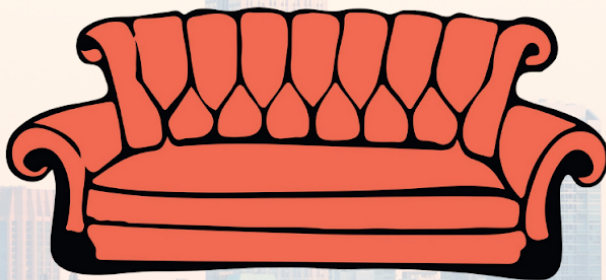


THEATRE EAST PRESENTS

MUCH ADO ABOUT N•O•T•H•I•N•G



The One that William Shakespeare Wrote

February 23 7pm

February 24 2pm

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2023-2024 SEASON



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director's note



The Musical Theatre class has put on an annual show since East opened 3 years ago. It was hard for me to know what our Advanced Drama class would be in year 1, and coming into year 2 I knew the class was incredibly gifted but not yet ready for its own production. However, year 3 would be the year when Advanced Drama joined the ranks of Musical Theatre and got its first-ever show!

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING was not my first choice of plays for the Advanced Drama class' inaugural production. I had several other ideas first and ultimately it was decided that none of them were exactly the right fit. I let my mind wander a bit and stumbled upon the idea of doing something new for me: directing a show by William Shakespeare.

It seemed like a good idea. I have read several Shakespeare shows (mostly a requirement for classes but a few of my own free will). I have seen dozens of his plays. I was even in a William Shakespeare play, The Tempest to be precise, while in college at GCSU. I played the part of Adrian where I dazzled the audience with (I don't know, maybe) three lines. But, something I had never done was direct William Shakespeare. It seemed like a good idea to have my first experience directing Shakespeare also be the first time Theatre East's Advanced Drama class ever put on a play.

I won't bore you with how I ultimately decided MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING was the play for us, but I will say Ms. Kristin Norwood had a huge part in helping me understand the characters, plots, subplots, and specific needs of several shows which ultimately landed us on this particular production.

The last point I want to make is that I could not be more proud of the cast of this production. The primary point of educational theatre is to provide a place where the students can grow, and grow they have. Many thought they didn't like Shakespeare and would never understand him before we started our work on this show. They feel differently now! If you have the same hesitations, I encourage you to watch this show with an open mind and hopefully you too can walk away having grown just a little bit.

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directorial team

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KYLEE BOWEN

KRISTIN NORWOOD

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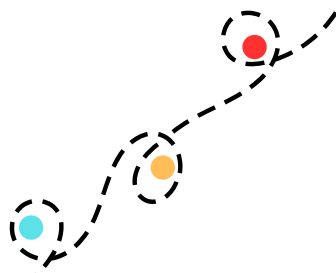
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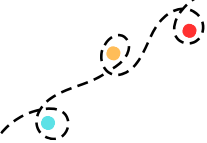
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PLAYBILL EDITOR

MAGGIE PARKER





synopsis

● ACT I ●

WHEN PRINCE DON PEDRO, CLAUDIO, AND BENEDICK RETURN FROM WAR, THEY STOP IN A CAFE IN MESSINA FOR A WHILE AND STAY WITH LEONATA, HER DAUGHTER HERO, AND HER NIECE BEATRICE. CLAUDIO IMMEDIATELY FALLS FOR HERO AND MAKES A PLAN WITH DON PEDRO TO WOO HER. THE OUTSPOKEN BEATRICE, HOWEVER, HAS NO INTEREST IN LOVE AND QUARRELS WITH THE ARROGANT BENEDICK UPON HIS ARRIVAL. DON JOHN, THE BASTARD BROTHER OF DON PEDRO, HEARS CLAUDIO AND THE PRINCE'S PLAN AND, HARBORING A SECRET HATRED FOR HIS HALF-BROTHER, SCHEMES TO SABOTAGE IT.

