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# HONEY GIRLS

## by Grace Grindell

Director – Carlos Murillo Scenic Designer – Alyssa Mohn Costume Designer – Olive Earley Lighting Designer – Scott Tobin Sound Designer – Chris Comstock Technical Director – Brendan Hein Dramaturg – Madie Doppelt Stage Manager – Nick Nyquist

May 17 - 26, 2019

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## ■ CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Adolescence is like living in a video game—there is an illusion of control, but you really just have to roll with the punches.
Or, adolescence is like driving down the highway—sometimes it's full speed ahead, wind in your hair, jams blasting through the speakers, and sometimes it's bumper-to-bumper

## Mazie Lancaster ...... Michela Murray Laura .......Grainne Ortlieb Feener......Matthew Martinez Hannon

nes it's full speed ahead, wind times it's bumper-to-bumper rush hour traffic.

DRAMATURGY NOTE

## PRODUCTION STAFF

Maybe it's like falling in love—you think you know how to stick the landing, but the impact knocks the air right out of you.

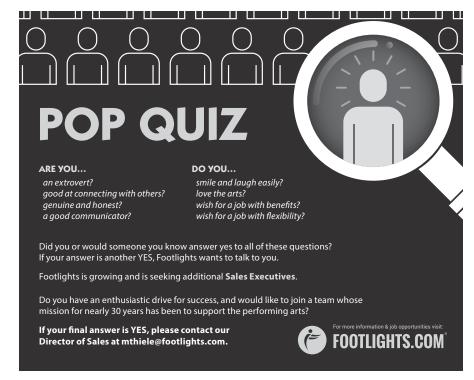
Assistant Stage Manager ......Kristina Heiden-Lundberg, Hannah Smith Master Carpenter......Sam Leapley Carpenter .............John Harren, Joey Hocking Stitcher .................................Jessica Donaldson, Chloe Levy, Emily Sanner, Tess Hershenson Assistant Lighting Designer......Kyle Cunningham Master Electrician ...... Brian Gallagher Assistant Dramaturg...... Emma Durbin Scenery and Property Crew.......Greta Gorsuch, John Harren, Kat Hasanov, Joey Hockin, Alex Patterson Grace Onofrey, Oskar Cy Wesbridge Lighting Crew ...... Muhamd Faal, Brian Gallagher, Brooks Harris, Savannah Youngblood Sound Crew .......Genny Blauvelt Publicity and House Crew ......Victoria Andrus, Jessica Hooper, Jake Netter 

Or, more like everything else—once it happens, it can't un-happen.

Whatever adolescence is, Mazie Lancaster moves through it fearlessly. She rests in the breath of the undefinable and never stops challenging the world around her. She's smart, she's flawed, she's bold, and she learned it from her mother.

In my time with the Lancaster ladies, they have shown me love and legacy, from the honey-sweet to the vodka-sour. In sharing their story today, let it be shared tomorrow. Let it be everywhere.

-Madie Doppelt



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This play is for my mom, Dee Grindell. And all of the moms. The sisters, the brothers, the dads, the friends, the fighters, the survivors. For those who aren't here, for those we remember.

i carry your heart with me (i carry it in my heart) i am never without it (anywhere i go you go,my dear;and whatever is done by only me is your doing,my darling) i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart)

-e.e. cummings

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-Grace Grindell

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Gregory J. Fields** (*Grant*) BFA4/Acting. Gregory is a Los Angeles native. His past Theatre School credits include *The Witness* (Simon), *Cat in the Hat* (The Cat), *King Oedipus* (Priest), and *Augusta and Noble* (Ricardo). He will be performing in the world premiere of Cameron Scott Robert's *Clementine* (Drei) in June. He has also completed a screenwriting minor and plans to pursue a career as a screenwriter and director.

Matthew Martinez Hannon (Feener)
MFA3/Acting. Matthew is a native of San
Diego, California. Prior to attending The
Theatre School at DePaul University,
Matthew studied at the San Diego School
of Creative and Performing Arts, Los
Angeles City College Theatre Academy, and
earned his BA (double majoring in Theater
& Performance Studies and Psychology)
from the University of California, Berkeley.

