

# Graduate ат DePaul University



Ryan J. Adams | BFA Acting ryanadams2k@gmail.com

Ryan is an actor and musician originally from Naperville, Illinois. Theatre School credits include The Seagull (Constantine), V.I.P. (Josh), and Suicide, Incorporated (Tommy). Other credits include School of Performing Arts' West Side Story (Tony) and Schaumburg Summer Theatre's Urinetown (Sen. Fipp). Ryan has 11 years of experience playing the trumpet and was a part of the ILMEA All-State Jazz Festival in 2018. Upcoming: Much Ado About Nothing (Don John).



**Antonio L. Banks** | MFA Acting b.antonio3@gmail.com

Born and partially raised in Chicago, Antonio spent most of his life in Minneapolis where he worked with many theatre companies including 20% Theatre and Penumbra Theatre. Most recent Theatre School credits are Sweat (Evan) and Everybody (Somebody 5). He has also trained with Tasha Smith's Actor Workshop (TSAW) at The National Black Theatre in Harlem, New York. Besides acting, Antonio enjoys flexing his songwriting and playwriting muscles. He is super grateful for his time at The Theatre School. Instagram: @antonio.l.banks



Simone Brazzini | BFA Acting sbrazzini99@hotmail.com | www.simonebrazzini.com

Simone is an artist/creator born in Lima, Peru and raised in Dallas. They are a founding member of Spectrum Shakespeare, a theatre company dedicated to one-on-one devised performances for autistic individuals. Recent regional credits: Luciérnagas (National Queer Theatre), Sapience (San Diego Rep), and (trans)formanada (Stages) directed by Virginia Grise. Recent Theatre School credits: Tall Enough, How to Clean Your Room (and remember all your trauma), Polaroid Stories, and The Fantasticks. Simone is also passionate about intersectional inclusion and diversity. They believe that art and media need to reflect the current society when it comes to queer, BIPOC, and neurodiverse representation. Instagram: @simonebrazzini

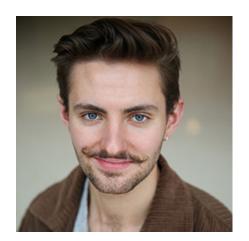


Dani Chmielewski | BFA Acting dchmiel1998@gmail.com

Danielle is a Chicago native pursuing a double major in acting and communication studies. She is looking forward to finally learning how to drive as well as pursuing creative spaces that are conducted through a lens of critical consciousness. Favorite credits include Blood at the Root, columbinus, and Tartuffe. Danielle enjoys singing, meeting strangers, biking to the lake and she is always up for a challenge. Instagram: @ddchmiel

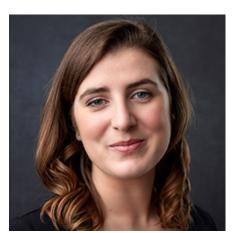
### Paul Danowski | BFA Acting pauldanowski672@gmail.com

Paul is an Oregon-raised actor, filmmaker, and creator. Paul recently wrote several shorts, one of which was awarded Best Experimental Short at Florana Film Festival in Los Angeles. Favorite credits at The Theatre School include The Seagull (Trigorin), As You Like It (Amiens), and Mudlarks (Charlie). Paul treasures the outdoors and hopes to inspire climate action through his creative work. In the meantime, you can usually find him running or working on his tennis serve. Instagram: @pauldanowski\_



### **Aly Easton** | MFA Acting alyeaston@gmail.com | alyeaston.weebly.com

Aly is an actor, director, and producer from Los Angeles, currently in Chicago. An artist-advocate, her mission is to cultivate community, facilitate education, and promote accessibility and inclusivity. Aly is a Fulbright Scholar in deaf theatre, and her research on disability-inclusive and accessible theater in Siena, Italy led to a production of Romeo and Juliet: An ASL Love Story that she directed and produced. Credits include: Tartuffe (Elmire) and Our Lady of 121st Street (Marcia) at The Theatre School; The Christians (Elizabeth) with Phamaly Theatre Company; and Hamlet (Laertes), Twelfth Night (Viola), Wit (Susie) with Ophelia's Jump Productions. Prior to The Theatre School, Aly earned her MA in leadership development and holds her Illinois realtor license.