● ACT 2 ●

AT A COSTUME PARTY IN THE CAFE, DON PEDRO'S PLAN GOES INTO ACTION. HE, IN DISGUISE, DANCES WITH HERO AND CONVINCES HER TO MARRY CLAUDIO. BEATRICE, NOT KNOWING THAT SHE'S TALKING TO BENEDICK, INSULTS HIM RIGHT TO HIS FACE, HURTING BOTH HIS EGO AND HIS FEELINGS. DON JOHN TELLS CLAUDIO THAT DON PEDRO HAS BEEN TRICKING HIM AND THAT THE PRINCE WANTS HERO FOR HIMSELF. THE GULLIBLE CLAUDIO BELIEVES HIM AND BEGINS TO SULK. BENEDICK, DURING THIS, COMPLAINS TO DON PEDRO ABOUT HOW MUCH HE HATES BEATRICE, NOT KNOWING THAT BEATRICE APPROACHES RIGHT BEHIND HIM WITH CLAUDIO. DON JOHN'S TRICK IS REVEALED; CLAUDIO AND HERO GET ENGAGED AND DON PEDRO OFFERS TO FIND BEATRICE A HUSBAND, EVEN OFFERING HIMSELF AS A SUITOR. ONCE SHE DECLINES HIM AND EXITS, HE, ALONG WITH LEONATA, CLAUDIO, AND HERO, MAKES A PLAN TO PAIR HER WITH BENEDICK. DON JOHN MAKES ANOTHER PLAN, THIS ONE TO SABOTAGE CLAUDIO AND HERO'S WEDDING. DON PEDRO, LEONATA, AND CLAUDIO TALK LOUDLY ABOUT HOW BEATRICE IS IN LOVE WITH BENEDICK, KNOWING THAT BENEDICK IS HIDING NOT FAR AWAY. BENEDICK, OVERHEARING THEIR WHOLE CONVERSATION, BELIEVES THEM AND DECIDES THAT HE MUST LOVE BEATRICE TOO.

● ACT 3 ●

HERO, MARGARET, AND URSULA SCHEME TO CONVINCE BEATRICE THAT BENEDICK LOVES HER. AS BEATRICE HIDES AROUND HERO'S BEDROOM, SHE OVERHEARS TALK OF BENEDICK'S "FEELINGS" FOR HER. SHE DECIDES TO CHANGE HER SOUR ATTITUDE AND PURSUE BENEDICK. IN A SMALL DINER, DOGBERRY, AN IDIOTIC ARMY BRAIN, LEADS A WATCHGUARD THAT CONSISTS OF SEACOAL, VERGES, AND A FEW OTHERS IN A MISSION TO CLEAN UP THE CITY. BACK IN THE CAFE, BENEDICK'S FRIENDS TEASE HIM, SAYING THAT HE'S IN LOVE WITH BEATRICE. DON JOHN TELLS CLAUDIO AND DON PEDRO THAT HERO HAS BEEN CHEATING ON CLAUDIO. HE TAKES THEM TO HER APARTMENT AND THEY SEE "HERO" WITH A RUFFIAN AT HER WINDOW. THIS IS MARGARET, HERO'S CHAMBERMAID, IN DISGUISE. CLAUDIO, DISTRAUGHT AND HEARTBROKEN, PLANS TO PUBLICLY HUMILIATE HERO AT THEIR WEDDING THE NEXT DAY. BORACHIO, WHO WAS THE RUFFIAN AT THE WINDOW, PUBLICLY BRAGS ABOUT HIS LITTLE TRICK ON CLAUDIO AND IS OVERHEARD BY THE WATCHMEN. BEATRICE, WHO HAS FALLEN ILL, HELPS HERO PREPARE FOR HER WEDDING AND IS TEASED BY MARGARET FOR ADMIRING BENEDICK.

