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#### From the Executive Producer...



What an amazing conclusion to a record-breaking season! Thanks to you, our wonderful audiences, we have been able to realize pre-pandemic attendance during the 2022-23 season. Your vote of confidence and enjoyment of our productions mean so much as we work extremely hard to achieve excellence with each of our productions and programs.

The outstanding quality of our productions are a great reflection of our extraordinary production and artistic team at Theatre Memphis. Their hard work, incredible expertise and TLC are reflected in each and every one of our shows. And, it is also vital that we give you the

very best service when making your reservations for a show. The experience you have at TM before, during and after the conclusion of a performance is contributed to a great front of house staff that work hard to deliver customer service - one audience member at a time. Theatre Memphis is beyond fortunate to have a group of amazing and dedicated team members who are the day to day heart and soul of this theatre. I am extremely proud of each of them for their outstanding dedication to our beloved Theatre Memphis. And, we are forever grateful to our incredible actors and crew for sharing their amazing talents, time and commitment to Theatre Memphis on and off our stages. They truly represent the stellar spirit of our community theatre legacy and future!!

If you have noticed throughout the year, we close our gates on Perkins Ext. and Southern after the performances begin. We always keep the Perkins entrance open except for Live at the Garden concerts at the Botanic Gardens. Before the end of each show, we open the Perkins Ext. which leaves two gates to exit. We do this for security reasons so that we can continue to work hard and diligent to keep our parking lot and theatre as safe as possible for you.

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We hope you enjoy our magical production of Disney's MARY POPPINS and look forward to seeing you next season! Thank you for your continued support as we present our productions and programs for and by our Memphis community!

Debbie

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Book by

**Julian Fellowes** 

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by

George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by

Cameron Mackintosh

Directed and Choreographed by Travis Bradley and Jordan Nichols Music Direction by Jeffery Brewer

Lighting Design

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Scenic & Properties Design

Nicole Northington Sound Design

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#### **Cast of Characters**

Mary Poppins	Lynden Lewis
Mary Poppins Bert	Russell Lehman
Winifred Banks	Lauren Duckworth
George Ranks	Calvin Ellis
Jane Banks Michael Banks	Sami Bray / Sophia Fleer
Michael Banks	Braxton Gibson / Drake Shehan
Mrs. Brill	Emily Garrett
Robertson Ay	Ryan Gilliam
Robertson AyMiss Lark	Jeanna Juleson
Katie Nanna / Annie / DollFannie	Caroline Simpson
Fannie	Cameron Crawford
Admiral Boom / Von Hussler	John W. Faulconbridge, II
Valentine	Lucas Rayborn
Bird Woman / Miss Andrew	Tracy Thomas
Neleus	
Mrs. Corry Park Keeper	Gabrielle Willingham
Park Keeper	Michael J. Vails
Bank Chairman	Brandon R. Dickerson
Miss Smythe	Lindsay Ferreira
<i>Northbrook</i>	Justin Raynard Hicks
Policeman	Camden Douglas
Queen Victoria	Christi Hall
Teddy Bear	Brandon Reese Sewell, Jr.

#### Ensemble

Crystal Brothers, Kage Cliburn, Cameron Crawford, Brandon R. Dickerson, Camden Douglas, Evan Engbretson, Lindsay Ferreira, Christi Hall, Jacob Hesselbein, Justin Raynard Hicks, Davis Jackson, Erin McKee, Briana Patton (Swing), Wyatt Pendleton, Aden Pettet, Eva Claire Pettet (Swing), Lucas Rayborn, Brandon Reese Sewell, Jr., Caroline Simpson, Katy Stanfield, Gabrielle Willingham, Fifi Younker

#### Pit Singer Ashley Cunningham

#### **Understudies**

Cameron Crawford (Winifred Banks), Camden Douglas (Bank Chairman / Von Hussler), Lindsay Ferreira (Mrs. Brill / Bird Woman / Miss Andrew), Justin Raynard Hicks (George Banks), Davis Jackson (Admiral Boom), Briana Patton (Miss Lark / Katie Nanna / Mrs. Corry), Aden Pettet (Bert / Valentine / Male Statue), Lucas Rayborn (Robertson Ay / Northbrook / Policeman), Brandon Reese Sewell, Jr. (Park Keeper), Caroline Simpson (Mary Poppins), Fifi Younker (Female Statue)

A very special thank you to Alex Benford and Kathy Caradine.

