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Feb. 16-26, 2023
NKU Stauss Theatre

Directed by
Mike King

Choreographer
Abby Schwarz

Costume Designer
Ronnie Chamberlain

Scenic Designers
Tao Wang & Ron Shaw

Lighting Designer
Luke Eisner

Props Designer
Kristen Craven

Composer
Jo Sanburg

Wig/Hair/Makeup Designer
Shelby Smith

Stage Manager
Kat Taylor

Special Thanks
Jeri Gatch & Michael Hatton

SETTING

Place: An island in the Mediterranean

Time: The 1950s of princes, movie star royalty and the occasional Beat poet

There will be one 15-minute intermission
CAST

Musician.......................................................................................................................... Rachel Gardner
Musician.......................................................................................................................... Noah Mello
Musician.......................................................................................................................... Liam Sweeney
Duke Orsino.................................................................................................................. Austin Michael Fidler
Curio/Officer 2 .................................................................................................................. Ray Garcia
Attendant to Orsino/Priest ............................................................................................... Chandler Murray
Attendant to Orsino/Officer 1 ......................................................................................... Phoenix Bills
Valentine ............................................................................................................................ Zachary Farmer
Viola ................................................................................................................................. Ella Prather
Captain ............................................................................................................................ Brody Wells
Maria ................................................................................................................................. Natalie Hayslett
Sir Toby Belch ................................................................................................................... Trey Finkenstead
Sir Andrew Aguecheek ..................................................................................................... Jason Coffenberry
Feste ................................................................................................................................. Hannah Beaven
Olivia ................................................................................................................................... Ellie O’Hara
Malvolio ............................................................................................................................ Jordan Whittaker
Attendant to Olivia/Servant ............................................................................................. Kiley Ernst
Attendant to Olivia/Fight Captain .................................................................................... Caitlin Walsh
Attendant to Olivia .......................................................................................................... Charlie Frank
Sebastian ........................................................................................................................... Dylan Perez
Antonio ............................................................................................................................... Barrett Minks
Fabian ............................................................................................................................... James Pinkley

PRODUCTION CREW

Producing Artistic Director ............................................................................................. Michael W. Hatton
Director ............................................................................................................................. Mike King
Assistant Director ............................................................................................................ Joyce Evelyn Deaton
Choreographer/Dance Captain ........................................................................................ Abby Schwarz
Production Manager ....................................................................................................... Alexandra Deaton
Stage Manager ................................................................................................................ Kat Taylor
Assistant Stage Managers ............................................................................................... Cara Laub, Max Mason
Scenic Designers .............................................................................................................. Tao Wang, Ron Shaw
Assistant Scenic Designers ............................................................................................... Kristen Craven, Annie Yuan
Props Designer ................................................................................................................ Kristen Craven
Technical Director ......................................................................................................... Rob Kerby
Scene Shop Foreman ....................................................................................................... Kevin Havlin
Build Crew ....................................................................................................................... Alec Harrison, Ally Van Haaren, Aspen Knight, Audry Dant,
Avery Sherman, Caitlin Doyle, Charlie Frank, Colin Rauch,
Connie Viars, Dahlia Deavy, Diana Hodge, Donavynn Sandusky,
James Lindeman, James Pinkley, Jenna Khan, Jordan Kerr,
Katie Chamber, Kaylee Whiteman, Kennedy Durbin, Kennedy Kirkland,
Liv Gudmundsson, Marcia Fortner, Mark Schutzman, Mollie Tagher,
Nathan Stammer, Roma Markle, Sophie Reese, Yolee Louis, Zachary Felts

