

OTTO M. BUDIG THEATRE, NKU UNIVERSITY CENTER

OCTOBER 21, 2023

The FIRST YEAR  
SHOWCASE



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Oct. 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Otto Budig Theatre – University Center

Directed by

**Kat Moser-Priddy**

Music Director

**Jacob Priddy**

Stage Manager

**Jerichah Greene**

Student Technical  
Designer/Operator

**Kit Smith**

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

These collections of songs, monologues, and scenes have been personally selected by the students to showcase their talents to their peers, professors, and the community. They are selections from previous performances or current class work. Each one is woven together to tell a story of the chaos that can occur when entering a new stage of life. Through a journey of speaking up for themselves, building new relationships, breaking old ones, following their dreams, and finding their voice, they come together to take their place in the world with confidence and hope.

## SHOW ORDER

"Pandemonium" The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee .....	Full Ensemble
"Lost in the Brass" Band Geeks .....	Emma Hackworth
Men's Intuition by Itamar Moses .....	Declan Kessen & Nick Danko
	Director: Connor Defevers
"A Trip To The Library" She Loves Me .....	Afton Skeeters
Columbinus by Stephen Karam and PJ Paparelli .....	Connor Defevers
"Good Kid" The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical .....	Bodie Moore
"I Don't Wanna Be Here" Ordinary Days .....	Macie Becker
Alcott by Adam Szymkowicz .....	Sierra Conner
"That I would Be Good" Jagged Little Pill .....	Livi Bruce, Zach Petrie, and Phia Veshapidze
"Vienna" by Billy Joel .....	Vincent XAlquizola
Picnic by William Inge .....	Hayden Hauke and Caleb Lindsey
	Director: Afton Skeeters
"So Many People" Saturday Night .....	Clara Cundick
DMV TYRANT by Christopher Durang .....	Isaiah Burton and Cindy Ernest
	Director: Emma Boyle
"It's a Perfect Relationship" Bells Are Ringing .....	Katelyn Thatcher
"Love I Hear" A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum .....	Andrew Kelm
"Say The Word" The Mad Ones .....	Mack Cook
"Leave" Once .....	Charlie Norman
Checking In by Joseph Arnone .....	Joshua Graner
A Doll's House, Part 2 by Lucas Hnath .....	Mabrey Rice
"The Music and the Mirror" A Chorus Line .....	Lucy Bickers
Bright Half Life by Tanya Barfield .....	Chloe Rachal
"Words Fail" Dear Evan Hansen .....	Luc Vandebroek
"Our Time" Merrily We Roll Along & "Sunday" Sunday in the Park with George by Stephen Sondheim .....	Full Ensemble
	Musical Arrangement by Jacob Priddy

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Producing Artistic Director .....	Michael W. Hatton
Director .....	Kat Moser-Priddy
Production Manager .....	Alexandra Deaton
Music Director .....	Jacob Priddy
Stage Manager .....	Jerich Greene
Technical Director .....	Rob Kerby
Student Technical Designer/Operator .....	Kit Smith
Costume Shop Manager .....	Cat Schmeal-Swope
Production Photographer .....	Reagan Ruth
Production Poster Artwork .....	Jessica Ruehl
Box Office Manager .....	Becca McNay
Front of House .....	Tasha Conzelman
Events and Publicity Manager, SOTA .....	Rick Endres
Program Head, Theatre & Dance .....	Michael W. Hatton
Associate Director, SOTA .....	Ronald A. Shaw
Director, SOTA .....	Matthew Albritton

## PROFILES

**Kat Moser-Priddy (Director)** is a professional actor and director in theatre and film, previously based in New York and now relocated to Cincinnati. She is currently a musical theatre and acting professor at Northern Kentucky University. Most recently she was the assistant director for *Jersey Boys* at Theatre by the Sea in Rhode Island. Additionally, she was the assistant director for *Company* at the Arts Center for Coastal Carolina, director of *Elegies* at Northern Kentucky University and *Bye Bye Birdie* at Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville, KY. Performance credits include: Off-Broadway *The Office! A Musical Parody*, *Beautiful*, *Kinky Boots*, and Gabrielle in *Cinderella* at Theatre by The Sea. *Man of La Mancha* at Milwaukee Rep, and Jenny in *Divine Will* streaming on Pure Flix. MFA (Savannah College of Art and Design), BFA (Northern Kentucky Univ).

### **Vincent Alquizola (Performer) 1st Year BA Theatre**

**Villa Madonna Academy:** Anything Goes (Billy Crocker); Cinderella (Stagehand/Run Crew); The House of Agatha Mysterie (Stagehand/Wardrobe/Run Crew); Seussical KIDS (Spotlight/Lightboard Operator/Sound Operator)

### **Macie Becker (Performer) 1st Year BA Theatre**

**Moss Performing Arts Academy:** Once Upon a Mattress (Lady Lucille); The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery (Adele Sears); Crazy For You (Pete); Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (Dolly)

### **Lucy Bickers (Performer/Choreographer) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre**

**Trinity Theatre:** Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (Christine Colgate); The Lightning Thief (Annabeth Chase) •