#### **Orchestra**

Renee Murray, Keyboard 1
Jennifer Rushton, Keyboard 2
Estefan Perez, Cello
Pete Vescovo, Bass
Jeanne Simmons, Reed 1
Nathan Nix, Reed 2
Chelsea Negray, Reed 3
Ben Lewis, Trumpet
Ken Spain, Trombone
James Currence, French Horn
Ed Richter, Guitar/Banjo
Ed Murray, Percussion
Larry Gooch, Drums
Jeffery Brewer, Music Director/Conductor

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#### Original London and Broadway Production Credits:

Produced by

Cameron Mackintosh and Thomas Schumacher

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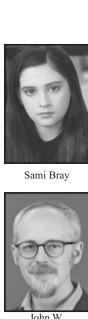
Lighting Design **Howard Harrison** 

Scenic and Costume Design **Bob Crowley** 

Co-Direction and Choreography

Matthew Bourne

Directed by Richard Eyre



John W. Faulconbridge, II



Dickerson



Camden Douglas



Lauren Duckworth



Calvin Ellis





Sophia Fleer



**Emily Garrett** 



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Jeanna Juleson



Russell Lehman



Lynden Lewis



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Caroline Simpson



Tracy Thomas



Michael J. Vails



Gabrielle Willingham



Travis Bradley Director/ Choreographer



Jordan Nichols Director/ Choreographer



Jeffery Brewer Music Director/ Conductor

#### **Musical Numbers**

#### Act I

Prologue	Bert
	Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Jane, Michael,
	Robertson Ay, George
The Perfect Nanny	Jane, Michael
Cherry Tree Lane (Part 2)	Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Jane, Michael,
	Robertson Ay, George
Practically Perfect	Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael
All Me Own Work	Bert
Jolly Holliday Bert, Jan	e, Michael, Neleus, Mary Poppins, Ensemble
	George, Winifred, Jane, Michael
Winds Do Change	Bert
A Spoonful of Sugar	Mary Poppins, Jane,
	Michael, Robertson Ay, Winifred
Spoonful (Playoff)	Winifred
Precision and Order	. Clerks, Chairman, Von Hussler, Northbrook
A Man Has Dreams	George
	Bird Woman, Mary Poppins, Ensemble
	ous Mary Poppins, Bert, Jane,
	Michael, Mrs. Corry, Customers
Supercalifragilisticexpialidoci	ious (Reprise) /
The Winds May Blow	Bert, Customers
Twist and Turns	Bert
	Mary Poppins, Valentine, Doll, Teddy Bear,
	Punch, Toys
Chim Chim Cher-ee	Bert, Mary Poppins

Please be advised that this production contains flashing lights and fog effects.

#### **Musical Numbers**

#### Act II

Cherry Tree Lane (Reprise) N	Irs. Brill, Robertson Ay, Jane, Michael,
	Winifred, George
Brimstone and Treacle (Part 1)	Miss Andrew
Let's Go Fly a Kite	Bert, Park Keeper, Michael, Jane,
	Kite Flyers, Mary Poppins
Good for Nothing / Being Mrs. Bank	ssGeorge, Winifred
Brimstone and Treacle (Part 2)	Mary Poppins, Miss Andrew
Practically Perfect (Reprise)	Jane, Michael, Mary Poppins
Step in TimeBert,	Michael, Jane, Sweeps, Mary Poppins
Down the Chimney	Bert, Sweeps
A Man Has Dreams (Reprise) / A Spoo	nful of Sugar (Reprise) George, Bert
Anything Can Happen (Part 1)	Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael,
Win	ifred, Bird Woman, Board of Directors
Give Us the Word	George
Anything Can Happen (Part 2)	Mary Poppins, Bert,
	Jane, Michael, Ensemble
A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise)	Mary Poppins
Bows	Company

#### MARY POPPINS

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Theatre Memphis has the rights to use the original choreography of **MARY POPPINS** created by Matthew Bourne and Stephen Mear. Additional original choreography for our TM production of **MARY POPPINS** is by Jordan Nichols and Travis Bradley.

Sami Bray (Jane Banks) is a 15-year-old homeschooled actress who is thrilled to make her second appearance on the Theatre Memphis stage. Previous credits include a Pick Pocket in OLIVER! (Theatre Memphis), Little Girl in 1984 (Broadway), Summer in SCHOOL OF ROCK (1st National Tour), and Cindy Lou Who in How the Grinch Stole Christmas (Nashville). TV credits include a recurring role as Agnes in The Blacklist and a recurring role as Karen in The Wonder Years. Sami would like to thank her parents for all the opportunities, love and support, and the casting team of Mary Poppins for believing in her. She would also like to thank Jordan Nichols and Travis Bradley for trusting her to bring Jane Banks to the stage.

