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-W.S.

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A Regional Tony Award recipient, Chicago Shakespeare Theater produces a bold and innovative year-round season—plays, musicals, world premieres, family productions, and theatrical presentations from around the globe—alongside education programming for students, teachers, and lifelong learners, and engagement with communities across the city.

Founded in 1986, the Theater has evolved to present as many as twenty productions and 650 performances annually and has been honored with numerous awards. Chicago Shakespeare is the city's leading presenter of international work and has toured its own productions to five continents. The Theater is also dedicated to welcoming the next generation of theatergoers.

A national leader in the field, the Theater's arts-in-literacy programs support the work in classrooms across the region for tens of thousands of students each year by bringing complex texts to life onstage and through professional learning opportunities for teachers. Now in its twelfth year, Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks remains a key component of the Theater's Community Practice, a year-round program rooted in engagement with neighborhoods and collaborations with local artists.

As a nonprofit organization, Chicago Shakespeare is, at its core, about people: connecting audiences and artists, partnering with teachers and students, and sharing with friends and neighbors. It is in this spirit that the Theater upholds its commitment to be an increasingly diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible organization. The Theater strives to engage today's artists and audiences in active and critical conversations with the work of its namesake, William Shakespeare.

Located on Chicago's iconic Navy Pier, Chicago Shakespeare's campus features the Jentes Family Courtyard Theater, The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare, and the Thoma Theater Upstairs. Onstage, in classrooms and neighborhoods across the city, and in venues around the world, Chicago Shakespeare is a multifaceted cultural hub—inviting audiences, artists, and community members to share powerful stories that connect and inspire.

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Four hundred years after his death, Shakespeare continues to raise questions, arguments, and point/counterpoints among—and sometimes between—scholars and theater practitioners. The same script through different lenses reveals itself in myriad ways—leaving us, the readers of text and performance, to think and rethink our own points of view. Such is the legacy that Shakespeare left us. We hope that our program notes enrich, deepen, and sometimes even challenge our audiences' experience with the production they witness.

## Muchness A Scholar's Perspective on *The Comedy of Errors*

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Visit **chicagoshakes.com** to explore more ideas and stories behind the art on CST's stages.

#### THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

- BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
- STUDIO SCENES WRITTEN BY RON WEST
- DIRECTED BY BARBARA GAINES
- COURTYARD THEATER
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Stuart Sherman, who contributes this essay, is a professor of English at Fordham University and the author of Telling Time: Clocks, Diaries, and English Diurnal Form, 1660–1785.

Spoiler alert: this one will end happily.

But you knew that already. Shakespeare foretells it in his title. "This time," as Stephen Sondheim once wrote in his great hot take on what comedy means, "it all comes out all right."

One of comedy's great mysteries lies in the funny thing that happens on the way to that ending. We know about it, but we sideline it; we halfmanage, moment by moment, to forget it. We forgo the privilege of foreknowledge for the keener pleasure of keeping the characters company in their perplexity.

One of Shakespeare's great mysteries lies in what might be called his muchness—his gift for taking up our most familiar experiences, in life and in plays—with people (characters), stories (plots), conversation (dialogue), behavioral patterns (genres)—and infusing them with a barely imaginable abundance. By doubling down on their most potent possibilities, he makes them into something new.

In this early play (he was maybe 29 when he wrote it) we can see him mastering that muchness. Comedies, as Vladimir Nabokov once remarked, often unfold "in an essentially grief-proof sphere of existence." Shakespeare opts to widen the emotional spectrum: he begins with grief abounding. In the city of Ephesus, at the dawn of a new day, Egeon, a foreign and forlorn old man facing imminent execution at day's end, tells the story of his multiple bereavements to the Duke who has decreed his death.

Even so, in Egeon's tale of painful loss, Shakespeare helps us detect the seedlings of our forthcoming comic gain. Over the course of his lifetime, he has



lost not only two twin sons, identically named (they are both called Antipholus), but also their twin servants (two Dromios), matchingly monickered also. The ancient comedy from which Shakespeare took his plot involved just one pair of twins, so here's more muchness: Shakespeare opts to double down on the doublings, producing potential symmetries so over-the-top that they almost cry out for recovery, matching up, and sorting out.

But of course not yet. For Shakespeare and for us, the point of these paired pairings is to compound the chaos, to ramp up the speed, force, and farce of all the errors that will fuel the comedy. One pair's from out of town; one pair lives in town; neither knows the other's near, and no one around them knows the difference. Cue confusion: a roundelay of identities mistaken, doors slammed, incomprehensions intensified, and opportunities just-missed for getting everything straightened out. The result is a delicious double bind, the comic analog of agony: we do want that happy ending; we just don't want it to happen any time too soon.

But Shakespeare, being Shakespeare, manages to compound things further—to scatter notes of genuine agony amid the uproar. The one twin who has come to town deliberately to seek out his sundered kindred knows well the near-futility of his mission: "I am," he says,

like a drop of water That in the ocean seeks another drop; Who, failing there to find his fellow forth, Unseen, inquisitive, confounds himself.

Two isolated drops in a boundless ocean: what are the chances? In his faltering search for family, he frets, "I lose myself," and he finds the confusion nearly suffocating. But when, in the evening of this play's one day, the ocean tide finally turns toward happiness, the Duke who'd decreed Egeon's death notes the shift:

Now begins his morning story right.

It's a striking line: by a quiet pun, Shakespeare retraces the play's expansive emotional arc. At its start, Egeon's story was naught but "mourning." Now, the Duke suggests, it can be not so much retold as simply extended, reseen, re-understood. Errors can yield resolution; selves lost can become selves found; mourning can beget new mornings.

We're near the end of the play, but not (in Shakespeare, never) of the muchness. Perhaps the playwright's richest gold mine lay in the doubled perception which he would voice a few years later: if "all the world's a stage," then any play that mirrors the world will also give him the chance to show, and us the chance to see and savor, the limitlessly varied ways in which the world mirrors the stage.

Near the dawn of his career, *The Comedy of Errors* is perhaps the most explicit love-letter to theater he had crafted to date. The city of Ephesus, one character remarks, has a reputation for "cozenage"—for trickery—and houses "nimble jugglers that deceive the eye," "disguised cheaters," and "darkworking sorcerers that change the mind." Sounds grim. But by this logic, the

Errors can yield resolution; selves lost can become selves found; mourning can beget new mornings city is remarkably like a theater, where trickery and disguises abound, entertainers entertain, sorcerers (actors, playwrights, designers, directors) work to change our minds, and we not merely collude in but actually pay for the privileges and pleasures of the delusion.