synopsis

● INTERMISSION ●

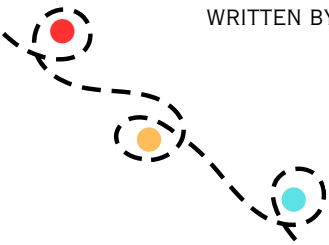
● ACT 4 ●

AT THE WEDDING, CLAUDIO DENIES HERO, REVEALING THAT HE SAW HER DOUBLE-CROSSING HIM THE NIGHT BEFORE. LEONATA, IN A FIT OF RAGE OVER HER DAUGHTER'S "BETRAYAL," WISHES FOR HER DEATH. HERO FAINTS AND THE FRIAR TELLS LEONATA THAT THE ACCUSATIONS WERE MOST LIKELY A MISUNDERSTANDING AND TELLS THEM TO PRETEND THAT HERO DIED SO THAT CLAUDIO WOULD FEEL REMORSE OVER ACCUSING HER. BENEDICK PROFESSES HIS LOVE TO BEATRICE AND SHE CONVINCES HIM TO CHALLENGE CLAUDIO TO A DUEL FOR THE REPUTATION OF HER COUSIN. DOGBERRY AND THE WATCHMEN TELL SEXTON, A MESSENGER FOR THE PRINCE, THAT BORACHIO HELPED TRICK CLAUDIO.

● ACT 5 ●

CLAUDIO AND DON PEDRO, EVEN THOUGH THEY STILL BELIEVE HERO'S GUILT, GO TO MOURN HER DEATH. BENEDICK CHALLENGES CLAUDIO AND CLAUDIO ACCEPTS, THINKING IT'S A JOKE. IT IS REVEALED THAT HERO WAS INNOCENT AND HER LOSS SUDDENLY HITS CLAUDIO HARDER. HE CALLS OFF THE DUEL WITH BENEDICK. BENEDICK ASKS MARGARET HOW TO GET BEATRICE TO LIKE HIM MORE AND MARGARET GOES TO FETCH HER. WHEN BENEDICK TELLS BEATRICE THAT THERE WILL BE NO DUEL BETWEEN HIM AND CLAUDIO, SHE IS MOMENTARILY UPSET BUT IS CALMED BY BENEDICK'S CHARMS. BEATRICE LEARNS THAT HERO WAS WRONGLY ACCUSED AND GOES TO SEE THE PROOF WITH EVERYONE ELSE. CLAUDIO READS A STATEMENT FOR HERO, MOURNING HER "DEATH." LEONATA, IN A SWIFT MOVE TO KEEP THE LOVERS TOGETHER, TELLS CLAUDIO THAT HER BROTHER, ANTONIO, HAS A DAUGHTER THAT HE COULD MARRY INSTEAD. HE AGREES, WANTING TO PLEASE THE GOVERNOR, AND SHE SETS THE WEDDING DATE. AFTER MARRYING THE MYSTERY WOMAN, SHE LIFTS HER VEIL AND REVEALS THAT SHE IS HERO, ALIVE AND WELL. BENEDICK THEN ASKS BEATRICE IF SHE LOVES HIM AND THEY FIGURE OUT THE TRICK ● THAT HAD BEEN PLACED ON THEM. HOWEVER, CLAUDIO AND H ● RO HAD FOUND LETTERS THAT BEATRICE AND BENEDICK HAD WRITTEN TO EACH OTHER, PROFESSING THEIR LOVE. THEY AGREE TO MARRY EACH OTHER FOR PITY AND EVERYONE DANCES, HAPPY THAT ALL OF THE NONSENSE WAS MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

WRITTEN BY ANDIE ACKER, ALSO PORTRAYING THE ROLE OF
BEATRICE



select character breakdown

BEATRICE: LIVES WITH AUNT, LEONATA,
AND IS COUSINS WITH HERO.



BENEDICK: BACHELOR AND IS GOOD FRIENDS
WITH DON PEDRO AND CLAUDIO.



HERO: ONLY CHILD OF LEONATA,
COUSINS WITH BEATRICE.



