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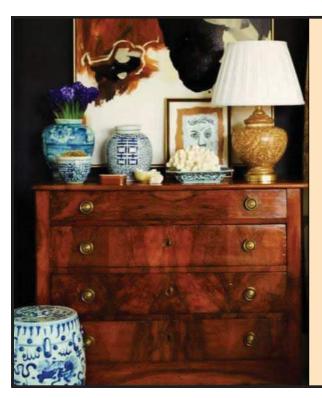
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Written by William Shakespeare Directed by John Maness September 13 – 29, 2024

Magical and Captivating. One of the Bard's most popular comedies. The marriage of Theseus and Hippolyta is complicated by the conflict among four lovers and whom they love. A group of amateur actors rehearsing a play for the wedding is added to the mix as both groups wind up outside of Athens in a forest full of fairies who manipulate the humans and have their own domestic intrigue. What absurdly comes to be as the plots progress ends with all being well and the suggestion that it all may have been nothing but a dream.

Adult: \$25 Member/Senior/Military: \$20 *Student: \$15

In the Lohrey Theatre:

The Mousetrap

Written by Agatha Christie Directed by Bruce Huffman October 11 – 27, 2024

Mysterious and Clever. In this all-time favorite mystery, guests and staff are stranded at Monkswell Manor during a snowstorm when a local woman is murdered. It soon becomes clear that the murderer is amongst them. A police inspector interrogates them as they grow increasingly suspicious; and when a second murder takes place, tension and fear escalate. Seven strangers turn on one another as an unsuspecting twist reveals who-done-it.

Single tickets for *The Mousetrap* go on sale and members may reserve seats as of <u>September 10, 2024</u>.

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From the Executive Producer...



I am so excited to say it again, what an AMAZING record breaking 2023-24 season! And, thank you for returning to enjoy our outstanding productions. Once again you helped us break all attendance records in our 103 year history. We are so grateful to you for your amazing support and vote of confidence as we present our shows and programs for YOU and by YOU, our treasured audience and community.

Theatre Memphis is humbled and grateful to have received 79 Memphis Ostrander theatre nominations for outstanding productions as well as incredible TM staff designs, direction, choreography, music direction and performances during this past record-breaking attendance season. These nominations include Best Musical nods for **Beautiful: The Carole King Musical**

and Rodgers and Hammerstein's CINDERELLA. THE CRUCIBLE, SILENT SKY and MASTER CLASS received nominations for Best Play. We are most appreciative of this recognition.

This summer we had over 80 young people involved with our summer workshop production of Disney's DESCENDANTS. It was an outstanding and meaningful success on all levels. Our Memphis and Mid-South youth not only performed on stage, but they also ran the sound, lighting, served as crew members changing scenery as well as called the show as stage managers. There is an incredibly bright future for our next generation of theatre artists on stage and behind the scenes!

If you have purchased an adult single ticket to Grease, you can redeem the face value of that single ticket and subtract from our already low price of \$140 for a season membership and receive six (6) additional tickets that can be used on any show excluding A Christmas Carol. **This offer is good through September 8, 2024.** Our offerings after Grease include Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap, Parallel Lives, Inherit The Wind, Disney's Beauty and The Beast, Silent Sky, Neil Simon's Rumors and Fats Waller's Ain't Misbehavin. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have already purchased a season ticket to another wonderful season we have planned for you.

You have noticed that we have added a new parking strip with additional lighting on our north side that runs parallel to Southern. We have been able to increase the number of parking places to 29 spaces to accommodate our amazing audiences with safety and convenience as the priority for this exciting expansion.

Once again, I want to extend a very special thank you to the Tennessee Arts Commission for the outstanding opportunity to apply and receive a grant from the TN Nonprofit Arts & Culture Recovery Fund. Several of our projects have been supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLFRP5534 awarded to the State of Tennessee by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. We are grateful for this important grant to help support the important and exciting work of Theatre Memphis.

I will always continue to use two vitally important and heartfelt words often and those words are THANK YOU – THANK YOU to our Memphis and Mid-South community for your continued vote of confidence in our work and mission. As I always say, YOU are the reason we work tirelessly toward our continued goals of consistent artistic excellence in our productions and outreach and education endeavors. We are so fortunate and blessed to have your friendship and support. WE APPRECIATE YOU more than words can express!!



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Please be advised that this production contains fog, haze, and flashing light effects.

*Whitney Branan is a Member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, a national theatrical labor union.



