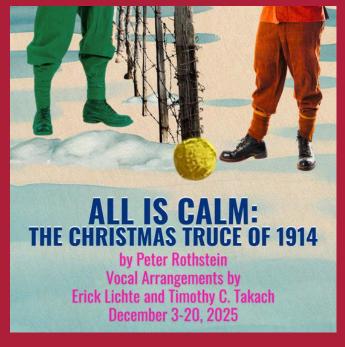
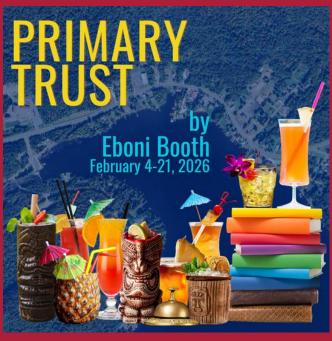
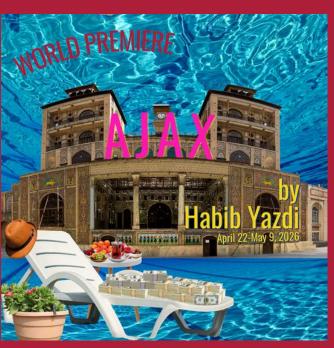
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## 25|26 SEASON EVENTS

This summer we kicked off our first ever first annual LOCALS ONLY Summer Series featuring all kinds of local artists. This August, our fifth annual BIPOC Playwrights Festival was back at BCT! In October we open our 25|26 MainStage Season sprinkled with our 5X5 Reading Series, Children's Reading Series, and Theater Lab performances. Our season focuses on the healing powers of laughter, reflection, and hope. Please join us often!

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## Letter from the Producing Artistic Director

#### **Benjamin Burdick**

As we mentioned in our Season Announcement, this is a season of exploration of locations, periods, and divides (real and imagined).

"Where in the world am I?" is the name of the beloved lesson taught by elementary school teachers to help students pinpoint how they fit into their class, their city, their world, by identifying address locations at different scales: street, town, state, country, continent, planet.

BCT's 25|26 Season of plays is an iteration of this exploration. These thought provoking stories of the human experience span locations (insular communities, remote towns, battlefields, the world stage), span time periods (today, the middle of the  $20_{th}$  Century, World War I), span divides (two sides of a vaccination debate, a stretch of no man's land, the space between real and imaginary, the cultural distance from America to Iran). These stories are all examinations of that same question we were asked as kids.

Where in the world are we?

This spring, my family celebrated our seven year anniversary of moving to Boise. For me, the move was a return home. For my wife and children, it was a journey to a new land. For all of us, it was the next step in the natural progression of a life lived in pursuit of all the things that humans pursue: society, friendship, belonging, impact, purpose. In the intervening seven years, our family has expanded exponentially because of our stewardship of BCT. We start here – in the red seats, in the promise of a blank stage – and radiate outwards into our community, into Boise, into the world. The theater has situated us inside a cohort of curious, committed, aspirational folks who believe in the connection that a live theatrical event creates. The BCT family is not afraid of a challenge, is able to have the hard conversation or laugh with abandon, continues to learn, and knows that the best way to get better is to do it together.

When we look back on the decision to move to Boise, it seems clear that at this very particular, very fraught, very joyous moment in time – this is the place that we belong.

It has been seven years of remarkable challenges: an altered landscape in Idaho, a pandemic, a seismic shift in the way nonprofits are funded and function – the theater's staff, its board, and its community are responding to these changes with resilience and an unwavering belief in the importance of the work we do here. It has also been seven years of growth, of lasting impact, and of exceptional storytelling.

Where in the world are we?

The Universe, the Milky Way, Earth, North America, U.S.A., Idaho, Boise, 854 Fulton Street, the BCT MainStage, the Red Seats, the BCT family.

We are right where we belong.

Yours in optimism,

Benjamin Burdick Producing Artistic Director



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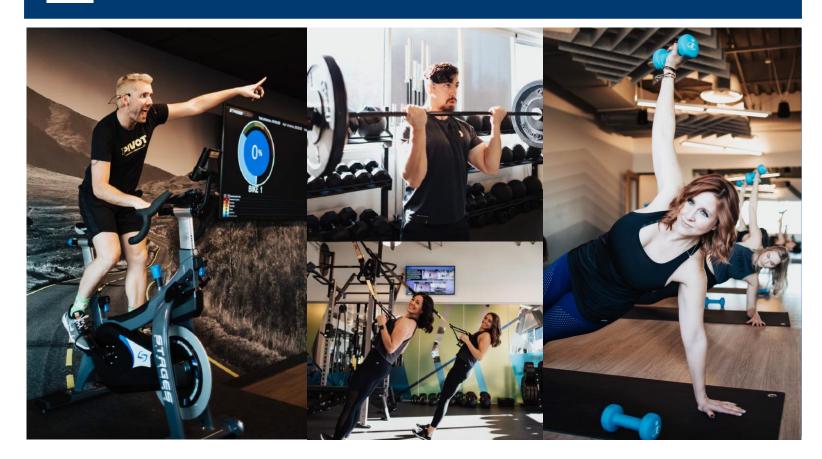
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# Letter from the Governor and First Lady of Idaho Brad and Teresa Little

Dear friends,

Theatre and the arts are more than entertainment – they enrich our lives and deepen our understanding of humanity. Whatever your interests or perspective, an evening spent at the theatre provokes thought and brings joy. Boise Contemporary Theater has delighted audiences for decades and continues to provide the Treasure Valley with a place to escape, be entertained, and witness storytelling through skillful acting, music, and dance.

The Boise Contemporary Theater is unique in what it offers audiences and artists. In addition to its productions, the Boise Contemporary Theater provides Idahoans instruction and training in acting, playwriting, and more. Here, storytelling takes on many forms and gives us all a glimpse of the human experience. When you enter this space, you know you are going to enjoy something special.

Teresa and I are grateful to the organizers, performers, and sponsors for your commitment to the Boise Contemporary Theater and for offering unique cultural experiences to our community. Your dedication to the arts helps keep alive this important cultural resource in our state. As always, enjoy your time at the theatre!

Sincerely,

**Brad Little** 

Governor of Idaho





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## Letter from the Mayor of Boise Lauren McLean

Hello, and welcome to the 2025-2026 season at Boise Contemporary Theater. For over two decades, Boise Contemporary Theater has brought stories to life for Boiseans and visitors alike. Sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes hilarious, and always thought-provoking, these plays have shaped Boise's artistic community in invaluable ways.

This season asks a beautifully complex question: "Where in the world are we?" It's a question that takes us across time zones, cultures, and historical moments, but also one that roots us right here in Boise, in this theater, together.

The four plays this season, *Eureka Day, All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914, Primary Trust*, and *Ajax*, remind us of the power of place — where we are, who we're with, and what stories we choose to share - matters.

If you've been coming to BCT for years: welcome back. If this is your first time: I'm so excited that you are here, taking a seat. This theater provides a place for us to gather — neighbors, friends, first-time visitors, longtime supporters — in a shared experience of something special: stories that challenge us, make us laugh, help us feel seen, or allow us to step into someone else's shoes for just a little while.

That's the magic of theater and the gift of a place that reflects a community for everyone.

Mayor Lauren McLean



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# Letter from the President of the BCT Board of Trustees Scott Raeber

#### Welcome to the Show!

On behalf of the entire BCT Board, we are thrilled to have you with us tonight. Hopefully, you arrived early or plan to stay late, to take full advantage of the *all-new Ghost Light Pub*. This space was created just for you—to relax, connect with fellow patrons, and engage in thoughtful conversations about the powerful stories we share on stage. The atmosphere is vibrant, the drinks are flowing, and don't forget: you're welcome to BYOF (Bring Your Own Food).

As Sir Laurence Olivier once said, "The theater is a living creature that continues to change and grow with each audience that breathes life into it." That spirit of transformation and resilience is very much alive here at BCT.

It's no secret that this has been a challenging year for the arts, and the road ahead may be just as unpredictable. Yet, time and again, you—our loyal patrons—rise to the occasion. You answer our calls, fill critical gaps, and uplift this theater with unwavering support. We are deeply grateful.

To continue building on this momentum, we invite you to engage with BCT in whatever way feels right for you:

- Join as a member at a level that fits your lifestyle
- Invite friends and family to experience our productions
- Volunteer your unique skills on one of our committees
- Make an annual contribution
- Explore new BCT offerings
- Or simply spread the word about what makes BCT special

Every single act of support sustains and strengthens our mission.

We're also excited to share some big news: our Capital Campaign priority this year will be to replace our beloved—but admittedly less-than-comfortable—historic seats. Thanks to your generosity, we're set to install brand-new, modular seating during the off-season. This upgrade will unlock new creative possibilities for staging—including *theater in the round*—and give us the flexibility to keep innovating for years to come.

As always, thank you for your generosity, your presence, and your belief in what we do. If you ever have feedback or thoughts to share, I genuinely welcome the conversation.

With gratitude and excitement,

Scott Raeber President, BCT Board



## WAITING IN THE WINDS

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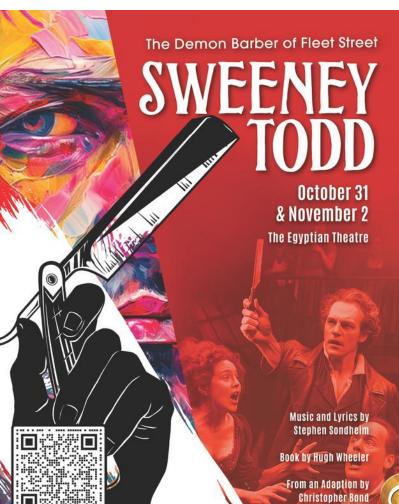
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## 25|26 MainStage Season



#### October 1-18, 2025

~100 mins, PLUS ~10 MIN INTERMISSION, Drama

The Eureka Day School in Berkeley, California, is a bastion of progressive ideals: representation, acceptance, social justice. In weekly meetings, Eureka Day's five board members develop and update policy to preserve this culture of inclusivity, reaching decisions only by consensus. But when a mumps outbreak threatens the Eureka community, facts become subjective and every solution divisive, leaving the school's leadership to confront the central question of our time: How do you build consensus when no one can agree on truth?

#### **SPECIAL PERFORMANCES**

Preview Nights: Oct. 1, 2, and 3, 2025

Pay What You Want Nights: Wednesday, Oct. 1 & 15, 2025

First Thursday Happy Hour: 5:30-6:30 pm, Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025

Opening Night & After Party: Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025

Educators' Night: Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025

Post Show Convo: Stay to talk with the actors & designers after the Saturday,

Oct. 11 matinee & the Friday, Oct. 17 show!

