Grant). This past summer she worked at Summer Lyric Theatre at Tulane University in the regional premiere of *Bandstand* (Jo/Ensemble). She would like to thank the cast and crew of *Something Rotten*! and her friends and family for all of their support! Enjoy! kendallclairelamont.com



DEVIN MCDUFFY (Shakespeare)

(he/him) is a third-year student getting his B.F.A. in Musical Theatre. For IU Theatre: *Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812* (Ensemble, u/s: Pierre), *Joseph and the*

Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Judah), The Threepenny Opera (Pastor Kimble, u/s: Robert), Black Superhero Magic Mama (Tom Blackman/ Human Hyena) Others: Elf (Ensemble, u/s: Manager), Heathers (Hipster Dork), 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Mitch Mahoney), Rumors (Ken), Footloose (Lyle). Devin McDuffy is from Indianapolis, IN.



MOLLY MUNN

(Ensemble, Dance Captain)

(she/her) is a third year B.F.A. Musical Theatre student, originally from Cincinnati, OH. She is ecstatic to be back on the main stage

performing this spring. Recent credits include; for IU: *Carrie, Footloose*. Other credits include; for Constellation Stage & Screen: *Elf*, for Interlakes Summer Theatre: *Grease*, *Sister Act*. Molly would like to thank all of her professors for their support and her friends and family. She hopes you enjoy the show!



ALEXA NORBECK

(U/S: Portia)

(she/her) is a junior majoring in B.F.A. Musical Theatre and minoring in Italian. Her hometown is Fredericksburg, VA. For IU Mainstage: 1970s

College Sex Comedy (Lauren), Bowling for Beginners (Sarah), and Twelfth Night (Curio & First Officer). For Constellation Stage & Screen: Anne of Green Gables (Anne Shirley). Other Productions: A Christmas Story (Esther Jane) and Les Misèrables (Cosette). She is thankful for her professors, her castmates and production team, and her family for their love and support.



MAYA OWENS

(U/S: Shakespeare)

(she/her) is a third-year B.F.A. student in Musical Theatre. For IU Theatre, *Everybody* (Somebody), *Carrie* (Frieda), *The Well* of Horniness (Narrator), *Bright Star* (Ensemble),

Into the Woods (Lucinda). Other: If Pretty Hurts Ugly Must be a Muhfucka (Adama) and Peter and the Starcatcher (Smee) at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. She was also a host on a local Indiana PBS kids TV show, Friday Zone! She is from Charlotte, NC.



KATY PLAZIAK (Ensemble)

(she/her) is a secondyear, from Milton, GA, pursuing a B.F.A. Musical Theatre degree here at IU. She is thrilled to be a part of *Something Rotten!* Some of her

past productions include *Carrie the Musical* (Swing), *A Chorus Line* (Cassie), *13 the Musical* (Patrice) and others. Katy is deeply thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the cast and team of *Something Rotten!* and could not do it without the love and support of her IUMT family and her friends and family back home.



ALANNA PORTER

(Ensemble, U/S: Bea)

(she/her) is a third-year IU student pursuing a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre. This will be her third production on the IU mainstage. Outside of rehearsal

Alanna participates in the IU Soul Revue and is a member of the Black Student Union. Additionally, she is a choreographer for multiple choirs throughout Indiana. Some of her other IU credits include: *Jump* (Judy), *Carrie* (Miss Gardener), and *Footloose* (Ethel). Alanna is from Indianapolis,IN. Huge thank you to all involved!



LAURA RONG

(Swing)

(she/her) is a sophomore B.F.A. Musical Theatre major and Arts Management minor. Credits--IU Theatre: *Sweeney Todd* (Dancing Bird/

Ensemble), Firebringer (Keeri/Dance Captain). Other Credits--The Sound of Music (Elsa), Cinderella (Pinkleton), The Addams Family (Choreographer). Upcoming--IUST: Into the Woods (Milky White/Giant's Wife/Snow White/ Dance Captain). She sends unending love and gratitude to her parents! Laura is from Toronto, ON and Terre Haute, IN.