Maricruz Menchero (*Dr. Campbell/Anne*) MFA2/Acting. Maricruz originally hails from San Antonio, Texas. She recently appeared in the Theatre Shool production of *Go, Dog. Go!* as MC Dog and *She Kills Monsters* as Vera/Evil Gabbi. Other credits include Rita Lopez in *The Great Divide* (DePaul), Melissa in *Necessary Targets* (Stella Adler) and Margaret in *Waiting for the Parade* (Stella Adler). www.maricruzmenchero.com

**Michela Murray** (*Mazie Lancaster*) BFA3/ Acting. Theatre School credits include *The Wolves* (#11) and *Other Desert Cities* (Polly Wyeth).

**Grainne Ortlieb** (*Laura*) BFA4/Acting. Grainne is a senior at The Theatre School. Her previous Theatre School credits include: *Call of the Wild, Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play, Three Sisters*, and *A Dybbuk* or Between Two Worlds.

Ashlea Woodley (Marigold Lancaster)
MFA3/Acting. Ashlea has taught and acted regionally for ten years and now calls
Chicago her home. Previous professional credits include Nothing of Me (Me/US),
The Seagull (Constantine), Persuasion

(Mary), and Hamlet (Rosencrantz). Theatre School credits include The Veil (Madalene/ Grandie), The House of Bernarda Alba (Maid/ Prudencia), Native Son (Mrs. Dalton), and Twelfth Night (Feste). Find her online at www.ashleawoodley.com.

**Grace Grindell** (*Playwright*) BFA4/Theatre Arts. Grace Grindell is a playwright and dramaturg originally from Atlanta, Georgia. Previous Theatre School playwriting credits include staged readings of *Shells* and *Honey Girls* in Wrights of Spring. Previous Theatre School dramaturgy credits include *Oresteia, Three Sisters,* and *The Zoo Story*.

Carlos Murillo (Director) Carlos Murillo is the recipient of a 2015 Doris Duke Impact Award for his work in the theatre. His plays include *Diagram of a Paper Airplane, dark* play or stories for boys, Unfinished American Highwayscape #9 & 32 (Or the Broken Tractor Graveyard), Mimesophobia (Or Before and After), A Human Interest Story (Or the Gory Details and All), Offspring of the Cold War, The Patron Saint of the Nameless Dead, Schadenfreude, Near Death Experiences with Leni Riefenstahl, Never Whistle While You're Pissing and Subterraneans. He has been a guest artist at The Kennedy Center Summer Playwriting Intensive, the University of Iowa Playwrights Workshop, Arizona State University and serves as the Master Playwriting teacher for the Miami Dade County Playwriting Fellowship program.

JP Heili (Assistant Director) BFA2/ Playwriting. Honey Girls will be JP's first main stage credit at The Theatre School. His short play Leo's Sophomore Band Concert December 1994 received a reading at last year's Wrights of Spring festival.

Amanda Playford (Assistant Director) BFA4/Theatre Arts. Amanda is from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Theatre School credits include Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook!, (assistant dramaturg), Lord of the Flies (stage manager), Zoo Story (assistant dramaturg), Blood Wedding (assistant director), Romeo and Juliet (ensemble), and Swimmers (stage manager). Her playwriting debut is currently being presented in The Theatre School's Wrights of Spring festival.

Alyssa Mohn (Scenic Designer) BFA4/Scene Design. Alyssa most recently designed Herland at Redtwist Theatre and is the assistant production manager for their upcoming production of King Lear. She has assisted on productions at Court Theatre, The Paramount Theatre, Steep Theatre, Raven Theatre and the Children's Theatre of Charlotte. Alyssa will be the assistant production manager at the National High School Institute Theatre Arts Program (Cherubs) this summer.

**Trent Jones** (Assistant Scenic Designer)
BFA2/Scene Design. Previous design credits include: King Oedipus (scenic designer),
The Wong Kids in the Secret of the Space
Chupacabra, Go! (assistant scenic designer);
and a staged reading during the Fall 2017
Prototypes Festival, Thoughtful Cattle
(scenic designer).

