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### **Theatre UAB Faculty and Administrative Staff**

Kelly Dean Allison, Professor	Chair
Valerie Accetta, Associate ProfessorHead of Musical Theatre Pe Jack Cannon, Assistant ProfessorActing/Intro Ward HaarbauerProfessor Cheryl Hall, Assistant ProfessorIntro Karma IbsenProfessorActin Roy Lightner, Assistant ProfessorMusical Theatre Performa Dennis McLernon, ProfessorCostume Design/Head of P Amy Page, Assistant ProfessorCostume Design/Head of D Lee Shackleford, Associate ProfessorCostume Design/Head of D Lee Shackleford, Associate ProfessorCostume Design/Head of D Carolyn VioliVoice. Carolyn VioliVoice. Warner, Associate Professor	erformance or to Theatre or Emeritus or to Theatre sor Emerita ag/Directing ance/Dance Performance ne Director Design/Tech Playwriting sene Design /Movement accompanist atre History or Emeritus
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# MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING By William Shakespeare

## Directed by Jack Cannon

Stage Manager Emma Mansour

Scenic Design Ed Zuckerman Costume Design Kimberly Schnormeier Lighting Design Amanda Waller

Properties Design J. Marc Quattlebaum Fight Direction/Voice & Text Coach Santiago Sosa Sound Design David Page

Choreography Rachel-Marie Strazza

## Opening Night: Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 7:30pm

Much Ado About Nothing will be performed without an intermission.

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## CAST

Signora Leonata	Briana Lenè Scott
Antonio	Trevor McMullen
Beatrice	Abigail Coats
Hero	Raiya Goodman
Don Pedro, u/s Benedick	Travis Settoon
Benedick	Ian Black
Claudio	Devin Ty Franklin
Doña Jules	Jazzy Pedroza-Watson
Conrade	Anna Frey
Borachio, u/s Claudio	Søren Klinger
Margaret	Cappy Elvir
Ursula	Emma Chippindale
Dogberry	Isabel Behr
Verges	Tess Lenzen
First Watch	Joseph Condon
Second Watch	Michael Woods
Friar Francis	Madeleine Kate Erwin
Sexton, u/s Friar Francis	Cat Rigsby Merritt

## UNDERSTUDIES

Madi Carr	Hero, Dona Jules, Conrade, Verges
Kristen Hall	Leonata, Beatrice, Dogberry
Jackson Landreau	Don Pedro, Borachio
Michael Mercado	1st Watch, 2nd Watch
McKenna Shaw	Margaret, Ursula, Sexton

## **UAB Department of Theatre Production Staff**

Production Manager/Technical Director	Ed Zuckerman
Assistant Technical Director	Jonathan Harder
Costume Director	Amy Page
Costume Studio Supervisor	
Stage Electrics Coordinator	David Page
Properties Master	J. Marc Quattlebaum
Scenic Studio Assistants	Isabel Behr, Angus Black, Ian Black,
	Emma Mansour, Amanda Waller
Electrics Assistants	Nina Ballon, Bailey Dumlao, Caitlin Irelan,
	Kirk Kirkpatrick, Rachel Marie Strazza
Costume AssistantsSara Curren, Madelein	
	n, Briana Lenè Scott, Jazzy Pedroza-Watson
Properties AssistantsAngus	Black, Malik Muhammad, Amanda Waller
Media Relations	Shannon Thomason
ASC House Management	Noah Andrews, Jason Paulin, Terrie Entrup
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## **Staff for this Production**

Assistant Director Assistant Stage Managers	R'Kaisa Mitchell Thomas McFerran, Juliette Sosa Valle
Dance Captains	Tess Lenzen, McKenna Shaw
Graphic Design	Michael Vizzina, FRED Communication by Design
Photography	Taylor Campbell Photography
	Alex Wallace
	ectricsNina Ballon, Madi Carr, Savannah Caswell,
Gavin Cleckler, Ellie C	Cornett, Jamie E. Dabbs, Kat Graves, Leanna Johnson,
-	Johnson, Matthew Kelly, Søren Klinger, Tess Lenzen,
Thomas McFerran, Tre	vor McMullen, Michael Mercado, Matthew Ochoada,
	George W. Simpson, Jarrett Sparks, Jonathan Sweatt
	Irelan, Emma Mansour, Cliff Simon, Amanda Waller
	Logan Zirlott
	Tyler Arnold, Sara Curren, Cooper Ellis,
	Farmer, Raiya Goodman, Kristen Hall, Søren Klinger,
110	nni Lerille, Nick Lynn, Terrell Miller, Mell Packard,
	ynesha Carlton, Lucina Chapman, TaShauna Jenkins,
	ooke A. Payne, Sophia Sarnowski, Briana Lenè Scott,
	Scott, Michaela Slocum, Morgan Tapp, Meg William
Dressers	Tyler Arnold, Briana Hernandez
Light Board Operator	Lili Maniero
Sound Board Operator	Rowan J. Dwyer

#### Isabel Behr – Dogberry

Home Town: Nashville, TN Education: Martin Luther King Academic Magnet School Recent Production Work: Performance: *Tell Me Something Good* (UAB), *Mamma Mia, A Chorus Line* (Act Too Players), *In the Heights* (Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Magnet School).