Cast of Characters

Danny Zuko	Cristian S. Nieves
Sandy Dumbrowski	Rachel Brannen
Betty Rizzo	Arielle Mitchell
Frenchy	
Marty	
Jan	
Doody	Mara Rus
Kenickie	
Sonny Latierri	
Roger	
Vince Fontaine / Teen Angel	
Cha-Cha Digregorio	Lexie Lang
Eugene Florczyk	_
Johnny Casino	
Miss Lynch	Emily F. Chateau
Patty Simcox	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Ensemble

Josie Chavers, Kage Cliburn, Daniel Davis, Jacob Hesselbein, Parker Bradley Hood, Jeremiah McDonald, Naiya Nolan-Dillard, Chandler Osella, Kylan Owens, Briana Patton, Joshua Waits, Rebecca Winchester

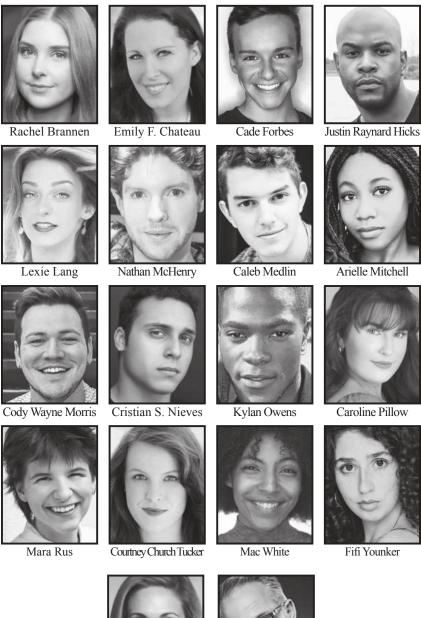
Understudies

Josie Chavers (Frenchy), Kage Cliburn (Doody), Parker Bradley Hood (Roger),
Lexie Lang (Betty Rizzo), Jeremiah McDonald (Johnny Casino / Sonny Latierri),
Nathan McHenry (Danny Zuko), Cody Wayne Morris (Teen Angel), Naiya Nolan-Dillard
(Cha-Cha Digregorio), Chandler Osella (Patty Simcox), Kylan Owens (Kenickie),
Briana Patton (Jan), Joshua Waits (Eugene Florczyk),
Rebecca Winchester (Marty / Miss Lynch), Fifi Younker (Sandy Dumbrowski)

Swings Morgan Hipp, Noah Mahintorabi

Orchestra

Renée Kemper Murray, Keyboard
John Lux, Saxophone
Chelsea Negray, Saxophone
Corbin Miles, Guitar
Ed Richter, Guitar
Pete Vescovo, Bass
Ed Murray, Percussion
Jeffery Brewer, Music Director / Conductor





Whitney Branan
Director/
Choreographer



Jeffery Brewer Music Director/ Conductor

Musical Numbers

Act I

Scene 1: First Day of School	Vince Fontaine, Rydell Students
Grease	vince i ontaine, ity den stadents
Scene 2: Lunch	
Summer Nights	Sandy and Danny, Pink Ladies,
	Burger Palace Boys, Rydell Students
Scene 3: Football Changing Room	
Those Magic Changes	Doody, Burger Palace Boys, Rydell Students
Scene 4: Pajama Party	
Freddy My Love	
Scene 5: Street Corner	
Greased Lightnin'	Kenickie, Burger Palace Boys, Greaser Ensemble
Scene 6: Schoolyard	
Rydell Fight Song	Sandy, Patty, Rydell Cheerleaders
Scene 7: Park	
	Roger, Jan
	Rizzo
We Go Together	Pink Ladies, Burger Palace Boys, Rydell Students

There will be one 15-minute Intermission

"GREASE"

Words and Music by Barry Gibb

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Musical Numbers

Act II

Coons 1. Donas/Cymnasium

Scene 1: Dance/Gymnasium	
Shakin' at the High School Hop	Johnny Casino, Rydell Students
It's Raining on Prom Night	
Born to Hand Jive	
Hopelessly Devoted to You	
Scene 2: Front of Burger Palace Beauty School Dropout	Teen Angel Frenchy Chair
Beauty School Dropout	Teen Angel, Frenchy, Chon
Scene 3: Drive-In Movie	
Sandy	Danny
Scene 4: Jan's Basement	
Rock 'N' Roll Party Queen	Doody, Roger
That New One	Doody, Roger
There Are Worse Things I Could Do	Rizzo
Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee Reprise	
Scene 5: Graduation Carnival	
You're the One That I Want	Sandy, Danny, Rydell Students
We Go Together Reprise	Company

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Melissa Andrews (Stage Manager) (she/her) is thrilled to be back at Theatre Memphis where she last stage managed A CHRISTMAS CAROL in 2021. Melissa is a freelance lighting designer and stage manager and the Coordinator of the McCoy Theatre at Rhodes College. She is forever grateful to her Theatre Memphis family, Jeff, Whitney, Lexie, and Judith, and still "hopelessly devoted" to her husband of ten years.

