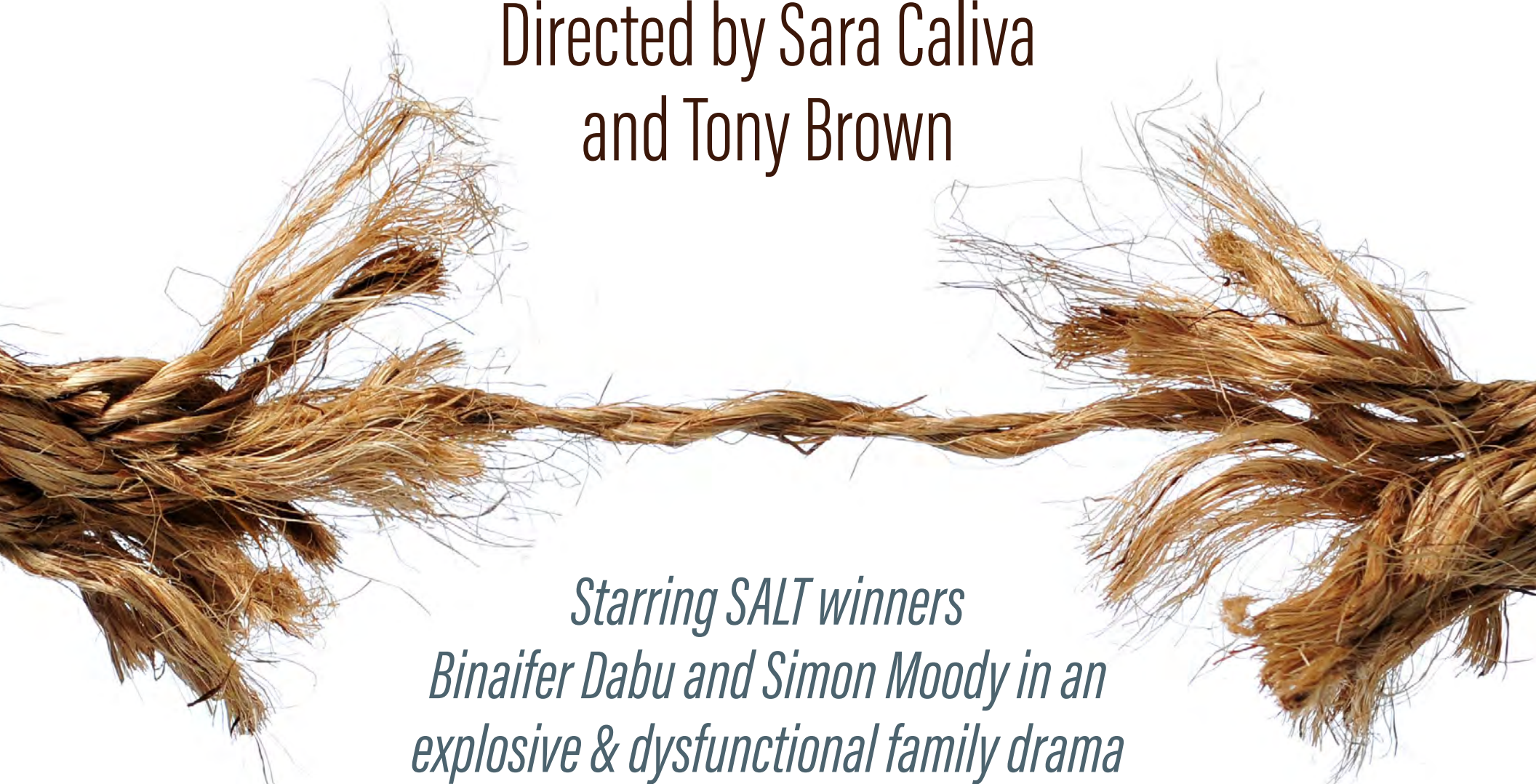


The CNY Regional Premiere of
August: Osage County

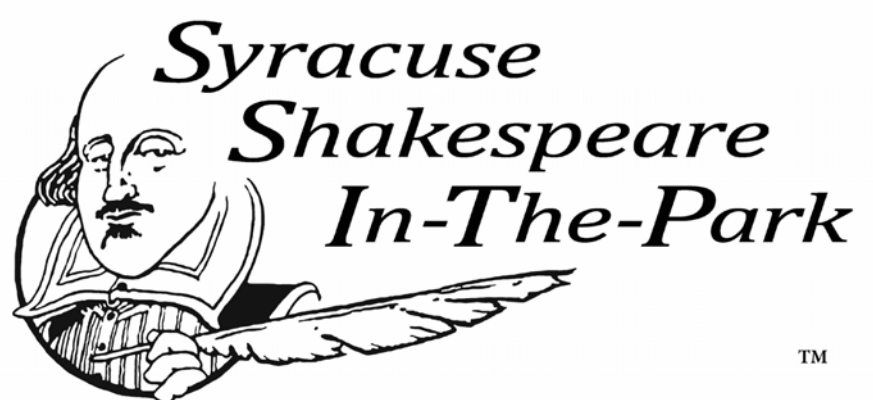
by Tracy Letts

Directed by Sara Caliva
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*Starring SALT winners
Binaifer Dabu and Simon Moody in an
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CAST Bios (alphabetically)