CLAUDIO: RECENTLY HONORED FOR BRAVERY,
FRIENDS WITH DON PEDRO AND
BENEDICK.



LEONATA: CAFE OWNER, MOTHER OF HERO
AND AUNT OF BEATRICE.



DON JOHN: HALF BROTHERS WITH DON PEDRO,
BITTER AND JEALOUS OF HIM STILL.



DON PEDRO: HALF BROTHERS WITH DON JON,
PRINCE AND COMMANDER OF THE
ARMY.



ANTONIO: LEONATA'S BROTHER, HERO AND
BEATRICE'S UNCLE



DOGBERRY: THE CONSTABLE IN CHARGE OF
THE WATCH



VERGES: DEPUTY TO DOGBERRY, CHIEF
POLICEMAN OF MESSINA

shakespearian terms

● MOUNTANTO ●

A BULLY, AN ARROGANT PERSON

● PERNICIOUS ●

HAVING A HARMFUL EFFECT OVER TIME

● COMMENDATION ●

PRAISE

● REVELERS ● TARTLY ●

PARTYGOERS

UNPLESANT

● THE HUNDRED MERRY TALES ●

A BOOK OF PUNS THAT WAS CONSIDERED
NOT VERY FUNNY AT THE TIME

● LIBERTINES ●

MEN WITHOUT MORAL STANDARDS

● MY LADY TONGUE ●

BEATRICE'S CRUELTY

● APPREHENSION ●

A QUICK WIT

● CARDUUS BENEDICTUS ●

A HOLY THISTLE (PLANT) WITH HEALING
PROPERTIES. ALSO A PLAY ON BENEDICK'S NAME

● APPROVED WANTON ●

A PROVEN HARLOT



cast

BEATRICE.....ANDIE ACKER

CLAUDIO.....CHRISTIAN THOMAS

BORACHIO.....EMANUEL PITTS

LEONATA.....GRACE NISSEN

FIRST WATCHMAN.....HANNAH LITTON

ATTENDANT.....JESSICA YELLE

CONRADE.....JEWETT MOTE

SENIOR BENEDICK.....JONATHAN PEREZ

SEACOAL.....KAREN MARCELANO

MARGARET.....KAS GORE

DOGBERRY.....CORY TRAMMEL

SEXTON.....DAN STEINMAN

ANTONIO.....EASTON SIVER

URSULA.....LUCILE CRANDALL

FRIAR FRANCIS.....MADIAN VELASCO

MESSANGER.....NATALIE SIMMONS

VERGES.....NATHALI TORRES

DON JOHN.....PHILLIP JOHNSON

ATTENDANT.....PRESLIE RAY

HERO.....RIA PARDUE

ATTENDANT.....SARAH ALLISON

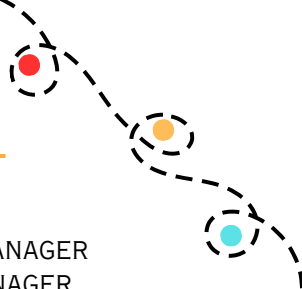
BALTHASAR.....TANNER DECKARD

DON PEDRO.....TJ BONCHEVA

SECOND WATCHMAN.....TRINA MORTON



crew



STAGE MANAGEMENT

OLLIE STACY.....STAGE MANAGER
TANNER DECKARD.....ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER
KATE MITCHELL.....ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

LIGHTING

HANNAH LITTON.....LIGHTING DESIGNER
CARRINGTON DARST.....LIGHTBOARD OPERATOR

SOUND

MAGGIE PARKER.....SOUND DESIGNER
LUKE LOWREY.....SOUND ASSISTANT

COSTUMES

MADIAN VELASCO.....MASK DESIGNER
JACKSON HOWELL.....COSTUME MANAGER
ASHLYN MONTGOMERY.....HAIR/MAKEUP DESIGNER
CANAAN PAYNE.....COSTUME CREW
HUDSON WRAY.....COSTUME CREW
EMMA WIGLEY.....COSTUME CREW