Whitney Branan (Director / Choreographer) Born in Memphis, Whitney lived in New York for thirteen years where she was the resident tap-coach for the Broadway show BILLY ELLIOT and two of its national tours. After graduating from Wagner College in NYC, she was the personal/executive assistant to Charles Strouse (composer of Annie, Bye Bye Birdie, and APPLAUSE!). Whitney has worked across the country (Bally's Casino in Las Vegas) and across the ocean (three "Pick of the Fringe" Award-winning trips to the International Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland). Whitney was the world-premiere choreographer of CHANGING MINDS for Theatrical Rights Worldwide in NYC. She choreographed THE IRISH AND HOW THEY GOT THAT WAY at New York City's Snug Harbor Theatre and Off-Off Broadway at Queens Theatre in the Park, and directed/choreographed the live concert Steve Kinworthy's LOVIN' EVERY MINUTE, filmed in Branson, MO. A favorite director/choreographer credit is crafting four musical productions aboard the American Queen, the largest luxury paddle boat in the world. She directed/choreographed four music videos for songwriter Amy Barkley. She is the founder/owner of Dramatic Movement and a faculty member at Rhodes College where she teaches dance. Whitney has worked extensively with the Texas Shakespeare Festival, choreographing THE TEMPEST, NELL GWYNN, PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, COMEDY OF ERRORS, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, and PETER AND THE STARCATCHER as well as directing/choreographing THE MUSIC MAN, SOMETHING ROTTEN!, and SWEENEY TODD with all three breaking records for the top-grossing musical in TSF history. In 2022, she was awarded the Otis Smith Legacy Dance Award. Whitney has received multiple Ostrander, Allie, BroadwayWorld, and NY Innovative Theatre awards and nominations for her work. Memphis/Mississippi director and/or choreographer credits include: (Playhouse on the Square): SOMETHING ROTTEN!; THE WIZARD OF Oz; Head Over Heels; The Taming; Madagascar: A Musical Adventure; Junie B JONES: THE MUSICAL; SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE!. (Theatre Memphis): SONDHEIM TRIBUTE REVUE, MAMMA MIA!; LA CAGE AUX FOLLES; NEWSIES [associate]. (New Moon Theatre): SHOCKHEADED PETER; EVIL DEAD THE MUSICAL; A MONSTER CALLS. (DeSoto Family Theatre): CAMELOT; OKLAHOMA!; BYE BYE BIRDIE; JUNIE B JONES JR: THE MUSICAL; NEWSIES; BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR; ALADDIN JR; THE LION KING JR. Proud Member of SAG-AFTRA, AEA, and SDC unions. whitneybranan.com insta: whitneyfbranan

Rachel Brannen (Sandy Dumbrowski) is thrilled to be returning to the Theatre Memphis stage in this iconic show! Some previous favorite credits include LITTLE WOMEN (Amy), OKLAHOMA! (Ado Annie), and FOOTLOOSE (Ariel). A huge thank you to Whitney and Jeff for this incredible opportunity, and to her friends and family for their constant love and support. "To God be all the glory."

Jeffery Brewer (Music Director / Conductor) is thrilled to be a part of this high-octane production of Grease! "This cast has been 'on fire' since the first day of rehearsals, caring and focused and so talented. I want to give a huge and heartfelt thank you to our swings

and understudies! They all have worked extremely hard and have made rehearsals so much better. They are any production's unsung heroes. Whitney Branan, our director and choreographer, has inspired this cast every day with her organization, her personal caring and her off-the-charts energy. She has been a wonderful collaborator." Jeff is a retired choral music educator, having taught 35 years at the middle, high school, and collegiate levels. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in Music Education from Wichita State University and his DMA (Doctorate in Music) in Choral Conducting and Choral Literature from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Dr. Brewer is the Choir Director at Kingsway Christian Church in Germantown. He would like to thank Debbie Litch and her supremely gifted design staff for making every production at TM so amazing and so rewarding to be a part of!

Judith Cardoso (Assistant Stage Manager) was invited to join GREASE as Assistant Stage Manager, thanks to the production team. She usually has the pleasure to perform spotlight duties for Theatre Memphis' spectacular musicals, but this role has offered her the chance to see the effort and artistry that go into putting together a season opener. Judith is in awe, ladies and gentlemen, and she would not have missed it for the world. "Hats off and thumbs up."

