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Message from the chair



Greetings and welcome to the IU Theatre and Dance 2023-2024 production season!

We are thrilled with the productions we have for our students and audiences this year.

Live performance is a place for communities to gather for engaged storytelling. Our stories this year continue with our tradition of bringing the most exciting, meaningful, and entertaining work to our audiences. We continue to use live performance as an opportunity to express the zeitgeist of our world. We hope that you will consider joining us for many additional lectures, discussions, and collaborations throughout the season.

This year we welcome a new generation of graduate and undergraduate students that will directly contribute to the artistry and craft. We'd like to take a moment to welcome many guest artists to our season – from choreography and music direction to directing and designing. We'd also like to welcome Dr. Sarah Johnson, who joins our faculty as the Head of Dramaturgy, and David Tracy, our new Public Relations and Audience Development Specialist.

We'd also like to take a moment to bid a fond farewell to Laura Judson and Madison Colquette, two fantastic staff members in our department community who are moving on to wonderful new chapters. We thank them for their service to our department and especially to our students.

Thank you to our patrons, donors, Theatre Circle members, and of course YOU, the audience experiencing our students' work at this performance! Please visit our website or pick up a brochure to learn more about how you can become a member of the Theatre Circle, and to find out more about our upcoming productions, student independent projects, guest artists, student organizations, and class offerings. We look forward to having you join us for all our live performances this year and wish you our very best for the 2023-2024 academic year!

With Gratitude, Linda Pisano Chair & Professor, Dept. of Theatre & Dance



PRESENTS

ORLANDO

Written by Sarah Ruhl Adapted from the original by Virginia Woolf

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Cast

ORLANDO El Hendricks

SASHA Grania Whelan

ENSEMBLE 1 Alexys Hatch

ENSEMBLE 2 Renee Carter

ENSEMBLE 3 Emma Shapiro

ENSEMBLE 4 Jayla Austin-Duarte

ENSEMBLE 5 Katelyn Dunivan

ENSEMBLE 6 Antonia Daleke

ENSEMBLE 7 Peter Valentino

ENSEMBLE 8 Jillian Hurley

ENSEMBLE 9 Nomsa Andedo

ENSEMBLE 10 Isabel Barredo

ENSEMBLE 11 River Epperson

ENSEMBLE 12 Evan Anderson

U/S: ORLANDO Elizabeth Kasper

Director's note



Orlando is my thesis. That word carries with it such a finality of purpose. A capstone achievement of a long journey of self-discovery that encompasses hours of learning, exploration, and failure. An entrance into the world that shouts: I have arrived! But this is false. Art is not about the arrival—the product. It is about the process of doing. And self-discovery is not a linear journey with a singular destination. It is a messy push and pull across time and space.

This play explores and revels in questions of identity and purpose. Orlando stumbles into themselves as they chase their passion across time over continents. Their path is unplanned and their destination entirely unknowable. They are an artist for whom a single poem takes centuries to write. They are lover who questions love. They transcend gender, living in both and neither. This play and this production do not conform to rules—rules of gender, time, or even storytelling itself. It lives in the in-between. As does life.

As you watch this play, I hope a moment of Orlando's journey resonates with your own—regardless of how fantastical or different it seems. Set your expectations aside, and hop aboard for the ride.

Lauren Diesch Director

UP NEXT AT IU THEATRE & DANCE:

Daring, provocative, and exuberantly entertaining, Cabaret explores the life of Bohemian Berlin in the 1930s.



Dramaturg's note



- "I am reduced to a thing that wants Virginia."
- -Vita Sackville-West
- "I lie in bed making up stories about you."
- -Virginia Woolf to Vita Sackville-West

Virginia Wolf frames her novel *Orlando* as a biography, following over the course of centuries a young man who transforms quite suddenly into a young woman.

Real historical figures and events wind their way through Orlando's journey. He is whisked to court as one of Queen Elizabeth I's lover, he skates across the Thames during London's Great Frost of 1608, and she drives a motor car to the department store in 1920s, the present moment when the novel was published. Woolf based the character of Orlando on her lover, Vita Sackville-West. Sackville-West's son once called *Orlando* "the longest and most charming love letter in literature." Sarah Ruhl's adaptation of this novel to the stage explores the inherent performativity of gender.

