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# Rodgers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma! Music by RICHARD RODGERS Book and Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs Original Dances by Agnes de Mille

#### CAST

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#### DIRECTOR M. Scott Tatum

| co-music direction<br>Molly Wissinger   |                                | DIRECTION AND CHOREOGRAPHY<br>Courtney Wissinger  |   | CO-MUSIC DIRECTION<br>James O. Welsch |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| scenic design<br>Paul Davis   | LIGHTING DESIGN<br>Jason Amato | CO-LIGHTING DESIGN  | COSTUME DESIGN<br>Carl Booker   | sound design<br><b>Sam Kokajko</b>    | PROPS DESIGN<br>Shannon Richey                     |  |
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# DIRECTORS' NOTES



#### FROM M. SCOTT TATUM, DIRECTOR

*Oklahoma!* is my third production to direct, and fifth to be a part of, here at Zilker Theatre Productions. It's an interesting choice, following The Sound

of Music and Little Shop of Horrors, because it is at once so very different than either of them yet strikingly similar: A dark & insidious force threatens a naïve protagonist looking for love. Whether it be the Nazis, a man-eating plant from outer space, or a disgruntled farm hand, the musical theatre concepts present in all three shows function in much the same way. They challenge our Maria, Seymour, & Laurey by increasingly standing in the way of connecting with the Captain, Audrey, and Curley. And this link is very much intended. Oklahoma! stands out in the canon of American Musical Theatre as the prototypical integrated book musical; it is one of the very first to have all of its songs, scenes of dialogue, and dances used to further the plot or expand on characters' lives. Between 1943 (Oklahoma!) and 1982 (Little Shop of Horrors), the world of Musical Theatre in America changed dramatically with regard to content, instrumentation, aesthetics, and reach, but the essential elements were established when Rogers and Hammerstein penned this genre-defining show about a yet-to-be state.

Even today, during the 70th Anniversary of Oklahoma! being awarded a special Pulitzer Prize for Arts (the TONY Awards didn't even exist yet), the show finds meaning by providing a chance to examine the long history of the type of misogyny found in newspaper headlines over the last few months. Oklahoma! sees Laurey's struggle with Jud, societal expectations, and her own desires for independence confront reconciling a love for Curly. For a show set in 1906 to have a woman who owns & works her land (with an older Aunt) in a rural territory during a time in which she couldn't even vote, and still find impactful conversations around the ownership of her body, meaningful female role models in Aunt Eller & Ado Annie, and mutually defined relationships with men is simply astounding when compared to other works in theatre or movies today, let alone in 1943. Oklahoma! stays popular with theatres & audiences around the world not only because of its wonderful songs, boisterous dance numbers, and a strong nostalgia for early 20th Century America, but because an independent woman making her way in a hostile territory is still a story we're see regularly today.



#### FROM COURTNEY WISSINGER, DIRECTION & CHOREOGRAPHY

*Oklahoma!* is the story of America. Our ancestors, brave and hopeful, took everything they owned, left behind family, home countries, and cultures to take the chance to

create better lives for themselves and their children. They built homes, farms, ranches, and created communities that thrived on a delicate balance of trust & dependence on one another to survive in a territory full of challenges.

The story, centered around Laurey, a young woman with a small farm & only her Aunt Eller and Curly, a handsome cowboy who returns home to find that he may have a rival for Laurey's affections in their coarse farmhand, Jud, unfolds as we meet the many characters that live in the community. Each one is unique and relatable: a young girl who loves being in love, a peddler with his sights on monetary gains & female attention, a young cowboy who has just earned enough to propose to the girl he loves, an angry, lonely farmhand with a questionable past. Each with a life & a place in this community. Each with something to lose & gain. When the story and songs can no longer describe Laurey's plight, we get the beautiful and groundbreaking Dream Ballet (originally choreographed by Agnes de Mille; in this production, I had the honor.) in which Laurey explores her options and flirts with what it means to be a woman, experiencing the choices & demands made upon her.

We see the community rally around one another when things begin to go wrong. We see that it is the basic things in life that are celebrated and revered (a new school house being built, an engagement, a wedding...). And we see that despite their differences, they are there for one another in times of joy and heartache.

Together, these communities thrived despite the elements, the thin veil of law & order, and the possibilities of crop failure and illness. Community is what binds these people together — the idea that everyone contributes and helps when help is needed, that everyone is in this together. That is what defines an American and what makes *Oklahomal* a perfect show for the Zilker Hillside, the longest running outdoor donation-based theatre in the country. Austin may be bigger and more cosmopolitan than this small community on stage, but we watch, cry, and laugh together & perhaps are reminded that not much has changed. No matter where we come from or where we are going, we are all in this together.

As they say in the song, Austin definitely does have "...plenty of heart and plenty of hope...." Thank you for being here and I hope you enjoy this production of *Oklahoma!* 

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1996 Bob Fishbeck
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1993 W.H. "Deacon" Crain

# Cast List

| Curly          | DAVID BARNES                    |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Laurey         | SARAH HOWARD                    |
| Will Parker    | J. QUINTON JOHNSON              |
| Ado Annie      | MOLLY MCCASKILL                 |
| Aunt Eller     | MICHELLE HACHE                  |
|                | ZAC CROFFORD                    |
|                | LESLIE R. HETHCOX               |
|                | STEPHEN MUIR                    |
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|             | (sub) CHARLOTTE DANIELS                       |
| Clarinet    | NICHOLAS COUNCILOR                            |
|             | (sub) PATRICK DOLAN                           |
| Horn        | CRAIG DAVIS<br>(sub) ANDREW FRASER            |
| Trumpets    | BOB CANNON<br>KURT KUMME<br>(sub) TIM SHAFFER |
|             | (sub) MIKE PICCIONE                           |
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| Drum Set    | ALEXANDER CASIMIRO                            |
|             | (sub) DANIEL DUFOUR                           |
| Piano       | JIM JAMES                                     |
| Violins     | PAUL ROBERTSON<br>TURNER PARTAIN              |
| Cello       | HECTOR MORENO<br>(sub) TIM LAWSHAE            |
| String Bass | RICARDO ZUNIGA                                |

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|   | CJ Swinburn   |
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|   | Shelby Gebhart  |
|   |   |
|   | Sam Kokajko   |
|   | Shannon Richey  |
|   | Lisa Raymond  |
|   | Joe Carpenter   |
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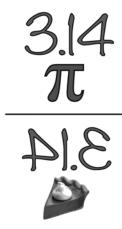
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#### Act II

| The Farmer and the Cowman             | Carnes, Aunt Eller, Curly, Will, Ado Annie, Slim and Ensemble |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| All Er Nothin'                        | Ado Annie, Will and Two Dancing Girls                         |
| People will Say We're in Love—reprise | Curly and Laurey  |
|                                       | Curly, Laurey, Aunt Eller, Ike, Fred and Ensemble             |
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| <b>2010</b> - Annie                           |
| <b>2009</b> - The Music Man                   |
|   |
| <b>2008</b> - Disney's Beauty and the Beast   |
| <b>2007</b> - My Favorite Year                |
| <b>2006</b> - Seven Brides for Seven Brothers |
| 2005 - Annie Get Your Gun                     |
| 2004 - The Secret Garden                      |
| <b>2003</b> - Crazy For You                   |
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| 2001 - Will Rogers Follies                    |
| 2000 - West Side Story                        |
| <b>1999</b> - Big River                       |
| <b>1998</b> - South Pacific                   |
| <b>1997</b> - Guys & Dolls                    |
| 1996 - Once Upon a Mattress                   |
| <b>1995</b> - Joseph and the Amazing          |
| Technicolor Dreamcoat                         |

