AARON ABRAMS (BFA, Acting, ’01) is in Take This Waltz with Michelle Williams, Seth Rogen, and Sarah Silverman as well as the comedy Jesus Henry Christ produced by Julia Roberts with Toni Collette. Aaron finished shooting the biopic Chicago 8 opposite Gary Cole and Phillip Baker Hall. Aaron is a producer for the CW’s The L.A. Complex. He also plays the role of Ricky Lloyd on the show and has written several episodes. Aaron plays Brian Zeller in the NBC series Hannibal which has completed its second season. Aaron also appeared on the season finale of A&E’s Longmire.

NANETTE ACOSTA (BFA, Costume Design, ’90) is the costume shop manager for the Seattle Children’s Theatre, and KAREN (WEINSTEIN) SHARP (Certificate, Acting, ’82) is the education director. Nanette also runs a design business called Mud Flap Grrrl Designs available on Etsy.

JOHNNA ADAMS (BFA, Acting, ’95) invites you to visit her website.

ROB (ZENCHELSKEY) ADLER (BFA, Acting, ’99) is now a faculty member at the University of Southern California’s School of Dramatic Arts teaching acting and improvisation. Rob was recently hired by Backstage as an Industry Expert and will have his first column featured in late October. He runs AdlerImprov in Hollywood. CA teaching improvisation for actors, not caricatures, on-camera scene study, and coach actors privately and on the sets of film and television shows. In June, Rob was asked to teach improvisation in Tokyo and in December he will teach acting for the camera in conjunction with the Bahamas International Film Festival, where his debut film “I Vote” screened last year.

TERESA AGUILERA (BFA, Production Management, ’98) is a senior producer at agencyEA, an experiential marketing agency in Chicago.

GREG ALCOCK (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’01) is now the Senior Director of Development for Economic Development Studies at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC.

NARDA E. ALCORN (BFA, Production Management, ’82 & Faculty) was the stage manager for A Raisin in the Sun on Broadway, closed 6/15/14.

KAREN ALDRIDGE (MFA, Acting, ’01) and LINSEY MORTON (BFA, Acting, ’00) are company members at Pine Box Theater.

TERRY AMY (BFA, Acting, ’82) runs a reading program for Daycare and Head Start Centers in the Pasadena, CA, area and continues her work with Flights of Fantasy, an LA based theatre group that does children’s productions through libraries, schools, and similar programs.

HEDVIG ANDER (BFA, Costume Design, ’84) invites you to visit her website (it’s in Swedish). She has her own line of women’s clothing; the first collection is in stores in Sweden and Portugal.

CHRISTIAN ANDERSON (BFA Acting Program, ’95-’97) invites you to visit his website.

CLAUDIA ANDERSON (Faculty) invites everyone to visit her website.

GILLIAN ANDERSON (BFA, Acting, ’90) is in the BBC series The Fall. Gillian is in a recurring role in NBC’s Hannibal as Hannibal Lecter’s psychiatrist. Film roles include the Swiss drama Sister, Sold with David Arquette, Shadow Dancer with Clive Owen, Mr. Morgan’s Last Love with Michael Caine, I’ll Follow You Down with Victor Garber, and The Curse of the Buxom Strumpet with Sir Ian McKellen. Most recently Gillian starred as Blanche at Young Vic Theatre’s London production of A Streetcar Named Desire for which she won best actress at the 60th Annual London Evening Standard Theatre Awards. Her official website is here.

HUNTER ANDRE (BFA Acting program, ’92-’93 & ’94-’95) works for Coldwell Banker.
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LANCE BAKER (BFA, Acting, ’93) is in the cast of The Humans at American Theatre Company closed 2/1/15.

ERIKA ARVOLD (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’91) headed Plumcot Productions in Charlottesville, VA, for She produced the film Chesapeake starring Keith Carradine. If you are interested in donating to the campaign for the film, click here. Erica recently completed casting for Killing Kennedy for the National Geographic channel, The Wars for the History Channel, and the feature films Wish You Well and Big Stone Gap. She has also been nominated for an Artios Award for her location casting of Steven Spielberg’s Lincoln. Congrats, Erica!

ANNA ASHLEY (BFA, Stage Management, ’09) is a backstage manager on the Cirque du Soleil tour Corteo.

LAURA (SCALES) ASHLOCK (BFA, Stage Management, ’06) is the production manager for Theatre & Performance Studies at the University of Chicago.

LAURA (NIZNY) ASHMORE (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’91) is a partner with the Chicago law firm Lake Toback. Laura has been granted fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

BRANDY AUSTIN (MFA, Directing, ’06) teaches at Belmont University in Nashville, TN.

RICHARD AVEN (MFA, Directing, ’87) lives in NYC and is the associate artistic director of Mixed Phoenix Theatre Group. Richard also directs regularly for Amios and their first-Monday-of-the-month series Shotz.

DAN BACHNER (BFA, Acting, ’85) is a Catholic priest currently assigned as the pastoral administrator at Resurrection Catholic Community in Wayne, IL.

DOUGLAS BACK (BFA, Lighting Design, ’04) is a web developer for Blue State Digital in NY.

BLAKE BAGBY (BFA, Acting, ’08) was recently cast on Days of Our Lives and has been performing as a stand-up comedian with Dane Cook, Whitney Cummings, Bill Burr, and Jeff Ross.

GRETCHEN BAKER (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’98) is working as a concierge at the Wynn Las Vegas Hotel.

LANCE BAKER (BFA, Acting, ’93) is in the cast of The Humans at American Theatre Company closed 2/1/15.

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KATIE (JEPP) ANDRE (BFA, Acting, ’00) is the owner of Musical Magic.

MARTIN ANDREW (MFA, Scene Design, ’01) is an associate member of TUTA. CYNTHIA CASTIGLIONE (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’02) is the managing director. Stay up-to-date on TUTA events by joining their Facebook group and following them on Twitter.

DARIN ANTHONY (BFA, Acting, ’93) is the Artistic Director of Moving Arts Theatre in Los Angeles California. He most recently directed the west coast premiere’s of The Gun Show by EM Lewis and Viral by Mac Rogers. Viral was co-produced by Jessica Hanna (TTS class 95) at The Bootleg Theatre. He has been traveling around the country directing Nureyev’s Eyes by David Rush as well as working a new version of The Good Boy with Deaf West Theatre. Check out his website: darinanthony.com for more updates.

is the resident director for Syzygy Theatre Group in LA. He was appointed artistic director of Moving Arts Theatre.

LARRY ARANCIO (MFA, Acting, ’82) is the head of the acting program at CAP21 in NYC.

ANDREA ARTHUR (BFA, Playwriting, ’05) is the executive director of the Theatre League of South Florida. She is also the South Florida Region Representative for the Dramatists Guild. On 12/2/13, Andie received the Silver Palm Theatre Award for her dedicated work at the Theatre League of South Florida. Congrats, Andie!

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Recent Productions:

The Broadway Playhouse. ERNIE NOLAN (MFA, Directing, ’04 & Faculty) directed and choreographed. JACK BALL (BFA, Acting, ’14) and ALISSA WALKER (BFA, Acting, ’14) played Hansel and Gretel respectively. BRENTON ABRAM-COPENHAVER (BFA, Acting, ’14) was in the cast. MICHAEL CONROY (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’15) assistant directed. ARYANNA GARISS (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’15) was the dramaturg. ALARIE HAMMOCK (BFA, Costume Technology, ’09) designed the costumes. TIERRA NOVY (BFA, Scene Design, ’13) designed the set.

B.F.G., closed 1/4/15, MORGAN ASHLEY MADISON (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’12) directed. BELLA COELHO (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’13) and GIL TANNER (BFA, Playwriting, ’13) were in the cast. TIERRA NOVY (BFA, Scene Design, ’13) designed the props.

Current Productions:

Bingo’s Birthday, Little Theatre. Created and directed by Artistic Director ERNIE NOLAN (MFA, Directing, ’04). GEORGE BOOKER (BFA, Acting, ’14) and ALISSA SHERWOOD (BFA, Acting, ’14) are in the cast. JULIANNE SCHWARTZ (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’14) is a swing. ALARIE HAMMOCK (BFA, Costume Technology, ’09) designed the costumes. TIERRA NOVY (BFA, Scene Design, ’13) designed the scenic mural.

Fancy Nancy The Musical, through 5/17/15. ERNIE NOLAN (MFA, Directing, ’04 & Faculty) will direct.

Skippyjon Jones, through 5/16/15.

Staff include:

ELEANOR HYDE (MFA, Arts Leadership, ’10), marketing manager
ERNIE NOLAN (MFA, Directing, ’04 & Faculty), producing artistic director
BETH SCHMESKI (BFA, Dramaturgy/Criticism, ’09) is the audience services coordinator.
MARCY BANNOR (BFA, Acting, '67) is a full-time theater arts teacher at Spring Branch Independent School District in Houston, TX. In her spare time she records voice dubbing for anime films. Marcy also does national award-winning voiceovers and is a grandmother of two.

DAVID-MATTHEW BARNES (BFA Playwriting program, '96-'97) teaches fulltime at Southern Crescent Technical College, Griffin, GA. His young adult novel, Wonderland, is available in paperback and eBook. His most recent novel, Mind Fields, was written under the pen name Dylan Madrid. David is the author of over 40 stage plays that have been performed in 3 languages and 8 countries. His literary work has appeared in over 100 publications. David is on the faculty of the Spalding University’s MFA Writing program. He also wrote an independent film for and about women called Made from Scratch, now in the final stages of pre-production. Threnody, the upcoming film written and directed by David, was featured in an article in 303 Magazine. David invites you to view his blog or check out his Twitter page.

BRIAN BARASCH (BFA, Theatre Management, '09) now works at Marwen in the development department.

JOE BASILE (BFA, Acting, '98) is part of the NYC production of Too Much Light Makes The Baby Go Blind (show originated in Chicago), open run. Joe is also a licensed massage therapist with his own practice in NYC.

LARRY BATES (BFA, Acting, '99) currently has commercial spots running for Staples, Subway, Greyhound, and Cedar Fair. On 11/11/13 he won the NAACP Theatre Award for Best Ensemble for Jitney. He plays Leonard March in the film Veronica Mars.

MIKE BAUDER (BFA Production Management Program, '90-'91) is the founder of MB Productions, a production company based in NYC. Current projects include Spider-Man: Turn off the Dark, on Broadway and the national tours of Priscilla Queen of the Desert and Dreamgirls. Upcoming projects include Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth and Jekyll & Hyde on Broadway.

TALON BEESON (MFA, Acting, '07) is signed with William Morris for Voiceover and Venture IAB for Commercial On-camera. He is also the voice for two national Johnsonville Sausage commercials. Talon is the narrator for Divorce Court, which has been renewed for another season. Talon also directs episodes of HGTV's You Live In What?, which has been renewed for a third season. His book, Starting Your Career in Voice Overs, is now available for preorder on Amazon with an official release date of 11/4/14. He is directing a new web series pilot called Book Group.

MICHAEL BEGORA (BFA, Theatre Technology, '05) and KEVIN SNOW (BFA, Lighting Design, '85) are part of Luci Creative, a creative and design firm devoted to igniting stories in an experiential way. Some of their work includes exhibits and environments for corporations, retail, and hospitality.

PATRICK BELTON (BFA, Acting, '97) lives in LA, and is the owner of 123 DJ, a music/entertainment company.

JESSICA BENNETT (BFA, Acting, '10) was on the stunt team for the feature films Fight to Finish and Halloween. She was the fight director for The Whipping Man at the Pico Playhouse, which garnered an Ovation recommendation. She will be doing fight choreography for the largest masquerade in the country this summer with the Labyrinth of Jareth. Her new theatre company, Invisible Umbrella, will perform A Midsummer Night's Dream later this year. Visit her website at jessicaberrett.com.

CAMERON BENOIT (BFA, Acting, '13) is an acting apprentice for the 2014-2015 season at Actors Theatre of Louisville.

JUDITH-MARIE BERGAN (BFA, Acting, '71) is a company member of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

MARY JANE BERNARDY-WELLS-SANDER (GSD, '56) produces and directs The Brini Maxwell Show, which appears on the Time Warner channel 35 in Manhattan (NYC), Friday nights, 8:30PM uptown, 9:30PM downtown.

NATALIE BERNING (BFA, Theatre Studies, '01) works at an online advertising company in NYC. Her experimental short, Breathe, has been accepted to the Scare-A-Con, Coney Island, and Phillip K. Dick Film Festivals. You can view her short and additional video reels at natalieberning.com.

ANA BERRY (BFA, Acting, '05) has been the national spokesperson for Brilliante Rice in Spain for two years as well as Ronzoni Pasta in the US. She was on WCBS, PIX 11, and EbruToday in NYC as a freelance reporter. Ana is the spokesperson for Sotheby's International Realty Luxury Property Tours in the tri-state area as well as the host of their show Best Address. She recently appeared in The Following, Blue Bloods, Bourne Legacy, Royal Pains and 30 Rock. She has had national commercials for Lipoflavonoid, FreeCreditScore, and Ricola. You can visit her website at www.anaberryinternational.com.

KEVIN BIGLEY (BFA, Acting, '09) plays Brian on USA’s Sirens. The show is currently in its second season with new episodes on Tuesday nights 10/9c on USA.

JASON BLITMAN (BFA, Theatre Arts, '10) is the assistant to the
BRENDON BOSTON (BFA, Scene Design, ’11) is currently in his second year at New York University pursuing his Masters in design for stage and film.

BRUCE BOXLEITNER (Certificate, Acting, ’71) is on the National Board of Directors for SAG. He plays Bob Beldon in Cedar Cove, a Hallmark Channel Original Series.

ANDREW BRADLEY (MFA Acting Program, ’89-’91) spent 5 years in Seattle doing commercial and theatre work after leaving The Theatre School. He then moved to Philadelphia and worked at various jobs including teaching. He’s currently enjoying life in Korea.

DEBBIE BRANSCUM (BFA, Theatre Management, ’07) is the site manager for Fountain Square in Cincinnati, OH.

STEPHANIE BRATNICK (BFA, Acting, ’04) is a performer and company manager for ACT II Entertainment in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

SUE BREEZE (BFA, Acting, ’68) has been teaching performing arts classes to children and adults for the past 12 years in Colorado Springs, CO.

KATE BRIERE (MFA, Directing, ’01) teaches Intro to Performance at University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

JANE BRODY (Faculty) is writing a blog about various aspects of acting. She served as a conference planner for the ATHE.

CAMDEN BROWN (BFA, Acting, ’12) is a knight at Medieval Times in Schaumburg, IL.

JASON BROWN (BFA, Lighting Design, ’02) is now the Director of Production the with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, where he previously served as the Lighting and Technical Director.

JEFFREY BROWN (BFA, Acting, ’97) plays Corbett Stackhouse, Sookie’s dad, in HBO’s True Blood, and is the voices of Bronty and Ben the Monkey in the Disney Channel’s Doc McStuffins. Jeffrey has also done a national Subaru commercial.

W. EARL BROWN (MFA, Acting, ’89) plays a recurring role on DirecTV’s original series, Rogue, and also in the Sundance Channel’s series, Rectify. He can be seen as an ill-fated ranger in Disney’s The Lone Ranger. He appeared in The Sessions and The Master, both of which are now out on DVD/Blu-ray. He recently wrote and starred in a short mockumentary with the rock band, Alice in Chains, title A/C:26. He is also is currently shooting the ABC limited series, American Crime, with Oscar winning writer/director, John Ridley (premiers 3/5/15). He has a supporting role in Reese Witherspoon's feature film, Wild, nominated for two Oscars. Last spring he returned to Chicago to film a multi-episode arc on NBC's Chicago Fire and in the summer, he filmed Black Mass in Boston with Johnny Depp and Benedict Cumberbatch. Earl plays "Ralph Mowery" in Draft Day which was recently released on VOD and DVD/Blu Ray. Also, the 2013 Game Of the Year winning, The Last Of Us, in which Earl co-stars, was just remastered and released for Playstation 4. Recently, he joined the cast of HBO's True Detective, currently in production for its second season.

JEFF BRUCKERHOFF (BFA, Lighting Design, ’94) invites you to visit his website.

JESSICA (SUMMERS) BUCZEK (MFA, Scene Design, ’98) is the associate artistic director of The Public Theatre.

DARREN BOCHAT (BFA, Acting, ’91) is the director of visiting services at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

MARK BOERGERS (MFA, Acting, ’10) and ALEXIS LINKS (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’11 & Former Staff) are casting assistants at Paskal Rudnicke Casting.

CHANCE BONE (BFA, Acting, ’09) did the illustrations for Egghead or You Can’t Survive on Ideas Alone, a book of poetry by comedian Bo Burnham. Chance has been nominated for an acting award at the 2014 Midwest Independent Film Festival for his role in Adventures in the Sin Bin.

TRACEY BONNER (MFA, Acting, ’05) is an ensemble member at Congo Square Theatre. She is also teaching in the DeKalb County School System in Atlanta, GA.

BECKY BORCZON (BFA, Acting, ’78) lives in Boise, ID, with her physician husband and their children. Becky and her husband are both in the band The Lowdown Dirty Dogs.

DESMIN BORGES (BFA, Acting, ’05) was recently featured in an article in the Chicago Sun Times, detailing his acting experience in Chicago as well as his role on You’re the Worst which has been renewed for a second season on FXX.

ARIEL BOROFF (BFA, Costume Design, ’07) is teaching makeup classes to BFA and MFA acting students at CalArts. She is also the set costumer on Decoding Annie Parker starring Helen Hunt, Rashida Jones, and Samantha Morton. She is currently a costumer on NBC’s About a Boy.

in the band The Lowdown Dirty Dogs.
technical director at Maine East High School in Park Ridge.

JASON BUEHRER (BFA, Theatre Management, ’03) is the patron services manager at Broadway Rose Theatre Company in Tigard, OR.

JULIANNE BUESCHER (BFA, Acting, ’89) has most recently appeared in Star Trek Into Darkness (as the ship’s computer), in the puppet episode of Community, in numerous commercials, and in Desperate Housewives, The Middle, and Criminal Minds. Julianne is the singing angel puppet in Forgetting Sarah Marshall and voices the real-time digital puppets May and Grandma on the Emmy-nominated PBS series Sid the Science Kid. She is also the voice of many video game characters including The Adjutant in StarCraft 2, for which she made IMDB’s list of “Sexiest Female Voices in Voiceover.” Visit her website at www.juliannebuescher.com.

YANCY BUKOVEC (BFA, Acting Program, ’71-’74) is an assistant professor in the Theatre & Dance Department in the College of Fine Arts at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He is an accomplished actor, mime and author. He has toured his one-man show and company productions in 30 countries, is a Certified Lessac teacher, has written two books, has taught extensively in Europe and Asia, and invites you to visit his website.

THOM BUMBLAUSKAS (BFA, Scene Design, ’92) continues his work designing and painting for the Costa Cruise Lines (Italy) through Q-We Get It. Thom, along with some friends, started Clay Arts Vegas, a collaboration of artists who offer classes and other ceramic-related services to the Las Vegas area. At Clay Arts Vegas, Thom is a resident artist and teacher. They offer a variety of classes to the public seven days a week. For a schedule, click here. He welcomes you to visit his website.

MARK BURCHARD (Certificate, Acting, ’71) has kept busy with his writing, publishing 75 pieces in just five years. His 70th piece, Bruise, was published this past September by Gertrude Press.

SUSAN (CUNNINGHAM) BURK (MFA Acting program, ’82-’84) the Laramie Project specialist at the Mathew Shepard Foundation. One of Susan’s former positions was executive producer/senior anchor for the evening news at KTWO-TV (NBC affiliate) in Wyoming. While there, she produced a series on the making of The Laramie Project film that won the top news awards from both the Wyoming Associated Press and the Wyoming Association of Broadcaster. Susan has also acted in the Casper, WY, productions of The Laramie Project and The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later.

VALERIE BURLINGAME (BFA, Acting, ’01) helped found Vera Whole Health in Seattle, WA five years ago, and is still with the healthcare service today.