And by the *Comedy's* logic, rightly so. In Shakespeare's layered imagery lies a simple equation: if the city = theater and the city = ocean, then the theater is a kind of ocean too, wherein for us as for the characters, it becomes possible ultimately to recognize our kinship with one

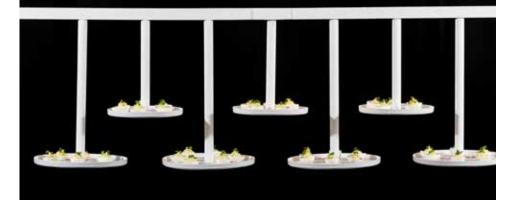
another and, in the process, to resee our selves. Even dark sorcery can lead to light. Comedy fosters community, both on the stage and in the auditorium; "together" is literally the play's last word.

Now in its thirty-seventh season, Chicago Shakespeare Theater does once again what it has long done so adroitly: it manages to double down on its namesake's muchness, in layered and lovely ways. In this, her valedictory production, Barbara Gaines has chosen to revisit the hit *Comedy* she first brought into being fifteen years ago: cast members from that one will reappear here—a supple twinning across the years; now, as then, she makes of Shakespeare's show (as if to echo one of his favorite moves) a play within a play, as we watch a fretful troupe of performers trying to film Shakespeare's script as a diversion and solace for Britons suffering through World War II. In perhaps the production's sweetest doubling-down, Shakespeare's love letter to theater becomes a billet-doux to cinema too.

And so this seems as good a moment as any to marvel at the bright sorcery that brought this company into being, and built for us, on this shore of Chicago's inland sea, three indoor oceans (the Courtyard Theater, Upstairs at Chicago Shakespeare, The Yard) wherein again and again we can, drop-like, find in each other our shared humanity and, working together, fathom our own depths.

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"O for a Muse of fire, that would ascend the brightest heaven of invention..."

Henry V, Act I, Prologue



In 1986, an ensemble of artists joined me on the rooftop of a pub in what would become Chicago Shakespeare's first production. Actor Bruce A. Young spoke aloud those immortal first words of *Henry V.* 

It was that *invention*—that spark of an idea of what this Theater could become—that fuels our creativity and draws together audiences and artists from around the world.

Now, I have the privilege of welcoming you to my last production as Artistic Director. And today, that same beautiful actor, Bruce, will speak the final words of this play—standing alongside collaborators onstage and off whose credits span the Theater's full and rich history.

This project is in every sense a love letter to theater making—that ineffable process of all of us gathering together to create something magical. And we couldn't do it without you.

So, to this company, and to artists past, present, and future; to the audiences who join us to invent a moment together—thank you. To me, you have exceeded the brightest heavens... and our story is only just beginning!

With love,

Barbara Gaines Artistic Director

Carl and Marilynn Thoma Chair



#### **BARBARA GAINES**

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## Cast (order of appearance)

Dudley Marsh as Dromio of Syracuse

Charles Chittick as Second Merchant

David Pickles, director of photography as Angelo

Priscilla, first assistant director as First Merchant

Monty, second assistant camera as **Duke** 

Admiral Bernard Philpot as Egeon

Tom, assistant director as Gaoler/Officer

Eddie Philpot as Dr. Pinch

Patch, sound engineer as Balthazar

Phil Sullivan as Antipholus of Ephesus

Alice Boggs as Luciana

Cyril, propeties manager as Nell

Marian, script supervisor as Courtesan

Fanny, make-up assistant as Messenger

Veronica Marsh as Adriana

Doris. Veronica's wardrobe assistant as Abbess

Emerson Furbelow as Antipholus of Syracuse

Lord Brian Hallifax as Dromio of Ephesus

**ROSS LEHMAN\*** 

**WILLIAM DICK\*** 

**BREON ARZELL\*** 

MAYA VINICE PRENTISS

**BRUCE A. YOUNG\*** 

**GREG VINKLER\*** 

MICHAEL E. MARTIN

**BILL LARKIN\*** 

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## Playgoer's Guide

On a sound stage at Shepperton Studios in 1940 at the height of the London Blitz, a cast of stars from stage and screen are summoned together to shoot a film of Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors to cheer a besieged nation and the brave boys in uniform fighting abroad. They have just thirty-six hours...

#### THE STORY OF THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

Far away from his home in Syracuse, Egeon sails the high seas in search of his son. Arriving in Ephesus, a place where Syracusans are strictly outlawed, Egeon is arrested and sentenced for execution that very night.

Egeon tells his story of grief to all who are gathered there... Years ago, a tragic shipwreck tore his young family asunder. With his son Antipholus and attendant Dromio, Egeon was rescued from the sea; his beloved wife and the identical twins of son and attendant were never to be seen again. Eighteen years later as a young man, Antipholus left home to search for his lost brother, accompanied by Dromio. Without any news of Antipholus, Egeon set sail, crossing the sea in search of his son and Dromio.

As luck (or is it fate?) would have it, that very same morning of Egeon's arrest, his son and attendant arrived in Ephesus, too, of all places! And, by another strange stroke of coincidence, it is here in Ephesus that Antipholus's identical twin (also named Antipholus) has lived for all these years with his attendant (also named Dromio). The pairs of same-named twins are also indistinguishable, apparently, and so everyone in town—even Antipholus's wife Adriana and her sister Luciana—repeatedly confuses one brother for the other. And thus, for one wacky, nerve-racking day in Ephesus, mistakes, misadventures, and mishaps turn the townspeople's otherwise predictable lives utterly upside down. All hope of sanity seems quite lost—until the Abbess, with knowledge of life beyond the convent's cloistered walls, amazes us all...

#### IN PRINT

Seven years following the playwright's death, *The Comedy of Errors* was first published in 1623 in the First Folio—as was true for approximately half of Shakespeare's plays not previously printed during his lifetime as quartos (equivalent to our paperbacks today). As one of Shakespeare's earliest plays—and the shortest—*The Comedy of Errors* is believed to have been composed as early as 1591 but no later than 1594, when it was performed at the Inns of Court. Without the enormous contribution of John Heminge and Henry Condell, actors in Shakespeare's company who edited and supervised the printing of the Folio, eighteen plays, including *Macbeth, Twelfth Night*, and *The Tempest*, would have been lost. 2023 marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Folio's publication.