#### Ian Black – Benedick

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Sylva, NC Education: Jefferson County IB School Recent Production Work: Performance: *Young Frankenstein* (Leeds Arts Council).

#### Jack Cannon - Director

Home Town: Atlanta, GA Education: MFA Directing/Acting - The University of Arizona Recent Production Work: Directing: *Tell Me Something Good, Angels in America, Part I: Millennium Approaches, The Real Inspector Hound, Dancing at Lughnasa, In The Next Room (or, The Vibrator Play,) Twelfth Night; or, What You Will, The Caucasian Chalk Circle* (UAB). Performance: *Hairspray, You Can't Take It With You, Buried Child, Don't Trifle With Love, Three Sisters* (UAB).

#### Madi Carr – u/s Hero, Dona Jules, Conrade, Verges

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Mobile, AL

Recent Production Work: Performance: *The Dinner Detective, Perdido Queen Dinner Cruise* (Bay Cities Improv Co.), *The Party Palace LLC., Chancel Choir* (Highlands United Methodist Church), *Trinity West Choir. Make Believe* (Rosie Herrera Dance Theatre), *Cinderella, Bye, Bye, Birdie!* (Playhouse in the Park). Sound Engineer: 2021 UAB Get Animated 2 Touring Company (UAB). Lightboard Operator: Hair (UAB).

#### Emma Chippindale (she/her/hers) - Ursula

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Orlando, Florida Education: Boone High School Recent Production Work: Performance: 2021 Sword in the Stone Tour (UAB) 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Boone HS). Choreography: Little Shop of Horrors, Matilda (Boone HS).

#### Abigail Coats (she/her/hers) - Beatrice

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Florence, AL Education: Florence Academy of Fine Arts Recent Production Work: Performance: *Survivors* (First Table Read, Red Mountain Theatre Company), *The Miracle Worker* (Ivy Green 60th Annual Production), *Disconnect, Tell Me Something Good, Clarkston* (UAB).

#### Joseph Condon – First Watch

Home Town: St. Petersburg, FL Education: Pinellas County Center for the Arts Recent Production Work: Performance: 2021 UAB Get Animated 2 Touring Company, Hair, Amelia Earhart Touring Company, Savage, 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (UAB).

#### Cappy Elvir (she/her/hers) - Margaret

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: New Orleans, LA Education: St. Mary's Dominican High School Recent Production Work: Performance: *The Wolves (*UAB), *Pizza Party* (Tessa Slovis). Dance: *New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival* (Gulf Coast Theatre on Tap).

#### Madeleine Kate Erwin (she/her/hers) - Friar Francis

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Houston, TX Recent Production Work: Performance: A Chorus Line (Theatre Under the Stars), 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Carrie: The Musical (Wildfish Theatre).

#### Devin Ty Franklin (he/they) - Claudio

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Hometown: Hueytown, AL Education: McAdory High School Recent Production Work: Co-Directing: One in Two (BBRTC). Performance: Disconnect, The Glass Menagerie, A Midsummer Night's Dream Touring Company (UAB).

#### Anna Frey (she/her/hers) - Conrade

Concentration: BA Performance Hometown: Oneonta, AL Education: Oneonta High School Recent Production Work: Performance: A Midsummer Night's Dream Touring Company, Hay Fever (UAB), Miss Nelson is Missing, A Reader's Theatre (Covered Bridge Players).

#### Raiya Goodman (she, her, hers) - Hero

Concentration: BFA Musical Théatre Home Town: Houston, TX Education: High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Recent Production Work: Performance: *Angels in America, Savage, The Way You Made Me* (UAB).

#### Kristen Hall – u/s Leonata, Beatrice, Dogberry

Home Town: Atlanta, GA Education: South Forsyth High School Recent Production Work: Performance: *Savage, The Maids* (UAB), *Leap of Faith, Fame* (South Forsyth HS).

#### Søren Klinger (he/him/his) - Borachio

Home Town: Montgomery, AL Education: Alabama School of Fine Arts/Lagrange Academy Recent Production Work: Performance: A Midsummer Night's Dream Touring Company, Tell Me Something Good, Hair (UAB), The Outsiders (New Horizon Theater).