SET

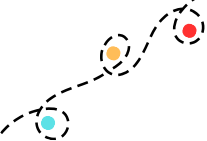
KATE MITCHELL.....TECH DIRECTOR
EASTON SIVER.....TECH DIRECTOR/SET DESIGNER
MOLLY MERCK.....RUN CREW
JACKLYNN LEWIS.....RUN CREW
KAITLYN DECKARD.....RUN CREW

PROPS

EMMA SMITH.....PROPS MASTER

FRONT OF HOUSE

LYNN WHITE.....HOUSE MANAGER
CONNER CHADWICK.....HOUSE MANAGER



bios

ANDIE ACKER

Andie Acker (Beatrice) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. This is her 11th show at East and her first Shakespeare production. You may have seen her in ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Ringmaster) and she will be portraying Ursula in THE LITTLE MERMAID in March! She would like to thank Jisung for helping her learn her lines!

BEATRICE

CHRISTIAN THOMAS

Christian Thomas (Claudio) is a junior at East Forsyth High School and he is playing the role of Claudio. Christian has also been in Theatre East's other productions like INTO THE WOODS JR (The Baker), ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (Sir Harry), and ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (The Clown). Christian would like to personally thank his Mom and translation book for always helping him practice his lines and understand them better!

CLAUDIO

CORY TRAMMEL

Cory Trammell (Dogberry) is a sophomore at East Forsyth High School. She is portraying the roll as Dogberry. She was involved in Theatre East last year, helping with ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (crew). She wants to thank all of her friends that got her involved in theatre.

DOGBERRY

DAN STEINMAN

Dan Steinman (Sexton) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. He will be joining us this year for MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING as Sexton. He was previously in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (Studley). Dan would like to thank his friends and girlfriend for supporting him throughout his year so far.

SEXTON

EMANUEL PITTS

Emanuel Pitts (Borachio) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. This is his first production at Theatre East. He would like to thank himself, his mom, and his cousin Ollie, for all their support this year!

BORACHIO

GRACE NISSEN

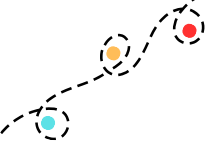
Grace Nissen (Leonata) is a senior at East Forsyth High School, and she is excited to be portraying the role of Leonata in MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING! Grace has enjoyed her time at Theatre East these past two years and is grateful for every opportunity she has been given. Grace wants to thank her sweet family and her lovely friends for their unending love and support.

LEONATA

HANNAH LITTON

FIRST WATCHMAN/LIGHTING DESIGNER

Hannah Litton (First Watchman/Lighting Designer) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. She plays the role of First Watchman, as well as the lighting designer. Hannah has previously been a part of ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD as the lighting designer and operator. Hannah would like to thank her friends and family for the love and support throughout her high school years.



bios

JESSICA YELLE

ATTENDANT

Jessica Yelle (Attendant) is a freshman at East Forsyth High School. She is an attendant and this is her first production. She would like to thank her friends and Mr. Walden for encouraging her to audition.

JEWETT MOTE

CONRADE

Jewett Mote (Conrade) is a freshman at East Forsyth High School. This is his second production at East so far, he has previously been a part of ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Stressed Townsperson). At Little Mill, he has also been in PETER PAN AND WENDY (Captain Hook) and MARY POPPINS JR (Mr. Banks). He would like to thank the trident for always being there for him.

JONATHAN PEREZ

BENEDICK

Jonathan Perez (Benedick) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. He is playing the part of Signior Benedick. Jonathan has previously been a part of ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Marshal) and ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (ensemble). Jonathan would like to thank his family and friends for all the love and support they've given to him, and Mr. Walden for the opportunity and guidance.