ROBERTO RUSSO

(Brother Jeremiah)

(he/him) is a senior musical theatre major in his final production at Indiana University. Roberto has played several roles in shows here including J.J.

Peachum in *The Threepenny Opera*, Billy Nolan in *Carrie*, and Prof. Bhaer in *Little Women*. He is excited to work with his fellow actors and to be directed once again by the lovely and talented DJ Gray. Roberto would like to dedicate his final performance to his loving family and friends who's continued support drives him to work harder each year.



RYAN SKURNAK

(Ensemble, U/S: Shylock)

(He/him) is a freshman Musical Theatre B.F.A. from Naperville, IL and is grateful to be in his first MainStage production here at IU. His favorite role he has played so

far is Squidward in *SpongeBob SquarePants: The Musical* his senior year of high school. His favorite things to do outside of theater are playing the flute among other instruments, and composing music. He thanks everyone who has supported him up to this point and hopes everyone enjoys the show!



BEN SANDERSON (Lord Clapham)

(he/him) is a first-year B.F.A. Musical Theatre major from Los Angeles and is grateful to be making his mainstage debut! He made his IU debut last semester in

Firebringer (Smelly-Balls) and will be making his professional debut in IU Summer Theatre's *Into the Woods* (Cinderella's Prince/Wolf). Other: *Hairspray* (Link), *Clue* (Wadsworth), ...Spelling *Bee* (Coneybear), *School of Rock* (Ned). Ben dedicates this production to his family and, especially, his loving mom!



LUKE SWALLER

(Ensemble, U/S: Minstrel)

(he/him) is a senior B.F.A. Musical Theatre student from St. Louis, MO. For IU Theatre: *Great Comet of 1812* (Balaga, Assistant Choreo.), The Threepenny

Opera (Ruby/Dance Captain), Spring Awakening (Ernst), Carrie (Ensemble). You may also recognize him from the Bloomington Playwright's Project and Constellation Stage + Screen: Modern: A New Musical (Elijah), Elf the Musical (Ensemble Dancer). He'd like to thank his parents for always supporting and loving him; with love, his last Indiana University performance is dedicated to them.



JUSTIN TIDD

(Ensemble, U/S: Brother Jeremiah)

(he/him) is a junior in the B.F.A. Musical Theatre program from Indianapolis, IN. For IU: *Natasha, Pierre... 1812* (Dolokhov), *The Winter's*

Tale (Stage Manager), Sueño (Assistant Stage Manager). For University Players: Bright Star: Concert Version (Daddy Murphy), Puffs! (Oliver), SLIP! (Stage Manager). Other credits include Ed's Dead by Samantha Gee (Tom). He hopes that you have a wonderful experience watching this incredible show and its fantastic ensemble! Many thanks to his family and friends for all of their support and encouragement.



EVAN VAUGHAN

(Nick Bottom)

(he/him) is a second year student pursuing a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre. Indiana University credits: *Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812* (Andrey/Ensemble),

Carrie: The Musical (Ensemble), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Asher) Other credits include *Elf* (Swing), *Modern* (Maurice). Evan is from Indianapolis, IN and wants to express thanks to his friends and family for all of their support!



MALACHI WATSON

(Minstrel, Ensemble, Swing)

(he/him) is a third year musical theatre major and ecstatic to perform in his fourth mainstage production at IU! For IU Theatre: *The Threepenny*

Opera, *Carrie*, *Gross Indecency*. Favorite credits include *Seven Brides*...(MT Wichita), *Fame* (MT Kansas City), and *Gentleman's Guide* (Festival 56). He'd like to thank his friends and family for support, Kansas Dance Academy for the confidence to audition for a program like IUMT, and his two older sisters for inspiring him to pursue theatre.