### **Jake Emmerling** | MFA Acting jakeemmerling@gmail.com | www.jakeemmerling.com

Jake is originally from the Pittsburgh area and received his BFA in musical theatre and minor in dance from Shenandoah Conservatory (Magna Cum Laude/ Excellence in Theatre Award). He was an original company member with the Chicago/Jumamosi tour of The Book of Mormon and toured North America for six years and 2,197 shows. Other select regional credits include West Side Story (Snowboy), South Pacific (Lt. Cable), Much Ado About Nothing (Claudio), Christmas at DePaul on PBS (Narrator), as well as performing in the U.S. premiere of The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring at Wolf Trap. Jake is a proud member of Actors' Equity. Instagram: @jakiejake88



### **Muhamad Faal** | BFA Acting modotfaal@gmail.com

Muhamad (Mo) is a young creative from Seattle, Washington. He spent his early years traveling back and forth between Seattle and The Gambia, the homeland of his parents. As a first generation Gambian-American, his roots have always played a big part in his art and personality. Muhamad is also a recording artist under the name MO and designs clothing in his free time. Instagram: @moswrldd





**Ashli Rene Funches** | BFA Acting ashfun1999@gmail.com

Ashli is a double major in acting and African diaspora studies. They are a content creator who wrote, produced, and led a short film called *A Yellow Circus*. Ashli's focus is decolonizing the film and theatre industry by participating in work rooted in anti-imperialist agendas and she hopes to invite the decolonization of all bodies through the encouragement of free movement and



Danielle Ganz | BFA Acting danielle.v.ganz@gmail.com | www.danielleganz.com

Danielle is from South Florida, where she grew up on musical theatre and dance. Since then, she has expanded and nurtured her creativity through acting, directing, writing, film-making, and solo performance. Some of the mediums and modes of performance she explored this past year include filming Shakespeare outside in Lincoln Park in As You Like It (Celia), elevating her comedic writing, improv, and performance skills with her sketch comedy ensemble in Mess Fest, and creating innovative digital theatre in *The Gap* (The Real Lee/Hypnotist). She is currently looking forward to collaborating on the creation of an avant-garde short film, *Hive Wedding*, and performing in an experimental movement piece, The Serpent. Instagram: @danielleganz



Emilie Maureen Hanson | BFA Acting emiliemaureenhanson@gmail.com | www.emiliemaureenhanson.com

Emilie started her career in Seattle (The Wolves, The Crucible: ACT Theatre; Johanna: ArtsWest). In Seattle, she found a love for ensemble centered theatre and carries this passion in her education at The Theatre School. She has found purpose collaborating in devised plays and new works (American Teenager and V.I.P.). She investigates experimentation in her artistic projects; her most recent artistic endeavor being a collaborative EP written by her band Court The Muse. She brings this excitement for experimentation in the production Much Ado About Nothing (Beatrice), her final performance at The Theatre School. Instagram: @emilie\_hanson



Ivy Sloane Harris | BFA Acting ivysloaneharris@gmail.com

Originally from San Francisco, Ivy is an actor and writer currently based in Chicago. She has been involved in student film and stage work both inside and outside DePaul during her time as a student. She seeks out surrealist works with an emotional focus. Favorite projects of hers include neo-Greek tragedy Optymus Rex (writer/director), and A Yellow Circus (Clown Ensemble) which is currently in production. In her spare time, Ivy enjoys writing scripts, baking, and devoting entirely too much mental energy towards Dungeons and Dragons.