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### **Profiles**



#### **BREON ARZELL**

(David Pickles/Angelo)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
DREAM - A Community
Reimagining of A
Midsummer Night's
Dream. CHICAGO: Little
Shop of Horrors,

Baskerville (Metropolis Performing Arts Centre); The Color Purple (Drury Lane Theatre); A Christmas Carol, Objects in the Mirror (Goodman Theatre); The Brothers Size (Steppenwolf Theatre Company). **REGIONAL:** Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, Baltimore Center Stage. NATIONAL TOURS: Superman 2050, Murder on the Midwest Express (Theater Unspeakable, USA). INTERNATIONAL: The Comedy of Errors, Neighbors with Long Teeth, and more (White Horse Theatre, Germany); Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan, and more (A.C.L.E. Theatrino, Italy). TELEVISION: South Side (Comedy Central); Chicago Med (NBC); Empire (FOX). EDUCATION: BA in theater. Miami University. Ohio. AWARDS: 6 Joseph Jefferson, 2 Black Theatre Alliance, New City 50 Players of Chicago 2018, 2020, 2023. Arzell is a teaching artist at Goodman Theatre.



#### ADIA BELL

(Fanny/Messenger)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Shakesfest: A Chicago
Shakespeare Community
Cabaret. CHICAGO:
Children of Eden
(Broadway in Chicago at

Cadillac Palace Theatre); Skates: A New Musical (Studebaker Theater); Groundhog Day, Cinderella (Paramount Theatre); Legends of the 50s and 60s: Greatest Hits (Music Theater Works); New Faces Sing Broadway 1979, Chicago Sings Rock & Roll Broadway (Porchlight Music Theatre); The Color Purple (Drury Lane Theatre).

REGIONAL: The Wizard of Oz (Capital Repertory Theatre); The Music Man (Arizona Theatre Company). EDUCATION: BFA in musical theatre, The University of Arizona.



#### MELANIE BREZILL

(Alice Boggs/Luciana)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
As You Like It, Seussical,
Willy Wonka. CHICAGO:
for colored girls who have
considered suicide/when
the rainbow is enuf. Man

in the Ring, Caroline, or Change (Court Theatre): Nina Simone: Four Women (Northlight Theatre); Crowns, A Christmas Carol (Goodman Theatre); The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, My Wonderful Birthday Suit, Last Stop on Market Street (Chicago Children's Theatre); The MLK Project (Writers Theatre); Yeast Nation (American Theater Company); Living Green (Victory Gardens Theatre); Once on This Island (Porchlight Music Theatre). BROADWAY: The Book of Mormon. TOUR: The Book of Mormon; Mamma Mia!; Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (Curran Theatre. San Francisco). FILM: Crafted for Christmas. TELEVISION: Empire (FOX). EDUCATION: BS in communication studies. Music Theater Certificate Program, Northwestern University. AWARDS: BTAA Best Actress in a Musical, Joseph Jefferson Nomination - Best Supporting Actress, Caroline, or Change.



#### LILLIAN CASTILLO

(Marian/Courtesan)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Short Shakespeare! The
Comedy of Errors, The
Taming of the Shrew,
Ride the Cyclone,
Seussical, Chicago

Shakespeare in the Parks production of Shakespeare's Greatest Hits. CHICAGO: In the Heights (Paramount Theatre); Hairspray, Sleeping Beauty, West Side Story (Drury Lane Theatre); Mamma Mial, Sister Act, She Loves Me (Marriott Theatre); Wonderland, Alice's Rock and Roll Adventure (Chicago Children's Theatre); Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (Emerald City Theatre). OFF BROADWAY: Ride the Cyclone (MCC). REGIONAL: Why Do Fools Fall in Love (Milwaukee Repertory Theater); Hairspray (Phoenix Theatre); Hairspray, Glorious! (Arkansas Repertory Theatre); Macbeth,

Fiddler on the Roof, Lend Me a Tenor: The Musical, School for Wives, The Merchant of Venice, Private Lives, The Taming of the Shrew (Utah Shakespeare Festival).



#### DAN CHAMEROY

(Phil Sullivan/Antipholus of Ephesus) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. TOUR: Matilda (US National Tour). INTERNATIONAL: Chicago, A Winter's Tale.

Cymbeline, As You Like It, The Tempest, The Merry Wives of Windsor, The Rocky Horror Show, Little Shop of Horrors, Billy Elliot, Oklahoma!, Camelot (Stratford Festival); Idiot's Delight, Of Human Bondage, The Barber of Seville (Soulpepper Theatre Company); The Magic Fire (Shaw Festival); Life After, The Wild Party (The Musical Stage Company); Company (Theatre 20); The Arsonists, Into The Woods (Canadian Stage); Beauty and the Beast, The Drowsy Chaperone, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Les Misérables (Mirvish Productions). TELEVISION: Leer Estates (stratfest@home); Hotel Transylvania: The Series (Sony Pictures); Saving Me (BYUtv). **EDUCATION:** The Birmingham Conservatory: Stratford Festival, AWARDS: Dora Mayor Moore, Toronto Critics Choice, multiple Canadian Screen nominations. @ danchameroy



#### WILLIAM DICK

(Charles Chittick/Second Merchant) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: All's Well That Ends Well, The Wizard of Oz, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Merry Wives

of Windsor, Cyrano de Bergerac, Henry VIII, The Madness of George III, Macbeth, Cymbeline, The Merchant of Venice, among others. CHICAGO: A Christmas Carol, Bernhardt/Hamlet, Father Comes Home from the Wars, Blind Date, Moonlight and Magnolias, House and Garden, The Goat, or Who is Sylvia? (Goodman Theatre); Choir Boy, We All Went Down to Amsterdam (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); The Book

of Will, The Odd Couple (Northlight Theatre); The Pitmen Painters (TimeLine Theatre Company). REGIONAL: Asolo Repertory Theatre, Michigan Public Theatre, Studio Arena Theatre, The Los Angeles Theatre Center, extensive work at Milwaukee Repertory Theater. TELEVISION: 4400 (CW); Fargo (FX); Chicago Fire, Crisis (NBC); Empire, Mob Doctor (FOX); Leverage (TNT). FILM: The Company, Ice Harvest, Stranger than Fiction, The Break Up, The Promotion, The Merry Gentleman, Fred Claus, Oz the Great and Powerful. AWARDS: Joseph Jefferson - Best Ensemble Large Theatre, Choir Boy.