Closing Night: Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025

#### **About the Playwright**

Jonathan Spector is a Tony Award-winning playwright based in Oakland, California, whose work has been produced on and off Broadway, regionally and internationally. His plays include Eureka Day (2025 Best Revival: Tony Award, Drama Desk Award, Drama League Award & Dorian Award), This Much I Know (Edgerton) Award, Glickman Award, BATCC Award); Birthright; Best Available; Siesta Key; and Good. Better Best. Bested. Jonathan's work has been produced with Manhattan Theatre Club, the Old Vic/Sonia Friedman Productions. Pasadena Playhouse, Hampstead Theatre, Miami New



Drama, Colt Coeur, Theater J, Syracuse Stage, Asolo Rep, Aurora Theatre. Marin Theatre, and Mosaic Theater, among others. He has been a MacDowell Fellow, Playwrights Foundation Resident Playwright, TheatreWorks Core Writer, Playwrights' Center Core Writer, SPACE on Ryder Farm Resident, and PlayPenn Haas Fellow. Jonathan is currently under commission with Manhattan Theatre Club, Roundabout Theatre Company, and La Jolla Playhouse.

#### Cast

Joe Conley Golden\* (Don) Matthew Melton (Eli) Marissa Price (Suzanne) Hanna-Lee Sakakibara\* (Meiko) Shana Tavares (Winter) Alexis Ward (Carina)

#### **Production and Design**

Director - Benjamin Burdick\* Assistant Director - Jacob McGaughey Stage Manager - Elena Maddy Assistant Stage Manager - John Wicks Scenic Designer/Technical Director - Nicholas Jules Hewitt Props Designer - Hayden Pedersen Costume Designer - Cassandra McCarty Lighting Designer - Julien V. Elstob Sound Designer - Drew Dalzell Scenic Charge - Amandalynn Lovewell Master Electrician - Matthew Wagner Sound Engineer/Sound Board Operator - Brayden Buckley

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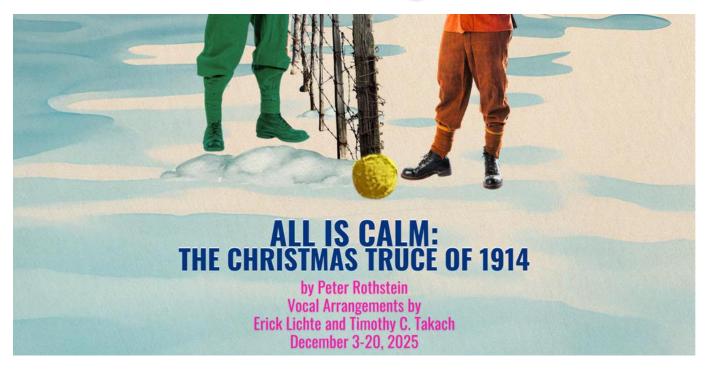




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## 25|26 MainStage Season



#### December 3-20, 2025

~80 mins, Musical

In collaboration with <u>Opera Idaho!</u> The Western Front, Christmas, 1914. Out of the violence of World War I, a silence, then a song. A German soldier steps into No Man's Land singing "Stille Nacht." Thus begins an extraordinary night of camaraderie, music, and peace. An a cappella chorale, All Is Calm is a remarkable true story in the words and songs of the men who lived it.

\*This show is an add-on to our MainStage Season, available as an additional purchase.

#### SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

**Preview Nights**: Dec. 3, 4, and 5, 2025

First Thursday Happy Hour: 5:30-6:30 pm, Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025

Opening Night & After Party: Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025

Educators' Night: Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025

Post Show Convo: Stay to talk with the actors & designers after the Saturday,

Dec. 13 matinee & the Friday, Dec. 19 show!

Closing Night: Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025

#### **About the Creators**

#### PETER ROTHSTEIN - CREATOR

Peter Rothstein is the creator of *All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914*, which won the 2019 New York Drama Desk Award for Unique Theatrical Experience. Peter was named the 2015 Artist of the Year by the Star Tribune, Theater Artist of the Year by Lavender, and Best Director by City Pages. He has received nine Ivey Awards and has been awarded grants and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, Theatre Communications Group, the Minnesota State Arts Board, and the McKnight Foundation. He holds a B.A. in Music and Theater from St. John's University and a Master of Fine Arts in Directing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. <a href="https://www.Peter-Rothstein.com">www.Peter-Rothstein.com</a>

#### **ERICK LICHTE - ARRANGER**

Erick Lichte began his tenure as Artistic Director of Vancouver BC's Chor Leoni Men's Choir, one of the most active and popular amateur choirs in North America in January 2013. His first recording with Chor Leoni, Wandering Heart, received a perfect five-star review from the UK's prestigious Choir and Organ Magazine, and Oregon Arts Watch has declared that, under his leadership, Chor Leoni is now "one of the best male choirs on the continent." He has been hailed by the Washington Post for the "audacity" of his programming and noted by the Chicago Tribune for the "meticulous preparation" of his choirs. Fanfare Magazine declared that he created and helmed "the premier men's vocal ensemble in the United States."

#### TIMOTHY C. TAKACH - ARRANGER

Reviewed as "gorgeous" (Washington Post) and "stunning" (Lawrence Journal-World), the music of Timothy C. Takach is rapidly gaining momentum in the concert world. Applauded for his melodic lines and rich, intriguing harmonies, Takach is a full-time composer and has received many commissions from various organizations, including VocalEssence, the St. Olaf Band, Cantus, Pavia Winds, cellist Kirsten Whitson, Lorelei, The Rose Ensemble, and the University of Notre Dame DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. His compositions have been performed on A Prairie Home Companion, The Boston Pops holiday tour, multiple All-State and festival programs, and at venues such as the Library of Congress, Kennedy Center, and Royal Opera House Muscat. Takach has been awarded grants from the American Composers Forum, Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, and the Minnesota State Arts Board, Meet the Composer, and yearly ASCAP awards since 2004. He studied Music Theory and Composition at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, where he graduated with honors. Takach lives in Minneapolis with his wife and two sons. <a href="https://www.timothyctakach.com">www.timothyctakach.com</a>

#### Cast

Willis Carr
Curtis Crafton
Gus Curry\*
David Kepner
Brock MacDonald
Francisco Negron
Isaiah Rasch
Ethan Graham Roeder
Jeffrey Seppala
Tim Stoddard\*

#### **Production and Design**

Director - Tracy Sunderland

Music Director - Dr. C. Michael Porter

Stage Manager - Elena Maddy

Assistant Stage Manager - John Wicks

Technical Director - Nicholas Jules Hewitt

Costume Designer - Chanté Thornton Hamann

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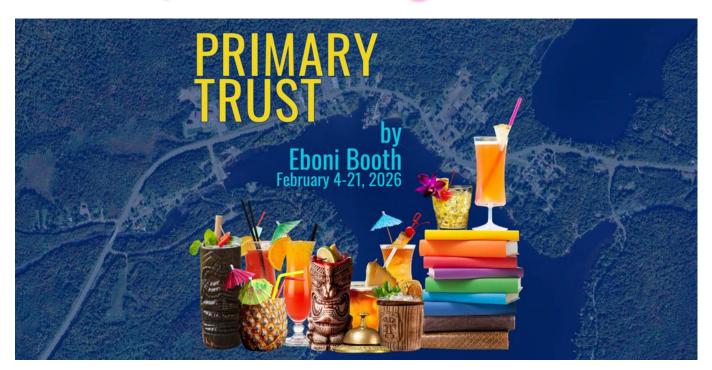


#### **Performance Partner**



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## 25|26 MainStage Season



#### February 4-21, 2026

~95 mins, Drama

Kenneth is a 38-year-old man living in a small town outside of Rochester, New York. For 15 years, his life has been the same: he works at the bookstore during the day and enjoys mai tais with his friend Bert at night. However, when the bookstore owner closes shop, it forces Kenneth to make changes and push past his comfort zone – sometimes that means making new friends, and sometimes that means reconciling with the past. In Kenneth's own words, "This is the story of friendship. Of how I got a new job. A story of love and balance and time. And the smallest of chances."

#### SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

**Preview Nights**: Feb. 4, 5, and 6, 2026

Pay What You Want Nights: Wednesday, Feb. 4 & 18, 2025

First Thursday Happy Hour: 5:30-6:30 pm, Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026

Opening Night & After Party: Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026

Educators' Night: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026

Post Show Convo: Stay to talk with the actors & designers after the Saturday,

Feb. 14♥ matinee & the Friday, Feb. 20 show!

Closing Night: Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026

#### **About the Playwright**

Eboni Booth is a writer and actor from New York City. Her plays include Primary Trust (2024 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Outer Critics Circle Award) and Paris. For television, she has written for Hulu's We Were the Lucky Ones and HBO Max's Julia. Her work has been developed with Ojai Playwrights Conference, Cape Cod Theater Project, WP Theater, Two River Theater, Clubbed Thumb, and Northern Stage. As an actor, Eboni has appeared in productions at Playwrights Horizons, LCT3, Manhattan Theater Club, Ars Nova, WP Theater, Page 73, Soho Rep., Clubbed Thumb, and more. Eboni is a resident playwright at New Dramatists, and the



recipient of a Dramatists Guild Horton Foote Award, a Steinberg Playwright Award, a Helen Merrill Award for Playwriting, and a John Gassner Award. She is a graduate of Juilliard's playwriting program and the University of Vermont.

Cast

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#### **Production and Design**

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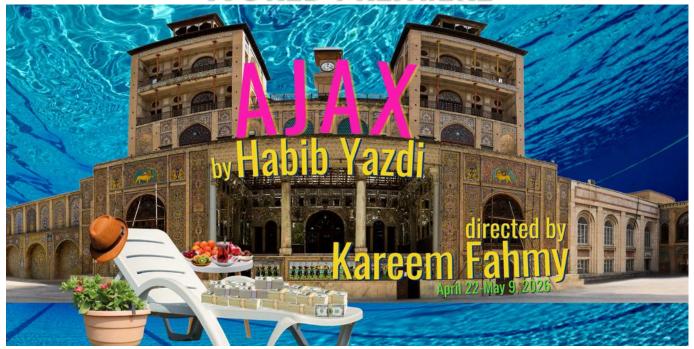
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## 25|26 MainStage Season

#### **WORLD PREMIERE**



### April 22-May 9, 2026

~95 mins, Dark Comedy

About the 1953 American coup in Iran. A comedy, until it isn't.

It's a hot summer in August 1953 when a clean-cut American arrives at a peaceful villa in North Tehran. Kambiz, the villa's gardener and pool boy, wonders if the new guest may be his ticket to a better life. As their friendship deepens, Kambiz finds himself entangled in strange affairs involving the Shah of Iran and the country's elected prime minister. How will it end? Only the pool knows...

#### **SPECIAL PERFORMANCES**

**Preview Nights**: Apr. 22, 23, and 24, 2026

Pay What You Want Nights: Wednesday, Apr. 22 & May 6, 2026 First Thursday Happy Hour: 5:30-6:30 pm, Thursday, May 7, 2026

Opening Night & After Party: Saturday, Apr. 25, 2026

Educators' Night: Wednesday, Apr. 29, 2026

Post Show Convo: Stay to talk with the actors & designers after the Saturday,

May 2, matinee & the Friday, May 8 show!

Closing Night: Saturday, May 9, 2026

#### **About the Playwright**



Habib Yazdi is an Iranian-American playwright and filmmaker whose work blends comedy with history and cultural memory. He produced and directed the PBS series *United States of Comedy* and is a recipient of South Coast Repertory's Elizabeth George Commission. *AJAX*, his play about the 1953 American coup in Iran, was developed at The New Group and Bay Street Theater and will premiere at Boise Contemporary Theater in 2026. He is also a current member of The Writers' Room at Geffen Playhouse (2025–26 cohort).