Travis Bradley (Director / Choreographer) danced for Ballet Memphis, Houston Ballet, Richmond Ballet, and Julia Adam Dance, SF. He has performed many memorable roles and originated multiple roles and works with choreographers from around the globe. He has created numerous works for Ballet Memphis including Sleeping Beauty, The UGLY DUCKLING, and STEP OUT OF THE SHADOWS and choreographed for Houston Ballet II. For Playhouse on the Square, he has co-directed/choreographed MEMPHIS THE MUSICAL, DREAMGIRLS, THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME and ONCE THE MUSICAL, and co-choreographed Kiss Me Kate, Cabaret, Rock of Ages, Mamma Mia!, The Rocky Horror SHOW, HAIRSPRAY, SISTER ACT, SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE, PETER PAN, SPAMALOT, PAGEANT, and was movement consultant for LORD OF THE FLIES. Travis also performed in Playhouse's production of BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL where he played the role of Adult Billy, and Alonzo in TM's production of CATS THE MUSICAL. He has co-directed/choreographed Cats the Musical; Hairspray; Ragtime; Hello, Dolly!; Newsies; The Drowsy Chaperone; and A Christmas Carol and co-choreographed Beauty and the BEAST, SOUTH PACIFIC, and SHREK THE MUSICAL, all for Theatre Memphis. Travis recently co-directed/ choreographed SPRING AWAKENING for Serenbe Playhouse. He has created numerous works for Project: Motion, Lost in Found, and choreographed Opera Memphis' PIRATES OF PENZANCE. He assistant directed/ co-choreographed The King and I, The Music Man, and A Christmas Carol for DeSoto Family Theatre and BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON for Rhodes College. He has received multiple Ostrander Awards including Best Direction, Best Musical Production, and numerous Best Choreography Awards. He also received an Allie Award for Best Musical, and received the Michael Wasmund Award in Houston for his love and dedication to dance. Travis is also represented by Colors Talent Agency.

Jeffery Brewer (Music Director / Conductor) is grateful and excited to help bring MARY POPPINS to our Memphis audiences. Jeff has music directed many, many shows at TM the past 12 seasons and says this one is a "beast" of a show, musically and technically. "Fortunately, we have an amazing cast full of talent and energy and kindness. It's always a joy to work with Jordan and Travis (our directors/choreographers) and the wonderful production staff and design team at TM." Jeff is a retired choral music educator and is the Music Director at Kingsway Christian Church in Germantown. He holds Bachelor and Master degrees in Music Education from Wichita State University and a Doctorate of Music in Choral Conducting and Choral Literature from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Jeff has been nominated for Ostrander Awards every season since he started music directing community theatre in 2012 and is a 5-time winner. Many thanks to Debbie Litch for her incredible leadership and to the amazingly talented orchestra members! Next up for Jeff is SISTER ACT, which opens in mid-August. "Come catch some 'Holy Spirit' in that fun show!"

Crystal Brothers (Ensemble / Dance Captain) recently retired from a 25-year professional career as a ballerina, 23 of those years with Ballet Memphis. Crystal won the Individual Artist Award from the Tennessee Arts Commission, was named one of the Top 8 Dancers in the World to Watch by Pointe Magazine, and won an Ostrander Award for her performance as Victoria (the white cat) in Theatre Memphis' production of CATS THE MUSICAL and was also in Hello Dolly! and La Cage Aux Folles. Crystal owns Crystal's Body Shop, where she is a Licensed Massage Therapist, Certified Synergetic Structural Integrationist, and Pilates and Ballet instructor.

Kage Cliburn (Ensemble) is extremely excited to be back onstage in MARY POPPINS. Favorite credits include The SpongeBob Musical (SpongeBob), Peter Pan (John), and A Christmas Story The Musical (Ralphie/Schwartz). Kage sends many thanks to Jordan, Travis, Chelsea, and the entire cast and crew for their support. @kagewcliburn.

Cameron Crawford (Fannie / Ensemble / u/s Winifred Banks) is excited to join this "practically perfect" cast! Recent Memphis theatre credits include NATASHA, PIERRE & THE GREAT COMET OF 1812 (POTS), SONDHEIM TRIBUTE (TM), SOMETHING ROTTEN! (POTS), BRIGHT STAR (GCT), and LA CAGE AUX FOLLES (TM). She also recently choreographed ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (Rhodes College). Big love to her people!

**Ashley Cunningham** (Pit Singer) has performed on various stages around the Mid-South, singing and dancing since age 4. She was last seen at TM as a Gambler in GUYS AND DOLLS, Phyllis Dale in 42ND STREET, and Babushka in MAMMA MIA! (TM). "Thank you to my wonderful family, cast, crew, and directors for this supercalifragilisticexpialidocious experience!"

**Brandon R. Dickerson** (Bank Chairman / Ensemble) is a Memphian born and raised. He is an alumnus of the Soulsville Charter School and Stax Music Academy. Recent credits include FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE (Hattiloo), THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS (POTS), and A HOLIDAY JUKE JOINT (Hattiloo). Brandon hopes to continue to follow his dreams and inspire others along the way.

Camden Douglas (Policeman / Ensemble / u/s Bank Chairman, Von Hussler) is thrilled to be a part of this amazing production. His most recent works include WE SHALL OVERCOME! (Guy Carawan) with Memphis Black Arts Alliance, and The Drowsy Chaperone (Robert) and The Music Man (Harold Hill) with New Day Children's Theatre. He would like to thank the entire production team for this opportunity.

