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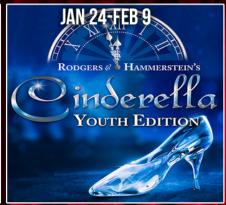


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Director's Notes...

Bram Stoker's Dracula, first published in 1897, has been terrifying readers for over a century, inspiring countless adaptations in film, musicals, and plays. I fell in love with the novel, captivated by its masterful storytelling, always on the edge of my seat in anticipation of the Count's next move, and eager to see how Van Helsing, Seward, Mina, and Harker would band together to stop Dracula's reign of terror over London. The novel is rich with fully realized characters, eerie settings, and an atmosphere that blends excitement, anxiety, fear, and at times, full-on terror. It transcends the horror genre, standing as a literary classic that weaves fear into its beautifully written, robust prose.

In this production, the Athens Theatre presents a clever adaptation of *Dracula* by award-winning playwright Steven Dietz. Our version aims to capture all the romance, mystery, sensuality, and sheer terror that haunted the original novel while exploring the complex themes woven into the text. It offers a glimpse into 1890s London, addressing societal fears of the time—the rise of the New Woman movement, anxieties around same-sex affection, and xenophobia. All of this is wrapped in a production brimming with special effects, stellar performances, and spine-chilling moments that will leave

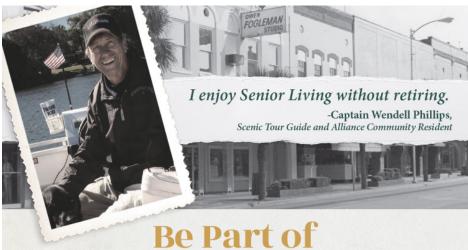
you questioning what evil lurks in the shadows both in the world around us and within our minds.

Now, I invite you to sit back, cover your necks, hold your loved ones close, and join us on a journey to Transylvania as Dracula sails forth to wreak havoc on London—and on the audience here at the Athens Theatre.



Director of Bram Stoker's Dracula

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Meet The Cast



Noah Clark (Seward, U/S Dracula, Fight Captain) is very excited for his seventh show with The Athens Theatre! Noah has been seen at various theaters in Nashville, TN as well as the Orlando area in roles such as Pseudolus in *A Funny Thing... Forum*, Shrek in *Shrek TYA*, Gomez in *The Addams Family*, Pippin in *Pippin*, and Chad in *All Shook Up*, among others. When not doing musicals, Noah runs the audio company HCM Productions where he produces music for numerous theatrical

productions as well as recording vocals. He would like to thank the Athens Theatre, friends, family, and his wonderful girlfriend for being so supportive of this opportunity. Noah is so honored to be part of such an intense show with such wonderful people!



SarahRae Jackson (Van Helsing) is honored to be back on the stage after making her Athens debut as Madame in *Beauty and the Beast*. SarahRae is new to Florida but has previously been seen on the west coast in roles such as Bette in *The Marriage of Bette and Boo*, Athena in *The House of Atreus*, and the title role in the *Defenseless Creature*. SarahRae is also a classically trained Mezzo Soprano and currently sits on the board for the New York Chamber Choirs. You can

find her @sarahraejay on all things social. She would like to thank her amazing wife for believing in her and supporting her through everything.





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Krystal Kennedy (Lucy) is absolutely thrilled to be back on the Athens stage in such an iconic story! Favorite past credits include Annette in *Cruel Intentions: The 90s Musical* (which also starred Fredy Ruiz as Sebastian), Jenny in *The Shape of Things*, and Franca in the world premiere of *Belladonna: The Musical* (a role

she originated). Most days she can be found at Universal Orlando singing with some frogs in Hogsmeade or telling tales in Diagon Alley. Thank you to Frank and the creative team for entrusting me with this role, and for bringing Fredy and me onstage together again! And thank you to my ever supportive and loving family and friends - I'm so grateful for my community. Enjoy the show!