Habib's films have screened internationally at festivals including St. Louis, Brisbane, Brooklyn, Vail, and Pan African, and institutions such as the Barbican Centre, the de Young Museum, and Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum.

Habib earned his M.F.A. from NYU Tisch School of the Arts, where he received the Oliver Stone Screenwriting Award and the Goldberg Play Prize. He is an alum of Sundance and ISF's Building Bridges Fellowship, as well as the Warner Bros. Discovery Access Directors Program, Mentorship Matters Writing Lab, New York Stage and Film Workshop, and Gotham Week. He is currently developing a site-specific play for Montana Repertory Theatre's Plays on Tap series.

**Cast** TBD

**Production and Design** 

Director - Kareem Fahmy
Stage Manager - Elena Maddy
Assistant Stage Manager - John Wicks
Technical Director - Nicholas Jules Hewitt
Master Electrician - Matthew Wagner
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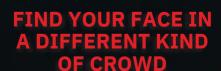
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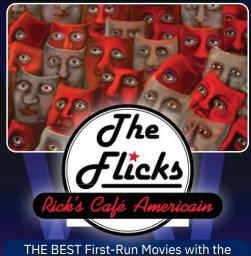
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Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual BIPOC Playwrights Festival was held August 22 - 24, 2025 at BCT in the heart of Boise's Cultural District. Our Festival is funded in part by local donors and grants from The National Endowment for the Arts and The Gladys E. Langroise Advised Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual BIPOC Playwrights Festival selections were:

- **Jesa by Jeena Yi,** directed by Mei Ann Teo: When four estranged Korean American sisters reunite in Orange County, CA to perform their parent's Jesa- a traditional ritual honoring the dead- old wounds erupt, secrets surface, and ghosts (literal and emotional) refuse to stay buried. **Developed here at BCT before its World Premiere at The Public Theatre in New York City next May!**
- **The Wetlands by AriDy Nox**, directed by Chanel Bragg (who directed Clyde's at BCT in Winter 2024): Trapped in The Wetlands, Nita and Tara find themselves in a deadly race against time as they desperately seek a way out of their shared limbo... before it's too late.



Jeena Yi is a Korean American actor, writer and serial DIY'er. Born and raised in Los Angeles, she now calls New York City home. Captivated by what drives us forward each day, she relishes exploring the complexities and absurdity of human nature. Whether through performing on stage and screen or crafting emotionally charged worlds in her writing. Recent credits as an actor, *Nyad* (Netflix), *The Resident* (FOX), *Only Murders in the Building* (Hulu). Jeena made her Broadway debut in *Network*, starring Bryan Cranston, directed by Ivo Van Hove. Jeena is a member of Seoulful Productions 2025 Korean Writers Lab. Her first play JESA will make its off-Broadway premiere through Ma Yi Theater Co. at The Public Theater in Spring 2026. MFA Columbia University. @JeenaYi



AriDy Nox is a multi-disciplinary black femme storyteller with a variety of forward-thinking creative works under their belt, including the historical reimagining of the life of Sally Hemings, BLACK GIRL IN PARIS (2020), the ancestral reckoning play A WALLESS CHURCH (2019), the cross-generational magical realism FRESHWATER PLAY (2020) series, and many others. Their tales are offerings intended to function as small parts of an ancient, expansive, awe-inspiring tradition of world-shaping created by black femmes and with black femmes at the center. They have been inordinately privileged to share the workings of their imagination in collaboration with a vast array of inspiring and supportive artists of various radical backgrounds throughout the country.

We celebrate the great plays presented in our 5<sup>th</sup> Festival and look forward to brand new works for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival coming in August, 2026! For more information about our festival and playwrights, visit botheater.org/bipoc.

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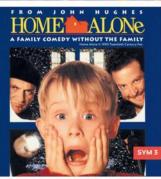
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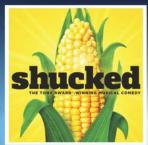


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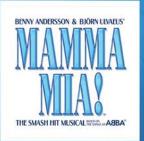














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Theater Lab is dedicated to the proposition that students are capable of more than we expect. They have a story to tell, and it's important to listen. Students 12-18 years old create brand new plays from scratch and then perform them on our professional MainStage with all the bells and whistles in this ten-week class. It's unlike anything else in the valley, and it's a whole lot of fun! Audition required, limited space available. See our website for more information: https://bctheater.org/act/youth/.

Meets Mon/Wed, 4:00-6:30 pm.

Fall 2025 Session: August 25-October 25 Spring 2026 Session:

March 2-May 16 (No class March 16-20)





**Stage One.** That's right... Theater Lab for 7 to 11-year-olds! Young creatives make a play of their own- from scratch- with guidance from our professional instructors in this six-week session, which culminates in a performance for family and friends. No audition, limited space available.

Meets Tue/Thu, 4:30-6:00 pm.

Fall 2025 Session:

September 9-October 16

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March 10-April 23 (No class March 16-20)

#### ADULT CLASSES

The Academy for Contemporary Theater at BCT is expanding and advancing its adult program to become **the premier acting institution for professional actors and new artists in the Treasure Valley**. Our adult program offers classes of all levels taught by the valley's most talented professional artists.

**Explorations of Acting One.** The art of playing. This class for all abilities focuses on theater skill games, improvisation techniques, and staying in shape artistically. Ages 18+, class limit 10. Taught by David Cowan.

Fall 2025 Session: Tuesdays, Sep 9-Oct 14, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Explorations of Acting Two. This six-week acting class explores the fundamentals of working with a contemporary script – text analysis, character development. (Some acting experience is helpful, but all levels are welcome). Ages 18+, class limit 10. Taught by David Cowan.

Fall 2025 Session: Tuesdays, Oct 21-Nov 25, from 6:30-8:30 pm.





Acting For Professionals: Focus on the Modern Classics. Early Spring 2026. This advanced level acting class is for seasoned, professional actors. This year, we will dive into Modern Classics. Participants will read a play before the first class. Classes 1 and 2 will focus on a discussion of the playwright, their voice and style, production history, recurring themes, and evolution throughout their career. This table work will give us a shared language and understanding of the motivations, objectives, and world of unique characters and stories. Classes 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be dedicated to scene study - using scenes from the play(s). Class 7 will be a showing of those scenes, open to the public and to invited guests. Taught by Jessica Morris.

**Know the Show.** Join Jessica Morris for a glimpse behind the scenes of each of this season's mainstage shows. Attendees will receive a digital packet before the show opens that will include information on the play's creation, production history, critical reception, and the rehearsal and design process involved in mounting it at BCT. If schedule allows, we may be joined by members of the creative team and production staff. After the closing of the play, the

group will meet in our Ghost Light Pub for a lively feedback and reflection session to discuss the specific conceptual, design, and performance choices, specifically in BCT's interpretation of each play. Join us for one or all of these sessions. **FREE**, but limited to the first 50 registered- sign up on our website: <a href="https://bctheater.org/act/adult/#KTS">https://bctheater.org/act/adult/#KTS</a>

25|26 Season: Sundays, 4-6 pm

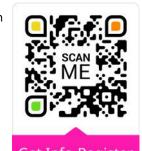
Oct 19 - Eureka Day

Dec 21 - All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914

Feb 22 - Primary Trust

May 17 - AJAX

For more information on any of our classes, please contact our Education Director, Jennifer Stockwell-Fortner: js@bctheater.org. Additional classes may be announced during the year.





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Sasha Allen-Grieve Box Office Associate Abbie Berg House Manager Sydney Bergeson Bartender, Front of House Staff





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Sasha Allen-Grieve is a Boise native and holds a Master of Arts in Professional Acting from the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, located in the UK. Classically trained for the stage, Sasha has since expanded their scope of interest and experience to include film work and has loved the process of learning a new artistic medium. They recently joined BCT as their Box Office Associate after two years as part of their Front of House staff.



#### Emily Broglia Front of House Staff

#### Brayden Buckley Sound Engineer / Sound Board Operator

#### Benjamin Burdick\* Producing Artistic Director, Director, *Eureka Day*





Brayden has been around the theatre for over a decade, and he's elated to be returning for his fourth year at BCT in the sound department. Through college and since graduating from Boise State University in 2021, Brayden has been lending a hand to a variety of projects around Boise, including the Idaho Shakespeare Festival. Brayden started in audio at BCT with *The Show on the Roof*, and he's looking forward to bringing more stories to your ears.



Benjamin is a native of Idaho and a graduate of Yale University. He currently serves as the Producing Artistic Director at Boise Contemporary Theater, after serving as the Managing Director for one year. He was a company member for twelve years at The Open Fist Theatre in Los Angeles and was named the Associate Artistic Director during his final two years.

Primarily an actor in LA, Benjamin was in dozens of television episodes and films, and was an award-winning theater actor on stages across the country. He also directed several readings and plays and founded the First Look Festival at The Open Fist. The summer festival produced new works from local playwrights in scaled-back productions, one that he directed was nominated by the LA Weekly for Best Play, Best Director, and Best Actor. His favorite theater credits include plays at La Jolla Playhouse, The Ahmanson (LA), The Hippodrome (Gainesville), ETC (Santa Barbara), and every 99-Seat House he had the privilege of working in.

Partial directing credits include Wolf Inside the Fence (LA), Under the Canopy of the Forest (LA), The Persistent Guest (BCT), The Christians (BCT), and A Case for the Existence of God (BCT). He is also the founder of the BIPOC Playwrights Festival.

As ever, he knows none of this would be possible without the patience, love, and support from the three greatest humans he knows: Finnegan, Digby, and Jessica.

<sup>\*</sup> Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

Claudia Burton Stage One Assistant Chris Canfield Bartender Willis Carr Actor, *All is Calm* 







Willis Carr, Baritone. Resident of Boise, Idaho. He studied music at Adams State University, Alamosa, Colorado. Opera Idaho Resident Company member, performed in the following OI productions (Chorus unless otherwise noted): Carmina Burana, Marriage of Figaro, La Boheme (Captain of the Guard), Don Pasquale, Gianni Schicchi, Madama Butterfly (Il Commissario Imperiale), The Merry Widow, Nosferatu, La Traviata (Dr. Grenville), The Mikado, Opera Under the Stars, The Barber of Seville, Elixir of Love, Lucia Di Lammermoor, Così Fan Tutte, La Cenerentola, South Pacific in Concert, Madama Butterfly, Carousel in Concert, Evgeny Onegin, The Music Man, Tosca, Oklahoma in Concert, West Side Story in Concert (Officer Krupke), Manon, All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914 (2021 and 2022), Opera in the Park (2021 and 2023). Has been a soloist for the Boise Philharmonic Master Chorale and the Critical Mass Vocal Artists.