MIKAYLA WHITE

(Ensemble)

(she/her) is so excited to be in this hilarious production of *Something Rotten!* She is a New Jersey native and Second Year B.F.A. Musical

Theatre Major. Some of her past productions include IU Theatre: *Great Comet* (Natasha Standby), *Carrie: The Musical* (Ensemble) *Joesph and the Amazing Technicolor DreamCoat* (Narrator) Other: *Ordinary Days* (Claire) *Light in the Piazza* (Franca), *School of Rock: The Musical* (Madison, u/s Tomika). She wants to express her gratitude to the Creative Team and Cast of *Something Rotten!*, Her Family, and Friends. @ mikaylawhiteee



HANNAH ZELDIN (Shylock)

(she/her) is a senior from Atlanta, GA earning a B.F.A in Musical Theatre and minoring in sustainability. For IU Theatre: *Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of*

1812 (Helene), Joseph (Simeon), The Threepenny Opera (Jimmy), The Servant of Two Masters (First Porter), Bonnets (Laurent). For University Players: Bright Star (Margo Crawford), Footloose (Ariel Moore). Hannah has enjoyed performing in and around her hometown of Atlanta in theaters such as The Horizon Theatre, Synchronicity, and The Alliance Theatre.

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LERALDO ANZALDUA

(Fight Choreographer)

is an actor, fight director, and motion capture performer for film and video games. He is also a voiceover actor for anime. Leraldo's fight direction has been seen

at the Houston Grand Opera (including works with director Rob Ashford, John Caird, and the American premiere of *The Passenger*, which later went on to Lincoln Center), and also the Alley Theatre—with Grey Boyd, Teresa Rebeck, and Ken Ludwig—Houston Shakespeare Festival, Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, and Classical Theatre.



LIL CAMPOS

(Cutter/Draper)

is a first-year Costume Technician from Costa Rica. Lil received a B.F.A. and a Licenciatura in Art and Visual communication with an emphasis on textiles

from Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica. Credits for IU Theatre and Dance include: *Everybody* (first-hand), *Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812* (first-hand), and *The Winter's Tale* (wardrobe supervisor).



ELLIOTT CARNELL

(Assistant Technical Director)

is a technical direction graduate student from League City, TX. He graduated from Baylor University with a B.F.A. in Theatre Design and

Technology. Recent credits include ATD for 2021 Summer Shakespeare Festival (Shakespeare Dallas), technical director for *Shadows of a Christmas Carol* (Baylor University), and technical director for *[title of show]* (Baylor University).



LAUREN CLEVENGER

(Assistant Stage Manager)

(she/her) is a senior pursuing a B.A. in Theatre and Drama with a focus in Stage Management. For IU Theatre: *Journeys of*

Joy (Stage Manager), Bowling for Beginners (Assistant Stage Manager), Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812 (Spot Op), Carrie: the Musical (Sound Crew), The Threepenny Opera (Deck Crew). Coming from Mooresville, IN, Lauren is grateful for the opportunity to gain more theatre experience through Indiana University and Bloomington.



DAVID DAVILA (Dramaturg)

Jramaturg)

is the winner of the 2022 National New Play Network Smith Prize for Political Theatre and the 2021 New American Voices National Playwriting Award,

his work stands at the intersection of queerculture and mestizaje ranging from plays and musicals, to poetry and stand-up comedy. He is a Playwrights Horizons Artist Grant Recipient, a Roundabout Theatre Company SpaceJam Resident, a Rockwell Scholar, an Askins Playwright Fellow, and a Disney TV Fellowship Semi-Finalist. Follow him at @davidodavila daviddavila.net



SPENCER DONOVAN

(Scenic Charge Artist)

(he/him is a fourthyear scenic designer, graduating this spring. His past credits at IU include Carrie, Twelfth Night, Jump and The Servant of Two Masters.

He received his undergraduate degree in theatre from Loyola University in Chicago, where he balanced designing for the undergrad program, and acting as a scenic painter in the city. He would like to thank the scenic grads for their work on this production, and his partner Daniel for supporting him every day.



