

UMD School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies presents

THE BOOK CLUB PLAY



SCHOOL OF
THEATRE, DANCE, &
PERFORMANCE STUDIES

Friday, February 24–Saturday, March 4, 2023

KAY THEATRE

AT THE CLARICE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

THEATRE DANCE

THE BOOK CLUB PLAY

by Karen Zacarías

Directed by Fatima Quander

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THE LATE WEDDING

by Christopher Chen

Directed by Kathryn Chase Bryer

KOGOD THEATRE

APRIL 21–28, 2023

FACULTY DANCE CONCERT

Directed by Sara Pearson

DANCE THEATRE

MARCH 10–12, 2023

**UMOVES: UNDERGRADUATE DANCE
CONCERT**

Directed by Patrik Widrig

DANCE THEATRE

APRIL 28–30, 2023

THE BOOK CLUB PLAY

By Karen Zacarias

Directed by Fatima Quander

Director.....Fatima Quander
Intimacy Director..... Jenny Male
Scenic Designer Shartoya Jn.Baptiste
Costume Designer Cody Von Ruden
Lighting Designer..... Chris Henrriquez
Projection Designer.....Luis Garcia
Sound Designer Baye Harrell
Stage Manager Safiya Muthaliff

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KAY THEATRE

The performance will last approximately 2 and a half hours and include a 15-minute intermission.

Ana Smith	Gracie Guzman
Robert Novum Smith, Jr.....	Tyler Crean
William Lee Nothnagel.....	J. Royal Miller
Jennifer McClintock	Katie Rees
Lily Louise Jackson	Courtney Simmons
Alex.....	Alex Diaz-Lopez
Female Pundit: Elsa, Mrs. Simpson	Hannah Damanka
Male Pundit: Sam, Frank, Carl	Sean Alperin

UNDERSTUDIES

Ana Smith	Miele Murray
Robert Novum Smith, Jr.....	Sean Alperin
William Lee Nothnagel.....	Kiefer Cure
Jennifer McClintock	Alana Isaac
Lily Louise Jackson	Precious Ogunsola
Alex.....	Terence Ngwafor
Female Pundit: Elsa, Mrs. Simpson	Michelle Gutierrez
Male Pundit: Sam, Frank, Carl	Aiden Hu

Special thanks to the cast, crew, and design team for trusting, laughing, and giving it their all.

—Fatima Quander, Director

Sean Alperin (Male Pundit, o/s; Rob, u/s) is thrilled to be making his stage debut with TDPs. Sean is an immersive media design and theatre double major and has previously been involved in shows with the Maryland Shakespeare Players such as *Twelfth Night* (Sebastian), *King Lear* (Edgar), and *Much Ado About Nothing* (Dogberry). He would like to thank his parents and his girlfriend for all their love and support and he hopes you enjoy the show!

Shartoya Jn.Baptiste (Scenic Designer) is a current MFA Candidate in scenic design at UMD. Credits include *By The Way*, *Meet Vera Stark* (UMD) with Scot Reese and Alvin Mayes, *Sense and Sensibility* (American University), *P.Nokio* (Imagination Stage), *Beastgirl* (The Kennedy Centre) with Misha Kachman, *Antigone* (Towson University) and *Sweat* (Towson University). In her spare time, Shartoya is a performer and choreographer.

Natalia Huitz Corvoisier (Assistant Director) is a theatre major, Latin American and Caribbean studies minor. UMD credits: *Fefu and Her Friends* (Fefu), *The Revolutionists* (Olympe de Gouges), *What To Do When You're La Virgen* (Stage Directions). Experimental Performance Series: *Keep On Swingin'* (Director), TBD: A Devised Theatrical Celebration (Director), *Chiffon* (Director). Outside credits: Keegan Theatre: Boiler Room Series (Dramaturg). Adventure Theatre-MTC: *Jingle in July* (Actor/Dramaturg), Camp Confetti Collective (Co-founder/Manager).