Warren Casey (Author / Composer / Lyricist) was born in Yonkers, New York, and attended Syracuse University. During the late '50s, he learned all about "greasers" while working as an art teacher in upstate New York. He moved to Chicago in 1962, where he hoped to pursue an acting career. He appeared in dozens of productions, including creating the role of Bernie Litko in David Mamet's Sexual Perversity in Chicago. He supported himself with jobs in retail, including working as an assistant manager of a chain of apparel stores, and as a record salesman. In the meantime, he taught himself how to play the guitar and began writing songs. Mr. Casey acted with the Chicago Stage Guild (where he met Jim Jacobs), the Old Town Players, and the Kingston Mines Theatre. The latter company staged the original production of Grease which he wrote with Jim Jacobs. After the incredible success of both the musical and the movie, the two collaborated on Island of Lost Coeds, a musical satire of the B-movies of the 1950s. Mr. Casey died in 1988.

Olivia "Via" Caspersen (Assistant Stage Manager) was born backstage wearing black and sporting a headset. Previously, Via has been a Stage Manager for ELF THE MUSICAL; Assistant Stage Manager for Jesus Christ Superstar, Guys and Dolls, A Christmas Carol 2022, and A Raisin in the Sun; Assistant Lighting Designer for The Addams Family, Titanic the Musical, and 9 to 5 The Musical; Spotlight Operator for Mamma Mia!, Matilda The Musical, Ragtime, and Mary Poppins; and Running Crew for Sherlock's Last Case and Beautiful: The Carole King Musical. "I love theatre and I am excited to be working with Theatre Memphis and all the lovely people in this show."

Emily F. Chateau (Miss Lynch) moved to Memphis from Detroit, Michigan several years ago and has made TM her second home. Some of her favorite productions have been Mamma Mia!, The Addams Family, Falsettos, The Music Man, The Sound of Music, and Our Town

Josie Chavers (Ensemble / u/s Frenchy) is beyond excited to be making her Theatre Memphis debut! She has been wanting to do a show here for so long, and feels so grateful to be a part of this show. They would like to thank Whitney Branan for giving her such an amazing opportunity to dance her heart out!

Kage Cliburn (Ensemble / u/s Doody) is ecstatic to be a part of this show. Select credits include: The Little Mermaid at The Muny, The Prom (u/s Nick), Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (u/s Mike), The SpongeBob SquarePants Musical (SpongeBob), and Grease (Danny Zuko). Recently, Kage played Frank Abagnale, Jr. in Catch Me If You Can. Many thanks to Whitney and everyone who helped make this production possible. @ kagewesleycliburn

Daniel Davis (Ensemble) is always excited to be back on stage. He has performed in many musicals and is thrilled to see what the upcoming years has in store for him. Favorite on stage credits include: Hernando Theatre's The Little Mermaid (Sebastian); Panola Playhouse's FOOTLOOSE (Jeter / Featured Dancer); DeSoto Family Theatre's Legally Blonde The Musical (Grandmaster Chad); Panola Playhouse's Driving Miss Daisy (Hoke Colburn) and White Christmas (Dance Captain / Tap / Featured Dancer); and Kudzu Playhouse's Madagascar (Alex). Daniel made his debut as a choreographer this year with Panola Playhouse's Shrek the Musical Jr. and NWCC's Broadway Musical Revue Too Darn Hot from Kiss Me Kate. He is incredibly thankful for all of his opportunities and wants to thank his entire cast and crew and amazing production team for all of their immense hard work. "Greatness from small beginnings." @danieldavis_

Cade Forbes (Eugene Florczyk) is excited to return to the Theatre Memphis stage after most recently being seen as the Raccoon in last season's CINDERELLA. Some of his favorite past credits include Peter Pan (Peter Pan), Little Shop of Horrors (Seymour), Cats (Pouncival), Elf The Musical (Buddy), and Hairspray (Corny Collins). Offstage, he is a proud alumni of The University of Memphis and has started his professional career there as the Coordinator of Parent and Family Services. Cade would like to thank his family and friends for their constant support, and he hopes that you all will enjoy the show!

