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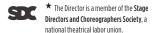














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Our Hamlet

In an interview, I asked Charles Pasternak, our Hamlet, to talk a bit about how he relates to the character and the complicated circumstances of "Hamlet's" tragic journey. Here is an edited excerpt of our conversation.

JS: We often overlook the fact that the play begins after two traumatic events recently occurred in Hamlet's life: his father just died, suddenly and mysteriously, and his mother quickly married his uncle; grief and anger have overwhelmed him.

CP: Yes, as the play opens, Hamlet's emotional world has utterly collapsed and he is in deep, deep anguish. As a result, he begins to question everything; nothing in life is certain or permanent. I think we can all relate to this – and it is what leads to his famous *delay*; his *hesitation*. His very idea of the world has been flipped upside down, so how can he trust anything?

JS: In Hamlet's case, he has been asked to kill his uncle and he hesitates to do so, for any number of reasons, but certainly one reason is that it presents a moral conundrum.

CP: Yes, it is a moral conundrum and I think it is interesting that even today, in 2020, we hear the ghost's command and we accept it as reasonable; that Hamlet should avenge his father's death by committing murder.

JS: We all know the feeling of wanting to seek revenge for some perceived offense.

CP: Absolutely. I think that is universal and we can all feel it. But Hamlet's being asked to murder someone. And even if you believe that there are times when murder is justified, he is being asked to do so without evidence. He only has the word of a ghost. One could say that this is spiritual evidence but Hamlet has real questions about the spiritual validity of who the ghost is...

JS: The ghost could be a demon pretending to be his father--it could all be demon trickery.

CP: Exactly. So what he has to do is mine deeper and deeper for the truth – both hard evidence (Did his uncle actually do it?) and moral decision (Am I a killer? Do I want to be?). So Hamlet is digging, digging, digging... What frustrates some commentators is the idea that he is a prince that can't make up his mind. (*Olivier began his film with that statement.*) I disagree with that. It is a very heavy burden to take on... if you are considering killing someone, it deserves thought. It is a

dangerous and terrifying world in which you are rooting for someone to murder indiscriminately. And I relate to that, and I think most people do.

JS: We all feel the urge to get even.

CP: Absolutely. And so does Hamlet. But his mind is wide enough to ask: *at what cost?* I've never had suicidal thoughts. But I do relate to the idea that if faced with these kinds of decisions: do I kill or do I keep living even though I'm living in suffering? Is it worth it? Is it worth it to be here?

JS: It is important to keep in mind that the death of his father and the hasty marriage of his mother have pushed him to the edge emotionally.

CP: Absolutely. What I think you've brought so clearly to this production, which I'm so moved by, is just the depth of his grief at the beginning of the play. It is easy to forget when looking at the sort of artistic mountain that this play has become in the western canon, that it starts with a young man in agonizing grief; in nihilistic anguish over the death of his father and what he perceives as the betrayal of his mother. Anyone who has suffered real loss can relate to this: "How weary, stale, flat, and unprofitable seem to me all the uses of this world..."

JS: Late in the play, when Hamlet returns from England, something in his personality has shifted, some processing has occurred.

CP: He has gone through a change. He has gone on a long journey both physically and also existentially. When he returns he is not the same person. I don't think he has a death wish, as some claim, but rather he has come to peace with death and being ready for the moment when it comes. I think it's interesting that upon returning he knows that forces are going to move against him. At one point he says, "how ill's all here about my heart." He knows something's wrong. But he's ready now to face it.

JS: He has come to an acceptance, and achieves an admirable degree of emotional maturity...

CP: Yes. "The readiness is all."

~ John Sipes, Director



Charles Pasternak *	Hamlet
Michael Elich *	
Abbey Siegworth *	Gertrude
Collin Andrews *	Laertes
Brittany Marie Pirozzoli	Ophelia
Jade Arnold *	Horatio
Peter Mayer Klepchick	Marcellus, Player, Lucianus, Soldier,
	Pallbearer, Courtier, Ensemble
Michael Najman	. Bernardo, Priest, Player, Soldier, Courtier, Ensemble
Owen Squire Smith *	
Davion T. Brown	Guildenstern
John Cherry	Gravedigger, Captain, Courtier, Ensemble
Roderick Peeples *	Player King, Courtier, Pallbearer, Ensemble
Brenda Orellana *	Player Queen
Zachariah Lidstone *	
Rachel Darden	Gertrude's Confidante, Player, Prologue,
	Lady of the Court, Ensemble
Amberlin McCormick	Ophelia's Confidante, Messenger, Ensemble
Jordan Gatton-Bumpus	Courtier, Player, Soldier, Pallbearer, Ensemble

This production has one 15-minute intermission.

This production employs the use of theatrical haze.



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"What's Hamlet to us?"

Written by Heather Hirschfeld

hat's Hamlet to us? Why is it that we are compelled, like audiences around the globe for over four centuries, by William Shakespeare's prince of Denmark?

