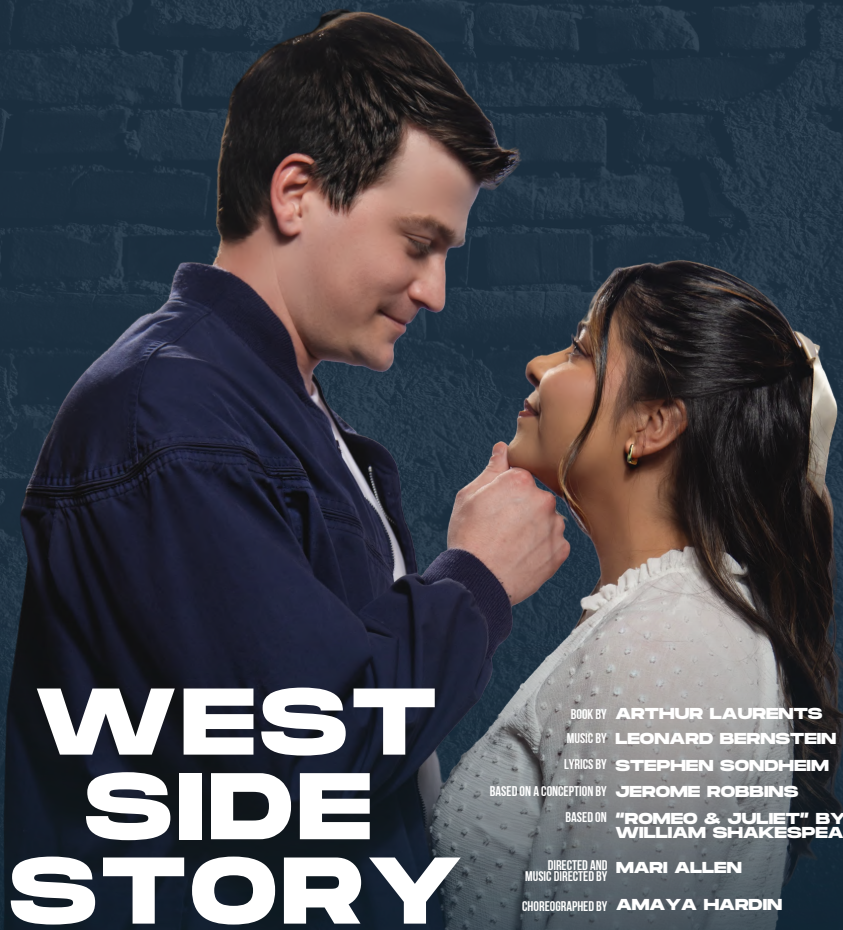




# PLAYBILL



## WEST SIDE STORY

BOOK BY **ARTHUR LAURENTS**  
MUSIC BY **LEONARD BERNSTEIN**  
LYRICS BY **STEPHEN SONDHEIM**

BASED ON A CONCEPTION BY **JEROME ROBBINS**  
BASED ON **"ROMEO & JULIET" BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**

DIRECTED AND  
MUSIC DIRECTED BY **MARI ALLEN**

CHOREOGRAPHED BY **AMAYA HARDIN**

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WITH

Thomas Williams  
Fernanda Posadas  
Patricia Loera  
Logan Babel  
John Rolon, Jr.  
Jharel Jerez  
Drew Reynolds  
Jameson Watkins  
Noah Warford  
Brendan Roberts  
Nathaly Moreno

Veronica Ivester  
Preston Hardister  
Diego Ladino  
Jackson Ray  
Kekoa How  
Gabrielle Confer  
Dani Carney  
Sydney Madsen  
Tylen Loring  
Belle Overstreet  
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Taylor Huff  
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Dakota Mansfield  
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Saxon Whitehead

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**Producers**  
Jonathan Fili  
Caelon Colbert

**Director/Music Director**  
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# CAST

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Tony..... THOMAS WILLIAMS  
Maria..... FERNANDA POSADAS  
Anita..... PATRICIA LOERA  
Riff..... LOGAN BABEL  
Bernardo..... JOHN ROLON, JR.  
Chino..... JHAREL JEREZ  
Anybodys..... DREW REYNOLDS  
A-Rab..... JAMESON WATKINS  
Action..... NOAH WARFORD  
Diesel..... BRENDAN ROBERTS  
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Velma..... DANI CARNEY  
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Zaza..... GEORGEANN BURBANK  
Nibbles..... XANDER UDOCHI  
Juano..... CHRIS SANCHEZ  
Estella..... KIELLY ANDRACA-LOPEZ  
Margarita..... TAYLOR HUFF  
Doc..... TWANDA HOUSE  
Schrank..... DAKOTA MANSFIELD  
Krupke..... STEVEN JONES  
Glad Hand..... SAXON WHITEHEAD

# CAST

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## UNDERSTUDIES/SWINGS

Understudies/Swings never substitute for the listed players unless a specific announcement is made at the time of appearance.