Overture

Entr'Acte

| <b>1994</b> - Little Me                  |
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| <b>1993</b> - Oklahoma!                  |
| <b>1992</b> - West Side Story            |
| <b>1991</b> - Into the Woods             |
| <b>1990</b> - Annie                      |
| <b>1989</b> - Carnival                   |
| <b>1988</b> - Camelot                    |
| <b>1987</b> - The Unsinkable             |
| Molly Brown                              |
| <b>1986</b> - Miss Liberty               |
| <b>1985</b> - Guys & Dolls               |
| <b>1984</b> - Good News!                 |
| <b>1983</b> - How to Succeed in Business |
| Without Really Trying                    |
| <b>1982</b> - The Most Happy Fella       |
| <b>1981</b> - Fiorello!                  |
| <b>1980</b> - Jesus Christ Superstar     |
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| Charlie Brown                        |
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| <b>1970</b> - Oliver!                |
| <b>1969</b> - The Music Man          |
| <b>1968</b> - A Funny Thing Happened |
| on the Way to the Forum              |
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| <b>1964</b> - Brigadoon              |
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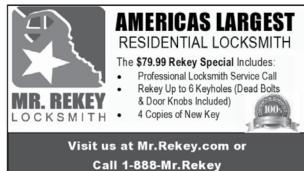
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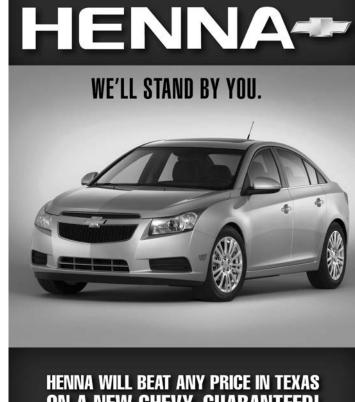
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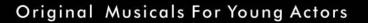
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# Cast Biographies



#### DAVID BARNES (Curly)

David is so excited to be returning to Austin this year for his first show on The Hillside! Previous credits include: John & Jen (John), How to Succeed... (Bud Frump), and Romeo and Juliet (Tybalt).

David is pursuing his BFA in Musical Theatre at the University of Michigan. He would like to thank everyone at ZTP and his family, especially his mom, for all their support.



#### **CONNOR BARR**

(Slim; *Will understudy*) Connor is a recent graduate of the Mc-Callum Fine Arts Academy with a major in Performance Theater and Vocal Studies. He will be attending The University

of Texas in the fall to pursue a degree in Musical Theatre. This is his first show on The Hillside and hopefully not his last! Recent credits include: Jean Val Jean in *Les Miserables* (MacTheatre), Richard Hannay in *The 39 Steps* (MacTheatre), Goat in *The Bremen Town Musicians* (Summer Stock Austin), and Soloist in *Swing*! (Summer Stock Austin). He would like to thank his family for their continual love and support.



#### CRAIG BARRON (Ike Skidmore)

Craig is very excited to once again be spending a magical summer at the Zilker Hillside. This will be the 8th Zilker Summer Musical he has been a part of, either onstage or backstage, though

he has been attending shows here since 1991. His previous theatre credits include *Sweeney Todd, The Music Man*, and *Big River*. He also performs with River City Pops, Austin's premier show choir.



#### IAN J. BETHANY (Dream Curly)

Ian is from Long Island, NY. He began his dance training as a tap and jazz student at Robert Mann Dance Centre. He started ballet at the age of twelve at Tap to Pointe Dance Center. Ian then went on

to train at the Frank Ohman School of Ballet, at the School of Ballet Chicago, at Ballet Academy East, and then in the Professional Division of Pacific Northwest Ballet School. Ian has enjoyed performing as a part of Ballet Austin's main company since 2009. While with Ballet Austin he has been featured in works by choreographers such as Stephen Mills, Nicolo Fonte, Bradley Shelver, Gabrielle Lamb, Annabelle Lopez Ochoa, and George Balanchine. Ian most recently performed with a project based company called Performa/ Dance, with choreography by Jennifer Hart. Ian has also performed in the chorus of the Austin Lyric Opera, in Summer Stock Austin's production of *Swing!*, and does numerous juggling gigs around Austin. Ian would like to thank Jesus Christ, his family, and his fiancé for the support they give him each day. He is thrilled to be making his debut with Zilker Theatre Productions!



#### **MADELINE BOUTWELL**

(Ensemble; *Dream Laurey understudy*)

Madeline is excited to be making her debut performance with Zilker Theatre Productions in Oklahoma! She could

previously have been seen in *The Music Man, Annie Get Your Gun,* and *The Wizard of Oz* at the Georgetown Palace Theatre. She would like to thank everyone at GADA as well as everyone involved with the Hutto Theatre Dept. for all of their encouragement. She also wants to thank her friends and family for the endless support and the cast for this awesome show. She thanks you for coming out, and hopes you enjoy the show!



#### **MATT BUZONAS**

(Ensemble; *Curley understudy*) Matt is entering his junior year at St. Edward's University, where he will be the treasurer for the St. Ed's branch of Alpha Psi Omega for the next year. A newcomer

to The Hillside, he is thankful for the experience and the chance to learn how to do a show in the Texas heat without dying. St. Edward's Mary Moody Northen Theater credits include Jerome in *Merrily We Roll Along*, Michael Wall in *Museum*, Albert Lennox in *The Secret Garden*, and Claudio in *Measure for a Measure*.



#### BRITTANY CARSON (Ensemble)

Brittany is thrilled to be performing in the Zilker Summer Musical for the first time! After earning her Bachelor of Arts in Music Theory and Composition from The University of Texas at Arlington, she

moved to Austin to pursue graduate studies at The University of Texas. Brittany made her musical theater debut at The Georgetown Palace Theatre in *The Wedding Singer* in 2010. Also in Georgetown, she played Rosie the Kit-Kat Girl in *Cabaret*, and played French Horn in the orchestra for *The Wizard* of *Oz*. Brittany enjoys composing "mashups" of Top 40 songs for her all-girl cover band Hey, Gurl (in which she plays bass guitar). When not performing onstage Brittany can be found transforming hair at Chuck Edwards The Salon, where she has been able to combine her passion for music and hair by styling bands during the South by Southwest Music Festival. A personal highlight was styling Duran Duran. While performing music is perhaps her first love, Brittany is delighted to return to singing and dancing this summer in *Oklahoma!* She would also like to extend a very special "Thank You" to her mother (aka "Lone Star Tammie") and Wiley for all their love and support!