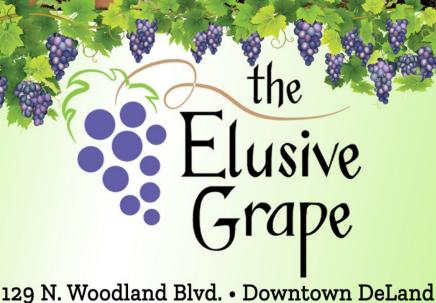


Paul Pelletier, Jr. (Attendant, U/S Harker and Seward, Ensemble, Fight Captain) is an actor, singer, playwright, and combatant from Orlando. Pelletier is also a graduate of The University of Central Florida, having graduated with a BFA in acting. Over the course of his 7+ year career in the theatre, Pelletier has been seen as Laurie in *Little Women the Musical*, Dickon in *The Secret Garden*, Duke Senior in *As You Like It*, The White Rabbit in *Shrek the Musical*, and in the ensemble of shows

like *Beauty & The Beast* and *RENT*. Pelletier is also a huge advocate for new voices and pieces in the theatre, having been both a playwright and actor for companies such as Project Spotlight and The Orlando Fringe Festival. When not on the stage, he is an avid Dungeons & Dragons player, having been in games lasting over four years. This is Pelletier's first show at the Athens and he is so grateful for a wonderful start! www. paulpelletierjr.com







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Jena Rashid (Vixen, Attendant, U/S Mina, Ensemble) is a Pakistani, female-identifying theatre artist. She graduated from the University of Central Florida with a BA in Theatre Studies and a minor in music. Jena has worked as a stage manager, director, playwright, actor and other roles throughout her career. Since she graduated, she has interned at Orlando Shakes and Florida Studio Theatre and currently works with Jobsite Theater as a Producing Associate. Jena is also an affiliated

artist of the National New Play Network and currently works full time with Orlando Shakes. In addition, she still writes plays when she can, and her works can be found on the NewPlayExchange.org. She is also in the Whiskey Theatre Factory production of

Everyone's Fine with Virginia Woolf at at Fringe ArtSpace.



Victoria Rivera (Mina) is thrilled to return to the Athens stage for a second time to help bring *Dracula* to life alongside this talented cast. She is a 2023 graduate of University of Central Florida where she was also able to perform with UCF Opera. She has previously been seen as Hermia and Titania in *A Midsummer Night's*

Dream and as Kathy in *Singin' in the Rain*. In her free time, she likes to make jewelry. She wants to thank her friends, family, and wonderful boyfriend for their support, and she hopes everyone enjoys the show and the hard work that everyone has put into it!



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Fredy Ruiz (Dracula) Favorite past theatre credits include Gomez Addams in *Addams Family*, Emcee in *Cabaret*, Guido in *Nine*, Dr. Frank-N-Furter in *The Rocky Horror Show*, Sebastian Valmont in *Cruel Intentions the Musical*, Pablo in *Native Gardens*, Usnavi in *In the Heights*, and Adolpho in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Fredy's performing career

has traveled him around the world, but when he is home in Orlando, Fredy is a regular at Universal Orlando and performs at Disney World. Fredy thanks his friends and family for their support. Insta: @thefredyruiz



Gabriella Smith (Maid, Vixen, U/S Lucy, Ensemble) is excited to return to the Athens Theatre, where she was recently seen as Panacea in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, Mrs.

Snoringman in White Christmas, and Ensemble in RENT and Beauty and the Beast. She is studying theater at the University of Central

Florida. Previous credits include *As You Like It* (musician, Phoebe U/S, Denis U/S), *Mary Poppins* (Dance Captain, Ensemble), and *Romeo and Juliet* (Lord Capulet). She would like to thank the entire creative team for this fabulous opportunity!





Meet The Cast



Seth Thornton (Jonathan Harker) is excited to be making his professional debut on the Athen's stage. Seth is currently studying Acting at the University of Central Florida. Prior theatre credits include *See Rock City* (Raleigh) *12 Angry Jurors* (Juror #8) and *As You Like It* (Jacques). Seth would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him

through it all. Seth likes listening to hip hop, tiptoeing through the raindrops, making money moves, and occasionally reading a good book.