No other drama has been so extensively discussed, performed, adapted, or alluded to as Hamlet. No other central role has held the same appeal for actors, including women. Signature male Hamlets can be traced from Richard Burbage in Shakespeare's day to David Garrick and Edmund Kean in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, from Sir John Gielgud and David Warner in the twentieth century to Benedict Cumberbatch and Paapa Essiedu in the twenty-first. And starting with Charlotte Charke, Fanny Furnival, and Sarah Siddons in the eighteenth century, women have also, and productively, been cast as Hamlet, with Sarah Bernhardt at the turn of the twentieth century and Ruth Negga in the twenty-first.

There are many reasons for our interest in this character and this play. They stem from *Hamlet*'s plot, based on an early thirteenth-century Danish chronicle history and rooted in perennial themes of family rivalry, love, loss, and grief. Shakespeare transformed the old story at the start of the seventeenth century, shaping it into a tragedy and deepening its mystery by introducing the crucial figure of a ghost.

The play opens at court in Elsinore soon after the death of the prince's royal father, King Hamlet. Gertrude, Hamlet's mother, has just wed his uncle, Claudius. Hamlet, still in mourning, learns from the ghost of his father that he was poisoned by Claudius, a fratricidal "murder most foul" that has allowed the killer to seize crown and queen. The ghost commands Hamlet to get revenge on his uncle but to spare his mother. For the rest of the play the hero operates under this pressure, trying to cope with this knowledge and to "set things right."

Hamlet's efforts increase our fascination with him. As an obedient son but a reluctant revenger, Hamlet demonstrates profound psychological complexity. As a scholar who has pledged both to remember and to act, Hamlet displays great philosophical and theological range. As a shrewd child of the court trying to elude its surveillance while exposing its corruption, Hamlet models a canny form of political resistance.

Finally, as a theater connoisseur, Hamlet investigates the "purpose of playing." Negotiating the world after his father's death and his mother's remarriage, he repeatedly questions the relationship between illusion and reality. He asks a visiting troupe of actors to rehearse the fall of Troy for him, and he marvels when one of them is moved to tears by the fate of the mythic

Trojan queen. "What's Hecuba to him?" he wonders, the model for our opening question. Hamlet asks the troupe to perform for the court, and he gives them acting instructions before they conduct their play-within-a-play. And when, after his encounter with the ghost, he assumes his "antic disposition," he becomes a performer in his own right.

Sir Laurence Olivier, who played the prince on both stage and screen in the middle of the last century, noted that Hamlet "approaches life like an actor, always trying on new characterizations to see if they fit." We see this approach in his conversations with other characters but also in his conversations with himself, in his soliloquies. Shakespeare had been writing soliloquies for his characters since the start of his career, but in this play they take on a special prominence. They seem to give us glimpses into Hamlet's mind at work and, as in the celebrated "to be or not to be" passage, to demonstrate his capacity for internal reflection and debate.

In the Carousel theater the soliloguy can be especially intimate. We are fortunate to be working on an exquisitely designed thrust stage. This kind of space allows for interaction between audience and actor, so that spectators can feel they have been transported to Elsinore even as they remember they are watching a performance. Although our costumes, props and lighting are modern, reinforcing the old story's contemporary relevance, the thrust stage recalls Hamlet's earliest productions at the Globe Theatre in London. It was performed there for the first time around 1600, when Shakespeare's contemporaries would have been especially sensitive to its treatment of royal succession, ghostly haunting, and personal salvation.

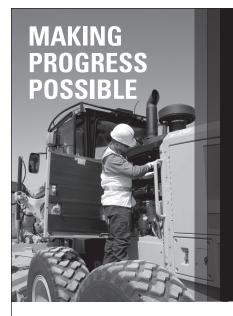
Since then, Hamlet has invited different cultures to see their own psychological and political predicaments in Hamlet's situation in Elsinore, and to use the play as a means of expressing urgent existential dilemmas about power, action, generational decline, authenticity, theatricality. It has a place in performance traditions from Russia to Japan to Germany to Mexico to Egypt to Denmark to Poland. As the great Shakespeare scholar Jan Kott has said, the play is "like a sponge. . . . it immediately absorbs all the problems of our time." The Prince's story has been told repeatedly, in venues and with technologies - like our sound engineering of the ghost's voice and our elegant suspended lights -- that Shakespeare could hardly have imagined. All its audiences must solve the riddle for themselves: What is Hamlet to us?