#### David J. Cowan Adult and Summer Class Instructor, Sponsorship Assistant

#### Curtis Crafton Actor, *All is Calm*

#### Gus Curry\* Actor, *All is Calm*



As a Boise native David J. Cowan is thrilled to be back in his hometown and back at BCT! He is an Artist in Residence at JUMP where his play Spectra had a full production this August. Other Boise works include The Normal Heart (Alley Repertory Theater) The Merry Wives of Windsor (Idaho Shakespeare Festival and Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival) and the youth education tour of Midsummer Nights Dream (Idaho Shakespeare Festival). He has also worked regionally in Atlanta. Selected works include: Hound of the Baskervilles (Theatrical Outfit), Niagara Falls (Aurora Theater), and Watchmen (HBO). He received his BA in Performance from Boise State University and his MFA in Acting from University of Georgia. GO DAWGS! When he's not acting he loves to be outdoors, sing karaoke, and hang with his niece and nephews. @davidjcowan IG, www.davidjcowan.com



Bass-Baritone and Idaho native Curtis Crafton returns to Opera Idaho and Boise Contemporary Theater in All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914, having sung in the reprise 2022 Boise cast. He has appeared in principal roles with Opera Idaho, including Frank (Die Fledermaus), Il Barone (La Traviata), and Lt. Billis (South Pacific). As a chorus member, he has appeared with Lyric Opera of Chicago under the direction of Sir Andrew Davis and internationally with the Saarländisches Staatstheater in multiple seasons. Equally active on the concert stage, he has been a soloist in works such as Bach's St. Matthew Passion. St. John Passion. Wachet auf ruft uns an die Stimme. Händel's Messiah. and Buxtehude's Membra Jesu Nostri. A dedicated educator, he currently serves as Senior Lecturer in Voice at The College of Idaho and teaches music at New Horizons Dual Language Magnet School in Nampa. Crafton holds a Doctor of Music in Vocal Performance and Literature from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.



Acting credits include, Tour: Cabaret (US and Canada). New York: (e) vaporate (Barrow Street Theatre), Ocean in a Teacup (Midtown International Theatre Festival, MITF Award Best Actor in a Lead Role: (Musical). Boston Area: Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson (Speakeasy Stage Co, Best Actor in a Musical IRNE recipient, Elliot Norton nominee), Carnival (Gloucester Stage Co., W.I.S.E. Foundation Thespian of the Year, 2012), Pippin, The Producers, Forever Plaid, Miss Saigon, The Full Monty, All Shook Up, Lend me a Tenor (Palace Theatre, Manchester, NH). Regional: The Fantasticks, The Man Who Came To Dinner, The Mousetrap (New London Barn Playhouse), Rent (Broadway Palm), Hair (The Aliman), Big River (Bell-Herron Arts Centre), Damn Yankees (JPT, TAP Award: Best Actor). Studied at Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music and Berklee College of Music. Proud member of AEA and Barbershop Harmony Society. Look, mom, I'm doing a show!

#### Susan Dalian Director, *Primary Trust*



Susan Dalian is delighted to be directing at BCT. Select directing credits: Hamlet, Troilus and Cressida, Henry VI, Part 2, and Richard III (Santa Cruz Shakespeare), Venus in Fur (Pico Playhouse), Sierra Classic Theater- Macbeth, As You Like It, Outside Mullingar, The Merchant of Venice. A Midsummer Night's Dream. Select new play development directing credits at: PlayPenn, La MaMa Experimental Theatre Company, Echo Theater Company, The Inkwell Theatre Development Lab, and IAMA Theatre Company. Adjunct Professor: USC's School of Dramatic Arts, Cal. State LA- Antigone X, Blue Stockings, Dance Nation, Stupid Fucking Bird. Select acting credits working at: South Coast Repertory, Indiana Repertory, American Conservatory Theater, Berkeley Repertory Theatre. Various roles in film, TV, and voiceover-audiobooks, animation, commercials, and video games. Currently: Associate Artistic Director, PlayPenn and alumna and Associate Producer, Directors Lab West. Education: Boston University, BFA.

#### Drew Dalzell Sound Designer, *Eureka Day*



Drew Dalzell, an awardwinning sound designer, show control programmer and theatrical consultant is thrilled to be back at BCT having previously designed Sweat and The Christians. His other experience encompasses theme parks, cruise ships, theatre, television, film, industrials, and installations. In themed entertainment. Drew has worked for Universal Studios, Walt Disney Imagineering, Disney Creative Entertainment, Nickelodeon Recreation, and Paramount Parks, among others. As a young designer, he received the 1998 USITT ClearCom Sound Achievement Award. Since then, he has been nominated for Ovation, LA Weekly, Garland, LADCC, and NAACP Awards, winning multiple times. Drew received his MFA in Theatrical Sound Design from the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati.

#### Julien V. Elstob Lighting Designer, *Eureka Day*



Julien V. Elstob (He/Him) is a visual designer based in Los Angeles, CA. His work has recently been seen on stage last season at BCT with A Case for The Existence of God: on TV as the lighting director for *Dragula* (Shudder/AMC); and last but not least in a big spooky building in Downtown Los Angeles for Delusion: Harrowing of Hell (13th Floor Entertainment) where he has been the Creative Director for the past two seasons. He hangs out with Drew and the Diablo Immersive Gang as the Director of Visual Creative. When Julien is not working, he enjoys burritos, camping, and Star Trek. Much love to Gilly and the fur children.

#### Janice Engle Front of House Staff

#### Kareem Fahmy Director, *AJAX*

#### Rachel Fichtman Summer Class Instructor







Kareem Fahmy is a New Yorkbased, Canadian-born director and playwright. Regional directing credits include: Weston Theater Company, Pioneer Theatre Company, Cincinnati Playhouse, Contemporary American Theatre Festival, Premiere Stages, Portland Stage, and Crossroads Theatre. He has developed plays at Atlantic Theatre Company, New York Theatre Workshop, Second Stage, Soho Rep, MCC, Ensemble Studio Theatre, The New Group, New Dramatists, Geva Theatre, Northlight, Silk Road Rising, Berkeley Rep, and more. Alum of the Sundance Theatre Lab, The Old Globe Classical Directing Fellowship, Oregon Shakespeare Festival Phil Killian Directing Fellowship, The National Directors Fellowship, Lincoln Center Directors Lab. Kareem's plays, which include Dodi & Diana, A Distinct Society, and American Fast (winner of the Woodward/Newman Playwriting Award), have been produced at theatres across the U.S. MFA in Theatre Directing: Columbia University. www.kareemfahmy.com



Joe Conley Golden\* Actor, *Eureka Da*y, Dialect Coach, *All is Calm*, Education Staff



Joe is grateful to be back onstage with BCT after appearances in Tiny Beautiful Things, Slow Food, and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time. Other magical BCT experiences include Hand to God, Waiting for Godot, and co-writing and acting in *The Krumblin* Foundation with his late great Fool Squad/Greenshow partner, Tom Willmorth. He is currently working on a documentary film about the 22 years he and Tom wrote and performed the ISF Greenshows (see a trailer on The Greenshow Guys YouTube channel). He is also a dialect coach and is looking forward to another wonderful experience with All is Calm later this season. Joe is a professor of theatre at The College of Idaho, and he also narrates audiobooks and performs voiceovers. JoeGoldenProductions.com. All love and gratitude to his amazing wife, Rochelle Johnson.

### Amelia Gorringe Stage One Instructor



A born and raised Boisean, Amelia's thrilled to be able to give back to local theater. Amelia began her theater journey as a student at BCT, participating in Theater Lab. She assisted with Stage One for multiple sessions before stepping in as an Instructor. Amelia has been lucky enough to work alongside other BCT alumni in the female-led theater group. The Luminary, including its debut piece, The Goddessy. Amelia is immensely grateful for all the support she's received from the wonderful BCT education staff, and can't wait to see where this journey takes her!

### Chanté Thornton Hamann Costume Designer, All is Calm



Chanté is glad to be designing for *All is Calm* again at Boise Contemporary Theater. Her first BCT show was *I and You*, part of the BCT 21|22 Season. In addition, she has designed costumes for *All is Calm* and the 22|23 remount, the World Premiere of *The Show on the Roof*, along with *Clyde's*, *Silent Sky*, and, most recently, *A Case for the Existence of God*.

Born and raised in Rigby, Idaho, Chanté furthered her design education by completing her undergrad at Boise State University's Theatre Arts Department. She then achieved her MFA in Design from the University of Washington's School of Drama.

She is proud of her Idaho roots and the opportunity to spread her love of theater across many of the Idaho and Pacific Northwest stages!

Nicholas Jules Hewitt Technical Director, Scenic Designer, Eureka Day



Graduate from the University of Oregon, Nicholas has been designing, building, and painting set designs for over a decade. Having worked in Southern Oregon with such theatres as The Oregon Cabaret. The Camelot Theatre. and The Collaborative Theatre Project on such shows as The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance, Dancing at Lughnasa, and The Picture of Dorian Gray, he moved to the Treasure Valley a couple of years ago and has already been involved in many projects locally. He has held the position of Technical Director for Opera Idaho over the last few years and has designed such shows as Macbeth, Barber of Seville, The Marriage of Figaro and An American Dream. He has done work with the local colleges and worked as a carpenter and painter with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival. His designs have also been seen at the Opera, Alley Rep and here at BCT.

### Kendyl Johnson Theater Lab Lights



Kendyl is super excited to be back at BCT after working on The Life You Gave Me last season! She is a student at BSU majoring in Theatre Arts with an emphasis in Lighting Design and a minor in Film and Television Arts. She was the lighting designer for BCT's Theatre Lab last season and is looking forward to working on the upcoming Theatre Lab. She's super grateful for this amazing opportunity, and she can't wait for everyone to enjoy the show!

### Amela Karadza\* Adult Class Instructor



Amela Karadza was born in Bosnia and, at the age of 5, immigrated to Boise, where she spent many delightful years. She's a graduate of Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts, MFA program. She loves teaching Meisner Technique around the valley in her free time and hanging out with her fur-children!

<sup>\*</sup>Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

### David Kepner Actor, *All is Calm*



David is an actor, writer, and award-winning director based in Los Angeles. He is thrilled to return to the All is Calm family for its third iteration at BCT! David's background in filmmaking and his education in theater, culminating with his MFA from UCLA, has helped shape a career spanning stage, film, and the digital playground of motion capture. Theater: If The Creek Don't Rise (Skylight Theater), Slanted Feelings (IAMA), The Rover (Freud Playhouse), Silent Sky (BCT), Clyde's (BCT), All Is Calm (BCT, '21). Film/TV: The Moneyshot (Short), The Ladies (TV Pilot), Non-Disclosed Motion Capture Project (TV Pilot). David keeps busy raising his beautiful kids (his cats and dog), and is forever grateful to his wife for her unwavering love and support. Actorcv.me/davidkepner

### Amandalynn Lovewell Scenic Charge, *Eureka Day*



"Tread softly because you tread on my dreams," is the Yeats quote that always comes to mind when walking onto the BCT stage. I love the way viewers must step on stage to find their seat. It's the unacknowledged opening act of the show... a show of solidarity," says Amandalynn.

A fine artist of over 15 years, she's been creating commissioned works throughout her career in installation, sculpture, and paint.

As a Scenic Charge, she magically makes use of all three, infusing her work with passion from a loving philosophy, dedication from her military service, and experience from teaching to transform any prompted project into a thing of wonder.

"Once a stage manager helped me get a ladder off set moments before a final dress, telling me, 'you've got to get out of here, you're not in the show.' I couldn't help but laugh, thinking, "paint isn't really behind-the-scenes, it's in every scene."