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- For Riff..... JAMESON WATKINS
- For Maria.....NATHALY MORENO
- For Anybodys.....GEORGEANN BURBANK
- For Chino..... DIEGO LADINO
- For Doc..... DARIANE LYJOI MULL

# PRODUCTION/CREATIVE

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Associate Producer..... CAELON COLBERT  
Director/Music Director..... MARI ALLEN  
Choreographer..... AMAYA HARDIN  
Assistant Director/Dramaturg..... AMELIA STRICKLAND  
Stage Manager..... DARIAINE LYJOI MULL  
Assistant Stage Manager..... TYRANNI HUBBARD  
Assistant Stage Manager..... ASH OUTLAW-MILLER  
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Props Designers..... DAKOTA MANSFIELD,  
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Fight Choreographer..... XANDER UDOCHI  
Intimacy Choreographer..... EMILY SWENSKIE  
Production Assistants..... LILA BASS, MANDY WARFORD,  
JASMINE BURNS  
Wardrobe Supervisor..... MAX CARTER  
Light Board Operator..... ASH OUTLAW-MILLER  
Sound Engineer/Audio Tech..... STEVEN MCCONKIE  
Music Assistant..... MARCIA MCCONKIE

# SONGS

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## ACT I

|                            |                                                      |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| "Prologue" .....           | ORCHESTRA                                            |
| "Jet Song" .....           | RIFF & JETS                                          |
| "Something's Coming" ..... | TONY                                                 |
| "Dance at the Gym" .....   | ORCHESTRA                                            |
| "Maria" .....              | TONY                                                 |
| "Tonight" .....            | TONY & MARIA                                         |
| "America" .....            | ANITA, ROSALIA, & SHARK GIRLS                        |
| "Cool" .....               | RIFF & JETS                                          |
| "One Hand One Heart" ..... | TONY & MARIA                                         |
| "Tonight (Quintet)" .....  | RIFF, JETS, BERNARDO, SHARKS, ANITA,<br>TONY & MARIA |
| "The Rumble" .....         | ORCHESTRA                                            |

## ACT II

|                                  |                                         |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| "I Feel Pretty" .....            | MARIA, ROSALIA, TERESITA &<br>FRANCISCA |
| "Ballet Sequence" .....          | ORCHESTRA                               |
| "Scherzo" .....                  | ORCHESTRA                               |
| "Somewhere" .....                | CONSUELA                                |
| "Procession and Nightmare" ..... | TONY, MARIA & ENSEMBLE                  |
| "Gee Officer Krupke" .....       | ACTION, SNOWBOY & JETS                  |
| "A Boy Like That" .....          | ANITA & MARIA                           |
| "I Have a Love" .....            | ANITA & MARIA                           |
| "Taunting Scene" .....           | ORCHESTRA                               |
| "Finale" .....                   | TONY, MARIA & COMPANY                   |

**There will be one 15 minute intermission**

# WHO'S WHO

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## THOMAS WILLIAMS

Tony

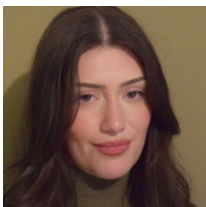
Thomas Williams is so excited to be back at ATLR after having a killer time here with Sweeney Todd! Some recent local credits include Crimes of the Heart (Argenta Contemporary Theatre), Jersey Boys (Murry's Dinner Playhouse) and Newsies (Wildwood). Love to Bethany, Rory, and Peter. Eph 2:10. Enjoy the show!



## FERNANDA POSADAS

Maria

Fernanda Posadas is back at Actors Theatre of LR and feeling muy bendecida to bring this role to life! You've seen her in Sweeney Todd, Once On This Island, and Beauty and the Beast. She's proud to represent her Latin roots on stage and gives all glory to her Father God —because without Him, none of this would be possible. ¡Gracias y nos vemos en el escenario!