From the poem, "The Land" by Vita Sackville-West

The poet like the artisan

Works lonely with his tools; picks up each one,

Blunt mallet knowing, and the quick thin blade,

And plane that travels when the hewing's done;

Rejects, and chooses; scores a fresh faint line;

Sharpens, intent upon his chiselling;

Bends lower to examine his design,

If it be truly made,

And brings perfection to so slight a thing.

But in the shadows of his working-place,

Dust-moted, dim,

Among the chips and lumber of his trade,

Lifts never his bowed head, a breathing-space

To look upon the world beyond the sill,

The world framed small, in distance, for to him

The world and all its weight are in his will.

Yet in the ecstasy of his rapt mood

There's no retreat his spirit cannot fill,

No distant leagues, no present, and no past,

No essence that his need may not distil,

All pressed into his service, but he knows

Only the immediate care, if that be good;

The little focus that his words enclose; As the poor joiner, working at his wood,

Knew not the tree from which the planks were taken,

Knew not the glade from which the trunk was brought,

Knew not the soil in which the roots were fast,

Nor by what centuries of gales the boughs were shaken,

But holds them all beneath his hands at last.

Sarah Johnson, PhD, MFA, Co-Dramaturg





Orlando Party Gender Rebels and Queer Lives

You're invited to Orlando Party: Gender Rebels and Queer Lives Tuesday, October 3, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

To celebrate IU's production of *Orlando*, adapted from the novel by Virginia Woolf by Sarah Ruhl, we are throwing an Orlando party, featuring a pop-up exhibition of gender rebels and queer lives throughout history. At 4:30p.m., students from the IU Department of Theatre and Dance will perform dramatic readings from letters in the Lilly Library collections. These letters are from

Vita Sackville-West, Virginia Woolf's lover upon whom the character of Orlando was based, and detail Vita's reaction to seeing her genderbent self in fictional form.

Pop-up exhibition begins at 4:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided after the readings. *Register for free.*



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LUX ET VERITAS • FALL 2023



Inspired by Indiana University's motto, the College of Arts and Sciences presents its final themed semester this fall. Themester 2023 focuses on Lux et Veritas | Light and Truth and explores the nature, history, artistic and scientific expressions of light and truth, as well as the cultural role of inquiry in relation to these concepts as they are found in the arts and sciences...and beyond.

Cast



NOMSA ANDEDO (Ensemble: Captain, Old Woman)

(he/him) is a third year undergraduate at Indiana University. Ever since he was young, he has always been fascinated with acting and always

loved to act. Come see Nomsa perform as the chorus along with being Captain and an Old Lady in *Orlando!* He has participated in a few short films throughout his college career but this is his first production with IU, and he is very excited to be with us.



EVAN ANDERSON

(Ensemble: Marmaduke)

(he/him) is a thirdyear Theatre and Drama student from Indianapolis, IN. He is also studying toward minors in Spanish and Arts Management. IU

credits include: Fred Atkins in *Gross Indecency:* the Three Trials of Oscar Wilde and Freddy #2 in 1970's College Sex Comedy. He is also proud to be Literary Director and Assistant Financial Director for University Players this year.



JAYLA AUSTIN-DUARTE

(Ensemble: Penelope Hartopp, Young Woman in Flood, Shakespeare)

(she/her) is a sophomore in the Musical Theatre Program at IU. She has been in numerous works including Newsworthy,

Once On This Island, Alice In Wonderland, Legally Blonde, and some short films. This is her first IU mainstage production.



ISABEL BARREDO

(Ensemble: Queen Elizabeth)

is a junior from Greenville, SC pursuing a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre with minors in Arts Management and Asian American Studies. She is

incredibly grateful to the cast and crew for creating this safe, inclusive, and wonderful space in which to learn, play, and grow. Some of her recent credits include Fun Home (Young Alison), Why Liliya Why? (Theo), and Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812 (Ensemble, u/s Mary). Above all: thank you for being here.



RENEE CARTER

(Ensemble: Othello, Sales Person)

(she/her) is delighted to be a part of her third production through IU Theater and Drama department, *Orlando*. Renee is a third year

theater student with a concentration in acting at Indiana University. Recently she has worked on independent projects through IU Theater and Drama such as *The Empty Room* as Lauren and *Decolonizing your Mind with Walter Mercado* as Yolanda Vega and Sharron. She would like to thank her parents for their unconditional support and the cast and crew of *Orlando* for making this an inspiring experience.