#### KEVIN GUDAHL

(Lord Brian Hallifax/ Dromio of Ephesus) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Measure for Measure, As You Like It, The King's Speech, Hamlet, Schiller's Mary Stuart, Tug of War:

Foreign Fire and Civil Strife, Pericles, King Lear, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Henry VIII. The School for Lies. Elizabeth Rex, Brutus in Julius Caesar, Fredrik in A Little Night Music, Hal in Henry IV Parts 1 and 2. Kavama in Pacific Overtures: title roles in Macbeth, Antony and Cleopatra, Troilus and Cressida. CHICAGO: Court Theatre, Goodman Theatre, Writers Theatre, Marriott Theatre, Northlight Theatre, Remy Bumppo Theatre Company, Drury Lane Theatre, Victory Gardens Theater. **REGIONAL**: The National Theatre, Washington, DC. INTERNATIONAL: 5 seasons with Stratford Festival: Canadian Stage: Donmar Warehouse; Royal Shakespeare Company (CST tour). FILM: While You Were Sleeping, Home Alone III, The Poker House, **TELEVISION**: The Shining Girls (Apple TV+); Chicago Fire, Crisis (NBC); Boss (STARZ); Empire, The Chicago Code (FOX); Early Edition (CBS). Gudahl is a multiple Joseph Jefferson Award recipient and is a frequent CST verse coach and Folio instructor.



#### **ORA JONES**

(Doris/Abbess) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Countess in All's Well That Ends Well, Katherine of Aragon in Henry VIII, Queen Charlotte in The Madness of George III. Maria in

Twelfth Night, Lucienne in A Flea in Her Ear. CHICAGO: The Children, Familiar, The Roommate, Olga in Three Sisters, The Brother/Sister Plays, Middletown, The Violet Hour (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); One Giant Leap, My Kind of Town (TimeLine Theatre Company); Rasheeda Speaking (Rivendell Theatre Ensemble); Ah. Wilderness!, Animal Crackers, Proof, A Christmas Carol, Seeking the Genesis (Goodman Theatre); The Iphigenia Cycle, Mary Stuart, My Fair Lady (Court Theatre). BROADWAY: Les Liaisons Dangereuses, Matilda the Musical, REGIONAL: Pioneer Theatre Company, Studio Theatre, Next Act Theatre, Weston Playhouse, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. INTERNATIONAL: Galway Theatre Festival, Ireland, FILM: We Grown Now, Were the World Mine, Stranger than Fiction. TELEVISION: 61st Street (AMC); Somebody Somewhere (HBO); Betrayal (ABC); Chicago Fire (NBC). AWARDS: Black Theatre Alliance, After Dark.



#### **BILL LARKIN**

(Eddie Philpot/Dr. Pinch)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
The Genie in Disney's
Aladdin, Fairy Tales,
Classical Idol! CHICAGO:
The Producers (The
Mercury Theater): A Class

Act, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Call Me Madam (Porchlight Music Theatre); The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Broadway in Chicago); Death by Evening (The Second City e.t.c.). **REGIONAL**: The Agony and the Ivories (Edinburgh and Orlando Fringe Festivals); El Grande de Coca-Cola (Civic Theatre of Central Florida); Streetmosphere, Hoop Dee Doo Musical Revue (Walt Disney World). **RECORDINGS:** The Paper Machete, Knowing Your Audience (Green Mill Jazz Club). FILM: No Ordinary Hero. TELEVISION: Chicago PD (NBC): Premium Blend (Comedy Central). **EDUCATION**: BS in communications, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

AWARDS: Joseph Jefferson – Performer in a Principal Role, *A Class Act*. Larkin has spent more than 20 years in the piano bar circuit including Howl at the Moon and Redhead Piano Bar.



#### ROSS LEHMAN

(Dudley Marsh/Dromio of Syracuse) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Pericles, King Lear, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Cyrano de Bergerac, As You Like It, Feste in Twelfth Night,

Dudley Marsh/Dromio of Syracuse in The Comedy of Errors (2008), Troilus and Cressida, Henry IV Parts 1 and 2 (at CST and on tour to Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford-upon-Avon), Cymbeline. CHICAGO: Sentimental Journey (Citadel Theatre); Fiddler on the Roof, The Producers (Marriott Theatre); Waiting for Godot, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Stage Kiss (Goodman Theatre); A Man of No Importance, The Dresser, As You Like It, Hamlet (Writers Theatre). BROADWAY: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, The Tempest, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. INTERNATIONAL: Koko in the London production of Hot Mikado (Laurence Olivier Award nomination). AWARDS: Joseph Jefferson - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, A Man of No Importance; After Dark - *The Dresser*. Lehman teaches acting at Loyola University.



#### MICHAEL E. MARTIN

(Tom/Gaoler/Officer)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. CHICAGO: United
Flight 232 (The House
Theatre of Chicago);
Groundhog Day
(Paramount Theatre);

Kentucky (The Gift Theatre). REGIONAL:
Bloomington Playwrights Project, Rocky
Mountain Repertory, Little Theatre on the
Square, Sight & Sound Theatres,
Thingamajig Theatre Company, CityRep
Theatre, Everblue Arts. FILM: Step 6
(post-production). TELEVISION: Chicago Fire
(NBC). EDUCATION: MM in music theatre,
Oklahoma City University; BM in music
education, Murray State University. AWARDS:
Joseph Jefferson - Best Ensemble, United
Flight 232.



#### STEVE McDONAGH

(Cyril/Nell) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: The Music Man (Goodman Theatre); Arsenic and Old Lace (Court Theatre); Call Me Madam. Bells are Ringing

(Porchlight Music Theatre); The Elephant Man, Native Gardens, All Shook Up (Williams Street Repertory); Driving Miss Daisy, The Sunshine Boys, Little Shop of Horrors (Theatre at the Center); As You Like It (Oak Park Festival Theatre); A Christmas Carol (Drury Lane Theatre Oakbrook). REGIONAL: The Kennedy Center, Lamb's Players Theatre. FILM: Twisted Little Lies, Glass Houses, Separate Checks. TELEVISION: Chicago Med (NBC); Host of Party Line (Food Network). PODCAST: Host of But I Digest podcast.



#### RUSSELL MERNAGH

(Patch/Balthasar)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Antipholus of Ephesus in
Chicago Shakespeare in
the Parks The Comedy
of Errors, Mischa in Ride
the Cyclone. CHICAGO:

The Play that Goes Wrong (Broadway Playhouse); Rock of Ages (Drury Lane Theatre); Mamma Mia! (Marriott Theatre); Wonderful Town (Goodman Theatre); Les Misérables (Paramount Theatre). OFF BROADWAY: The Play that Goes Wrong (New World Stages). EDUCATION: BFA in acting, Western Michigan University.