Lauren Duckworth (Winifred Banks) is thrilled to be returning to the Theatre Memphis stage as Mrs. Banks. She was last seen as Mother in RAGTIME for which she won the Ostrander Award for Leading Actress in a Musical. While she grew up doing theatre in Memphis, Lauren recently moved back from Los Angeles with her husband and two kids. Previous credits include The Talls at Second Stage in New York; and Hello, Dolly!, Grease, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at The Muny. Lauren is a proud graduate of the University of Michigan's Musical Theatre Department.

Calvin Ellis (George Banks), raised in Millington, TN, has had the privilege to work in music throughout the south. He attended University of Mississippi and graduated with a degree in Music Education. Calvin began his career as a public school choral director at Shadowlawn Middle School in Bartlett, TN. After continuing his career at Tupelo High School, Opelika High School in Opelika, AL, and finally at his alma mater, Millington High School, Calvin now serves as the Associate Music Director at Second Presbyterian Church where he conducts the Chancel Choir and leads the worship team. He is currently pursuing a Master of Music in Conducting at The University of Memphis. Most importantly, Calvin enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Jauna, and his two wonderful children, Caleb and Carrington.

**Evan Engbretson** (Ensemble) is a junior at East High School and dances with Youth Ballet Memphis. He has danced with many studios throughout Memphis including New Ballet Ensemble and Collage Dance Collective. He also plays cello and is a member of the Memphis Youth Symphony. Evan is very excited to join the MARY POPPINS cast for his Theatre Memphis debut.

**John W. Faulconbridge, II** (Admiral Boom / Von Hussler) is returning to the Theatre Memphis stage for the first time since Young Frankenstein. He has been seen multiple times in productions with Opera Memphis and The University of Memphis, most recently as Colline in La Bohème.

**Lindsay Ferreira** (Miss Smythe / Ensemble / u/s Mrs. Brill, Bird Woman, Miss Andrew) is thrilled to be part of this magical show. You may have seen her recently as Millie/Mrs. Crowe (A CHRISTMAS CAROL) or in the Ensemble of RAGTIME. Other recent credits include INTO THE WOODS (Cinderella) at Kudzu Playhouse and BONNIE & CLYDE (Blanche Barrow) at Panola Playhouse.

**Sophia Fleer** (Jane Banks), 11, is excited to be in her first show at Theatre Memphis with this talented cast! She has performed numerous roles in theatre productions in Mississippi with Sharpay Evans and Matilda Wormwood as her favorites. Sophia loves cats, dancing, singing, drawing, and crafting. She thanks the production team for their hard work and for casting her!

Emily Garrett (Mrs. Brill) is thrilled to be back at Theatre Memphis. Favorite credits include Annie (Miss Hannigan), SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN (June), JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR (Ensemble), THE ODD COUPLE Female Version (Olive), CINDERELLA (Stepmother/Allie Award nomination), and BRIGHT STAR (Darlene/Ostrander Award nomination). Next up for her is the season opener, SISTER ACT, at Theatre Memphis this fall. Emily works in education and outreach for Davita Healthcare and serves on the board for Forever Young Veterans. Many thanks to Jordan, Jeff, Travis, Chelsea, and Olivia for the opportunity, vision, and hard work. Emily sends all her love to Mom, Dad, and Corbin.

**Braxton Gibson** (Michael Banks) is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at Crockett County Middle School. He lives in Friendship, TN with his mom, stepdad, and brother. He takes voice at Kincaid-Gooch Voice Studio and competes in vocal solos. He has been in multiple plays since 2nd grade and really enjoys them. He also enjoys hanging out with his friends, going to the beach and amusement parks, and playing Xbox.

**Ryan Gilliam** (Robertson Ay) is very excited to be on stage with this hardworking cast and crew! Past roles include Chip in The 25th annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Leo Bloom in The Producers, and Paul Larkin in American Son. This show is dedicated to his friends and family.

Christi Hall (Queen Victoria / Ensemble) is excited to be performing again. She was last seen as Andy in 42ND STREET, which she also choreographed. She choreographed TM's 2022-2023 season opener GUYS AND DOLLS and is looking forward to working on BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL next season. Besides teaching tap and gymnastics, she loves to spend time with her grandbabies: Maverick, Nathan, and Maddox...and their parents!

Christina Hendricks (Assistant Stage Manager) is happy to be assistant stage managing Disney's Mary Poppins. Her favorite SM/ASM credits include Altar Boyz, The 25th annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, The Addams Family, Young Frankenstein, and Beauty and The Beast. In 2020, Chris received the Ostrander Behind the Scenes Award. She would like to thank Jordan, Chelsea, Olivia, and this amazing cast and crew for being absolutely amazing. She could not be prouder. Much love goes out to her mom and besties for their constant love and support.