Kiefer Cure (Will u/s) third-year theatre and neuroscience major. Banneker-Key Scholar. UMD credits: *As You Like It* (Touchstone, Fight captain), *Little Women* (Mr. Lawrence u/s). Outside credits: *Little Shop of Horrors*, Baltimore City College (Orin Scrivello, DDS.), *Shakespeare's R+J*, Vagabond Players (Juliet/Benvolio).

Hannah Damanka (Female Pundit) senior theatre performance major. Creative and Performing Arts Scholar. UMD Credits: *By The Way*, *Meet Vera Stark* (Vera u/s), *Fefu & Her Friends* (Sue), *Hookman* (Kayleigh u/s), *A Musical Love Letter* (Performer), *TBD* (Performer/ Deviser), The Muses Original Works Project, Fearless New Play Festival: *RAPunzel* (Jenna).

Alexander Diaz-Lopez (Alex) junior theatre and political communications double major. UMD credits: *Fefu and her Friends* (Camera Operator), *As You Like It* (Charles/Silvius). Outside credits: *Rent* (The Waiter/Ensemble).

Luis Garcia (Projection Designer) is a second-year MFA media+lighting candidate whose work includes but is not limited to theatre, dance, digital and other live performance art. Select UMD credits: *As You Like It* (Media), Spring Dance Concert 2022: *the harder we fall* (Lighting), *NORA* (Media), Fall Dance Concert 2021: *Goldfinch* (Lighting). Select Outside credits: *Alma Thomas Imagine That* (Media), *Chamber 2.0* (Lighting). Select awards: 2018 Live Design *30 Under 30* Recipient.

Gracie Guzman (Ana Smith) junior theatre and dance double major. Creative and Performing Arts Scholar, College Park Arts Scholar. UMD credits: *As You Like It* (Celia u/s), *Fefu & Her Friends* (Christina), *Little Women* (Amy March u/s), *The Revolutionists* (Charlotte Corday u/s). Outside credits: *The Little Mermaid* (Chef Louis).

Baye Harrell (Sound Designer) is an artist, producer, writer, and professor of Hip Hop Theater at Howard University. Previously sound designs include *The Answer* (WPFW-FM) and *The Gospel of Lovingkindness* (Mosaic Theater). As an actor, he appeared in *Zomo the Rabbit: A Hip-Hop Creation Myth*, *Cinderella: the Remix* (Imagination Stage), *Passing Strange* (Studio Theater), B-Fly Entertainment's *Liner Notes* and HBO's *The Wire*. He also co-curated the DC Hip-Hop Theater Festival and created the *Sound the Underground* song-to-script showcase. With his group Hueman Prophets, he produced two studio albums and currently tours *All The Way Live!* with collaborator Paige Hernandez.

Adam Hawley (Assistant Stage Manager) sophomore theatre major. Creative and Performing Arts Scholar. Recent Works: *As You Like It* (UMD, Assistant Stage Manager) *Matilda*, *Guys and Dolls* (Imagination Stage, Props Designer), *Beauty and the Beast* (Olney Theatre Center, Props Artisan).

Aiden Hu (Male Pundit u/s) freshman theatre performance major. UMD Credits: *Half of my DNA is Yours* (Reece). Outside Credits: *History in the Making* (Gavin).

J. Royal Miller (Will) junior theatre performance and design major. First UMD credit. Outside credits: *By The Way*, *Meet Vera Stark* (Max/Peter), *Everybody* (Usher/God/Understanding), *Macbeth* (Macbeth), and various acclaim in the field of TTRPG.

Scott Monnin (Assistant Lighting Designer) first-year lighting MFA. UMD credits: Fall MFA Showcase (Assistant Lighting Designer) and *As You Like It* (Lighting Programmer). Selected outside lighting design: *Islander* (Associate) at Playhouse 46, *Chess the Musical* at Sandbox Theatre, *Mame* at Quincy Community Theatre, *Doubt that the Stars are Fire* at The Center, and *Wit* at the Seeing Place Theatre.

Miele Murray (Ana u/s) freshman theatre performance major. Presidential Scholar, Friedgen Family Scholar, Hirsch Scholar. UMD Credits: *Twelfth Night* (Olivia), *As You Like It* (Phoebe u/s); Outside credits: *Into the Woods* (Cinderella), *Alice* (Hatter), *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Gwendolen), *Twelve Angry Jurors* (Juror 4).