#### HARRISON CARDWELL (Fred)

This is Harrison's first year on The Hillside as well as his first professional production, which he's pretty pumped about. He will be entering his senior year at Lake Travis High School this fall,

wherein he has performed musically as Leaf Coneybear in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee and Barnaby in Hello, Dolly!. His non-musical theatre credits include The Soldier in Booby Trap, for which he won Best Actor at UIL Zone and District in 2014 and Azor in La Dispute, for which he won Best Actor at UIL Zone in 2013. He's incredibly grateful to have the opportunity be a part of free theatre in Austin, especially as a part of an organization where he is surrounded by so many talented actors, directors, and designers. He would like to dedicate his performance as Fred, otherwise known as "carrots-and-pertaters-guy", to his bud Mikey, otherwise known as "that-guy-who-buys-Curly's-gun" and all the shows they've done together through the years and, in doing so, point out that, although in the Overture we hear the end melody, there are parts left to act before curtain call. He hopes you enjoy the show!



#### **CELESTE CASTILLO**

(Vivian; *Laurey understudy*) Celeste is very excited to be back on the ZTP Hillside as Vivian in Oklahoma!

Celeste is a recent graduate from the University of Texas, and is currently

working as a choir director in Leander ISD. Celeste was last seen as the sassy Doo Wop-er Crystal last year in Zilker's summer musical *Little Shop of Horrors*. In her spare time, Celeste likes to play with her mini schnauzer Millie, and bake cheesecakes. Celeste wants to thank Scott, Courtney, Molly, and the producers for another opportunity to perform on The Hillside. Many thanks and much love to her very supportive parents, sister, Ayo, friends and the rest of the cast and crew!



#### **ZAC CROFFORD** (Jud Fry)

Zac is new to The Hillside, and thinks it's pretty keen. As an actor, puppeteer and designer, he has worked with a number of companies in town, recently including Trouble Puppet,

Glass Half Full, Paper Chairs, Physical Plant Theater & Sky Candy, among others. You may hazily recall him (as if in a dream) from previous shows as: a down-trodden meatpacker; a misunderstood, vengeful flesh-beast; the Scotwhose-name-we-dare-not-speak; a Bodhisattva canine; a manipulative, man-shaped black hole in the scenery; any number of circus homunculi; and one half of a cantankerous old bootlegger. Additional projects include the development of fairly non-specific super powers. Really, any will do.



#### TYLER MICHAEL CULLEN (Tom)

Tyler is pleased to make his third appearance on the Zilker Hillside in this production of *Oklahoma!* His credits include *Little Shop of Horrors* (Dream Ballet/Ensemble) and *The Sound of* 

*Music* (Ensemble) with Zilker Theatre Productions, *Chicago* (Featured Ensemble) with Half and Half Productions, *Grease* (Eugene) at The City Theatre, *Noises Off* (Garry) with Alpha Psi Omega at the University of Texas at Austin, and *The Night Before Christmas* (Featured Dancer) with Take A Bow Productions. As a Theater and Dance major at The University of Texas at Austin, he has been involved in The Cohen New Works Festival and various musical theatre workshops. He would like to thank his family and friends for all of their amazing love and support.



#### **BRIAN KEITH DAVIS** (Ensemble)

Brian is thrilled to be back for his fourth Zilker Summer Musical production! Regional theater credits include "Tulsa" in *Gypsy*, "Che" in *Evita*, "George" in *The Drowsy Caperone*, "Emcee" in *Cabaret*,

"Joseph" in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, "Judas" in Jesus Christ Superstar, My Fair Lady, Chicago, My Favorite Year, Beauty and the Beast and The Music Man. Brian graduated with a BFA from Lamar University. He sends thanks to family and friends for their continued support.



#### HOLLY GIBSON

(Ensemble; *Laurey understudy*) Holly is beyond thrilled to make her Hillside début with *Oklahoma!* Holly is a recent graduate of Westlake High School, and plans to attend the Univer-

sity of Texas in the fall to study Vocal Performance. Holly recently appeared in Westlake's production of West Side Story, where she played the role of Maria. Her performance in this show earned her a Greater Austin High School Musical Theatre Award nomination for Best Actress in a Lead Role. Other credits include The Music Man, Damn Yankees, Fame, Grease, and various other pre-professional shows at Zachary Scott. Additionally, Holly has been a member of the Texas All State Mixed choir, Longhorn Honor Choir, and has received recognition at the state level for solo arias that she has performed. She has also attended summer intensives at the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music, Broadway Theatre Project, and the Butler Opera Center Young Artist Program. While at Westlake, Holly was involved in the choir program, dance team, Student Council, Mu Alpha Theta and National Honor Society. Holly has also served as choreographer for the Forest Trail Elementary show choir. Many thanks to mom and dad for the continuous support as I follow my dream!!!



#### MICHELLE HACHE (Aunt Eller)

Michelle moved to Austin after completing her Graduate Diploma at the Juilliard School in New York. This is Michelle's second production with Zilker Theatre Productions; in 2012,

she played the role of Maria in *The Sound of Music*. She has appeared in many leading roles in both opera and music theatre in New York and around the country. Since arriving in Austin, she has been nominated for the B. Iden Payne Award three times, winning in 2010 and 2013. Recent roles include Ida in *Princess Ida*, Grizabella in *Cats*, Bloody Mary in *South Pacific*, and Elsie in *The Yeomen of the Guard*. Additionally, Michelle has been an instructor in voice for over 12 years and has directed music theatre productions in Texas, Florida, Oklahoma and Oregon.



#### KEITH HALE (Ensemble)

Keith is incredibly happy to be returning to The Hillside for his third Zilker production, previously appearing as Uncle Morty in *My Favorite Year* and Baron Elberfeld in *The Sound of Music*. Keith has

also appeared in several local productions with Paradox

Players, most notably being typecast as an accountant in the role of Martin Heyman. Who says accountants are boring?? He also performed last summer as the pirate Smee in a production of *Peter Pan and His Lost Shadow* with the Austin Summer Musical for Children. In real life, Keith works as a Manager for HORNE, LLP, a regional public accounting firm.



#### ANDIE HADDAD (Emma)

Andie is thrilled to be performing for her first time on The Hillside as Emma! She has also appeared as June in Half & Half's production of *Chicago*, Velma in *Hairspray*, Carlotta in *Phantom of the* 

*Opera*, Cosette in *Les Miserables*, Little Red Riding Hood in *Into the Woods*, and Queen Elizabeth in *Richard III*. Andie will be a sophomore studying at the University of Texas in the College of Natural Sciences. She hopes to become a surgeon who does local theatre and volunteers at the elementary school library. She would like to thank her family for their support, her friends for their belief in her, and the Zilker family for giving her this opportunity. Hook 'Em!



#### LESLIE R. HETHCOX (Ali Hakim)

With ZTP: Beauty and the Beast (Lumiere. B. Iden Payne nomination), The Music Man, Footloose (Willard Hewitt), The Sound of Music (Franz/ the Lonely Goatherd), Little Shop of Horrors (Mr.