Jacob Hesselbein (Ensemble) is a senior Musical Theatre major at The University of Memphis. He is super excited to be back at TM after being in Hello, Dolly!. Previous credits include The Rocky Horror Show (Dance Captain/Ensemble); Aloha, Say the Pretty Girls (Peter); Pippin (Theo/Ensemble) and more. You can see him next as Michael in Murder Ballad at The University of Memphis this fall. Huge thanks to Jordan and Travis for this opportunity. "Enjoy the show!" @jakexhess

Justin Raynard Hicks (Northbrook / Ensemble / u/s George Banks) was born on January 2nd, 1995 in Dallas, TX. After moving to Memphis at age 7, the Stax Music Academy alum has performed both nationally and internationally at venues such as the Apollo Theater, Lincoln Center, Smithsonian Folklife Festival, The Kennedy Center, and The Gibson Showcase Museum in Berlin, Germany. Since 2012, Justin has starred in over 30 regional/community theatre productions including 10 productions at Hattiloo Theatre, The Scottsboro Boys (Haywood Patterson) at Playhouse on the Square, Fences (Ostrander Award nomination) at Theatre Memphis. In July 2021, Justin as JUSTINRAYNARD released his debut

independent album, Who Do U THINK U R ?, written by himself and produced by Albren "AlleeoMuzik" Spears!

**Davis Jackson** (Ensemble / u/s Admiral Boom) will be starting his junior year at The University of Memphis this fall. He is very excited to be returning to the Theatre Memphis stage. He would like to thank Jordan, Travis, and the production team for this opportunity. He would also like to thank his friends and family for their support. "To God be the glory."

**Jeanna Juleson** (Miss Lark) most recently appeared at TM as Aunt Abbey in Arsenic and Old Lace. She is very happy to play another role in Mary Poppins with this great cast and crew of actors and friends. "Thank you, Jordan, Travis, and Jeff. I miss seeing my sweet mother in the audience, but I know she's here!"

**Russell Lehman** (Bert) is excited to be returning to the Memphis theatre community! His last local performance was in 2017 as Bert in MARY POPPINS at Kudzu Playhouse, but his most recent performances have been on the high seas entertaining audiences internationally for Celebrity Cruises. Russ now coowns a production company that in 2022 created "The Mid-South's Newest Holiday Light Show", LIGHT GARDEN, and he encourages everyone to come enjoy even more magic in OB City Park over the Christmas holidays!

**Lynden Lewis** (Mary Poppins) is thrilled to be back in Mary's shoes, this time on the TM stage! She was most recently seen at POTS as Bea in SOMETHING ROTTEN!. Her favorite previous TM experiences are SHREK THE MUSICAL (Fiona), INTO THE WOODS (Baker's Wife), A CHORUS LINE (Val), and YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (Elizabeth). She is the Director of Performing Arts at Evangelical Christian School and mom to 3 incredible children. "Thank you to Jordan and Travis for giving me the opportunity to dig back into this show and tell this story with such an amazing cast, crew, and creative team."

**Erin McKee** (Ensemble) (she/her) is so excited to be making her Theatre Memphis debut in MARY POPPINS! Erin is a rising sophomore Theatre major with a concentration in Musical Theatre and a minor in Dance at The University of Memphis. Erin thanks her family and instructors for their support. ig: erin.mckeee

**Olivia Mittag** (Assistant Stage Manager) is thrilled to be back for her 7th show this season with TM. Favorite credits include GUYS AND DOLLS (ASM), SONDHEIM TRIBUTE (ASM), PETITE CABARET (SM), and THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG (ASM). She would like to thank the production team, cast, and crew for making this show a dream come true. "Enjoy the show!"

Jordan Nichols (Director / Choreographer) At TM, Jordan helmed the production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's South Pacific and co-choreographed Disney's Beauty and the Beast and Shrek The Musical. He also co-directed and co-choreographed The Drowsy Chaperone, Newsies, Hairspray (Ostrander Award – Director), and Cats the Musical. At Playhouse on the Square, Jordan served as Director/Choreographer on Once the Musical, Lord of the Flies, Mamma Mia!, Memphis the Musical, Kiss Me Kate, Miss Saigon, Avenue Q, Peter Pan, Gypsy, and The Fantasticks. Elsewhere, he has directed Memphis The Musical and Spamalot at Midtown Arts Center in Fort Collins, Colorado (Henry Award Nomination), Bloody Andrew Jackson at Rhodes College (Ostrander Award – Director), and The Music Man and The King and I at DeSoto Family Theatre (Allie Award – Director/Musical). As a Choreographer, Jordan has worked on Hairspray (Ostrander Award), Kiss Me Kate (Ostrander Award), Pageant, Rock of Ages, Sister Act, The Drowsy Chaperone, Spamalot, and The Rocky Horror Show. Jordan is a proud member of Actors' Equity and performed in the 25th Anniversary National Tour of Les Misérables and also in the off-Broadway production of The Fantasticks. He is currently Director of New Works at Playhouse on the Square. He is also a new real estate agent with Marx-Bensdorf, REALTORS. You can check out JordanSellsMemphis.com or follow him on Instagram @JordanSellsMemphis

**Briana Patton** (Ensemble / Swing / u/s Miss Lark, Katie Nanna, Mrs. Corry) considers the stage her home. Not a stranger to Theatre Memphis, Briana was last seen on stage as Ensemble in the classic A Christmas Carol. Other credits: Jelly's Last Jam, Hairspray, and Cats the Musical. Ever since she was a tot, she has been dancing, singing, and even doing gymnastics, and she greatly enjoys performing for tons of people and telling a story. She would like to thank everyone watching the show and who has and continues to support her and her dreams!