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DAVID BRIAN ALLEY

(Polonius) is now in his 20th season as a CBT Company member. David was most recently seen reprising his role as Jacob Marley in this season's production of A Christmas Carol. Last season

he appeared as The Prospector in *Madwoman of* Chaillot, as Press Secretary James Reiss in King Charles III, and also reprising his role as Crumpet the Elf in The Santaland Diaries. Other favorite productions for the CBT include *The 39 Steps*; The Trip to Bountiful: Noises Off: Kiss Me. Kate: Fuddy Meers; It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play; Moonlight and Magnolias; The Merry Wives of Windsor; Amadeus; Copenhagen; Major Barbara; A Flea in Her Ear: Stones in His Pockets: 'ART': The Rainmaker, and The Glass Menagerie, Regional: Playmaker's Repertory; The Mark Taper Forum; Hollywood Actors' Theatre; The iO Theatre Chicago; and Chicago TheatreWorks. Film and TV: Light from Light; Something, Anything; Prison Break-In; The Heart is Deceitful: Gina: An Actress. Age 29: The Sleep Seeker: Snapped: Unsolved Mysteries: and It's A Miracle. David's absolute favorite role is as a father to his two incredible children. Devin and Caroline. David is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association and SAG-AFTRA, davidbrianallev.com



COLLIN ANDREWS

(Laertes) is a third year MFA Acting student here at UTK. He is thrilled to have the opportunity to work again with John Sipes, Danny Kuenzel, and several of his cast mates from last year's

production of King Charles III. in which he played Prince Harry. He has also worked with the Great River Shakespeare Festival in Winona, MN, as well as a handful of other Shakespeare Festivals in California, where he's from. You may have seen him as Bob Cratchit in the last three productions of A Christmas Carol here at the CBT. Some of his other Knoxville credits include Ned Edwards. in the world premiere of *People Where They Are*, Thomas Kinnear in *Alias Grace*, and Rexy/Jason

in The Flying Anvil Theatre's production of *The* Legend of Georgia McBride. A few of his favorite credits elsewhere include Philip Lombard in And Then There Were None. Sebastian in Twelfth Night. and Claudio in Much Ado About Nothing. Lastly, he would like to thank the department, all of his professors from the last three years, and most of all his parents for the opportunities, support, and invaluable education they've given him. It's been a crazy ride and I am eternally grateful.



JADE ARNOLD

(Horatio) is in the final year of his MFA Acting candidacy. He hails from Durham, N.C., and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. His other CBT credits include

John in *People Where They Are*; Ragpicker in The Madwoman of Chaillot; Sly in Detroit '67; the Captain in Candide; Bobby Strong in Urinetown, The Musical, and Joshua in Alabama Story. Next, he will play Brucie in River and Rail's SWEAT. He is a proud member of AEA. Jade sends his thanks to everyone for their support, especially from his lovely wife and daughter. www.jadearnold.com



DAVION T. BROWN

(Guildenstern) is a first-year grad student at UTK working toward his MFA in Acting. Before joining the UTK roster, Davion spent the last three years traveling around the country as a freelance

Actor. Davion has been cast in a cornucopia of productions, his most noteworthy roles being: Hamlet (Hamlet), Sheriff of Nottingham (Robin Hood), Macbeth (Macbeth), to name a few. You may remember Davion from CBT's recent production A Christmas Carol in which he played the character Twyce. Davion is very excited to be a part of CBT's production of *Hamlet*. He hopes to learn and garner much more experience from not only this production, but the whole of his three years at UTK. Davion thanks you for supporting the arts.



JOHN CHERRY

(Gravedigger, Captain, Courtier, Ensemble) is a local actor and director, a 1984 graduate of UT Theatre, and a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force. He is currently the Artistic

Director for the Primary Players Children's Theatre Group in Blount County and works for Leadership Knoxville, Among his favorite roles: Prof. Harold Hill in *The Music Man*. Sidney Bruhl in *Deathtrap*. and Tateh in Ragtime. He lives in Maryville with his wife Melanie. Their daughter Alex works in L.A. for Disney Studios...proud papa.



RACHEL DARDEN

(Gertrude's Confidant, Player Prologue, Lady of the Court, Ensemble) is a first-year MFA Acting candidate who has come to UTK from her home state of Colorado. After receiving her BA in Musical

Theatre, she spent time in New York City before taking time off acting to explore such interests as yurt living, hitchhiking through New Zealand, and making pie. For the past four years, she has been honing her craft in the Denver area and has been an active member in the Education Department at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Rachel is an avid puzzler and the proud aunt of two cats.



MICHAEL ELICH

(Claudius/The Ghost) is pleased to be back at the Clarence Brown Theatre where he was previously seen as Prime Minister Evans in King Charles III and Mark Rothko in RED. In 21

seasons with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Mr. Elich has been seen in 47 productions in roles as varied as Claudius in *Hamlet*; Jaggers in *Great* Expectations; Feste and Orsino in Twelfth Night; The Pirate King in *The Pirates of Penzance*;

King John in King John; Harold Hill in The Music Man; Petruchio in The Taming of the Shrew; Steven Kodaly in She Loves Me; Thersites in Troilus and Cressida: Harry Van in Idiot's Delight: Hotspur and Bardolph in Henry IV; and Moe Axelrod in Awake and Sing! In three seasons with the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Mr. Elich has been seen as Long John Silver in Mary Zimmerman's adaptation of Treasure Island: The Duke of York in Henry VI; Macduff in Macbeth; Jaques in As You Like It; Burbage in *Shakespeare in Love*; and Doctor Caius in The Merry Wives of Windsor. Internationally he premiered David Edgar's Continental Divide at London's Barbican Theatre. A Juilliard graduate. Mr. Elich has appeared in numerous Off-Broadway and Regional Theaters including The Public Theatre, Playwrights Horizons, Hartford Stage, Milwaukee Rep, Syracuse Stage, Berkeley Rep, Dallas Theatre Co. and the 30th anniversary production of Inherit the Wind with E. G. Marshall at The Papermill Playhouse. TV credits include One Life to Live and Ryan's Hope. michaelelich.com