Olive Earley (Costume Designer) BFA4/ Costume Design. Olive is from Madison, Wisconsin. Past Theatre School design credits include Tom Paine (2017) and Three Sisters (2018). In August, Olive will join the costume department at Laika Studios in Portland, Oregon as a costume fabricator. Olive is a green theatre practitioner.

Izzy Lichtenshein (Assistant Costume Designer) BFA3/Costume Design. Izzy comes from New York City. Theatre School credits include costume designer for A Dybbuk or Between Two Worlds and Betrayal. She was the assistant designer for She Kills Monsters and Mr. Burns, a Post Electric Play. Izzy also did the costume and production design for the upcoming DePaul feature film Sun King.

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Scott Tobin (Sound Designer) BFA3/ Lighting Design. A proud Michigander, Scott's previous credits include the Michigan Shakespeare Festival (master electrician), NFL Hall of Fame Enshrinement Weekend (intern), and various designs for The Theatre School including One Flea Spare, The Witness, and Our Lady of Kibeho (Fall 2019).

**Kyle Cunningham** (Assistant Lighting Designer) BFA3/Lighting Design. Kyle's design credits at The Theatre School include: Go, Dog. Go!; The House of Bernarda Alba; Call of the Wild; and 26 Miles. Kyle was the assistant lighting designer on The Wong Kids in the Secret of the Space Chupacabra, Go! He was the master electrician for Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook and the assistant projection designer for Oresteia.

**Chris Comstock** (Sound Designer) BFA2/ Sound Design. Chris' most recent design was Betrayal at The Theatre School. Other credits include She Kills Monster and Go, Dog. Go!

Gabriela Cordovi-Rodriguez (Assistant Sound Designer) BFA3/Sound Design.
Gabriela's previous design credits at
The Theatre School include Water by the
Spoonful, Twelfth Night, A Black Body in Time
and Space, Cockroach, 26 Miles, Hamlet,
The House of Bernarda Alba, Zoo Story and
Down The Rocky Road and All The Way to
Bedlam. Gabriela just finished designing
the Chicago premier of Not For Sale at
Urban Theatre Company.

Madie Doppelt (*Dramaturg*) BFA3/ Playwriting. Madie is a playwright and dramaturgy-enthusiast that hails from Evanston, IL. Her Theatre School credits include dramaturgy for *I and You*, assistant dramaturg *Native Son*, and a staged reading of *About Irene* in Wrights of Spring 2018. Emma Durbin (Assistant Dramaturg) BFA3/ Playwriting. Emma has interned at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Ashland New Plays Festival, and the Goodman Theatre. At The Theatre School, she serves as Co-Editor-in-Chief of *The Grappler*. Recently, she was the script supervisor for the lab *I* Am Such a Water Activist and dramaturg for The How and the Why. Next year she will be the dramaturg for The Rover.

Nick Nyquist (Stage Manager) BFA4/ Stage Management. Regional credits include Richard III, You Can't Take it with You (Colorado Shakespeare Festival), If You're Invited to the Cookout (Randall), Moon Man Walk (Definition), Peter Pan (Music Theater Works), Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf (Pulse), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Theatre-Hikes), and The Good Person of Szechwan (Cor). This is Nick's 12<sup>th</sup> production at The Theatre School.

Kristina Heiden-Lundberg (Assistant Stage Manager) BFA1/Stage Management. Kristina is from Seattle, Washington. Seattle stage management credits include: The Odd Couple: The Female Version; Bonnie & Clyde; and A Chorus Line. Theatre School credits include assistant stage manager on Twelfth Night and sets/props crew on Go, Dog. Go!

Hannah Smith (Assistant Stage Manager) BFA2/Stage Management. Hannah's credits at The Theatre School include King Oedipus, She Kills Monsters, and The Cat in the Hat. Hannah is from Katy, Texas and was involved in her community theatre KVPAC, where her favorite shows were The Burnt Part Boys, The Canterville Ghost, and Wait until Dark.

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HISTORY |

The Theatre School at DePaul University educates, trains, and inspires students of theatre in a conservatory setting that is rigorous, disciplined, culturally diverse and that strives for the highest level of professional skill and artistry.