Alan Ware (Renfield) Perhaps best known for his comic antics in many Athens productions, including *The Producers, Noises OffI, Addams Family, Les Miserables, Clue, A Christmas Story, Levelle Plands, Carrolle Palls and Carrolle Plands.*

Legally Blonde, Guys & Dolls, and Greater Tuna, it wasn't until portraying the evil monk Frollo in Hunchback of Notre Dame last year that Alan took a turn to terrify. Tonight, as the lunatic Renfield, Alan

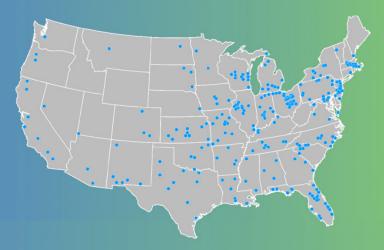
reprises a role that he hasn't touched in over 40 years. He dedicates his performance to Mary Anne Kelley, James Kane, CJ Merrill and of course to his beloved Yves. He has served the Athens as Facility Manager since 2011 and is channeling the inner rage of Renfield whenever he finds gum stuck under your seat. . . heheheheheh!



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Meet The Creative Team



Frank Ramirez (Director) Frank Ramirez is a dedicated entertainment professional with over twenty-plus years of experience. His journey in the arts has taken him behind the scenes, on stage, in union management, production management, stage management, general arts management, production director, and creative guidance on multiple levels in the arts industry. He joined the Athens Theatre in 2018, has directed numerous productions on the Athens stage, and is

thrilled to be the Producing Artistic Director for this beautiful jewel of a theatre in the heart of Downtown DeLand. In the past, Frank has been part of multiple productions and organizations on Broadway, Off-Broadway, professional regional theatres, event management, and theme park entertainment management. He has also been associated with The Jim Henson Company via Heather Henson's IBEX Puppetry, where he served as Company Manager and facilitator of their worldwide full-scale theatrical productions in Canada, China, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, and nationally across the USA. Frank also worked as a guest artist instructor of Stage Management at SUNY Potsdam/The Crane School of Music.



Christie Young (Assistant Director, US Van Helsing) is excited to step back into directing under Frank's guidance. Athens audiences have seen her onstage in *Beauty and the Beast* (Mrs. Potts), *Young Frankenstein* (Frau Blucher), *Rock of Ages* (Regina), and *Forum* (Domina). She's performed in theatres from Alaska to New Hampshire. Other local performances include Lady Eugenia in *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (Osceola Arts), ensemble in *Kiss Me Kate* (Orlando

Shakespeare Theatre), and Helga the Germany Storyteller in *Holidays Around the World* (Epcot). She is a full-time actor and puppeteer for Universal Orlando Resort (Grinchmas, Wizarding World of Harry Potter, DreamWorks Imagination Celebration) and holds an MFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Central Florida. Many thanks to my family and friends for their continued support! Instagram/Facebook/TikTok: @foreverchristieyoung.









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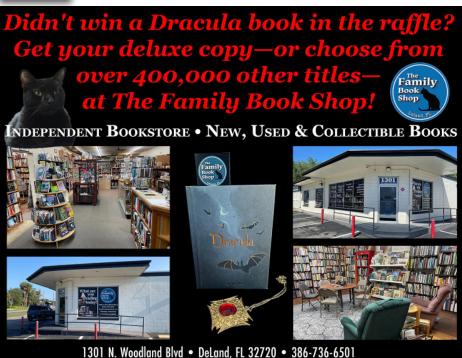
Jarrett Poore (Intimacy Director) (They/Them) holds a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre and an M.A. in Theatre from UCF. They have worked professionally as an actor, director, and teaching artist at local and national levels with companies such as the Orlando Family Stage (formerly the Orlando Repertory Theatre), the Orlando Shakes, and the Chicago Underscore Theatre as well as making magic at Universal Studios and Walt Disney World! Favorite credits: Toad in *A Year with*