### Elena Maddy Resident Stage Manager



Elena Maddy (she/her/hers) is honored to return to BCT for her second season! Previous credits include: The Life You Gave Me (World Premiere): A Case for the Existence of God; On the Other Hand, We're Happy; The Lion; and What the Constitution Means to Me. A Boise local since 2021, Elena is grateful to have stage managed for The Boise Bard Players (Love's Labour's Lost; Cymbeline: Imogen's Fairy Tale; Macbeth; Measure for Measure), The Huckleberry Star Theater (Seven Brides for Seven Brothers; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat), and Alley Repertory Theater (Boulevard of Bold Dreams), where she also serves as Production Manager. She dedicates her work to her family - near and far, blood and chosen - and to all the incredible artists she has the privilege of collaborating with. She would especially like to thank John for being the other half of her brain, and Tris, for being her whole heart.

### Emily Mahon Managing Director



Emily is thrilled to be starting her third season at BCT as Managing Director. With a 20-year career in non-profits, Emily has held leadership and educational positions at various cultural institutions, including museums, performing arts venues, and science centers. Her experience spans California (LA Opera, The Music Center, Bowers Museum, and Skirball Cultural Center) and Idaho (Discovery Center of Idaho).

Emily is passionate about advocating for the arts, sharing ideas, and fostering creativity. She holds a degree in Music, Vocal Performance from Duquesne University. Her professional credits include appearances at Catalina Jazz Club, Disney Concert Hall, and the Hollywood Bowl. Currently in her fourth season with the Boise Philharmonic's Master Chorale, she also serves as their Soprano Section Leader.

As an actress, Emily has graced the stage in multiple productions and can be seen in background roles in early 2000s TV shows, such as House, Gilmore Girls, The OC, and Grey's Anatomy. Emily thanks her husband and two teens for their support and patience with her demanding schedule!

### Cassandra McCarty Costume Designer, *Eureka Day*



Cassandra is thrilled to be back again at BCT. Recent BCT credits include being the costume designer for The Lion and Tiny Beautiful Things, and wardrobe head for Silent Sky and Clyde's. Outside of BCT, she has worked with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival doing wardrobe for the past few seasons (Noises Off, Twelfth Night, Always... Patsy Cline, and more!) and has recently returned to Boise State to make costumes and help teach the next generation of costume all-arounders. Lastly, she is grateful for the opportunity to play here at

### Brock McDonald Actor, All is Calm



Brock is incredibly delighted and honored to be welcomed back for ANOTHER go at this one-of-a-kind story. A local actor whose first professional gig was *All is Calm*, this very show, on this very stage! He looks forward to spending another holiday season in the trenches with his actors-in-arms!



### Jacob McGaughey Assistant Director, *Eureka Day*



Aneshia Morishita Front of House Staff



Jacob McGaughey is thrilled to be joining BCT as the inaugural Ari Keever Trajectory Fellow from the University of Idaho, working on Eureka Day! Jacob is from Spokane, but considers Coeur d'Alene his home. He recently graduated from the University of Idaho with his BFA in Theatre Arts with an emphasis on performance. His recent acting credits include Master Harold... and the Boys, The Addams Family, Amelie, and Bright Star. Special thanks to his Mom and Dad for their never-ending love, to his Gramma and Boppa for always keeping an open door and open hearts, and to his brothers for always making him laugh. Enjoy the show!

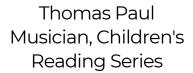


Matthew (he/him) is making his MainStage debut with BCT, having previously appeared in many 5X5 and Children's Reading Series. Recent favorite roles: Avenue Q (Bad Idea Bear/Stage Coach Theatre), Antony and Cleopatra (Mark Antony/Boise Bard Players), She Kills Monsters (Orcus/Homegrown Theatre), and the World Premiere of Deep Blue (Chris/Boise Little Theater). Catch him around the Northwest with his improv troupe, The U.S. Average. You can also hear him in your earbuds in Bluelife, a new neonoir narrative fiction podcast, and with the cast of Plav Around and Find Out. an actual-play RPG podcast coming soon! IG: @itsmattymelts



### Jessica Ires Morris\* Adult Class Instructor







Jessica Ires Morris has worked as an actor on the BCT Mainstage, in regional theaters across the country and internationally, and in commercials and television. She can currently be heard on the acclaimed fiction podcast, Midnight Burger. Jessica helps to curate BCT's 5x5 Reading Series, teaches some of BCT's adult acting classes, and spearheaded a new course, "Know the Show." exploring the selection and development of BCT's MainStage plays, which promises very lively pre- and post-show discussions. (You should sign up! It will be fun!) She has also taught acting at The College of Idaho and Boise State. She earned her BA from Smith College and her MFA from CalArts. A big thanks to Finn and Digby for always being supportive when mom is in rehearsal, to Stan and Chris Morris for passing on their passion for public service and civic discourse (and theater), and to Ben for his partnership in all things.



Novid Parsi is delighted that **Boise Contemporary Theater** is producing the World Premiere of his play The Life You Gave Me. which BCT presented in its 2023 BIPOC Playwrights Festival. Novid's plays have been produced or developed by Golden Thread Productions, Illinois State University, The New Group, Paines Plough, Playwrights Foundation, Queens Theatre, The Road Theatre Company, Silk Road Rising, St. Louis Shakespeare Festival, and The University of Illinois, among others. Novid has been named a two-time winner of the Ashland New Plays Festival, winner of the Crossroads Project's Diverse Voices Playwriting Initiative, and twotime finalist for both the Bay Area Playwrights Festival and the Woodward/Newman Award. A son of Iranian immigrants. Novid was born in New York and raised in Texas. He has degrees in literature from Swarthmore College and Duke University, and he's a member of the Dramatists Guild. Novid and his husband live in St. Louis.



A singer-songwriter and multiinstrumentalist now celebrating almost 30 years in Boise, Idaho, Thomas is one of the region's most versatile musicians. Paul's output as a bandleader/solo artist, sideperson, and session performer covers a wide range of genres. Besides leading his own band, Paul has been found in: Jesse Blake Rundle, Jan Reed Quartet, Katie G. & The Half-Maccs, Diamond Empire Band, any number of Tribute bands (Eagles, WEEN, Grateful Dead, and others) & was previously a member of the Boise Phil Master Chorale. BCT credits include: Hedwig & The Angry Inch (2016), Good Bitch Goes Down (2018), Tammy/Lisa: Misery To Meaning (2019), and numerous CRS. The Idaho Statesman's M. Deeds once wrote, "He's been in more Boise bands than any sane musician should... He's also eccentric..." His solo albums, Yours, Etc. (2005), House On Fire (2009), Goodbye, Waterloo (2011), Interference (2015), Singalongs (2016), and No *Air Anywhere* (2019) are available at Downtown Boise's The Record Exchange, as are his side projects. He is a private music instructor and consultant, and was a volunteer DJ on Radio Boise for many years. thomaspaulmusic@gmail.com

Hayden Pedersen Props Designer, *Eureka Day*, Assistant Director, *AJAX*, Grants Administrator



Hayden Pedersen is a directordesigner based in Boise, Idaho. Hayden has previously served as an Arts Administration Intern at Boise Contemporary Theater, an Apprentice with The Bread & Puppet Theater, and a Producer for the New American Theatre Festival through the National New Play Network. She was a member of the inaugural Show and Tell Artist in Residence cohort through the Alexa Rose Foundation and The Common Well, and is a current member of the In The Margin ensemble. She has worked across disciplines with B Street Theatre, Great Lakes Theater, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, Idaho Theatre for Youth. HomeGrown Theatre, Boise Bard Players, Opera Idaho, and Campfire Theatre Festival. haydenpedersen.net

### Dr. C. Michael Porter Music Director, All is Calm



Recognized for his passionate conducting and engaging programming, Dr. C. Michael Porter is the Artistic Director of Critical Mass Vocal Artists, Idaho's premiere chamber choir. CMVA performances under Porter's direction include Bach's B minor Mass, Bernstein's Mass, Rachmaninov's All-Night Vigil, Fauré's Requiem, Johnson's Considering Matthew Shepard, and Handel's Dixit Dominus. Porter has held conducting positions at Boise State University, Brevard College and Bloomsburg University, and has conducted choirs in Uruguay, South Korea, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, and France. Porter also has extensive experience conducting operatic and musical theater works: having conducted such works as L'Orfeo, Dido and Aeneas, Così fan tutte, L'elisir d'amore, Rigoletto, Gianni Schicchi, Trouble in Tahiti, Brundibár, Into the Woods, and A Little Night Music.

### Marissa Price Actor, *Eureka Day*



Marissa has long chided that she is the luckiest \*bleep\* she knows. She feels most fortunate to be back at BCT after some not-too-distant turns in Silent Sky, Tiny Beautiful Things, and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime. She has a handsome collection of fourleaf clovers, a handsome, funny husband, a dynamite son, and an adorable dog to boot. Though she grew up in Boise, she worked on stages and screens in Seattle and Portland for a dozen or so years, but found she was not immune to the charms of her hometown and, thus, found her way back some years ago. She continues to act, write, sew, teach, learn, love, and work hereabouts. She'd like to express her gratitude to you: In an increasingly virtual, Alenhanced world, it is heartening to know that people are still coming together in real time, in real space, to have a shared experience. This is how community is created, how humanity is sustained - thank you for being here. What a fine, fortuitous thing!

Isaiah Raasch Actor, *All is Calm*, Bartender, Front of House Staff



Isaiah Raasch is a Singer/Actor/Vocal Coach based in Boise, ID. He is so excited to be making his BCT/Opera Idaho debut in this beautiful show! Isaiah saw this production at BCT his freshman year of school and is thrilled to have this fullcircle moment in his life. He is currently a Senior at Boise State University, working towards his BM in Vocal Performance. Isaiah has been performing for as long as he can remember, growing up with a very musical family. Some of his favorite past credits include Seymour Krelborn in Little Shop of Horrors at Starlight Mountain Theatre, Georg Nowack in She Loves Me at BSU, and, most recently, Joseph in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Pickleville Playhouse. When not in school. Isaiah works as a private voice and piano teacher here in the valley. Isaiah is so excited to bring this touching story to life and to share its message. Contact/Learn more at isaiahraasch.weebly.com or insta: @isaiah\_raasch.

### Ethan Graham Roeder Actor, *All is Calm*



Ethan Graham Roeder is a Southern Appalachian theatre maker & actor steward currently pursuing his MFA in Actor Training and Coaching at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. His research explores immersive & interactive performance, with particular emphasis on literary adaptation, actor musicianship, and siteresponsivity. London: Phoenix Arts Club, Camden Fringe Festival, Rose Bruford College. Regional: Boise Contemporary Theatre; River and Rail Theatre: Clarence Brown Theatre; Great River Shakespeare Festival; Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Playwriting commissions include the University of Tennessee and the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Recent directing credits: I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE; THE FLICK. EG is the founder of First Take Co., a new production company championing multihyphenate artists. Thanks to Tracy, Ben, and the people of Boise for bringing the boys back. Learn more: ethangrahamroeder.com

### Hanna-Lee Sakakibara\* Actor, *Eureka Day*



Hanna-Lee Sakakibara\* is a Los Angeles-based actor. Highlighted credits include a recurring role on Days of Our Lives (NBC), and appearances in Star Trek: Picard (Paramount+), CSI: Vegas (CBS), 9-1-1 (FOX), On Call (Amazon), and Danger Force (Nickelodeon). She also led in the Hallmark film Redemption in Cherry Springs. Her voice and performance capture work includes the video game franchise Madden. She is the host of the MixUnderstood podcast, which was featured in Apple Podcasts' Emerging Voices category. Her stage work includes *Hair* at the Hollywood Bowl. Eureka Day marks her Boise debut.