## PATRICIA LOERA

Anita

Patricia Loera (she/her) is excited to return to the Actors Theatre stage! Her previous credits include Erzulie (Once On This Island) and The Witch (Into The Woods). When she is not performing, Patricia is a student in the medical field. Patricia is honored to represent her community and be a part of bringing this work of art to life!



## LOGAN BABEL

Riff

Logan Babel is excited to be a part of his second Actors Theatre project! His previous roles include Nick (The Prom), Orin Scrivello, DDS (Little Shop of Horrors) and Michael Banks (Mary Poppins), among others. He is a 2025 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University where he was a two time Tiger Tunes host (2022/2024). Now, he hopes you enjoy West Side Story!

# WHO'S WHO

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## JOHN ROLON, JR.

Bernardo

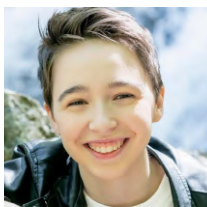
John I Rolon Jr. (He/Him) is thrilled to make his theatre debut with Actors Theatre! John is an alumni of the UA of Little Rock with a BFA in Dance will be returning to the stage after 8 years. "I want to dedicate this performance to my grandma, my girlies, & most importantly - myself!"



## JHAREL JEREZ

Chino

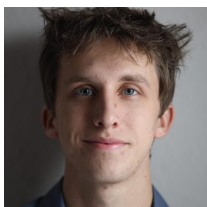
Oh, y'all wanted a twist! Fresh off their run in ATLR's The Prom, Jharel Jerez is excited to immerse themselves in their craft while simultaneously channeling their Latinx roots in ATLR's West Side Story. His previous credits include Schroeder (You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown), Angel (RENT), and Daniel Beauxhomme (Once On This Island). Her love for theatre has inspired them to also debut a diva that goes by the name JUVIA. May this story help you see how essential love is and how its transformative powers can shape a person for the better.



## DREW REYNOLDS

Anybodys

Drew is thrilled to be making their Actors Theatre debut! Locally, Drew has been seen on the stage of The Rep, Murry's Dinner Playhouse, Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre, Argenta Contemporary Theatre, and Arkansas Children's Theatre. When not on stage, Drew can be found playing guitar, studying Creative Writing at UCA, or crafting their own plays. They're so grateful for the opportunity to bring to life a role and show they've dreamed of since middle school. Enjoy the show!



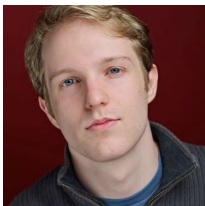
## JAMESON WATKINS

A-Rab

Jameson Watkins (he/him) is thrilled to be performing with the Actors Theatre! Previous credits include Wadsworth (Clue) and Featured Dancer (Guys and Dolls). Jameson loves expressing art through theatre, and is so glad you've come to see the show!

# WHO'S WHO

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## NOAH WARFORD

Action

Noah Warford is a recent graduate of Ouachita Baptist University with his BFA in Musical Theatre. He is excited to return to Actors Theatre of Little Rock for his third production, having previously performed in Chicago and Bright Star. He has spent the last 9 months working as an Acting Apprentice at Florida Repertory Theatre. Previous Arkansas credits include Dmitry in Anastasia, Pippin in Pippin, and Professor Plum in Clue: On Stage.



## BRENDAN ROBERTS

Diesel

Brendan Roberts (he/him) is excited to make his Actors Theatre debut! Previous credits include Ensemble (RENT) and Ensemble (A Christmas Story) with Argenta Contemporary Theatre.



## NATHALY MORENO

Consuela

Nathaly Moreno (she/her) is delighted to make her debut at the Actors Theatre! Nathaly usually works behind the scenes, as a filmmaker, photographer and video editor, but she has always had a passion for musical theatre since she was 3 years old. Having directed various award winning films and acted briefly in others, Nathaly is excited to switch mediums and fulfilled this long career goal that is to take part in a musical with such grandeur as West Side Story!



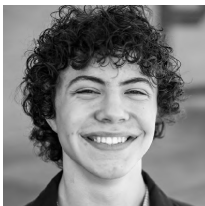
## VERONICA IVESTER

Rosalia

Veronica Ivester is excited to make her Actors Theatre debut! Veronica is a junior in college minoring in Theatre at the University of Arkansas. Previous favorite roles include The Cat in the Hat (Seussical), Beth (Little Women), and Lorelei (Legally Blonde). She would like to thank her friends and family for their constant support. Veronica is thrilled to return to the stage to bring to life this timeless story!