**Dancensation:** Chicago (Roxie Hart) • **Youth Performing Arts School:** Anything Goes (Angel)

### **Emma Boyle (Student Director) 1st Year BFA Acting**

**NKU:** Grand Nights (Sound Board Operator) • **La Quinta HS:** 13 Past Midnight (Brenda Moss); West Side Story (Diesel) • **Las Vegas Academy of The Arts:** Big Fish (Sound Crew); Theatre Three Showcase (Multiple Roles)

### **Isaiah Burton (Performer) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre**

**Woodford Theatre:** Finding Nemo Jr. (Marlin); Singin' in the Rain Jr. (Don); Seussical Jr. (Horton)

### **Mack Cook (Performer) 1st Year BA Theatre**

**The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati:** Legally Blonde (Paulette); Heathers (Martha Dunnstock); Chicago (Annie/ensemble); Rudolph Jr. (Elf/Spotted Elephant)

### **Clara Cundick (Performer) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre**

### **Nick Danko (Performer) 1st Year BA Theatre**

**Children's Theatre of South Indiana:** A Christmas Carol (Mr. Fezziwig and Thomas) • **Henderson Co. HS:** The Crucible (Hopkins) • **Missoula Children's Theatre:** The Jungle Book (Wolf); Rapunzel (Prince 1)

### **Connor Defevers (Performer/Student Director) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre**

**Commonwealth Student Artist Theatre:** The Ferryman (Uncle Patrick Carney); Indecent (Sholem Asch) • **Highlands HS Mainstage:** Sweeney Todd (Beadle Bamford) • **Performing Arts Inc.:** 9 to 5 (Franklyn Hart)

### **Cindy Ernest (Performer) 1st Year BFA Acting**

**Bryan Station HS:** The Music Man (Jacey Squires); Guys and Dolls (Harry the Horse/Cuban Dancer); The Last Illusion (Bess Houdini)

**Joshua Graner (Performer) 1st Year BA Theatre**

**OnStage:** A Christmas Carol (Scrooge) • **Villa Madonna Academy:** Rogers + Hammerstein's Cinderella (Sebastian); Anything Goes (Eli Whitney); The House of Agatha Mystrie (Rob Remington)

**Jerich Greene (Stage Manager) 2nd Year BFA Musical Theatre**

**NKU:** The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Swing); Macbeth (Witch #3) • **ACT Louisville:** The Prom (Alyssa Greene); The Wizard of Oz (Ensemble)

**Emma Hackworth (Performer) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre**

**Lexington Theatre Company:** Memphis (Ensemble) • **George Rogers Clark HS:** Bright Star (Margo)

**Hayden Hauke (Performer) 1st Year BFA Acting**

**Shelby County Community Theatre:** As You Like It (Silvius)

**Caleb Lindsey (Performer) 1st Year BFA Acting**

**Fairfield Footlighters:** The Tempest (Ferdinand) • **Performing Arts Inc.:** Into the Woods (The Narrator)  
• **Commonwealth Artist Student Theatre:** The Ferryman (Quinn Carney); Shakespeare In Love (William Shakespeare)

**Bodie Moore (Performer) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre**

**Theatre Workshop of Owensboro:** Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical (Percy Jackson); Shrek the Musical (Lord Farquaad) • **Rose Curtain Players:** Into the Woods (Wolf/Cinderella's Prince); Much Ado about Nothing (Don Pedro)

**Charlie Norman (Performer) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre**

**Youth Performing Arts School:** Elf The Musical (Buddy); Anything Goes! (Elijah Whitney); As You Like It (Andy) • **Sacred Heart HS:** Little Women (Laurie)

**Zach Petrie (Performer) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre**

**Kincaid Regional Theater:** Newsies (Jack Kelly) • **Commonwealth Student Artist Theatre:** Mean Girls (Aaron Samuels)

**Chloe Rachal (Performer) 1st Year BA Theatre**

**Dixie Heights HS:** High School Musical (Mongo); Beauty and the Beast (Ensemble); Coney Island Christmas (Ensemble) • **Turkey Foot MS:** Mary Poppins Jr. (Chimney Sweep / Messenger)

**Mabrey Rice (Performer) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre**

**EVSC Foundation:** The Addams Family (Wednesday Addams) • **Children's Theatre of Southern Indiana:** Footloose (Ariel Moore) • **Oak Island Theatre:** Little Women (Amy March) • **SoFA:** The Crucible (Abigail Williams)

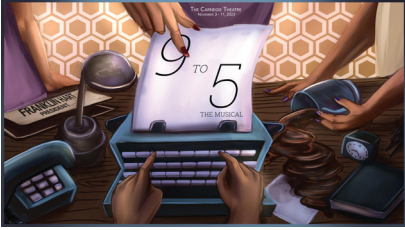
**Afton Skeeters (Performer/Student Director) (1st Year BFA Musical Theatre)**

**Innovation Arts Academy:** Mary Poppins (Mary Poppins); 13 (Patrice); Godspell (Day by Day Soloist) • **Lexington Children's Theatre:** Ghosts of Pineville (Glory Roberts)

**Kit Smith (Student Technical Designer/Operator) 1st Year BA Theatre****Katelyn Thatcher (Performer) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre****Luc Vandebroek (Performer) 1st Year BFA Musical Theatre**

**Woodford Co. HS:** Big Fish (Edward Bloom); Mamma Mia! (Harry Bright) • **Voices Amplified:** The Prom (Ensemble/Barry u/s)

## UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS



***9 to 5 The Musical***  
Nov. 3-11, 2023 • The Carnegie



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