Basil Allen (*Steve*) has been working with **SSITP** for more than ten years including directing *As You Like It* in 2017's **SITP**. He has performed in Syracuse as a singer, director and on backstage crew.

Ronnie Bell (*Charlie*) is one of the co-founders of **SSITP** and its executive director. He is appearing for the first time here at the **Empire Theatre** since he was *Decretas* in *Antony and Cleopatra* for **SSITP**. Ronnie was *Mgr. Benny VanBuren* ("You've Gotta Have Heart") to Broadway and TV star **Steve Kazee's** *Joe Hardy* in 1998 for **The Talent Company's** *Damn Yankees*.

Julia Berger (*Ivy*) is making her debut with **SSITP**. Most recently she performed in *Cabaret* with **Syracuse Summer Theatre**. Julia is a high school math teacher and a part-time PhD student.

Tony Brown (*Bill*) has been with **SSITP** for more than ten years as a Board member, director and actor. He is also a very talented choreographer and a fabulous drummer. Tony played *The Director* in last year's hilarious *Noises Off* for **SSITP**.

Bella Calabria (*Jean*) **Manhattanville College** (B.A., Theatre, '17), majored in directing. She was last seen as *Juliet* in June's **SSITP** production of *Romeo and Juliet*. She directed **SSITP's** *Scrooge Meets Shakespeare's Ghosts* in December 2017.

Binaifer Dabu (*Violet*) last appeared with **SSITP** in *The Tempest* directed by Tony Brown. She has performed in India, Boston, and Syracuse in theatre, independent films and commercials. She is the recipient of **The Times of India** award. Her most recent roles were *The Elephant Man* (*Mrs. Kendal*), *One Man Two Guvnors* (*Alfie*) and *The Colored Museum* (*Lala/Janine*). Binaifer is inspired by the artistry of her husband Navroz and their two children, Behzad and Navzad.

Kimberly Grader (*Johnna*) was a 2017 **SALT** nominee for supporting actress and has been in several **SSITP** shows including *As You Like It*, *Noises Off* and *Lion in Winter*. She recently completed a **PBS** series and is working as production coordinator for **American High** on feature films in the **CNY** area.

Kassandra Melendez Ramirez (*Mattie Fae*) has been working with **SSITP** for two years and is a teaching fellow in **SCSD** with **Redhouse**. She is directing *Merry Wives of Windsor* for **SSITP** in August in **Thornden Park's Amphitheatre**.

Jay Merante (*Sheriff Deon*) is making his second appearance with **SSITP**. He was *Guildenstern* in *Hamlet* in 2015. Some favorite roles include *Ludie* in *The Trip to Bountiful* for **Applesseed**, *Krogstad* in *A Doll's House* and *East/Phil* in *Almost Maine* for **Redhouse**.

Marguerite Mitchell (*Karen*) was most recently seen in *70 Scenes of Halloween* for **Redhouse** and worked on Ben Stiller's upcoming series *Escape at Dannemora*. She won a **SALT** award for *Six Degrees of Separation*. In 2014 Marguerite made her directorial debut in the **Redhouse LAB** with *Almost, Maine* and has since directed *In the Continuum* and *The Secret Garden*.

Simon Moody (*Beverly*) is a **SALT** and **TANYS** award winner for excellence in acting. **SSITP** patrons have seen him as *Falstaff* in *Henry IV, Pt 1*, *Titus* in *Titus Andronicus* and *Friar Laurence* in last June's *Romeo and Juliet*. He is eager for the **SSITP** summer season of *Julius Caesar* and *Merry Wives of Windsor*. His next role is *Polonius* at **CNYP** in the Spring.

Maxwell Smith (*Little Charles*) is making his debut with **SSITP**. During the day he teaches middle schoolers storytelling and performance for **Redhouse**.

Shannon Tompkins (*Barbara*) was last seen as *Velma* in **CNYP's** *Chicago*. She directed *The Crucible* in Fall 2017 and will be choreographing *Chess* in April, both for **CNYP**. Shannon is directing the **Nottingham HS** musical and is the assistant director and choreographer for the **Front Row Players**.

Special Thanks to:

SSSL, SU, Syracuse City Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs, Stewart's Shops, Binaifer & Navroz Dabu, Melinda Bell & Air Bell Music Corp.