A commitment to diversity and equality in education is central to our mission. As an integral part of the training, The Theatre School produces public programs and performances from a wide repertoire of classic, contemporary, and original plays that challenge, entertain, and stimulate the imagination. We seek to enhance the intellectual and cultural life of our university community, our city, and the profession. For admissions information, telephone (773) 325-7999 or 1-800-4-DEPAUL.

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Chicago Playworks offers a live theatre experience to students, teachers and parents in the Chicago metropolitan area. It is our mission to provide theatre for children that reflects their experiences in a contemporary, multi-ethnic, urban environment.

Founded as the Goodman Children's Theatre in 1925, Chicago Playworks is the city's oldest continuously operating children's theatre. It has been the first theatre experience for audiences of Chicago's young people for more than seven decades and was one of the first major theatres for children in the United States. In 1997 and again in 2003, Chicago Playworks was honored by the Illinois Theatre Association with the Children's Theatre Division Award, for its outstanding long-term contribution to children's theatre. In 1980, Chicago Playworks was awarded the prestigious Sara Spencer Award by the Children's Theatre Association of America (now the American Alliance for Theatre and Education).

Chicago Playworks is a vital aspect of the training at The Theatre School at DePaul University. Students gain pre-professional experience in an extended run before a most demanding and appreciative audience. Chicago Playworks presents three unique productions to more than 35,000 young people each season and has entertained more than 1 million school children and families since 1925.

The Theatre School at DePaul University was founded as the Goodman School of Drama in 1925, made possible by a gift of \$250,000 from William and Erna Goodman to the Art Institute of Chicago. The gift was in memory of their son, Kenneth Sawyer Goodman, a playwright. Kenneth dreamed about opening a theatre that combined a repertory company with a dramatic arts school, where classes would be taught by professional artists and actors.

In 1975 the trustees of the Art Institute of Chicago voted to phase out the Goodman School of Drama over a three-year period. Luckily, DePaul University stepped in and embraced the Goodman School of Drama to keep alive a tradition of dramatic programming. DePaul's first theatre, The College Theatre, opened on the Lincoln Park Campus in 1907.

Throughout the years, The Theatre School at DePaul University has grown in reputation and stature. Our home at Fullerton and Racine opened in September 2013 and was designed by the internationally renowned architect César Pelli and his firm Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

#### CHICAGO PLAYWORKS FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG AUDIENCES

#### Luchadora!

by Alvaro Saar Rios directed by Michelle Lopez-Rios

October 3-November 9, 2019

#### Brooklyn Bridge

by Melissa James Gibson directed by Coya Paz January 16-February 22, 2020

#### A Wrinkle in Time

by Madeleine L'Engle, adapted by Tracy Young directed by Jeff Mills April 16-May 23, 2020

#### IN THE WATTS THEATRE

#### Our Lady of Kibeho

by Katori Hall directed by Phyllis E. Griffin November 1-10, 2019 (previews 10/30 & 10/31)

#### The Rover

by Aphra Behn directed by Melanie Queponds February 14-23, 2020

(previews 2/12 & 2/13)

## The Curious Incident of the **Dog in the Night-Time**

based on the novel by Mark Haddon, adapted by Simon Stephens directed by Ben Raanan

May 8-17, 2020

(previews 5/6 & 5/7)

## IN THE HEALY THEATRE

#### **Polaroid Stories**

by Naomi lizuka directed by Stephanie LeBolt October 18-27, 2019

(previews 10/16 & 10/17)

## Neighborhood 3: **Requisition of Doom**

by Jennifer Haley directed by Mallory Metoxen January 31-February 9, 2020

(previews 1/29 & 1/30)

**New Playwrights Series** 

title, playwright, and director TBA May 22-31, 2020

(previews 5/20 & 5/21)

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In compliance with the City of Chicago Clean Air Ordinance, smoking is prohibited in The Theatre School. We appreciate your cooperation.

#### **EMERGENCY EXITS**

Please note the location of emergency exits in the theatre.

#### NO CELLULAR PHONES, TEXT MESSAGING, RECORDING DEVICES, PHOTOGRAPHY, PAGERS, FOOD AND BEVERAGES

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## GENERAL INFORMATION [cont.]

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