Mushnick). In Austin: Arts on Real: Pageant, (Miss Texas. Austin Critics' Table nomination), The Full Monty (Malcolm Mc-Gregor). Georgetown Palace: CATS (Munkustrap). Half&Half Productions: Chicago (Billy Flynn). TexARTS: Damn Yankees (Mickie). Regional: ALT: An Inspector Calls (Gerald Croft. Best Supporting Actor, Play), Blood Brothers (Sammy. Best Supporting Actor, Musical), Cabaret (the Emcee. Best Actor, Musical), A Chorus Line (Bobby), H2\$ (Ovington), Will Rogers Follies (Indian solo/Wrangler Quartet), The Importance of Being Earnest (Algernon Moncrieff. Best Actor, Play), The Tempest (Ariel. Best Newcomer). Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma: Carousel (Boatswain), Fiddler on the Roof (the Fiddler), Follies (Young Buddy), The Goodbye Girl, Me & My Girl, Grand Hotel (Jimmy #2), Peter Pan, Singin' in the Rain (Cosmo Brown), South Pacific (Henri/Seabee). Panhandle Heritage Foundation: T\*E\*X\*A\*S. ZACH: The Drowsy Chaperone (Gangster #2), Ragtime (Stanford White, etc), White Christmas (Ensemble/ Phil Davis US). Tours: Fame, European (Schlomo/Dance Captain). MS Asuka (DC/Featured), HMS Queen Elizabeth II (DC/Featured), MS Seaward (DC/Featured). Companies: Ballet Mississippi, Chamberlain Ballet, Fort Worth Ballet, Lone Star Ballet. Film: Richard Linklater's Bernie.



#### **SARAH HOWARD** (Laurey)

Sarah is thrilled to be joining Zilker Theatre Productions for another summer on The Hillside! She was last seen here in *The Sound of Music* wearing a nun's habit, as well as in Spring Awak-

*ening* (Anna) and *High School Musical* with Zach Scott Theatre and in a myriad of productions with the Starlight Theatre Company of Bowie High School. Sarah is a history major with an emphasis in secondary education at Baylor University. She would like to thank the fantastic team at ZTP, her insane family & friends, but most especially her little sister for inspiring her on and off the stage.



J. QUINTON JOHNSON (Will Parker) Quinton is going into his 3rd year as a BA Theatre Dance student at the University of Texas. He is originally from the small, East Texas town of Athens. With a degree plan focused heavily on

musical theatre, Quinton has worked closely with Broadway artists in various workshops and intensives. Quinton was most recently seen in UT's production of *In the Heights* as Benny. He was also part of the male ensemble in ZACH Theatre's production of *Les Miserables* (u/s Enjolras). Additionally, Quinton is an amateur music recording artist and composer. He has been teaching himself music theory and how to play different instruments since he was a junior in high school. He most recently picked up trumpet and is looking to start violin soon. Quinton hopes to fully pursue music and performance upon graduation from UT in 2016.



#### LYRIK KOOTTUNGAL (Ensemble)

This is Lyrik's first summer with Zilker Theatre Productions. She has been dancing for six years and acting for about two. Lyrik is a member of Leander High School's advanced theatre

class and thespians troupe, as well as Dancers Workshop's pre professional company, Austin Dance Works. Additionally, Lyrik was part of Leander High School's productions of *Grease* and *The Music Man*, which went to the Greater Austin High School Musical Theatre Awards with ten nominations & won for Best Ensemble! As for dancing; ballet, jazz, modern, contemporary, tap, pointe and clogging are just a few styles that Lyrik is trained in. She continues her training at Dancers Workshop and The Edge in Los Angeles, California. Past performances include assorted shows, competitions and half time performances such as the LA Lakers vs. San Antonio Spurs game & Epcot Center at Walt Disney World. In addition to dancing, choreographing is a huge passion for Lyrik. She has choreographed pieces for Leander High School's Junior Varsity dance team and theatre department, as well as award-winning solos. She is so excited and happy to be part of ZTP's production of *Oklahoma!* It has been a great experience & she has had a blast!



**AURORA LINDSEY** (Youth Ensemble) Rory is delighted to be making her debut with Zilker Theatre Productions. Her recent credits include *The Little Mermaid* and *Into the Woods*. She has just completed the 3rd grade, loves to

dance, play piano, and keep her two little brothers, Ezra and Silas, in line. Much love to Molly & Courtney Wissinger!



#### **MOLLY MCCASKILL** (Ado Annie) Molly McCaskill is thrilled to be participating in her 5th musical here on The Hillside! Molly's favorite roles have included Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*, Mabel in *Pirates of Penance*, and Juliet in *Romeo*

and Juliet. Just recently Molly received the award for best supporting actress in a musical at the first annual Greater Austin High School Musical Awards, for her role as Adelaide. Next fall she plans to attend Webster Conservatory for musical theatre. She would like to thank her family and friends for their constant love and support and her amazing cast mates for putting up with her all summer! Enjoy the show!



#### **DEVIN MEDLEY** (Ensemble)

Devin is delighted to be joining the ZTP family. She is thrilled to have been given the opportunity to work with such talented and fun artists this summer. She is a second-year Musical

Theatre Ambassador at the University of Texas at Austin. Devin has been performing since age six, her first featured role being the Big Bad Wolf in a community theatre production of *The Three Little Pigs* in her hometown of Beaumont. Favorite roles include Dorothy, *The Wizard of Oz*, Rusty, *Footloose*, Rosie, *Bye, Bye Birdie* and most recently Sam in a University of Texas student-written and directed performance of *Impact*. Devin plans on pursing musical theatre after graduating from UT, a career path which she believes inspires people to smile, laugh, and see the world through a more loving and uplifting lens. Now, whether that's with Disney or on the famed Broadway stage, she will enthusiastically take what is given to her. Devin always thanks God for His unending blessings and overwhelming love and also wants to thank her outstanding parents and many wonderful friends for their constant support and encouragement. Though she may be singing about Oklahoma, her horns will forever be lifted. Hook 'em and enjoy the show!



#### **ROSE MITCHELL** (Ensemble)

Rose is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin Theatre & Dance department, and most recently choreographed *Grease!* for City Theatre last summer. For the past four years, she

has been dancing and choreographing for the Austin City Showgirls, who claim many prominent productions, including opening for Maroon 5. Other notable performances include *Macbeth* (Emily Ann Theatre), *Cabaret, HAIR* (City Theatre), *The Music Man* (ZTP), and *L'Etoile* (Austin Lyric Opera). She looks forward to being back on stage as opposed to choreographing behind it, and especially to being on The Hillside again! Y'all don't melt away now!



MARANDA MOODY (Ensemble) Maranda is delighted to make her debut with Zilker Theatre Productions this summer! She was most recently seen as a Merry Murderess (Liz/Pop) in Half & Half Productions' presentation

of Chicago. Additionally, Maranda is a current member of River City Pops, Austin's premiere show choir, who just performed their 30th Anniversary show: Let's Go To the Movies. She was also a featured singer in Tru Dance Project's winter show, Imperfect Sentiments, and she has been a featured dancer/actress in KLoud's choreography and music videos. Maranda received her B.A. in Theatre/Dance from the University of Texas where she studied Musical Theatre Voice with Lyn Koenning and Broadway Jazz with Natasha Davidson. In UT's first Musical Theatre Showcase, she was featured as Anita in the number "America" (West Side Story) and Charity in "There's Gotta Be Something Better than This" (Sweet Charity). Maranda would like to give many thanks to Scott, Courtney, and Molly for this opportunity, and she cannot wait to make The Hillside her summer home!