### Luke Santy Sound Designer, All is Calm



Luke Santy is a multiinstrumentalist, composer, sound and projection designer, and devised theater artist with an MFA in Sonic Arts from Brooklyn College. Since 2007 he has been Co-Artistic Director and Musical Director of puppetbased theatre company Little **Did Productions** (littledidproductions.com) which has performed at St. Ann's Warehouse, the Center for Puppetry Arts (Atlanta, GA), and at the National Puppetry Festival (Storrs, CT). Other Favorite Credits include Lost and Found (EMPAC), Silent Sky (Boise Contemporary Theater), It's A Wonderful Life: A Radio Play (TITAN) and several productions with Lehman College, Brooklyn College, Williams College, and Boise State University. Luke is the recent recipient of the Wendy Carlos Award in Music. which honors a Sonic Arts MFA student who excels at making innovative use of new instruments. Listen at LUKEINTERNET.bandcamp.com

### Olivia Seidl Patron Experience & Events Manager



Returning to her hometown after five transformative years in Ashland, Oregon, Olivia is absolutely thrilled to be back in the loving arms of the theater that raised her. During her time away, she built a robust career in the Hospitality Industry, finding immense satisfaction in serving her community, bringing people together, and, it must be said, serving one hell of a martini (or three). She often considers her tenure in hospitality to be the longestrunning and most immersive acting engagement of her life, a "performance" spanning nine seasons and counting. Her recent and intentional transition into the rewarding field of non-profit work enables her to share her deep passion for and steadfast conviction in BCT's mission, representing not just a change in career path but a deeper alignment with her personal values and a desire to contribute meaningfully to the arts and cultural landscape of Boise. "Love has to be put into action, and that

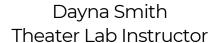
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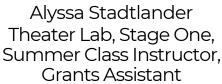
### Jeffrey Seppala Actor, All is Calm



Jeffrey is thrilled to be back at BCT. He is a Minnesota native who regularly performs operatic, musical theatre, and concert repertoire. Recent role credits include Frère Laurent in Roméo et Juliette, Colonel in The Falling and the Rising, Banco in Macbeth, Il Conte and Figaro in Le Nozze di Figaro, Baron Zeta in Merry Widow, Zuniga in Carmen, Don Basilio in Barber of Seville, Mr. Webb in Our Town, Mr. Darcy and Mr. Wickham in Pride and Prejudice, Don Magnifico and Alidoro in La Cenerentola, and the title roles in Falstaff and Don Giovanni. Notable solo concert appearances include Haydn's Creation, Bach's Magnificat and Mass in B Minor, Mendelssohn's Elijah, Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem, Handel's Messiah, and Duruflé's Requiem. Jeffrey currently serves as an Associate Professor of Voice and the Director of Opera and Musical Theatre at Boise State University.

### Chad Shohet Bartender









Dayna Smith is a Boise-based playwright, director, deviser, and educator who currently serves as Co-Founder of The Luminary, as well as having previously served as the Artistic Director and a co-founder of Boise's Campfire Theatre Festival. Holding a BA in Theatre Arts, Dramatic Writing from Boise State University, Dayna has worked as a playwright and dramaturg at The Kennedy Center, Seven Devils New Play Foundry, Echo Theatre Company, HMBG Foundation's National Winter Playwright's Retreat, HomeGrown Theatre, Boise Contemporary Theater, Little Theater of Alexandria, and the Boise State University Theatre Majors' Association. Her plays have been finalists for Unicorn Theatre, The Playwrights' Center, and semifinalists for Seven Devils New Play Foundry, Headwaters New Play Festival, and SPACE on Ryder Farm. She has worked for Seven Devils New Play Foundry, The Playwrights' Center, and Boise Contemporary Theater. Dayna is also a recipient of a Higher Education Research Council Undergraduate Fellowship, an Idaho Commission on the Arts Quickfunds Grant, and an Alexa Rose Grant.



Alyssa is so excited to be back teaching at BCT! An actor, writer, musician, and teaching artist who loves crafting meaningful stories, she also teaches in a variety of places across the valley. She's studied, performed, and taught across the U.S., from Pittsburgh to Chicago to San Jose. Some of her favorite roles include Clara in 33 Variations by Moises Kaufman, Varinka in Chekov's Man in a Case, and Margaret in Much Ado about Nothing with Wheaton's Shakespeare in the Park. She's also performed with BCT's Children's and 5x5 Reading Series, most recently in Witch (Winifred) by Jen Silverman and The Wind in the Wildflowers (Ratty) by Boise's Elke Mvers and Grace Ward. She holds a Bachelor of Music and Theater from Wheaton College (IL). When she isn't submerged in words or making plays with kids and teens, she spends her time running along the greenbelt, drinking tea, and enjoying this beautiful city with her family and friends. You can find more from Alyssa at alyssastadtlander.com or on Instagram @lyssastadtll.

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### Jennifer Stockwell-Fortner Education Director

### Timothy Stoddard\* Actor, All is Calm

### Tracy Sunderland Director, *All is Calm*, Associate Artist



A FIFTH-generation Idahoan, Jen graduated from Boise State University with a BA in performance and continued her education with a season at the University of Wyoming. Her career includes working in both stage and film locally, nationally, and internationally. You may have seen her as the director of the Children's Reading Series or script in hand for 5x5s or for the last week in Sweat. Favorite acting theater moments include Disenchanted, Pluto, Polaroid Stories, Rapture Blister Burn, and Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson. Jen has been with BCT since 2012 as an instructor and actor. Now, as Education Director, she directs students to create an original play, and then they perform it on the BCT MainStage. She has loved growing the education program from just Theater Lab to 20 different classes and workshops. She also writes and directs an original script for a yearly collaboration with The Boise Philharmonic that shows to approximately 15,000 people. When not in the theater or on a film set, you can typically find her in the mountains of Idaho or discovering new favorite places on the globe with her husband, Jeff.



Opera News hailed Timothy Stoddard as having a "clearvoiced tenor." He has sung the roles of Thomas Edison in The Lives and Dreams of Nicola *Tesla*. Eisenstein in *Die* Fledermaus, Spalanzani in The Tales of Hoffman, Liberto/Lucano in Monteverdi's POPPEA, Milord Fideling in Salieri's La cifra, Tamino in The Magic Flute, Gherardo/Rinuccio in Puccini's II trittico, and Tito in La clemenza di Tito. He's premiered roles with the American Opera Project, Experiments in Opera, and with the Guggenheim's Works & Process residency. He's appeared with the Chamber Orchestra of Pittsburgh, Chatham Baroque, Utah Festival of Opera and Musical Theater, the Norwegian Radio Orchestra, and the Lucerne Festival. He was tenorin-residence with the American Opera Project's Composers and the Voice fellowship. Awards include those of the Heinz Endowments, Pittsburgh Concert Society, the American Scandinavian Society, and the Arleen Auger Foundation. Both his debut album TAROT (Navona Records) and his novel Bluestone Folklore (Cobblestone Publishing Group) were released in 2023. www.timothystoddardtenor.com



Tracy Sunderland is a theatre and film artist. She's acted in or directed over 20+ productions for BCT, including: All is Calm, Slow Food. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, The Clean House, Constellations. She's also a screenwriter and her first feature script became a film and was nominated for best foreign language film at the Japanese Academy Awards in 2022. She's an Associate Artist at BCT; the Artistic Director of the hybrid art company Migration Theory. She also teaches at Boise State University and The Cabin. Tracy received the 2024 Idaho Commission on the Arts Fellowship in Performing and Media Arts.



### Shana Tavares Actor, *Eureka Day*

### Jeanna Vickery Marketing Manager

### Matthew Wagner Master Electrician



Shana is grateful for the opportunity to be cast in Eureka Day! She is excited to be working with BCT on the first production of their MainStage Season. Previous credits include: Gossiping Lady in Moments of Truth -Timing (Boise Heritage House). Hattie McDaniel in Boulevard of Bold Dreams (Alley Repertory Theater), Ghost of Christmas Past in A Christmas Carol (Boise Little Theater) Charlotte Brontë in Starring Jane Eyre (Stage Coach Theatre) and (Radio Boise), The Inspector in An Inspector Calls (Boise Little Theater).



Did you know Jeanna works HERE? Right?! She's so grateful for her BCT family's support. She's also been in readings at BCT. When not designing or analyzing, she enjoys travel and theater. Fav awards: Set Design (Noises Off, Boise Little Theater, 2022, Brighton Beach Memoirs, KCACTF, 2018), Best Lead Actress (Clair Wilson (originated), Casserole (World Premiere), BLT, 2019), (Bertha, Boeing, Boeing, Stage Coach Theatre, 2019), Irene Ryan Nomination (Pauline, A Bright New Boise, KCACTF, 2017). Her favorite role will always be Mom. Professional credits-Film: Lynette Pardo, Remember on Wednesday: Proof of Concept. Stage Management: The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Bike America, The College of Idaho. BAs in Art and Theater, The College of Idaho, MFA, University of Idaho. She is amazed by her tremendous friends, wishing they could see themselves as she does- especially the two other Vickerys with whom she makes a life. Jeanna takes her Scotch with one rock.



Matthew Wagner is from Meridian, ID, and graduated spring of 2021 from Idaho State University with a degree in Theatre with an emphasis in Lighting Technology and Design. He can typically be found working at the Morrison Center as an assistant electrician, programmer, and inhouse lighting designer, or spending time with his partner Sophie and their cat Ziti. He started working with BCT on The Lion and is excited for his second season working with BCT, looking forward to many more. Matthew wants to thank his partner, parents, grandparents, and mentors, Paul Yeates and Liz Aresti, for their continued support and guidance throughout his career. Lastly, he wants to thank you, the audience, for participating in live theatre and keeping the passion alive!

### Mandy Wallace Finance & Administration Consultant

### Alexis Ward Actor, *Eureka Day*





Synergistic Solutions partners with nonprofits and small businesses to strengthen their financial and operational foundations. With over 25 years of experience in finance and operations management, Mandy Wallace helps organizations bring clarity, structure, and sustainable practices so they can focus on their mission and growth. Beyond her professional work, Mandy is deeply grateful for Boise Contemporary Theater's work in building community through stories that reflect our shared humanity. Their productions remind us how much we have in common. even while celebrating what makes each of us unique and valuable. Mandy is excited and honored to support BCT in its mission and to be part of the impact it brings to Boise.