CHRIS BURPEE (BFA, Lighting Design, ’08) is the Technical Director at Northeastern Illinois University.

RYAN BUTTS (MFA, Arts Leadership, ’07) is the deputy director for the League of Chicago Theatres.

MARY PAT BYRNE (MFA, Directing, ’78) is the Arts Specialist for the city of Bellevue, WA, administering the city’s arts grants and public art programs. She is also working in cultural planning, policy, and facility development. Her favorite project lately is seeding a new arts district with art projects in non-traditional venues.

PJ BYRNE (MFA, Acting, ’99) plays Rick in The Campaign with Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis. PJ plays Rugrat in Martin Scorsese’s feature film The Wolf of Wall Street. He also directed and wrote his first short for Funny or Die called The Last Supper. PJ plays series regular Nelson Cassidy on CBS’ Intelligence. PJ can also be seen in Walk of Shame, a feature film starring Elizabeth Banks.

WILSON CAIN III (BFA, Acting, ’82) is a professor of humanities in the Library Education Department at Columbia College. He is a doctoral candidate in adult education at National Lewis University.

AMANDA (PAULES) CAMPBELL (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’05 & Former Staff) is working in Series Production at MTV in LA.

CASEY CAMPBELL (BFA, Acting, ’06) lives in LA with his wife, AMANDA (PAULES) CAMPBELL (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’05). Casey has appeared in several national commercials. He is also writing a pilot for Original Film (21 Jump Street, The Big C), and is writing a horror film for Logolite Entertainment. He also performs frequently with the Spolin Players, featuring Dan Castellaneta and Edie McClurg. Casey and his partner Yosh Hayashi won NBC’s Voice and Vision Drama Challenge. Their submission, Blackbird, was chosen from several hundred submissions and fifteen finalists to win $25,000 and a potential development deal with NBC.

KATE CARES (BFA, Acting, ’03) is a company member of Open Eye Productions.

LAUREN CARRANZA (LANSING) (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’05) lives in Denver, CO, and is teaching 3rd grade in a dual-language program at Escuela de Guadalupe. She teaches all regular classes in both languages (English & Spanish) and helps direct the bilingual extra-curricular theatre classes, as well as yearly performances. She helped with a production there titled Enrique’s Journey at Su Teatro Theatre company.

RYAN CARROLL (Certificate, Acting, ’82) is the executive producer for the film Legends of Oz: Dorothy’s Return, now in

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JULIET WILSON (Staff), facility operations manager.
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theaters. It is a CG, 3-D animated feature. MICHAEL KRAWIC (MFA, Acting, ‘82) lends his voice to the film as Uncle Henry. Lea Michele voices Dorothy, Martin Short voices the Jester, Dan Aykroyd voices the Scarecrow, Kelsey Grammer voices the Tin Man, Jim Belushi voices the Lion, and Patrick Stewart voices Tugg.

CAROLYN CARPENTER (BFA, Theatre Management, ‘01) is currently the executive producer for 5 Talent Entertainment in LA, winner of several awards for the films Son of God and Guardian’s Whisper.

MARIA CARSON (BFA, Theatre Management, ‘09) is in the PhD program in Religion at Syracuse University, focusing in modern to contemporary Jewish philosophy and theology. She also works as a teaching assistant at Syracuse.

LOGAN (WALTERS) CARTER (BFA, Acting, ‘06) teaches full-time at Aspen High School in Aspen, CO. He is also the artistic director at Stage of Life Theatre Company.

WENDY CARTER (MFA, Acting, ‘98) is working with a faith-based arts school, Passion Academy, in Richmond, VA where she is the head of the acting program. She’ll be teaching Spolin, on-camera technique, and scene study. She recorded another audiobook, Angus & Sadie, the prequel to Young Fredle. Cloude, and Bink & Gollie: Two for One were both turned into animated shorts.

JUSTIN CASTELLANO (BFA, Theatre Arts, ‘05) works full time in lighting sales with Grand Stage Co in Chicago. In addition to his theater work, Justin has been a regional leader with Primerica Financial Services since 2005.

JENNIFER CASTELLO (BFA, Playwriting, ‘10) is a published author. Her novel, The Messiah of Howard Street, is available at amazon.com. She is an editor for WriteLife Publishing and has signed a contract with Flying Pen Press to publish her story The Tragedy of King Lear’s Mighty Wonders. She is currently the head of the Omaha North High School’s drama department in Omaha, NE. She is married Jeffrey Scottist this past July. They are working to finish their first co-written book. Congrats, Jen!

CYNTHIA CASTIGLIONE (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘02) is the theatre curator of Around the Coyote and the managing director of TUTA. MARTIN ANDREW (MFA, Scene Design, ‘01) is an associate member. Stay up-to-date on TUTA events by joining their Facebook group and following them on Twitter.

COLLEEN CAVANAUGH ANTHONY (BFA, Acting, ‘96) runs a business based in LA (services available nationwide) called Miss Information, a creative research and licensing company for film and TV projects. They have recently partnered with the UK company Stalkr to handle their US clients. She has also writes a blog on holiday traditions throughout history for modern entertaining called Historic Hostess.

LESLIE CHARIPAR (MFA, Acting, ‘01) lives in Iowa where she runs the Urban Theatre Project, a small in-your-face theatre company. Leslie also teaches at Coe College and does freelance acting and directing. Leslie recently became the artistic director for Theatre Cedar Rapids.

STEPHANIE CHAVARA (MFA, Acting, ‘10) is the Outreach Coordinator for the Actor’s Training Center of Wilmette.

MICHAEL CHIAPPE (BFA, Acting, ‘05) lives in Cleveland, OH, where he and JAMES LANGA (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘05) run IMAGINIF Inc., an entertainment company. Michael and James plan to continue working on stories and concepts for future original works.

ABBOTT CHRISMAN (MFA, Directing, ‘88) is teaching writing, theatre, debate, public speaking, media, and critical thinking at the Geneva, Switzerland branch of Webster University. Abbott has completed training as a Somatic Experiencing Practitioner (a kind of trauma healing work developed by Peter Levine), and is starting his own business doing regular trauma therapy, and group courses for people who fear public speaking.

DONALD CHRISTENSEN (BFA, Lighting Design, ‘02) started his own company, Christensen Lighting.

EMILY (BALL) CICCHINI (BFA, Acting, ‘89) ’s newest play, Just Bee, marked the eighth collaboration with director Judy Materzsch-Campbell of the Pollyanna Theatre Company, where she is resident playwright. Just Bee played in August to appreciative family and school audiences at the Long Center for the Performing Arts, and included feuding bees, boogie-woogie dancing, and aromatic special effects. A scene from her play Like a Metaphor will be published in Scenes from a Diverse World from ICWP Press. Emily is also serving on the board of the Greater Austin Creative Alliance, a non-profit service organization that supports the creative sector.

MITCHEL CIVELLO (BFA, Theatre Arts, ‘11) is in NYU’s MA program in Performance Studies. Congrats, Mitchel!

RACHEL CLAXTON (BFA, Scene Design, ‘12) is the scenic charge artist at Left Wing Scenic.
KATE COBB (BFA, Acting, ’10) lives in LA and is in the independent film The Ghosts. She has signed exclusively with House of Representatives. She just finished shooting as a recurring role on season four of Showtime’s Shameless. She is in the cast of Barack Obama Will Save Us, a feature film written by MATTHEW DUCEY (BFA, Playwriting, ’09). KATHLEEN (MUELLER) MASON (BFA, Theatre Management, ’09) was the production manager.

JOHN COLELLA (BFA, Acting,’92) shot “Hotel Noir” with the creators of Girl Walks Into A Bar.

BENJAMIN COHEN (BFA, Theatre Technology, ’98) continues to work for Reed Rigging Inc. as Chicago’s United Center. He recently complete a project with Amtrak.

American Theater Company
1909 W. Byron 773-409-4125
Current Production:
The Humans, closed 2/1/15. LANCE BAKER (BFA, Acting, ’93) was in the cast.

American Theater staff include:
PATRICK McLEAN (BFA, Playwriting, ’10), junior board member
LAUREN PIZZI (MFA, Acting, ‘11), teaching artist.

More than a few
American Theater Company

MICA COLE (BFA, Acting, ’05) is the associate producer for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

NORA COLE (BFA, Acting, ’78) has been awarded the Fox Foundation Resident Actor Fellowship in the Distinguished Achievement category. The award includes $25,000, which she will use to develop her third solo performance based on a letter correspondence from World War II. She recently wrote a play entitled Katherine’s Colored Lieutenant which premiered with a reading at FONT (Festival of New Theatre) at Geva Theatre on 10/20/14. It will be produced as a part of the company’s Nextstage Studio Series in this month.

MEGAN CHAPMAN COLLINS (BFA, Scene Design, ’03) is living in the West Midlands region of Great Britain for a few years with her husband before they will relocate to the US. Megan is working as a personal trainer at a local gym.

CHRISTINE CONLEY (BFA, Costume Design, ’07) and CORAL GABLES (BFA, Costume Design, ’08) own and operate Penny Lane Hair Studios, 2658 Sawyer, in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago. In addition to being a full service hair salon, it is a workspace for Christine’s theatrical hair, make-up and design work, and a display place for hats by Coral, who is also the salon manager.

KYLE CONN (BFA, Stage Management, ’07) lives in Wisconsin and produced a film, Teddy, and was the location manager for the film Popularity Killer, both with Slasher Studios. Teddy was accepted into two film festivals, one in Chicago and one in Texas. Currently, Popularity Killer is being entered into festivals. Both films can be purchased on the studio’s website. Visit their Facebook page here.

CHASE CORMAN (BFA, Lighting Design, 09) is an assistant lighting designer in NYC at Ventresca Design LLC, founded and owned by CHRIS VENTRESCA (BFA, Lighting Design, ’04).

CASEY COOPER (BFA, Acting, ’91) runs the floral design company Botanicals, and is now offering classes in floral design. One of Botanical’s clients is The Field Museum.

CELESTE COOPER (MFA, Acting, ’12) appeared in an ad for Swiffer with Procter & Gamble.

SCOTT COOPER (MFA, Scenic Design, ’95) is the resident designer and a member of the faculty at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL.

STEPHANIE COURT (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’04) works in the Litigation Department at Downey Brand in Sacramento, CA.

JANIS CRAFT (BFA, Playwriting, ’03) invites you to visit her website.

JOHN CULBERT (Dean) designed the set for White Guy on the Bus at Northlight Theatre, through 3/1/15. NOELLE THOMAS (BFA, Scenic Design, ’99) is the assistant designer. They will also be the scenic design team for The Secret Garden at Court Theatre, opens 05/30/15. John will be the lighting designer for Goodman Theatre’s Two Trains Running in March, again with assistance from NICK BELLEY.

LINDA BUCHANAN (Faculty) will design the scenery.

AMMAR DARASEH (MFA, Acting, ’96) is starring in the web series The Devil Interviews. He and his wife, with whom he is producing the series, successfully completed a Kickstarter campaign to help fund their production budget.

DAVID DASTMALCHIAN (BFA, Acting, ’99) wrote the feature film Animals, which stars himself and JOHN HOOGENAKKER (BFA, Acting, ’99) and features appearances by JIMMY McDERMOTT (MFA, Directing, ’99), CAROLYN HOERDEMANN (BFA, Acting, ’92), CHRIS BOYKIN (MFA, Acting, ’11), LAWRENCE MACGOWAN (BFA, Acting, ’84), and MARY MULLIGAN (BFA, Acting, ’88), PATRICK BELTON (BFA, Acting, ’97) is a music supervisor. Animals won the special jury recognition for courage in storytelling prize at the 2014 SXSW Film Festival.

MATTHEW DAVIT (BFA, Playwriting, ’01) is the assistant library director for the Madigan Library at Penn College in Williamsport, PA. Matthew is also on the Board of Directors of American Theater Company.
JARED DENNIS (MFA, Acting, '10) is a company member of New Millennium Theatre Company and Promethean Theatre Ensemble.

JASON DENUSZEK (BFA, Acting, ’99) now lives in LA with his wife and their daughter, Viviene McCue Denuszek. Jason is an ensemble member at LA’s Theatre of NOTE. He is also working for Pinnacle Performance.

MARIELLE de ROCCA-SERRA (BFA, Acting, ’10) is part of Gypsysetheque, a Chicago/Paris collaboration of gypsies, jazzers, and attitude. Their repertoire is primarily French (Marielle plays the violin and does vocals). They perform as part of lePercolateur.

ANNE DETTMER (BFA, Scene Design, ’04) works for a commercial landscaping company.

JENNIFER DEVENYNS (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’97) is at Slalom Consulting doing Talent Management. She is married to ANDREW FINLEY (BFA, Playwriting, ’97) and they have three children, Owen, Annalise and Keaton Joshua.

JULIA DEVITTO (BFA, Production Management, ’02) lives in San Diego, CA, where she is a mortgage loan officer with Bank of America Home Loans.

STEPHEN DIBENEDETTO (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’93) is the Chair of the Department of Theatre Arts at the University of Miami. His book The Provocation of the Senses in Contemporary Theatre was recently published. His book An Introduction to Theatre Design for Routledge was released in February 2012. Currently he is working on a co-edited collection entitled The Routledge Companion to Designer’s Shakespeare.

CASEY DIERS (BFA, Lighting Design, ’09) and ZACHARY LeDUC (BFA, Lighting Design, ’12) are accounts executives at DesignLab.

ANN DOWD (MFA, Acting, ’82) plays Channing Tatum’s mother in the feature film Side Effects, co-starring Rooney Mara and Jude Law. She plays Kathy in the film Gimme Shelter, co-starring Rosario Dawson, Vanessa Hudgens and James Earl Jones. She plays Patti Levin in the HBO series The Leftovers. Ann plays Sandra the fast food restaurant manager in the feature film Compliance. She received the National Board of Review’s award for Best Supporting Actress for the role. She guest starred on three episodes of Showtime’s Masters of Sex. Ann also guest starred on the season finale of HBO’s True Detective. Ann’s performances on television have even prompted on writer from Slate to write an article entitled “Ann Dowd had maybe the most remarkable year on TV an actor has ever had.” You can read it here.

RUSSELL DRAPKIN (BFA, Lighting Design, ’02) is a regional field director with Organizing for America in New Hampshire. He also joined the AFL-CIO as the Pennsylvania State Data Coordinator.

MATTHEW DUCEY (BFA, Playwriting, ’09) is currently working in LA as the HR manager at Pilgrim Studios. He started a production company called Lonely Birthday Productions. The company recently finished their first feature, written by Matthew, called Barack Obama Will Save Us. KATE COBB (BFA, Acting, ’10) is in the cast. KATHLEEN (MUELLER) MASON (BFA, Theatre Management, ’09) was the production manager.

PETER DUDGEON (BFA, Playwriting, ’01) went into casting in the Boston area and cast Ben Affleck’s first two films as a director, Gone Baby Gone and The Town after graduating from DePaul. He received his MFA in Film Directing from Boston University in 2006. Peter was also involved with casting 21, The Departed, Moonrise Kingdom, and That’s My Boy, among others. Peter has since moved to LA where he has been working on editorial crews. His recent projects as a post-production assistant include Lawless starring Shia LaBeouf and Oscar-nominated Zero Dark Thirty starring Jessica Chastain.

DAVID DUDLEY (BFA, Playwriting, ’13) will have two articles published this month. The first is an article for Contemporary Theatre Review. A Spanish translation of his American Theatre Magazine piece, “The Necessity of Anarchy,” is being published in Conjunto Theatre Journal based in Havana, Cuba.

BRIGID DUFFY (GSD, ’65) is co-producer of Stone Hearth Theatre and is offering $10 tickets to the TTS community for 4 o’clock shows. Brigid has a Walgreen’s national

Keyhole Theatre Company.

STEPHEN DAVIS (BFA, Acting, ’95) is teaching a ten week adult acting workshop at Centenary Stage Company through 4/13/15.

PAMELA MAE DAVIS (MFA, Acting, ’12) is a (re)resident artist at (re)discover theatre.

GAIL DeBIAK (BFA, Theatre Technology, ’82) works at Sculpture Studio, an architectural sign company in Elk Grove Village, IL.

ADENA DeMONTE (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’05) lives in Redwood City, CA, just south of San Francisco, where she is the marketing director at Badgевille, The Social Loyalty Platform. She frequently speaks across the country at conferences on social media, gamification and modern loyalty. Adena also blogs on topics related to social media marketing at www.adenademonte.com. Connect with Adena at @adenademonte on Twitter, http://gplus.to/adena on G+, and www.facebook.com/adena.
commercial running currently, appears in “Sirens” (USA) in January and is filming an indie. She will also be performing The Whistler with SAG-AFTRA's Chicago Local’s Seniors Radio Players at the Chicago Cultural Center on 2/25/15 at 7pm. The performance is free.

DENNIS DUGAN (BFA, Acting, ’69) most recently directed the films Just Go With It starring Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston and Jack and Jill starring Adam Sandler and Katie Holmes.

CARMEN DUTTON (BFA, Theatre Management, ’13) is the public relations/marketing director at Forget Me Not Theatre Company.

JOHN DYKHOUSE (BFA, Lighting Design, ’94) is the merchandise labor manager for Disney MGM and Epcot.

RYAN EDBERG (BFA, Stage Management, ’07) is working as a retail wireless consultant with Verizon Wireless in Southern California.

AMY EINGOLD (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’12) lives in NYC and is working at TodayTix, a service similar to TKTS but in app form.

LaTESHIA ELLERSON (BFA, Acting, ’05) is the annual fund manager/development associate at Kenny Leon’s True Colors Theatre Company in Atlanta, GA. LaTeshia is also writing grants for nonprofit organizations and teaching theatre and dance at her church in Atlanta. LaTeshia is also a participant in Theatre Communications Group’s SPARK Leadership program.

CYNTHIA (RICE) ELLINGSEN (BFA Acting program, ’95-’97) wrote the book The Whole Package, a mass market fiction novel about three women who open a restaurant staffed by scanty-clad men. The agency CAA is shopping book-to-film rights. She has just sold her second book to Penguin.

ALICE ELLIOTT (BFA, Acting, ’68) teaches Film and TV at NYU.

MELANIE (HERMANN) ELLIOTT (MFA, Acting, ’94) is a blogger for the online parenting magazine LIFEclectic Magazine. It’s 100% powered by parents for parents. She can also be followed on Twitter @Mom2TLE.

SCOTT ELLIS (BFA, Acting, ’78) is the associate artistic director of Roundabout Theatre Company in NYC and is currently directing episodes of Modern Family and Two Broke Girls. Scott is the father of toddler twins, Charlotte and Parker, and lives in NYC. Next, he’ll be working on On the Twentieth Century, starring Kristen Chenoweth and Hugh Jackman on Broadway. Scott is a producer and director for NBC’s Undateable, airing now. Broadway credits coming up include directing the Broadway revival of You Can’t Take It with You starring James Earl Jones set to open this fall, The Elephant Man starring Bradley Cooper opening in November, and On The Twentieth Century starring Kristin Chenoweth in 2015.

VIVIAN ELLIS (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’14), MEREDITH JOHNSTON (BFA, Acting, ’13), and GRACE PALMER (BFA, Acting, ’13) are Daaang Judi Dench, an improv team that performs at midnight on the first Friday of every month at the Playground Theater.

JEN ELLISON (BFA, Acting, ’96) teaches screenwriting for DePaul’s Digital Cinema Program.

JAMES ENGELHARDT (MFA, Directing, ’74) teaches screenwriting, film analysis, department orientation, hosts the guest seminar sessions, and serves as dialogue director (and occasional actor) for the film department at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, CA. He also hosts the LA television talk show, Inside the Industry. Jim invites you to contact him at 818/507-6491.

BRAD ERICKSON (BFA, Acting, ’82) is the executive director of Theatre Bay Area in San Francisco.

Jospeh Ettinger (BFA, Acting, ’10) was an editor for Deep Burial, a recent narrative feature, as well as Power’s War, a documentary feature.