### Jamie Herb | MFA Acting jlherb14@gmail.com | www.jamieherb.com

Jamie is an actor, writer, and musician from Madison, Wisconsin. She has found her voice by writing, filming, and acting in personal, one-minute films during the pandemic. Jamie most recently has been in production for a longer short film that she and her collaborators plan to submit to festivals. Recent credits include: The Seagull (Nina), As You Like It (Touchstone), and Fefu and Her Friends (Cindy). She is The Theatre School 2020 Geraldine Page Memorial Endowed Scholarship recipient. In her off-time, Jamie loves playing piano, flute, and guitar, she's become an avid rock-climber, and likes cooking and baking vegan goodies. Instagram: @herbmione08



### **Bryant Hindsman** | BFA Acting Bhindsman3@gmail.com

Bryant is a classically trained actor with more than 11 years of experience. Prior to DePaul University, Bryant graduated from the Chicago High School for the Arts. Recent credits include *Peerless* by Jihae Park (BF), *Rumors* by Neil Simon (Glenn Cooper), and *Loop* (Ensemble). The seeds in which he has reaped from his education has empower him to achieve great heights. Instagram: @bryant.hindsman



### Ahreon Ashton Holly | BFA Acting Ahreonholly11@gmail.com

Ahreon is an actor, writer, and musician from Houston, Texas. Ahreon recently made his mainstage debut at The Theatre School in Detroit '67 (Sly). Recent credits include Sunset Baby (Damon) and Building the Wall (Gloria). In continuing his flow of creative expression Ahreon spends his time crafting music with the intention of reaching level ground with its listener.



### Colin Huerta | BFA Acting cfhuerta99@gmail.com

Colin is a local actor and musician from Chicago. When he is not acting on a stage or film set, he is practicing and playing guitar. Recent Theatre School credits include Everybody (Somebody 1), Blood Wedding (Groom) and Tartuffe (Orgon). He is also set to appear in an upcoming film directed by Mickey Keating and produced by Joe Swanberg. He hopes to use his art to be of service to others.





Adam LeCompte | BFA Acting lecompte.adam@gmail.com

Adam is an actor, singer-songwriter, graphic designer, and photographer from New Jersey. Before becoming an artist, Adam was a Junior Olympic diver and the sport still heavily influences his work. Theatre School credits include You On The Moors Now (Heathcliff), As You Like It (Orlando), The Seagull (Dorn), and Tartuffe (Valère). Instagram: @lecompte\_photography



**Adelaide Leonard** | BFA Acting adelaide.leonard.contact@gmail.com

Adelaide is an actor, singer, groover, budding solo performer, and a proud dog mom originating from Nashville. Some of her favorite credits at The Theatre School include Independence (Evelyn), A Wrinkle in Time (Mrs. Which), and dis/ease as part of the devising ensemble. Other noteworthy work: Mary Poppins (Mary Poppins) with the Larry Keaton Theater and Two Gentlemen of Verona (Julia/ Devising Ensemble) with the Prague Shakespeare Company. She is also a founding ensemble member of Spectrum Shakespeare and helped devise and perform in a virtual, interactive production of *Macbeth* during the pandemic. Instagram: @spectadelaide



Zoe Gray Mazza | BFA Acting zoe.gray.mazza@gmail.com

Zoe is a Chicago-based actor, filmmaker, and educator born and raised in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. Theatre credits include: Ninki Nanka, God of Carnage, A Dream Play, Blood Wedding and Pieces That Remain. Film credits include Sweet Tooth, Fear thy Nature, Bleachers, Invasive and Straight People: The Documentary. Along with being an actor, Zoe is a filmmaker, director and editor with more than 11 years of experience. Most recently they had the honor of editing the now four-time internationally nominated short film, Carpool. In Zoe's free time you can find them listening to hyperpop a little too loud and talking about how Kendall Roy is the best character on the tv show Succession. Instagram: @zoegraymazza



Neysha Mendoza | MFA Acting neysha.marie.mendoza@gmail.com | www.neyshamendoza.com

Neysha is a Puerto Rican actress, journalist, singer, and model. She fluently speaks three languages, and in her free time, she loves horseback riding, exploring rivers and going to the beach. She's worked both in film and on stage, and has developed a love for writing screenplays. Theatrical credits include works by Shakespeare, Federico García Lorca, Stephen Adly Gurguis, and María Irene Fornés. On-camera credits include short films shot and produced in Puerto Rico. While pursuing her MFA in acting at The Theatre School, she worked as a journalist and social media manager for the broadcast station, Univision Chicago and recently created her own jewelry brand. Instagram: @neysha.mendoza