**Wyatt Pendleton** (Neleus / Ensemble), originally from Tucson, AZ, is a professional dancer with Ballet Memphis. He has most recently performed as Renfield in DRACULA and a Stepsister in CINDERELLA both with Ballet Memphis. He is excited to be performing with Theatre Memphis!

**Aden Pettet** (Ensemble / u/s Bert, Valentine, Male Statue) is a rising senior at Collierville High School and is excited to make his Theatre Memphis debut! Some of his favorite recent roles include Gleb (ANASTASIA), Professor Plum (Clue: Onstage), Willy Wonka (WILLY WONKA Jr.), and Marius (Les MISÉRABLES). In addition, Aden earned 1st chair Bass 1 in All Southwest and All State Honor Choir. He would like to thank his family and directors for their support, and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Eva Claire Pettet** (Ensemble / Swing) makes her TM debut with MARY POPPINS! A rising senior at Collierville High School, Eva Claire has participated in All-West Choir, All-West Orchestra, and Draco Playhouse productions (ANASTASIA, WILLY WONKA JR.). Favorite credits include NDCT's LES MISÉRABLES and Dreams Come True Princess Parties (Aurora, Capt. Marvel). When not performing, Eva Claire enjoys leading in worship at GBC, running, and serving up a delicious latte at Square Beans.

**Lucas Rayborn** (Valentine / Ensemble / u/s Robertson Ay, Northbrook, Policeman) is happy to be in his second production at Theatre Memphis! You may have seen him previously in GUYS AND DOLLS; Bartlett High School's HAIRSPRAY (Edna Turnblad), HELLO, DOLLY! (Cornelius Hackl), and SHERWOOD: THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD (Robin Hood); or BPACC's production of BIG FISH (Edward Bloom).

**Lindsey Roberts** (Choreographic Associate) is so grateful to join the creative team for MARY POPPINS as the Choreographic Associate. It has been such a pleasure working with this amazing cast and crew. Previous TM credits include MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, MAMMA MIA!, 42ND STREET, OLIVER!, CHICAGO, and CRAZY FOR YOU, to name a few. Many thanks to Jordan and Travis for this opportunity!

**Chelsea Robinson** (Production Stage Manager) is the Stage Management, Outreach and Volunteer Engagement Manager at Theatre Memphis and has been a Stage Manager with Theatre Memphis for almost 10 years. Chelsea is the recipient of the 2015 Larry Riley Rising Star Award. She would like to thank the entire company and artistic team of MARY POPPINS for making this show a very magical production! "And a huge thank you to our amazing volunteers! Enjoy the show!"

**Brandon Reese Sewell, Jr.** (Teddy Bear / Ensemble / u/s Park Keeper) is an actor, accredited songwriter, and music producer. He has also worked as a News Anchor for two years at GHS TV. He is a regional Emmy Award nominee for talent. He is graduating from GHS this year and will be going to The University of Memphis as a Musical Theatre major. Thank you to Jordan, Travis, and Dr. Brewer for helping him grow as a performer.

**Drake Shehan** (Michael Banks) is a rising fifth grader at Grahamwood Elementary School. He has performed at Playhouse on the Square in The Wizard of Oz. Drake recently relocated to Memphis from Bonn, Germany where he sang for the Bonn Opera House Children's Choir. Drake currently sings with Memphis Boys & Girls Choir.

Caroline Simpson (Katie Nanna / Annie / Doll / Ensemble / u/s Mary Poppins) Regional credits include: WIZARD OF OZ (Wicked Witch), PETER PAN (Peter Pan), URINETOWN THE MUSICAL (Hope Cladwell/ Ostrander Award nomination), DAYS OF RAGE (Peggy), WHEN WE GET GOOD AGAIN (Nadiya/Ostrander

Award nomination), HAIRSPRAY (Penny/Ostrander Award nomination), THE DROWSY CHAPERONE (Kitty), and CATS THE MUSICAL (Rumpleteazer). Caroline is an alumni of Belmont University and she has toured with ArtSpot Educational Theatre in Mexico, Bahrain, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Argentina, and Uruguay. Caroline wishes to thank her family, friends, and her cats, Roman and Leaf, for always supporting her. "Let the Sunshine In."

**Katy Stanfield** (Ensemble) is thrilled to be back on stage for a second time this season! Her other Theatre Memphis credits include GUYS AND DOLLS and CATS THE MUSICAL. A big thank you to everyone that babysat her son during rehearsals and performances – Mary Poppins would have been a big help if she wasn't so busy with the Banks kids...