HEATHER FAIRFIELD (BFA, Production Management, ’94) is a project executive for a Boston-based general contractor and moonlights doing make-up for regional theatre productions with Actor’s Collaborative.


WENDY (SCHEMBERG) FARBER (BFA, Acting, ’95) heads City Center Children’s Theatre, a non-profit organization with the goal of providing education to school-age children involving professional theatre aimed toward their life experiences. The company was approved to bring its Shakespeare to Youth Tour to five elementary schools within the Indianapolis Public School district. The mayor of Carmel, IL, has agreed that when the city’s new performing arts center is completed sometime this year, the City Center Children’s Theatre will be the building’s anchor organization.

GALE FARNSWORTH-SMITH (BFA, Acting, ’82) lives in Bozeman, MT, where she writes novels. For 20 years she and her late husband, SCOTT T. SMITH (GSD), had an Equity national touring theatre company, The Illustrated Theatre.

AMIE FARRELL (BFA, Acting, ’95) was Marc Lee’s Wife in American Sniper. Amie’s husband, LEONARD ROBERTS (BFA, Acting, ’95) is also in the film and plays Instructor Rolle.

CAMERON FEAGIN (MFA, Acting, ’94) teaches voice at Columbia College.

PAMELA FERGUSON (MFA, Acting, ’00) lives in Toronto, Canada. Her short story, “Autumnal,” was voted Canada’s Favourite and was a runner-up for the Canada Writes—CBC Short Story Prize. Pam is a Level II Stott Pilates instructor, fully certified in Mat, Reformer, Cadillac, Chair and Barrels, and a Coach U trained life coach. She launched her own business, Soar Personal Coaching and Pilates, and
KAREN FORT (BFA, Acting, '78) is an ensemble member of Prop Thtr.

CARYN (DAUS) FLANAGAN (BFA Acting program, '99, DePaul University) is the Co-Artistic Director of Strawdog Theatre Company, a theatre company that handles all hotel, air, and ground transportation for theatrical touring productions, concerts, sporting events, and film productions. She is also the associate director of marketing for La Jolla Playhouse.

VICTORY GARDENS THEATER
2433 N. Lincoln, 773/871-3000
Upcoming productions:

Samsara, opens 6/12/15 and runs through 7/8/15.
The Who and the What, opens 6/12/15 and runs through 7/12/15. KIMBERLY SENIOR (Faculty) will direct.

Victory Gardens Staff include:

DEAN CORRIN (Faculty) is a founding member of the playwrights ensemble
CHRIS MANNELLI (MFA, Arts Management, '09) is the managing director
JAMES SHERMAN (Faculty) is a founding member of the playwrights ensemble
FARREL WILSON (MFA, Acting, '89) is an artist in residence at several Chicago high schools for the education department.
DENNIS ZACEK (GSD & BA, DePaul University, '63) is the emeritus artistic director emeritus.

underway for the next volume that will document 1990-2005. For more information or to order a copy of the book for your library, visit www.worldscenography.org. Eric is a fellow of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT). This is an honorary designation bestowed for life upon those members who have made a truly outstanding contribution to the entertainment industry and the work of the Institute. Eric is a USITT Honorary Lifetime Member.

TIERSA FERRARO (MFA, Acting, '99) lives in Delafield, WI, with her husband and three children. She is a part of Morning Star Productions, a regional acting company, and has the pleasure of appearing with her kids occasionally. She continues to teach dance and drama to children and does private coaching for local professionals. She especially loves the teaching she does with Danceworks' Mad Hot Ballroom & Tap program in the Milwaukee Inner City schools.

JOHN FERRICK (BFA, Acting, '93) is an ensemble member of Strawdog Theatre Company, an associate of the DIVISION, and represented by Paonessa Talent. He recently appeared on Chicago PD after a year long run of back to back to back theatrical productions.

ERIC FIELDING (MFA, Scene Design, '76) is the co-editor of World Scenography 1975-1990 which has been published. The book is the first in a new series documenting significant international set, costume, and lighting design and is published by OISTAT (the International Organization of Scenographers, Technicians, and Architects of Theatre). Eric is working with a colleague from Toronto and a team of more than 100 contributing researchers around the globe. Research is now underway for the next volume that will document 1990-2005. For more information or to order a copy of the book for your library, visit www.worldscenography.org. Eric is a fellow of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT). This is an honorary designation bestowed for life upon those members who have made a truly outstanding contribution to the entertainment industry and the work of the Institute. Eric is a USITT Honorary Lifetime Member. JERRY GORRELL (BFA, Theatre Technology, '65) and NICK (GLENN) NASIELUS (Certificate, Lighting Design, '50) are also fellows.

CHRIS HOFMANN (Staff) has been elected as a Director at Large of USITT Midwest Regional Section. Congrats, Chris!

ISABELLE FIELDS (BFA, Costume Design, '06) works at Barbara Matera's costume shop in NYC.

EVAN FILLON (BFA, Dramaturgy and Criticism, '07) is in the band The Dandyls based in Atlanta, GA.

MAGGIE FINE (BFA, Acting, '02) is in the film The Hard Ride with Val Kilmer and Elizabeth Shue, currently in pre-production, and she is in Palominas with Daryl Hannah.

JOEL FINK (BFA, Acting, '71) is the associate dean and director of The Theatre Conservatory at the Chicago College of Performing Arts, Roosevelt University.

ANDREW FINLEY (BFA, Playwriting, '97) is married to JENNIFER DEVENYNS (BFA, Theatre Studies, '97) and they have three children, Owen, Annaliese, and Keaton Joshua. Andrew has been teaching English and drama and running the Drama Department for West Seattle High School since 2002. He recently became a nationally certified teacher. Check out the school's drama department here.

MIA FIORELLA (BFA, Theatre Management, '98) and her husband, Gabe Greene, live in San Diego, CA, where she is the housing coordinator for Road Rebel, a company that handles all hotel, air, and ground transportation for theatrical touring productions, concerts, sporting events, and film productions. She is also the associate director of marketing for La Jolla Playhouse.

MAGGIE FITZSIMMONS (BFA, Playwriting, '02) is attending law school in Chicago.

CARYN (DAUS) FLANAGAN (BFA Acting program, '87-'88) is the interim artistic director at Off Square Theatre, Wyoming's only year-round professional theatre company. Recent credits as Producer include a sold-out run of The 39 Steps, regional premiere of Women Who Steal, and a youth production of Annie with 65 local students (and one dog!). Recent acting credits include The Understudy at Off Square Theatre Company and A...my name is Alice at the Snowy Range Theatre/Dance Festival.

SHAWNA FLANIGAN (MFA, Directing, '97) is the director of arts education at the Center of Creative Arts, St. Louis, MO.

MARK FLEISCHER (MFA, Directing, '07) is the associate artistic director at Pittsburgh CLO.

JOE FLYNN (MFA, Acting, '12), JOHN CROSTWAITE (MFA, Acting, '12), and MICHAEL McKEOGH (MFA, Acting, '12) are part of the improv troupe The Cook County Regulars.

KEVIN FORSTER (BFA Acting Program, '02-'06) lives in Haines, AK, and he invites you to visit his site where you can purchase unique gifts. Kevin also leads mountain climbing tours for Alaska Mountain Guides and Climbing School Inc, website designed by Kevin.

KAREN FORT (BFA, Acting, '78) is an ensemble member of Prop Thtr.

SHAYNA FERM (BFA, Acting, '99) is a founder, writer, producer and performer in the NYC based group Fearsome Comedy, and is performing all over NY as a solo music/comedy act. She has released her first comedy/music album, Blonde, with her band, Shayna and The Upper Deckers, produced by Tubby Records. She is also performing in the international comedy TV show, The World Stands Up.
KEITH FORT (MFA, Acting, ‘78) continues to make a living producing live events and does 20 to 30 large corporate projects annually through his company, Fort Production Management.

ORIANA FOWLER (BFA, Theatre Management, ‘05) has launched her own business, Oriana Photography, in which she has combined the business skills she learned as an arts manager with her work as an artist/photographer. She photographs weddings, portraits, surf, and real estate.

TOSHA FOWLER (MFA, Acting, ’09) and VICTORIA (toy) DEIORIO (Faculty) are co-founders of COR Theatre.

TIM FRANK (BFA, Acting, ‘07) plays in BandCalledCatch. He is the talent buyer and live music coordinator for Hard Rock Café Chicago. Tim can be seen and heard in a number of commercials for TV and radio. BandCalledCatch’s songs “When in Rome” and “Shelly” will be featured on MTV’s Real World Portland this season. The band’s new album The Story is now available on iTunes. Tim founded The Foxhole Chicago, an artistic facility offering audio recording, voiceover demo production, low-cost rehearsal space for theater companies and bands, and more.

SHAWNA FRANKS (BFA, Acting, ‘90) lives in Phoenix, AZ, where she is the artistic director of Space 55 Theatre Ensemble. She and her husband have 2 sons, Jackson and Samson. She recently was featured in an interview where she mentions her training at The Theatre School—read the interview here.

AMBER (STARR) FRIENDLY (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘05) recently shot a national Chuck E. Cheese’s commercial as well as several independent projects. Amber is currently living in LA.

KATE FRISINA-WHITE (BFA, Acting, ‘85) is a part of the online talk show, LipsticknLaundry.

SARAH (BENOIT) FRUTIG (BFA, Acting, ‘73) will play the assistant principal in Kevin Costner’s upcoming film McFarland. She will appear on the third season of HBO’s The Newsroom in November. She is working on a one-woman show she also wrote, called “They Who Love An Old House”, to be presented at the Missing Piece Theatre in Burbank, CA on October 25th and 26th, 2014.

JONATHAN FULLER (BFA, Acting, ‘78) has been pursuing his craft for 35 years now. He has worked in the LORT Circuit, off-off Broadway, on TV and played leads in about 15 films. Jonathan is now teaching acting and directing at his alma mater, The Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham, AL. He is the co-artistic director of City Equity Theatre, now the longest running professional Equity theatre company in Birmingham’s history and this year has initiated the Equity Membership Candidacy Program with his company. Additionally, in a rare decision from Equity, he has gained permission to extend this program to his middle and high school students so they may begin earning points towards their Equity membership before entering college.

CORAL GABLE (BFA, Costume Design, ‘08) is a freelance hat designer and the manager for the recently opened full service hair salon Penny Lane Hair Studios, 2658 Sawyer, in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago, where she does hair and displays her hats.

CHRISTINE CONLEY (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘05) recently shot a national commercial for The Newsroom. She is working on a one-woman show she also wrote, called “They Who Love An Old House”, to be presented at the Missing Piece Theatre in Burbank, CA on October 25th and 26th, 2014.

MARK GAGLIARDI (BFA, Acting, ’01) and ERRON JAY (MFA, Acting, ’07) are in the web series Project 420; ARIEL BOROFF (BFA, Costume Design, ’07) designed the costumes.

SCOTT GALBRAITH (BFA, Acting, ’88) is the vice-president of Programming and Education for the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Orlando, FL.

ANDREW GALLANT (MFA, Acting,’09) and his wife Sommer Austin are co-founders/lead teachers of a series of Meisner based acting classes at Green Shirt Studio. Be sure to check out their website to find out what classes are coming up. Green Shirt offers FREE Friday night programming on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. DePaul alums can get $50 off their 10-week classes when you use the code “JOHN BRIDGES CANDY BOWL.” Andrew is also the artistic director of The Agency Theatre Collective which produces No Shame Theatre, an open-mic event where the first fifteen pieces to come to the door are performed, as long as they’re original, under five minutes, and don’t break any laws. No Shame Theatre takes place every Saturday night,10PM at the Lincoln Loft.

JULIE GANEY (BFA, Acting, ’88) wrote an article titled “Going Solo” for Chicago Artists Resource.

MARK GARTZMAN (Staff) joins The Theatre School staff as Assistant Theatre Technical Director (formerly the Technical Assistant position). Welcome, Mark!

SARAH (HADERER) GEARY (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’09) moved to Raleigh and is an Account Manager at Bronto Software. She also started Pie Crust Creative, a stationery and invitation company.

GENE GEMPERLINE (BFA, Playwriting,’06) works at Jellyvision.

HEATHER GILBERT (MFA, Lighting Design, ’97) is the recipient of a 2012 3Arts Award for her exemplary work in the performing arts. The award comes with a $15,000 prize. Congrats, Heather!

ERIC GILLIOM (BFA, Acting, ’85) lives in his native Hawaii and invites you to visit his website, ericgilliom.com.

LINDA GILLUM (Faculty) is a founding member of Defiant Theatre Company.
American Blues Theater
Offices: 800 W. Cornelia, Suite 204
312-725-4228
Performance Venue: Victory Gardens Richard Christiansen Theater
2433 N. Lincoln 773-875-3000
Native Son closed 10/12/14. This was a co-production with the Court. NAMBI E. KELLEY (BFA, Playwriting, ’95) was the playwright. TRACEY BONNER (MFA, Acting, ’05), SHANESIA DAVIS (BFA, Acting, ’89), and EDGAR MIGUEL SACIS (BFA, Acting, ’07) were in the cast.
Ensemble members include:
ED BLATCHFORD (MFA, Acting, ’84) (also the co-founder)
CASEY CAMPBELL (BFA, Acting, ’06)
NAMBI E. KELLEY (BFA, Playwriting, ’95).
DENNIS ZACEK (GSD & BA, DePaul University, ’63) is on the company’s advisory council.

NASELIUS (Certificate, Lighting Design, ’50). CHRIS HOFMANN (Staff) has been elected as a Director at Large of USITT Midwest Regional Section. Congrats, Chris!

JOHN GRAHAM (BFA, Acting program, ’81-’83) is in the feature film Star Power.

MAXWELL GRAHAM (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’05) is pursuing an MA in Modern Art History at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he also serves as an assistant professor for undergraduates.

JAMES GRANT (BFA, Acting, ’62) is in Beyond A Reasonable Doubt with Michael Douglas, available on DVD. He will also be seen in the SyFy Channel’s original movie. Monster Wolf. He continues to do voice work for FUNimation’s many cartoon series. James appeared in the film Bernie with Jack Black, Matthew McConaughey and Shirley MacClaine. He is Ambrosio the Great in Stryngs, a feature film which was screened at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival. Check out his reel here.

TERRY GREEN (MFA, Directing, ’82) runs the motion picture production company, Strata Productions. They have a blog, StrataNews, which gives up to date information on No God, No Master, and other pertinent production/company happenings. All their other websites are linked to the blog as well.

VANESSA GREENWAY (BFA, Acting, ’98) is a certified Pilates and Gyrotonic instructor, and teaches at Chicago River North Pilates and as adjunct faculty at The Theatre School. She has received two Jeff Awards for her work in Chicago area theatres, and has been nominated four times.

JUDY (EVANS) GREER (BFA, Acting, ’97) will starred in FX’s Married, which premiered 7/17/14. She plays Ashton Kutcher’s ex-wife Bridget on Two and a Half Men. She wrote a book: I Don’t Know What You Know Me From: Confessions of a Co-Star. Judy is the voice of Cheryl in the FX animated series Archer and also appears on Showtime’s Californication. Judy has now been in over 40 feature films.

PAUL GREGORY (BFA, Lighting Design, ’73) is the founder and President of Focus Lighting, Inc, an architectural lighting design firm in NYC. He has received numerous awards recognizing his design work, multiple Lumen Awards, as well as the IALD, Waterbury, ASID Awards, and Lighting Dimension International’s “Lighting Designer of the Year” Award. He is also a member of Architectural Lighting’s Solid Gold Hall of Fame. With JOSHUA SPITZIG (BFA, Scene Design, ’01) he designed the architectural and exhibit lighting for Science Storms at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. It features interactive exhibits on the science of light along with other natural phenomena and has won 16 industry awards, including a THEA for outstanding Achievement, an IES Lumen Award of Excellence in Lighting, and an IALD Award of Merit for Lighting. His firm is currently designing the lighting for the Taipei Pop Music Center in Taiwan. Paul’s company Focus Lighting recently designed the lighting for the Klyde Warren Park in Dallas, TX and Andaz Maui at Wailea. He and BRIAN STACY (BFA, Lighting Design, ’95) recently received an AI Light & Architecture Design Awards.

TIM GREGORY (MFA, Acting, ’97) is the founding artistic director of Provision Theater Company.

J. MICHAEL GRIGGS (BFA, Scene Design, ’86) is in his 18th year teaching theatre design at Harvard University and being the technical director for Redmoon Theatre.
DENNIS GRIMALDI (BFA, Acting, ’69) co-produced the Broadway production of A Gentleman’s Guide which took the Grand Slam of 2014 awards—the Tony, Drama Desk, Drama League, and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Musical. He also co-produced The Realistic Joneses by Will Eno, now on Broadway. The cast, starring Tracy Letts, Toni Collette, Marisa Tomei, and Michael C. Hall took home the Drama Desk for Best Acting Ensemble. Currently Co-Producing the revival of Bernstein/Comden/Green On the Town and Wendy Wasserstein’s Pulitzer Prize winning The Heidi Chronicles with Elisabeth Moss, Jason Biggs and Bryce Pinkham. He also Produced the Broadway production of A Gentleman’s Guide which took the Grand Slam of 2014 awards; the Tony, Drama Desk, Drama League, and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Musical.

CHET GRISSOM (BFA, Acting, ’87) will be appearing in an upcoming episode of Fresh Off The Boat on ABC on March 17th, and has a recurring role in HBO’s True Detective which will air this summer. He can also be seen in the feature The Veil starring Jessica Alba, Thomas Jane, and Lily Rabe coming soon. On stage he’s appearing in Wendy MacLeod’s Things Being What They Are at The Road Theatre in North Hollywood opening April 23rd.

VINNY GAUSTAFERRO (MFA, Acting, ’76) has been teaching two scene study classes in LA at The Sport of Acting. One concentrates exclusively on film and television work, and the other exclusively on David Mamet’s work.

JULIA GUICHARD (BFA, Acting, ’84) is a tenured associate professor of theatre at Miami University, Oxford, OH.

EMILY GUTHRIE (BFA, Scene Design, ’09) is the company manager and an ensemble member of Red Tape Theatre.

CHRISTINE HALE (BFA, Theatre Management, ’03) is an Operations Project Manager for Swedish Medical Group in Seattle, WA.

ALICIA HALL-FLESCH (MFA, Acting, ’97) is a company/board member of The Moving Dock Theatre.

RON HANKS (MFA, Acting, ’02) just wrapped “Afterloves”, a comedy he co-wrote and co-starred in for the Hollywood Fringe Festival, and recently directed his first short film, “Dirt Eaters”, written by fellow TTS alum MEGAN BREEN (BFA, Dramaturgy/Criticism, ’02), and Hair/Makeup by alum KRISTY STAKY (BFA, Acting, ’11). He will be directing his first feature film “I’m OK” (starring Dot-Marie Jones and Alex Fmka) in Oklahoma this fall. Finally, he is one of the stars of a new film “Disaster LA” which will be distributed by Warner Bros in late September on DVD.

JESSICA HANNA (BFA, Acting, ’92) is the co-founder, and managing & producing director of Bootleg Theater in LA. She is married to MIKE DUNN (BFA, Acting, ’96). On the second Monday of every month Bootleg hosts Write Club Los Angeles.

NATHANIEL HARE (BFA, Theatre Technology, ’02) is currently working as the FOH Mixer for Late Night with Jimmy Fallon. He has been working full-time with NBC for two years, occasionally working on the Today Show and K. This coming Spring he will reunite with his design partner Duncan Robert Edwards to work on a new sound system for Studio 8H at 30 Rock Center.

HOLLIE HARPER (BFA, Acting, ’94) is the creative director of American Candy, a NYC sketch comedy group.

LISA HARRISON (BFA, Costume Design, ’92) is a labor relations representative/attorney with the Michigan Nurses Association.

KAT HAUN (BFA, Lighting Design, ’02) is the project manager for DIRTt wall systems in Atlanta, GA.

JENNIFER HAWBAKER (BFA, Costume Design, ’05) was the assistant costume designer for American Hustle. She is currently the assistant costume designer for Batman v. Superman.

