UAB Department of Theatre 2022-2023 Season

Dedicated to our dear friend and colleague, Marlene Johnson

A NEW BRAIN

Music & Lyrics by William Finn & book by Finn & James Lapine
Directed by Cooper Ellis & Roy Lightner
Musical Direction by Carolyn Violi
October 12-15 at 7:30pm
October 16 at 2:00pm
The Sirote Theatre

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

By Kate Hamill
Directed by Santiago Sosa
November 9-12, 16-18 @ 7:30pm; November 19 @ 2pm
The Odess Theatre

ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD

By Tom Stoppard
Directed by Dennis McLernon
February 22-25 @ 7:30pm; February 26 @ 2pm
The Sirote Theatre

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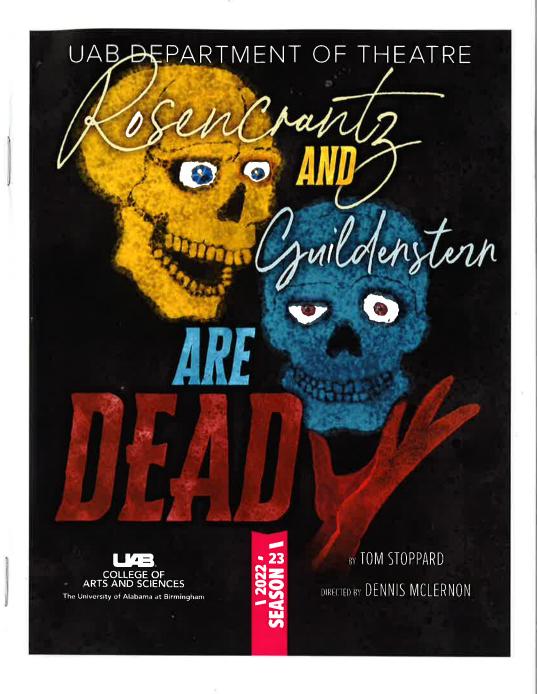
By Martyna Majok Directed by Bailey Dumlao March 6-10 @ 7:30pm The Odess Theatre

INTO THE WOODS

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim & book by James Lapine
Directed by Valerie Accetta
Musical Direction by Carolyn Violi
April 12-15 @ 7:30pm; April 16 @ 2pm
The Sirote Theatre

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Productions entered on the Participating level are eligible for invitation to the KCACTF regional festival and may also be considered for national awards recognizing outstanding achievement in production, design, direction and performance.

Last year more than 1,500 productions were entered in the KCACTF involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. By entering this production, our theater department is sharing in the KCACTF goals to recognize, reward, and celebrate the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.

Theatre UAB Faculty and Administrative Staff

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Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

By Tom Stoppard

Directed by **Dennis McLernon**

Stage Manager Katie Pulmano

Scenic Design C.J. Romano

Costume Design Kimberly Schnormeier

Lighting/Sound Design **David Page**

Properties Design **Jim Luther**

Voice & Dialect Coach/Fight Director Santiago Sosa

Opening Night: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 7:30pm

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

This play contains adult situations and mature themes.

There will be one fifteen minute intermission.

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CAST

Rosencrantz	Logan Zirlott
Guildenstern	
Player	Søren Klinger
Ensemble/Hamlet	Michael Woods
Ensemble/Ophelia	
Ensemble/Gertrude	
Ensemble/Claudius	Owen McManus
Ensemble/Spy	Celia Knox
Ensemble/Spy	Patrick Guyton
Ensemble/Horatio	Ellie Cornett
Ensemble/Queen	Isabelle Johnson
Ensemble/King	
Ensemble/Murderer	Jazzy Pedroza-Watson
Ensemble/Polonius	

Notes on This Production:

What happens when William Shakespeare's Hamlet meets Monty Python's Holy Grail, The Meaning of Life, and Time Bandits? What happens if Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, the two university "friends" of Prince Hamlet, who are called to the royal court to spy on him but later die from his hand, have a chance to relive their visit at Elsinore and re-play Shakespeare's classical plot? In Tom Stoppard's spinoff of Hamlet, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are not the classical characters anymore, but rather "authors" of their own play. Their "existential dread" of writing their own story travels to compellingly comedic, absurdist, and antic heights.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (1966) is an early example of Postmodern Drama, an art form which often reprises classical works by wittingly re-writing them, often from minor characters' viewpoint. Spinoffs and remakes of well-known plays, such as this one, question cultural knowledge and the absolute validity of historical and literary models. They also play with the perception of real and unreal by creating an artistic hyperreality pretending to be something present and authentic.

While Rosencrantz and Guildenstern wait to get their orders from the King and meet up with Hamlet, they struggle with the true reasons for their visit by taking on our greatest metaphysical mysteries: the meanings of life, death, fate, purpose, identity, art, loyalty, and grasping at philosophical straws while awaiting the slightest hint of a direction or cue to take the next steps forward. It is a wild and crazy ride through the "amusement park" of Shakespeare's tragedy that Rosencrantz and Guildenstern take us on and a journey which lets us meet rag-tag traveling actors, murderous plotters at court, philosophizing strangers on the road, ships at sea, and even a bizarre band of renegade pirates!

Dennis McLernon, Director

UAB Department of Theatre Production Staff

roduction Manager/Technical DirectorEd Zuckerman ssistant Technical DirectorJonathan Harder	
ostume Director	
ostume Studio Supervisor	
tage Electrics Coordinator	
roperties MasterJim Luther	
cenic Studio AssistantsAngus Black, Davis Carter, Ellie Cornett, Trevor McMullen	
lectrics AssistantsCaitlin Irelan, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Joshua Lang	
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Anna Medders, Jazzy Pedroza-Watson	
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Staff for this Production

Assistant Stage Managers
Trinity Glover, Liam McElroy, Owen McManus, Anna Medders, Jazzy Pedroza-Watson, Troy Serena, Juliette Sosa-Valle,
Jarrett Sparks, Savannah Sterling, Morgan Tapp, Jason Torrey, Elaysha Travis, Michael Woods
Dressers
Light Board Operator
Sound Board OperatorTerrell Miller

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead Production Biographies

Isabel Behr - Assistant Stage Manager

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Home Town: Nashville, TN

Education: Martin Luther King Academic Magnet School

Recent Production Work: Performance: Noises Off, 2021 A Midsummer Night's Dream Touring Company, Much Ado About Nothing, Tell Me Something Good (UAB), Mamma Mia, A Chorus Line (Act Too Players), In the Heights (Martin Luther King Jr. Academic

Magnet School).

Abigail Coats (she/her/hers) - Voice & Text Coach

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), The Miracle Worker (Ivy Green 60th Annual Production), A New Brain, The 2022 Heroes vs Villains Tour, Much Ado About Nothing (UAB). Voice & Text Coach:

Sense and Sensibility (UAB).

Emma Chippindale (she/her/hers) - Ensemble/Ophelia

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Orlando, FL Education: Boone High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: 2022 Alice in Wonderland Touring Company, Noises Off, Much Ado About Nothing, 2021 Sword in the Stone Touring Company

(UAB).

Ellie Cornett - Ensemble/Horatio

Concentration: BA General Theatre

Home Town: Madison, AL

Education: Bob Jones High School

Recent Production Work: Technical Director: *Echo(es)* (UAB). Scenery Construction: *Sense and Sensibility, A New Brain, The SpongeBob Musical, Godspell, Much Ado*

About Nothing, Noises Off (UAB).

Patrick Guyton (he/him/his) - Ensemble/Spy

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Auburn, AL

Education: Southern Union State Community College (SUSCC)

Previous Work: Assistant Stage Management: The SpongeBob Musical (UAB). Stage

Management: Audience (SUSCC). Dance Captain: Damn Yankees (SUSCC). Performance: The Zoo Story (UAB), And Then There Were None (SUSCC).