JORDAN GATTON-BUMPUS

(Courtier, Player, Soldier, Pallbearer, Ensemble) is a second-vear undergrad student at the University of Tennessee and is super excited to be performing

in the Carousel for the first time. You may have seen him previously in the CBT's A Christmas Carol, or last year in the Lab Theatre in The Real Inspector Hound. He would like to thank his family and friends for their constant love, John Sipes and all others involved for this opportunity, and all of you for coming out to *Hamlet*. This one is for you Padre.



PETER MAYER KLEPCHICK

(Marcellus, Player, Lucianus, Soldier, Pallbearer, Courtier, Ensemble) is thrilled to be a first year MFA Acting candidate at UTK. Originally from Frenchtown, NJ, he

received his BA in International Law at Rider University where he played Division One baseball. but ultimately resigned his senior year after an impromptu acting class. Previous film credits include Mac in The Girl on the Train. Brad in Groupers, Bradley in The Beautiful Ones are All Mad and a half-dozen festival winning short films.



ZACHARIAH LIDSTONE

(Osric, Player, Soldier, Pallbearer, Ensemble) is proud to be in the MFA Acting Graduate Class of 2022. He hails from Montana. and received his Bachelor

of Arts in Musical Theatre from The University of Northern Colorado. His most recent CBT credit is A Christmas Carol. Some of his past regional theatre credits include Huck in Big River, Pierpont Finch in How to Succeed. Harold Hill in The Music Man, and Troy Bolton in High School Musical. Zachariah considers himself very blessed to be a part of CBT, and is also a proud member of the Actors' Equity Association. Play on!



AMBERLIN McCORMICK

(Ophelia's Confidant. Messenger, Ensemble) is so excited to be making her Clarence Brown Theatre debut in Hamlet. She is a firstvear graduate acting student

here at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. Her most recent credits include: Viola in *Twelfth* Night (National Black Theatre Festival); Eurydice in *Eurvdice* (Warehouse Performing Arts Center): and Avigail in The Unusual Tale of Mary and

Joseph's Baby (River and Rail Theatre), Amberlin would like to thank her wonderful instructors. family, and classmates! You can also follow her journey on Instagram: @theundercoverratchet



MICHAEL NAJMAN

(Bernardo, Priest, Player, Soldier, Courtier, Ensemble) is a first-year graduate acting candidate of the MFA program at UTK. He most recently appeared in A Christmas Carol (Scadger) at

the Clarence Brown Theatre, Previous Shakespeare credits include Twelfth Night (Sir Toby), The Tempest (Stephano), and Hamlet (Ophelia).



BRENDA ORELLANA

(Player Queen) is an actor, writer and director from Los Angeles, California dedicated in bringing untold stories to light. Brenda is a third-year MFA Acting candidate at the University of Tennessee,

Knoxville where her CBT theatre credits include People Where They Are, Alias Grace, King Charles III. The Madwoman of Chaillot, Urinetown, and A Christmas Carol. To continue her work in directing, devising and writing, she co-founded Hear Me Roar Theatre Company with her cohort Aleah Vassell, where she will be workshopping and performing her new play Sun Kissed Montañas here in Knoxville in March 2020. She'd like to thank John for the wonderful opportunity of being in such a heartwarming play and to you all for your support. Brenda is a proud AEA member.



CHARLES PASTERNAK

(Hamlet) Previously at CBT: Black Stache in Peter and the Starcatcher. Marplot in The Busy Body, and Saturninus in Titus Andronicus. Regional: American Players Theatre.

Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Indiana Repertory Theatre, Shakespeare Festival St. Louis, The Denver Center, Shakespeare Santa Cruz, Sierra Repertory Theatre, Ensemble Theatre, Coachella Valley Repertory, among others. Favorite roles include: Napoleon (Man of Destiny), Orsino, Mercutio, Black Stache, Leontes, Trotter (The Mousetrap), Macbeth (twice), Octavius, Valentine (twice), lago, Hotspur, Henry V (twice), Hamlet, Oedipus, Berowne, and Romeo (twice), Charles is the Artistic Director of The Porters of Hellsgate Theatre Company in Los Angeles. www.charlespasternak.com



RODERICK PEEPLES

(Player King, Courtier, Pallbearer, Ensemble) is based in Chicago, and is pleased to return to the Clarence Brown Theatre's Carousel stage. He was most recently seen as Fezziwig/Ghost of Christmas