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## **PRESTON HARDISTER**

Baby John

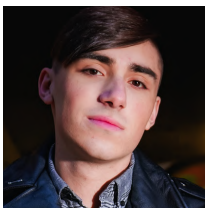
Preston Hardister is excited to make his Actors Theatre debut in the role of Baby John! Previous credits include Bert (Mary Poppins the Musical), Store Manager (Elf the Musical), and Harold Pudding/Mad Hatter (Alice by Heart). Preston is a recent graduate of Cabot High School and will be attending Hendrix College in the fall.



## **DIEGO LADINO**

Pepe

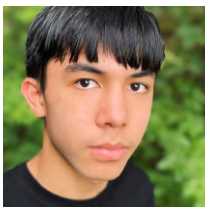
Diego Ladino (He/Him) is excited to make his Actors Theatre debut! Diego is a film producer and upcoming student at Ular. Thank you and enjoy the show!



## **JACKSON RAY**

Snowboy

Jackson Ray is so excited to be part of his second Actors Theatre of Little Rock production! Select credits include Pabbie (Disney's Frozen), Black Stache (Peter and the Starcatcher), and Jose' (Junie B. Jones). Jackson attends UCA where he is pursuing a BA in Theatre with a design and production emphasis. He'll be working his magic as lighting designer for UCA's spring production of Little Women. Enjoy the show!



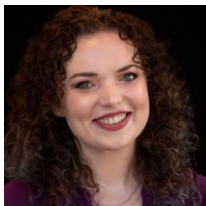
## **KEKOA HOW**

Luis

Kekoa How is excited to make his Actors Theatre debut! Although this is his first onstage production, he has recently worked behind the scenes on North Little Rock High School's "The Lighting Thief" and "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," and Argenta Contemporary Theatre's "Annie Jr." Kekoa has always enjoyed singing and acting, and he would like to thank Mari Allen for giving him the opportunity to further his interest in the Performing Arts.

# WHO'S WHO

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## GABRIELLE CONFER

Graziella

Gabrielle Confer (she/her) is thrilled to return to Actors Theatre of Little Rock! Musical theatre highlights include Ulla (The Producers), Bambi (Curtains), and choreography for Seussical the Musical and Big Fish. She holds a BFA in Dance Performance from UALR and an MA in Arts Management from Columbia College Chicago. Huge thanks to the creative team, cast, and crew — and all her love to her family for their endless support.



## DANI CARNEY

Velma

Dani Carney (she/her) is back in the basement with ATLR again! Previous credits include Mona (Chicago) and Swing (Romeo & Juliet). Dani is a playwright and visual artist. Her work examines the dynamics of politics and theatre, synthesizing art and activism with a flair for the fantastical and absurd.



## SYDNEY MADSEN

Teresita

Sydney Madsen is thrilled to make her Actor's Theatre debut! Some favorite past credits include Tiger Lily (Peter Pan), Sandy (The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition), and Jane (Descendants The Musical). An upcoming Junior at Conway High School, Sydney is also involved in Orchestra and Speech and Debate. She would like to thank her mom, Christina Muñoz, for always being there for her. Enjoy the show!



## TYLEN LORING

Anxious

Tylen Loring is back at ATLR with West Side Story! He was born and raised here in Little Rock where he fell in love with theatre and the community. His favorite past roles include Gabe in Next to Normal, Bobby in The Color Purple, Judah in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Ernst Röbel in Spring Awakening, Janet in Rocky Horror, Man Bird in A Year with Frog and Toad and most recently Tommy Ross in Carrie. Now, he is thankful to be apart of this wonderful production with this amazing cast and crew.