Jacob Hesselbein (Ensemble) is elated to be back on the Theatre Memphis stage! He is a graduate from The University of Memphis with a BFA in Theatre with a concentration in Musical Theatre. Previous credits include: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (Ensemble / Principal Swing); Murder Ballad (Michael); Mary Poppins (Ensemble); The Rocky Horror Show (Phantom / Dance Captain); Pippin (Theo / Player); and Hello, Dolly! (Ensemble). "Huge thanks to Whitney, Jeff, and Lexie! Enjoy the show!" @ jakexhess

Justin Raynard Hicks (Kenickie) was born on January 2nd, 1995 in Dallas, TX. After moving to Memphis, TN at the age of 7, Justin began studying singing, acting, and dance. At the age of 15, Justin performed Isaac Hayes' Oscar award winning hit "Theme from Shaft" at the 2011 TvOne Trumpet Awards in Atlanta, GA in honor of Richard Roundtree for his role in the 1971 film. Since then, 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, and Fences (Ostrander Award nomination) at Theatre Memphis. Currently, Justin is working on his second independent album (previous releases are available on all streaming platforms as JUSTINRAYNARD.) as well as continuing his career as a multidisciplinary artist. With consistency and hard work, Justin hopes to prove to the world that he is a true triple threat entertainer.

Morgan Hipp (Swing) is excited to be working with Theatre Memphis and to swing for the first time! She is a double major in Musical Theatre and Dance at SEMO. She would like to thank her family for all their support and the team at Theatre Memphis for such an amazing opportunity!

Parker Bradley Hood (Ensemble / u/s Roger) is thankful to be returning to the Lohrey Stage. Trained at the former University of the Arts in Center City Philadelphia. Credits include: PIPPIN (Ensemble); Newsies (Davey); CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (Frank Abagnale, Jr.); and METAMORPHOSIS. Parker would like to think Whitney Branan and the talented cast of GREASE!

Jim Jacobs (Book / Music / Lyrics), who created GREASE (in 1970) with Warren Casey, was born and raised on the mean streets of Chicago's far northwest side. During the golden era of rock 'n' roll (1956-1960) he was a guitar-playing "greaser" student at Taft High School. In 1963, Jacobs met Warren Casey when they were both cast in a local theatre production of A Shot in the Dark. Seven years later they wrote what was to become one of the greatest musicals of all time. Grease opened in 1971 in a former trolley barn called the Kingston Mines Theatre in Chicago. A year later, GREASE made it to Broadway and "Greasemania" took off, resulting in one of the longest running shows in Broadway history. The 1978 movie became and remains the highest grossing movie musical of all time. Originally an actor, Jacobs has been seen on television, in motion pictures, regional theatre, national tours, and on Broadway. He is the co-author of several other plays and musicals including ISLAND OF LOST COEDS, a musical spoof of the low budget sci-fi/horror/ jungle movies of the 1950s, which he wrote with Warren Casey. In May 2014, Mr. Jacobs was presented with an honorary doctorate degree from Columbia College in Chicago. He currently resides in Southern California and remains active in the theatre, especially with the American Theatre Company of Chicago.

Sherronda Whitmore Johnson (Intimacy Choreographer) is dedicated to ensuring the physical and emotional safety of actors as they perform scenes involving personal or challenging emotions. Her expertise covers moments of vulnerability, trauma, intimacy, and simulated sexual acts, such as kissing and embracing. Sherronda's recent projects include CINDERELLA, BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL, THE GLASS MENAGERIE, and A RAISIN IN THE SUN at Theatre Memphis; Succession, Father Comes Home from THE WARS, THE COLOR PURPLE, and PORGY AND BESS at Hattiloo Theatre; and MISSISSIPPI GODDAMN at Circuit Playhouse. She is grateful to Theatre Memphis and the cast for their trust as they navigate teenage romantic ideals and their complexities.

Lexie Lang (Assistant Director / Associate Choreographer / Dance Captain / Cha-Cha Digregorio / u/s Betty Rizzo) From Europe to Japan to America, Lexie has gone far and wide to pursue her career in the arts. She has performed, taught, and traveled in a total of 15 countries and does not plan on stopping anytime soon. Recent favorite credits include Your Arms Too Short to Box with God (Ensemble), Charlie and The Chocolate Factory (Choreographer / Ensemble), Natasha Pierre and The Great Comet of 1812 (Ensemble / Swing). @lexielangg

Noah Mahintorabi (Swing) is a sophomore at Houston High School. He recently appeared onstage at Theatre Memphis as Jay in DESCENDANTS and has participated in the Tennessee All-State Orchestra Program. He would like to thank his family, the director, cast, crew, and entire production team for this opportunity.