Present in A Christmas Carol 2019. Previously at CBT, he performed in Candide, Three Sisters, The Crucible, A Christmas Carol 2016, The Open Hand, The Threepenny Opera, Amadeus, and played the title role in *Life of Galileo*. In Chicago: Many roles at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Goodman, Steppenwolf, Remy Bumppo, Victory Gardens, Famous Door, Court, and Next theatres. A Joseph Jefferson Award for Dealers Choice (Roadworks), and a Joseph Jefferson Citation for Orphans (CT20 Ensemble). Regional: Many shows with Utah Shakespeare Festival, Syracuse Stage, Madison Repertory, and Illinois Shakespeare Festival. Film: Robert Altman's The Company, Road to Perdition, Novocaine, The Hudsucker Proxy. TV: Chicago Fire, Chicago Med, Prison Break, ER, Early Edition, and the Untouchables series (syndicated).



BRITTANY MARIE PIROZZOLI

(Ophelia) At the Clarence Brown Theatre, Brittany has performed in *Alabama Story* (Lily Whitfield), *Urinetown:* The Musical (Hope Cladwell), Candide (Ensemble, u/s to

Cunegonde), A Christmas Carol (Christmas Past), Detroit '67 (Caroline). The Madwoman of Chaillot (Street Singer), and People Where They Are (May). In Cleveland, Ohio she understudied Ophelia and Player Queen for Great Lakes Theatre Company's production of *Hamlet*. Other Ohio productions include: Quality Street (Miss Susan), Big Love (Lydia), The Two Noble Kinsmen (Emilia), Henry IV: Part II (Shallow), Romeo and Juliet (Balthasar), Dark of The Moon (Mrs. Bergen, u/s to Barbara Allen), Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella (Cinderella), White Christmas (Betty Haynes), and Pride and Prejudice (Jane Bennet). Locally, Brittany sang in Side by Side by Sondheim (a musical review of Sondheim's work). To all who have been a part of this production, to friends, to family: Grazie di cuore. www.brittanypirozzoli.com



ABBEY SIEGWORTH

(Gertrude) is excited to return to the CBT family with Hamlet. Previous Clarence Brown credits include: Kate in King Charles III and Titania in A Midsummer Night's Dream. Originally from the Chicago

area, she currently lives in Brooklyn, NY. Abbey has worked with Titan Theatre Company and Three Day Hangover (NYC); Nebraska Repertory Theatre: American Players Theatre: Dallas Theater Center as a member of the Brierlev Resident Acting Company; Montana Shakespeare in the Parks: and several theaters in Milwaukee and Chicago. Favorite recent roles include: the title role in *Electra*, Abigail (*Abigail/1702*), and Jennifer (The Doctor's Dilemma). Abbey spent last summer at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival with the play Boswell; and stars in the independent film Stolen Season, currently making the festival circuit. She is a proud member of the Actors' Equity Association. BFA University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana; MFA Southern Methodist University. Much thanks to John for inviting her to play again! www.abbeysiegworth.com



OWEN SQUIRE SMITH

(Rosencrantz) is a third-year MFA Acting candidate at UTK. Originally from Grand Rapids, MI, he received his BFA in Acting for the Stage and Screen at Azusa Pacific University in California.

Previous CBT credits include *Blue Window*, *Urinetown*, *Candide*, *A Christmas Carol*, *King Charles III*, *The Madwoman of Chaillot*, and *People Where They Are*. He would like to thank John Sipes for this wonderful opportunity, all the phenomenal professors, the production team, the supportive cast and crew, former teachers, his entire loving family, Mom, Dad, and especially, J.C. Olas. For Matt Fouch and Robert Porter, in memoriam.

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The University of Tennessee, Knoxville is one of just 12 universities nationwide with its own professional LORT theatre. The Clarence Brown Theatre Company is a LORT D company and is fully integrated into the Department of Theatre's academic curriculum. Three of the six mainstage productions are produced on the LORT contract, allowing students the opportunity to work with seasoned professionals.

Founded in 1974 with Sir Anthony Quayle as Artistic Director, the Clarence Brown Theatre Company is one of the older companies in the LORT system. It has a distinguished history of hosting artists of national stature including Mary Martin, John Cullum, Zoe Caldwell, Carol Mayo Jenkins, David Keith, Dale Dickey, and Teresa Williams among others.

All Department of Theatre faculty have dual appointments with the professional company in their area of expertise. MFA Performance students may join the Clarence Brown Theatre Company in their third year of study. MFA Design students have the opportunity to work on LORT productions throughout their graduate training.