#### SUSAN MONIZ

(Veronica Marsh/Adriana) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Sally in Follies, Jessica in The Merchant of Venice. CHICAGO: Kate in Kiss Me, Kate, Elsie in October Sky, Witch in Into the Woods

(Marriott Theatre); Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music* (Paramount Theater); Joy in *Shadowlands*, Shelby in *The Spitfire Grill* (Provision Theater); Eva Peron in *Evita* (Drury Lane Theatre); Sarah Brown in *Guys* 

& Dolls (Court Theater); Oklahoma, The Merry Widow (Lyric Opera of Chicago). BROADWAY: Sandy & Rizzo in Grease. REGIONAL: The Baroness in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Carlotta in Phantom (Fulton Opera House); Yum Yum in The Hot Mikado (Ford's Theatre). TOURS: Helen in Fun Home (First National Tour); Madam Giry in The Phantom of the Opera. TELEVISION: Chicago PD, Chicago Med (NBC). AWARDS: After Dark, Joseph Jefferson.



#### ROBERT PETKOFF

(Emerson Furbelow/ Antipholus of Syracuse) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Title roles in Troilus and Cressida, Hamlet, Sunday in the Park with George, Mercutio in Romeo and

Juliet (Joseph Jefferson Award Nomination), Buddy in Follies. CHICAGO: Pride and Prejudice (Lifeline Theatre), Private Investigations (Commons Theatre). BROADWAY: Epic Proportions, Fiddler on the Roof, Ragtime, Anything Goes, All the Way. OFF BROADWAY: More Stately Mansions. Avow, Happiness, Beast in the Jungle, Mrs. Warren's Profession. TOURS: Sir Robin in Spamalot (First National Tour), Algernon in The Importance of Being Earnest, Bruce in Fun Home (First National Tour). REGIONAL: The Old Globe, Denver Center Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, Hartford Stage. INTERNATIONAL: Tantalus (Barbican Theatre); The Royal Family (West End); More Stately Mansions (Het Zuidelijk Toneel, Edinburgh Festival). FILM: Vice Versa, Gamedav, Milk and Money, TELEVISION: Mona (ABC); Married with Children (FOX); Quantum Leap, Law and Order, Law and Order: SVU (NBC): The Good Wife, Madam Secretary, Elementary (CBS). Petkoff is an award-winning audiobook narrator with over 350 titles recorded.



#### MAYA VINICE PRENTISS

(Priscilla/First Merchant)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Romeo and Juliet.
CHICAGO: Clyde's, How to
Catch Creation, School
Girls; or, the African Mean
Girls Play (Goodman

Theatre); An Octoroon (Definition Theatre); Marie Antoinette and the Magical Negroes (The Story Theatre); Eclipsed (Pegasus Theatre Company). REGIONAL: School Girls; or, the African Mean Girls Plav (TheatreSquared); As You Like It, Pride and Prejudice, Caesar (Illinois Shakespeare Festival); Origin Story (Illinois Theatre). FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY: Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Steppenwolf Theatre, Definition Theatre, The Story Theatre, The Impostors Theatre. DIALECT COACHING: Goodman Theatre, The House Theatre. FILM: Jade. TELEVISION: The Chi (Showtime). EDUCATION: BFA in drama, Spelman College; MFA in acting, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. AWARDS: Joseph Jefferson - Best Fight Choreography. Ethiopianamerica.



#### **GREG VINKLER**

(Admiral Bernard Philpot/ Egeon) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: King Lear in King Lear, Malvolio in Twelfth Night, Polonius in Hamlet, Jaques in As You Like It, Falstaff in Henry IV,

Parts 1 and 2, King John in King John,
Angelo in Measure for Measure, plus 32
others. CHICAGO: Goodman Theatre,
Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Northlight
Theatre, Writers Theatre, Court Theatre,
Marriott Theatre, Victory Gardens Theatre.
BROADWAY: West Side Story. REGIONAL:
Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Pittsburgh
Public Theatre, BoarsHead Theater, Paper
Mill Playhouse, Fulton Theatre.
INTERNATIONAL: Royal Shakespeare
Company, Stratford-upon-Avon, Barbican
Theatre in London, Singapore Repertory
Theatre, Vienna's English Theatre.
EDUCATION: BFA, University of Illinois; MFA,

Ohio University. AWARDS: Joseph Jefferson – King Lear, Twelfth Night, Hamlet; After Dark – As You Like It. Vinkler was artistic director of Peninsula Players Theatre from 1994-2022.



#### BRUCE A. YOUNG

(Monty/Duke, Fight Choreographer & Captain) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: founding member as both an actor and fight choreographer, including Henry V. Antony and

Cleopatra, Cymbeline, Hamlet, The Merchant of Venice, Henry IV Parts 1 and 2 (CST and Royal Shakespeare Company), Rose Rage (CST and The Duke on 42nd Street, New York), CHICAGO: Victory Gardens Theatre: Hedda Gabler (Northlight Theatre); Galileo, The Tempest (Goodman Theatre); Driving Miss Daisy (Briar Street Theatre); Warp (Organic Theater Company). BROADWAY: Macbeth directed by Terry Hands (Music Box Theatre). OFF BROADWAY: Elliot Loves directed by Mike Nichols (Promenade Theater). REGIONAL: Water by the Spoonful, Fingersmith, The Tempest, The Happiest Song Plays Last (Oregon Shakespeare Festival); Neighbors (Mixed Blood Theatre Company): Titus Andronicus (Shakespeare Santa Cruz); Joe Turner's Come and Gone (Baltimore Center Stage); Othello (Philadelphia Drama Guild). FILM: Risky Business, Enough, Hotshots, Phenomenon, Trespass, Basic Instinct, An Innocent Man, The Color of Money. TELEVISION: The Unit (CBS); The Sentinel, Highlander, The District (USA); Grey's Anatomy (ABC); Boomtown (NBC).



#### ISABELLA ABEL-SUAREZ

(Understudy) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: The Wizard of Oz (Marriott Theatre); Our Dear Dead Drug Lord (Steep Theatre). REGIONAL: Milwaukee

Repertory Theater, Utah Shakespeare Festival. **EDUCATION**: BFA in theatre, Southern Utah University.



#### ANGELICA HERNDON

(Understudy) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Young Playwrights Festival (Pegasus Theatre); The Wiz Jr. (Emerald City Theatre): Sweet Charity

(Skokie Theatre). FILM: The Thing About Harry. TELEVISION: Chicago Fire, Chicago Med (NBC). EDUCATION: BA in musical theatre, MA in teaching, Fairleigh Dickinson University.



#### **BENJAMIN JENKINS**

(Understudy) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Arsenic and Old Lace (Court Theatre); Middle Passage (Lifeline Theatre); Fireflies (Northlight Theatre); Titus

Andronicus (Haven Chicago); Feral (MPAACT); Choir Boy, Not About Nightingales (Raven Theatre). EDUCATION: BFA in acting, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.