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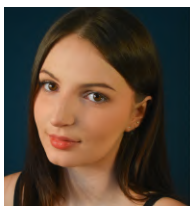
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## BELLE OVERSTREET

Minnie

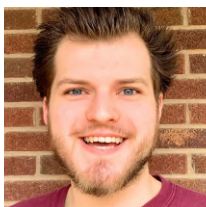
Belle is excited to be making their ATLR debut! Previous roles include Rizzo (Grease), Little Red (Into the Woods) and Éponine (Les Mis). "Thank you for supporting the arts in our community and enjoy the show"



## IZZY HAMMONDS

Clarice

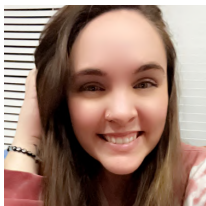
Izzy Hammonds (she/her) is excited to be making her Actors Theatre debut in West Side Story! Previous credits include Florinda (Into the Woods), Serena (Legally Blonde), and Waitress (Rock of Ages). Izzy is also singer/producer and can be found on all streaming platforms as Angelkitten2003.



## COOPER SIKES

Mouthpiece

Cooper Sikes (He/Him) is thrilled to return to the ATLR stage! He recently performed in Ballet Arkansas' Jubilee and at the Actors Theatre as Luke (Dance Nation). He would like to thank all of his teachers at UALR and Ballet Arkansas for preparing him for this type of artistry. He is living the dream, and is honored to help tell this story.



## DUSTYN LEIGH STOKES

Ensemble

Dustyn (she/her) is so glad you could be here with us today! She has been involved with ATLR over the past year as a stage manager (Chicago) and ensemble (The Prom). She is so happy to be a part of the ATLR family and can't wait to see what they do next!

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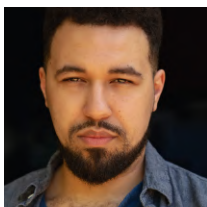
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**GEORGEANN BURBANK**

Zaza

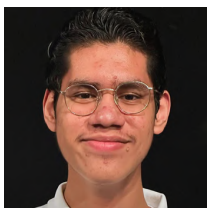
Keep it cool boys. Georgeann is giddy to be back with Actor's Theatre of Little Rock and proud to be performing along side this talented group of storytellers. She holds a B.A. in Theatre from Henderson State and currently lives, laughs, loves in North Little Rock. Favorite credits include: Benvolio (Romeo & Juliet), Puck (midsummer night's dream), Nellie Lovette (Sweeney Todd), Sofia (Dance Nation) Cindy Lou Who (Who's Holiday) Sonia (Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike) Rosalind Franklin (Photograph 51).



**XANDER UDOCHI**

Nibbles

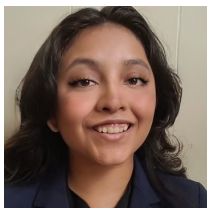
Xander Udochi is a Nigerian-American actor who specializes in theatre and film as a fight director and an actor combatant within The Society of American Fight Directors. He underwent his training through the University of Central Arkansas where he would later graduate and go out into the world to collaborate with artists all around. He is excited to perform another stellar show for Actors Theatre of Little Rock! Past credits include: Olivia in Twelfth Night (Bard at The Bar), Kitten in Cat in The Hat (AMFA), Pirate in Peter Pan (Wildwood), and Ensemble (Tai Chi) in An Unlikely Hero (AMFA).



**CHRIS SANCHEZ**

Juano

Chris A. Sanchez (he/him) is excited to make their Actors Theatre debut! This will be his first ever outside theatre production! He hopes to have so much fun and have an amazing time. Please enjoy the show everyone!



**KEILY ANDRACA-LOPEZ**

Estella

Keilly Andraca-Lopez (She/Her) is excited to make her debut with the Actors Theatre of Little Rock! Previous credits include Rafiki in The Lion King and an ensemble role in Guys and Dolls. She would like to thank her family for supporting her love of theatre as a child and her friends for encouraging her way back to it as an adult. A special thank-you to Rita Moreno—the first actress Keilly saw in a musical who looked like her. She's honored to be part of a production of that very same show. To her fellow Latino theatre lovers: "¡Sí se puede!"

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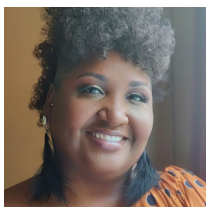
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## TAYLOR HUFF

Margarita

Taylor Huff (She/Her) is a Colombian/American artist who specializes in theater, music production, playwriting; screenwriting, and painting. You might have seen her before as Reverend Hightower in (Bat Boy the Musical), Maeve in (Dance Nation) or The Little Mermaid at (The Royal Theater). Taylor is Co-Founder of Lightswitch Theater Company here in Little Rock, specializing in highlighting local playwrights and actors. She is an artist, writer, producer, vocalist and actress.