### Sabrina Lauren Michaels | BFA Acting

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Sabrina was born and raised in Orlando, Florida with a strong curiosity for storytelling. She has written, directed, and starred in many student films at DePaul and other universities. She hopes to continue her career with a focus in film and TV. Over the past four years, Sabrina's favorite roles at The Theatre School have been The Seagull (Arkadina), Pieces That Remain (Josephine Hall), and You on the Moors Now (Elizabeth Bennet). Sabrina loves going on walks, training dogs, sunbathing, and going to the arcade. Sabrina is eager to graduate and make waves as an actor and artist in the professional world.



### Maeve Mollaghan | BFA Acting maeve.a.mollaghan@gmail.com | www.maevemollaghan.com

Maeve is an actor, writer, and arts educator born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She is double majoring in acting and english, concentrating in creative writing. She values grit, humor, and courage in her work, and has a passion for heightened text. Favorite Theatre School credits include You on the Moors Now (Jane Eyre), The Moors (Agatha), and The Maids (Claire).



### **Christian Morris** | MFA Acting BadChristiansen@gmail.com

Christian is a queer actor, filmmaker, writer, and visual artist who grew up on a dirt road in North Georgia. After a transformative career as a flight attendant based in New York City, he realized that he did not feel fulfilled unless he was making art, auditioning, and performing. He is eager to continue his professional journey as an actor and artist armed with the knowledge and training he has received during his MFA training. Instagram: @BadChristiansen



### **Keri Ann Moynihan** | MFA Acting keriannmoynihan@gmail.com | www.keriannmoynihan.com

Keri is an east coast-raised, queer, multidimensional artist whose focus is to evolve our universal perspective of inclusivity and self-expression by challenging her own point of view and synthesizing it with the wide range of diverse perspectives from the many artists that make up the entertainment industry. While attending The Theatre School at DePaul University, they honed their craft with care and found that impactful art can be made among communities who are committed to facing challenges fiercely and safely. Keri is a proud recipient of the Joseph Slowick Scholarship. Their time is otherwise spent writing screenplays and music, painting, and enjoying anime/manga with a cup of tea on a Sunday morning.





**Jake Netter** | BFA Acting netterjake@gmail.com

Jake has multiple professional commercial and television credits and secured SAG-AFTRA membership at age 13. Along with years of improv training at Groundlings, Second City, and Upright Citizens Brigade, he had lead roles in *The Crucible, Clybourne Park* and other plays. Jake loves making people laugh, and his easy-going personality makes him a lot of fun.



**Athena Nickole** | BFA Acting athenarosenickole@comcast.net

Athena is an actor, director, filmmaker, singer, and published poet from Boston. Theatre School credits include *Everybody* (Somebody 4), *Dance Nation* (Sofia) and *You on the Moors Now* (Cathy). She began her career with the Greater Boston Stage Company at age eight and earned 14 individual awards for stage performance from the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild, setting a historical record. Athena enjoys creating original short films that she writes, directs, shoots and acts in for her 350K+ followers online. Athena is passionate about work that makes the world a better place, she tries to make at least one person laugh every single day of her life. Instagram: @athenanickole



**Russell Norris** | MFA Acting russellalannorris@gmail.com

Russell arrived at The Theatre School after four years of honing his perspective in the basements, alleyways, and parks of New York City with innovative indie theatre companies. Credits include: a devised clown play inspired by Buster Keaton; a queer, butoh-influenced *Macbeth*; original plays dealing with looking for love online & coming of age in the apocalypse; a proof of concept for a pilot about gay Jesus in 2018; a site-specific *Hedda Gabler* in the oldest remaining farmhouse in Manhattan; short films about meditation, vlogging, and imposter syndrome; and a self-produced virtual one-man production of *No Exit*. Russell has a bachelor's degree in theatre from Muhlenberg College. Instagram: @russell\_norris



Alexander Patterson | BFA Acting Alexbowiepatterson@gmail.com

Alex is from San Antonio, Texas and due to his father's service in the army he's had the opportunity to call many states and countries his home. Favorite productions at The Theatre School include *God of Carnage* and *As You Like It*. In the future, Alex would like to create inspiring content that is exciting, fun, and in every sense of the word: awesome.