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JOHN SIPES

(Director and Fight Director) is a Professor in the Department of Theatre at the University of Tennessee. Before joining the UT faculty, he was a Director and the Resident Movement Director for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival for fifteen seasons. Prior to his residency at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, John was a Director and Movement Director for the Illinois Shakespeare Festival for twelve seasons and served as the Festival's Artistic Director for five seasons. Directing credits include productions at the Clarence Brown Theatre, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Milwaukee Rep, Shakespeare Santa Cruz, the Illinois Shakespeare Festival and others. jisipes.com

MICHAEL GANIO

(Scenic Designer) For American opera, Michael Ganio has designed the world premiere of Where Angels Fear to Tread for Opera San Jose; *Agrippina* for Chicago Opera Theatre; The Pirates of Penzance for Portland Opera: Ship of Fools, Semele, and Les Bavards for The Mannes Camerata; and productions of *Fidelio*, Tristan und Isolde, Il Trovatore for Virginia Opera. Currently he is designing *Million Dollar* Quartet for Northern Stage in Vermont and the American premiere of *The Sweet Science* of Bruising for Dartmouth College where he also teaches future generations of theater makers. His work has been seen at The Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Seattle Repertory Theatre, American Players Theatre, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, The Denver Center Theatre Company and The Cleveland Playhouse, among other American performing arts companies. Previously for the Clarence Brown Theatre, he has designed Candide and The Trip to Bountiful. MichaelGanio.com

BILL BLACK

(Costume Designer) has been designing, teaching and directing the production of costumes for the Department of Theatre and the Clarence Brown Theatre Company for 40 years and has participated in the production of more than 250 plays, musicals and operas. An active professional designer, his work has been seen across the country at professional theatres such as Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Denver Center Theatre Company, Madison Repertory Theatre, Pioneer Theatre Company, Playmakers Repertory Company, Roundhouse Theatre, Skylight Opera Theatre, Tennessee Repertory Theatre, Three Rivers Shakespeare Festival, and for 27 seasons at the Tony Award Winning Utah Shakespearean Festival. His costume design work has been listed among "Pittsburgh's Best", "Best of Season" by the Salt Lake Tribune, and he is a two-time winner of the Knoxville Area Theatre Coalition award for best costume design. In 1996 and again in 2004, he was awarded the John F. Kennedy Medallion for outstanding service to the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival. He served two terms as President of the Tennessee Theatre Association and two terms as Tennessee State Representative to the board of the Southeastern Theatre Conference, Bill is a member of United Scenic Artists Local 829.



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(Lighting Designer) Member USAA has previously designed lights for Clarence Brown Theatre's productions of *King Charles III*, *The* Crucible, Sweeney Todd, The Who's Tommy, Woyzeck, Titus Andronicus, The Life of Galileo and many more. During his 40-year career, he has designed, produced or directed more than 700 productions both nationally and internationally. Theatre design credits include work for The Denver Center Theatre Company, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Walnut Street Theatre, The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Arizona Theatre Company, Round House Theatre, Pioneer Theatre Company, Folger Theatre, Virginia Stage Company, Arden Theatre Company, Syracuse Stage, Asolo Repertory Theatre, Riverside Theatre, PlayMakers Repertory Company, and the Great River Shakespeare Festival. He has designed concerts for Suzanne Vega, Dave Matthews, John Prine, They Might Be Giants, George Winston, The Kronos Quartet, Bobby McFerrin, The Roches and Stephane Grappelli. As an educator, Kenton heads the master's program in lighting design here at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and has taught over 100 master classes at more than 40 universities and workshops abroad in Germany, The Czech Republic, Vietnam, India, Austria, Mexico, France, Wales and Holland. Kenton is also the creator and owner of Yeagerlabs, a company specializing in innovative ways of teaching theatre in the classroom. Foundational to all of his creative work and his teaching are his meditation and mindfulness practices. He is past president of the American Meditation Society, a certified advanced practices meditation teacher, and faculty advisor to the Mindfulness and Meditation Club here at UT.

JOE PAYNE

(Sound Designer/Composer) teaches Sound and Projection Design for the Department of Theatre. He has created sound, music and/ or projections for a number of productions at CBT, including Candide, Around the World in 80 Days, The Crucible, King Charles III, Threepenny Opera, Monty Python's Spamalot, Sweeney Todd, The Merry Wives of Windsor, and The Who's Tommy. Joe has designed more than 200 productions throughout the country, including twenty seasons at the Utah Shakespeare Festival, Berkeley Rep. Syracuse Stage, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Round House Theatre and Imagination Stage (Bethesda, MD), ten years at Pioneer Theatre Company (SLC, UT), Indiana Repertory Theatre, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, The Virginia Stage Company, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Utah Opera and Symphony, The Fulton Opera House (Lancaster, PA), and others. Joe is a member of United Scenic Artist Local 829. USITT as the Digital Media Commissioner, and the Theatrical Sound Designers and Composers Association.

HEATHER HIRSCHFELD

(Dramaturg) is Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of English at the University of Tennessee. She has published two books on Shakespeare and Renaissance drama, and she edited *The Oxford* Handbook of Shakespearean Comedy and the New Cambridge Shakespeare Hamlet. She is honored to have been able to participate in this CBT production of *Hamlet*.