## TWANDA HOUSE

Doc

Twanda House is ecstatic to be returning to the ATLR stage! Previous credits include Desiree (Black Nativity) and Matron "Mama" Morton (Chicago). Twanda is a lifetime member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church where she directs and sings in the choir as well as participates in other ministries. She is a Systems Administrator at Dillard's Inc, and enjoys spending time with her husband, Jarred, and their fur baby, Edison.



## DAKOTA MANSFIELD

Schrank

Dakota Mansfield is a graduate of Henderson State University Theatre Program. He is very excited to be back on The ATLR Stage! Past credits with ATLR include "Bright Star", and he recently played Frog in "A Year With Frog and Toad" We hope you enjoy the show!



## STEVEN JONES

Krupke

Steven Jones (he/him) is excited to make his Actors Theatre debut! Recent credits this year include Gypsy (ACT) and Peter Pan (Wildwood). Originally from Tulsa, Steven holds a master's degree in Entertainment Technology from Carnegie Mellon. His theatrical training was done at both Oklahoma State & Montclair State universities (performance & production). He's been a part of 50+ productions and over the years has worked professionally in radio, television, theater, and currently information technology. He'd like to thank his wife, Natisha, as well as Mari & everyone at Actor's Theatre of Little Rock.



## SAXON WHITEHEAD

Glad Hand

Saxon is thrilled to return to ATLR! Previous credits include Bright Star (Dr. Norquist/Ensemble), Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (Nick), and Rent (Ensemble). Saxon currently teaches Theatre and Oral Communications at Lonoke High School and writes film reviews for DoctorPopcorn.net. He would like to thank his family and friends for their continued support, and he hopes you enjoy the show!

# CREATIVE TEAM

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## MARI ALLEN

Director/Music Director

Mari Allen is a multi-hyphenate creative (producer/ director/ performer/designer), educator, and artist. They hail from Little Rock, AR, but have directed, performed, and taught around the country. Mari is also the Co-Founder and Producing Artistic Director of Actors Theatre of Little Rock. Mari is no stranger to the stage having over 80 production credits ranging from community, education, and professional productions. Previously, they were the Associate Artistic Director and Executive Director of The Studio Theatre, where they have directed and produced eleven productions, including Songs for a New World, Mamma Mia, A Christmas Story: the musical, and Dogfight. Other directing projects include Parade and Mary Poppins at the Royal Theatre, Young Frankenstein with the Community Theatre of Little Rock, and Johnny Appleseed with Missoula Children's Theatre. Mari spent the covid year teaching theatre at Little Rock Central High School, and has taught classes and workshops in acting, dance, singing, and auditioning with schools and theaters around the country. Mari is also an accomplished designer, choreographer, musical director, and actor. Favorite acting credits include Tony (West Side Story), Squidward (The Spongebob Musical), Anthony (Sweeney Todd), Prince Dauntless (Once Upon A Mattress), Jeffery (Godspell), Prince Tophers (Cinderella), Enjolras (Les Miserables), and Rolf (The Sound of Music). Mari is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas.

## AMELIA STRICKLAND

Asst. Director/Dramaturg

Amelia is excited for her first chance to step off the stage and onto a production team with ATLR's West Side Story, and she couldn't have asked for a better team to do it with! Many thanks to Mari for trusting me to be a part of your vision and for this opportunity to learn and grow. Much love to the cast and crew who have all worked so hard to bring this fantastic show to life! Some favorite local credits include Beggar Woman (Sweeney Todd, ATLR), Nurse (Romeo & Juliet, ATLR), and Mrs Pearce (My Fair Lady, ACT). Enjoy the show!

## DARIANE LYJOI MULL

Stage Manager

Darlane LyJoi Mull M.Ed, MPS is a young, gifted, and Black graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Theatre Arts Department and the Clinton School of Public Service. She is now the Drama Teacher at Pinnacle View Middle School and proud to be a co-founder of Actors Theatre of Little Rock. She most recently served as a stage manager and scenic designer for West Side Story and prop designer for Prom. She was last seen on the stage in Dreamgirls (Effie US), Rent (Ensemble u/s Joanne), The Color Purple (Sofia), & Next to Normal (Diana). She is so excited to be apart of the play that was so formative to developing her passion for theatre and tremendously proud of the work ATLR is creating.