#### **GRACE MORTON** (Dream Laurey) Grace began her early dance training at age seven in Seattle, WA. She began studying ballet and modern dance with Vivian Little and Mary Reardon,

school directors of Dance Fremont. In 2010, she left home to train with Oregon Ballet Theater's professional division, with whom she toured to Korea, and performed in several of OBT's company productions, including George Balanchine's The Nutcracker and Nicolo Fonte's world premiere of Petrushka. Grace danced leading roles in the school of OBTs student showcase including Anne Mueller's Carnival of the Animals, Robert Henry Johnson's Road to the Yellow Carnival, and Trey McIntyre's Curupira. She joined Ballet Austin II in 2012, and performed featured roles in Stephen Mills' Luminaria, Jennifer Hart's Wavemakers, and Nelly Van Bommel's Snow White. Grace became a member of Ballet Austin's main company in 2013, and had the chance to tour to Israel to perform in Stephen Mills' Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project. She performed featured roles in Stephen Mills' The Nutcracker, Petipa's Sleeping Beauty, and works by choreographers James Greg and Gabrielle Lamb. Grace is thrilled to be performing with ZTP for the first time, and is looking forward to sharing the stage with her fiancé, Ian J. Bethany.



#### SABRINA MUIR (Ensemble)

Sabrina is excited to be part of her third Zilker Summer Musical. Prior appearances include Zilker Theatre Productions: *Sound of Music* (Brigitte) and *The Music Man* (Ensemble); Zachary

Scott Theatre: *Willy Wonka* (Ms. Teevee); TexARTS: *Carousel* (Snow Child); University of Texas: *Foreclosure* (Vivian); Four Points Middle School: *Grease* (Frenchy); River Place Student Theatre: *Willy Wonka* (Veruca) and *Seussical Jr.* (JoJo). Sabrina would like to thank Cheer Station and Kyle Inman for teaching her to tumble. Thanks also to her Mom, Dad and Alyssa for all of their support and love.



**STEPHEN MUIR** (Andrew Carnes) Stephen is pleased to be performing in his third Zilker Summer Musical. Prior appearances include Zilker Theatre Productions: *Sound of Music* (Admiral Von Schreiber) and *The Music Man* (En-

semble); Austin Summer Musical for Children: *Peter Pan* (Captain Hook) and *The Curious Case of Rumpelstiltskin* (Big Bad Wolf); TexARTS: *Damn Yankees* (Mr. Lynch/Postmaster) and *Carousel* (Ensemble). Other credits include St. Edward's University: *Jesus Christ Superstar* (King Herod), Godspell, Amal And The Night Visitors. He also performs locally as a member of River City Pops. Stephen is grateful to his wife, Lisa, and daughters, Alyssa and Sabrina, for their continued support and inspiration.



#### KAREN OLSON

(Ensemble, Dance Captain) Appearing in her 9th Zilker Summer Musical, Karen last performed on The Hillside as Frau Schmidt/Girl in Pale Pink Coat in *The Sound of Music*. Other

ZTP credits include *The Music Man, Beauty and the Beast, My Favorite Year, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Annie Get Your Gun, Crazy for You,* and *Little Me.* Other credits include *Kiss Me, Kate* for Austin Playhouse, *Cabaret* at Zach Scott Theater, River City Pops (co-artistic director/choreographer), *The Rocky Horror Show* (assistant choreographer) at Southwestern University, and *Peter and the Wolf* (co-choreographer) for Second Youth Family Theater. Karen earned a BA in Dance from Texas Woman's University, teaches locally, and spends her free time spoiling her two dogs. Karen sends many thanks and lots of love to her husband, Chris.



TAYLOR RAINBOLT (Ensemble)

Taylor is currently a student receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and is excited to make her Zilker Theatre Productions debut. She first received her dance training from Pamela Simon and

Shana Ivey of Ingram School of Dance, located in Orange, TX. After studying dance at Lamar University, Taylor transferred to St. Edward's University to further her studies in Theatre. Some of Taylor's past roles include: Veronica (God of Car*nage*), Bobbie (Some Girl(s)), Francisca (Measure for Measure) and Ariel (The Tempest). Taylor has also been a part of Lamar University's Dance Company, Cardinal Dancers, THEM Dance Company and Solid Ground Dance Collective. Taylor has choreographed for Beaumont Ballet Theatre, Lamar University, Solid Ground Dance Collective and multiple drill teams of the South East Texas area. She has also had the pleasure of working with Sean Carmon of Alvin Ailey Dance Company. Taylor would like to thank her parents, family, friends and mentor Miss Lou for all of their love and support. She would also like to thank the directors, choreographers, cast and crew of Oklahoma! for this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow.



#### **ANN RICHARDS** (Ensemble)

Ann is no stranger to the Zilker Hillside stage with this being her 8th show. Favorites include Once Upon A Mattress, Guys and Dolls, Into the Woods, Footloose, and others. Previously, she

appeared in *Man of La Mancha* at Austin Playhouse, and has been in several of their productions such as *The Best* 

Little Whorehouse in Texas, A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum, and The Mystery of Edwin Drood. She has been seen at The State Theater and Austin Musical Theater productions. Favorites include Jesus Christ Superstar, My Fair Lady, Sweet Charity, and Sweeney Todd. In her spare time, she is a middle school special education teacher for English and math. Thanks to my family and friends for all their love and support!!!!



#### **DANIELLE RUTH**

(Kate, Ado Annie understudy) Danielle is a ZTP Alum, having performed as a puppeteer in Little Shop of Horrors in Zilker's 2013 season. She is so excited to be returning to The Hill-

side as the character Kate in Oklahoma! Danielle teaches musical theatre vocals, beginnings, and dance at the Palace Education and Performing Center in Georgetown, TX. She performs in and around the Austin area, her recent/ favorite roles include Rumpleteazer in CATS, Jane in Peter Pan, Mimi/featured ballroom dancer in Guys and Dolls, Ado Annie in Oklahoma!, Martha in The Secret Garden, Muzzy in Thoroughly Modern Millie, Rosie in Cabaret, and Maureen in The Beauty Queen of Leenane. She graduated from the McCallum Fine Arts Academy with a major in theatre and dance in 2013, and has just transferred from Texas State University to Major in Theatre & Dance at the University of Texas at Austin. She is very proud to be a Longhorn and hopes to complete her major and graduate in 2017. She would like to thank all of the mentors who have molded her into the performer that she is today, but most of all would like to thank her parents who have supported her every step of the way.



#### **LUKE SOSEBEE** (Youth Ensemble) Luke is delighted to be performing in his first major production. He is a student at Bee Cave Elementary and has been active in the school's music

has been active in the school's music department, recently starring as Benjamin Franklin in *This is America* and Hale Storm in a *Wild* & Wacky Winter Musical. Luke is an active member of LifeAustin and has participated in several acting & singing workshops offered through the church as well as their Creative Arts Camp every summer. In addition to singing and acting, he enjoys competitive tennis, drawing, painting and sculpting. Luke aspires to be a professional actor one day and is honored to be performing on The Hillside this summer.



**DYLAN J. TACKER** (Ensemble) Dylan is happy to be a part of the Zilker Theatre Productions community. Tacker is known for his roles as Javert in *Les Miserables* and Balthasar in *Romeo and Juliet*, both with Mac-

Theatre. He is also known for his roles as Jack in *Into the Woods* and Genie in *Aladdin*, each with Mosaic Children's Theatre. An active member of his high school theatre program, Tacker volunteers his time outside of school at Mosaic Children's Theatre. Tacker is currently a sophomore at McCallum High School and a Theatre Major in the Mc-Callum Fine Arts Academy. Tacker has studied drama for six years, studied music for three years and takes vocal lessons through his school's choir program. Tacker would like to thanks his friends and family for their continued love and support, and would like to congratulate the cast and crew on all their hard work. He credits the success of *Oklahoma!* to director M. Scott Tatum, without whom we could not have made this show possible. Break a leg!