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Isabelle Johnson (she/her) - Ensemble/Queen

Major: BA Performance Home Town: Memphis, TN Education: Briarcrest High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: 2022 Alice In Wonderland Touring Company, Echo(es), Eurydice (UAB). Playwriting: We're All Fudged (UAB). Author: I Can See the City, The Curious Shop on Dandelion Lane, The Incredible Adventures of Mr. Marxadue. Film: Two Strangers (Joy Film Prod.), RX Benefits Commercial, "Light" Music Video (Memphis, TN). Playwriting: We're all Fudged (UAB). Novels: A Place Called Time (2022), The Curious Shop on Dandelion Lane (2021), I Can See the City (2021), The Incredible Adventures of Mr. Marxadue (2019), Songwriter: Golden Italian.

Kirk Kirkpatrick (he/him/his) - Guildenstern

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Birmingham, AL

Education: Vestavia Hills High School

Recent Production Work: Lighting Design: Cappy Feet (UAB). Performance: Sense and

Sensibility, Noises Off, 2021 Sword in the Stone Touring Company (UAB).

Søren Klinger (he/him/his) - Player

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Montgomery, AL

Education: Alabama School of Fine Arts/Lagrange Academy

Recent Production Work: Performance: Noises Off, Much Ado About Nothing, 2021 A Midsummer Night's Dream Touring Company, Tell Me Something Good, Hair (UAB),

The Outsiders (New Horizon Theater).

Celia Knox (she/her/hers) - Ensemble/Spy

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Home Town: Mobile, AL

Education: Mary G. Montgomery High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: Sense and Sensibility (UAB), The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Once On This Island, Peter and the Starcatcher (Mary G.

Montgomery HS).

Bunni Sophia Lerille (she/her/hers) - Ensemble/Polonius

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: New Orleans, LA Education: Foley High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: Alice in Wonderland, The Addams Family Musical, Bonnie and Clyde (Foley Theatre Company). Assistant State Management:

Noises Off (UAB).

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Jim Luther - Properties Design

Home Town: Honolulu, HI

Education: BFA University of Hawaii at Manoa

Recent Production Work: Properties Design: Sense and Sensibility, A New Brain (UAB), Childsplay, Tacoma Actors Guild, Taproot Theatre Company, Seattle Children's

Theatre.

Dennis McLernon - Director

Home Town: Seattle, WA

Education: M.E. Auburn University, M.F.A., University of Alabama

Recent Production Work: Directing: Noises Off, The Glass Menagerie, Hay Fever, A Midsummer Night's Dream, You Can't Take It With You, Stupid F***ing Bird, Clybourne Park, Rabbit Hole, Charley's Aunt, Macbeth (UAB). Performance: Cinderella, Once (Red Mountain Theatre), Spring Awakening, Urinetown: The Musical,

Big Love, Proof, Eurydice (UAB).

Owen McManus (he/him) - Ensemble/Claudius

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Huntsville, AL Education: Grissom High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: Sense and Sensibility (UAB), Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Drowsy Professor (Grissom High School). Directing: The Best

Christmas Pageant Ever (GHS).

Anna Medders - Assistant Costume Design

Concentration: BA Design/Tech Home Town: West Jefferson, AL Education: Corner High School

Recent Production Work: Costume Design: A New Brain, Noises Off (UAB). Dresser: Dreamgirls (Red Mountain Theatre), Anastasia, An Officer and a Gentleman (BJCC), Legally Blonde (Oxford Performing Arts Center), The 2022 Birmingham World Games.