KAREN MARCELENO

SEACOAL

Karen Marceleno (Seacoal) is a sophomore at East Forsyth High School. She is Seacol in MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. She also has acted in the Theatre Spotlight in 2022 and 2023. She wants to thank her friends and family for the support they give her.

KAS GORE

MARGARET

Kas Gore (Margaret) is a sophomore at East Forsyth High School. She is Margaret in Much Ado About Nothing! Kas has also been apart of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (ensemble) and ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (crew). Kas would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her!!!

LUCILE CRANDALL

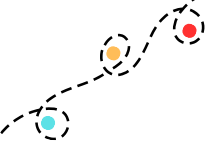
URSULA

Lucile Crandall (Ursula) has had the pleasure of being (cast) in two Theatre East, Theatre Spotlights. She is absolutely thrilled to be a part of MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING as Ursula. In her free time she sculpts dolls and paints and would like to thank her parents and the theatre for always being supportive.

MADIAN VELASCO

FRIAR FRANCIS/MASK DESIGNER

Madian Velasco (Friar Francis) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. Not only is this her first time acting in a production, but also first time designing costumes and masks. She's very grateful for the experience and opportunity to expand her skills. She would like to thank her sister, Kate Mitchell, and brother, Jackson Howell, for all their support and help.



bios

NATALIE SIMMONS

MESSANGER

Natalie Simmons (Messenger) is a sophomore at East Forsyth High School. She is playing the role of Messenger in MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. She has previously been played Spider in JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH, along with an array of other shows at her old high school in Texas. She would like to thank her freshman theater teacher, Ms. Robinson who gave her a strong foundation to start her acting career.

NATHALI TORRES

VERGES

Nathali Torres (Verges) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. She plays Verges in MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. She has also been in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (ensemble), and both Spotlights 2022 and 2023. Lastly, Nathali would like to shout out her parents who made it possible for her to be in the program in general.

PHILLIP JOHNSON

DON JOHN

Phillip Johnson (Don John) is a senior at East Forsyth High School. He is playing the role of Don John and is excited for it. Phillip has also been a part of ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Tour Manager), THE SPITFIRE GRILL (ensemble), and ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (ensemble). He would like to thank his friends and family.

PRESLIE RAY

ATTENDANT

Preslie Ray (Attendant) is a Junior at East Forsyth High School. She has been apart of OKLAHOMA (ensemble), INTO THE WOODS JR (Lucinda), and ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (ensemble) here at East. She loves everything fine arts being in Color Guard, Chorus, and Musical Theatre. She hopes to continue her life in the theatre world at local theaters after high school. She's like to thank her peers at this school for their continuous support.

RIA PARDUE

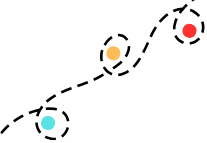
HERO

Ria Pardue (Hero) is junior at East Forsyth High School and is portraying the character Hero in Shakespeare's: MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. She has been apart of various Theatre East productions including ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Hungry Townsperson), and INTO THE WOODS JR (Jack's Mother). Ria would love to express her absolute gratitude toward her grandmother, who has always supported her and seen every show.

SARAH ALLISON

ATTENDANT

Sarah Allison (Attendant) is a freshman at East Forsyth High School. She is an Attendant and this is her first time as part of the cast. She has previously been apart of ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Crew). She would like to thank her friends and family for being there for her.



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TANNER DECKARD

BALTHASAR/ASST. STAGE MANAGER

Tanner Deckard (Asst. Stage Manager/Balthazar) is a senior at East Forsyth High School. He was in THE SPITFIRE GRILL (Joe Sutter) and ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (Dauntless) during his junior year. He also did ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Engineer) earlier this year. He is also the president of the improv club. He looks forward to continuing his theatrical career in the future. He would like to thank his family for paying for all of his shows.