SOPHIE FRANK

(Assistant Stage Manager)

(she/her) is a sophomore here at IU from Indianapolis, IN and working towards a B.A. in Theatre & Drama with a concentration in

Stage Management. For IU, she has worked on Carrie: The Musical (Production Assistant) and Everybody (Assistant Stage Manager). Some of her favorite shows to work on were Anastasia (Stage Manager) and Singin' in the Rain (Stage Manager).



COREY GOULDEN-NAITOVE

(Head Electrician)

(he/him) is in his final year as an M.F.A. candidate in lighting design at IU. He received a B.A. in theatre arts from the University

of Maryland, Baltimore County. Credits for IU Theatre and Dance include: Natasha. Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812 (Lighting Designer), Decolonizing Your Mind with Walter Mercado (Lighting Designer), S.L.I.P 2022 (Lighting Designer), New Moves 2022 (Head Electrician), Bowling for Beginners (Lighting Designer), Sueño (Head Electrician), Jump (Head Electrician), The Mystery Plays (Lighting Designer), The Well of Horniness (Lighting Designer), The Black and Brown Guerrillas (Lighting Designer), "Shadow and Flame" (Lighting Designer). Corey's work has been staged all over the US including at The Classical Theatre of Maryland, The Charm City Fringe Festival, The University of Maryland, Baltimore County Departments of Theatre and Dance, The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Abington Friends School, Constellation Stage and Screen, and The Glimmerglass Festival. Corev is also the winner of the USITT 2021 Midwest Digital Design Competition and a recipient of the Graduate Lighting Design Award from SETC for his lighting design for IU's production of *The Well of Horniness*. 18



DJ GRAY

(Director, Choreographer)

is a performer and choreographer with Broadway and Off-Broadway credits. On Broadway, she was the Associate Choreographer for the Tony Award-

winning 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Tony-nominated Xanadu, (also staging the National Tours and commercial engagements), and Sondheim on Sondheim. Regional credits include Barrington Stage, North Shore, Northern Stage, Florida Studio Theatre, Candlelight Theatre, Moonlight Stage productions, McCoy/ Rigby Entertainment, and Musical Theatre West. For TV, DJ choreographed for Stephen Colbert's "Christmas Special", and Colbert's "Dance Party", and for NBC, The Year Without a Santa Claus, as well as several episodes of "The New Electric Company".



LILY K. HOWDER

(Lighting Designer)

(she/her) is a third year M.F.A. Lighting Design candidate. Credits for IU Theatre and Contemporary Dance include: Journeys of Joy (Lighting Designer), New

Moves (Lighting Designer), Earthward:Beclouded (Lighting Designer), Earthward: Crossroads in Conversation (Lighting Designer), Earthward: Villanelle (Lighting Designer), Sounding Bodies: May I Borrow a Cup of Salt (Lighting Designer). Other professional credits include: Hedwig and the Angry Inch at Cardinal Stage (Assistant Lighting Designer), Into the Woods at Flint Rep (Associate Lighting Designer). Thank you to all of those who have helped her get to this point especially Mitchell and Duke. This is Lily's thesis production.



MAGGIE JACKSON

(Props Manager)

(she/her) is from Carlisle, PA. She is a second year, M.F.A. student in Scenic Design here at Indiana University. Last season, she designed the set and props for Bowling for Beginners as a part of IU's "At First Sight: A Festival of New Plays." Other credits at IU include The Threepenny Opera (Scenic Charge Artist) and Uncle Play (Props Manager). Prior to Indiana, Maggie obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Technical Theatre Design & Musical Theatre Performance from East Stroudsburg University (East Stroudsburg, PA). There she worked on shows primarily as a Set Dresser, Painter, and Carpenter. Past credits at ESU include Sherlock Holmes Mystery Plays, Little Shop of Horrors, and The Tempest. This past summer Maggie was the Scenic Charge Artist for Hangar Theatre Company in Ithaca, NY. To see her upcoming works and previous designs visit www.maggiejacksondesigns.com for more information.