David Page - Lighting/Sound Design

Home Town: New Orleans, LA

Education: BA, Louisiana Tech University; MFA, The University of Alabama Recent Production Work: Lighting/Sound Design: Noises Off (UAB). Sound/

Projections: The Glass Menagerie (UAB). Lighting Design: Punk Rock

Girl, The Lightning Thief (University of Montevallo). Scenic/Projections: Best of

Enemies (Theatre Tuscaloosa) Annie Kids, Moana Jr., Getting to

Know... Footloose (Artplay), Rock of Ages (Virginia Samford Theatre). Projection Design: Beauty and the Beast Jr. (Myrtle Grove Middle School, NC), Newsies (Red Mountain Theatre), Bonnie and Clyde, Dracula (Alabama Ballet), Frozen Jr. (Cohasset Dramatic Club, MA).

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Jazzy Pedroza-Watson (she/her/hers) - Ensemble/Murderer

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Madison, AL

Education: Bob Jones High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: References to Salvador Dali Make Me Hot (KCACTF), Echo(es), Much Ado About Nothing, The Wolves (UAB). Directing: Bake for Life (KCACTF). Assistant Directing: The Sword in the Stone Touring Company

(UAB). Assistant Stage Manager: Sense and Sensibility (UAB).

Katie Pulmano (she/her) - Stage Manager

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Birmingham, AL Education: Chelsea High School

Recent Production Work: Stage Management: She Loves Me (Priscilla Beach Theatre), Coin (UAB). Assistant Stage Management: Into The Woods Jr. (Red Mountain Theatre),

Echo(es), The Way You Made Me (UAB), Magic City Nutcracker (Magic City

Performing Arts).

C.J. Romano - Scenic Design

Concentration: BA Design/Tech Home Town: Birmingham, AL

Education: John Carroll Catholic High School

Recent Production Work: Scenic Charge: Sense and Sensibility (UAB). Assistant Scenic Design: The SpongeBob Musical (UAB). Scene Painter: Noises Off, Echo(es), The SpongeBob Musical (UAB). Assistant Costume Design: The Secret Garden (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: Sense and Sensibility, The SpongeBob Musical, Much Ado About Nothing, 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).

McKenna Shaw (she/her/hers) - Fight Captain/Assistant Fight Director

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Home Town: Pittsburg, KS

Education: Pittsburg High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: Kinky Boots, Bar Mitzvah in Birmingham, True North (Red Mountain Theatre), Sense and Sensibility, The 2022 Heroes vs Villains Tour, The Spongebob Musical, Much Ado About Nothing, Disconnect, The Way You Made Me (UAB). Directing/Choreography/Dance Captain: Much Ado About Nothing (UAB).

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Eli Smith (they/them/theirs) - Assistant Stage Manager

Concentration: BA General Theatre Home Town: Pleasant Grove, AL Education: Pleasant Grove High School

Recent Production Work: Stage Manager: 2022 Freshman Showcase (UAB).

Performance: Shrek The Musical Jr (Pleasant Grove HS).

Santiago Sosa - Voice & Text Coach/Fight Director

Home Town: Guayaquil, Ecuador

Education: BFA, Texas State University; MFA, The University of Wisconsin Recent Production Work: Performance (Narration): The SpongeBob Musical (UAB). Voice & Text Coach: The SpongeBob Musical, Much Ado About Nothing, Godspell (UAB), As You Like It, The Wolves (University of Kansas), The Tempest (Nashville Shakespeare Festival). Directing: Sense and Sensibility (UAB), 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: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Nashville Shakespeare Festival), Two Gentlemen of Verona (The Theater Bug).

Elaysha Travis (she/her/hers) - Ensemble/Gertrude

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Madison, MS

Education: Madison Central High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: Sense and Sensibility, Eurydice (UAB).

Michael Woods - Ensemble/Hamlet

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: New Orleans, LA

Education: New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts (NOCCA)

Recent Production Work: Performance: Much Ado About Nothing (UAB), Xanadu, All

Is Calm (NOCCA) Follow Spot Operator: Hair (UAB).

Logan Zirlott (he, him) - Rosencrantz

Concentration: BA General Theatre

Home Town: Mobile, AL Education: Baker High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: A Rocky Time (Student Project), The Good,

The Bad, and The Dead, Murder Up The Creek (Bay Area Improv Company).

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