Jeremiah McDonald (Ensemble / u/s Johnny Casino / u/s Sonny Latierri) is so excited to be a part of this beautiful production of Grease! He is currently a junior at The University of Memphis pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre. His most recent theatre credits include CINDERELLA (Ensemble) at Theatre Memphis, CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (Ensemble) at Playhouse on the Square, and Electra (Orestes) at The University of Memphis. He wants to thank his family and friends for their endless support. "Hope you enjoy the show!!"

Nathan McHenry (Vince Fontaine / Teen Angel / u/s Danny Zuko) moved to Memphis in 2015 to work at Playhouse on the Square. Recent performances include Constellations at Quark Theatre, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (Gerry Goffin) at TM, and Natasha Pierre and The Great Comet of 1812 (Anatole) at POTS. Other performances include Memphis (Huey Calhoun) and Million Dollar Quartet (Jerry Lee Lewis), both of which won Ostrander Awards. www.nathanmchenry.com

Caleb Medlin (Sonny Latierri) fell in love with musical theatre when he was 12 years old at Appling Middle School and has furthered his theatre education at Bartlett High School by playing the title roles in Tarzan and Pippin! He would like to thank Robb Zelonky, his mother, and his beautiful girlfriend, Julietta, for their overwhelming support on and off the stage.

Arielle Mitchell (Betty Rizzo) is a senior BFA Musical Theatre Major at The University of Memphis. They were most recently seen in CINDERELLA (Charlotte) at Theatre Memphis, and THE PROM (Alyssa Greene) and CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY at Playhouse on the Square. She is absolutely thrilled to be in her second production at Theatre Memphis and is honored to be playing such an iconic role with an amazing cast, crew, and director! "Enjoy the show!"

Cody Wayne Morris (Roger / u/s Teen Angel) is thrilled to be back on the Theatre Memphis stage! Some of his most recent roles include Joey in Sister Act (TM), Ralph in Reefer Madness (New Moon), and Jake in Evil Dead: The Musical (TheatreWorks)! Cody wants to send love to his partner, Clark, and his parents for their undying support in his pursuit of this art form. "Break legs everyone! Grease is the word!"

Cristian S. Nieves (Danny Zuko) received his BFA in Musical Theatre from Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin. His favorite credits include CLYDE'S (Rafael); THE WIZARD OF OZ (Tin Man); SOMETHING ROTTEN! (Nigel Bottom); URINETOWN (Bobby Strong); and CATS (Macavity). Cristian recently finished a contract onboard the Oceania Sirena as a vocalist, traveling through the Mediterranean and Caribbean. Cristian is originally from Orlando, Florida and is bilingual in English and Spanish. Cristian would also like to thank his fiancée, Lexie Lang, for her unwavering love and support.

Naiya Nolan-Dillard (Ensemble / u/s Cha-Cha Digregorio) is passionate about the arts and is extremely proud to join this cast! Her recent credits include THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME (Judy) at Germantown Community Theatre and A CHRISTMAS CAROL (First Charity Collector / Ensemble / Fezziwig Dancer) at Theatre Memphis.

Chandler Osella (Ensemble / u/s Patty Simcox) is excited to be in her first Lohrey Theatre show at Theatre Memphis. Recent credits include Legally Blonde The Musical (Ensemble) at Germantown Community Theatre; and Grease (Jan) and Hairspray (Tracy Turnblad) at Wonder Theatre in San Antonio, TX. Chandler thanks her husband for his constant love and support.

Kylan Owens (Johnny Casino / Ensemble / u/s Kenickie) is pumped to be returning to Theatre Memphis where he performed in Hairspray in 2019 and played Pepper in Mamma Mia! Being away from theatre for 2 years, he is excited to be back in the space that showed him who he was! He wants to thank Whitney Branan and her team for trusting him with this role. "Let's have a rocking good time!"

Briana Patton (Ensemble / u/s Jan / Intimacy Captain) is honored to return to the Theatre Memphis stage. She is no stranger to this community, having last been seen in MARY POPPINS as an ensemble member and swing. Bri hopes you enjoy grooving with us and the production, and she appreciates everyone for allowing her to follow her dreams! "Keep shaking!" @epitomeofbri

Caroline Pillow (Jan) (she/her) is a recent graduate from Oklahoma City University where she received her Bachelors of Music for Musical Theatre and minor in Theatrical Directing. Recent credits include Margaret (The Light in the Piazza), Madeleine Astor / Kate Mullins (Titanic), and Olive Ostrovsky (The 25TH Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee). "Huge thank you to Whitney, Jeff, Melissa, and everyone involved in this show!" Special thanks to her family, friends, and cat, Lion, for their love and support! @ carolinecpillow carolinepillow.com

Mara Rus (Doody) is a junior at The University of Memphis pursing a BBA in Business and minor in Theatre. They would like to thank the wonderful cast and crew for making this show so refreshing, and specifically, Whitney and Jeff, for this incredible opportunity! Special thanks to their partner, KT.