ANTONIA DALEKE

(Ensemble: Favilla, Rosina Pepita, Amorous Woman)

(she/her) is a third year acting student from Bloomington, IN pursuing a major in Theatre and Drama with a minor in Dance. For IU Mainstage:

Macbeth (Weird Sister/Ross/Others); IU Theatre Independent Projects: Nice Jewish Boy (Stephanie), Firebringer (Choreographer/Producer); University Players: Clue (Mrs. Peacock); Others: Little Women (Jo March), Almost, Maine (Hope).

Antonia would like to thank the cast and crew for their collaborative and continued hard work and dedication to this production. Cheers!



KATELYN DUNIVAN (Ensemble: Washerwoman, Priest, Old Man)

(she/her) is currently a junior pursuing a Theatre major with a concentration in Acting as well as English

Literature. *Orlando* is Katelyn's 2nd IU Mainstage production. She was previously seen in the Ruth N. Halls narrating *Gross Indecency* last fall. Her main aspirations are to help people feel seen and understood through the arts of fiction storytelling, and she hopes that the journey of *Orlando* helps others in the audience feel some validation in journeys of their own.



RIVER EPPERSON (Ensemble: Archduke, Duchess)

is a senior majoring in Theatre & Drama with a minor in Film Production from Haubstadt, IN. He serves as the Managing Director for University

Players. For IU Theatre: Gross Indecency (Narrator/Intimacy Captain), 1970s College Sex Comedy (Assistant Director), Sueño (Assistant Director). Other roles at IU include: The Mystery Plays (Joe Manning/Others), and Tell Sad Stories of The Deaths of Queens... (Jerry Johnson). River is also a writer and hopes to pursue writing professionally after graduation.



ALEXYS HATCH

(Ensemble: Desdemona, Elevator Man)

(she/her) is a third year Drama for Youth and Communities major, a degree that she designed this past spring. For IU MainStage: M'other (Why

Liliya Why). For University Players: Ellie (Memories for Sale), Assistant Stage Manager (Lizzie), Assistant Stage Manager (Puffs). For Unsung Opera: Director (Mariage Par Quiproquo), Director (Catherine ou La Belle Femière).
Independent Projects: Playwright/Director/
Producer (The Empty Room), Stage Manager &
Assistant Director (Decolonizing Your Mind with
Walter Mercado), Director (I Am The Asshole).
Alexys is thrilled that she was given the opportunity
to enter the world of Orlando with such a fantastic
group of friends and artists, and thanks them for
creating an environment of exploration and play.



EL HENDRICKS (Orlando)

(they/them) is a nonbinary actor and writer from Long Beach, CA. They are honored to be portraying 'Orlando' in their fourth mainstage role with IU Theater.

El's previous credits with IU include Florizel (*The Winter's Tale*), Edward Carson (*Gross Indecency*), and Cassidy (*Bowling for Beginners*). El's next step will be pursuing a performance Masters degree in the UK after graduating this May.



JILLIAN HURLEY

(Ensemble: Euphrosyne, Amorous Person)

(she/her) is a senior from Fishers, IN. She is thrilled to be returning to IU Theatre in Orlando. For IU Theatre: Everybody (Love) and

Sueño (Clarín). She gives her love to her friends and family and everyone who made the show possible!



ELIZABETH KASPER (U/S: Orlando)

(they/she) is a senior at Indiana University and is so excited to be a part of this production. Other credits at IU include: Fleabag, Gross Indecency: The Three

Trials of Oscar Wilde, Nice Jewish Boy, and The Well of Horniness.



EMMA SHAPIRO (Ensemble: Grimsditch, Sea Man)

(she/her) is a junior working towards a B.A. in Theatre & Drama. *Orlando* is her second Mainstage production for IU Theatre. Her recent credits include

IU Department of Theatre & Dance's Everybody (Somebody), Palos Verdes High School's Chicago (Matron "Mama" Morton), Urinetown (Little Becky Two Shoes), Footloose (Betty Blast), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Peter Quince), Shrek (Dragon), Crazy for You (Patricia Fodor/Follies Girl), and for Palos Verdes Performing Arts, We Will Rock You (Khashoggi). Emma is from Palos Verdes, CA.