Scene Shop Assistant....................................................................................................... Liam Sweeney
Costume Designer ............................................................................................................ Ronnie Chamberlain
Assistant Costume Designer ............................................................................................ Bunny Dolezal
Wig/Hair/Makeup Designer ............................................................................................. Shelby Smith
Costume Shop Manager ................................................................................................. Cat Schmeal-Swope
Mike King (Director) Twelfth Night marks the final NKU production for veteran theatre faculty member Mike King, who is retiring at the end of the school year. With a career spanning decades, King has directed many productions for the NKU stage. He has done classics, such as The Importance of Being Earnest, Three Sisters and You Can't Take it With You (which he directed twice); several other Shakespeare plays, including Antony and Cleopatra and Much Ado About Nothing; musicals, such as Anything Goes and Beauty and The Beast; and ten Y.E.S. world premieres, including Two on the Aisle, Three in a Van, The Divine Visitor, and Pig. In addition, King has both directed and appeared on stage in productions at Jenny Wiley Summer Theatre and the NKU Summer Dinner Theatre, and he has performed at the Carnegie in Covington, and at the Aronoff’s Fifth Third Bank Theatre. He has also done voice-over and film work; his last movie was the legal drama, Dark Waters.

Ronnie Chamberlain (Costume Designer) is an Associate Professor of Theatre & Dance in Costume Design, Technology and Makeup. Ronnie Chamberlain is actively involved in United States Institute for Theater Technology, serving on the Conference Committee for many years. Ms. Chamberlain serves as Vice Chair of Operations for the Ohio Valley Section of USITT. She is also active in Southeastern Theatre Conference and the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. As a costume designer, her work has been seen in productions at the Oklahoma Shakespeare Festival, Haricake Productions, The University of Alabama, Relevance Productions, Open Stage Theatre and The Blackhills Playhouse. Some of her favorite past designs include Pride and Prejudice, Cabaret, Godspell, Disney’s Beauty and Beast and As You Like It.

Kevin Havlin (Scene Shop Foreman), an alumnus of NKU, is proud to continue working with his alma mater, where he is the Scene Shop Foreman. Favorite production credits at NKU include Lés Miserables, The Wedding Singer, Spamalot, A... My Name is Alice, South Pacific, My Favorite Year, The Rocky Horror Show, Titanic: the Musical, Bye Bye Birdie, and Cinderella. Other favorite local credits include O.I.N.K.’s productions of Jesus Christ Superstar, Once Upon a Mattress, and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. Also, Voices of Indiana’s productions of Godspell, Hoosierville to Hollywood, and their annual Christmas Spectacular.
Rob Kerby (Technical Director) is a 1987 alumni of the Theatre & Dance Program with a BFA in Theatre Technology and also received his MFA in 2001 from the University of Illinois in Theatre Technology. He has worked at various educational and professional settings including Walt Disney World, The Ohio State University, Indiana State University and The Krannert Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Illinois. Along with being the technical director for the productions, Rob has also designed scenery for many productions including Love and Communication and Les Misérables for the Theatre & Dance Program.

Jo Sanburg (Composer), Assistant Professor in Lighting and Sound, is a lighting and sound designer for theatre, pyrotechnics, and multimedia, and a composer. Jo’s lighting design credits include Così Fan Tutte, The Sparrow, The Servant of Two Masters, and the world premiere of Kenley Smith’s Empires of Eternal Void. Her sound designs include Henry V, The Comedy of Errors, The 39 Steps, The Secret in the Wings, As You Like It, and Anon(y)mous. As resident sound designer for Victory Pyrotechnics, she is developing new ways to use sound and music to tell stories with pyrotechnics. As a lighting designer, Jo works to explore unique technologies and approaches to theatrical lighting, and her designs employ her musical background through an instinctive understanding of pattern, rhythm, tempo, and beat. Jo has won numerous awards for her design work, including the John T. Spiegel Award for Excellence in Design, Ostrander Award for Excellence in Sound Design, and the Southeastern Theatre Conference’s Award for Excellence in Sound Design. She has designed lights for the American College Dance Association, and her sound design work was exhibited at the 2019 Prague Quadrennial.

Cat Schmeal-Swope (Costume Shop Manager) is a Costume Designer and Costume Technician based in the Greater Cincinnati area. She is Costume Shop Manager for Northern Kentucky University’s School of the Arts, Theatre & Dance Program. Various show credits include: Around the World in 80 Days (Costume Designer, The Human Race Theatre Company), Swing! (Costume Designer, The Carnegie), Daddy Long Legs (Costume Designer, CATCO), Othello (Costume Designer, Ohio St. U. in collaboration w. Royal Shakespeare Co.), A Prayer for Owen Meany (Over-hire Draper, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park), Tales of Hoffman (Buyer, The Opera Theatre of St. Louis), True West (Costume Designer, Minnesota St. U.). Cat is a graduate of The Ohio State University with an MFA in Theatre Design.

