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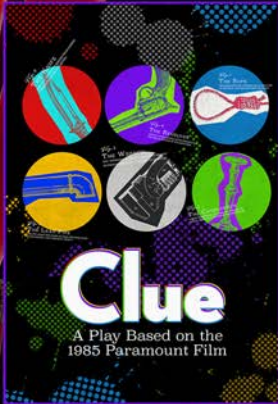
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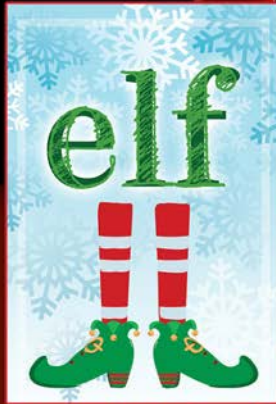


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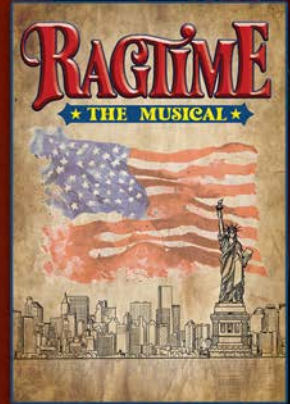
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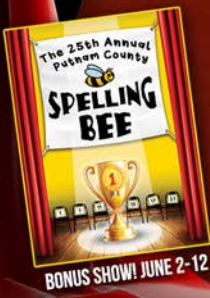
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Director's Notes...

I am thrilled to welcome you to our production of *Ain't Misbehavin'*!

You are about to experience an incredible evening of song, dance, and comedy! Originally conceived to take place in the era when nightclubs like the Cotton Club and the Savoy Ballroom were all the rage in Manhattan, *Ain't Misbehavin'* is a revue based on the work of Thomas "Fats" Waller. This brilliant piece of theatre allows our six incredible performers to unapologetically inhabit this imagined 1920's inspired performance space to bring you a show stopping raunchy, touching, and hilarious evening of jazz music.

Many thanks are owed for this production: Terrance Hunter at CFCArts, thank you for giving us a home away from home throughout rehearsals. Michael Swickard, thank you for your steadfast leadership and commitment to excellence. Adonus Mabry, thank you for actively living in the theatre in mind and helping me bring to life so many beautiful phrases of choreography. Craig and Frank, thank you for the endless support throughout this process, I hope to work with you all time and time and again. To my Kayla and Amelia, thank you for being the best cheerleaders, and for always being the foundation in everything I do.

Hope you all enjoy this show as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you! Without any further ado, here 'tis: *Ain't Misbehavin'*...and I ain't either!

Joshian Morales

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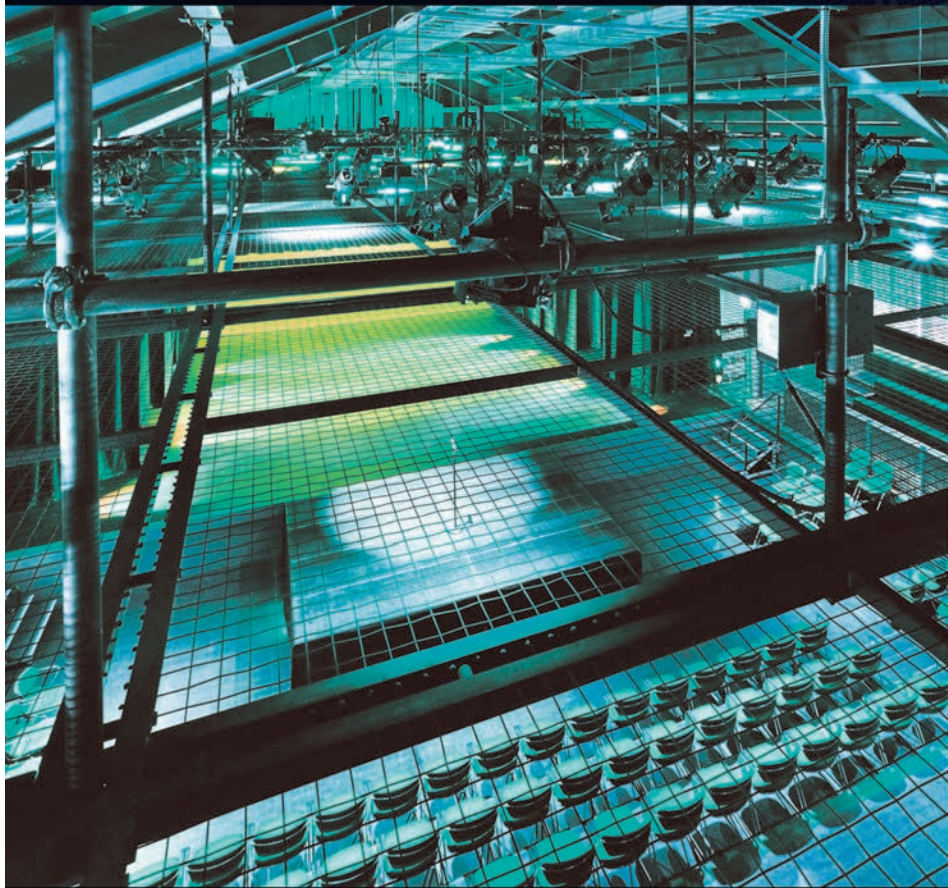
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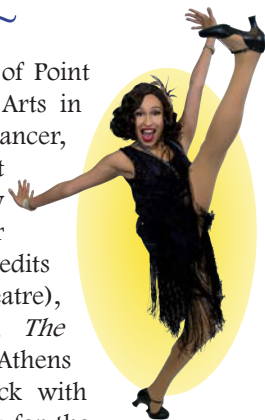
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Matti Endsley (Matti) is a 2021 graduate of Point Park University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. Matti trained as a classical ballet dancer, starting at age 7, and pre-professionally at age 12 in the Orlando Ballet School Academy and danced with the Atlanta Ballet in their professional division. Matti's theatre credits include: *Hairspray* (Orlando Repertory Theatre), *Oklahoma* (UCF Conservatory Theatre), *The Wedding Singer* and *The Producers* at the Athens Theatre. Matti is very excited to be back with the Athens family, and thanks her family for the constant love and encouragement.