STEWART HAWK (MFA, Directing, ’77) is the chair of the theatre department at the magnet Garfield High School in the Seattle, WA, school district. He is also a part of Theatre Puget Sound, a trade and leadership organization in Seattle.

ERIC HAYES (MFA, Acting, ’96) is on the board of directors for the Eugene O’Neill Foundation.

WENDY RICHARDS HAYNES (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’90) is the director of the Performing Arts Program at the Curie Metro High School for the Performing Arts.
SONDRA HEALY (BFA, Acting, ’64) is on the advisory board for Child’s Play Touring Theatre. Child’s Play has an annual summer theatre camp that uses the TTS Facilities.

STEVE HELLER (BFA, Acting, ’84) is a guest blogger on BradBlog.

ERICA HEMMINGER (MFA, Scenic Design, ’03) has been working for set designer Derek McLane for the past 7 years. She recently served as his associate set designer on the Tony Award nominated Anything Goes and Follies, currently on Broadway. She is currently working on Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Stephen Sondheim Theatre, NYC.

CRISS HENDERSON (BFA, Production Management, ’86 & Faculty) is a professional associate on The Theatre School Board and is president of The Producers’ Association of Chicago Area Theatres.

TIM HENDRICKSON (MFA, Acting, ’91) was diagnosed with the rare incurable blood disorder amyloidosis in December of 2010. He started a blog called Amy & Me, discussing his experiences.

RACHEL HENNEBERRY (BFA, Production Management, ’95) is a staff stage manager at the San Francisco Opera.

MARK HERMAN (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’10) founded a company called Mark Herman Design, a creative marketing agency specializing in web design, video production, and digital marketing.

ROB HESS (BFA Acting Program, ’93-’95) teaches film at the University of Michigan.

MINDY HESTER (BFA, Acting, ’92) works as a children’s singer/guitarist performing all over Chicago and the suburbs. Her band Mindy Hester & The Time Outs performs regularly. She invites you to visit her website for more information.

EMILY HEUGATTER-MATTHIAS (MFA, Acting, ’06) is in a full-time tenure track assistant professor position at Centenary College in Shreveport, LA.

KELLY HIRES (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’09) works with Gersh Agency for two theatre agents. Recently she has worked with the O’Neill Center, The Dramatist Guild, New Dramatists and Playwrights Horizons.

MARY (GRILL) HOBBY (BFA, Acting, ’03) is guest starring on season three of HBO’s Veep. She also has a recurring role on FOX’s The Mindy Project, which has at her and husband Matt have started a Matt & Mary web series on YouTube and she is also one half of the comedy duo Matt & Mary. She is in the feature film Breakup At A Wedding.

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Squad, a show Tom co-created with The Duplicates, earned six Austin Critics nominations and won for Best Lighting and Best Ensemble. Tom recently graduated from UT Austin with his MFA in Playwriting.

JASON HORGAN (BFA, Acting program, ‘91-‘93) is a licensed realtor in Georgia with Coldwell-Banker Residential Brokers. Feel free to contact Jason for help if you’re purchasing or selling a home or piece of land anywhere in the U.S.

LEIGH HORSLEY (BFA, Acting, ‘88) has been named the director of development for the Alabama School of Fine Arts Education.

CHUCK HUBER (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘94) plays Hugh Jameison in the feature film Parkland, produced by Tom Hanks and starring Paul Giamatti. He stars in Odd Man Out with Matt Tompkins, as the voice of Dr. Stein in Soul Eater on Toonami’s Adult Swim and as Dr. McCoy on the streaming series Star Trek Continues. His first feature, Arbor Day: The Musical, is in post-production.

PATRICK HUDSON (BFA, Lighting Design, ‘96) is the founder and operator of BackstageJobs.com, currently the largest free website for behind-the-scenes job listings. He is a member of IATSE Local 2. He also does lighting consulting work for various theatres around Chicago. He and his wife Ruth Hudson (Helms) live in Evanston, IL, with their 8-year-old son.

CHLOE EMMA HUGHES (BFA, Theatre Arts, ‘08) lives in NYC and is the director of development at Vineyard Theatre.

TRACY HULTGREN (BFA, Acting, ‘85) is the 1st licensed and certified SAQ (Speed, Agility, Quickness) advanced trainer in the US. He is the founder and president of Advanced Fitness Training. AFT is dedicated to teaching and developing fundamental movement skills that can be integrated into sports, leisure and fitness activities of all ages. Tracy completed a master’s degree in human movement (kinesiology) from A.T. Still University Arizona School of Health Sciences and is now an adjunct faculty member there where he teaches motor control.

MATT HUNE (BFA, Acting, ‘08) is an artistic associate of Back Porch Theatre Company in Houston, TX.

JULIE (GRANATA) HUNICUTT (BFA, Acting, ‘99) is currently living/working in LA with her husband, Eric. She’s also proudly practicing her craft with friends and artists at Steppenwolf Classes West. She teaches movement for actors and public and private yoga classes in LA.

LINDA HUNT (BFA, Acting, ‘66) plays series regular Henrietta on CBS’s NCIS: Los Angeles, which has completed its 5th season.

MAUREEN HUNTLEY (BFA, Acting, ‘82) is a certified holistic nutritional counselor and is also Mo Green Juice, a raw juice company based in the New York and New Jersey area. Check out the locations here.

JOE HUPPERT (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘04) is the sound supervisor for La Jolla Playhouse and the UC San Diego theater program. Joe recently designed the sound for STOP KISS at The Pasadena Playhouse and runs through 11/30/14. Discounts available with code, ALUM40 for orchestra/mezzanine seating, ALUM35 for rear orchestra seating, or ALUM 30 for rear mezzanine seating.

KRISTIN IDASZAK (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’09) is in the MFA Playwriting program at University of California San Diego, class of 2015. Her play The Liar Paradox was nominated for the Kilroys List, and will be receiving a staged reading in the Road Theatre Company's 2014 Playwrights Summer Festival. Her play The Fallen Woman’s Guide to Packing Heat was a Bay Area Playwright’s Festival’s finalist.

ERICA IKEDA (BFA, Acting, ‘10) lives in LA and is in the cast of Remember to Breathe, an independent feature film. The film will premiere at the Sedona Film Festival.

SCOTT ILLINGWORTH (BFA, Acting, ’98 & MFA, Directing, ‘08) is an Assistant Arts Professor at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts graduate acting program and head of their Global Projects. Scott also teaches master classes for LAByrinth Theater Company in NYC and is the associate director for Barefoot Theatre Company in NYC. This past December he married Jamie Wolfe in a ceremony in New Zealand.

JAMES IMMEKUS (BFA, Acting, ‘03) is a member of the Interact Theatre Company in North Hollywood, CA. He is also in commercials for Mountain Dew and Carl’s Jr./Hardee’s.

HEATHER IRELAND (MFA, Acting, ’96) has been named Executive Director of the Beverly Arts Center of Chicago.

ANNE JACOBS (BFA, Theatre Technology, ‘02) is in NYC working in the production management division of Showman, working on several Broadway and TV shows including NBC’s Today Show, NBC’s Football Night in America, and CBS Football.

SETH JACOBS (MFA, Acting, ‘89) has published his third book, The Universe Unraveling with Cornell University Press. He is also an associate professor of history at Boston College.
LAVINA JADHWANI (MFA, Directing, ’15) has been accepted as one of two directing fellows for the Drama League Classical Directing Program. MICHAEL OSINSKI (MFA, Directing, ’14) has also been accepted as one of four directing fellows for the Drama League Fall Production Program. Congrats, Lavina and Michael!

SUSAN JAMSHIDI (MFA, Acting, ’07) is Arlene in the short film Cicero in Winter.

ERRÓN JAY (EJ SHAW) (MFA Acting program, ’04-’07) can be seen featured in VH1’s Famous Crime Scenes as Notorious B.I.G., and has national commercials for AT&T, both having aired in April. Erron and MARK GAGLIARDI (BFA, Acting, ’01) are in the new web series Project 420; ARIEL BOROFF (BFA, Costume Design, ’07) designed the costumes.

LUKE JOHANSON (BFA Acting Program, ’02-’06) is in the band Brothers of August.

ANTHONY JOHNSON (BFA, Production Management, ’95) is the production manager and lighting designer for Brentwood School in LA. He also heads the Performing Arts Consortium, a small organization of teachers and staff of private schools on the West side of Los Angeles. He is married with a one year-old boy, Augustus, “Augie.”

JIM JOHNSON (Former Faculty) worked with some other voice teachers developing AccentHelp, a website that offers recordings and written materials for learning a dialect. The site currently offers over 40 downloads. Jim is the director of the University of Houston School of Theatre & Dance. This season he will provide voice coaching for The Magic Flute and Sweeney Todd at Houston Grand Opera, Peace in Our Time at Main Street Theatre, A Christmas Carol at the Alley Theatre, and Playboy of the Western World at University of Houston. He is also the Executive Director of the Houston Shakespeare Festival, now in its 41st season.

TERRY (MAMSCH) JOHNSON (BFA Acting program, ’83-’86) is enrolled in the Art Spiritual Direction program at the San Francisco Theological Seminary. She is in attendance for the month of January in 2014 & 2015, with the remainder of the program being completed through distance learning. Terry lives in Memphis, TN.

MEREDITH JOHNSTON (BFA, Acting, ’13), VIVIAN ELLIS (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’14), and GRACE PALMER (BFA, Acting, ’13) are Daang Judi Dench, an improv team that performs at midnight on the First Friday of every month at the Playground Theater.

KELSEY JORISSEN (BFA, Acting, ’11) was recently nominated by the Indie Series Awards in LA for Best Writing and Best Ensemble on the Chicago-based web series The Dreamers. Kelsey fundraised through Seed & Spark, an online filmmaker crowd funding platform, and was given the green light to write and direct 12 episodes at 30 minutes each. She also has been touring nationally with Griffin Theatre’s shows Letters Home and Stinky Cheeseman. Kelsey is in the second season of Wolf Point Media’s webisode series The Scarlet Line. Kelsey, AMY RAPP (BFA, Theatre Management, ’11), and STEPHEN CEFALU (BFA, Acting program, ’07-’08) appeared in a series of short films which premiered at the Den Theatre presented by Acting Studio Chicago.

NIC JONES (BFA, Lighting Design, ’08) worked on the feature film Superman: Man of Steel. He recently worked on Fox’s Mob Doctor and Showtime’s Shameless. Nic designed the lighting for the Movement to Music documentary as well as TIM FRANK’s (BFA, Acting, ’07) Band Called Catch at the movement to music. Nic also designed the dimming and control system for Cinespace Studio which is the largest North American soundstage outside of LA. He is also a lighting console programmer/set electrician for IATSE 476 Studio Mechanics Local.

EDDIE JORDAN III (BFA, Acting, ’04) is a company member at MPAACT Theatre.

KELSEY JORISSEN (BFA, Acting, ’11) is currently in the cast of the web series The Scarlet Line, associated with Wolf Point Media. She also just photographed her first wedding for ELLEN CHAMBERS (BFA, Acting, ’08) and her husband.

LISA JOYCE (BFA, Acting, ’04) lives in Brooklyn, NY. She plays Hilde in an Andre Gregory and Wallace Shawn film adaptation of Henrik Ibsen’s The Master Builder.

SIMONE JUBYNA (BFA, Acting program, ’89-’92) is co-artistic director with Mike Driscoll of the Orgie Award-winning theatre Citizens’ Relief. A discussion of their production of Tennessee Williams’ The Two-Character Play is featured in the Fall 2013 inaugural edition of the Chicago Arts Journal.
JESS JUNG (MFA, Directing, ’11) is producing and directing Happy Days at CulturalDC’s Mead Theatre Lab this February. She has launched an Indiegogo campaign to help raise funds for the production; if you are interested in donating, click here.

BETSY (LEONARD) KAAGE (BFA, Scene Design, ’92) lives in Galena, IL, with her husband Bill and their two children. She works for Vintaj Natural Brass Co. as the assistant to the art director. Vintaj sells wholesale, hand processed findings and embellishments to the jewelry and craft industries. Betsy designs mixed media, altered art and jewelry projects for the Art Dept. and mediates the blog, Facebook and Twitter pages. She recently became involved in the Education Dept, assisting in the workshops and events Vintaj hosts or attends. Visit the Idea Gallery at www.vintaj.com to see some of her work and become a fan at www.facebook.com/vintajnaturalbrass!

JEREMY KAHN (BFA, Acting, ’09) and TUCKIE (MARTHA) WHITE (BFA Acting Program 05’-09) are in the film The Removed with Daniel Baldwin. Jeremy lives in San Francisco, CA.

BOB KALLUS (BFA, Directing, ’72) acted and directed through 1981 before switching careers. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist living and working in Valparaiso, IN.

LEVI KAPLAN (MFA, Directing, ’03) is the director of theatre as well as chair of the theatre department at Woodward Academy in Atlanta, GA. He directed Les Misérables at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center.

STANA KATIC (MFA Acting Program, ’00-’02) plays series regular Kate Beckett on ABC’s Castle, which has completed its 6th season.

LAYNI KATZ (Certificate, Acting, ’86) has a CD available. Congratulations, Layni!

JOE KAZMIERSKI (BFA, Lighting Design, ’00) enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 2002. He was deployed to the Persian Gulf from February through August 2003. Currently, he is a Damage Controlman 2nd class (E-5) working as a Firefighter/EMT on his ship, the USS LEYTE GULF CG-55, in Norfolk, VA.

GEORGE KEATING (BFA, Acting, ’90) is part of the not-for-profit organization The Dog Saving Network, a group dedicated to dog rescue and positive reinforcement training.

ERIN KEHR (BFA, Scene Design, ’98) is the properties manager at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

CHLOE KELLER (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’93) is currently living in Northern Cyprus and working as the theatre director for the English School of Kyrenia.

DAN KERR-HOBERT (BFA, Acting, ’03) is a company member at Blair Thomas & Company. He is also a freelance puppet designer as well as an artist-in-residence at Lurie Children’s Hospital.

KELLY KERWIN (BFA, Dramaturgy/Criticism, ’08) is an MFA candidate at the Yale School of Drama as part of the Dramaturgy/Criticism class of 2015. There, she is the dramaturg for the world premier of Lottie in the late Afternoon by Amelia Roper (part of the Carlotta Festival of New Plays). She is one of three artistic directors for the Yale Cabaret’s 2013 Dramatic Criticism class of 2015. There, she is the dramaturg for the world premier of The Removed with Daniel Baldwin.

KATHY KEYES (Faculty) has been a voiceover artist for the past 14 years. Some of her recent work includes commercial voiceovers for Bud Light, Kraft, McDonald’s and RayOVac.

LIZA KEYNE (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’02) is the drama teacher and director of the drama department at Holmes Middle School in Wheeling, IL. She received her Masters in Education for Theatre from Loyola University in 2010.

A. LESLIE KIES (BFA, Acting, ’04) lives in LA. She can be seen in a national Dunkin’ Donuts commercial. Leslie recently worked with cinematographer Greg Fraser (of Zero Dark Thirty) on a national Bank of America commercial. She can be seen as Becca, opposite Mark Moses and Melora Walters on FOX’s Rake. She can also been seen on season 3 of HBO’s critically acclaimed The Newsroom as Alex Thatcher.

JACQUELINE KIM (BFA, Acting, ’87) was part of an ordination ceremony in October.

BARBARA KINGSLEY (BFA, Acting, ’75) had a reading of her play Under This Roof funded by the Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant she received in 2011. She wrote and performed her one-woman show I Am Proof of Me in the Twin Cities, MN. With support from Minnesota Regional Arts Council Next Step Grant she created the one-act. She is currently in Naples, FL as Gulfshore Playhouse, playing Martha in The Game’s Afoot. After 34 years, she has relocated from the Twin Cities, MN to NYC.

LEE KIRK (BFA, Acting, ’96) wrote and directed the film The Giant Mechanical Man, starring Topher Grace, Jenna Fischer, Malin Akerman, Bob Odenkirk, and Chris Messina. SEAN GUNN (BFA, Acting, ’96) is also in the film. It premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival and is being distributed by Tribeca Films. His play Champion had a reading by Naked Angels in NYC and they’re hoping to produce it next year.
YASMIN KISS (BFA, Production Management, ‘98) is the production stage manager at the Seattle Opera.

RYAN KITLEY (MFA, Acting, ‘98) founded the Ensemble Workshop in LA and has since relocated to Chicago were he is a faculty member of The Piven Theatre Workshop and the Actors Training Center in Wilmette where he teaches acting classes for both kids and adults. Ryan published his first book, Acting with Integrity, which is available at Amazon.

MARK KLARICH (BFA, Acting, ‘76) is in a national commercial for Allstate Insurance, currently running. He is a volunteer and participant in YoungStorytellers, a Hollywood-backed organization that works with 5th graders to write a short screenplay, which is then performed by professional actors at the participating schools. He is also an attorney and an accountant, practicing tax, business and entertainment law in NH, VT and AZ. He and his wife Ochazania raised 8 children and they have 10 grandchildren. Mark, his wife and 2 children are members of the musical group D'Moja, which has performed throughout New England over the last 18 years.

RACHEL KLEEM (MFA, Acting, ‘96) and her husband founded Common Ground Theatre in Durham, NC. Rachel is teaching intro to theatre and is a part-time acting coach at North Carolina State University.

JULIE KLINE (BFA, Acting, ‘02) lives and works in NYC. She is a literary associate at Rattlestink Playwrights Theatre, an artistic associate of Rising Phoenix Repertory, and associate director with Roots & Branches Theatre, an inter-generational theatre company in NYC (find them on Facebook!). With Roots & Branches, she recently associate-directed and appeared in GOING DUTCH at a sold-out run at the Baryshnikov Arts Center. With Rising Phoenix Rep, she is the co-producer of the CINO Nights series - a monthly series of brand-new plays written for and performed in the back room of Jimmy's No. 43 restaurant in the East Village. Julie directed the solo show MAGDALEN written and performed by Erin Layton in 2011. She also appears in the independent film How To Make Movies at Home (again on Facebook!), currently in post-production.

COLLEEN (WELSH) KNAPP (BFA, Production Management, ‘02) is married to Alex Knapp. She received her Masters in Higher Education Administration from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, and is currently teaching and mentoring stage management students at Ohio Northern University.

ALEXANDER KOCH (BFA, Acting, ‘12) is Junior in CBS' Stephen King/Steven Spielberg series Under the Dome which starts its second season on 6/30/14. CAITLIN MONTAYNE PARRISH (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘06) is on the writing staff.

BRIAN KOESTER (BFA, Acting, ‘00) owns The Bark Bark Club, a Chicago dog grooming salon and boarding service. The Bark Bark Club has recently opened an online store, which can be found here. A portion of every purchase will be donated to charity.

MEGAN KOHL (MFA, Acting, ‘09) invites you to visit her website here.

PAUL KONRAD (BFA, Acting, ‘87) can be seen Monday through Friday mornings as the weatherman on WGN-TV’s morning news show and is a professional associate on The Theatre School Board.

KEITH KORNELUK (BFA, Acting, ‘00) runs Actor Site Pro - a web design company for actors. Keith is offering 25% off for all students and alumni of the Theatre School. Check it out at http://actorsitepro.com.

DAVID KOVAC (BFA, Acting, ‘93) invites you to visit his website.

HEATHER (LINDSTEN) KRAUZA (BFA, Costume Design, ’99) is a technical designer for Babies “R” Us in New Jersey.

MICHAEL KRAWIC (MFA, Acting, ‘82) recorded the voice of Uncle Henry in the upcoming sequel to The Wizard of Oz titled: Dorothy of Oz based on the Frank Baum book. It is a CG, 3-D animated feature that will soon have a world wide release date. RYAN CARROLL (Certificate, Acting, ’82) served as executive producer. Lea Michele voices Dorothy, Martin Short voices the Jester, Dan Akroyd voices the Scarecrow, Kelsey Grammer voices the Tin Man, Jim Belushi voices the Lion, and Patrick Stewart voices Tugg.