KAREY KIRKPATRICK (Author)

began his career as a screen and songwriter for Disney Animation where he penned *The Rescuers Down Under* and *James and the Giant Peach*. With more than a

dozen feature films produced, screenplay credits include *Chicken Run* (Golden Globe nominee for Outstanding Comedy), *Charlotte's Web, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, The Spiderwick Chronicles* and *Over the Hedge*, which he also co-directed. He directed the Paramount Pictures film *Imagine That* starring Eddie Murphy and co-produced, wrote and performed on the film's soundtrack. He recently directed the Warner Brothers animated musical *SMALLFOOT* for which he also co-wrote the screenplay and the songs (with brother Wayne). He has won a number of Tony, Oscar, and Grammy awards and that number is zero. Other credits: husband of Nada, father of Sami, Maia, and Finn.



WAYNE KIRKPATRICK (Author)

is the Grammy Awardwinning songwriter of *Change the World* by Eric Clapton (Song of the Year). Top 10 singles include *Every Heartbeat*, *Good for Me*

(Amy Grant); Wrapped Up in You (Garth Brooks);

Boondocks, Bring It on Home, Little White Church (Little Big Town); Place in This World (Michael W. Smith). He is a multi-formatted songwriter with songs recorded by Bonnie Raitt, Faith Hill, Joe Cocker, Gabe Dixon, Trisha Yearwood, Babyface, and Peter Frampton, among others. His songs have been featured in TV shows (Grey's Anatomy, True Blood, Hart of Dixie) as well as feature films (Almost Famous, Phenomenon, Smallfoot). Wayne lives in Nashville with his wife Fran and was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame for 2018. Favorite productions: Kourtney, Shelby, and Carson.



SYDNIE LEESON

(Stage Manager)

(she/her) is a fourth-year student from Boulder, CO, Something Rotten! is her final show at IU and she hopes you love it! She will graduate in Spring 2023 with

a double major in Stage Management and Management & Human Organization and a minor in Psychology. Credits include; For IU Theatre: Water by the Spoonful (Production Assistant), The Servant of Two Masters (Assistant Stage Manager), Twelfth Night (Assistant Stage Manager), More Perfect Places Reading (Assistant Stage Manager), Carrie (Assistant Stage Manager), Carrie (Assistant Stage Manager), Everybody (Stage Manager), For University Players: RIBS (Stage Manager), Metamorphoses (Stage Manager).



ALEC LUBIN

(Sound Designer)

is an audio engineer, sound designer, and musician with a passion for all things music and sound. He is in his final undergraduate year studying Audio

Engineering and Sound Production at the Jacobs School of Music with a minor in Scoring for Visual Media. *Something Rotten!* is his first IU Theatre production as a sound designer, and his past IU Theatre credits include A1/Mix Engineer for *The Threepenny Opera*, and *Carrie: The Musical*.



BRANDON MAGID

(Music Director)

(he/him) is a music educator, music director, and vocal coach and holds a Master of Science in Music Education from the Jacobs School of

Music at Indiana University and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Music and in Theatre from Loyola University Chicago. Credits include Broadway: *Godspell*; Off-Broadway: City Center Encores!; Regional: Paper Mill Playhouse, American Repertory Theater, Barrington Stage Company, and Goodspeed Musicals. Currently, he is pursuing his Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education at Indiana University.



JENNY MCKNIGHT

(Intimacy Coordinator)

is in her sixth year as Professor of Practice in Acting and Directing. For IU Theatre, Jenny has developed intimacy choreography for more than 25 productions.

In the wider community, she has consulted on Intimacy for Modern and Apropos of Nothing at Bloomington Playwrights Project, Vino Veritas at Phoenix Theatre, and The Book Club Play and Morning After Grace at IRT. For more information about Theatrical Intimacy: https:// www.theatricalintimacyed.com/ https://www. idcprofessionals.com/.