Gabriel Hannans (Gabriel) is delighted to be back on the stage for his third Athens musical. He debuted on this stage in *Sister Act, the Musical* and then again in *Lion King, Jr*: Now, he'll be gracing the stage again. He would like to thank Jesus, the head of his life, His mother and the many directors and colleagues involved in the theatre community.

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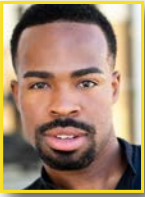
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Adonus Mabry (Adonus/Associate Choreographer) is beyond excited to be making his Athens stage debut as part of the cast and the creative team. He was Associate Choreographer for the Osceola Arts production of *In the Heights* and the Encore Performing Arts production of *Cabaret*. Recently, Adonus made his Choreographer debut for *The Frogpig and Friends Variety Hour* at the Orlando Fringe Festival and for *Head Over Heels* for Encore Performing Arts. Stage credits include ensembles for *Aida*, *Ragtime*, and *Hairspray* for Encore Performing Arts. He's very active in the Orlando community in acting and dancing productions that have helped and supported his continued growth. Adonus is also a principal dancer for Crawford Jazz Project (CJP) which is a professional jazz company under the direction of Carrie Crawford based out of Orlando. He's a person who is constantly ready to connect and add a little joy to someone's day, so he is grateful for the warm Athens Theatre welcome.



Lauren Muller (Lauren) is excited to be performing on the Athens Theatre stage for the first time. Previous theatrical credits include, *1776* at Mad Cow Theatre, *Busytown* at Orlando Rep, *Celestina* in *Celestina Warbeck...Banshees* at Universal Studios, as well as Yolanda in both Central Florida productions of *Crowns*. She would like to thank her family and friends for their continued support.





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~ Meet the Cast ~



Eduardo A. Rivera (Eduardo) has had the opportunity to play in many theaters in the central Florida area. You may have seen him, for example as Quasimodo in the *Hunchback of Notre Dame* in Winter Haven or maybe the Emcee in *Cabaret* at Bay Street. He's had the opportunity to be a maestro crab, a dancing cat, a chatty donkey, as well as a singing plant at Osceola Arts ... Which was a crazy stint of not being human for a few years that he'll never forget. Regardless, he's happy to share the stage with this energetic and talented cast. Thank you to the director for getting him out here. Enjoy the show!



Tatiana Rivera (Tatiana) has appeared in several film, television, and theatre productions in her 15 years of performing in Central Florida. Working with Encore Performance Group, Clandestine Arts, The Celebration Players, Walt Disney World, and BMG Orlando. Tatiana is also the owner of the award winning multicultural hair and makeup team Gad Artistry. She studied Dance at LaRai's in north east Ohio and trained at The Academy of voice in Orlando, Fl. A native of Cleveland, OH, lives in Orlando with her 2 children and husband of 11 years. Their support makes everything possible.