Jackson Landreau (he/him/his) – u/s Don Pedro, Borachio Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Columbus, GA Education: Columbus High School Recent Production Work: Performance: *Curious George: The Golden Meatball* (Springer Opera House), *The Wedding Singer* (Columbus High).

#### Tess Lenzen - Dance Captain/Verges

Home Town: Madison, WI Education: James Madison Memorial High School Recent Production Work: Performance: *Get Animated 2! Touring Company, The Wolves, The Maids* (UAB), *Edges, Carrie* (Capital City Theatre).

#### Emma Mansour (she/her/hers) - Stage Manager

Concentration: BA Design/Tech Home Town: Cullman, AL Education: Cullman High School Recent Production Work: Scene Painter/Carpenter: *Godspell* (UAB). Lighting and Sound: *The Roaring 20's* (Red Mountain Theatre Company). Stage Manager: Workshop of *Echo* (UAB).

#### Thomas McFerran (he/him/his) – Assistant Stage Manager

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Austin, TX Education: Lambert High School Recent Production Work: Performance: *Rock of Ages* (Theatre Aspen), *Bar Mitzvah in Birmingham* (Red Mountain Theatre Co.), *The Yellow Wallpaper* (Alliance Theater).

#### Trevor McMullen (he/they) - Antonio

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Birmingham, AL Education: Vestavia Hills High School, B.S. of Marine Biology at the University of West Florida Recent Production Work: Performance: *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Vestavia Hills High School). Set Construction: *Evita* (University of West Florida). Lighting Crew: *Godspell* (UAB).

#### Michael Mercado (he/they) – u/s 1st Watch, 2nd Watch

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Florence, AL Education: Florence High School Recent Production Work: Performance: *Almost Maine, The Yellow Boat* (Florence High School). Running Crew: *Godspell* (UAB).

#### Cat Rigsby Merritt - Sexton, u/s Friar Francis

Home Town: Madison, AL Education: Bob Jones High School Recent Production Work: Assistant Stage Management: *Tell Me Something Good* (UAB). Assistant Director: *The Bell Witch* (Bob Jones HS). Scenic Painter: *The Glass Menagerie* (UAB). Performance: *Lord of the Flies* (Bob Jones HS).

#### R'Kaisa Mitchell (she/her/hers) - Assistant Director

Concentration: BA General Theatre Home Town: Homewood, Alabama Education: Homewood High School Recent Production Work: Running Crew: *The Glass Menagerie* (UAB). Stage Management: *The Way You Made Me* (UAB).

#### **David Page - Sound Design**

Home Town: New Orleans, LA Education: BA in Theatre, Louisiana Tech University Recent Production Work: Sound/Projections: *The Glass Menagerie* (UAB). Projections: *Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott* (Birmingham Children's Theatre), *Newsies* (Red Mountain Theatre Company), *Bonnie and Clyde, Dracula* (Alabama Ballet), *Rock of Ages* (Virginia Samford Theatre), *Snow Queen* (Arova Contemporary Ballet), *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (Theatre Baton Rouge), *Frozen Jr.* (Cohasset Dramatic Club).

#### Jazzy Pedroza-Watson (she/her/hers) - Doña Jules

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Madison, AL Education: Bob Jones High School Recent Production Work: Assistant Director: *The Sword in the Stone Touring Company, Echo* (UAB). Performance: *The Wolves* (UAB).

#### J. Marc Quattlebaum – Properties Design

Home Town: Lexington, SC Education: MFA Wayne State University 2009, BA Newberry College 2005 Recent Production Work: Scenic & Properties Design: Angels in America, Part I: Millennium Approaches (UAB). Properties Design: The Glass Menagerie, Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical, Savage, Hay Fever, Hairspray, Silent Sky, Working, A Midsummer Night's Dream, A Little Night Music, You Can't Take It With You, Vinegar Tom, The Real Inspector Hound, Spring Awakening, Buried Child, Dancing at Lughnasa. (UAB).

#### **Kimberly Schnormeier - Costume Design**

Home Town: Gambier, OH Education: MFA in Scenography from Northwestern University. BFA in Graphic Design, Miami University Recent Production Work: Costume/Scenic Design: *The Wolves* (UAB). Costume Design: Savage, 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Silent Sky, Working, A Little Night Music, Vinegar Tom, Buried Child, Dancing at Lughnasa, In The Next Room (or, The Vibrator Play,) Clybourne Park, Urinetown: The Musical, Big Love, Charley's Aunt (UAB). Beauty and the Beast, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Birmingham Children's Theatre).