PLACE: A large country home outside Pawhuska, Oklahoma, sixty miles northwest of Tulsa.

TIME: August 2007

There are 3 acts with two 10 minute intermissions

Play History:

August: Osage County premiered in June 2007

at **Steppenwolf Theatre Company** in Chicago, IL,

Martha Lavey, Artistic Director; David Hawkanson, Executive Director.

Steppenwolf's production of **August: Osage County** opened on Broadway

at the Imperial Theatre on December 4, 2007. It was produced by Jeffrey Richards,

Jean Doumanian, Steve Traxler, Jerry Frankel, Ostar Productions, Jennifer Manocherian,

The Weinstein Company, Debra Black/Daryl Roth, Ronald & Marc Frankel/Barbara Freitag, and Rick Steiner/
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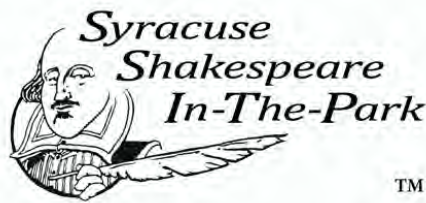
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Air Bell Music Recording Studio Audio Recording Services
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Francois James Publicity Photography
Nick Kampf Set Construction
Barbara Toman Costume Coordinator
Cindy Shippers Lighting Designer
Cory Simon, Herbert "Tone" Merrick Tech Run Crew
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Julius Caesar- 2011

Merry Wives- 2007

Henry IV, Part 1- 2012

SHOW

PRODUCTION DATES

WHERE AND HOW MUCH?

Julius Caesar

June 1-10, 2018

**Thornden Park Amphitheatre
 FREE and pay-what-you-can**

**The Merry Wives
 of Windsor**

August 3-12, 2018

**Thornden Park Amphitheatre
 FREE and pay-what-you-will**

Henry IV, Part 2

April 5-14, 2019

TBD

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- Simon Moody**
- Bob Reid**
- Jack Sherman**
- Barbara Toman**
- Christa Wirth**

Directors' Vision



Sara Caliva

"The child comes home and the parent puts the hooks in him. The old man or old woman doesn't talk to the child. All they want is for the child to sit in a chair for a few hours and then go to bed. It's not love. I'm not saying there's no such thing as love but merely pointing to something that's different from love although it's often called love. It may well be that without this thing there would not be any love. But this thing itself is not love. It is just something in the blood, a kind of blood greed and it is our fate. It's the thing that distinguishes us from the happy brute creation. When you're born your parents lose something of themselves and they usually try to bust a gut to get it back, and you are it. They know they can't get it all back but they'll get as big a chunk as they can. And the good old family reunion, with a picnic dinner under the maples, is very much like diving into the octopus tank at the aquarium."

Robert Penn Warren, All the King's Men



Tony Brown



L>R, Binaifer Dabu is Violet, Shannon Tompkins is Barbara and Bella Calabria is Jean



Simon Moody is Beverly

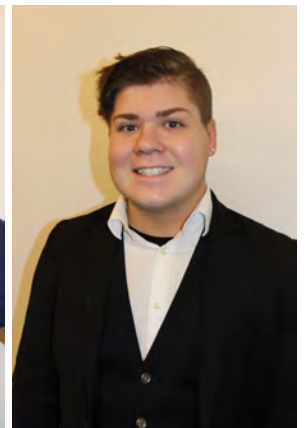


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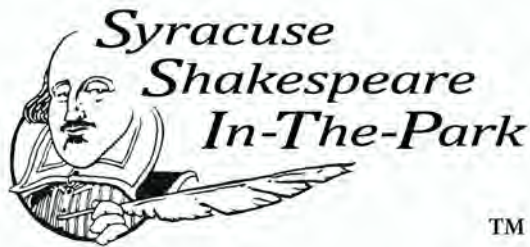


**Marguerite Mitchell
is Karen**

L>R, Julia Berger is Ivy & Max Smith is Little Charles



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*Clockwise, from Upper L,
Jay Merante is Sheriff Gilbeau,
Basil Allen is Steve,
Ronnie Bell is Charlie,
Tony Brown is Bill and
Kim Grader is Johnna.*

Stewart's Shops

is a proud supporter of **SSITP** in presenting this CNY regional premiere. We congratulate **Syracuse Shakespeare-In-The-Park** and say, "Break-a-leg" to the cast of **August: Osage County** by Tracy Letts



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Audience Survey

1. **Where did you hear about the show?** *(circle all that apply)*

- FB Internet Post Standard New Times Visit Syracuse
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 Other: (please specify) _____

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<i>Aspect of Show</i>	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
Actors						
Story						
Costumes						
Lighting						
Direction						

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