Morgan Abercrombie (Master Electrician) // Senior BFA Lighting Design
NKU: The Pig Farm (Lighting Designer); Persona (Lighting Designer); Peter and the Starcatcher (Asst. Lighting Designer) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): The Elephant Man (Lighting Designer) // NKU Mainstage Musical Theatre Company: Oliver Jr. (Lighting Designer) // Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati: High School Musical Jr. (Lighting Designer); STAR NKU Showcase (Co-Lighting Designer)

Hannah Beaven (Feste) // Senior BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Molly Aster); New Year’s Eve at the Stop-n-Go (Mindy); Noises Off (Poppy); Three Sisters (Irina) // Southbank Shakes: Much Ado About Nothing (Ursula/ Messenger); The Complete Work of William Shakespeare (abridged) (revised) (Swing)

Ellie Bennett (Assistant Light Designer) // Junior BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (Hyde/ Poole/ Surgical Student); The Lightning Thief (Mrs. Dodds/ Newscaster/ Betty White/ Squirrel/ Dolphin/ Camper); The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Miss Gwendolen Pynn/ Maid/ Townsperson 1/ Princess Puffer (cover)); Dance ‘20 (Company) // RWS Entertainment Group: HersheyPark Summer Project (Jolly Rancher/ Twizzler/ Rolo/ Reese) // Madcap Puppets/Linton PBJ: The Frog Prince (Master Puppeteer) // Buck Creek Players: Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Play (Cordelia Ragsdale as Doris Walker) // Rapture Theater: Coping with Murder (Dee)

Phoenix Bills (Attendant to Orsino/Officer 1) // Freshman BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: Macbeth (Macduff) // InnOVATION Arts Academy: 13 Jr. (Evan Goldman); Mary Poppins Jr. (Bert) // Spotlight Acting School: Little Shop of Horrors (Mr. Mushnik); Shrek Jr. (Shrek)
Jason Coffenberry (Sir Andrew Aguecheek) // Senior BFA Acting
NKU: Falstaff and the Endless Machine (Locke); The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Neville Landless); Three Sisters (Solony) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): The Elephant Man (Joseph Merrick) // Cincinnati Actor's Studio & Academy: The Empire Striketh Back (Luke Skywalker); Cabaret (Bobby); A Midsummer Night's Dream (Lysander); Spring Awakening (Otto)

Kristen Craven (Properties Designer) // Senior BFA Scenic Design
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Properties Designer); The Lightning Thief (Properties Designer); The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Properties Designer) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Mr. Burns (Properties Designer) // Tuacahn Center for the Arts: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Properties Artisan)

Joyce Evelyn Deaton (Assistant Director) // Senior BA Theatre
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Dramaturg); Keeper of the Realm (Asst. Director) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Mr. Burns (Director)

Bunnie Dolezal (Assistant Costume Designer) // Senior BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Fighting Prawn/ First Hand); Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (First Hand); Violet (Wardrobe Head); New Year's Eve at the Stop-n-Go (Mary Jane) // Playhouse in the Park: Children of the Corn Maze (Wardrobe Manager) // Cincinnati Landmark Productions: Carousel (Ensemble)

Luke Eisner (Lighting Designer) // Senior BFA Lighting Design
NKU: Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (Lighting Designer); New Year's Eve at the Stop-n-Go (Lighting Designer); Peter and the Starcatcher (Production Electrician); Violet (Production Electrician) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): The Rocky Horror Picture Show (Lighting Designer); 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Lighting Designer)

Kiley Ernst (Attendant to Olivia/Servant) // Sophomore BFA Acting
NKU: Dance '22 (Company); First Year Show 2021 (Rose) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Mr. Burns (Quincy/ Marge); Wild Party (Oscar)