Frog and Toad (Orlando Family Stage); The Baker in Into the Woods (ME Theatre); Martha/Rocky/Billy/Maxwell in The True Story of the Three Little Pigs (Orlando Shakes) Snug in A Midsummer Night's Dream (Orlando Shakes); Officer in Comedy of Errors (Orlando Shakes) Sid in SCREAM GAYS (Orlando Fringe); The Producer in The Spider Queen (Orlando Fringe; New York Theatre Festival); The Stage Manager in Oh Hi, Johnny! (Chicago Underscore Theatre). Commercials and Television: Stranger Things (Netflix), Sleeper App, Universal Orlando Resort. They are the current president

of The Orlando Artist Guild. Love to Mommie Dearest, Bryan, and of course, Noni. IG: @jarrettpoore Web: jarrettpoore.com



Bill Warriner (Fight Director) Professional Fight Director since 1991. He's done some stuff.



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~ CAST ~

Fredy Ruiz	Dracula
Victoria Rivera	Mina
Krystal Kennedy	Lucy
Alan Ware	Renfield
Seth Thornton	Jonathan Harker
Noah Clark	Seward, U/S Dracula
SarahRae Jackson	Van Helsing
Gabriella Smith	Maid, Vixen, U/S Lucy, Ensemble
Jena RashidVixe	n, Attendant, U/S Mina, Ensemble
Paul Pelletier, Jr Attendant, U/S Harker and Seward, Ensemble	

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~ PLACE ~

London, England Transylvania

~ SETTING ~

This play moves quickly amid numerous environments, the primary ones being: Lucy's bedroom, Renfield's cell, Dracula's castle, and the guest room at the asylum.

Bram Stoker's Dracula will be performed in two Acts with one 15-minute intermission.

~ PRODUCTION TEAM & TECHNICAL CREW ~

Dinacton	Frank Ramirez
	Christie Young
Intimacy Director	Jarrett Poore
Fight Director	Bill Warriner
Scenic Designer	Michael Brewer
Lighting Designer/ATD	Nicholas Hogan
Costume Designer	Tamara Marke-Lares
Prop Designer/TD/Scenic Build	
Director of Sound	Lamar Hickley
Assistant Director of Sound	
Scenic Charge Artist	Bonnie Sprung
Executive Director	Alexa Baldwin
Development Director	Grace Boynton
Production Supervisor/Stage Ma	nager Diane McLean
Director of Marketing and Com	municationsSanti Gabino
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House Manager	Amanda Tyler
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Michael S. Brewer (Scenic Design) is a 1987 graduate of Wright State University in theatre design and technology. He started working as a scenic artist in regional theaters, the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, La Jolla Playhouse, Cincinnati Playhouse, and Cleveland Playhouse. He is currently based in Ohio and has been designing for local theaters there. At the Athens, he has designed *Guys and Dolls, A Christmas Story, Clue, Elf, I love you, You're Perfect, Now Change, Ragtime* and recently,

Disney's Beauty and the Beast.



Nicholas Hogan (Lighting Designer, Director of Lighting, ATD) A Florida based Lighting Professional is happy to be working on his third season here at the Athens Theater. Some of his favorite designs at the Athens include *Beauty and the Beast, White Christmas, Jimmy Buffett's Escape from Margaritaville*, and *Misery*. Additionally, Nick works as a designer across Florida, most recently having designed shows in partnership with Stetson Opera and the Barn Theater.



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 Margaritaville, Rock of Ages; Ragtime, Shrekī, Elf; Clue; Ain't Misbehavin'; 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 seventh season with the Athens Theatre. Tamara spends her days teaching at Ivy Hawn Charter School, creating art and costumes and being amazed by her two crazy-talented children.



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Lamar Hickley (Sound Designer/Director of Sound) has always been involved with the Arts. Since the age of 8, he has acquired the skill to play multiple instruments and gained knowledge in the area of sound reinforcement. He has over 20 years of experience as a recording engineer, in live mixing, and music production. In 2012, he received his AS degree in Music Production Technology and in 2014 he received his BAS in business supervision and management. Lamar's passions in

the industry of audio granted him the "Most Outstanding Student" award in 2012. As a result, he was selected as the face of the Music Production Technology at Daytona State College. In 2016, Lamar was introduced to the Athens family and is honored to have his company "Kevin Majestic Productions," responsible for ensuring all the audio needs are met with nothing but the best sound and quality!



