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DIRECTED BY **LAUREN CARLTON**

WRITTEN BY **CLARE BARRON**

**OCTOBER 30-
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ACTORS THEATRE OF LITTLE ROCK

PRESENTS

DANCE NATION

WITH

Miki Gaynor
Raediesha Tucker
Willie Lucius
Cooper Sikes
Nora B

Taylor Huff
Georgeann Burbank
Ivy McGrew
Katie Eisenhower
Jade Coldiron

Scenic Designer

Destiny Zrebski

Costume Designers

Emberlynn Pendergraft

Lighting Designer

Sid McGough

Props Designer

Ren Gudino

Sound Designer/Engineer

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Stage Manager

Hanna Greene

Asst. Director/Dramaturg

Lucy Speer

Technical Director

Sid McGough

Producer

Mark A. Burbank

Director/Choreographer

Lauren Carlton

CAST

Amina..... MIKI GAYNOR
Zuzu..... RAEDIESHA TUCKER
Dance Teacher Pat..... WILLIE LUCIUS
Luke..... COOPER SIKES
Connie..... NORA B.
Maeve..... TAYLOR HUFF
Sofia..... GEORGEANN BURBANK
Ashlee..... IVY MCGREW
Vanessa/The Moms..... KATIE EISENHOWER
Connie (Understudy)..... JADE COLDIRON

PRODUCTION/CREATIVE

Producer..... MARK A. BURBANK
Director..... LAUREN CARLTON
Assistant Director/Dramaturg..... LUCY SPEER
Stage Manager..... HANNA GREENE
Technical Director..... SID MCGOUGH
Scenic Designer..... DESTINY ZBRESKI
Costume Designers..... EMBERLYNN PENDERGRAFT
Lighting Designer..... SID MCGOUGH
Props Designer..... REN GUDINO
Sound Designer/Engineer..... ////
Sound Board Operator..... ALLISON AUSTIN

WHO'S WHO



MIKI GAYNOR

Amina

Miki Gaynor is thrilled to return to the ATLR stage! Previous credits include Celie (The Color Purple Musical) Papa Ge (Once on This Island), and Ensemble (Chicago). Miki is owner of Miki Magick Beads & Crystals handcrafted jewelry and Cuddly LLC Professional Cuddler. "I truly appreciate the magic of the theatre stage and the positive energy each audience member adds to it."



RAEDIESHA TUCKER

Zuzu

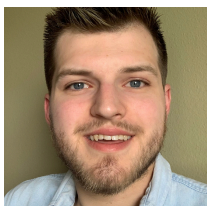
Raediesha Tucker (she/her) is grateful to be able to pursue theatre in the professional world. Previous credits include Ensemble (Fiddler on the Roof), Mayme (Intimate Apparel), Hannah (Freaky Friday). I am a proud alumni of Southern Arkansas University.



WILLIE LUCIUS

Dance Teacher Pat

Willie is extremely excited to be making his debut with the Actors Theater of Little Rock! Willie is currently a 4th grade teacher in the Little Rock School District. However, his passion has always been theater. He has been a part of productions in his hometown Chattanooga, TN, as well as Memphis and here in Little Rock. Some of his favorites include: Seussical (Horton) at The Chattanooga Theater Center, Avenue Q (Gary Coleman), and Sugar in our Wounds (Henry) at The Weekend Theater, Rent (Ensemble) and Godspell (Judas), at The Argenta Contemporary Theater, and Fabulation (Richard) at the University of Memphis, for which he won an Ostrander Memphis Theater Award. Willie was a national NAACP Act-So Drama Award Winner. He also just made his directorial debut at The Weekend Theater with Psycho Beach Party. Willie would like to thank his astonishing and supportive husband Brandon, best friends Ivan and Vontae, and all his other amazing friends for their love and support. Enjoy Dance Nation!



COOPER SIKES

Luke

Cooper Sikes (he/him) is proud to make his Actor's Theatre debut. He recently danced for Classical Bouquet (Ballet Arkansas) and is excited to perform for you!

WHO'S WHO



NORA B.

Connie

Nora B. (they/them) is ecstatic to make their Actors Theatre debut! They are best known for their experimental music work as "Princeaus." Princeaus won the Black Apple Award 2017 for "Favorite Electronic Musician," and were nominated again in 2018 and 2022. They performed at the Inaugural Central Arkansas Music Awards. Nora B. was a soundtrack composer for the Every Mother Counts documentary, "Giving Birth in America: Arkansas." Princeaus has been described as "The Björk of Arkansas." They have performed in the U.S. and Australia. "Dance Nation" will be Nora's first acting role. They are honored and grateful to be in this production by Actors Theatre of Little Rock. Nora B. would like to thank their family, friends, and cats for their unwavering support. Thank you and enjoy the show!



TAYLOR HUFF

Maeve

Taylor Huff is very excited to be making her Actor's Theater debut! You might have seen her before as Reverend Hightower in (Bat Boy the Musical) or in The Little Mermaid at (The Royal Theater).



GEORGEBANN BURBANK

Sofia

Georgeann is elated to be back with Actors Theatre of Little Rock! She holds a B.A. in Theatre from HSU with many memorable roles including but not limited to Sonia (Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike), and Rosalind Franklin (Photograph 51). She currently lives, laughs, loves in North Little Rock. Other favorite credits include: Celia (As You Like It), Puck (Midsummer Night's Dream), Taming of the Shrew (Grumio), Nellie Lovett/Ensemble (Sweeney Todd 2018/2023), Cindy Lou Who (Who's Holiday), & Lisa (Mamma Mia!)