#### MADISON KAUFFMAN

(Understudy) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: A Midsummer's Night's Dream. CHICAGO: Fiddler on the Roof (Lyric Opera of Chicago); Southern Gothic (Windy City

Playhouse); The Secret of My Success, The Little Mermaid (Paramount Theatre); A Christmas Carol, James and the Giant Peach (Drury Lane Theatre); A Taste of Things to Come (Broadway in Chicago). REGIONAL: Grease (Casa Mañana); Numbers Nerds (New York Musical Theatre Festival); Mamma Mia!, Rabbit Hole, Rumors (Ozark Actors Theatre); Guys & Dolls, Into the Woods, Violet, A Midsummer Night's Dream. EDUCATION: BFA in musical theatre, Millikin University.



#### JEFF KURYSZ

(Understudy) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: All's Well That Ends Well, As You Like It, Shakespeare in Love. CHICAGO: Support Group for Men (Goodman Theatre): 33 to Nothing

(A Red Orchid Theatre); The Legend of Georgia McBride (Northlight Theatre); Verboten (The House Theatre of Chicago); Zurich (Steep Theatre); One Came Home (Lifeline Theatre); Romeo and Juliet (Teatro Vista); All My Sons (Eclectic Theatre Co.); Amadeus (Boho Theatre). REGIONAL: As You Like It (Milwaukee Repertory Theater); Richard III, Twelfth Night, The Tempest (Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre). TELEVISION: Mayor of Kingstown (Paramount+); Chicago Fire, Chicago Med, Crisis (NBC); Proven Innocent (FOX). EDUCATION: The School at Steppenwolf: Illinois State University.



MATT MILES (Understudy)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. CHICAGO: Bald
Sisters, Seagull
(Steppenwolf Theatre
Company); Trial in the
Delta: The Murder of
Emmett Till

(Collaboraction): Avenue Q (The Mercury Theater); Peter and the Starcatcher (Drury Lane Theatre); The Source (Route 66 Theatre Company); Billy Elliot (Music Theatre Works); Bat Boy, Ragtime (Griffin Theatre). REGIONAL: Legends of Castle O'Sullivan (Jim Henson Productions), FILM: Trial in the Delta: The Murder of Emmett Till (Peacock); Chicago Rot (Dakini Productions); multiple credits with The Onion Network. TELEVISION: Chicago Fire, Chicago Med (NBC); Empire (FOX); Sirens (USA). EDUCATION: BFA, University of Tulsa. AWARDS: Cast member of Regional Emmy Award-winning Long Form Human Interest film Trial in the Delta: The Murder of Emmett Till (Peacock).



MICHAEL JOSEPH
MITCHELL (Understudy)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Duke/Lucio in Measure
for Measure, The Wizard
in The Wizard of Oz, Sir
Davison/Count Bellievre
in Schiller's Mary Stuart.

CHICAGO: Spring Awakening (Porchlight Music Theatre): Will Shakespeare in Elizabeth Rex (Oak Park Festival Theatre); My Fair Lady (Lyric Opera of Chicago); Assassination Theater (Museum of Broadcast Communications); A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Winter's Tale, The Merchant of Venice (First Folio Theatre): The Goat or, Who is Sylvia? (Remy Bumppo Theatre Company); Underneath the Lintel (City Lit Theater Company); Scrooge, Bob Cratchit in A Christmas Carol (Drury Lane Theatre). REGIONAL: Asolo Repertory Theatre, Syracuse Stage, Indiana Repertory Theatre, BoarsHead Theater, Colonial Theatre. FILM: Falsely Accused; Scrooge & Marlev. TELEVISION: Chicago Fire (NBC). EDUCATION: Drake University; National Theater Institute; Théâtre des Amandiers, France.



IAN REED (Understudy)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. CHICAGO: Eddie in
The Wild Party (Blank
Theatre Company);
Patrick Star in The
SpongeBob Musical
(Surging Films &

Theatrics). **REGIONAL**: Frank in *The Rocky Horror Show* (The Circa 21 Speakeasy). **FILM**: *Ghostland Pilot* (Fresh Films). **EDUCATION**: BFA in musical theatre, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, MO.



#### JONATHAN SCHWART

(Understudy) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: The Music Man (Goodman Theatre); The Secret of My Success (Paramount Theatre); Caroline, or Change

(Firebrand Theatre in partnership with TimeLine Theatre Company); *Grand Hotel* 

(Kokandy Productions); Ragtime (Griffin Theatre); Mary Rose (Black Button Eyes Productions); Peabody (Young People's Theatre of Chicago). TELEVISION: Chicago Fire (NBC). EDUCATION: BBA in finance, BA in economics, The University of Texas at Austin; MPP, The University of Chicago. The ACADEMY at Black Box Acting; The Second City Music Program. AWARDS: Joseph Jefferson. he/him



#### BARBARA GAINES

(Director/Artistic Director, Carl and Marilynn Thoma Chair) has directed nearly 70 productions at Chicago Shakespeare since founding the Theater in 1986, including

33 of Shakespeare's plays. Honors include the 2008 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre, the prestigious Honorary OBE (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) in recognition of her contributions strengthening British-American cultural relations, the Making History Award, Chicago Innovation Awards Hall of Fame, as well as multiple Joseph Jefferson Awards for Best Production and for Best Director. Gaines has directed at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratfordupon-Avon, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and The Old Globe in San Diego.

RON WEST (Writer, Studio Scenes) also adapted The Taming of the Shrew for Chicago Shakespeare. With Phil Swann he is the co-author of Romeo and Juliet Musical: The People vs. Friar Laurence. The Man Who Killed Romeo and Juliet, which found success at Chicago Shakespeare. West and Swann also wrote the musical Delearious and Neil Simon's Musical Fools. West directed Twist Your Dickens at the Goodman Theatre and Portland Center Stage. He has also staged numerous shows at The Second City and several Catherine Butterfield plays, including Life Expectancy. If he's not playing Scrooge at Christmas, he's singing "Taxman" in BOTH - A Beatles Gospel Nativity. On television, he usually plays someone whose first name is Doctor. Concurrently he directs This Week This Week, a topical sketch show at the Open Fist Theater in Los Angeles, CA.