Dylaney Sabino (Assistant Director of Sound) is a lover of Halloween and hopes you're ready for *Dracula*! This will be Dylaney's third season with The Athens, where she has live mixed shows such as *Rent, White Christmas, Noises OffI* and more, as well as assisted in the design of Athen's recent success *Beauty and the Beast*. She is grateful to God and excited to be representing Kevin Majestic Productions in her role, and hopes you enjoy the show!









Tori Oakes (Prop Designer, TD, Scenic Build) is a Central Florida based technical director and scenic designer. She is, as always, happy to be working at the Athens Theatre. Previous designs at the Athens include Erving Berlin's White Christmas, Misery, Margaritaville, Rock of Ages, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Ragtime, Shrek TYA Version, Elf, Chicago, Mamma MiaI, The FantasticksI, 9 to 5, Into the Woods, The Producers, Jekyll & Hyde, The Wedding Singer, OklahomaI,

Arsenic & Old Lace, Aladdin, Jr., Sister Act, Driving Miss Daisy, James and the Giant Peach, A Christmas Carol, The Addams Family, Cabaret, and White Christmas. Tori is the owner of Misfit Toys Theatrical LLC, an Orlando based production company that, in addition to building scenery for Athens Theatre productions, provides various scenic and properties services for a number of theatrical organizations from Central Florida to New England. Tori holds an MFA in theatre from the University of Central Florida.



Bonnie Sprung (Scenic Charge Artist) just had fun as Scenic Charge for *Forum* and recently designed and painted *Frozen*, *Jr.* Bonnie has a BA from Hofstra University in Set Design and Graphics, along with her AA from Valencia Community College in Fine Art. She has done set design, scenic painting, make-up and stage management for over 300 shows in Orlando and New York. She worked as Set/Scenic designer for the BCC Summer Fine Arts program and the JCC Center Players.

Stage Manager, Sound and Graphics for Southern Winds Theatre. She has also designed for GenY Productions, Florida Theatrical Association, First Academy Middle and High School, Boone High, Central Florida Community Arts, The Masters Academy, JCC Youth Academy, The Ensemble Company, SparKyl Entertainment and many more. Some of her nominated designs include Cabaret, The Flick, Bat Boy the Musical, Jane Eyre the Musical, Torch Song, Clybourne Park, Perfect Arrangement, Three Days of Rain, Hysteria and Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf. Bonnie has over 30 yrs. experience in curating, judging various art exhibits and thespian competitions. She is a member of the Women's Caucus For Art and is a past president of the FL chapter. Currently she is on the Seminole Cultural Arts Council Board. Bonnie has shown her fine artwork and has received several awards. www.BonnieSprung.com









Diane McLean (Production Supervisor, Stage Manager) is a professional stage manager with over 30 years experience in regional, touring, and Off Broadway theater, as well as film and higher education. She received her MFA in Stage Management from Boston University. She has stage managed for The Kennedy Center, Manhattan Theatre Club, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Huntington Theatre Company, Lyric Stage Company, Boston University College of Fine Arts, and Boston

University Tanglewood Institute, to name a few. Film credits include *War of the Worlds*, directed by Steven Spielberg and Stephanie Daley starring Tilda Swinton. In addition to her work at the Athens Theatre, she is a professor and mentor to students at the Mike Curb College of Music, Entertainment, & Art at Daytona State. She is also the former Professor of Theatre at Endicott College in Beverly, MA. She'd like to thank Frank and the staff and board of the Athens Theatre for the opportunity to engage in theatre once again in her new hometown of DeLand. Love to H, C, and G.