### Kaitlyn Piotroski | BFA Acting

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Kaitlyn is an actress, singer, and a certified actor combatant (SAFD 2021) born and raised in New Canaan, Connecticut. Theatre School credits include Squirrel Girl Goes to College (MODOC), V.I.P. (Emerson), and American Teenager (Kaitlyn Maroney). She has also had the opportunity to be in the short film *Rem* and performed voiceover work in *The Very Tiny Potato* and the TTS Escape Room. Outside of acting, Kaitlyn loves to travel and explore, find new ways to stay active, binge-watch Castle and Gilmore Girls, and is a Polaroid photo enthusiast. Instagram: @kaitlynpiotroski



### **Annie Reznik** | BFA Acting AnnieReznik@gmail.com

Annie is an actor, singer, and writer from Los Angeles. She spent last summer working as a production assistant at NBC Universal. Theatre School credits include Detroit '67 (Caroline), Polaroid Stories (Philomel); Bachelorette (Gena), The Fantasticks (El Gallo), and dis/ease. Annie was honored to portray Sue-icide in the Los Angeles workshop of new musical *Home Street Home* at Center Theatre Group. Upcoming: Tall Enough. Annie is passionate about racial justice, Black joy, celebrating Black women, LGBTQ+ and disability rights and representation, Jewish history and identity, social justice, mental health, Palestinian rights and liberation, and multicultural exploration. Instagram: @AnnieRezz



# Shane Novoa Rhoades | MFA Acting

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Shane is an Irish/Nicaraguan actor from California where he received his BA in theatre from San Jose State. While in Chicago, Shane has worked with Drury Lane Theatre, American Theatre Company, Windy City Playhouse, Strawdog, The New Coordinates, Broken Nose Theatre, Redtwist and many more. Theatre School credits include Water by the Spoonful, She Kills Monsters, The Great Divide and The Serpent. Shane has also trained at Actors Studio Chicago and The Second City.



### **Anne Shook** | BFA Acting Anneshook@outlook.com

Anne is an actor, director, poet double majoring in acting and communications & media. Credits include film (Willa in *Intricate Rituals*, Ana in *Ana*), radio plays (Sharon in *Trials and Tribulations*), and Zoom (Bernadette in *Lemons Lemons* Lemons Lemons, Jes in 715 Pearl Street). Other notable credits from The Theatre School include A View From the Bridge (Catherine), Bachelorette (Katie), and Everybody (Girl/Time). Anne enjoys spending time on the beach, training her dog, and advocating for survivors of sexual violence and LGBTQ rights.





**Lauren Skelton** | MFA Acting skelton.lauren@gmail.com

Lauren is a Chicago-based, Seattle-cultivated, Ohio-born multidisciplinary artist who loves hyphens. With a background in improv, burlesque, and clowning, she is a physical performer who thrives in the spontaneous and the weird. As an actor, writer, and filmmaker, Lauren is committed to telling stories about underrepresented women and dismantling the status quo of the tv/film industry from the inside. Favorite performances include: Fefu and Her Friends (Julia); Come Back Little Sheba (Lola); Everybody (Death); Independence (Jo); The Burlesque Hall of Fame Weekender (Las Vegas, NV); and The SheSpot Goes to Camp! at the Seattle Festival of Improv Theater. Lauren will be moving to Los Angeles this August to attend the prestigious American Film Institute Conservatory.



Oliver Sterling-Angus | BFA Acting oliver.sterling.angus@gmail.com

Oliver is originally from Pittsburgh and is double majoring in acting and neuroscience. Previous credits at The Theatre School include A Wrinkle in Time (Calvin), The Bachelorette (Jeff), and The Fantasticks (Matt). Oliver is passionate about sharing queer and trans stories in theatre and film. In his free time, he enjoys volunteering in a chemistry laboratory, playing guitar, and solving Rubik's cubes.