SARA BECKER

(Voice and Text Coach) is delighted to be working with John Sipes again, having previously collaborated on last season's King Charles III and Love's Labour's Lost, Ms. Becker is the Head of Voice and Text at American Players Theatre, where she has spent ten seasons. Favorite credits include: Measure for Measure, A View from the Bridge, Travesties, and Endgame. Other coaching credits include six seasons with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (Hamlet, As You Like It, Henry V and others), The Alley Theatre (Twelfth Night, Pygmalion and others), The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre (Pride and Prejudice, I Am My Own Wife), Illinois Shakespeare Festival (Richard II and others), The Guthrie Theatre/ The Acting Company, Playmakers Repertory Company, and the Colorado Shakespeare Festival. She teaches at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

DANNY KUENZEL

(Stage Manager) returns to the Clarence Brown Theatre by way of Arkansas Repertory Theatre, where she recently completed a production of It's a Wonderful Life, a Live Radio Play. That was a fluffy, festive holiday piece. Now, she's on to something completely different. Last season she managed CBT's King Charles III and she finds it interesting that she's here again working a show with a ghost. Other regional credits include: Gulfshore Playhouse, Pioneer Theatre Company, Northern Stage, Indiana Repertory Theatre, Weston Playhouse Theatre Company, the Alley Theatre, and the Contemporary American Theatre Festival. During the summer months Danny can be found at Mason Street Warehouse in Saugatuck, Michigan, where she has been the production stage manager for sixteen seasons.

CALVIN MacLEAN

(Producing Artistic Director) is in his fourteenth year as Theatre Department Head and CBT Company Producing Artistic Director, CBT productions he has directed include: A Flea in Her Ear, The Life of Galileo, The Secret Rapture, A Streetcar Named Desire (with Dale Dickey), Amadeus (with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra), Kiss Me, Kate, Sweeney Todd (with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra and Dale Dickey), Our Country's Good, The Threepenny Opera, The Open Hand, The Crucible, Candide (with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra) and Anthony Clarvoe's People Where They Are. Cal was the Artistic Director of the Illinois Shakespeare Festival for eleven seasons. Professionally active in Chicago, his productions - mostly at the Famous Door Theatre – earned several Joseph Jefferson Awards for Outstanding Production and Direction. Most notable was Joshua Sobol's *Ghetto*, a production that ran for seven months and honored with four Jeff Awards including for Outstanding Direction of a Play. Cal has served as President of the University/ Resident Theatre Association and is a member of the National Theatre Conference. He and his wife Rebecca are the proud parents of Sam and Rachael.

TOM CERVONE

(Managing Director) Cervone has dedicated most of his professional career (and life) advocating for and working in the best interests of the arts and culture industry, 25 years (and counting) serving proudly as the managing director for the Clarence Brown Theatre/ Department of Theatre at UTK. He previously served as the first executive director of the Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation and the executive director for Dogwood Arts. Cervone spent many years on the board of the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Greater Knoxville, and currently serves on the boards of the WordPlayers, the Knoxville Children's Theatre, Department of Theatre and Foundation Board at West Liberty University, his undergraduate alma mater, as well as the advisory board for River and Rail Theatre Company. He has also served as chair of the curriculum committee for Leadership Knoxville and has been a member of their BOD as well. Cervone remains active within the UTK community as a member of the Exempt Staff Council and Chancellor's Commission for LGBTQ people. He received the Chancellor's Citation for Outstanding Service to the University in 2010. He is a longtime member of the Actors' Equity Association. Cervone holds his undergraduate degree in Speech and English Education with an emphasis in Theatre from West Liberty University in West Virginia and an MFA (1993) and MBA (2010) from UTK. He is a graduate of and was selected as the Class Representative of the Leadership Knoxville class of 2011. Cervone is a member of his undergraduate alma mater's class of 2015 Wall of Honor.

SUSAN L. McMILLAN

(Production Manager) is in her sixth year as Production Manager at the Clarence Brown Theatre and UT Department of Theatre. In addition, she teaches Stage Management. Prior, Susan was the Production Manager and Stage Management Instructor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, for 6 years. Susan is a member of Actors' Equity Association, and was a Stage Manager at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival for 18 years. Additionally, she has stage managed at the Guthrie Theatre, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Portland Center Stage, PCPA, Rogue Valley Opera, Portland Civic Theatre, and has toured to the Kennedy Center. Through science and music (B.S. degrees in Biochemistry and Biology from Oregon Stage University), Susan found her passion in theatre. She is incredibly grateful for the opportunities and adventures, inspirational mentors, artistic and talented colleagues, amazing students, and the love and support of her family and friends.