#### Briana Lenè Scott (she/her/hers) - Signora Leonata

Concentration: BA Performance Hometown: Center Point, AL Education: Shades Valley JCIB Recent Production Work: Performance: 2021 The Sword in the Stone Touring Company, The Wolves (UAB).

**Travis Settoon – (he/him/his) Don Pedro, u/s Benedick** Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Ponchatoula, LA Education: Ponchatoula High School Recent Production Work: Performance: *Disconnect, Clarkston* (UAB).

#### McKenna Shaw (she/her/hers) – Dance Captain/ u/s Margaret, Ursula, Sexton Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Pittsburg, KS Education: Pittsburg High School Recent Production Work: Performance: *True North* (Red Mountain Theatre Company), *Disconnect, The Way You Made Me* (UAB). Directing/ Choreography: *Emma! The Musical* (Just Off Broadway Theatre Company).

#### Santiago Sosa – Fight Direction/Voice & Text Coach

Home Town: Guayaquil, Ecuador Education: BFA, Texas State University; MFA, The University of Wisconsin Recent Production Work: Voice & Text Coach: Godspell (UAB), As You Like It, The Wolves (University of Kansas), The Tempest (Nashville Shakespeare Festival). Directing: Love's Labour's Lost (Island Shakespeare Festival), Blood Wedding (Lipscomb University), Much Ado About Nothing (The Theater Bug) Twelfth Night (Vanderbilt University), Julius Caesar (Nashville Shakespeare Festival). Fight Direction: Julius Caesar (co-choreographer), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Nashville Shakespeare Festival) Two Gentlemen of Verona (The Theater Bug).

#### Rachel-Marie Strazza (she/her/hers) - Choreography

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Wilton, CT Education: Wilton High School Recent Production Work: Associate Choreographer: Godspell (UAB). Performance: Roaring 20s (Red Mountain Theatre Company), Get Animated 2! Touring Company, DISCONNECT, Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical, The Secret Garden, ECHO Reading (UAB).

#### Juliette Sosa Valle (she/her/hers) - Assistant Stage Manager

Concentration: BA General Theatre, BS Public Health Home Town: Granger, IA Education: Woodward Granger High School Recent Production Work: Performance: *Dracula* (Woodward Granger High School).

#### Amanda Waller (she/her/hers) – Lighting Design

Concentration: BA Design/Tech Home Town: Johns Creek, GA Education: Northview High School Recent Production Work: Lighting Design: Disconnect, Tell Me Something Good (UAB). Stage Management: Musical Theatre Student Spotlight (UAB). Assistant Stage Management: The Glass Menagerie (UAB).

#### Michael Woods - Second Watch

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: New Orleans, LA Education: New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts (NOCCA) Recent Production Work: Performance: *Xanadu, All Is Calm* (NOCCA) Follow Spot Operator: *Hair* (UAB).

#### Ed Zuckerman - Scenic Design

Home Town: Philadelphia, PA

Education: MFA, Wayne State University Recent Production Work: Lighting Design: *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Hairspray, Clybourne Park, Twelfth Night; or, What You Will, Proof, Rhinoceros, The Praying Mantis, The Piano Lesson* (UAB.) Scenic Design: *Hay Fever, The Real Inspector Hound, Dancing At Lughnasa, In The Next Room (or, The Vibrator Play,)* (UAB).

## **UAB Department of Theatre 2021-2022 Season**

Dedicated to our dear friend and colleague, Marlene Johnson

#### GODSPELL

(Revised 2012 Version)

Book by John Michael Tebelak Music & New Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz Directed by Cheryl Hall & Roy Lightner Choreographed by Roy Lightner Musical Direction by Carolyn Violi October 13-16 at 7:30pm October 17 at 2:00pm The Sirote Theatre

#### **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING**

By William Shakespeare Directed by Jack Cannon November 10-13, 17-19 at 7:30pm November 20 at 2:00pm The Odess Theatre

#### NOISES OFF

by Michael Frayn Directed by Dennis McLernon February 23-26 at 7:30pm February 27 at 2:00pm The Sirote Theatre

#### ECHO

by Brett Everingham, Rebecca Jones & Karla Koskinen Directed by Rebecca Jones Musical Adaptation & Direction by Alora King March 7-11 at 7:30pm The Odess Theatre

#### THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

Based on the series by Stephen Hillenburg Book by Kyle Jarrow, Musical Production Conceived by Tina Landau Directed by Valerie Accetta & Devin Ty Franklin Choreographed by Richard Riaz Yoder Musical Direction by Carolyn Violi April 13-16 at 7:30pm April 17 at 2:00pm The Sirote Theatre

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