Zachary Farmer (Valentine) // Junior BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: Violet (Virgil/ Various Roles); The Lightning Thief (Luke/ Mozart); The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Ensemble/ Jaspers u/s) // Bigfork Summer Playhouse: Guys and Dolls (Nicely Nicely Johnson); The Full Monty (Reg/ Ensemble); Freaky Friday (Grandpa Gordon/ Ensemble); Mamma Mia! (Various Roles/ Ensemble)

Austin Michael Fidler (Duke Orsino) // Senior BFA Acting
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Smee); Falstaff and the Endless Machine (Boot); Noises Off (Lloyd Dallas) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): The Good Doctor (The Narrator) // South Bank Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing (Claudio) // Skylight Empire Entertainment: Wizard of Oz (Scarecrow)

Trey Finkenstead (Sir Toby Belch) // Senior BFA Acting
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Sanchez/ Smee u/s); Violet (Father); Falstaff and the Endless Machine (Ash); Noises Off (Garry Lejeune) // Cincinnati Actor's Studio and Academy: Cabaret (Cliff) // Stage Right Musical Theatre Company: Little Shop of Horrors (Audrey 2 Puppeteer/ Ensemble) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Eurydice (Eurydice's Father) // Campbell County Theatre Arts: Disaster! (Ted Scheider)

Charlie Frank (Attendant to Olivia) // Freshman BFA Acting
NKU: Macbeth (Lennox)
Ray Garcia (Curio/Officer 2) // Sophomore BFA Acting
NKU: Falstaff and the Endless Machine (Soldier 1/ Male Swing); First Year Show 2021 (Bo/ Dancer/ Demon) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Mr. Burns (Mr. Burns); The Elephant Man (Ross/ Bishop/ Snork) // Turpin High School: Little Women: The Musical (Professor Bhaer); The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon (Wolf/ Devil's Grandmother/ The Plant)

Rachel Gardner (Musician) // Senior BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Swing); Violet (Old Lady/ Hotel Hooker); The Lightning Thief (Swing); Dance '21 (Company) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Trail to Oregon (Mother) // Trinity Theatre: Tarzan (Mother/ Ensemble) // Youth Performing Arts School: Legally Blonde (Delta Nu)

Natalie Hayslett (Maria) // Senior BFA Acting
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Bill Slank/ Mollusk); Noises Off (Poppy/ Swing); The Pig Farm (Darlene); Gruesome Playground Injuries (Narrator) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Clown Bar (Petunia); Eurydice (Loud Stone); The Swallows (Shawna)

John Herndon (Assistant Sound Designer) // Junior BA Theatre
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Asst. Scenic Designer)

Cara Laub (Assistant State Manager) // Freshman BFA Sound Design
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Flyman); Macbeth (Seward/ Sound Designer/ Asst. Stage Manager) // West Clermont Wolves Theatre: Mamma Mia! (Bill Austin); The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time (Head Sound Designer); The Outsiders (Sodapop Curtis); Godspell (Sound Tech)

Max Mason (Assistant Stage Manager) // Sophomore BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: Falstaff and the Endless Machine (Ensemble) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Rocky Horror Picture Show (Frank N. Furter); Rocky Horror Picture Show (Magenta) // Maysville Players: The Little Mermaid (Asst. Director) // Holy Cross High School: Peter and the Starcatcher (Ted)

Noah Mello (Musician) // Junior BA History
Spencer County High School: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Willie Wonka); Little Women (Laurie); Shrek the Musical (Pinocchio); Dracula (Jonathan Harker)

Barrett Minks (Antonio) // Senior BFA Acting
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Black Stache); New Year's Eve at the Stop-n-Go (Eric); The Mystery of Edwin Drood (The Deputy/ Master Nick Cricker) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): The Good Doctor (Sexton/ Police Officer/ Young Narrator) // Pioneer Playhouse: Clue (FBI Agent) // Fort Harrod State Park: James Harrod: Battle for Kentucky (Abe Chaplain)