#### **NICOLE TATE** (Virginia)

Nicole is returning to The Hillside after a successful run of last year's *Little Shop of Horrors*. She has also been in shows such as *Bye, Bye, Birdie, Kiss Me, Kate, Scrooge* and many more. Nicole will be attending

the University of Utah in the fall to study musical theatre.



#### **ANNA VANSTON** (Ensemble)

Anna is thrilled to be making her debut with Zilker Theatre Productions! Previous credits include Gussie (*Merrily We Roll Along*) and the Moon (*Blood Wedding*) at St. Edward's University.

She would like to thank her family, friends, and loved ones as well as everyone who helped make this amazing production possible! YEE-HAW!



#### **CHRIS WASHINGTON** (Mike)

Chris is going to be a senior at Cedar Park High School. This is his first summer on the Zilker Hillside, but he has spent previous summers as a member of SummerStock Austin's company

(2012, 2013). This year, he was nominated in the Greater Austin High School Musical Theatre Awards for the Best Supporting Actor in a Musical for his portrayal of Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys & Dolls*. He would like to thank his family, Molly Wissinger, Jerry Blake and Lisa Raymond.

#### MICHAEL WHEELER (Joe)



This is Michael's first time to take part in a Zilker Theatre Productions Summer Musical and he is very happy to have been given such a wonderful opportunity by all of the talented di-

rectors taking part in this production. Michael recently graduated from Lake Travis High School where he took part in their productions of *Hello*, *Dolly!* as Cornelius Hackl and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* as Chip Tolentino. Apart from Lake Travis, Michael also performs at the musical theatre academy, TexARTS, where he was most recently seen as Sonny Malone in *Xanadu*. Michael would like to thank the wonderful Keenah Armitage at TexARTS for being an amazing inspiration and helping make him the performer he is today, Darren Gibson for being the role model he needed to continue to pursue his goals, and Harrison (carrots-and-pertaters-guy). Michael is very excited to play the role of Joe for you folks tonight in this year's Zilker Summer Musical, *Oklahoma!*, and he hopes you enjoy the show as much as he has!



#### **KIMBERLY WILSON** (Gertie)

Kimberley is ecstatic to return to The Hillside for this amazing production! You may have seen her hopping around Austin in various shows, most recently in *Chicago* (Roxie), *Company* 

(April), and *Grease* (Marty). Kimberley holds a BA in Theatre and Dance and a BA in English Writing from UT Austin. She now spends her days teaching at Alisa's Dance Academy and KidsActing Studios, helping young ones discover the joy of dancing, singing, and acting. She feels truly blessed and sends love to Mom, Dad, Ryan, Molly, and all of her best ladies (Bobby, this includes you).



# **PRODUCTION & ZTP BIOGRAPHIES**

**CAMERON ALLEN** (Assistant Technical Direction) Cameron is a graduate of St. Edward's University where he received his BFA. He assisted technical directed several shows at the Mary Moody Northen Theatre (*On the Verge, Under Construction, Bus Stop*) and technical directed *One Blood Wedding*. Cameron has also technical directed SummerStock Austin, (*The Producers, Urinetown, A Year with Frog and Toad*) as well as Doctuh Mistuh's productions of *Reefer Madness* and *Silence*. Cameron has worked on several Zilker Theatre Productions (*Annie, Footloose, The Sound of Music*) and is always happy for the opportunity. Cameron would like to thank Joe, Elliot, Paul, Josean, Dillon, Eric, Laura and Ben.

#### JASON AMATO (Lighting Design)

Jason started his career in theatre with the Zilker Summer Musical 23 years ago, and is very happy to be back. Since, he has designed over 500 local and international shows. Some of his most recent work, Austin Shakespeare's Anthem, was seen Off-Broadway at the Baryshnikov Arts Center, NYC. In addition to designing at ZACH Theatre for 14 years, he is the resident lighting designer for Austin Shakespeare and the Vortex. He has toured internationally, designing dance at Jacob's Pillow, Lincoln Center Out of Doors, the Smithsonian and the National Theatre in Taipei, Taiwan. The Austin Critics Table has honored Jason for outstanding lighting in 30 shows. He has also received 9 B. Iden Payne Awards for his lighting of Water, Troades, Trickster, The Exonerated, Omnium-Gatherum, Triskelion, Panoptikon, Despair's Book of Dreams, and The Deluge. For the Austin Chronicle's Best of Austin 1995 he received "Best Lighting Design on a Shoe String" In 2002 he was honored with "Best Dazzler" in The Austin Chronicle's Critics' poll. In 2008, Jason received the "Outstanding Contribution to Austin Theater" award from Austin Circle of Theaters. In 2012 The Kennedy Center recognized Jason's work on Eurydice at Simpson College, Iowa. He also has a website of his work, www.jasonamato.com.

#### PETER J. BEILHARZ (Producer)

In the past 25 years, Peter has performed and worked in various productions in Austin including productions at the Mary Moody Theatre, Austin Civic Chorus, Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Austin Lyric Opera, River City Pops, Zachary Scott Theatre, Austin Shakespeare, and Zilker Theatre Productions. Peter has been a producer with Zilker Theatre Productions since 2004 and has been on the Board of Directors of River City Pops for over 10 years. Peter holds an undergraduate degree in Theatre Arts Administration and a Master's in Human Services Administration from St. Edward's University where he has worked for over 25 years. He is currently Bursar for the Office of Student Financial Services.

#### CARL BOOKER (Costume Design)

Carl has been designing and building costumes for educational theatre, professional productions, and historical reenactments for 7 years. He is a Texas native and is glad to be back working in Austin. Since earning his MFA in Costume Technology and Construction from The University of Texas at Austin he has freelanced with various regional theaters as a First Hand and Draper including The Alley Theatre in Houston, Pioneer Theatre in Salt Lake City, and The Santa Fe Opera. Most recently he has accepted the Technical Theatre teaching position at Leander High School, and looks forward to starting this new adventure in August. Special thanks to Scott, Chloe, Anna, and Jennifer.

#### JOE CARPENTER (Technical Direction)

Joe has been working in the theatrical community for the last 35 years. From his beginnings at the Comedy Workshop in Houston, Texas to his current status as technical director at Mary Moody Northen Theater at St. Edwards University, Joe has had an eclectic and wonderful career. He has loved sharing his talents with Zilker Theatre Productions for the last 8 years. Joe's designs and technical skills have been seen in such productions as 7 Brides for 7 Brothers, My Favorite Year, Beauty and the Beast and Annie. Joe would like to thank his loving wife and children for their support over the last 29 years.

**FAITH CASTANEDA** (Production Stage Management) Faith is so excited to be joining the hillside gang for the first time! *Oklahoma!* holds a special place in her heart because her mother would wake her up every day singing "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning!" In 2006, Faith obtained a BFA in Theatre from Tarleton State University and has been working as a stage manager ever since. After moving to Austin in 2007, one of her goals was to stage manage for Zilker and here she is! Previous stage management credits include *CATS, Peter Pan, Singin' in the Rain, Wizard of Oz, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Grease* and *The Wedding Singer*, just to name a few. She would like to thank to her husband, Christopher, for understanding her passion for the theatre and to her mother for always telling her that she can achieve her dreams. Always for Tucker!