TJ BONCHEVA

DON PEDRO

TJ Boncheva (Don Pedro) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. He is playing as Don Pedro and this is his 4th show as a performer here. He was also in THE SPITFIRE GRILL (Crew), INTO THE WOODS JR. (Jack), ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (Crew), and ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Trainer). TJ would like to thank his friends for always bring there to make him laugh, and his mom. Mahal kita.

TRINA MORTON

SECOND WATCHMAN

Trina Morton (Second Watchman) is in her freshman year at East Forsyth High School. She is the Second Watchmen and this is her first time she has been a part of a play. Trina would like to thank her mom and the rest of her family for the love, support, and encouragement they've given her all her life.

OLLIE STACY

STAGE MANAGER

Ollie Stacy (Stage Manager) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. Ollie is the stage manager and it's her first time doing it. She has been a performer and technician for many years and has previously been apart of THE SPITFIRE GRILL (Crew), ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (Crew), and ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Crew). Ollie would like to thank her parents for their support throughout all her years of doing theater!

KATE MITCHELL

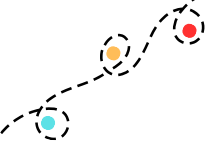
ASST. STAGE MANAGER/TECH DIRECTOR

Kate Mitchell (Asst. Stage Manager) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. You may know her from East's previous production of OKLAHOMA! (crew), THE SPITFIRE GRILL (crew), and ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (crew). Kate would like give a shoutout to her sister, who is in her role as Aubie the Auburn College mascot, has been a true example of dedication and a role model to her younger sister.

MAGGIE PARKER

SOUND DESIGNER

Maggie Parker (Sound Designer) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. She is the sound designer and she has been in this position many times. At East, Maggie has previously been a part of THE SPITFIRE GRILL (crew), ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (crew), and ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (crew). As well as MATILDA (crew) and ELF (crew) at the Holly Theater in Dahlonaga. Maggie would like to thank her parents, as well as her cats (Tinsel and Eve), for all the love and support they've given to her over the years. Kachow!



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LUKE LOWREY

SOUND ASSISTANT

Luke Lowrey (Sound Assistant) is a Sophomore at East Forsyth High School. Luke is the sound board operator and it is the first time in this position. Luke has been a part of INTO THE WOODS JR (Steward/Crew) and ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Strongman). If not in the theatre, you would find Luke at home watching football. Luke would like to thank Margaret for helping guide him in this new role, his dogs Chloe, Wyatt, and Chewie, as well as his family for supporting him through the years.

CARRINGTON DARST

LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR

Carrington Darst (Light Board Operator) is a tenth-grade student at East Forsyth High School. Carrington is the Lightboard Operator for MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. He has worked on THE SPITFIRE GRILL (crew), ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (crew), and ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (crew). Carrington is also part of the beta club, and D&D club, and has learned a lot about how to be a pilot.

EASTON SIVER

ANTONIO/TD/SET DESIGNER

Easton Siver (Antonio/Set Designer) is a senior at East Forsyth High School. He is Antonio along with the Set Designer. You may have seen him leading thespian meetings as Troupe President or previously set design for ONCE UPON A MATTRESS and ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD. Easton would love to thank his parents and siblings for always supporting him.

MOLLY MERCK

RUN CREW

Molly Merck (Run Crew) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. This is her fourth year of being in theatre! She has only done tech jobs a few times before MUCH ADO and is very excited for all the behind the scenes work! She would like to thank the whole cast and crew for this experience!

KAITLYN DECKARD

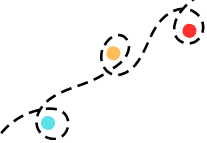
RUN CREW

Kaitlyn Deckard (Run Crew) is a freshman at East Forsyth High School. She is part of the run crew and she has been in this position one time. Kaitlyn has been a part of ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (crew). Kaitlyn would like to thank her parents and friends for supporting her in theatre.