ADAM KROLOFF (BFA, Acting, ’93) lives in Pittsburgh, PA, and is doing voiceover and commercial work. He stars in the web series/TV pilot Off Brand. He has also appeared in Spike TV’s The Kill Point, and the film Unstopable, co-starring Denzel Washington and Chris Pine. He is also in A New York Heartbeat, co-starring Eric Roberts. He is also leader of the band Captain Paradox whose debut album is available on iTunes and CaptainParadox.com.

AARON KUBAY (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’06) is currently living in Washington, D.C. He’s worked on two exciting film projects - an American Sign Language dictionary app as well as ASL videos about Medicare for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, both will be released soon. He’s been elected president of Sign Performing Artists, Inc. (SPA), a small non-profit organization that specializes in theatre interpreting in the D.C. area. He recently interpreted a show, Handspeak, at the Family Theatre at the Kennedy Center. He will be hosting a ASL workshop, “The A-Z of Theatrical Interpreting” in conjuction with Deaf Communication by Innovation in Chicago March 20-22. Click here to register.

CAROLYN LADD (MFA, Acting, ‘99) teaches voice and speech at the Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven, CT, as well as
private voice lessons.

MATTHEW LAMBERT (BFA, Theatre Management, ‘94) is the stage manager for The Lion King US tour.

KELSEY LAMM (BFA, Stage Management, ‘09) is the director of special events at The Actors Gymnasium in Evanston. This year, Kelsey joins The Theatre School as our Production Coordinator. Welcome back, Kelsey!

ELISE LAMMERS (BFA, Acting, ‘04) lives in Shanghai, where she is currently working for an education management company called Dipont. She primarily teaches drama to high school students. They are looking to hire a full-time teacher to join their team. To request a job description or submit cover letter and CV, please email elise.lammers@enreachedu.com.

JOHNNY LANCASTER (MFA, Acting, ‘97) is the voice of AirTran Airlines, the Pepsi Vanilla campaign, and the Fisher Price Rescue Heroes toy line. He has voiceover TV spots currently running for Pringles, Hall’s Fruitbreezers, Zest, Dannon, Center for Disease Control, Pillsbury, Panasonic, NY Lottery, Discovery Health, Showtime, Dentyne Ice and L’Oreal. Johnny does promos for Fifth Wheel, IFC, Nickelodeon, MTV, and the Cartoon Network. He’s the voice of the 200 Greatest Pop Culture Icons show that will run for the next three years on VH1, and he narrates the NBC TV show Olympic Gold, which is hosted by former Olympian Summer Sanders. And of course, there are his radio spots for AOL, Verizon, Staples, Lowes, Titleist Golf Balls and Crown Royal.

PENNY LANE (SANDI MARCUS) (Certificate, Acting, ‘66) lives in Chicago and went into public relations after a career in voiceovers, spending six years working for a large firm, then branched out on her own 6 years ago doing small to medium sized accounts. Contact Penny at PENLAJ@aol.com

BETHANY LANG (BFA, Theatre Management, ‘08) is the Implementation & Training Consultant at Z2 Systems, a fundraising system for non-profits.

SUZANNE LANG FODOR (MFA, Acting, ‘04 & Faculty) filmed two short films: “A Light Beneath Their Feet” and “Beyond a Field of Poppies.”

JAMES LANGA (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘05) and MICHAEL CHIAPPE (BFA, Acting, ‘05) run IMAGINIF, an entertainment company in Cleveland, OH.

KRISTEN LARSEN (BFA, Production Management, ‘87), is the executive director of Stage 773.

KEVIN LAWSON (BFA, Lighting Design, ‘91) was Lighting Director for Youtube/Google Comedy Week’s Big Live Comedy Show, VH1’s Philly 4th of July Jam, Univision’s Premios Juventud, and NBC’s Healing in the Heartland which raised over $6 million for tornado victims in Oklahoma. He also has been nominated for a 2013 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lighting Design for a Variety Special for HBO’s 2013 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

JEN LEAHY (BFA, Theatre Technology, ‘04 & Staff) and her family once again will be decorating the Lithuanian Christmas tree with traditional handmade straw ornaments for the Museum of Science and Industry’s Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light exhibit. The trees will be on display Nov. 13th- Jan. 4th.

MICK (MICHAEL) LEAVITT (BFA, Acting, ‘81) is a multi Tony Award-winning producer and former president of Fox Theatrical. He and partner Stuart Oken formed Elephant Eye Theatrical (EET). He is also on the board of Chicago Children’s Theatre.

ZACHARY LeDUC (BFA, Lighting Design, ‘12) and CASEY DIERS (BFA, Lighting Design, ‘09) are accounts executives for DesignLab Chicago.

EUGENE LEE (BFA, Scene Design, ‘64) is a resident designer at Trinity Rep. Eugene was awarded the 2014 USITT Distinguished Achievement Award in Scene Design. Congrats, Eugene!

KRISHNA LeFAN (BFA, Acting, ‘96) is a company member of Trap Door Theatre.

LIZZ LEISER (BFA, Playwriting, ‘01) is an active playwright in NYC and is also working at Creative Talent Company.

JOSH LEVINE’s s (BFA, Playwriting, ‘02) play Homemade recently won the Kennedy Center ACTF Mark Twain Award for Comic Playwriting. His newest play, Adult Children, was read at Primary Stages as part of Dorothy Streslin New American Writers Group Fresh Ink Series. Josh was in residence at SPACE on Ryder Farm in June and will be a Kennedy Center Playwright Fellow at the O’Neill Playwrights Conference in July. His play, A Merry Jewish Christmas, which received its premiere in Chicago in 2003, will be performed at Collin College in Texas in December.
DANA LEWENTHAL (MFA, Acting, ‘97) invites you to visit her website. She is currently playing Suzanne Aubin in “The Ladies Man” at Role Players Ensemble directed by ERIC HAYES (MFA, Acting, ‘96). Her own baking/confection business called Leading Lady Delights is in its second year. Dana has been married for 15 years and has two children.

DAN LEWIS (BFA, Acting, ‘14) guest starred in the 10/1/14 episode of NBC’s Chicago Fire and recently shot a national KFC commercial. Dan is currently traveling with the national tour of Griffin Theatre Company’s Letters Home along with former classmates KIKI LAYNE (BFA, Acting ‘14) and SEAN WIBERG (BFA, Acting, ‘14).

KELLUM LEWIS (MFA, Acting, ‘92) is a psychotherapist in private practice in Pasadena, CA, specializing in working with gay men and lesbians as well as actors, writers, directors, visual artists, and other in the art and entertainment industry. He also regularly teaches psychology as part of the adjunct faculty of Antioch University Los Angeles.

ANNE LIBERA (Faculty) has written a book, The Second City Almanac of Improvisation.

BRIDGET LIDDELL (BFA, Theatre Arts, ‘11) is currently traveling in India. You can follow her travels here.

TINA LILLY (MFA, Directing, ‘92) is the arts services manager for Georgia Council for the Arts in Atlanta.

ROLANDO LINARES (BFA, Production Management, ‘99) is the assistant stage manager for the touring production of Wicked.

ALEXIS LINKS (BFA, Theatre Arts, ‘11 & Former Staff) is now a casting assistant at Paskal Rudnicke Casting along with MARK BOERGERS (MFA, Acting, ‘10).

NIKKI LINT (BFA, Production Management, ‘03) is stage managing at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre in Florida, which recently won 8 Carbonell Awards. Nikki is also a distributor for Juice Plus (concentrated fruit & vegetables in capsule & gummy form).

PAULA (CALE) LISBE (BFA, Acting, ‘93) is a professional associate on The Theatre School Board.

DON LIVESAY (BFA, Acting, ‘73) recently retired after 38 consecutive years representing performers in all four professional entertainment unions: Actors’ Equity Association, Screen Actors Guild, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, and now the newly merged SAG-AFTRA. He received a special tribute for 31 years of dedication and service as executive director to Arizona actors at the SAG Awards party in Phoenix, held in conjunction with the national TBS and TNT SAG Awards telecasts. He served as senior business representative in the Chicago office of Actors Equity from 1974 to 1981. In addition he was specifically assigned to administer contracts covering actor agreements for the Goodman Theatre, the Guthrie Theatre, the Milwaukee Rep, Indiana Rep, as well as all other LORT, guest artist and dinner theatres throughout the Midwest. During his employment in Arizona he represented union members in all fields of performance including film, TV, sound recording, radio, and new media.

PAM (WOODRUFF) LOBLEY (BFA, Acting, ‘82) is the book writer for Perfect Mothers, a new musical that received a reading in the New York Musical Theatre Festival this summer. Broadway.com named the show one of the “Top Ten Shows to Watch” in the festival.

JESSICA LONDON-SHIELDS (BFA, Acting, ‘08) is an artistic associate with Pavement Group. BECKY PERLMAN (BFA, Dramaturgy/Criticism, ‘05) is the literary manager for Pavement Group.

WREN LONGNO (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘99) is the director of communications for Housing and Service, Inc., a non-profit that develops and manages permanent, supportive housing for the formerly homeless.

JARED LORENZO (BFA, Acting, ‘10) is in the cast of Life of a King, a feature film starring Cuba Gooding Jr.

MATT LOWE (BFA, Acting, ‘02) was recently in the film The Captive with Kate Mara. He also lent his voice to several characters in the film RIPD. He also has recurring characters on the CW’s Hart of Dixie and Disney Channel’s ANT Farm. He can be seen in numerous national commercials. Visit his website at www.mattloweactor.com.

GRACE LOWMAN (BFA, Acting, ‘08) is a founding company member and director of the New Play Development Series for ABroad Stage Company. KATE WEINBERG (BFA, Acting, ’07) is also a founding company member.

LINDA (HICKMAN) LUBELL (BFA, Acting, ‘91) is a singer/songwriter. You can hear snippets from her album, Perfect Heart. She performs regularly in the Chicago area. Linda invites you to visit her website.
Bud’s Theatre. She recently shot 10 episodes for the teen educational sketch comedy series, Mqd About You.

COBEY MANDARINO (MFA, Acting, ’04) lives in Seattle. He is currently shooting motion capture for the lead role in a to-be-announced video game for Warner Brothers. The video game is set for a late 2013 release. He also runs his own acting school, Pursuit Acting.

CHIARA MANGIAMELI (BFA, Acting, ’94) founded the flamenco trio Idilio, which recently released their debut album. Chiara returns every year to Seville, Spain to study Flamenco. She is currently teaching flamenco dance and singing classes at the Flamenco Arts Center in Chicago. She performs regularly with Idilio as well as The Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater throughout the Chicagoland area. Visit her website for more information and a performance schedule.

JOE MANTEGA (BFA Acting Program, ’67-’69) plays David Rossi in CBS’s Criminal Minds, currently in its 9th season. Joe has now completed over 70 films in addition to many theatre and TV appearances. Joe recently directed his first episode of Criminal Minds, “The Road Home.” He also produces and is the host of Outdoor channel’s Gun Stories. Joe was honored with the Lifetime Hollywood Achievement Award by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce on 3/28/14.

GREGORY MARLOWE (MFA, Acting, ’13) works with Innovative Artists’ commercial department in NYC.

JIM MARONEK (MFA, Scene Design, ’68 & Professor Emeritus) and his wife Carole have a 15-acre estate, Silver Poplar Studios, with Russian-inspired buildings and gardens. It has long been an artists’ retreat in Ellison Bay, Door County, and is now open in all seasons. Jim’s gallery, located in a unique barn built for large Russian parties, and dubbed Ellison Wonderland, features his fine art. Stop in by appointment or destiny. Check out his website.

NIKKI MARQUARDT (BA, Theatre Arts, ’04) is the fundraising coordinator for Quest Theatre Ensemble. She is the resident stage manager for Democracy Burlesque.

TANERA MARSHALL (MFA, Acting, ’95) is the dialect coach for Divergent and The Immigrant, both of which ran in theaters this spring. She is shooting the second Divergent installment, Insurgent, in Atlanta this summer. She is also on the faculty of UIC’s School of Theatre & Music.

JACK LUCKY (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’92) is the supervising judge of family law for the superior in the Riverside County Superior Court. He is also an associate adjunct professor at Southwestern Law School in LA.

DARBY LUNCEFORD (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’97) is the director of marketing and communications at Shakespeare Theatre Company, Washington D.C.

JAMES M. LYNCH (MFA, Directing, ’92)’s book The Hamlet Secret: A Self-Directed (Shakespearean) Workbook for Living a Passionate, Joy-Filled Life is now available in stores; he was interviewed by Wired PR News about the book. He is also writing articles for the Living Section of The Huffington Post. He is the founder of the Art Walk in Highland Park, IL. James’ artwork was also featured in the project. James lives in Highland Park, IL, with his wife and 3 children and is also on the city’s Cultural Arts Commission.

CELIA MADEOY (MFA, Acting, ’91) is an assistant professor for Syracuse University Drama on Voice-Verse Faculty with the BFA Acting Program and with their collaborating professional theatre, Syracuse Stage.

NATE MAHER (MFA, Acting, ’06) graduated from William Mitchell College of Law with his Juris Doctor last month. He will take the bar exam, and then move from Minnesota to Arizona. Coming with him for the ride is his wife, ROSEMARY (NAEGER) MAHER (BFA, Acting, ’07), their daughter Lydia (born 8/30/13), and pit bull Torii. Nate plans to work in a public defender or prosecutor’s office, and reignite his acting career.

LAURA MAHLER (BFA, Acting,’06) is in the application process for the Masters in Teaching Theatre and Dance at Hamline University. Laura is a company member of L’il

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This is a production company founded by KELSEY JORISSEN (BFA, Acting, ’11), CHRIS ALLEN (BFA, Acting, ’11), CLANCY McCARTNEY (BFA, Acting, ’11) and CHRIS BRICKHOUSE (BFA, Acting, ’12).

They have released their first mock pilot and movie trailer.
CALVIN MARTY (BFA, Acting, ’05) and WIL (FLEMING) TARRIS (BFA, Acting, ’04) are in the band Nature Show.

FRAN MARTONE (BFA, Acting, ’91) appeared on the series premiere of WGN America’s Manhattan.

MARK MASON (BFA, Playwriting, ’07) wrote Frozen Fire, which was performed as part of City Lit Theatre’s 7th Annual Art of Adaptation Festival on 6/15/14. He also directed Pachelbel as part of the festival which featured TARELL McCRANEY (BFA, Acting, ’08) in the cast.

ELLEN CHAMBERS (BFA, Theatre Management, ’09) now lives in LA and is an associate producer for Pilgrim Studios.

SHANNON MATESKY (BFA, Acting, ’10) is an associate member of Urban Theatre Company.

ADAM MATHIAS (BFA, Playwriting, ’96) wrote the book and lyrics for See Rock City & Other Destinations, which won the 2011 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Book of a Musical. It was also nominated in five other categories including Outstanding Lyrics, Outstanding Director of a Musical, Outstanding Lighting Design, and Outstanding Music. The original Off-Broadway Cast Recording for See Rock City & Other Destinations is now available on Amazon, iTunes, and Spotify. Visit the official website for A History of Summer here. He also co-wrote the book for The Dirty Hippie Jam Band Project. Adam co-founded The Theatre School's Wrights of Spring new play festival, which will celebrate its 20th anniversary in May 2014. He invites you to visit his website.

KAREN MAUDE (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’94) is the executive director for the Lieutenant General Timothy J. Maude Foundation that was set up in memory of her father, the highest ranking soldier killed at the Pentagon during the 9/11/01 terrorist attack. She is now the director of human resources for NES Associates, an IT support services company. This year Karen will be walking in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Her goal is to raise $5000; if you would like to support and donate, click here.

AMANTHA MAY (BFA, Acting, ’93) is a professional belly dance teacher, performer, and choreographer in Austin, TX. She invites you to visit her website.

ADAM MAYFIELD (BFA, Acting, ’00) plays Michael on ABC Family’s Mystery Girls.

TIM MAZUREK (BFA, Costume Design, ’98) works at DePaul’s Office of Academic Advising. He invites you to visit his food blog, for which he was interviewed by Gapers Block. He was also interviewed about his blog by the Huffington Post. He invites you to visit his blog, Lottie + Doof. Tim and his blog were featured in the November 2013 issue of Chicago Magazine.

JAY McALEER (BFA, Lighting Design,’92) is in his 6th season as the technical director at On the Boards at The Behnke Center for Contemporary Performance in Seattle, WA.

CONOR McCABILL (BFA, Acting, ’10) has a recurring role on ABC’s Betrayal.

DAN McCARDLE (MFA, Arts Leadership, ’11) is an ensemble member of Theatre Seven.

ANDREW McCARTHY (BFA, Theatre Technology, ‘14) is currently a production management intern with Aurora Production located in Manhattan. He is assisting the production managers with the day-to-day operations for the 2014-2015 Broadway season.

BRIDGET McCARTY (BFA, Stage Management, ’04) is the general stage manager for Cirque du Soleil’s North American touring production of Saltimbanco.

TARELL McCraney (BFA, Acting, ’03) is one of twenty-four recipients of a MacArthur “Genius” grants, announced in late September. The grant pays each recipient $625,000 over five years. Tarell is also one of nine recipients of Yale University’s inaugural Windham Campbell Prize, given to writers for outstanding achievement in fiction, nonfiction, and drama. The award is $150,000 and is meant to recognize writers at all stages of their careers. Tarell is the Royal Shakespeare Company’s international writer in residence. He will adapt and direct Shakespeare’s Antony and Cleopatra, a collaboration among RSC, the Public Theatre in NYC, and GableStage Theatre in Miami, FL. The play will premiere at the Stratford-Upon-Avon home of the Royal Shakespeare Company in November 2013, then in Miami in January 2014, then later in January at the Public. Other commissions include Choir Boy for Manhattan Theater Club and Again & Again for Berkeley Repertory Theatre. Tarell was featured in OUT Magazine’s December/January issue as part of the magazine’s on the Most One Hundred Compelling People of the Year series. Tarell and his play The Brother/Sister Plays are featured on PBS’ Playwright: From Page to Stage, a documentary which focuses on two playwrights and the journey of their plays to New York. The documentary premiered 12/16/13. GLENN DAVIS (BFA, Acting, ’04) also appears in the documentary for his role in Rajiv Joseph’s Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo. Tarell was featured in an interview in DePaul Magazine’s winter
ERIC MCGILL (MFA, Acting, ‘77) is a member of Laughingstock, a BATS improv company performing in various venues in San Francisco. This past August Eric played the part of “Walter” in Sex Tapes for Seniors at the Victoria Theatre in San Francisco. He is also a member of the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus.

JOHANNA MCKAY (BFA, Acting, ’88) has been published by Playscripts, Inc. (“As You Like It: A Rowdy Retelling for the Serious Shakespearean.”) She directed her adaptation and regularly participates in a group called P. S. Arts, a program in the Los Angeles area. They put artists into public schools that cannot afford arts programs. Funding is provided through Oprah Winfrey, Old Navy, Don Cheadle, and Cameron Diaz, among others.

JESSICA McKENZIE (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’99) is a publicist for a book publishing company in Salt Lake City, UT, and is shooting for the New York Times best-seller list.

MICHAEL McKEOGH (MFA, Acting, ’12), JOHN CROSTWAITE (MFA, Acting, ’12), and JOE FLYNN (MFA, Acting, ’12), and are part of the improv troupe The Cook County Regulars.

DAWN G. MCKESEY (Former Staff) has retired after working as the school’s draper/cutter, costumiere, and assistant costume shop manager for 35 years. Congrats, Dawn!

KENN McLAUGHLIN (BFA, Acting, ’90) is the producing artistic director of Stages Repertory Theatre in Houston, TX, where he has produced more than 100 productions since 2001 including the World Premiere of Black Pearl Sings, one of the most produced plays in the US for the past four years. His recent Texas premiere of Eric Coble’s Southern Rapture has been optioned for a commercial Broadway run next year.

PATRICK McLEAN (BFA, Playwriting, ‘10) is the marketing manager of The Hot Karl, The ComedySportz Theatre.