Alexis Ward Chicago: Chlorine Sky (Steppenwolf Theater Company) 1919 (Steppenwolf Theater Company) On the Greenbelt (Strawdog Theatre Company) Revenge of the Holy Virgin Martyrs as Told by Hrotsvit of Gandersheim and Her Time Traveling Amanuensis (Timeline Theatre Company); Rabbit Summer (u/s) (Redtwist Theatre); Twelfth Night (Midsommer Flight); Bring the Beat Back (Otherworld Theatre); Hopelessly Devoted (Piven Theatre Workshop). Regional: Richard III (Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park); The Revolutionists (Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park). Film: Mason, Go to the Body: Proof of Concept. She has also appeared in various national and regional commercials. Education: BFA in Drama (The University of Oklahoma).



Brandon is ecstatic to return to BCT for this year's remount of All Is Calm. Brandon is a NYC-based lighting designer who works in theatre, dance, ballet, and opera. Past lighting design credits include: A Conversation with the Brat (Second Avenue Dance Company), Middle Name (Second Avenue Dance Company), A Pair of Fools (Columbia University), Fugue/State (New York University), All Is Calm (Boise Contemporary Theater), Cinderella (Ballet Idaho), As One (Opera Idaho), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Boise State University), The Winterreise Project (Opera Idaho), Peter Pan In Neverland (Broadway Rose Theatre Company). Resident Lighting Designer for the Second Avenue Dance Company. Graduate Design for Stage & Film - New York University - Class of 2026.

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### John Wicks Front of House Staff



John is excited for his 2nd season as an Assistant Stage Manager with BCT. He primarily works as an actor in the valley with companies like BCT, ISF, and Alley Repertory Theater. Recently, he's performed in Sweat (BCT), Boulevard of Bold Dreams (Alley Repertory Theater), and Twelfth Night (Idaho Shakespeare Festival Tour). His talents extend to directing and stage management. Recent ASM credits at BCT include What the Constitution Means to Me. The Lion, and On the Other Hand We're Happy. He enjoys telling stories that reflect the experience of a living on the margins more than anything else. He would like to thank his family, his girlfriend Emma, for supporting him through everything, and his alley rep family. All the love.

### Lily Yasuda BIPOC Playwrights Festival Director



Lily is a Japanese American writer, actor, and filmmaker from Boise, ID. She helped launch Boise Contemporary Theater's annual BIPOC Playwrights Festival and has served as Festival Director since its launch in 2021. She has a longstanding background as a nonprofit arts leader, and previously served as the Festival Manager for Slamdance Film Festival, as well as the Programs Manager for the Alexa Rose Foundation. When not producing behind the scenes, she is known to write, direct, and act (on occasion). She is deeply passionate about supporting new and emerging artists from marginalized communities. She currently resides in Chicago.

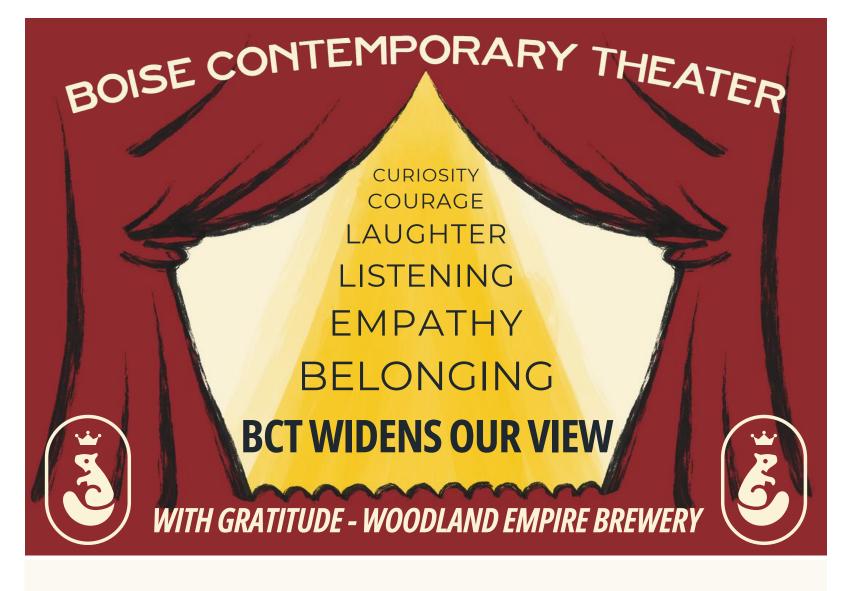
### Habib Yazdi Playwright, *AJAX*



Habib Yazdi is an Iranian-American playwright and filmmaker whose work blends comedy with history and cultural memory. He produced and directed the PBS series United States of Comedy and is a recipient of South Coast Repertory's Elizabeth George Commission. AJAX, his play about the 1953 American coup in Iran, was developed at The New Group and Bay Street Theater and will premiere at Boise Contemporary Theater in 2026. He is also a current member of The Writers' Room at Geffen Playhouse (2025-26 cohort).

Habib earned his M.F.A. from NYU Tisch School of the Arts. where he received the Oliver Stone Screenwriting Award and the Goldberg Play Prize. He is an alum of Sundance and ISF's Building Bridges Fellowship, as well as the Warner Bros. Discovery Access Directors Program, Mentorship Matters Writing Lab, New York Stage and Film Workshop, and Gotham Week. He is currently developing a site-specific play for Montana Repertory Theatre's Plays on Tap series.





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BCT's mission is to inspire our community to examine our perspectives and better understand ourselves, each other, and the world around us by creating thought-provoking stories of the human experience. We have been doing that for nearly three decades. The result is a professional theater of the highest quality, recognized both locally and nationally. BCT was the 2022-2023 Cultural Ambassador for the City of Boise, has received the Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, and from the American Theatre Wing, the organization that presents the Tony Awards®, has been awarded the National Theatre Company Award TWICE (the highest honor available to a company of our size). BCT has been featured many times in national publications for its commitment to new works. Over 25 world premieres have been developed and/or produced at BCT, with one reaching Broadway. That is why celebrated playwrights have come to think of Boise as an artistic home, allowing them to create and premiere their plays here.

Boise Contemporary Theater is SETTING THE STAGE with a Capital Campaign to lay a foundation for the future of BCT and for Boise. Through the generosity of our Capital Campaign Leadership Cabinet Members and other supportive community partners, \$1.4M has been raised so far! Our first major improvement, BCT's Ghost Light Pub, opened with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on February 5, 2025, attended by many community members, including Boise's Mayor Lauren McLean! Our next phase involves transforming our theater interior, modular theater seating, a new façade, and enhanced classroom and production spaces- critical upgrades that will lay the foundation for our next 25 years and beyond!

In all aspects of what we do, from the rehearsal room to the audience experience, from committee meetings to our relationships with the City of Boise and the American Theater as a whole, BCT values Collaboration, Respect, Challenge, Gratitude, and Celebration.

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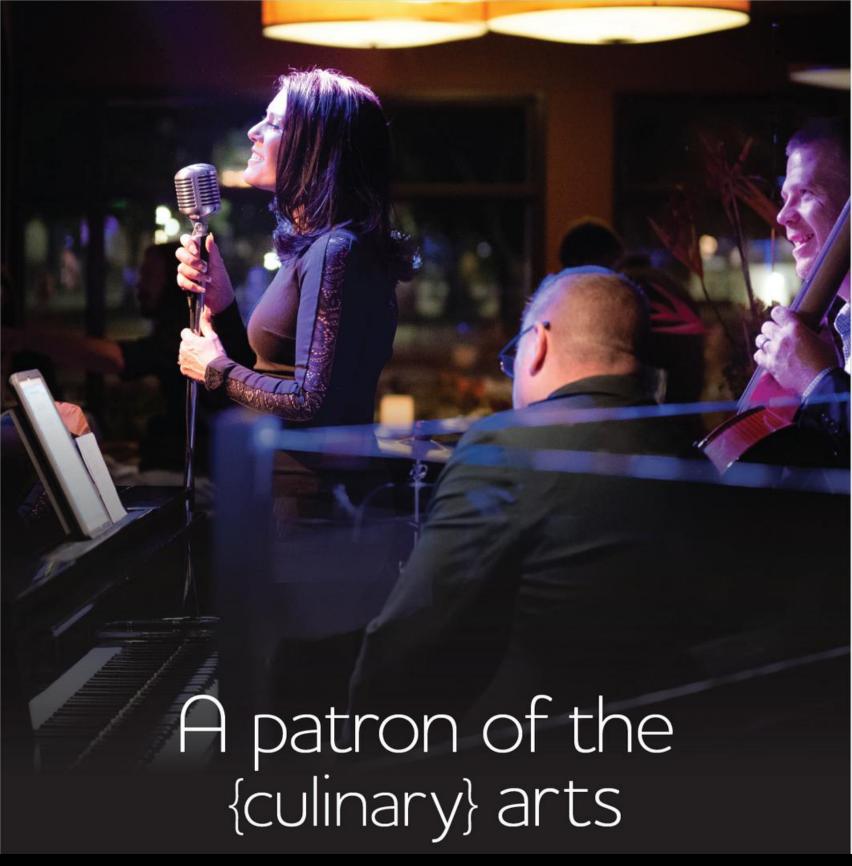
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WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME THE CHRISTIANS by Heidi Schreck Directed by Benjamin Burdick October 2-19, 2024

THE LION

by Benjamin Scheuer Direction by Sean Daniels Associate Director Ashlee Wasmund December 4-21, 2024

ON THE OTHER HAND, WE'RE HAPPY by Daf James Directed by Cameron Watson January 22 - February 8, 2025

A CASE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD by Samuel D. Hunter Directed by Benjamin Burdick March 5-22, 2025

WORLD PREMIERE The Life You Gave Me by Novid Parsi Directed by Hamid Dehghani April 23-May 10, 2025

### **23|24 SEASON**

WORLD PREMIERE MIDDLE OF THE WORLD by Juan José Alfonso Directed by Guillermo Cienfuegos October 11 - 28, 2023

THE THANKSGIVING PLAY by Larissa FastHorse Directed by Jennifer Pennington November 29 - December 16, 2023

CLYDE'S by Lynn Nottage Directed by Chanel Bragg January 31 - February 17, 2024

SILENT SKY by Lauren Gunderson Directed by Tracy Sunderland April 17 - May 4, 2024

### **22|23 SEASON**

WORLD PREMIERE THE PERSISTENT GUEST by Jodeen Revere Directed by Benjamin Burdick October 12-29, 2022

ALL IS CALM: THE CHRISTMAS **TRUCE OF 1914** by Peter Rothstein Vocal Arrangements by Erick Lichte & Timothy C. Takach Directed by Tracy Sunderland Musical Director Dr. C. Michael Porter November 30-December 18, 2022

**SWEAT** 

by Lynn Nottage Directed by Stefan Novinski January 25-February 11, 2023

TINY BEAUTIFUL THINGS based on the book by Cheryl Strayed Adapted by Nia Vardalos Directed by Donna Jean Fogel March 8-25, 2023

by Lucas Hnath Directed by Benjamin Burdick April 19-May 6, 2023

### 21122 SEASON

I AND YOU by Lauren Gunderson Directed by Kittson O'Neill October 13-November 6, 2021