JACKLYNN LEWIS

RUN CREW

Jacklynn Lewis (Run Crew) is a sophomore at East Forsyth High School and is grateful to have the opportunity to participate and contribute to the show of MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING as a part of run crew. She has had a lot of fun learning from and with everyone! Jacklynn cannot wait for the next theatre season!



bios

EMMA SMITH

PROPS MASTER

Emma Smith (Props Master) is a freshman at East Forsyth High School. She is the props master and has never been in this position before. Emma has previously been a part of the ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (crew). Emma would like to thank her family for all the love and support they've given to her over the years.

JACKSON HOWELL

COSTUME MANAGER

Jackson Howell (Costume Manager) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. This is Jackson's third show at East. He was first on the costume crew for ONCE UPON A MATTRESS and he was the costume designer for ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD and is now the costume designer for MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. He would like to thank his former costume designer, Sarah Groves, and his friend, Madian Velasco, for their help and guidance and his family for their support.

ASHLYN MONTGOMERY

HAIR/MAKEUP DESIGNER

Ashlyn Montgomery (Hair/Makeup Designer) is a junior at East Forsyth High School. You may have seen her as in ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Muddy Townsperson) or in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (The Nightingale). She is extremely excited to be playing Ursula in THE LITTLE MERMAID this coming March. She would like to thank the hair and makeup team for their hard work throughout this process.

CANAAN PAYNE

COSTUME CREW

Canaan Payne (Costume Crew) is a junior at East Forsyth High School and has been doing theatre for 7 years and this is her 6th show with Theatre East. You might have seen her in OKLAHOMA! (Ensemble) or INTO THE WOODS JR (Jack's Mom), as well as many others. She is looking forward to her role as Scuttle in THE LITTLE MERMAID. She would like to thank her family and friends for the never ending love and support, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

EMMA WIGLEY

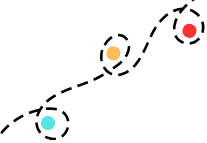
COSTUME CREW

Emma Wigley (Costume Crew) is a freshman at East Forsyth High School. She is the costume crew and she has been in this position a few times. Emma has previously been a part of ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (crew). Emma would like to thank her friends for always sticking by her side.

HUDSON WRAY

COSTUME CREW

Hudson Wray (Costume Crew) is in his sophomore year at East Forsyth High School. This is Hudson's very first time ever being crew, only being cast member in the past. Some of his experiences include ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (Ensemble), and ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Vivid Townsperson). Overall Hudson's excitement to be in the show couldn't be expressed in words, he thanks his teacher, Mr. Walden, and his parents for his success.



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CONNER CHADWICK

HOUSE MANAGER

Conner Chadwick (House Manager) is a freshman at East Forsyth High School. He is a house manager and this is his first time in this position. Conner has previously been a part of ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD (Crew) and this is his second show at Theatre East. He would like to thank his friends and family for their continuous support.

LYNN WHITE

HOUSE MANAGER

Lynn White (House Manager) is a freshman at East Forsyth High School. She is one of the house managers and it is her first time doing this role or being in any Theatre East production. Lynn would like to say thank you to her parents and friends for supporting her.

KYLEE BOWEN

ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTOR

Kylee Bowen (Artistic Contributor) This is Kylee's third year with Theatre East, and she could not be more grateful! She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for all of their hard work and commitment to this wonderful show. She would also like to thank April Walden for being her best friend! Enjoy the show!

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ADDISON WALDEN

DIRECTOR

Addison Walden (Director) is in his fourteenth year of teaching. Mr. Walden graduated from North Forsyth High School and then went to school at Georgia College and State University where he earned a BA in Theatre and an MAT in Education. Addison would like to thank Kylee Bowen for serving as an Artistic Consultant on this project, including, but not limited to, helping with some of the play's blocking. He would also like to thank Kristin Norwood for helping him choose this particular play, write this particular adaptation, and casting this show. Addison would like to thank his wife April, without whom he would not be able to do this job, and his daughters, Brianna and Raleigh, for being the sweetest girls ever!



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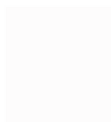
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