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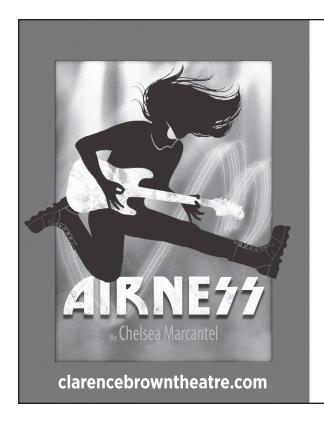
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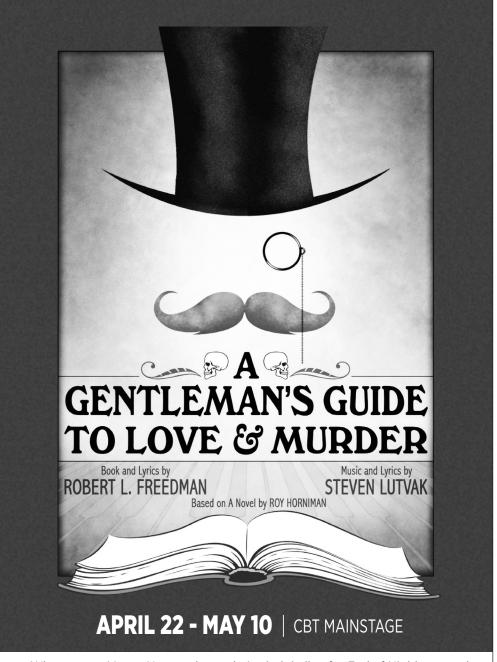
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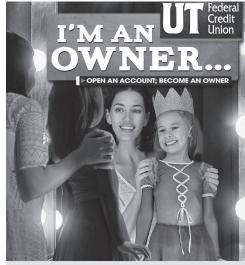
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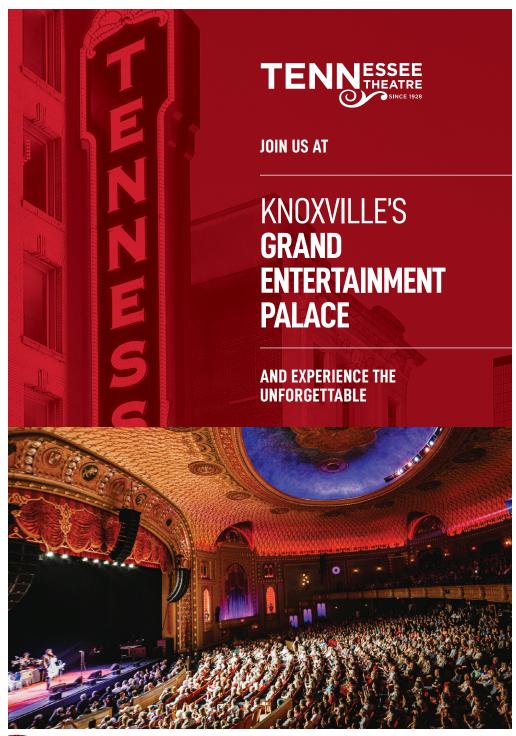


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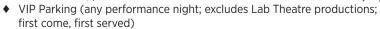
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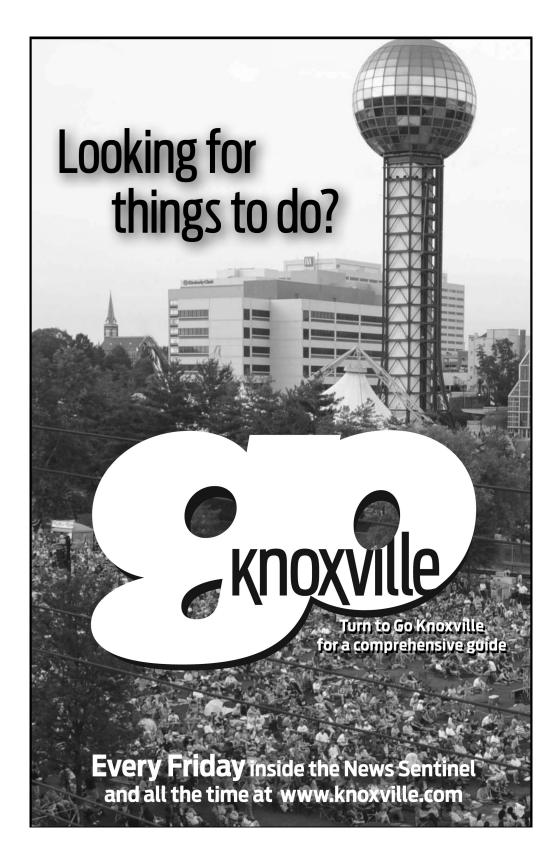
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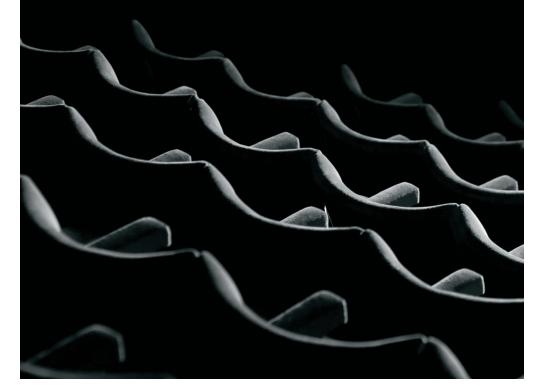
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