Safiya Muthaliff (Stage Manager) fourth-year technical theatre major. UMD credits: *Stick Fly* (Production Stage Manager), *Hookman* (Assistant Stage Manager). Outside credits: *Black Flute*, IN Series (Stage Manager). Montgomery College: *My aMeriCa 2021* (Stage Manager), *She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms* (Assistant Stage Manager).

Terence Ngwafor (Alex u/s) freshman theatre and computer science major. UMD credits: *As You Like It* (Touchstone u/s).

Fatima Quander (Director) is a Lecturer of Acting for Live Digital Performance in the School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies here at UMD. Performing and directing credits include: FRESHH Inc. Theatre Company, DC Hip Hop Theatre Festival, Rep Stage, Everyman Theatre, Baltimore Center Stage Education, Theater of the First Amendment, Folger Elizabethan Theatre, Imagination Stage, Discovery Theater, Transformation Theatre, and Howard Community College; she has also performed in house and on tour with The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Fatima also works as a theatre educator with a number of programs throughout the DC area including FRESHH Inc.'s Griot Girls and The Vanguard, Everyman Theatre, Poetry Out Loud, Folger Shakespeare Library's McKee Fellows and Secondary School Shakespeare Festival, Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, Sitar Arts Center, Jr. Discovery at Georgetown University, and Young Playwrights' Theater. She is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association (AEA) and the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA).

Katie Rees (Jennifer McClintock) senior theatre performance, government and politics dual degree. Creative and Performing Arts Scholar, The Muses Treasurer. UMD credits: *As You Like It* (Amiens, Hymen), *Little Women* (Mrs. Kirk, Jo u/s), *Machinal* (Nurse), Fearless New Play Festival (Ghost Story).

Cody Von Ruden (Costume Designer) second-year MFA Design Candidate. Previous UMD credits include *By The Way*, *Meet Vera Stark* (Costume Designer), *Risk of Play* (Co-Costume Designer). Outside credits include *White Noise* (Costume Design Assistant).

Courtney Simmons (Lily) is graduating this semester. She's happy to close out her time here with this bang of a show. Other UMD credits: *Stick Fly* (Cheryl u/s) and Fall Experimental Performance Series (Director, Performer).

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DESIGNERS AND STAGE MANAGERS

<i>Assistant Director</i>	Natalia Huitz Corvoisier
<i>Assistant Scenic Designer</i>	Kennedy Tolson
<i>Assistant Lighting Designer</i>	Scott Monnin
<i>Assistant Projection Designer</i>	Jerran Kowalski
<i>Assistant Projection Designer</i>	Tim Kelly
<i>Assistant Stage Manager</i>	Adam Hawley

PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

<i>Production Manager</i>	Jennifer Schwartz
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PRODUCTION

SCENIC

Technical Technical Director
Assistant Technical Director
Scene Shop Coordinator
Lead Carpenter
Carpenters

Student Carpenters

Mark Rapach
 Michael Driggers
 Reuven Goren
 Earl Browne
 Devin Kohn, Carl Ostrenga, Kelley Li,
 Frank Bowles, Ariella Cohn
 Ryan Nock, Bria Jones, Raymond Roman,
 Lucy Bond, Cianna Lucy, Amelia Talbot,
 Alaina Jenkins, Yasmine Kotb, Jordan Cooper

SCENIC PAINTING

Scenic Charge Coordinator
Graduate Student
Scenic Painters
Student Scenic Painters

Ann Chismar
 Sophia Tepermeister
 T. Carnes, Gray Walters
 Aditi Bhoir, Mars Burggraf, Casie Curry,
 Nicole Panebianco, Nekko Sanders,
 Harshal Shirsath

PROPS

Prop Shop Manager
Prop Shop Artisan
Props Graduate Students
Prop Shop Student Artisans

Timothy Jones
 Trey Wise
 Mark Williams, Abigail Bueti
 Adam Hawley, Troy Mohammad Gharibani,
 Marcus Campbell, Roxy King, Josie Danckaert