GABRIEL McPHERSON (BFA, Acting, ’00) is the Director of Dramatic Arts and Technical Theatre at Bellarmine Prep High School in Tacoma, WA. Gabe is also the Artistic Director and Master Teaching Artist at the Broadway Center Conservatory in Tacoma.

CYNTHIA McWILLIAMS (BFA, Acting, ’03) is Trina in BET’s Real Husband’s of Hollywood, Tuesdays, now in its second season.

ALEX MEDA (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’07) is the founder and executive artistic director for The (Artist) Initiative. Alex is also the executive director of Teatro Luna. DIANE HERRERA PINA (BFA, Playwriting, ’96) is an artistic associate, ensemble member, and the PlayLab director for Teatro Luna. Alex and Teatro Luna are featured in an article by NBC here.

SPENCE MEDFORD (BFA, Acting Program, ’90–’91) is the vice president of institutional advancement at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, MI.

JONATHAN MEIER (MFA, Acting, ’85) is the director of theatre at Mundelein High School in Mundelein, IL, where he teaches both acting and technical theatre, as well as directing the school’s productions.

RYAN MEISHEID (BFA, Theatre Management, ’04) is the associate managing director at the Denver Center Theatre Company.

KYMBERLY MELLEN (MFA, Acting, ’00) lives in Utah with her artist husband and four growing kids. She heads the drama program at the newly opened Pioneer Charter High School for the Performing Arts and is directing Annie Get Your Gun at Sundance Summer Theatre. She has recently overstock.com and Alive Vitamin commercials airing. She has spent the last three years acting with the Utah Shakespeare Festival playing Lady Macbeth, Beatrice, Queen Elizabeth, Titania, Hippolyta, Mistress Quickly, and Madame Thenardier. She’s enjoying a new foray into recording audiobooks with the first two books being released this month through Covenant Communications.

RAY MELTON (GSD, ’64) completed the book for his two-act play The Human Behind the Image, inspired by the life and death of actor Jon-Erik Hexum. It will be read by the Renegade Theatre Festival in August 2014. The play was inspired by the life and death of actor Jon-Erik Hexum. Mr. Hexum was rising start of the 1980s who was fatally wounded while filming an episode of his weekly TV series, Cover Up. The reading marks the 30th anniversary of the actor and celebrates his life.

Michael Merker (MFA, Directing/Acting, ’78) is leading a 5-person troupe that is performing “The Samaritan Woman,” a 10-minute scene from the Book of John being presented free for various venues around the Puget Sound Area as a preview for a larger musical theatre production envisioned for the future. Michael wrote and directed the current production after running workshops for several months. Anyone in the Puget Sound area is encouraged to contact Michael for more information at michael.w.merker@gmail.com.

Frank Merle (BFA, Playwriting, ’01) wrote and directed the feature film The Employer, which stars Malcom McDowell and David Dastmalchian (BFA, Acting, ’99). The Employer is now available on DVD as well as On Demand. To view the trailer, click here.

Janet Messmer (Former Faculty) is the costume curator for the Evanston Historical Society. She has been granted the
JEN MICHEL (MFA, Acting, ‘95) lives in Rhode Island and acts in a few different theatre companies. She also runs the Women’s Online Community for AOL.

BRENT MILLER (BFA, Theatre Technology, ’05) works for Chicago Flyhouse.

DARRELL MILLER (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’90) is working for Exempla Healthcare in Denver, CO.

MARTIN MILLER (MFA, Arts Leadership program, ’07-’09) is the managing director of TheatreSquared, Fayetteville, AR.

PAUL MILLER (BFA, Lighting program, ‘83—’87) designed the lighting for Legally Blonde: The Musical in its second year at the Savoy Theatre, London’s West End. This was Paul’s 10th year in a row as lighting director for the New Years Eve celebration in Times Square, NYC. Paul is the Assistant Lighting Designer for Phantom, The Las Vegas Spectacular, Venetian Hotel, Las Vegas, open run.

JULIE MILLETT (BFA, Acting program, ’95-’96) is a company member of Circle X Theatre, based in Hollywood, CA. Julie is a regular cast member of Fake Radio, a group of actors and comedians that perform radio scripts from the 30s, 40s, and 50s before a live audience.

ELLEN MILLS (BFA, Acting, ’97) lives in Minneapolis and is the associate producer of the Travel Channel series, Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern.

GARY MILLS (BFA, Acting, ’91) is the co-founder of Pinnacle Performance Company which teaches performance techniques to corporate executives across the U.S. and Canada as well as in London, Amsterdam, Singapore, and Sri Lanka. The musical he co-wrote, The Hundred Dresses, was recently performed at the Hal and Martha Hyer Wallis Theater at Northwestern, closed 8/27/14.

DAVID MINK (Certificate, Acting, ‘62) runs Redmink Productions, which provides entertainment for over 600 corporate events, meetings and trade shows annually.

PETER MOHRMANN (MFA, Acting, ’89) is an artistic associate, board member, and co-founder of Capital Stage Company in Sacramento, CA. He is directing Maple and Vine at Capital Stage through 7/20/14.

DAVID MOLD (MFA, Directing, ’97) is a full professor at Marymount Manhattan College in NYC. He has taught acting and directing in Theatre Arts at MMC since 1998 and has also served as director of theatre recruitment & admissions. He is the associate artistic director of Hip to Hip Theatre, where he will direct Cymbeline this summer.

DAVID MONAGAS (MFA, Acting, ’09) runs the JUXTAPOSE, a new arts center in the Chicago area. They have launched their first fundraising effort and hope you would consider even the smallest donation. Click here to make a donation.

JoANNE MONTEMURRO (BFA, Acting, ’81) is the co-artistic director and ensemble member at Raven Theatre.

KELLY MONTGOMERY (BFA, Stage Management, ’11) has been accepted into the Stage Management program at Yale School of Drama. Congrats, Kelly!

JULIE MORGENSTERN (MFA Directing program, ’81-’83) is an internationally recognized organizing and time management expert and New York Times best-selling author. Her clients have included American Express, Microsoft, the NYC Mayor’s Office and Microsoft. She is a frequent guest on shows including the Today show, Good Morning America, and NPR.

TOBY MORRIS (BFA, Acting, ’92 - ’94) invites you to visit his photography website.

CHRIS MORRISON (Certificate, Acting, ’84) is the national director of country marketing for the Universal Music Group based in LA. In his position, Chris gets to work with many superstar artists in the country genre including Rascal Flatts, Shania Twain, George Strait, Reba McEntire, Toby Keith, and Willie Nelson. He’s been with Universal Music in various capacities since 1994.

KEVIN MORRISSEY (BFA,Scene Design,’89) is an associate professor and department chair of the Theatre Academy/Department of Theatre Arts at Los Angeles City College. Kevin invites you to visit his website.

LINSEY MORTON (BFA, Acting, ‘00) and KAREN ALDRIDGE (MFA, Acting, ’01) are company members at Pine Box Theater.

JULIA (MEADOR) MOSS (BFA, Scene Design, ’03) lives in NYC and works at Showman Fabricators.
and knowledge of urban children through the dance and music traditions of Africa.

PREETI NATH (BFA, Theatre Arts, ‘08) lives in Brooklyn, NY. She is currently in an office PA position with the USA network on a TV pilot. She is also stage managing for the concert office at Julliard, where she had previously interned.

DAVID NEW (BFA, Acting, ’87) is a guest lecturer at the University of Chicago.

MARC NEWMAN (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’08) is in the MA in Film/Cinema Studies program at Columbia University in NYC.

ROSELLA NITTI (BFA, Costume Design, ’10) is the wardrobe head on the 2013 Fulton Fellowship and the 2014 International tour of Mamma Mia!

TIM NORDWIND (BFA, Playwriting, ’98) is the bassist in the band OK Go. They have released three albums, OK Go (2002), Oh No (2005), and Of the Blue Colour of the Sky (2010). Check out some of their other videos on YouTube and visit their website here. OK Go also wrote and performed the theme music for the National Public Radio’s daily program, Odyssey, hosted by Gretchen Helfrich. The band was nominated for a 2011 Grammy for their video All Is Not Lost, for “Best Short Form Music Video.” Tim has also started a side band called Pyramids. Tim and OK Go are helping to launch the first OK Go video a four-part, original musical comedy at the pH Comedy Theater in Andersonville, and is an active ensemble member of several Chicago comedy institutions including: One Group Mind, Seismic Improv Company and pH Comedy Theater among many independent improv and sketch teams.

MICHAELE MUNOZ (BFA, Acting, ’97) is in The Portal. He also organized the nonprofit State of the World from Chicago, a three-week festival of the arts and humanities, and is currently the executive director of MusicNOW. Michael is a founding member of Chicago Improv Theatre and is involved with local theater and music groups. He is also the author of the book How to Be a Good Improvisor.

KIMOSHA MURPHY (Faculty) is the managing/artistic director of the ALYO Children’s Dance Theatre, an art education effort to develop the talents and knowledge of urban children through the dance and music traditions of Africa.

SUSAN NUSSBERG (Certificate, Acting, ’78) received the inaugural Susan Nussbaum Disability Arts and Culture Award at this year’s Bodies of Work festival. She also won the Pen/Bellweather Prize for her novel Good Kings Bad Kings. Congratulations, Susan! Susan and her novel were featured in a Chicago Reader article in May. On September 15, Susan and her award-winning first novel Good Kings Bad Kings were featured on WFMFT Andrew Patner’s program “Critical Thinking”.

MATT O’BRIEN (BFA, Acting program, ’82-85) is the producing director for GreatWorks Theatre, a regional touring company focusing on literature and history-based plays for students in grades K-9. He is also the artist director for Foxrock Theatricals, a new project that will tour Samuel Beckett productions originally produced for Irish Repertory and the Buckets O’Beckett festivals in Chicago.

RYAN O’DONNELL (MFA, Acting, ’03) teaches English literature at University High School in San Francisco. He is also an ensemble member of Shotgun Players, based in Berkeley.

KELLEY OGDEN (BFA, Acting, ‘99) and LISA THEW (BFA Acting program, ’88-’99) are the founders of KOLT Run Creations in Sacramento, CA.

TORI OMAN (BFA, Acting, ’08) is in the improv troupe Not From Here.
LEANNE G. (MEDEIROS) O’NEILL (BFA, Theatre Arts,’08) is the director of education and community outreach at Performance Workshop Theatre in Baltimore.

SHAYNA O’NEILL (BFA, Stage Management, ’08) lives in NYC and is a freelance Equity stage manager. Recent credits include the American Realness Festival, The Megile of Itzik Manger with the National Yiddish Theatre, Human Fruit Bowl at the Baruch Performing Arts Center, and L’incoronazione di Poppea with the Yale Baroque Opera Project. This summer she will return for her fifth year as a stage manager at the International Festival of Arts and Ideas in New Haven, CT. She is also an assistant producer at terrANOVA Collective.

ZAK ORTH (BFA, Acting, ’92) played Aaron Pittman on NBC’s Revolution, which ran for two season.

DAVID OSIPOVICH (BFA Acting Program, ’93-’94 & BA, LA&S, ’96) is an associate attorney at the Pittsburgh office of K&L Gates, LLP.

MICHAEL OSINSKI (MFA, Directing, ’14) was the commencement speaker at last year’s Music/Theatre ceremony on 6/14/14. Congrats, Michael! Michael has also been accepted as one of four directing fellows for the Drama League Fall Production Program. LAVINA JADHWANI (MFA, Directing, ’15) has been accepted as one of two directing fellows for the Drama League Classical Directing Program. Congrats, Michael and Lavina!

CURT OWENS (BFA, Theatre Management, ’05) is the executive assistant to the CEO/producing associate at NETworks Presentations, working on the national tours of Billy Elliot, Les Miserables, La Cage Aux Follies, Shrek the Musical, and the upcoming War Horse, among others.

GRACE PALMER (BFA, Acting, ’13), VIVIAN ELLIS (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’14), and MEREDITH JOHNSTON (BFA, Acting, ’13) are Daaang Judi Dench, an improv team that performs at midnight on the first Friday of every month at the Playground Theater.

RYAN PALMER (MFA, Acting, ’03), his wife Maggie, and son Dylan live in Portland, OR. He recently received his EdD in Higher Education Leadership from Portland State University. Ryan is also on faculty in the Department of Family Medicine at Oregon Health and Science University.

TOM PARDOE (Certificate, Acting, ’89) is teaching a Movement to Music class in LA, and recently directed a cabaret show for Tony Award winner from A Chorus Line, Sammy Williams. He invites you to visit his website.

KEITH PARHAM (BFA, Lighting Design, ’98) has designed the lighting for productions worldwide, including the Goodman, Steppenwolf, Arena Stage, Off-Broadway, and the Sydney Opera House. He is a recipient of the Obie, Lortel, Afterdark, and Michael Maggio awards.

BRENNAN PARKS (MFA, Directing, ’05) produced and directed the short film 15:2 which has been screened around the world at 12 international film festivals, including the Dances with Films Independent and Chicago Horror Film Festivals and won “Best Horror Comedy Short” at the Fear Fete Horror Film Festival in Baton Rouge, LA. Brennan has worked in post-production on Hung, Big Love, In Treatment and The Vampire Diaries. He is currently working on the second season of the HBO series Girls.

TARA LEIGH PARKS (BFA, Acting, ’94) still practices singing and teaches English to German executives.

CAITLIN MONTAYNE PARRISH (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’06) is on the writing staff for CBS’s Under the Dome. ALEXANDER KOCH (BFA, Acting, ’12) is in the cast.

TERI PASTORE (BFA, Acting, ’85) lives in Oregon and is an adjunct writing instructor at MHCC, PCC and PSU’s Center for车厢

**MORE than a few**

**Blueshift Theatre Company**

Blueshift Staff:

KELLY CLAUSSEN (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’12), co-executive director

MICHAEL DAVID (BFA, Scene Design, ’14), company member

CAROLINE BYRNE DONNELLY (BFA, Playwriting, ’13), company member

EMMA ENGLAND (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’12), co-executive director

BEN HENDREN (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’12), artistic director

COREY CAHANE (BFA, Acting, ’12), company member

LAUREN LINDY (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’13), company member

MIKEY MORAN (BFA, Lighting Design, ’13), company member

BRETT NEWSTED (BFA, Playwriting, ’12), company member

MEGHAN OWEN (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’12), director of publicity and development

BRANDON RAAB (BFA, Playwriting, ’12), company member

BRANDON SWEET (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’12), company member

ELIZABETH THOMAS (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’12), company member.

**MORE than a few**

**Strawdog Theatre Company**

3829 N. Broadway 773-528-9696

Great Expectations: closed 12/22/14. JOHN FERRICK (BFA, Acting, ’93), KYLE GIBSON (BFA, Acting, ’06), and MEGAN KOHL (MFA, Acting, ’09) are in the cast. EMILY GUTHRIE (BFA, Scene Design, ’09) designed the props.

Company members include:

JOHN FERRICK (BFA, Acting, ’93)

KYLE GIBSON (BFA, Acting, ’06)

JAMIE VANN (BFA, Acting, ’90).

KIMBERLY SENIOR (Faculty) is an artistic associate. Emeritus company members include:

LORETTA REZOS (MFA, Acting, ’97)

NOAH SIMON (MFA, Acting, ’13).

**MORE than a few**

**Old Town School of Folk Music**

4644 N. Lincoln Ave, 773/728-6000

Faculty include:

YOLANDA ANDROZZO (BFA, Acting, ’91) (also youth outreach manager)

CAROLYN CRISTOFANI (BFA, Costume Design, ’92)

DEBORAH KING (BFA, Acting, ’92)

MARY PETERSON (MFA, Acting, ’81).
Excellence in Writing. Teri has also reviewed fiction and non-fiction for the Oregonian's ArtWeek section.

LINDSEY PATE (BFA, Costume Design, ’06) is an adjunct faculty member at Roosevelt University teaching Stage Makeup. She is also a lecturer at Indiana University (Gary campus).

COYA PAZ (Faculty) is the artistic director of Free Street Theatre. She also encourages you to visit her website.

JAY PECORA (BFA, Acting, ’89) is an assistant professor of drama at the State University of New York at Potsdam. He also runs the program in theatre education, leading to K-12 certification in New York State. His most recent published work can be found in the Landy/Montgomery book Theatre for Change: Education, Social Action, and Therapy.

ELIZABETH PERKINS (Certificate, Acting, ’81) has been in almost 40 films, most recently Hop.

BECKY PERLMAN (BFA, Dramaturgy/Criticism, ’05) is the literary manager for Pavement Group. JESSICA LONDON-SHIELDS (BFA, Acting, ’08) is an artistic associate at Pavement Group.

MARK PERRY (BFA, Dramaturgy/Criticism, ’04) is an attorney based out of NYC. He is executive director of The AIDS Victory Fund, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing grants for medical research into a cure for HIV/AIDS, and associate artistic director of the Candid Theater Company in Minneapolis, MN.

DEREK PERUO (BFA, Acting, ’08) is the creator of Burning Leaf Prod., a producer of film and theatre projects in New York City. He is always looking for new ideas. Feel free to contact him at dperuo@gmail.com

CAREY PETERS (BFA, Acting, ’97) has a national Secret deodorant commercial running. She is a health counselor and has her own nutrition counseling business, where she also teaches classes on nutrition.

CAMDEN PETERSON (BFA, Lighting Design, ’09) was a programmer for the Obama for America Election Night Rally at Chicago’s McCormick Place. KEVIN LAWSON (BFA, Lighting Design, ’91) was the lighting director for the event.

MARY PETERSON (MFA, Acting, ’81) participated in the Macarthur Foundation/Old Town School trip to India as a teaching and performing artist.

MOSHE PETERSON (BFA, Theatre Technology, ’03) is the design engineer for Chicago Scenic Studios Inc and for the Sun Light Exhibit at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry.

TOM PETRY (STRAUSS) (Diploma, Acting, ’53 & BFA, Acting, ’65) moved to Berlin, Germany in 1980 following a career in public broadcasting at WTTW in Chicago; KNME-TV Albuquerque; WQED Pittsburgh; WCNY-TV, Syracuse; MPBN, Orono. Tom has worked in film, TV, radio, and theater in Berlin and was a speaker for DeutscheWelle TV (Germany’s BBC) from 1992 through 2005. Since then he remains active in TV and Film & as a voice artist and speaker. Tom also works for English Theatre Berlin, and is accepting submissions from playwrights, actors, and volunteers to enter their upcoming lab season. Tom is also the curator of The Lab at ETB. Its goal is to provide a stage for new works by professional international playwrights and present them as staged readings with professional actors, directors, and composers. Since 1994, Tom has lived on a working farm with vacation cottages when not working in Berlin or elsewhere, visit www.klausuhagen.de. For further credits, photos, show reel, and audio samples, google “friendsconnectionberlin.de/strauss. www.english.crew-united.com and in the search bar on the upper left enter strauss.tom Fellow alums and current students are welcome to contact Peter if you are considering moving to Berlin.

MATTHEW PIERCE (MFA, Acting, ’05) lives in London. Currently, he’s an education associate for the Royal & Derngate Theatre in Northampton, teaching workshops for the Young America season.

RICHARD PIERRELOUIS (BFA, Acting, ’03) invites you to visit his website.

ZANE PIHLSTROM (BFA, Scenic Design,’03) is part of the theatrical design collective entitled Wingspace.

DIANE HERRERA PINA (BFA, Playwriting, ’96) is an artistic associate, ensemble member, and the PlayLab director for Teatro Luna. ALEX MEDA (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’07) is the executive director.

RON PIRETTI (MFA, Acting, ’75) is a fight director/certified teacher of the Society of American Fight Directors and he invites you to visit his website. He did the fight direction for In the Heights, West Side Story, The Miracle Worker, and Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo (additional fight direction). He is also one of the faculty members for The Performing Arts Project’s three-week workshop at Wake Forest, NC and teaches acting classes at The Barrow Group in NYC. Ron made his Broadway debut in West Side Story as Officer Krupke. He worked at the Dallas Theater Center as fight director for the new musical Fly. Ron is currently the fight director for the Broadway production of “The Last Ship” opens 10/26/14.