IVY MCGREW

Ashlee

Ivy McGrew is excited to be back at Actor's Theatre! Ivy holds a BA in Theatre from Hendrix College and studied at The Neighborhood Playhouse in NYC. Previous stage roles include Romeo (Actor's Theatre of Little Rock), Corduroy (Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts), and Vern (Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche). Thanks to family and friends for all their love and support! Enjoy the show!

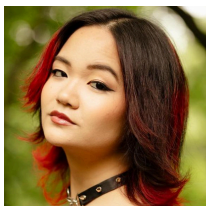
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KATIE EISENHOWER

Vanessa/The Moms

Katie Eisenhower (she/her) is new to Actors Theatre, but no stranger to embodying mom characters in central Arkansas theaters: Stepmother, Cinderella and Into the Woods; Belle and Mrs. Cratchit, A Christmas Carol; Mrs. Keely, La Cage Aux Folles--and other weird, wonderful and wild women. She and her wife, cat and dog, live near Greers Ferry Lake. Living a conscious life is exhausting, but Katie would have it no other way. Let's all heal something in ourselves tonight!



JADE COLDIRON

Connie (Understudy)

Jade Coldiron is thrilled to be back on the Actors Theatre stage! Recently, they appeared as Lilith in She Kills Monsters (The Weekend Theater). Other credits include Bat Boy (The Weekend Theater), Bright Star (Actors Theatre), Charlie & the Chocolate Factory (The Studio Theatre), and Guys & Dolls (Red Curtain Theatre). They also perform as Mulan with Fancyful Parties. Jade would like to thank Lauren and the cast/crew for the warm welcome and support. Enjoy the show!

WHO'S WHO

LAUREN CARLTON

Director/Choreographer

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HANNA GREENE

Stage Manager

Hanna Greene (she/her) is excited to work with Actors Theatre for the first time! Previous credits include Assistant Stage Manager (University of Central Arkansas), Director (Bowl of Soup), and Olivia (WCKY). Hanna is working to becoming a theatre teacher. "Thank you to all of the crew and our sponsors!"

WHO'S WHO

MARK A. BURBANK

Executive Producing Artistic Director

Mark A. Burbank 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. Mark is also the Co-Founder and Producing Artistic Director of Actors Theatre of Little Rock. Mark 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. Mark 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. Mark 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*). Mark is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas.

SID MCGOUGH

Technical Director

Sid McGough, a Hendrix College alum from Texarkana, TX, is the Resident Lighting Designer and Technical Director at 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 Prop Design for *Chicago*, Lighting Design for *26 Pebbles*, and Lighting Design for *Romeo & Juliet*. As a National Speech and Debate Association Alumni, Sid shares a true connection to this play. Appreciation is extended to Amy Kemp for her years of dedication to teaching Speech and Debate.

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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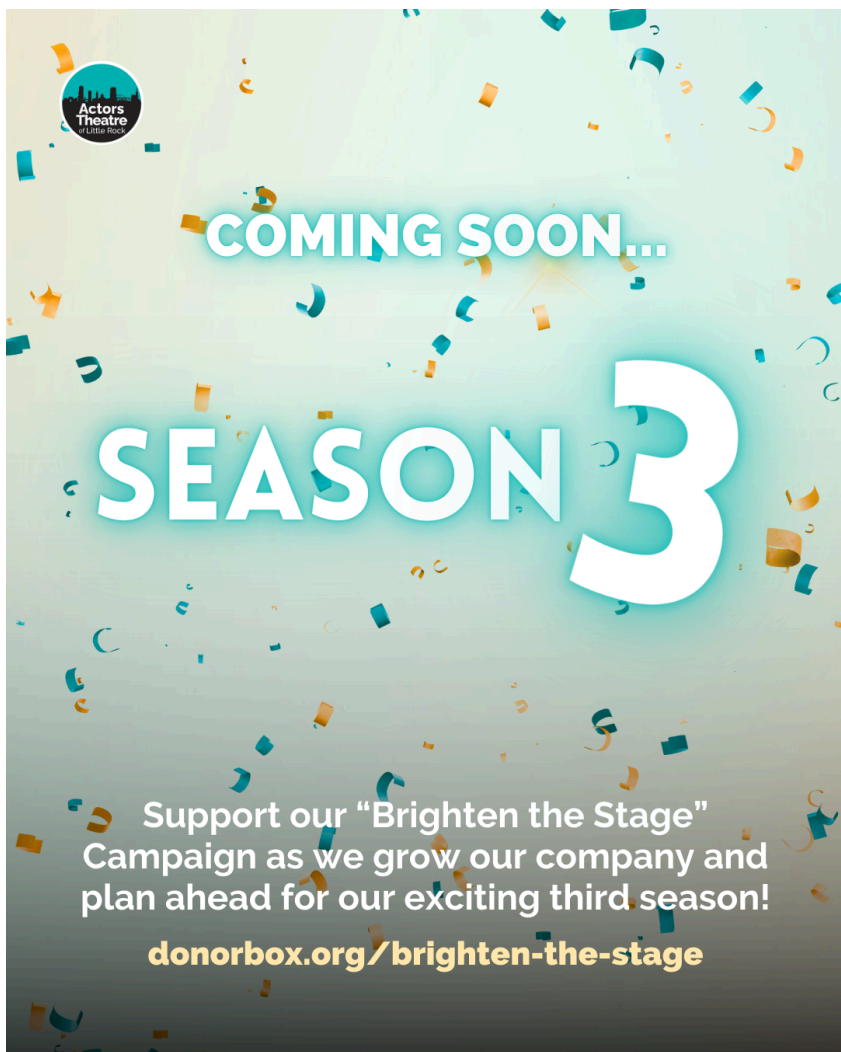
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