PETER VALENTINO (Ensemble: Clorinda, Dupper, Amorous Man)

(he/him) is a senior studying Theatre from Bloomington, IN. Peter is excited to be making his mainstage debut! Recent credits include A Chorus

Line (Ensemble) and Catherine (Fierval). Outside of theatre, Peter loves performing with the IU Singing Hoosiers, reading books, and lifting with the homies.

Huge thanks to the cast and crew for all their hard work as well as his friends and family for their continuous love and support!



GRANIA WHELAN (Sasha)

(they/them) is a senior double majoring in English and Theatre. Past credits include Bowling for Beginners (Ensemble), The Well of Horniness (Ranger/

Judge), Twelfth Night (Valentine/Second Officer/ Priest), More Perfect Places (Ensemble Member 6) for IU Theatre, The Welkin (Ann Lavender) with the Richard Burton Company, and the IU Theatre Independent Projects I Love My Friends (Kira) and Fishbowl (Francine). Grania is from Bloomington, IN.



Production team

Stage Manager Sarah Mansfield

Assistant Stage Managers Madeline Horne Molly Lenig

Production Manager Trish Hausmann ‡

Technical Director Morgan Hemgrove

Fight Coordinator Leraldo Anzaldua

Intimacy Coordinator Jenny McKnight

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Artistic team



MADISON COLQUETTE (Dramaturg)

is the Department
Dramaturg for IU
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previously worked at
the International Writing
Program at the University
of lowa, the oldest and

largest multinational writing residency in the world, and in the Literary Office at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, CT. She received her M.F.A. in Dramaturgy from the University of Iowa.



LAUREN DIESCH

(Director)

(she/her) is originally from Pittsburgh, but lived in Minneapolis for 11 years. There she worked for the award-winning CLIMB theatre as the Director of Education/

Associate Artistic Director. Additionally, she directed, performed, and taught for numerous Twin Cities companies including: The Children's Theatre Company, Park Square Theatre, Theatre Coup d'Etat, Open Window, Gadfly, Chameleon Theatre Circle, Umbrella Collective, and Theatre Unbound. Lauren received her B.A in Theatre Arts from the University of Pittsburgh and is currently pursuing her M.F.A. in Directing.



MORGAN HEMGROVE

(Technical Director)

(they/them) is the Technical Director for Orlando. In the past they have TD'd Why Liliya Why, asst. TD'd Great Comet and Into The Woods. They have also worked

as a Carpenter on Everybody, Gross Indecency, and Something Rotten.



NICOLE HIEMENZ

(Costume Designer)
(they/them) is a thirdyear M.F.A. student in
Costume Design from
Durham, NC. They
graduated from NC State
University with their B.S.
in Fashion and Textile

Product Development. For IU Theatre (Costume Design): Gross Indecency (KCACTF Region 3 Award for Excellence in Costume Design), Journeys of Joy: Leave Only Footprints and Interface of Inscription, Uncle Play, Sueno (Assistant Costume Designer), The Threepenny Opera (Wardrobe Supervisor).



MADELINE HORNE

(Assistant Stage Manager)

(she/her) is a senior at Indiana University studying Arts Management with minors in Law and Public Policy, Theatre, and Spanish. Madeline is excited to serve as one of the

Assistant Stage Managers on Orlando this fall. Madeline is from Fishers, IN, and is a member of the professional tap company Circle City Tap Company in Indianapolis. Madeline is an aspiring law student, who hopes to attend law school in 2024 to pursue Entertainment & Arts Law to represent minorities in the industry. Her past stage management credits include Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812 (ASM), and Into the Woods (ASM).



MAGGIE JACKSON

(Scenic Designer)

(she/her) is from Carlisle, PA. She is a third-year, M.F.A. candidate in Scenic Design at Indiana University (IU). Her previous design credits for IU include *Into the*

Woods (IUST), Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812, and Bowling for Beginners (Awarded recognition for Excellence in Design from the Kennedy Center American College Theater). For the University, she has worked as a Scenic Charge Artist (The Winter's Tale, Gross Indecency, The Threepenny Opera) and Prop Manager (At First Sight 2022, Something Rotten).

Prior to Indiana, Maggie obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Technical Theatre Design & Musical Theatre Performance from East Stroudsburg University (ESU- East Stroudsburg, PA). Her work has been seen regionally with Summer Stock Stage, the Hangar Theatre Company, and Indiana University Summer Theatre (IUST). To see her upcoming works and previous designs visit www.maggiejacksondesigns.com for more information.



