

Measure for Measure
by William Shakespeare
directed by Damon Kiely

Run Time: 2 hours and 10 minutes, including an intermission.

CAST

Geffen Aviva (BFA 3)	Isabella
Adam Todd Crawford (BFA 4)	Elbow/Barnadine/ Gentleman 1
Eamon Hurd (BFA 4)	Angelo
Ryan Kirby (BFA 4)	Lucio
Maricruz Menchero (BFA 4)	Escalus
Antonio Rodriguez (BFA 3)	Duke
Virginia Rose (BFA 4)	Mariana/ Francisca
Lauren Skelton (BFA 3)	Mistress Overdone/Juliet/Abhorson
TJ Thomas (BFA 4)	Claudio/Froth
Tori Thompson (BFA 3)	Provost
Jeremy Willis (BFA 4)	Pompey/Friar

PRODUCTION STAFF

Anna Arenas (BFA 2)	Stage Manager
Gabriella Suarez (BFA 1)	Asst. Stage Manager
Nina Ryan (BFA 3)	Asst. Director
Jordan Hardesty (BFA 3)	Dramaturg
Kat Hasanov (BFA 2)	Scenic Designer
Maegan Fahy (BFA 3)	Costume Designer
Mia Thomas (BFA 2)	Asst. Costume Designer
Genevieve Blauvelt (BFA 2)	Sound Designer
Agata Pacia (BFA 4)	Asst. Sound Designer
Mel Williams (BFA 2)	Lighting Designer
Kyle Bajor (BFA 3)	Asst. Lighting Designer
Alyea Caldwell (BFA 2)	Technical Director
Charlie Benard (BFA 4)	Technical Mentor
Erin Paige	Sound Technologist
Amanda Pulcini (MFA 3)	Sound Effects Operator
Phil Timberlake	Head of Voice and Speech

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

I've been thinking about government lately.

As the Chair of Performance, a teacher, and the father of two teenagers I govern a lot. By that I mean I often set the rules and interpret how people should act within them. I hope that I find balance in terms of setting boundaries for people and allowing them freedom to find their own way. In the past, if I had a question about how to adjudicate a question, I would take a moment, think about past decisions and then make a recommendation. Often governing for me was less about telling people what to do but instead giving advice, or listening to their problems, or providing clear options.

In our current moment I often feel lost on how to govern.

Every day it seems as if I'm facing some problem I've never seen before. Should I just let my kids play video games and eat cookies all day? Should I come down on them for not exercising? Should I encourage them not to stress too much about deadlines and take a break? Should I push my students to hit their deadlines or just give everyone straight A's for even showing up? What about people who are lost? How do I help them? How can I provide guidance when I have no idea what's coming next?

The people in Measure for Measure seem just as lost.

For fourteen years no one followed the laws and no one enforced them. This has led to some problems: babies born out of wedlock, rampant disease, and a general lack of respect for institutions. What is the best course now? Should they continue with mercy for everyone? Or should they clamp down on every infraction? Can you rule without knowing the specifics of every case? Can every fault be excused by the problems the sinner faced in their life? What is justice? What is mercy? What is the law?

Our own government seems completely at sea.

What's the best way out of this pandemic? Should we clamp down for another year? Should police arrest people for not wearing a mask? For grocery shopping? Or should people be trusted to make the right decisions? But if they make a wrong decision and spread fear or disease--is that right? How can we know how to govern when we are in a moment we don't understand, with a present that is confusing, and a future that's completely unclear?

On the home front I'm trying to remember the best advice I've heard about government. It was from my father: Take issues and people one at a time. So I think that means homework some days and cookies the next.

But honestly I don't know for certain.

-Damon Kiely, Director