SARAH PITARD (BFA, Acting, ’07) currently resides in London, where she is the Artistic Director of Paradigm Theatre Company. She is the recent winner of the Arena Stage’s ‘Our War’ National Civil War Monologue Competition in Washington DC, and her radio play ‘Plus One’ was the 2013 winner of the UK Actors’ Guild’s...
Write Bites Competition. Sarah plays Liza in the cult web-series ‘Chronicles of Syntax,’ and is currently filming several short films in and around London. For a complete list of her credits, please visit sarahpitard.com. You can follow her on twitter @SarahPitard.

KEMATI PORTER (MFA, Directing, ’03) is an artistic affiliate at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton, NJ, and the producing director of eta Creative Arts.

ROSS PRIBYL (MFA, Directing, ’02) has moved to Cleveland, where he is now the artistic director of Harlequin Theatrical Program at Saint Ignatius High School.

KIMBERLEY PROSS (BFA, Lighting Designer, ’98) lives in California and is the assistant technical director at Stanford University for the Lively Arts Department. Kim is also active with the South end Rowing Club in San Francisco, currently serving as vice president.

BILL PULLINSI (MFA, Directing, ’65) is the artistic director of Theatre at the Center in Munster, IN.

KEN PUTTBACH (BFA, Production Management, ’91) owns Flaire Design Studio for weddings, special occasions, gifts, and home décor. Ken is also a member of the Chicago Gay Men’s Chorus.

KRISTIN QUINLAN (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’04) is the HR coordinator at Ogilvy and Mather. She and GENE GEMPERLINE (BFA, Playwriting,’03) were married last fall. Congrats to both!

MOLLY QUINN (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’05) is a marketing manager at Jam Theatricals.

MORE than a few

Lifeline Theatre
6912 N. Glenwood Ave, 773/761-4477
Company members include:
VICTORIA (toy) DEIORIO (Faculty)
PAUL HOLQUIST (BFA, Acting, ’98)
PHIL TIMBERLAKE (Faculty).
TESLEN SADOWSKI (BFA, Theatre Technology, ’06) is a teaching artist.
ROCHE SCHULFER (Faculty) is on the board of directors.

MORE than a few

STATIC Coalition– ARTISTS WITH MOVEMENT

CARA ADAMS (BFA, Costume Design, ’12), MOLLY RYAN (BFA, Costume Design, ’13), GRETA WHITE (BFA Costume Design Program, ’08-’11) and JORDAN WROBLESKE (BFA, Costume Technology, ’13) are all members.

MORE than a few

Terra Firma Theatre
41 Montrose Ave #2R, Brooklyn, NY 11206
646-373-1849

Staff include:
STEPHANIE BRATNICK (XIMENEZ) (BFA, Acting, ’04), artistic director
ROBERT COHN (BFA, Dramaturg and Criticism, ’04), resident dramaturg
COBEY MANDARINO (MFA, Acting, ’04), Collaborative Ensemble member
ALEX O’DALEY (BFA, Acting, ’05), associate artistic director.

Terra Firma is now the resident theatre company at The Railroad Playhouse in Newburgh, NY.

JAYSON RACKLEY (BFA, Acting, ’03) is an artist in residence for Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centers here in Chicago. His work consists of interviews, games, and exercises with members of the Thresholds community in order to create plays, monologues, scenes and works of poetry that they eventually perform in productions open to the public.

MARIE RAMIREZ-DOWNING (MFA, Acting, ’06) teaches Acting/Voice/Theatre at Yuba College in Marysville, CA.

JESSIE (ANEST) RAYOT (BFA, Costume Design, ’94) is an award-winning crochet and knit pattern designer, as well as a blogger. She is currently working on creating an online encyclopedia of crochet and knit stitches and techniques.

ROBERT REID (Certificate, Acting, ’78) is the managing director of Bas Bleu Theatre Company, Fort Collins, CO.

JOHN C. REILLY (BFA Acting program, ’83-87) is the voice of the titular character in the feature film Wreck-It Ralph. The film won the National Board of Review award for Best Animated Feature. ANN DOWD (BFA, Acting, ’82) won the National Board of Review award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in Compliance. John has been in almost 60 films and is a professional associate on The Theatre School Board.

KURT RHOADS (MFA, Acting, ’82) was recently in Alabama Shakespeare Festival’s production of To Kill a Mockingbird as Atticus Finch.

DALE DIANE REMLEE (GSD, ’54) has her play Alcestis Revisited running at the Ostade Theater, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

CHRIS RICKETT (MFA, Acting, ’11) filmed a commercial for Harris Bank.

LAURA RIDDLE (MFA, Acting, ’87) is the chair of the theatre department at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay and is the Wisconsin state chair for the Region III of the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival. PHYLIS (FOX) RAVEL (BFA, Acting, ’74) is the chair of the New Plays Program for the festival. On January 10th, Laura will be honored at the festival with a prestigious award, the Kennedy Center Gold Medallion.

LESLIE RILEY (Faculty) invites you to visit her website to view some of her work.

LAURIE RIFFE (BFA, Acting, ’94) is the Director of Theatre and Theatre Department Chair for Westridge School, an independent college prep school in Pasadena, CA. This season she will direct Hamlet, Rabbit Hole, and Into The Woods.
MARTHA RING (Certificate, Production Management, ‘83) is a real estate consultant in Chicago.

MARY KATE ROBEL (BFA, Production Management, ‘99) is the company secretary at BoHo Theatre Company. STEPHANIE SULLIVAN (MFA, Acting, ‘06) is a casting associate. BoHo’s 10th season include Parade, opens 9/13/14 and runs through 10/13/14.

WALTER ROBERTS (Certificate, Acting, ‘82) co-founded The Black Stripe Theatre, in Tokyo, Japan.

SHEILA RODIN-NOVAK (GSD, ’69) founded and runs LifeStories, a company that produces oral histories for families on video tape. Feel free to email her at shows2@rcn.com for more information.

ALISON (LONESOME) RODRIGUEZ (BFA, Acting, ’93) teaches in the film directing department at Columbia College.

MICHAEL Rooker (BFA, Acting, ’82) is in the film Super, starring Rainn Wilson, Kevin Bacon, Sean Gunn, Liv Tyler, and Nathan Fillion. Michael is also in the feature films Pennhurst, Mysteria, with Danny Glover, Martin Laudau and Billy Zane, Brother’s Keeper with W. EARL BROWN (MFA, Acting, ’89); Pure Shooter, Hyperthermia, and Bolden!, currently in post-production. He plays Merle Dixon on AMC’s The Walking Dead, which has completed its third season. Michael also has a recurring role on Sundance Channel’s Rectify. He will also appear in the AMC series Bates Motel. He was recently in Vancouver for several months shooting a television show for DirecTV called Rogue. He is in the film CELL 213 in Canada, which will soon be in the US. He plays Mike Harper in the video game Call of Duty: Black Ops II. He is also working on another video game called The Walking Dead. Michael has joined the cast of Guardians of the Galaxy, the new Marvel Studios feature film. The cast will also include SEAN GUNN (BFA, Acting, ’96) and JOHN C. REILLY (BFA, Acting program, ’83–’87). Michael has been in over 70 films so far. You can follow Michael on Twitter at @Michael_Rooker, and @RookerOnline at his web page, www.michaelrookeronline.com. He also has two Facebook accounts, both under the name, Michael Rooker.

JOHN ROONEY (BFA, Theatre Arts, ‘10) is the Assistant Director of the Apprentice/Intern Program at Actors Theatre of Louisville.

JESSICA ROSENBERGER (BFA, Acting, ’07) and TIM FRANK (BFA, Acting, ’07) are in a short film Anatomy of Numbers, which has been shown at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, the Los Angeles International Short Film Festival, the Los Angeles Femme International Film Festival, and the San Francisco Independent Film Festival.

LAURA ROSS-WHITE (BFA, Acting, ’76) spent 13 years teaching at The Knox School and Suffolk Community College. She is a founding member of the Asylum Theatre Company. She is the assistant director of their current production, The Tempest, which has been chosen by the RSC as a participant in their Open Stages project. It will be performed at The Staller Center at Stony Brook University, NY. Open Stages recognizes new adaptations of Shakespeare’s plays from around the world. She is currently working at Gallery North, a profit companies to recognize the talent of individual artists in theater, dance, and film. Congratulations, Bailey!

JILLIAN ROTHMAN (BFA, Scene Design, ‘13) is now a Creative Design Intern with Walt Disney Imagineering.

MICHAEL ROURKE (Faculty) is the owner of Reeder and Rourke Lighting Design.

JOHN ROONEY (BFA, Theatre Arts, ‘10) is the Assistant Director of the Apprentice/Intern Program at Actors Theatre of Louisville, CAMERON BENITO (BFA, Acting, ’13) is an acting apprentice for the 2014-2015 season.

JANICE Rurope (BFA, Lighting Design, ’14) was awarded a Princess Grace Honorarium. The Princess Grace Awards work in conjunction with nominating schools and non-profit companies to recognize the talent of individual artists in theater, dance, and film. Congrats, Bailey!

JAYMI LEE SMITH (BFA, Costume Design, ’00) teaches at E.L. Haynes Public Charter School. Lindy lives in Washington, DC, with her husband Alan, where they...
are vegan activists. She invites you to visit her website.

TESLEN SADOWSKI (BFA, Theatre Technology, '06) is the theatre teacher/theatre technician at Grayslake Community High School in Grayslake, IL. She is also a teaching artist for the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre. She and NOAH RECORD (BFA, Lighting Design, '06) were married in June. Congrats!

JESSICA SALETNIK (BFA, Theatre Studies, '99) is working as a registered nurse.

JOSH SALETNIK (BFA, Theatre Studies, '04) is the Manager of Rockettes Operations at Radio City Music Hall/Madison Square Garden Entertainment.

MARISOL (VELEZ) SANCHEZ (BFA, Acting, '02) is the head of drama at her church in Bolingbrook, IL, and she is doing some photography work.

ASHTON SANDERS (BFA, Acting, '17) is Will in the feature film The Retrieval. The film was the Special Jury Prize winner at the SXSW 2013 in March 2013, and won the Grand Jury Prize at the White Sands International Film Festival in September 2013 in Las Cruses, NM.

GRETL SATORIUS (BFA, Dramaturgy/Criticism, '05) currently lives in Austria, where she is completing graduate studies in Opera Dramaturgy at the University of Vienna. Her academic writing has been published in scholarly journals in Europe and the United States, and settings of her poetry, children's plays, and opera libretti have been performed in Vienna, Vancouver, and Boston. In the summer of 2012, Parallax Press published her comic book, Peace is the Way: The Secret of the 5 Powers, which will also premiere in 2013 at film festivals throughout the United States and Europe as a full-length documentary. In 2014 the comic book will become a full-length graphic novel. In February 2013 she released her first iPhone app, Gretl Goes: Vienna, which features 12 interactive GPS-enabled themed audio tours of the Austrian capital. She is currently collaborating with American composer Andrew Jackson on an opera about Alan Turing. Scenes from the opera will be workshopped by the Boston Opera Collective this year.

TOM SCANLON (BFA, Theatre Technology, '09) is the resident sound engineer at the Marriott Theatre.

PATRICK SCHLEY (BFA, Theatre Management, '10) is the academy services manager for First Stage, the front of house manager for the Father Robert V. Carney Performing Arts Center, and on the house management staff of the Pabst Theater and the Broadway Theatre Center, home to Skylight Opera Theatre and Milwaukee Chamber Theatre. You can visit his website here: www.patrickschley.com.

TODD SCHMIDT (MFA, Directing, '86) is the managing director of the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, NJ.

ELIZABETH SCHUCH (BFA, Scene Design, '02) lives in London. She has just been nominated for Best Scenography by the Hellenic Academy Awards (Greece’s Academy Awards) for her work on the film The Winter. Currently, she is the storyboard artist for RSA/Scott Free/History Channel TV documentary Gettysburg, filmed this past winter; the storyboard artist for BBC’s Human; production designer for the film Madame Pain’s Poudoir Circus with Aircraft Circus, London; and designer for aerial artists for Marat at Bregenzer Opera Festival, Austria. Her company Immortal Longings is producing Shakespeare illustrations for The Globe Theatre in London, Ontario’s Shakespeare Festival, The Metropolitan Opera in NYC and Chicago Shakespeare Theater. She designed the set for TEDGlobal 2013 in Edinburgh. You can view her portfolio, her business website, and purchase her artwork.

ALEX SEELEY (BFA, Acting, ‘12) is an acting apprentice at Actors Theatre of Louisville. JOHN ROONEY (BFA, Theatre Arts, ‘10) is the Assistant Director of the Apprentice/Intern Program.

JEN SELEZNOW (BFA, Theatre Technology, ‘11) was recently hired by Oregon Shakespeare Festival after completing an assistantship last February.

KAREN (WEINSTEIN) SHARP (Certificate, Acting, ‘82) is the education director at Seattle Children’s Theatre in Seattle, WA, and NANETTE ACOSTA (BFA, Costume Design, ‘90) is the costume shop manager. Karen is married to DALE SHARP (Certificate, Acting, ‘81). They have two daughters.

BRIAN SHARPE (BFA, Acting, ‘99) is a founding member and guitarist for the band Jenny Dragon. For music videos, performance schedule and more information please visit http://jennydragon.com. Brian also plays with the band Birdie Wing and is the new guitarist for Derek Nelson and the Musicians. He invites you to visit http://briansharpe.com for more information on his music projects.

LILY SHAW (BFA, Acting, ‘95) is the publicist for TwoCityPictures Production Company, currently under construction. She does publicity for Santa Smokes.
MARLENE SHELTON (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘01) is the managing director of the Cape Fear Regional Theatre in Fayetteville, NC.

KAREN SHERIDAN (MFA, Acting, ‘86) is a professor of theatre at Oakland University in Michigan. She is playing Lydia in Things My Mother Taught Me at Meadow Brook Theatre.

BRIAN SHERMAN (BFA, Theatre Technology, ‘03) lives in Richmond, VA, where he is the technical director for Richmond Ballet.

KARLIE (NURSE) SHERMAN (BFA, Acting, ‘01) runs Studio Nest, a company where she creates custom artwork which she sells online through Etsy, the marketplace for all things handmade.

ED SHIMP’s (MFA, Directing, ’90) 11-year-old son Alan Shimp’s documentary won first place in C-SPAN’s High School StudentCam competition. Congrats, Ed and Alan!

KELSEY SHIPLEY (Staff) will join The Theatre School staff in the part-time House Manager position. Welcome, Kelsey!

LESLEI SHOOK (Faculty) is a Season of Concern board member, a Chicagoland theatre community working to raise money to fight HIV/AIDS. Leslie is also part of the DePaul Women’s Network on the Membership and Engagement team for the 2014-2015 service year. Congrats, Leslie!

JOE SIKORA (BFA, Acting, ’98) is in the cast of Adult Swim’s The Heart, She Holler. The show has completed its second season.

GAIL SILVER (GSD) is in the film Flight, and plays Ruth in S.1 Ep.10 of Amazon’s new TV series, Transparent. To check out some of her work, visit her website.

ADAM SIMON (BFA, Playwriting, ‘03) is a writer based in LA. He was a staff writer for CBS’ A Gifted Man and is currently in development on several new series.

JESSICA SIMON (BFA, General Theatre Studies, ’05) is a member of the Artistic Direction Committee for the Puppeteers of America National Festival to be held in Swarthmore, PA in 2013. She recently performed at the Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival along with fellow alumnus, CYNTHIA VON ORTHAL (BFA, Acting, ’84).

HARDEE SIONG (BFA, Playwriting, ’96) holds a law degree from John Marshall Law School. She is the host of The A-List TV highlighting up-to-date events in and around Chicago and interviewing notable Asian-Americans.

ERIC SLATER (BFA, Acting, ’97) his wife CASSIE WOOLEY (BFA, Acting, ’03) and BETH STEGMAN (BFA, Stage Management, ’05), are part of The New Ensemble. Eric is also in The Comic Book Theatre Festival.

KELLY SLOAN (BFA, Acting, ’12) has signed with Ford Models Plus Size Women’s Division. She has relocated to NYC where she attends NYU as part of the Steinhardt School of Educational Theatre graduate program. Congratulations, Kelly!

JULIA (MORAN MELAND) SMALLLEY (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’09) lives in Manhattan and is working at VH1 as an associate producer for Best Week Ever.

DAN SMERIGLIO, (BFA, Acting, ’11) CHRISTINE BUNUAN, (BFA, Acting, ’02) and SEAN PATRICK FAWCETT (BFA, Acting, ’02) were in the cast of Avenue Q at Mercury Theater, closed through 10/26/14.

BRAD SMITH (BFA, Acting,’02) recorded an album entitled Love is Not What You Need. His newest album, Magic, is now available. Find out more on his Indiegogo page. Click here to listen to one of the songs.

KEITH SMITH (BFA, Lighting Design, ’89) is the production and lighting director for McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert, CA.

JAYMI SMITH (BFA, Lighting Design, ’96) is the head of design at University of California, Irvine. Her most recent productions have the The Who and the What at La Jolla Playhouse and Animal Crackers at Denver Theater Center.

LAWRENCE D. (MacGOWAN) SMITH (BFA, Acting, 84) recently earned a PhD in Theatre with a minor in Cinema Studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Congrats, Larry! He is currently a visiting lecturer with the College of Media at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, teaching undergraduates in the department of Media & Cinema Studies.

JENNIFER SMITH (BFA, Production Management, ’91) invites you to visit her website.

MATT SMITH (BFA, Acting, ’91) recently had a role on Good Dog, HBO Canada. He is also a realtor in Toronto with Rosley Real Estate.

SCOTT SMITH (MFA, Acting Program, ’78-'80) is in an indie film called Shakespeare’s Cat. Scott is also a licensed massage therapist.

STEVE SMITH (BFA, Acting, ’77 & Former Faculty) has completed his 9th
and final year as writer and director for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, mounting large scale Parade Spectaculars for their huge mega-ships.

KEVIN SNOW (BFA, Lighting Design, ’85) and MICHAEL BEGORA (BFA, Theatre Technology, ’05) are part of Luci Creative, a creative and design firm devoted to igniting stories in an experiential way. Some of their work includes exhibits and environments for museums, corporations, retail, and hospitality.

MEGAN SOLIAH (BFA, Production Management, ’02) lives in LA and is the manager of product placement for Universal Pictures.

JEN (McARDLE) SOLOWAY (BFA, Theatre Technology, ’01) is the finance director of the José Limón Dance Foundation in NYC.

JOSHUA SPITZIG (BFA, Scene Design, ’01) designed the architectural and exhibit lighting for Science Storms at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry with PAUL GREGORY (BFA, Lighting Design, ’73). It features interactive exhibits on the science of light along with other natural phenomena. It has won 16 industry awards, including a THEA for outstanding Achievement, an IES Lumen Award of Excellence in Lighting, and an IALD Award of Merit for Lighting. He is the senior lighting designer for the Air and Space Center which will house the permanent home of the Space Shuttle Endeavour in LA.

KATIE STACK (BFA, Costume Design & Costume Construction, ’03) has a website where she sells scarves, hats, knitwear and hand dyed yarns, and was the first runner up for Best Local Crafter for the “Best Of” edition of CityPaper. She is the co-interim costume director for the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, DC. Katie also got a write up on the fashion blog, Daily Candy.

BRIAN STACY (BFA, Lighting Design, ’95) is a principal at Arup, an independent firm of designers, planners, engineers, consultants and technical specialists offering a broad range of professional services. He recently won the Architecture + Lighting Award for Outstanding Achievement, and the Lumen Award from the Illuminating Engineering Society of the North Americas. Congrats, Brian!

LESLEY STAGER (MFA, Acting, ’81) lives in New Zealand where she teaches at Massey University in Auckland. She is active in the theatre community there. She recently had two commercials air: Mother’s Day Lotto and New Zealand Masterchef.