Tracy Thomas (Bird Woman / Miss Andrew) is the Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre at The University of Memphis Department of Theatre and Dance, and Guest Entertainer (pianist/vocalist) for Holland America. Twenty-one national/international tours as a singer/actor/musician, including Once (Baruska/ Production Musical Supervisor), Chicago (Company Manager), The Sound of Music (Mother Abbess/ Elsa Understudy), and Fiddler on the Roof (Associate Music Director). Regional leading/supporting roles in Ragtime, Twelfth Night (Taub), Once, and Next To Normal. Leading opera/oratorio roles in Marriage of Figaro, Don Giovanni, Amahl and the Night Visitors, Brahms' Requiem, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Mendelssohn's Elijah, and Mozart's Mass in C (Lincoln Center debut). She has been Music Director for many productions, most recently Ordinary Days, Kinky Boots, Matilda the Musical, and Beehive The Musical. She is an Opera Memphis Company Member and former Presidential Vocal Soloist with numerous solo appearances on live television and NPR. Tracy is a graduate of the IU Jacobs School of Music and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

Michael J. Vails (Park Keeper) is honored to be returning to Theatre Memphis after appearing in The Drowsy Chaperone. Thank you to Jordan, Travis, and Jeff for the wonderful rehearsal experience. Having been with Playhouse on the Square for over 40 years, Michael has a long list of favorite plays, including Memphis the Musical, Peter Pan, Kiss Me Kate, and Shakespeare in Love. Thank you to this outstanding cast and crew. Much love to Amy and the grandkids, and thanks, as always, to Josie Helming.

**Dylan Wheeler** (Dialect Coach) has been an actor since 2019 and has since narrated dozens of audiobooks (The Accursed Huntsman, Trials of Power), voiced work for companies like Tiffany & Co., featured in several short films, and performed with Theatre Memphis in A Christmas Carol and Mrs. Mannerly.

**Gabrielle Willingham** (Mrs. Corry / Ensemble) is elated to be Mrs. Corry and in the Ensemble in Theatre Memphis' MARY POPPINS. She appeared last summer in RAGTIME as Sarah's Friend, which was an unforgettable experience. Gabrielle would like to thank her family and friends who have supported her on this magically theatrical journey.

**Fifi Younker** (Ensemble / u/s Female Statue) is thrilled to be returning to the Theatre Memphis stage! Stage credits: Hello, Dolly!, Beauty and the Beast, and Oliver! at Theatre Memphis; Billy Elliot The Musical and Matilda the Musical at POTS; Guys and Dolls and A Chorus Line at MUS; Sound of Music, Mary Poppins, and The Addams Family at St. Mary's.

### **MARY POPPINS CREW**

#### **Production Stage Manager**

Chelsea Robinson

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Christina Hendricks, Olivia Mittag

#### **Choreographic Associate**

Lindsey Roberts

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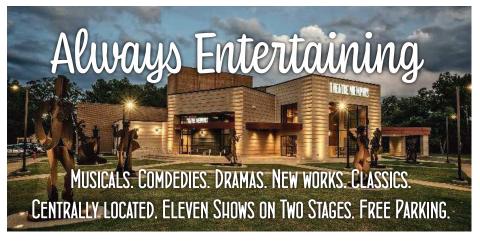
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**Becky Caspersen** (Director of Stage Management, Outreach and Volunteer Engagement), a native of St. Louis, was transplanted in Memphis circa 2012 and has never looked back. After 25 years as a free-lance lighting designer/stage manager, 5 years as Production Manager for Opera Memphis, and a 3-time complete failure at retirement, she found a soft landing here at TM in April 2022. She is the wife of one amazing jazz bassist/music director (Carl), mother of three fierce (and artsy) women warriors (Gigi, Anneka, and Via), and the caretaker of 2 Great Pyrenees (which keep her well stocked in lint rollers). Becky is thankful to Theatre Memphis for providing her with a wonderful theatre "work family" and a safe place to hide her chocolate.

Michael Compton (Production Manager/Technical Director) This is Mr. Compton's 19th season as Production Manager for TM. He earned his BS in Technical Theatre from Illinois State University and was previously the Technical Director for the Players Theatre in Sarasota, FL. Ostrander Awards include lighting design for Thoroughly Modern Millie, the Behind the Scenes Award for the 2006-2007 season, and the 2021 Janie McCrary Putting it Together Award.

Amie Eoff (Resident Costume Designer) is pleased to be the Resident Costume Designer at TM. From 2012-2014, she served as the Costume Shop Supervisor at Rhodes College, and in 2012, she completed her fourth season as the Resident Costume Designer for Circuit Playhouse. During her career, Amie has been nominated for several Ostrander Awards for Best Costumes and won for Present Laughter; Bloody, Bloody, Andrew Jackson; The Producers; 1776; Shrek The Musical; Side show; Cats; and Ragtime. She holds an MFA in Costume Design from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has also worked on cruise ships with Jean Ann Ryan Productions and has designed for the Hangar Theatre in New York.