## AMAYA HARDIN

Choreographer

Amaya Hardin is thrilled to be the choreographer of such a unique production of West Side Story! Amaya's favorite performance credits include The Little Mermaid (Ariel), Hello Dolly! (Dolly Levi), and The SpongeBob Musical (Sandy Cheeks). She has worked both locally and professionally at theaters such as Argenta Contemporary Theatre, Arkansas Repertory Theatre, and, soon, Playhouse on the Square. She has also choreographed around Arkansas in productions such as Once on this Island at The Studio Theater and Dreamgirls at ATLR! She can't wait for you to experience this beautifully heartbreaking story.

# STAFF

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## MARI ALLEN

Executive Producing Artistic Director of ATLR

Mari Allen is a multi-hyphenate creative (producer/ director/ performer/designer), educator, and activist. They hail from Little Rock, AR, but have directed, performed, and taught around the country. Mari is also the Co-Founder and Producing Artistic Director of Actors Theatre of Little Rock. Mari is no stranger to the stage having over 80 production credits ranging from community, education, and professional productions. Previously, they were the Associate Artistic Director and Executive Director of The Studio Theatre, where they have directed and produced eleven productions, including *Songs for a New World*, *Mamma Mia*, *A Christmas Story: the musical*, and *Dogfight*. Other directing projects include *Parade* and *Mary Poppins* at the Royal Theatre, *Young Frankenstein* with the Community Theatre of Little Rock, and *Johnny Appleseed* with Missoula Children's Theatre. Mari spent the covid year teaching theatre at Little Rock Central High School, and has taught classes and workshops in acting, dance, singing, and auditioning with schools and theaters around the country. Mari is also an accomplished designer, choreographer, musical director, and actor. Favorite acting credits include *Tony* (*West Side Story*), *Squidward* (*The Spongebob Musical*), *Anthony* (*Sweeney Todd*), *Prince Dauntless* (*Once Upon A Mattress*), *Jeffery* (*Godspell*), *Prince Topher* (*Cinderella*), *Enjolras* (*Les Miserables*), and *Rolf* (*The Sound of Music*). Mari is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas.

## CAELON COLBERT

Associate Artistic Director

Caelon Colbert is a dynamic actor, singer, director, and educator based in Little Rock, Arkansas. A proud graduate of Arkansas State University, he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Theatre in 2021. He has continued his training through the prestigious Actor Therapy program, studying under Broadway talents Lindsey Mendez and Ryan Scott Oliver. Caelon currently serves in an administrative role with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's School of Literary & Performing Arts. He is also a co-host of the *Spotlight Cabaret* series at both Argenta Contemporary Theatre and The Joint. Deeply committed to arts education and equity, Caelon is passionate about empowering youth through theatre and advocating for underrepresented voices on and off the stage. His directing credits include *Dreamgirls*, *Spring Awakening*, *Once on This Island*, *Black Nativity*, *The Theory of Relativity*, and *13: The Musical* - productions marked by bold vision and inclusive storytelling.

## SID MCGOUGH

Technical Director

Sid McGough, a Hendrix College alum from Texarkana, TX, is the Resident Lighting Designer and Technical Director for Actors Theatre of Little Rock. A Founding Artist with ATLR, Sid is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the theatre's artistic vision and its commitment to fearless works. Sid's recent projects with ATLR include *Lighting Design for Dance Nation*, *Lighting Design for What the Constitution Means to Me*, and *Prop Design for Chicago*.

## JAKE COFFMAN

Graphic Designer

Jake Coffman is an Arkansas native with a long history in the Arts, including a background in singing, graphic design, and marketing. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Music and Mass Communications from Ouachita Baptist University, and is a classically trained vocalist. He currently serves as the Graphic Designer for Actors Theatre of Little Rock, and is also the Director of Marketing and Branding at Nexus Coffee and Creative in downtown Little Rock. Jake also has a history on stage! Past favorite stage credits include *Billy Crocker* (*Anything Goes*), *The Escapologist* (*Matilda the Musical*), and *Larry the Lobster* (*The Spongebob Musical*).

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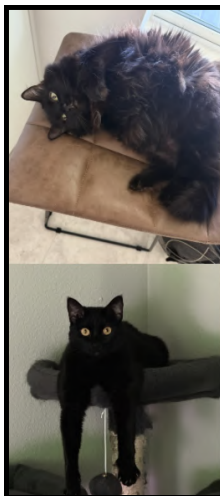
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