Chandler Murray (Attendant to Orsino/Priest) // Junior BFA Acting
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Boy/Peter); Falstaff and the Endless Machine (Astor) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Clown Bar (Clown Troupe) // Cincinnati Actors Studio and Academy: Cabaret (Texas) // Shared Radiance: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Flute/ Thisbe) // Winchester Players: Tuck Everlasting (Jesse Tuck); Newsies (Crutchie)

Ellie O'Hara (Olivia) // Senior BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: Violet (Violet); The Lightning Thief (Annabeth Chase); The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Edwin Drood/ Alice Nutting); Fugitive Songs (Rachel) // Thin Air Theatre Company: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (Gloria Stark); Under the Colorado Moon (Cigarette)
James Pinkley (Fabian) // Junior BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (Enfield/ Carew/ Sanderson/ Hyde); New Year's Eve at the Stop-n-Go (Male Swing); First Year Show 2020 (Various Roles) // Cincinnati Actor's Studio & Academy: Cabaret (Max/ Train Official/ Sailors); Spring Awakening (Melchior’s Guardian Angel)

Dylan Perez (Sebastian) // Sophomore BA Integrative Studies
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Grempinkin); Violet (Ensemble) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Leaf Coneybear)

Ella Prather (Viola) // Sophomore BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: New Year's Eve at the Stop-n-Go (Paramedic/ Mindy u/s); First Year Show 2021 (Amy) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): The Good Doctor (Various Roles) // Douglas Anderson School of the Arts: Rent (Ally)

Abby Schwarz (Choreographer/Dance Captain) // Senior BA Theatre
NKU: Emerging Choreographers' Showcase 2022 (Company) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Rocky Horror Picture Show (Lips) // The Dinner Detective Theatre: The Dinner Detective (Suspect) // Playhouse in the Park: Children of the Corn Maze (Nancy)

Shelby Smith (Makeup & Hair Designer) // Senior BFA Costume Design
NKU: Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (Costume Designer); The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Asst. Costume Designer) // Bigfork Summer Playhouse: Mamma Mia! (Stitcher); The Full Monty (Stitcher); Guys and Dolls (Stitcher) // Playhouse in the Park: The Little Prince (Wardrobe Contractor)

Liam Sweeney (Musician) // Senior BA Theatre
NKU: Noises Off (Frederick Fellowes); Elegies (Keith); Pig Farm (Yuri); HMS Pinafore (Sailor) // Cincinnati Landmark Productions: Almost Heaven: Songs of John Denver (John Denver); Best Little Whorehouse In Texas (Aggie/ Farmer) // Cincinnati Young People's Theater: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Pharaoh) // The Carnegie: Willy Wonka (Mike Teavee)

Kat Taylor (Stage Manager) // Senior BA Theatre
NKU: The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Asst. Stage Manager); Falstaff and the Endless Machine (Stage Manager); Peter and the Starcatcher (Stage Manager) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): The Trail to Oregon! (Director)

Caitlin Walsh (Attendant to Olivia/Fight Captain) // Junior BFA Acting
NKU: Peter and the Starcatcher (Mack/ Mollusk/ Fight Captain); The Pig Farm (Ramona) // The Henry Theatre (NKU): Elephant Man (Nurse Sandwich/ Ensemble); The Good Doctor (Julia/ Girl)

Brody Wells (Captain) // Junior BFA Acting
The Henry Theatre (NKU): Come Back to Earth (Kites); The Elephant Man (Lord John) // Ragged Edge Community Theatre: Dorothy: Day and Night, Night and Day (Forster Batterham); Wizard of Oz (Swing)

Jordan Whittaker (Malvolio) // Senior BFA Musical Theatre
NKU: Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (Gabriel Utterson/ Edward Hyde); New Year's Eve at the Stop-n-Go (Jimmy); The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Ensemble); Three Sisters (Ferapont); Buried Child (Dodge) // Playhouse in the Park: Mr. & Mrs. Fezziwig's Holiday Party (Roving Actor/ Ballroom Dancer); Ersatz Express (Beryl Brown) // Morehead State University: Ghost: The Musical (Hospital Ghost/ Lionel Ferguson)
UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

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