Amy Uppercue (Costume Shop Manager, Production Associate) 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. Favorite costume design credits include Footloose: Youth Edition, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, A Year with Frog and Toad, Legally Blonde: the Musical, and Footloose. In addition to running the Athens Costume Shop, Amy is also a teaching artist for the Athens

Theatre Youth Academy, and serves on the board of the National League of Junior Cotillion West Volusia Chapter and the DeLand Choir Parents Association. So much love to C, HK, AB and B.









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Madison Clark (Assistant Stage Manager) is so thrilled to be a part of her first production at the Athens Theatre. Past stage management credits include *The Secret Garden, Romeo and Juliet, Xanadu*, and soon *Ken Ludwig's Baskerville* at Daytona State College. She sends special thanks to her friends and family for everything they have done for her, but most importantly to her mom, who is her biggest supporter and the bravest person she knows.



Megan Quiroga (Assistant Stage Manager) is super excited to be a part of *Dracula*! This is her fifth show here at the Athens Theatre. Her stage management credits include *The Little Mermaid, A Christmas Carol*, and *Steel Magnolias* at Rising Phoenix Productions. She also was the Assistant Stage Manager for *By the Skin of Our Teeth* and *Rebel without a Cause* at Penguin Point Productions, and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* here at the Athens Theatre! Megan

has graduated Seminole State College with her A.A. and is excited to continue her technical theatre work in Central Florida. Megan is so honored to be one of the ASM's of *Dracula* and hopes you all enjoy the show!





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Neet The Administrative Team



Alexa Baldwin (Executive Director) is a graduate of Kent State University with her BFA in Musical Theatre. After twelve years of working in the theatre industry and managing the offices of several companies, Alexa became the Director of Marketing and Operations for the Sands Theatre Center (DBA - Athens Theatre) in July of 2011. In 2021, she was made the theatre's Executive Director. She has dedicated her life to working with an incredible family of co-workers and volunteers to make the

Athens Theatre a representation of what community theatres can strive to be—both onstage and off. In addition to her theatre family, she is fortunate to have an incredible husband and daughter who are endlessly patient and supportive with all thing Athens Theatre. Mrs. Baldwin thanks everyone in the cast, crew, production team, and ALL the staff for the tireless hours they spent making tonight's magic happen. She hopes that you enjoy the show and come back to visit us again soon.

Frank Ramirez (Producing Artisitc Director) See Creative Team Bios.



Santi Gabino (Director of Marketing and Communications), a native of South Florida, relocated with his husband and two crazy dogs to DeLand in the summer of 2022. With a rich background in venue and event management, Santi served as the Executive & Marketing Director of a highly successful venue in Homestead, FL, for over 11 years. During his tenure on his family's estate, he orchestrated nearly 100 weddings, attracting attention from renowned publications like *Allure Bridal* and *Modern Bride* for magazine shoots. The venue also

became a prime location for television filming, hosting esteemed networks such as Nickelodeon and Telemundo. He also spearheaded the creation of a wildly popular Farm-to-Table dinner series. Having cultivated a substantial social media following in his previous role and drawing upon his expertise, he now oversees the creation of all marketing materials, develops content for social media, writes press releases, radio scripts, and billboard copy, manages public communications, nurtures business-to-business relationships, and more. Additionally, he contributes a monthly food and lifestyle column to *The West Volusia Beacon*, titled "Central Flavors." Outside of work, Santi finds joy in cooking, painting, and succumbing to the irresistible temptation of buying things he absolutely doesn't need at any yard, garage, or estate sale that crosses his path.



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Grace Boynton (Development Director) Grace has a background in both the performing arts and nonprofit development. After graduating from the University of Central Florida in 2020, Grace discovered her passion for nonprofit work and has since made significant contributions to organizations like Planned Parenthood and United Against Poverty, managing yearly budgets of over two million dollars and producing annual fundraising efforts. As the Development Director for the Historic Athens Theatre, she gets to blend her artistic insights with strategic

fundraising expertise to support the theater's mission and ensure its continued success in the community. You may recognize Grace as a performer at the Athens Theatre in shows like *RENT*, 9 to 5 and *The Wedding Singer*.