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~ Cast ~

Matti Endsley
Gabriel Hannans
Adonus Mabry

Lauren Muller
Eduardo A. Rivera
Tatiana Rivera

~ Musicians ~

Production Music Director / Piano Anthony Felton
Drums..... Ian Goodman
Bass Joela Oliver
Trumpet.....Omar Lateef
Trombone Yannick Innis
Reed 1Tyler Pauletti
Reed 2 Michael Fantaro

~ Production Team & Technical Crew ~

Artistic Director..... Craig Uppercue
Director/Choreographer.....Joshian Morales
Band Music Director..... Anthony Felton
Vocal Music Director Michael Swikard
Associate Choreographer..... Adonus Mabry
Scenic DesignerTori Oakes
Costume Designer..... Tamara Marke-Lares
Lighting Designer.....Tyler Omundsen
Soundboard Operator.....Lamar Hickley
Production Manager.....Frank Ramirez
Stage Manager.....Grace Locklin
Assistant Stage Manager.....Miranda Smyka
Costume & Prop Shop Manager.....Amy Uppercue
Fly Operator/RunCrew.....Caleb Coalter
Spotlight Operators.....Alicia Baith, Farentino Lennox
Lightboard Operator.....Molly Asmussen





~ Act One ~

1. Ain't Misbehavin
2. Lookin' Good but Feelin' Bad
3. 'T Ain't Nobody's Biz-ness If I Do
4. Honeysuckle Rose
5. Squeeze Me
6. Handful Of Keys
7. I've Got A Feeling I'm Falling
8. How Ya Baby
9. The Ladies Who Sing With The Band
10. Yacht Club Swing
11. When The Nylons Bloom Again
12. Cash For Your Trash
13. Off-Time
14. The Joint Is Jumpin'

~ Act Two ~

1. Spreadin' Rhythm Around
2. Lounging At The Waldorf
3. The Viper's Drag
4. Mean To Me
5. Your Feet's Too Big
6. That Ain't Right
7. Keepin' Out Of Mischief
8. Fat And Greasy
9. Black And Blue
10. I'm Gonna Sit Right Down And Write Myself A Letter
11. Two Sleepy People
12. I've Got My Fingers Crossed
13. I Can't Give You Anything But Love
14. It's A Sin To Tell A Lie
15. Honeysuckle Rose (Reprise)



Jazz pianist virtuoso, organist, composer and grand entertainer, Thomas Wright "Fats" Waller was born on May 21, 1904 in Harlem, New York. By the age of 15, Waller was playing the organ at a Harlem silent movie theatre, and by 18 he made his recording debut as a soloist. Around the time he turned 22 his career took off. Waller recorded many phonograph record sides and scored an abundance of hits such as "Jitterbug Waltz," "Honeysuckle Rose," and "The Joint is Jumpin'." He became one of the most popular and influential performers of his era and a master of stride piano playing, finding critical and commercial success in both the United States and in Europe. Despite the notion of the time that jazz was not a "serious" form of music, he became extremely popular and influenced countless jazz pianists.



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~ Meet The Production Team ~



Craig Uppercue (Artistic Director) A Stetson University alumnus, Mr. Uppercue has taught for 16 years in the public school systems of Florida from the Elementary to Collegiate levels. Craig is the Music Director of the Off-Broadway National Tour - *The Rock & The Rabbi* and performs with the show when available. Other performing opportunities include Broadway and Off~ Broadway credits such as *The Witnesses Musical* (Original Cast member), *The Lion King*, *Songs for a New World*, and numerous national tours throughout the U.S. He is actively involved with many professional symphonies and maintains an active performing schedule with professional artists throughout the nation. Mr. Uppercue has been with the Athens Theatre since 2011, and he has directed many musicals and plays at the Athens as well, most recently *Seussical, Jr.* Craig and his wonderful wife Amy live locally, enjoying every moment watching their three daughters grow up!



Joshian Morales (Director/Choreographer) is a thrilled to be making his Athens Theatre directing debut! Directing Credits: *Zack Hill and the Rocket Blaster Man Adventure* (Winter Park Playhouse), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Orlando Shakes; Associate Director), *In the Heights* (Osceola Arts), *Dos Familias: A Bilingual Adaptation of Romeo and Juliet*, *25th Annual...Spelling Bee*, *Brooklyn*, *Marvelous Wonderettes*. Casting Credits: *Flying Lessons* (NYMF, Off-Broadway), *ENCORE!* (Disney+), *Be Original Theatre Festival* (New Generation Theatrical). As always, much love and endless thanks to his beautiful family.