KRISTY STAKY (BFA, Acting, ’11) is the in house ventilator and the assistant head of special effects at Nigel’s Beauty Emporium in LA.

JOEL STEDMAN (BFA, Acting,’70) is wrapping final post production on two 3-D productions for Chrysler that he produced and directed. He previously produced and directed four 3-D programs for the Pentagon as well as his first independent short Going Home, which was submitted for consideration to the Sundance Film Festival 2012.

STEPHANIE STEELE (BFA, Acting, ’93) moved from NYC to LA after being the co-executive producer for The Next Food Network Star. She is the director of current production at Oxygen Network. In her free time she produced the LA and Off-Broadway musical Reefer Madness! and the LA production of Matt and Ben.

KATT STEFFENS (BFA, Acting, ’08) is Jacqueline Kennedy in the feature film Parkland. Co-stars include Zak Efron, Paul Giamatti, Billy Bob Thornton, and Marcia Gay Harden.

BETH STEGMAN (BFA, Stage Management, ’05) lives in NYC. She is the most recent member of the The New Ensemble. ERIC SLATER (BFA, Acting, ’97) and CASSIE WOOLEY (BFA, Acting, ’03) are members as well.

BRADFORD STEVENS (MFA, Acting, ’02) is a member of Barrel of Monkeys artistic ensemble. He performs and teaches in the Chicago Public Schools with them. RAWSON VINT (BFA, Acting, ’06 & Faculty) is also in the ensemble. They have an open run show called That’s Weird Grandma, Neo Futurist Theatre, Mondays, 8PM. This will be Bradford’s third year doing the role. He’s working on productions with his film company Land of Misery Films. They are currently working on a web series called “Midnight Tales: Satan Walks The Night” and a feature film, “Chase” which will resume filming in March. Bradford also recently booked an episodic on Chicago PD.

CHRISTINA STEVENS (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’02) has left Chicago for Connecticut, to be an actor/ stage manager with the National Theatre of the Deaf. AARON KUBEY (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’06) is the past executive director and president. She will be touring with the company for the next year. You can learn more about NTD and to book the tour to your school click here. Christina has also started her own blog to document her year on the road. Christina was recently in California with the National Theatre of the Deaf where she worked with students from the Toro School for the Deaf.

PATRICK STEWART (BFA, Lighting Design, ’12) is currently working as the Lighting, Special Effects, and Pyro technician onboard the flagship
Carnival Breeze with Carnival Cruise Lines through September 2014. Patrick is currently in charge of maintaining the $3.5 million lighting system onboard. Recently Patrick became a Warranty Certified Technician for both High End Systems and Phillips Van’Lite. In October, Patrick also worked on his eighth season with Six Flags Theme Parks as a Fright Fest Performer at Six Flags Fiesta Texas, and will be returning for the 2014 Fright Fest season as a Fright Fest Performer again. Visit patrickstewartdesigns.com for more information.

STACY STEYAERT (BFA, Theatre Management, ‘10) is the Head of Early Childhood Curriculum and Programming at Adventure Theatre MTC. She also works as a freelance teaching artist for theatres across the DC Metro area, most notably Imagination Stage, specializing in first exposure arts experiences for ages 0-10.

DOMINIQUE STOCKMAN (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’07) is a member of the improv group F.E.W. (The Fifth Element Warriors).

MEGHAN STRELL (BFA, Acting, ’91 & Faculty) is the artistic director of Local Infinities Visual Theatre, and a cheerleader for the punk circus marching band Mucca Pazza.

STEPHANIE (BRYANT) SULLIVAN (MFA, Acting,’06) is working at Keller Williams Realty. She is a casting associate at BoHo Theatre Company. MARY KATE ROBEL (BFA, Production Management, ’99) is the company secretary.

BRIAN SWIBEL (BFA, Acting, ’02) produced the record-breaking web-series Cubby Bernstein, starring Cynthia Nixon, Nathan Lane, and Patti LuPone. The episodes have been released as a DVD. He also developed and is producing Xanadu The Musical currently on its national tour. Brian is producing a film of the book 15 To Life, and is developing the musical To Die For with MAGGIE FINE (BFA, Acting, ’02), and is developing and producing a new TV series with writer/director Tim Busfield (West Wing, Studio 60), and MAGGIE FINE (BFA, Acting, ’02). Brian is the co-founder of The Starmaker Group, a company dedicated to creating high quality film and theatre in an educational setting. He continues working on his Zia Indian Theatre Project (See Theatre School News, August, 2002, page 7) now with an editor to create a short documentary, narrated by Ali McGraw, to be used to raise funds for a full program.

DANIELLE TADDEI (BFA, Acting, ’01) is in the improv team Capital T at iO West.

CHRISTOPHER TANI (BFA, Stage Management, ’05) recently completed the MFA Production Management program at CalArts. He served as the technical services intern for London 2012 Ceremonies at the Olympic Stadium.

WIL (FLEMING) TARRIS (BFA, Acting, ’04) and CALVIN MARTY (BFA, Acting, ’05) are in the band Nature Show.

DAN TAUBE (MFA, Directing, ’92) is the theatre director at the Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts.

ELI TAYLOR (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’11) is an artistic associate of ShPiEL Theatre. DAVID CHACK (Faculty) is the artistic director.

ERIC TEESTER (BFA Theatre Management program, ’08-’09) is the director of development for The Old Creamery Theatre, Amana, IA.

PAUL TEI (MFA, Directing, ’95) is the founder, artistic director, and president of the board of directors of Mad Cat Theatre Company at The Light Box in Miami, FL.

MICHELLE TENNANT NICHOLSON (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘93) is the founder of Wasabi Publicity, Inc. in Saluda, NC. For more information, check out her website. She has written for the Huffington Post.

LINDSAY THEO (BFA, Scene Design, ’04) is in the process of finishing her course work for an MA in Intercultural Youth and Family Development, University of Montana in Missoula.

LISA THEW (BFA Acting program, ’98-’99) and KELLEY OGDEN (BFA, Acting, ’99) are the founders of KOLT Run Creations in Sacramento, CA.

BEN THIEM (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’04) is the member services manager for the League of Chicago Theatres.

TWEED THORNTON (BFA, Theatre Management, ’06) is the executive director for the City Club of Chicago, which has been Illinois’ Premiere Public Policy Forum since 1903. Recent speakers have included Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, and Chicago Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts.

JULIA THUDIUM (BFA, Acting,’89) is the artistic director of Mother Road Theatre Company in Albuquerque, NM.

SARA TOLBERT (BFA, Theatre Management, ’04) is a Tax Preparation and Audit Assistant at H&R Block in California.

JOSHUA TORRES (BFA, Acting, ’09) invites you to visit his site and check out his music.

STEPHANIE TOWNER (BFA, Theatre Technology, ’96) is an associate at Freeborn & Peters LLP doing intellectual property law. She plays traditional Irish music on the fiddle and does a session every once in a while in a pub around town.

TEISSIA TREYNET (BFA, Acting, ’06) lives in NYC and runs her wedding and event planning company, Firefly Events. Anyone getting married or planning a special event in the NY/East Coast area and is in need of a planner/day coordinator feel free to email at ttreynet@firefly-events.com. 25% discount to DePaul Alumni and alumni referrals. ALIA (WILLIAMSON) WILSON (BFA Acting program, ’99-’01) also works at Firefly Events.
MIKE TROCCOLI (Certificate, Acting, ‘80) is the coach for the Goodman Alum team in the Chicago Theatre Softball League. The Chicago Theatre Softball League is a co-ed 16 inch softball league for folks in the arts who love to play ball. In season, they play at Clarendon Park every Monday at 5:30PM or 6:35PM depending on the schedule. For questions, more info, or to find out how you can join the team please contact Mike at ktmarket@aol.com.

MONICA TROMBETTA (BFA, Acting, ‘91) is on the New York national board for SAG.

STEPHEN (SMITH) TROVILLION (MFA, Acting, ’85) teaches at The University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. Each summer he acts in the Summer Shorts Festival, City Theatre, Ring and Broward Center, Miami, FL.

DEMETRIOS TROY (BA, Theatre Arts, ’04) is a company member emeritus and founding member of Oracle Theatre.

AL TUCCI (MFA, Costume Design, ’70) shares his enchanting and theatrical art at his website, altucciart.com.

SHUNDRICE TUCKER (MFA, Acting, ’03) is the arts manager for the McGaw YMCA in Evanston, IL.

LEVITICUS TURNER (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’04) is the resident production manager for Boxer Rebellion Theatre.

SCOTT TURNER (BFA, Acting, ’84) and his wife Valerie (sister of fellow BFA ’84 actor MICHAEL RASSEL) are proud to announce their children’s graduations. Emigdio Elijah Turner graduated with a BS in Chemistry from James Madison University on 5/10/14, and Freida Mary Turner graduated from Goochland High School on 5/29/14; she will be pursuing studies in political science at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Congrats to the Turner clan!

ZYGGY BRIAN TYLKE (BFA, Lighting Design,’04) is living and working in NYC in television production and art direction. Currently he is the product integration producer for the Women’s Entertainment Television bridal show, My Fair Wedding (season 2); he served as the production coordinator for Bravo’s The Real Housewives of NYC (season 2), set decorator for MTV’s Making the Band 4.3, production coordinator for VH1’s I Want to Work For Diddy, and continues to do design for various projects.

SARAH UNDERWOOD (Certificate, Acting, ‘91) is teaching at the Orange County High School of the Arts in instrumental music. She continues playing the sax 5 nights a week.

DAVID A. VANCLEAVE (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’11) is the Artistic Director of DM Young Artists’ Theatre in Des Moines, IA.

SUSAN VARGO (BFA, Theatre Management, ’98) is the executive producer of live theatricals for JabberBug Media, and has also launched a bid for investors on Kickstarter.com.

MIRA VASILJEVIC (MFA, Acting, ’06) has launched a new audio media company, JabberBug Media, and has also launched a bid for investors on Kickstarter.com.

CHRIS VENTRESCA (BFA, Lighting Design, ’04) lives in NYC and has his own design firm, Ventresca Design LLC. CHASE CORMAN (BFA, Lighting Design, 09) is an assistant lighting designer there. Chris is a member and LEED Accredited Professional of the US Green Building Council, and serves on the Associate Board of the Designer’s Lighting Forum of NY. Chris and his company were featured in the “14 Under 40” series in DePaul Magazine.

FRANK VENTURA (MFA, Acting, ’77) is the artistic director of New York’s Musical Theatre Training Conservatory at CAP21 (Collaborative Arts Project 21). They recently expanded their space, adding a floor. PAUL MILLER (BFA, Light Design, ’87) helped design the lights for the new theater.

AJ VICTORIA (BFA, General Theatre Studies, ’05) is the manager of performance programs in the education department for Citi Performing Arts Center, Boston, MA.

RAWSON VINT (BFA, Acting, ’06 & Faculty) is in the artistic ensemble at Barrel of Monkeys. BRAD STEVENS (MFA, Acting, ’02) is also in the ensemble.

BRIAN VOELKER (BFA, Playwriting, ’98) is the web manager at Humana Inc., Louisville, KY.

KATHRYN WAGNER (BFA, Costume Design, ‘85) is an assistant professor at Western Michigan University.

MICHAEL WAGMAN (BFA, Playwriting, ’07) is an artistic associate at Strangeloop Theatre.
SARA WALBRIDGE CASTRO (BFA, Costume Design, ’02) is the key costumer on HBO’s True Blood, which is now in its seventh and final season. She was the costume designer for Split, a feature film which should be out later this year.

MICHAEL WALTERS (BFA, Acting, ’06) is a licensed Illinois real estate broker. He is also a self-employed sales agent under contract with Sudler-Sohoty International Realty.

TOMMY WALTON (BFA, Acting, ’84) is a fashion instructor at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago. He is half of the Chicago-based clothing design company Price Walton Couture Lab. He and his partner Roger Price have been designing custom-made clothing for 20 years.

DAN WARD (BFA, Acting, ’94) is teaching yoga at Santa Monica Power Yoga.

JACK WARNER (MFA, Directing, ’78) frequently works with Teatro la Fragua in El Progreso, Honduras. MARGO WICKESSE (MFA, Acting, ’78) was recently the artist-in-residence.

TED WASS (BFA, Acting, ’85) directed the pilot of ABC/FOX’s The Kevin Hart Project pilot. JOE GUZALDO (BFA, Acting, ’82) appears in the episode.

MICHAEL WEBER (BFA, Acting, ’90) invites you to visit his website.

KATE WEINBERG (BFA, Acting,’07) is a founding company member of ABroad Stage Company. GRACE LOWMAN (BFA, Acting,’08) is also a founding company member and director of the New Play Development Series for the company.

ARIEL WELCH (BFA, Theatre Arts, ’11) is the assistant to the managing director at Company One Theatre in Boston, MA.

KIMBERLY M. WETHERELL (BFA, Production Management, ’94) writes for the creative non-fiction literary blog The Nervous Breakdown. She is also the associate producer on the new independent film 7 to the Palace. She relocated to NYC at the end of August.

TONY WETTERER (BFA Acting program, ’81-’83) is a purser for United Airlines, based in Tokyo but living in Taiwan. He is the union vice president of Local Council 38 in Narita for the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA. Tony is happily married to a wonderful Taiwanese guy, who happens to be an economics professor. Tony completed a BA in Communications at DePaul in 1985.

WIL WHALEN (BFA, Theatre Studies Program, ’93-’95) lives in South Portland, Maine, where he works as a freelance writer, graphic artist, writer and DJ (under the name DangerWilRobinson). Wil invites you to visit his music blog. His intention is to write about music in a way that is respectful to the music and the musicians. His blog has been picked up by a local NBC affiliate as their official music blog. He is also the East Coast contributor to gay.net.

SARA (E.M.) WHITAKER (BFA, Acting, ’01) is the president/executive director of East Texas Performing Arts, Inc. It is an organization dedicated to theatre, music appreciation, and educational outreach. This summer Sara is directing/choreographing The Mystery of Edwin Drood. She is also producing Texas Sounds: International Country Music Awards. Bands from Australia, Canada, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, and USA will be competing. She is the writer, director, and choreographer of an original play about human trafficking, premiered 8/8/14 in Jefferson, Texas. Sara is the managing editor for the Jefferson Jimplecute newspaper, “the fifth oldest newspaper in Texas”. Sara is the artistic director of Historic Jefferson Railway. She is their director, narrator, and script writer for the 2014 season.

PAUL WHITE (BFA, Acting, ‘91) is co-owner and coordinator of special events for Prairie Moon Restaurant in Evanston, IL.

TUCKIE (MARTHA) WHITE (BFA Acting program ’05-’09) and JEREMY KAHN (BFA, Acting, ’09) are in The Removed starring Daniel Baldwin, currently in post-production.

DALE WIBBEN (Certificate, Costume Design, ’81) is the cutter for the costumes of Captain America: The Winter Soldier.

MARGO WICKESSE (MFA, Acting,’78) will direct and teach at the Autonomous University of Honduras. She was recently the artist in residence at Teatro la Fragua in El Progreso, Honduras working with JACK WARNER (MFA, Directing,’78).

STEPHANIE (GLAZER) WIELAND (BFA, Acting, ’99) is artistic director for the recently re-named LA-based non-profit theatre company The Possibility Project, which recently opened the first premiere of its newest Program, The Next and Last Stop Is... The Possibility Project is an organization dedicated to creating cross-cultural understanding and conflict resolution using the performing arts as a vehicle for change and advocacy. Each year, the teens at The Possibility Project write, produce, and perform an original musical about their lives and ideas for change.

SARA WILCOX (BFA, Costume Design, ’99) has costumed for the past two seasons at the Old Log Theater in MN.

ALEC WILD (LEX HARRINGTON) (BFA, Acting, ’90) lives in St. Louis and just directed the American premiere of Swallows and Amazons, and is the leader of Shakespeare In the Streets project for the Shakespeare Festival St. Louis. He is teaching acting at Webster Conservatory. I also won last year’s i48 Film Festival in Idaho, with his first film, Arcadia.

SHARON WILLEMS (BFA, Theatre Studies, ’02) started a new company, Kibo Productions, an outreach theatre initiative...
that will engage communities through creativity, risk, and positivity.

**ALLISON WILLIAMS** (BFA Acting program, '93-'95) is the founder and artistic director of Aerial Angels, a circus arts company. She appeared on Canada’s reality TV show *Dragon’s Den* and won a quarter of a million dollars to stage her dream circus. That became *Stand Up Eight* which is currently on its North American tour.

**JACQUELINE WILLIAMS** (BFA, Acting, ‘87) is available for coaching sessions in acting as well as for TV and film auditions. If you are interested, feel free to email Jacqueline at jgmuto@aol.com.

**ALIA (WILLIAMSON) WILSON** (BFA Acting program, ‘99-'01) works at *Firefly Events*, a wedding and event planning company in NYC, run by **TEISSIA TREYNET** (BFA, Acting, ‘06). Anyone getting married or planning a special event in the NY/East Coast area and is in need of a planner/day coordinator feel free to email at ttreynet@firefly-events.com. 25% discount to DePaul Alumni and alumni referrals.

**FARREL WILSON** (MFA, Acting, ‘89) is assistant directing as part of the production team at **Special Gifts Theatre**.

**SHERRI WINKLEMANN** (Certificate, Acting, ‘85) runs Wink Productions, a full-service entertainment company in the Chicago area. Sherri does a variety of theme parties for children, adults, and senior citizen groups. Winky the Clown is one of her characters. For more info, call 847/890-5531. Sherri also dances professionally with the Latin Street Dance Company in Chicago.

**CASSIE WOOLEY** (BFA, Acting, ‘03), her husband **ERIC SLATER** (BFA, Acting, ‘97), and **BETH STEGMAN** (BFA, Stage Management, ‘05) are members of **The New Ensemble**. Cassie invites you to visit her website, designed by **JOSH LEVINE** (BFA, Playwriting, ‘02).

**DAVID WOOLLEY** (BFA, Acting, ‘81) is a Jeff Award-winning fight director and Fight Master with the Society of American Fight Directors; senior lecturer at Columbus College Chicago running the Stage Combat program and overseeing violence in the theater department. Other projects include the MACE Winter Wonderland Workshop. He performs as Dirk and Guido: the Swordsmen, now in their 24th year at Fox Valley Repertory Theater. He also did the fight direction for a variety of Chicago productions, including *Disgraced, Dark Play or Stories for Boys, A Midsommer Night’s Dream*, and *The Feast: An Intimate Tempest*.

**TONY YALDA** (BFA, Theatre Studies Program, ‘99-01) is now Ladyboi—his latest music project. He has recently completed an album. Visit his website [here](#).

**DALE YOUNG** (BFA, Acting, ‘88) is currently in his second year at his new position as assistant professor of theatre with **UMass-Lowell** where he teaches acting, directing, voice, and movement, among other courses. In July he appeared in Apollinaire Theatre’s productions of *Bocon! and Invasion*; late this summer he returned to Cortland Repertory to play the father in *Dark Play or Stories for Boys, A Midsommer Night’s Dream*, and *The Feast: An Intimate Tempest*.

**DENNIS ZACEK** (GSD & BA, DePaul University, ‘63) is a professional associate on The Theatre School Board. He recently was awarded the Ellen Stewart Award for Lifetime Achievement by the Association for Theatre in Higher Education. Congrats Dennis!

**LORA ZANE** (Certificate, Acting, ‘81) is the senior lecturer at the School of Theatre at the University of Southern California.

**AMANDA (FRIEDBERG) ZAR** (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘03) is the special events specialist for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Greater Illinois Chapter Chicago.

**SCOTT ZIEMBA** (BFA, Stage Management, ‘92) is the project manager for Kobotech Inc, which manages all of Chicago’s festivals and the Grant Park Symphony.

**LOUIS ZORICH** (GSD Acting Program, ‘55-’58)’s book *What Have You Done? The Inside Stories of Auditioning From the Ridiculous to the Sublime*, is available in bookstores.

**ZACH ZULAUF** (BFA, Theatre Studies, ‘06) is the owner of New Wave Coffee.