Jason Eschhofen (Resident Sound Designer) has a BA in Voice Performance and Studio Recording Technology from Bowling Green State University and an MM in Voice Performance from the University of Memphis. Some of his favorite credits include The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Theatre Memphis, music direction); Ruthless! The Musical (Theatre Memphis, music direction); Days of Rage (Playhouse on the Square, sound design); and Murder for Two (Playhouse on the Square, Marcus Moscowicz, co-music direction, sound design/recording/engineering). Additionally, Jason has been the Music Director for the High School Musical Theatre Awards at the Orpheum since 2017 and the Music Director for the Ostrander Awards at the Orpheum since 2019. He has won Ostrander Awards for Best Musical Direction (Nine, University of Memphis), Best Sound Design (Urinetown the Musical, Theatre Memphis), and the Larry Riley Rising Star award.

Maggie Jackson (Assistant Technical Director) is excited to be joining Theatre Memphis for its 101st season. After the honor of being Stage Manager for RAGTIME, she is thrilled to continue her work with this wonderful community as the Assistant Technical Director. She would like to thank the TM staff, directors, and the cast and crew for the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing production and season. Lastly, she would like to thank her family and friends for all their love and support.

Jack Netzel-Yates (Resident Scenic Designer/Properties Master) received his BFA in Theatrical Design and Production from Oklahoma City University in 2010. Now entering his tenth year with TM, he has previously worked for venues such as The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre, Light Opera Oklahoma, Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park, City Rep., Ballet Memphis, and Tennessee Shakespeare Company. Jack has designed over 67 productions for TM, received 49 Ostrander Award nominations, and won Best Scenic Design for his work on The Heiress (2014), The Producers (2015), Beauty and the Beast (2016), Hairspray (2018), Cats (2019), The Secret Garden (2021), and Urinetown The Musical (2021). Most recently, Jack received the American Association of Community Theatre Award for Scenic Design of the Decade for The Drowsy Chaperone (2018). He would like to thank his friends and family for all of their continued love and support, especially his husband, Terry.

**Nicole Northington** (Resident Lighting Designer) is excited to join Theatre Memphis for her first season as the Resident Lighting Designer. She began participating in technical theatre as a freshman in high school and went on to receive her BA in Dramatic Arts in 2019 from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee. During her time in Nashville, she worked with many organizations including Nashville Children's Theatre, TPAC, Nashville Opera, and more. After graduating, she moved to Memphis in August 2019 to complete three seasons

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at the Circuit Playhouse. Some of her favorite designs include TORCH SONG, SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD, THE GOODBYE LEVEE, and NAT TURNER IN JERUSALEM. This and every show she does is dedicated to her late father, LJ Northington. For every day he drove her to play rehearsal to every show he saw, his support is what got her here today.

Chelsea Robinson (Stage Management, Outreach and Volunteer Engagement Manager) has been part of the Theatre Memphis family since 2008 where she has been stage managing, working backstage, volunteering, and performing for many years and was a member of the ShoWagon acting troupe during the 2012-2013 season. She received her BFA in Design and Technical Production from The University of Memphis and received the Larry Riley Rising Star Award at the 2015 Ostrander Theatre Awards in Memphis. Chelsea is so excited to work with the incredible staff at Theatre Memphis and all of the amazing casts, crews, stage managers, and volunteers for the upcoming seasons.

Ashley Selberg (Costume Shop Manager) was born and raised outside of Memphis, TN. She attended O'More College of Design and received a BFA in Fashion Design. While in college, she interned at Nashville Repertory Theatre and fell in love with costuming. After graduating, she became a costume technician for Ballet Memphis under head designer Bruce Bui. Since then, she has worked for other theatres and film production companies on shows like Bluff City Law and Women of the Movement. In 2022, she won the Ostrander Award for Best Costumes and Best Wig and Makeup for The Secret Garden at Theatre Memphis. She also competes in Cosplay, winning Best in Show at MTAC 2018 and Best Group at MTAC 2022. "Costuming is my passion; there is just something magical about helping an actor, dancer, or everyday person feel special by creating the perfect costume that brings everything together."

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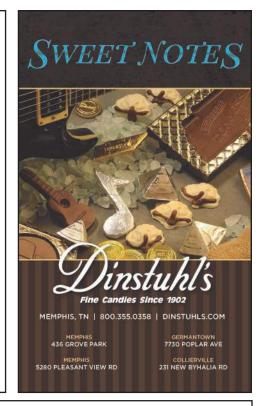
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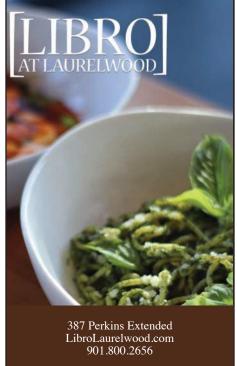
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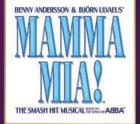
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