#### NICOLÁS E. CASTAÑON

#### (Assistant Stage Management)

Nicolás is excited to be pursuing his M.F.A. with an emphasis in Directing and Stage Management at Texas State. Previously, he has taught Theatre Arts and Art in both public and private schools. He is a graduate from the University of Texas at El Paso. He is a 2006 KCACTF Stage Management Region IV winner. Stage managing and assistant stage managing credits include: *VIVA El Paso!* at TX State - *Strutters Spectacular, Orchesis, Merge Ahead*; at CCM - *Top Girls, Merrily We Roll Along*; at UTEP - *New Voices 2004, Romeo and Juliet, Cabaret, The Fantasticks, Barefoot in the Park, The Vagina Monologues, Art, Macbeth,* and *Immigration Dreams: Myths and Realities.* Mom and Dad - love ya!

#### PAUL DAVIS (Scenic Design)

Paul teaches Scenic and Costume Design at HSPVA. He has been an active set designer in and around Austin; he has worked for The Zilker Park Summer Musical- *Footloose* and *The Sound of Music* (B. Iden Payne nomination), Different Stages (Circle Critics Nomination), Capital T Theatre and The Da Collective. His work for Hyde Park Theatre has been honored with B. Iden Payne award nominations: The Pillowman and The Drawer Boy. He has also worked as a scenic artist for the Dallas Theater Center, Portland Stage, and Connecticut Repertory Theater, and as a Scenic and Costume Designer for the Finborough Theater in London, England. His work has also been seen at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival and The Prague Quadrennial.

#### LISA FILEMYR

#### (Stage & Deck Management Consultant)

Lisa has been with Zilker Theatre Productions since 2003. After stage managing for many years, Lisa is excited to be involved in a different role at The Hillside. Lisa has stage managed for and worked with numerous performing arts organizations throughout Austin, including Penfold Theatre Company, River City Pops, Local Opera Local Artists, Austin Lyric Opera, ZACH, Second Youth Family Theatre, and ProArts Collective. Favorite past productions include: *Footloose, Crazy for You, My Favorite Year, Beauty and the Beast, La Femme Boheme,* and *HAIR*. Outside of theatre, Lisa is a software developer and is active in the Junior League of Austin and the University of Virginia Club of Austin.

#### **KATE HIX** (Executive Director )

Kate attended her first Zilker Summer Musical in 1988

and was instantly hooked. She dreamed of being on the stage one day—years later, she realized her dream was actually to continue mounting the Zilker Summer Musical so that her children and grandchildren can experience the magic of outdoor theatre. Kate received her undergraduate degree in Social Policy from Northwestern University and graduated from the University of Texas School of Law. After practicing law for several years, she realized she wanted to pursue non-profit management. Kate served as the Director of Operations for Austin Voices for Education and Youth for over two vears and as a ZTP Board Vice-President and Grants Coordinator for three years before becoming ZTP's Executive Director in August of 2013. As Executive Director, Kate manages strategic planning, legal, financial, regulatory and human resources issues for ZTP, as well as overseeing fundraising and Board relations. Kate is also a trained singer and actress, but her only current performance venues include her toddler daughter, Maya. Kate is grateful to her husband, Aaron, and her parents, Sara and David, for helping to make working motherhood achievable!

#### SAM KOKAJKO (Sound Design)

Sam is proud to be back out at the park for his fourth year with ZTP. Previous sound design credits include Footloose (Zilker), Hairspray (Zach), Buddy Holly (Georgetown Palace), and Avenue Q (Austin Theatre Project) among many others. When not at the theatre, he is running his Pro Audio company, Sam K Sound, and the Austin Sound Engineers community group.

#### **MELINDA PARR**

(Executive Producer & Artistic Director)

Melinda is excited to be back at the Hillside for this year's production of Oklahoma!. Favorites include: Little Shop of Horrors, The Sound of Music, Footloose, Annie, The Music Man, The Secret Garden, Annie Get Your Gun and Beauty and the Beast with Zilker Theatre Productions; The Dragon Play & Big Love with Shrewd Productions; Floyd Collins and TOME with Scott Schroeder Presents; Plays Well With Others at Zach; Big River, Carousel, and Damn Yankees at The Paramount and School House Rock with TexARTS; The Winter's Tale, Design For Living, Pride & Prejudice, Twelfth Night, Man and Superman, Anthem, The Tempest, THE DREAM: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Mary Stuart, Spooky Shakespeare, and Measure for Measure with Austin Shakespeare. Thank you to this year's production team, crew, cast, volunteers, the ZTP Board and community supporters.

#### SHANNON RICHEY (Props Design)

Shannon is the Stage Management Instructor at Texas State University and a freelance production stage manager and properties person. Recent properties credits include: *Little Shop of Horrors, The Music Man* and *The Sound of Music* with Zilker Theatre Productions. *A Winter's Tale, Anthem,* and *An Ideal Husband* with Austin Shakespeare. Shannon has assisted numerous Scenic and Properties designers along with working on props and wardrobe crews with Austin Shakespeare, ZACH Theatre, The Alley Theatre, Paramount Theatre, and The Long Center for the Performing Arts.

#### AUSTIN SHEFFIELD (Producer)

Over the past 10 years, Austin has worked in theater in both New York, New York and all over Texas. He has worked as a Director, Producer, Lighting Designer, Master Electrician, Production Manager, and in marketing and fundraising. Austin has worked with The Public Theater (New York), Angelo Civic Theater (San Angelo, TX), in Austin, TX: Fuse Box, Mary Moody Northen Theatre, Zach Scott Theatre, The State Theatre, TexARTS, The Long Center, Bass Concert Hall, Salvage Vanguard, The Rude Mechs, Frontera Fest, and was one of the founding members of Palindrome Theatre. Austin has been a Producer with Zilker Theater Productions since 2010. He recently graduated with his M.A. in Counseling from St. Edward's University. He is currently a Case Manager for CORE Health Care.

#### TAYLOR SMITH (Assistant Deck Management)

Taylor lists Zilker Hillside Theatre as one of Austin's greatest treasures and is excited to be participating in his third summer musical with Zilker Theatre Productions. Previously, he served as a Deck Electrician for Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* (2008) and Co-Deck Manager for *Little Shop of Horrors* (2013). In the brief moments not spent backstage, behind a Nikon, or on a lake, he is a web developer and graphic designer for Four Kitchens, a web development consulting firm.

#### M. SCOTT TATUM (Director)

Scott is a mostly Austinite, arts educator, scenic & lighting designer, and director. After studying at the University of Texas at Austin for Theatre (and then again for a Masters in Curriculum & Instruction and Arts Management), he was Head of Theatre at McCallum Fine Arts Academy, Founder of Half & Half Productions, and is current Executive Director of AHB Community School. When not working directly with students or the arts, he helps adults figure out how to do both. He returns to Zilker this year for his 5th production after successful runs in the past of

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Beauty and the Beast, The Sound of Music, and Little Shop of Horrors.