VALERIYA NEDVIGA (Scenic Designer)

is a fourth year M.F.A. candidate in Scenic Design at Indiana University. She worked

as a technical director

for Indiana University Summer Theatre, props master for Richmond Shakespeare Festival, scenic designer for Weathervane Young Artists' Repertory theatre, and a critic in residence for BorderLight Cleveland International Theatre and Fringe Festival. Valeriya had also worked as Production Assistant for the Ohio State Opera and Lyric Theatre and Production Manager for Westerville Symphony orchestra (OH). Her sound design for *Twelfth Night* has won Sound Design Award in the Design/Tech Competition at the 2021 SETC Virtual Convention. Valeriya has a Masters in Violin Performance and String Pedagogy from the Ohio State University. Valeriya is from Togliatty, Russia. This is her thesis production.



JOHN O'FARRELL (Author)

is one of the UK's best known comic authors and script writers. Bestselling novels include The Best a Man Can Get, May Contain Nuts, and The Man Who Forgot His

Wife. Non-fiction includes An Utterly Impartial History of Britain, the political memoir Things Can Only Get Better and its recent sequel plus three collections of his satirical columns for The Guardian newspaper. O'Farrell's books have been translated into thirty languages and adapted for BBC Radio and television. Winner, British Comedy Award. Previously a writer (and later panelist) on BBC's Have I Got News For You and lead writer on ten series of ITV's Spitting Image. Currently writing the sequel to Chicken Run, and adapting one of his novels for Sony International Pictures.



RACHEL PETERSSON

(Production Assistant)

is happy to be working with the theatre department again after serving as assistant stage manager of the *Journeys of Joy* faculty dance concert. Rachel is

a junior studying arts management.



ZEPHANY RIVERS

(Costume Designer)

is a second year costume design graduate student from Savannah, GA. Zephany graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design in May 2021 with a B.F.A.

in Production Design with a concentration in Costume Design. Her SCAD costume design credits include *Last Drinks, Book of Ruth,* and *Dinner at 8, Dead by 9.*



RACHEL SHEARON

(Technical Director)

(she/her) is a second year M.F.A. Theatre Technology candidate. Recently, she has been the Technical Director for Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (IUST), The 39 Steps (IUST), Uncle Play, and Bowling for Beginners.



DAN TRACY

(Props Manager)

joined the Department of Theatre, Drama, and Contemporary Dance at Indiana University in the fall of 2013 as Prop Master and Scenic Artist Supervisor. He

received his M.F.A. in scenic design from Indiana University where he designed sets for *Sunday in the Park with George*. For IU Theatre: *Spring Awakening, In the Next Room or the vibrator play,* and *The Pillowman*. Additionally, Dan has worked as props artisan for Actors Theatre of Louisville, Seaside Music Theater, and New Harmony Theater. He was assistant prop master and teacher at the University of Michigan. Dan has also done event design and management for Andretti Autosports, Delta Faucet, Indy Racing League, NFL players association, and Rolls Royce. Dan continues to design professionally, having recently worked on projects for Phoenix Theatre and Civic Theatre of Indianapolis.



BETH WALLACE

(Cutter/Draper)

(she/her) is a first-year Costume Technology M.F.A. Candidate from Elkhorn, Wisconsin. She is excited to be co-draping her first show with her cohort,

Lil Campos. Previously she got her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville where she was selected to be a part of the university's Summer Undergraduate Scholars Program. Some of her favorite shows that she has worked on in the past include *Dr*. Faustus, I Hate Hamlet, Matilda, Everybody, Gross Indecency, The Winter's Tale, Why Liliya Why, 1970's Sex Comedy, and Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812. She would like to thank her family and friends for their continuous love and support.



MADS WEST

(Assistant Lighting Designer)

(they/she) is a first year M.F.A. Lighting Design Candidate from Benton, AR. This is their second assistant design role at IU and they want to

give a HUGE shoutout to Lily for completing her thesis! CONGRATS!!! Other Lighting Design credits include *The 1970s College Sex Comedy* and *Everybody* (Asst. LD) at IU, and *She Kills Monsters*, *The Spitfire Grill*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and Miss SAU/OT '20 and '22 at their alma mater, Southern Arkansas University. @madswestlighting

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