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Michael Swickard (Vocal Director) is honored to be a part of this fantastic *Ain't Misbehavin'* team at Athens Theatre. He has worked as a Vocal Director at other local theaters like Mad Cow (*If Was A Very Good Yule*) and Orlando Shakes (*School House Rock Live!*). Michael has spent the last 13 years working at Walt Disney World in shows such as *Finding Nemo: The Musical*, *The Hoop Dee Doo Revue*, *The Dapper Dans of Main Street*, and teaching with Disney Performing Arts. He

holds an MFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Central Florida and a BFA in Theatre from Emporia State University. Michael is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association. He thanks his wife, Alissa, and his two sons, Ethan and Austin, for their constant love and support.



Grace Locklin (Deck Chief/ASM) This is Grace's 17th show at the Athens Theatre. Some of her various credits include Stage Managing *Mamma Mia*, *Jerry's Girls*, *Seussical Jr.* and Assistant Stage Managing *Holiday Inn*, *Singing in The Rain* and *9 to 5*. She would like to thank the amazing production team and cast who have been nothing but delightful to work with.



Tamara Marke-Lares (Resident Costume Designer) is a Sculptor, Painter, Printmaker, and Creature Marionette maker. She has been designing costumes freelance for 19 years. She has designed for Dance, Ballet, Opera and Cirque productions, as well as numerous collaborative and solo productions. Some favorite costume credits include: *Jerry's Girls*, *Chicago*, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Into the Woods*, *The Wedding Singer*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *The Lion King, Jr.*, and *The Producers*. This is her sixth season with the Athens Theatre. Tamara spends her days creating art and costumes while being amazed by her two crazy talented children.

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Tyler Omundsen (Production Lighting Designer and Resident Manager of Lighting and Sound) is thrilled to be not only the Lighting & Sound manager for the Athens Theatre, but the lighting designer for *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Before joining the Athens family, Tyler has earned his MFA in Lighting Design from the University of South Carolina and obtained several design credits throughout the country. Recent design credits include: *Jerry's Girls*, *Plaid Tidings*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, *Carmen*, *Men on Boats*, *Smokey Joes Café*, *Godspell*, *Platonov*, *Waiting for Godot*, *Top Girls*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *Moon Over Buffalo*. You're invited to view Tyler's portfolio at: www.tyleromundsen.com



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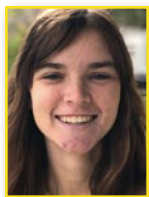
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Miranda Smyka (Assistant Stage Manager) is excited to be working with the Athens for the first time. She is originally from the Orlando area, but goes to college at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida. She is pursuing a BFA in Design and Technology with an emphasis in Stage Management and a BA in Arts Administration. She was able to stage manage multiple shows at her high school, and assistant stage managed *A Christmas Carol* at UWF in 2019 and *Urinetown* until it was cancelled due to COVID-19. Recently, she stage managed *Clybourne Park* at UWF, and is very excited to have the chance to work on this project this summer.



Amy Uppercue (Costume and Prop Shop Manager) has been working behind the scenes at the Athens Theatre since 2011, and has loved being a part of all the magic that has been created on our stage. Previous costume design credits include *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, *A Year with Frog and Toad*, *Legally Blonde: the Musical*, and *Footloose*. In addition to running the Athens Costume Shop, Amy is a teaching artist for the Athens Theatre Youth Academy. Enjoy the show! Ame and her husband have three little ladies that are their greatest joy. Enjoy the show!

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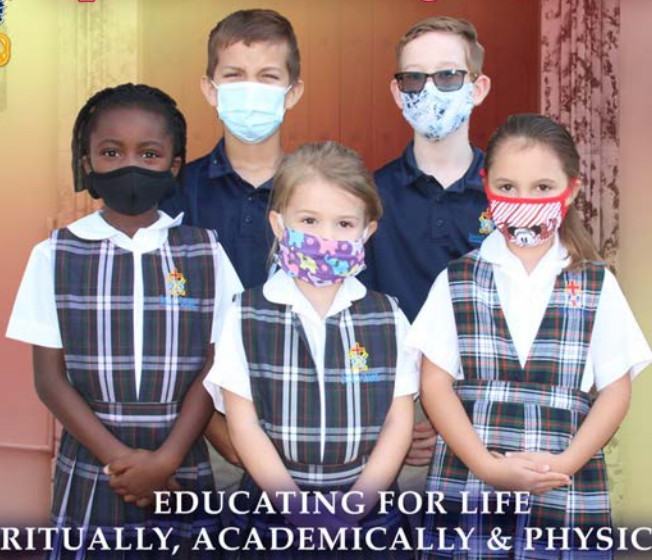
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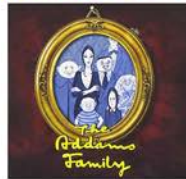
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