Courtney Church Tucker (Marty) is thrilled to return to the stage in this fantastic production! At Theatre Memphis, she has performed in Beauty and the Beast (Silly Girl), Tintypes (Anna Held), and others. Roles elsewhere include You're A Good

MAN, CHARLIE BROWN (Lucy); NUNSENSE (Sister Mary Amnesia); HONKY TONK ANGELS (Darlene); and more. Courtney teaches Music at Bodine School. All her love to Ben and Ceilidh!

Joshua Waits (Ensemble / u/s Eugene Florczyk) has been summer lovin' this exciting time spent with his amazingly talented friends. Credits at TM: Hello, Dolly!; Mamma Mia!; Hairspray; Disney's Newsies. Credits at POTS: The Wizard of Oz; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown; Catch Me If You Can. Joshua traveled to Amarillo, TX and joined the TEXAS Outdoor Musical family. He thanks Whitney, Jeff, Lexie and his parents. "Be Happy, Be Humble, Be Hopeful". @joshualwaits

Mac White (Frenchy) is so excited to be in this production! She was recently seen in The Crucible and Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (Theatre Memphis) and Arms Too Short to Box with God and Catch Me If You Can (Playhouse on the Square). She would like to thank the cast and crew! She hopes you dig this show! @macw

Rebecca Winchester (Ensemble / u/s Marty / u/s Miss Lynch) is thrilled to return to the Theatre Memphis stage this summer! She recently returned to theatre after a 6 year hiatus last year as Sister Mary Lazarus in Theatre Memphis' SISTER ACT and was just Vivienne Kensington in GCT's Legally Blonde The Musical. Rebecca graduated from Rhodes College in 2022 and is now the PR Specialist at Memphis Zoo. She is so blessed to be part of this amazing cast! She would like to thank her parents, family, friends, boyfriend, and fellow castmates for all of their support. "Grease is the WORD!"

Fifi Younker (Patty Simcox / u/s Sandy Dumbrowski) is a sophomore dance major at Marymount Manhattan College. Recent productions include CINDERELLA; MARY POPPINS; GUYS AND DOLLS; and Ermengarde in Hello, Dolly! at Theatre Memphis; Gretchen Wieners in Mean Girls at New Day Children's Theatre; Leisel in The Sound of Music and Miss Andrew in Mary Poppins at St. Mary's Episcopal School. She is also the recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Featured Dancer in a Musical at the High School Musical Theatre Awards. @fiffiyounker

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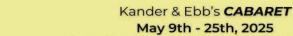


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Since it was first performed on February 5, 1971, at Kingston Mines nightclub in Chicago, GREASE has been successful on both stage and screen, but the content has been diluted and its teenage characters have become less Chicago habitués (the characters' Polish-American backgrounds in particular are ignored with last names often changed, although two Italian-American characters are left identifiably ethnic) and more generic. The first Broadway production opened on June 7, 1972; when it closed in 1980, GREASE'S 3,388-performance run was the longest yet in Broadway history, although it was surpassed by A CHORUS LINE on September 29, 1983. It went on to become a West End hit, a successful feature film, two popular Broadway revivals in 1994 and 2007, and a staple of regional theatre, summer stock, community theatre, and high school and middle school drama groups. It remains Broadway's 17th longest-running show.

Grease was adapted in 1978 as a feature film, which starred John Travolta (who himself had been in stage productions in a different role) and British-Australian singer and actress Olivia Newton-John, removed the musical's Chicago urban setting, and changed some plot elements, characters, and songs while adding new songs and elaborating on some plot elements only alluded to in the musical. Some of these revisions have been incorporated into revivals of the musical. A 2016 live TV musical used elements from both the original stage version and the film. A 1982 film sequel, Grease 2, included only a few supporting characters from the film and musical and had no involvement from Jacobs or Casey.

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Becky Caspersen (Director of Outreach, Education, Volunteer Engagement & Stage Management), a native of St. Louis, was transplanted in Memphis circa 2012 and has never looked back. After 27 years as a free-lance lighting designer and stage manager and 5 years as Production Manager for Opera Memphis, she remains a 3-time complete failure at retirement. However, she found a soft landing here at TM in April 2022 and has loved her time at TM immensely. 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 as many Great Pyrenees as her house can handle. Becky is thankful to Theatre Memphis for providing her with a wonderful theatrical "work family" and a safe place to hide her chocolate.