VENUE OPERATIONS

Technical Coordinator
Stage Crew Leads

Sandy Everett
 Steven Bronocco, Alex Hayes, Cole Owens

TECHNOLOGY

Technology Shop Manager

Jeffery Reckeweg

LIGHTING

Lighting Coordinator
Lead Electricians

Student Electricians

Carrie Barton
 Cameron Smith, James Newman, Zachary Rupp,
 Lauren Hawley, Evan Thanicatt, Grant Hill,
 Leo Grierson, Mike Riggs, Scott Monin,
 Malory Hartman, Madi McManaway, Tim Kelly
 Max Abramovitz, Emily Pan, Hanna Zakharenko,
 Alana Isaac, Jalen Wilhite, Lisa Meyerovich,
 Katie Quinn, Amelia Talbot, Erin Sanders,
 Liza Raney, Jillian Harvey

PROJECTIONS

Projections Technicians

Cassandra Saulski, Zachary Rupp, Tim Kelly,
 Leo Grierson

AUDIO

Assistant Manager of Audio
Audio Technician

James O'Connell
 Nick Cameron, Neel Madan,
 Lindsay Mcelhinney

COSTUMES

Costume Shop Manager
Assistant Costume Shop Manager & Draper
Costume Crafts & Draper
Costume Tailor & Draper
Costume Draper
First Hand
Costume Graduate Assistants
Costume Technicians

Costume Student Crew

Jennifer Daszczyszak
 Susan Chiang
 Lisa Burgess
 Tessa Lew
 Katie Stomps
 Dennis Kitmore
 Victoria McGrath, Olivia O'Brien
 Karenna Foley, Mackenzie Gardner,
 Adam Hawley, Jasmine Voon, Alex Wang
 Michelle Johnson, Preston Jones,
 Jessie Lebovich, Cianna Lucy

FACULTY

Amith Chandrashaker
 Andrew Cissna
 Dan Conway
 Sam Crawford
 Crystal Davis
 Adriane Fang
 Leslie Felbain
 Marielis Garcia
 James Harding
 Franklin J. Hildy
 Helen Huang
 Misha Kachman
 Maura Keefe
 Kate Ladenheim
 Caitlin Marshall
 Alvin Mayes
 Jared Mezzocchi
 Lisa Nathans
 Sara Pearson
 Kendra Portier
 Fatima Quander
 Scot Reese
 KenYatta Rogers
 Van Tran Nguyen
 Patrik Widrig

STAFF

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 Crystal Gaston
 Isiah Johnson
 Susan Miller
 Renee Nyack
 Jennifer Schwartz
 Catalina Toala
 Teri Zillmer

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Ronya Lee Anderson
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 Zerihun Birehanu
 Kevin Clark
 Nicole Clockel
 Christina Collins
 Deja Collins
 Atiya Dorsey
 Eran Eads
 Jordan Ealey
 Britney Falcon
 Lauren Farnell
 Mary Kate Ford
 Luis Garcia
 Matré Grant
 Leo Grierson
 Bailey Hammett
 Amanda Henney
 Christian Henriquez
 Rebecca Janney
 Shartoya Jn. Baptiste
 Casey Kaleba
 Mher Kandoyan
 Mina Kawahara
 Timothy Kelly
 Marissa Kennedy
 Jerran Kowalski
 Gerson Lanza Ruiz

Margaret Lapinski
 Kaela Lawrence
 Rashonda Lazar
 Gianina Lockley
 Lin Luo
 Alex Miller
 Daniel Miramontes
 Scott Monnin
 Gavin Mosier
 Tori Niemiec
 Sofia Oliviar
 Javier Padilla
 Stephanie Parks
 Peter Pattengill
 Kristopher Pourzal
 Heather Reynolds
 Mike Riggs
 Brandon Roak
 Christina Smith
 Rebecca Steinberg
 Jared Strange
 Melissa Sturges
 Margarita Syrocheva
 Sophia Terpermeister
 Carlo Villanueva
 Cody Von Ruden
 Cyrah Ward
 Mark Williams