SARAH JOHNSON (Dramaturg)

(she/her) is a dramaturg and scholar. Her research focuses on intercultural theatre, new play development, and dramaturgical methodologies. She is

Assistant Professor of Dramaturgy and Head of the M.F.A. Dramaturgy program at Indiana University Bloomington.



MOLLY LENIG (Assistant Stage Manager)

is a junior pursuing a dual degree in Arts Management and Theatre and Drama with a minor in fitness instruction. She is from Rolling Prairie, IN. This is her first stage

management experience and she is loving it so far. Molly is also a part of IU's all female a cappella group, Ladies First. She is super excited to continue exploring stage management at IU. She would like to thank Sarah and Maddy for being amazing role models and taking her under their wing. Next semester, Molly will be serving as the Production Assistant for Vox Pop.



NANCY LIPSHULTZ

(Voice and Dialect Coach)

has been teaching theatre at IUB for eighteen years and has been a professor of theatre for the past 25 years at Wayne State University in Detroit, Cornell University in

Ithaca, NY and Michigan State University. She has been a professional voice coach at Indiana Repertory Theatre since 2007 where she coached *Dial M for Murder* and *The Cay*, *The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night-Time* which went on to Syracuse Stage

in New York and Noises Off. She has coached dialects for the National Tour of Kiss Me Kate, the NY City Opera Production of Dead Man Walking and for many regional theatres including: Meadowbrook Theatre in Michigan, Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre and Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. She also coaches appellate court prep at IU's Maurer School of Law and for IU Opera Theatre at the Jacobs School of Music. Nancy is a professional actor and has worked on stage, in film and on network television. She completed certification as a master teacher of Patsy Rodenburg's voice technique at Michael Howard Studios in New York, also teaching at their summer conservatory as part of the training. Nancy is a member of AEA, SAG-AFTRA, and VASTA.



SARAH MANSFIELD

(Stage Manager)

(they/them) is a Junior from Cincinnati double majoring in Theatre & Drama and Gender Studies with a minor in Arts Management. For IU Theatre: Into

the Woods (Stage Manager), 1970s College Sex Comedy (Stage Manager), Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812 (Assistant Stage Manager) and Sueño (Production Assistant). They are currently the Production Manager for University Players and have props designed Sweeney Todd, Ordinary Days, Lizzie, and Puffs. Outside of theatre, Sarah enjoys reading and runs an Etsy shop.



JOSHUA STALLINGS

(Sound Designer, Composer)

is excited to join the team for *Orlando*! He has been on staff/faculty at the University of Southern Indiana since 2019, where he fills various

roles as a composer, designer, technician, and educator. Previously, Joshua was based in Minneapolis, where he worked many full time and freelance roles across theatre, television, music, and corporate events. Since returning to his native Indiana, he has worked to support theatre across the state, including assisting local high schools and designing and composing for rural arts projects.

Artistic team



DAN TRACY

(Props Manager)

joined the Department of Theatre, Drama, and Contemporary Dance at Indiana University in the fall of 2013 as Prop Master and Scenic Artist Supervisor, He received

his M.F.A. in scenic design from Indiana University where he designed sets for Sunday in the Park with George. For IU Theatre: Spring Awakening, In the Next Room or the vibrator play, and The Pillowman. Additionally, Dan has worked as props artisan for Actors Theatre of Louisville, Seaside Music Theater, and New Harmony Theater. He was assistant prop master and teacher at the University of Michigan. Dan has also done event design and management for Andretti Autosports, Delta Faucet, Indy Racing League, NFL players association, and Rolls Royce. Dan continues to design professionally, having recently worked on projects for Phoenix Theatre and Civic Theatre of Indianapolis.



MADS WEST

(Lighting Designer)

(they/them) is a second year M.F.A. Lighting Design Candidate from Benton, AR. This is their third lead design role at IU preceded by *The 1970s College Sex Comedy* and

New Moves/New Directions '23. Previous Credits include Something Rotten! (ALD) at IU, and She Kills Monsters (LD), The Spitfire Grill (LD), and Miss SAU/OT '20 & '22 (LD) at their alma mater Southern Arkansas University. See more on instagram @madswestlighting.



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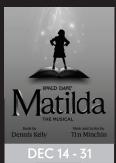


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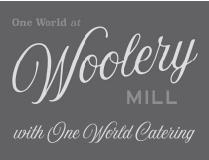
















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