Olemich Tugas | BFA Acting tugasolemich@gmail.com

Olemich is an actor from Huntley, Illinois. His favorite Theatre School credits include Blood Wedding (Leonardo); God of Carnage (Alan); Antigone (Creon); Everybody (Somebody 3); and Much Ado About Nothing (Benedick). He also had the opportunity to understudy various roles in The House Theatre's Snow Queen this past winter. Olemich is obsessed with messiness and imperfection in people and hopes to bring that complexity to every role he plays. Off the stage, he loves spending time with his baby niece, playing Roblox with his little cousin, and staying up late with friends.



Fiona Rae Warburton | BFA Acting fionarwarburton@gmail.com

Fiona is a theatre artist and educator from the Bay Area, California. Theatre School credits include: Fefu and her Friends (Cecilia); As You Like It (Pheobe/ Audrey); *The Moors* (Huldy); and *Ninki Nanka* (devised). Fiona has a passion for Shakespeare and other heightened text. Throughout her time at the Theatre School, she has also developed a love of new works, especially those with a queer or feminist perspective. Off the stage, she likes to play her euphonium, write, and crochet hats for her friends and little sister. Instagram: @fionaa.rae

### Casey Whisler | BFA Acting casey.whisler21@gmail.com

Casey is a multidisciplinary theatre artist and has appeared in new work on the stages of City Lit Theater, Drury Lane Theatre, and Madison Street Theater. Her Theatre School credits include The Thanksgiving Play (Logan), The Maids (Solange), and Top Girls (Pope Joan/Louise). Casey has a deep love for new play development and has spent the majority of the last four years collaborating on countless new works in and outside of The Theatre School. Casey has produced three cabaret variety shows while running the DePaul student group Musical Theatre Collaborative and is now trying her hand at playwriting. She has a strong passion for authentic queer representation, which finds its way into everything she does.



### **Brian Wright** | BFA Acting briankwright0203@gmail.com

Brian is an actor, dancer, singer, and choreographer originally from Dallas, Texas. Brian embraces a love for jazz music and seafood through his family ties in New Orleans. Credits include God of Carnage, Stupid F\*ing Bird, and A Love Play. In his free time, Brian enjoys playing piano and saxophone, writing short films, and video editing.



### Savannah Youngblood | BFA Acting savannah.r.youngblood@gmail.com

Savannah is an actor, writer, and musician from Dallas and cultivated a passion for community centered stories in abandoned warehouses and immersive theatre installations. In Chicago, she remains rooted in community through creative projects such as the student devised drag show, Miss Intergalactic 1967 and in her student organization, the Asian Artists Alliance. Favorite credits at The Theatre School include Rumors (Claire), Fefu and Her Friends (Emma), and As You Like It (Jacques). Outside of acting, she enjoys singing at jazz clubs and karaoke bars, writing love songs, poetry, and studying anything astrology related. Instagram: @savannahyoungblood



# The Theatre School Class of 2022

# **BFA Costume Design**

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## **BFA Costume Technology**

Alex Bell Finnegan Chu Jessica Donaldson Greta Gorsuch

# **BFA Dramaturgy/Criticism**

Isabelle Cheng Ross Milstead

# **BFA Lighting Design**

Brian Gallagher Karen Wallace Mel Williams

# **BFA Playwriting**

Felix Correa-Priest Jacob Craigo-Snell Ethan Doskey Grace Anne Lowry Morris McLennan

# **BFA Scene Design**

Sophie DiCenso Kat Hasanov

# **BFA Sound Design**

Genevieve Blauvelt Chris Comstock Emily Hayman William Kerpan Felix Schauz

# **BFA Stage Management**

Kristina Heiden-Lundberg Kate Petralia Morgan Ramoth

### **BFA Theatre Arts**

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# **BFA Theatre Management**

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