#### JAMES O. WELSCH (Co-Music Direction)

Austin-import James O. Welsch brings a rich background in musical theater, opera, and orchestral conducting to his first season with Zilker Theatre Productions. Among his recent shows are Ragtime, The Gondoliers, Amahl and the Night Visitors and Die Fledermaus, named the top regional opera attraction by the Syracuse, N. Y. Stars Magazine. James is pursuing a doctor of music degree in orchestral conducting at the University of Texas, Austin, where he studies with Maestro Gerhardt Zimmerman and serves as music director and conductor of the U.T. University Orchestra and assistant conductor for the U.T. Symphony Orchestra. He holds a Master's of Music degree in orchestral conducting from Syracuse University and a Bachelor's of music in composition from Stetson University, Deland, Florida. Upon graduating from S. U., James was appointed to a full-time position as assistant professor in the university's Setnor School of Music. He did extensive conducting and taught courses ranging from introductory theory to upper division and graduate seminars. He was named Faculty Member of the Year in 2007 – 2008, his first year of teaching. While at S.U., he also served as director of music ministries for a 3,000-member church in Liverpool, N.Y. Committed to fostering diversity in the performing arts through community endeavors, James brought together choirs from urban and suburban congregations to present Faure's Requiem with chamber orchestra in an inner city church on Good Friday, 2009. James is honored to be part of the Zilker Summer Musical team that will bring Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1943 iconic Oklahoma! to Central Texas audiences.

#### **COURTNEY WISSINGER**

#### (Direction and Choreography)

Courtney returns to The Hillside after asst. directing/choreographing 2013's *Little Shop of Horrors* (Austin Critic's Table Award for Best Musical, nominated for Best Movement/Dance Choreography) and 2012's *The Sound of Music* (nominated for Austin Critic's Table and B. Iden Payne Awards for Best Movement/Dance Choreography.) Courtney directed *Cabaret* and *Oklahoma!* (McCallum Fine Arts Academy), as well as choreographing *The Music Man* (Leander High School) and *Bye, Bye, Birdie & Kiss Me, Kate* (Vandegrift High School). During her 10 years in New York City, Courtney choreographed off-Broadway plays (*Worth*), asst. directed/choreographed/performed in new musicals (*Slammer!* - Fringe Festival NYC, among others) and cre-

ated dance pieces (Hallelujah, Vertigo, 12:43am). She was a 7-year dance faculty member at the Peridance Capezio Center and on the dance faculty at Harkness Dance Center in Manhattan, as well as teaching/ directing/choreographing for the Tony-award-winning McCarter Theatre's Education dept. She directed/ choreographed several productions, and created arts and cultural education programs in underserved New York City public schools. Courtney holds a B.F.A. in Acting from the University of Texas, and is a 200-hour certified yoga instructor. As an Equity actress, regional/ tours include A Chorus Line, As You Like it, Tommy, Schoolhouse Rock, Company and West Side Story, and she performed Beethoven's Ninth Symphony at Carnegie Hall. Currently, she is an Adjunct Faculty member at St. Edward's University as the Director/Choreographer of the Omni Singers and Omni Jazz Vocal Ensembles, a proud faculty member at Greater Austin Dance Academy and a freelance Director /Choreographer/Instructor.

#### **MOLLY WISSINGER**

(Co-Music Direction)

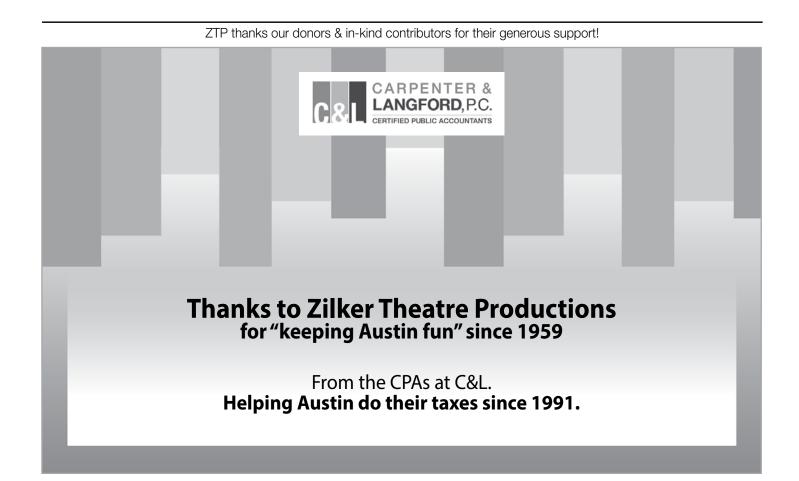
Zilker: Little Shop of Horrors -Vocal Direction (ACOT Best Musical awardwinner, B. Iden Payne-best music direction). Some additional credits include: Guys and Dolls, Songs For a New World, The Wizard of Oz, Schoolhouse Rock! Live, Dracula, among many others. Some direction credits: Parade, Thoroughly Modern Millie, and Peter Pan. As well as freelance musical and vocal directing, Molly maintains a private voice studio and does professional and college audition repertoire coaching. Her students consistently book regional and national productions, as well as gain entry into the top music and musical theatre programs across the country. She is a founding member of AuditionWorks Austin. Molly has worked with The University



of Texas at Austin Department of Theatre and Dance as a vocal coach and accompanist in the Musical Theatre focus and started the musical theatre focus at the McCallum Fine Arts Academy. Taught at Zach Theatre, Tex-ARTS, and the Texas Musical Theatre Workshop. Favorite performing credits include Carrie in Carousel, Cathy in The Last Five Years. Opera credits include Faust, Oasis in L'Etoile, and Sister Valentine in *Dialogue of the Carmelites* (Austin Lyric Opera). Most fun gig: playing melodrama piano and composing underscoring for original productions. No stranger to the Zilker hillside, Molly was last seen onstage as *Belle in Beauty and the Beast* and Lily in *The Secret Garden*. Proud UT graduate (cum laude in Vocal Performance/American Studies). Molly would like to thank her family and students that continue to inspire her. www.mollywissinger.com

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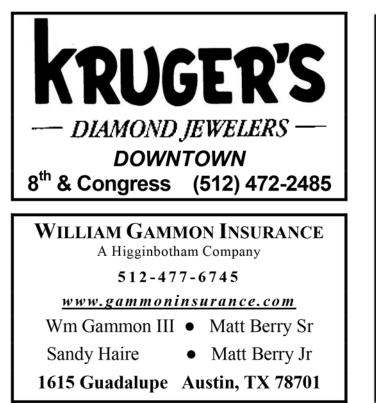


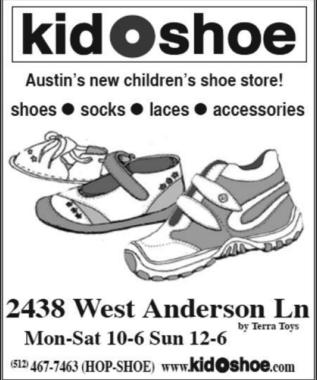
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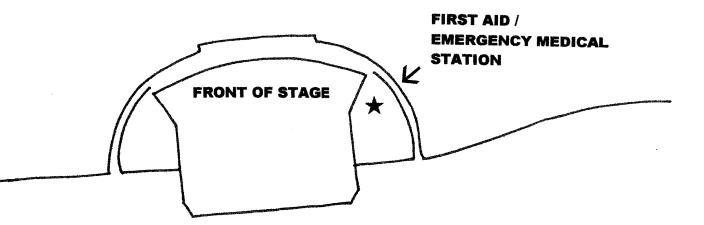
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