JAMES NOONE (Scenic Designer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Hamlet, Henry IV Parts 1 and 2, Antony and Cleopatra, Richard II, Julius Caesar, The Merry Wives of Windsor (2013, 2004), Henry VIII. BROADWAY: Inherit the Wind, The Gin Game, Jekyll and Hyde, The Sunshine Boys, Getting and Spending, Night Must Fall, The Rainmaker, A Class Act, Judgement at Nuremberg, Urban Cowboy, Match, Hot Feet, A Bronx Tale, Come Back Little Sheba, A Time to Kill, Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill. Sunset Boulevard. OFF BROADWAY: Frankie and Johnny in the Clair De Lune, Breaking Legs, Cowgirls, Ruthless, Edward Albee's Three Tall Women, Full Gallop, Fully Committed, A Bronx Tale, Party, Boys in the Band. REGIONAL: Noone has designed for regional theaters across the United States for the past 40 years. OPERA: Macbeth, Marriage of Figaro both directed by Barbara Gaines (Lyric Opera of Chicago); Washington National Opera, Houston Grand Opera, New York City Opera, Glimmerglass Festival, LA Opera, English National Opera, Château de Versailles Spectacles, Théâtre du Capitole, Opéra National de Bordeaux. FILM: Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill (HBO). AWARDS: Drama Desk, American Theatre Wing Design, LA Ovation, 2 Helen Haves, Noone is an associate professor at Boston University and is currently Head of BU's scenic design program.

MIEKA VAN DER PLOEG (Costume Designer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: It Came From Outer Space, Romeo and Juliet, Short Shakespeare! productions of Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks productions of A Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet, and CPS Shakespeare: Macbeth, CHICAGO: Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Court Theatre, Writers Theatre, Lyric Opera Unlimited, Lookingglass Theatre Company, Paramount Theatre, Marriott Theatre, Remy Bumppo Theatre Company, The Second City, Redmoon, The Hypocrites, Chicago Children's Theatre, About Face Theatre, Steep Theatre Company, Theater Wit, Albany Park Theater Project, Manual Cinema. REGIONAL: Milwaukee Repertory Theater, American Players Theatre, Children's Theatre of Charlotte, Public Theater's Under the Radar Festival, AWARDS: 2020 Joseph Jefferson - First Love is the Revolution (Steep Theatre Company).

KEN POSNER (Lighting Designer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: The Taming of the Shrew. Troilus and Cressida. Richard III all directed by Barbara Gaines. CHICAGO: War Paint, Crowns, Touch of the Poet (Joseph Jefferson Award Nomination), Griller (Goodman Theatre); Mother Courage (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); Fidelio, Electra (Chicago Symphony Orchestra). BROADWAY/OFF BROADWAY: Posner designs extensively on and off Broadway as well as for touring productions and regional theaters throughout the United States and internationally. Tony Award-nominated designs include The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Coast of Utopia: Shipwreck, Beetlejuice, Hairspray, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Pippin, Kinky Boots, Cinderella, Wicked, Other Desert Cities, The Merchant of Venice. AWARDS: Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics' Circle, Obie, Joseph Jefferson including one for Richard III at Chicago Shakespeare. Posner began his Chicago design career at Shakespeare Repertory at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts.

LINDSAY JONES (Sound Designer/Composer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: 33 productions including: Hamlet, Tug of War: Foreign Fire and Civil Strife, Othello, King Lear, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Henry VIII, Julius Caesar, Henry IV Parts 1 and 2, Henry V. CHICAGO: Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Northlight Theatre, Lookingglass Theatre Company, BROADWAY: Slave Play, The Nap, A Time to Kill, Bronx Bombers. OFF BROADWAY: Bootycandy, Wild with Happy, The Brother/Sister Plays, Top Secret, Rx, Beautiful Thing. REGIONAL: Guthrie Theater, South Coast Repertory, McCarter Theatre, Arena Stage, The Old Globe, Hartford Stage. INTERNATIONAL: Royal Shakespeare Company (UK); Stratford Festival (Canada); productions in Ireland, Austria, Zimbabwe, Scotland, South Africa. FILM: The Brass Teapot (Magnolia Pictures); A Note of Triumph (HBO Films, 2006 Academy Award winner). AWARDS: 2 Tony nominations (Best Score and Best Sound Design), 7 Joseph Jefferson, 2 Ovation, 3 Drama Desk nominations, Michael Maggio Emerging Designer, www.lindsayjones.com

RICHARD JARVIE (Hair & Make-up Designer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Measure for Measure, As You Like It, Emma, The King's Speech. The Wizard of Oz. Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Nell Gwynn, Peter Pan - A Musical Adventure, Macbeth, Schiller's Mary Stuart, Red Velvet, The Taming of the Shrew, Madagascar, Shakespeare in Love, Macbeth, Love's Labor's Lost, King Charles III; the inaugural season of Chicago Shakespeare on Navy Pier: Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks productions of The Comedy of Errors, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet; Short Shakespeare! productions of Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream. CHICAGO: Goodman Theatre, Court Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Drury Lane Theatre Oakbrook, 28 years with Lyric Opera of Chicago, 11 as wig master and make-up designer, REGIONAL: Alliance Theatre, McCarter Theatre, Guthrie Theater. OPERA: Atlanta Opera, San Francisco Opera, Hawaii Opera, Chicago Opera Theatre, Saint Louis Opera, Spoleto Festivals of Charleston, South Carolina, and Italy. INTERNATIONAL: Tom Patterson Theatre, Stratford, Ontario.

#### LARRY YANDO (Verse Coach)

CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Measure for Measure, Twelfth Night (2009, 2021), Emma. Hamlet, Nell Gwynn, Shakespeare in Love, Tug of War: Foreign Fire and Civil Strife, The Tempest (2002, 2015), King Lear (2001, 2014), Julius Caesar, The Taming of the Shrew, Cymbeline, Timon of Athens, All's Well That Ends Well, Antony and Cleopatra, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Henry IV Parts 1 and 2, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, The Two Noble Kinsmen, CHICAGO: 12 years as Scrooge in A Christmas Carol, Bernhardt/ Hamlet, The Little Foxes, Candide, The Jungle Book (Goodman Theatre): Buried Child, The Dance of Death, As You Like It, Nixon's Nixon. Rocket to the Moon. Hamlet. Bach at Leipzig (Writers Theatre); Angels in America, Travesties, An Ideal Husband (Court Theatre): Fake, Mother Courage and Her Children (Steppenwolf Theatre Company). TOURING: 3 years as Scar in The Lion King. INTERNATIONAL: Battlefield directed by Peter Brook. AWARDS: 2014 Sarah Siddons Society, Chicago Magazine Best Chicago Actor, DePaul University's

Excellence in the Arts, among 9 national recipients of the prestigious 2010 Lunt Fontanne Fellowship, 5 Joseph Jefferson. Yando is a freelance acting coach.