Amanda Tyler (House Manager) A native Floridian, Ms. Tyler studied film and theatre production at Valencia College. She began working in theatre in 1993 at Seaside Music Theater in Daytona Beach as Wardrobe supervisor, Assistant to the Resident Costume Designer, and Costume Rentals Manager. She finds herself out from behind the curtain for the first time as the Athens House Manager. Amanda joined the Athens family in 2023 and is excited to help this incredible organization continue to grow and move forward. She takes great pride in the work

she does alongside the many dedicated Athens Theatre volunteer ushers while helping to bring amazing art to this historic DeLand stage. She hopes that you enjoy the show!



Craig Uppercue (Director of Community Relations) A Stetson University (BM/BME) & Grand Canyon University (M.Ed) alumnus, Mr. Uppercue has taught for 20 years in the public school systems of Florida, currently serving as a Fine Arts specialist in Volusia County Schools. Mr. Uppercue has been with the Athens Theatre since 2011 and had the wonderful privilege of serving as Artistic Director for 10 years. He is now honored to be playing a continued part in the life of the theatre. 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. Craig and his wonderful wife, Amy, live locally, enjoying every moment as they watch their three daughters grow up!

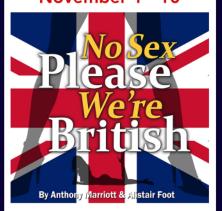


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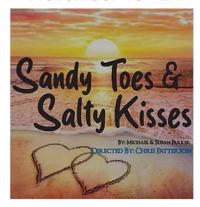
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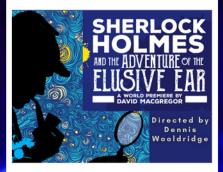
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Roberta (Bobe) Kenemer (Resident Graphic Artist) is a graduate of Ringling College of Art & Design (formerly Ringling School of Art) majoring in Graphic Arts & Illustration. After relocating to Volusia County in 1982, Bobe worked for a small publishing company and as a Cartographer before accepting a position at Tennant Printing Company in DeLand. She gained extensive experience in the Graphics Department of various printing companies, along with numerous freelance projects, before assuming her role with the Athens Theatre in the fall of 2019. As the sole

image designer for the theatre and the Athens Theatre Youth Academy, her graphic design skills play an integral role in the theatre's visual identity. She takes immense pride in being part of the Athens Theatre family and eagerly anticipates the opportunity to contribute to the creative journey of each upcoming production and event.



Mike Kitaif (Photographer) Mike has been passionate about photography since high school and is proud to be photographing for the Athens Theatre. Along with photographing other local theaters, he spent eight seasons capturing images for the UCF Marching Knights. When not in the theater, Mike develops software for Cardinal Systems that collects 3D data from photographic and laser sources which is utilized by mapping professionals, civil engineers, and NASA. With a wife and daughter on stage, Mike's love for theater photography blossomed naturally, becoming

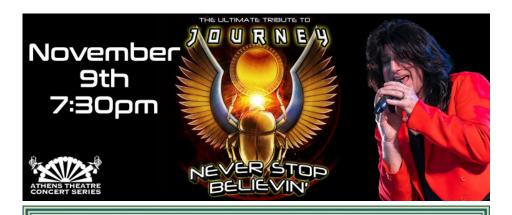
a 12-years passion. He's honored to have the best seat in the house during photo sessions and is deeply grateful to the actors, crew, directors and everyone who contributes to make the magic of theater happen.



Shonda L. Thurman (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advocate) Born and raised in Flint, MI, Ms. Thurman holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from Roosevelt University, in Chicago, IL, and Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She also holds a theatre management certification from Tiffany Vega Management. Shonda is currently the curriculum manager for the Orlando Family Stage and current co-chair for the Juneteenth lunch and Learn Facts of Freedom. Her performance credits range from local to all over the country in national tours. In her roles as a DEIA,

performer, director, and educator she believes that everyone deserves a voice, their stories told and heard, and themselves represented in whatever arena they choose. "I am not a teacher I am an awakener." ~Robert Frost.





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