Michael Compton (Production Manager / Technical Director) This is Mr. Compton's 21st 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 Director) is celebrating her 10th year 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 has won for Present Laughter, Bloody, Bloody, Andrew Jackson; The Producers; 1776; Shrek The Musical, Side Show; Cats, Ragtime, Macbeth; and Guys and Dolls. 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 Beautiful: The Carolle King Musical (Theatre Memphis, music direction); The 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE (Theatre Memphis, music direction); RUTHLESS! THE MUSICAI (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 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.

Brigette Hutchison (Costume Shop Technician) is thrilled to be working at Theatre Memphis. She occasionally sews for TSC. She has designed costumes for A THOUGHT IN THREE PARTS, LATE MAY BE DARK, DEMOCRACY DIVINE, and SCAPIN. She was the Resident Lighting Designer for Yellow Tape Construction Company and Ready Set Go! Dance in Austin, Texas. She has worked SXSW, ADF, as well as countless conventions, weddings, and parties. She has lighting designed for former presidents, Jane Goodall, and Prince. She owns a coffee and cookie company with her partner, Naiman, but she is most proud to be a mother to her son, Julien.

Maggie Jackson (Assistant Technical Director) is excited to be joining Theatre Memphis for its 104th 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 amazing productions and seasons. 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 12th season 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 67 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), URINETOWN THE MUSICAL (2021), THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG (202), and MARY POPPINS (2023). 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 third 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 at the Circuit Playhouse. Some of her favorite designs include TORCH SONG, SILENT SKY, SISTER ACT, THE CRUCIBLE, and BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL. 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 & Programs: Tech Academy, Volunteers & Daytime A CHRISTMAS CAROL) 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

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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.

Karon Samuels (Education & Programs: Read to Relate & Women in the Arts) currently serves as Program Coordinator for The Cooler, Outreach Coordinator for Memphis Black Arts Alliance, and Education and Outreach Associate with Theatre Memphis. She also serves as a Read2Lead Theatre Instructor with Memphis Dream Center, a local non-profit that seeks to empower Memphis youth by encouraging a love of reading. A proud graduate of Howard University's Fine Arts program, Karon has spent much of her career elevating and celebrating black storytelling and marginalized voices, working with local art nonprofits that support her personal mission of art accessibility and equity. She is also an artist in her own right, gracing stages in musicals, plays, spoken word sets, and operas in Memphis and the DMV area. Karon is proud to play her part in creating a unique and sustainable creative ecosystem in Memphis. She hopes to see the creatives in our city leave a lasting, socially impactful influence in modern media, both onstage and behind the scenes.

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."

Abi Wiggins (Outreach & Programs: TM Prep, SkillSet & Festivals) Having always been dramatic, Abi surprised no one when she chose to study theatre, first at Northwest Community College and then Mississippi University for Women. She worked summers at Carey Dinner Theatre, was a carpentry intern at Playhouse on the Square, and recently produced a feature film. Some of her favorite credits include backstage crew for PRISCILLA: QUEEN OF THE DESERT (Playhouse on the Square), Juliet in ROMEO AND JULIET (NWCC), Assistant Director for WAKERS: AN AUDIO DRAMA (Bedrock Productions), and Executive Producer for TWENTIES (Clandestine Pictures).

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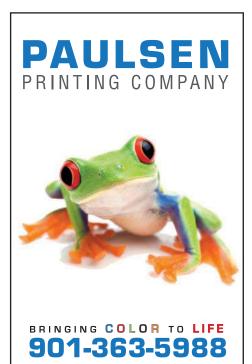
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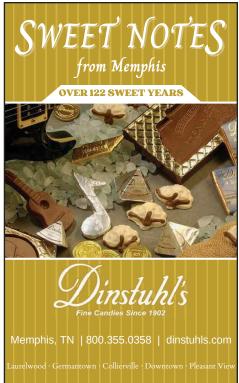
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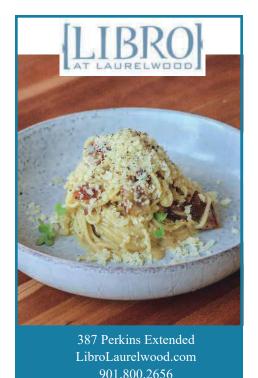
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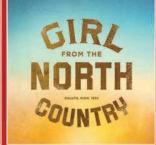
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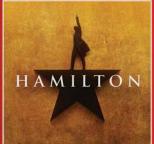


















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