#### KATHY LOGELIN (Dialect Coach)

CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut, CHICAGO: Arsenic and Old Lace (Court Theatre); Cabaret (Porchlight Music Theatre); Georgiana and Kitty: Christmas at Pemberley, Intimate Apparel (Northlight Theatre); Priscilla Queen of the Desert (The Mercury Theater); The Three Penny Opera (Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre); Oliver! (Marriott Theatre). REGIONAL: Wife of a Salesman (Milwaukee Repertory Theater); Alias Grace, A Christmas Carol (Clarence Brown Theatre); King Lear, Much Ado About Nothing, Measure for Measure, The Winter's Tale, Henry V (Illinois Shakespeare Festival). Logelin is an adjunct professor at Ball State University.

#### MARTINE GREEN-ROGERS (Dramaturg)

CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Trouble in Mind (TimeLine Theatre Company); King Hedley II, Radio Golf, Five Guys Named Moe, Blues for an Alabama Sky, Gem of the Ocean, Waiting for Godot, Iphigenia at Aulis, Seven Guitars, The Mountainton, Home (Court Theatre): Sweat. Toni Stone (Goodman Theatre), BROADWAY: Jagged Little Pill. REGIONAL: Round House Theatre, Salt Lake Acting Company, Marin Theatre Company, The Kennedy Center, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, Utah Shakespeare Festival. **EDUCATION**: PhD in theatre, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Green-Rogers is the dean of the Theatre School at DePaul University.

# PETER ANDERSEN (Associate Director) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: TimeLine Theatre, Writers Theatre. REGIONAL: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Catskill Mountain Shakespeare); As You Like It, 21, At Your Own Risk, The Kennedy Plays (Carnegie Mellon University); Shakesqueer (Queer Shakespeare); The Cafe Collections (Brooklyn); O/A: The Sophocles Project (Boston); As You Like It, Macbeth, Measure for Measure (Emerson College); American Players Theatre as an assistant director; Huntington Theatre Company.

Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Yale

Repertory Theatre. ACTING: Chicago, Boston, Berkshires, New York City. UPCOMING: Measure for Measure (Montana Shakespeare in the Parks); At Your Own Risk (University of Chicago); A Midsummer Night's Dream (Oak Park Festival Theatre). EDUCATION: MFA in directing, Carnegie Mellon University; BFA in acting, Emerson College. Andersen is the artistic director of Oak Park Festival Theatre. He has worked for Steppenwolf Theatre Company as the Steppenwolf For Young Adults Apprentice and Multicultural Fellow, and for Writers Theatre as the Education Manager. petergandersen.com

JOE KINOSIAN (Music Director) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: book and music for It Came From Outer Space, Murder for Two. OFF BROADWAY: Murder for Two. REGIONAL: The Old Globe, Arizona Theatre Company, Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Bucks County Playhouse. INTERNATIONAL: Murder for Two (Japan, Korea, China, England, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Poland). EDUCATION: Milwaukee High School of the Arts, BMI Lehman Engel Musical Theatre Workshop. AWARDS: ASCAP Foundation Mary Rodgers/Lorenz Hart Award: Joseph Jefferson Nomination for Best Leading Actor in a Musical - Murder for Two; Joseph Jefferson, Drama Desk Nomination, Drama League Nomination, Outer Critics Circle Nomination for Best New Musical - Murder for Two; Joseph Jefferson Nomination for Best New Musical - It Came From Outer Space. PODCAST: Let's Start a Coup! (writer/composer/performer, iHeart Originals), IN DEVELOPMENT: Todd vs. the Titanic (composer/solo performer, Bay Street Theater, Florida Studio Theater). ioekinosian.com

GREGORY GEFFRARD (Intimacy Director)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO:
The Factotum (Lyric Opera of Chicago);
Choir Boy, Bald Sisters (Steppenwolf
Theatre Company); Passage, Routes (Remy
Bumppo Theatre Company); Bat Boy, The
Amateurs, Detroit '67 (Columbia College
Chicago); Gloria (Roosevelt University).
REGIONAL: The Color Purple (Signature
Theatre); Joe Turner's Come and Gone
(Huntington Theatre Company); White
Noise (Studio Theatre); Boy (Philadelphia
Theatre Company). EDUCATION: MFA in
acting, University of Iowa. UPCOMING:

K-I-S-S-I-N-G (Huntington Theatre Company); Galileo's Daughter (Remy Bumppo Theatre Company). Geffrard is a resident intimacy consultant at Steppenwolf Theatre Company, an associate faculty member at Theatrical Intimacy Education, and a visiting professor at Columbia College Chicago. he/him

COURTNEY ABBOTT (Assistant Intimacy Director) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Bald Sisters, Choir Boy (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); Tiger Style! (Writers Theatre); Enough to Let the Light In (Teatro Vista); Hurricane Diane (Theater Wit); Solaris (Griffin Theatre); And Neither Have I Wings to Fly, The Jigsaw Bride (First Folio Theatre): Little Shop of Horrors (Citadel Theatre); Cabaret (Metropolis Performing Arts Centre). FILM: Paper Planes, Departing Seniors. EDUCATION: MFA, Ohio University; BS, Northwestern University. Abbott is a stakeholder in the Back Room Shakespeare Project and is a resident intimacy consultant with Greg Geffrard at Steppenwolf Theatre Company. she/they

KATRINA HERRMANN (Stage Manager) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: All's Well That Ends Well, As You Like It. CHICAGO: The Steadfast Tin Soldier (Lookingglass Theatre Company); Seussical, Rock of Ages (Drury Lane Theatre); Mary Page Marlowe (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); The Hundred Dresses, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Chicago Children's Theatre); Kill Floor, The Royale, Sons of the Prophet (American Theater Company); Juno (TimeLine Theatre Company). REGIONAL: The King's Speech (National Tour); Diana the Musical, Queens, The Cake, At the Old Place (La Jolla Playhouse); The Garden, Twisted Melodies (Baltimore Center Stage). OFF BROADWAY: The Flick, Kin, The Whale, The Big Meal, The Shaggs: Philosophy of the World, The Burnt Part Boys, Circle Mirror Transformation (Playwrights Horizons); Close Up Space (Manhattan Theatre Club); In the Wake (Public Theater). EDUCATION: BFA in stage management, DePaul University; MBA, Adams State University.

ELISABETH SCHAPMANN (Assistant Stage Manager) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Measure for Measure. As You Like It. All's Well That Ends Well. Remember This: The Lesson of Jan Karski. CHICAGO: Where We Belong (Goodman Theatre). EDUCATION: BFA in stage management. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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