ALL IS CALM: THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914 by Peter Rothstein Vocal Arrangements by Erick Lichte & Timothy C. Takach Directed by Tracy Sunderland Musical Director Dr. C. Michael Porter December 1-19, 2021

WORLD PREMIERE MUSICAL THE SHOW ON THE ROOF Book by Tom Ford Music and Lyrics by Alex Syiek Directed by Rory Pelsue April 13-May 7, 2022

**20|21 SEASON**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were not able to have a season.

### 19|20 SEASON

THE WOLVES A play by Sarah DeLappe Directed by Kittson O'Neill October 16-November 9, 2019

**WORLD PREMIERE** TAMMY LISA/MISERY TO MEANING A play written and performed by Lauren Weedman Directed by Erica Beeney November 20-December 10, 2019

**SLOW FOOD** A play by Wendy MacLeod Directed by Tracy Sunderland January 29-February 15, 2020

**EVERY BRILLIANT THING** A play by Duncan Macmillan with Jonny Donahoe Directed by Julie Ritchey March 4-21, 2020

### **18119 SEASON**

THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME A play by Simon Stephens Based on the novel by Mark Haddon Directed by Tracy Sunderland October 17-November 10, 2018

WITH LOVE AND A MAJOR ORGAN by Julia Lederer Directed by Julie Ritchey December 5-22, 2018

**LEWISTON** by Samuel D. Hunter Directed by Lillian Meredith February 6-March 9, 2019

**CLARKSTON** by Samuel D. Hunter Directed by Lillian Meredith February 13-March 9, 2019

### 18|19 SEASON (cont.)

WORLD PREMIERE **RABBIT/MOON** Written & directed by Dwayne Blackaller & Matthew Cameron Clark April 17-May 4, 2019

### **17|18 SEASON**

HAND TO GOD by Robert Askins Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark October 18-November 4, 2017

THE STORM IN THE BARN by Eric Coble Adapted from the graphic novel Directed by Julie Ritchey December 6-23, 2017

GOOD BITCH GOES DOWN by Adam Enright Directed by Tracy Sunderland January 10-20, 2018

WORLD PREMIERE **BCT RIVER PRIZE WINNER** HOUSE OF TOMORROW by Cat Crowley Directed by Dwayne Blackaller February 21-March 10, 2018

THE ROOMMATE by Jen Silverman Directed by Tracy Sunderland April 11-28, 2018

### **16|17 SEASON**

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH Text by John Cameron Mitchell Music & lyrics by Stephen Trask Directed by Tracy Sunderland October 5-29, 2016

A NIGHTTIME SURVIVAL GUIDE Written & directed by Dwayne Blackaller & Matthew Cameron Clark November 30-December 24, 2016

WHERE DID WE SIT ON THE BUS? Written & performed by Brian Quijada Directed by Chay Yew January 7-28, 2017

THE CLEAN HOUSE by Sarah Ruhl Directed by Drew Barr April 19-May 6, 2017

### **15|16 SEASON**

A SKULL IN CONNEMARA by Martin McDonagh Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark October 7-31, 2015

CO-WORLD PREMIERE NO MORE SAD THINGS by Hansol Jung Directed by Julie Ritchey November 24-December 19, 2015

WHAT WENT WRONG? by Lauren Weedman Written & performed by Lauren Weedman January 5-16, 2016

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15|16 SEASON (cont.)

CONSTELLATIONS by Nick Payne Directed by Tracy Sunderland February 10-March 5, 2016

WORLD PREMIERE BCT RIVER PRIZE WINNER MARGIN OF ERROR by Eric Coble Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark April 13-May 7, 2016

### 14l15 SEASON

VENUS IN FUR by David Ives Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark October 8-November 1, 2014

WORLD PREMIERE
NARWHAL! UNICORN OF THE SEA
by Dwayne Blackaller & Matthew
Cameron Clark
Directed by Julie Ritchey
November 25-December 20, 2014

WORLD PREMIERE FATA MORGANA by Jeni Mahoney Directed by Amy Saltz January 28-February 21, 2015

WORLD PREMIERE THE FISHERMAN AND HIS SOUL Written & directed by Michael Baltzell & Michael Hartwell Adapted from Oscar Wilde April 1-25, 2015

WORLD PREMIERE SUPERSECRETSITESPECIFIC-SOMETHING Created & directed by Tracy Sunderland Written by Tracy Sunderland, Heidi Kraay, and Sarah A Gardner May 13-June 6, 2015

### **13|14 SEASON**

RED

by John Logan Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark October 9-November 2, 2013

THIS WONDERFUL LIFE by Steve Murray Directed by Drew Barr November 26-December 21, 2013

WORLD PREMIERE WARREN (or) THOSE PEOPLE by Brian Quirk Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark January 30-March 2, 2014

WORLD PREMIERE THE UNCANNY VALLEY Written & directed by Dwayne Blackaller & Matthew Cameron Clark April 2-26, 2014

### **12|13 SEASON**

TIĞERS BE STILL by Kim Rosenstock Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark October 17-November 10, 2012

DAMASCUS Written & performed by Andrew Weems Directed by Ian Belknap November 28-December 22, 2012

### 12|13 SEASON (cont.)

WORLD PREMIERE
A NIGHTTIME SURVIVAL GUIDE
Written & directed by Dwayne
Blackaller & Matthew Cameron Clark
January 30-March 2, 2013

WORLD PREMIERE GRAPHIC DEPICTIONS by Eric Coble Directed by Dwayne Blackaller April 3-27, 2013

### **11|12 SEASON**

WORLD PREMIERE RE/FRACTION by Dwayne Blackaller Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark September 7-10, 2011

SHIPWRECKED!
AN ENTERTAINMENT: THE AMAZING
ADVENTURES OF LOUIS DE
ROUGEMONT (As Told by Himself)
by Donald Margulies
Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark
October 5-29, 2011

WORLD PREMIERE A PERMANENT IMAGE by Samuel D. Hunter Directed by Kip Fagan November 22-December 17, 2011

GRUESOME PLAYGROUND INJURIES by Rajiv Joseph Directed by Maureen Towey January 25-February 18, 2012

WORLD PREMIERE
OFF THE RECORD
by Lynn Allison
Directed by Dwayne Blackaller
April 4-28, 2012

QUESTIONS MY MOTHER CAN'T ANSWER Written & performed by Andrea Caban Directed by Rachel Eckerling May 2-13, 2012

### **10|11 SEASON**

WORLD PREMIERE THE KRUMBLIN FOUNDATION Written & performed by Joe Conley Golden & Tom Willmorth Directed by Ann Price October 6-30, 2010

TRU by Jay Presson Allen Directed by Drew Barr November 23-December 18, 2010

CO-WORLD PREMIERE NORWAY by Samuel D. Hunter Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark January 26-February 19, 2011

WORLD PREMIERE THE VELOCITY OF AUTUMN by Eric Coble Directed by Michael Perlman April 6-30, 2011

### **09|10 SEASON**

THE PAVILION by Craig Wright Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark October 14-November 7, 2009







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09|10 SEASON (cont).

ANIMALS OUT OF PAPER by Rajiv Joseph Directed by Maureen Towey November 24-December 19, 2009

Edward Albee's AT HOME AT THE ZOO Directed by Drew Barr January 27-February 20, 2010

NAMASTE MAN

Written & performed by Andrew Weems Directed by Davis McCallum April 7-May 1, 2010

### **08|09 SEASON**

GOD'S EAR

by Jenny Schwartz Directed by Patrick McNulty October 8-25, 2008

WORLD PREMIERE
NO...YOU SHUTUP
Written & performed by Lauren
Weedman
Directed by Jeff Weatherford
November 19-December 13, 2008

I HAVE BEFORE ME A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT GIVEN TO ME BY A YOUNG LADY FROM RWANDA by Sonja Linden Directed by Maureen Towey January 28-February 14, 2009

### 07|08 **SEASON**

BRILLIANT TRACES by Cindy Lou Johnson Directed by Tracy Sunderland October 10-November 3, 2007

SOUVENIR by Stephen Temperley Directed by Drew Barr November 28-December 22, 2007

THE PILLOWMAN by Martin McDonagh Directed by Gordon Reinhart January 30-February 23, 2008

WORLD PREMIERE LAST OF THE BREED by Maria Dahvana Headley Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark April 9-May 3, 2008

### 06l07 SEASON

LOVE-LIES-BLEEDING by Don DeLillo Directed by Tracy Sunderland October 11-November 4, 2006

THE MEMORY OF WATER by Shelagh Stephenson Directed by Gordon Reinhart November 29-December 23, 2006

**BUST** 

Written & performed by Lauren Weedman Directed by Allison Narver January 10-February 3, 2007

THE DRAWER BOY by Michael Healey Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark April 4-28, 2007 **05|06 SEASON** 

I AM MY OWN WIFE by Doug Wright Directed by Drew Barr Co-Production Idaho Shakespeare Festival & Portland Stage October 7-29, 2005

STONES IN HIS POCKETS by Marie Jones Directed by Tracy Sunderland November 30-December 23, 2005

WORLD PREMIERE THE PHYSICS OF REGRET by Michael Rohd with BCT Directed by Michael Rohd February 1-25, 2006

A NUMBER by Caryl Churchill Directed by Richard Klautsch April 12-May 6, 2006

### **04|05 SEASON**

DRACULA by Steven Dietz From the novel by Bram Stoker Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark October 6-31, 2004

FULLY COMMITTED by Becky Mode Directed by Joe Conley Golden December 1-18, 2004

THE DAZZLE by Richard Greenberg Directed by Tracy Sunderland February 2-26, 2005

ELEEMOSYNARY by Lee Blessing Directed by Ann Klautsch April 13-May 7, 2005

### **03|04 SEASON**

WAITING FOR GODOT by Samuel Beckett Directed by Michael Hoffman & Matthew Cameron Clark October 9-November 2, 2003

THE SANTALAND DIARIES by David Sedaris Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark December 11-21, 2003

BURN THIS by Lanford Wilson Directed by Tracy Sunderland February 5-29, 2004

THE UNDERPANTS by Carl Sternheim Adapted by Steve Martin Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark April 8 -May 2, 2004

### **02|03 SEASON**

LOBBY HERO by Kenneth Lonergan Directed by Richard Klautsch October 10-November 3, 2002

### 02|03 SEASON (cont.)

VALPARAISO by Don DeLillo Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark January 30-February 23, 2003

STOP KISS by Diana Son Directed by Tracy Sunderland April 10-May 4, 2003

### 01|02 **SEASON**

THREE DAYS OF RAIN by Richard Greenberg Directed by Michael Baltzell October 4-28, 2001

THE CHERRY ORCHARD by Anton Chekhov Directed by Michael Hoffman January 31-February 24, 2002

FUDDY MEERS by David Lindsay-Abaire Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark April 11-May 5, 2002

### **00|01 SEASON**

PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE by Steve Martin Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark October 12-November 5, 2000

TRUE WEST by Sam Shepard Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark January 4-28, 2001

THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN by Martin McDonagh Directed by Tracy Sunderland April 5-29, 2001

### 1999

LONELY PLANET by Steven Dietz Directed by Michael Baltzell Morrison Center Stage II (Now the Danny Peterson Theatre)

### 1998

OUR FIRST WORLD PREMIERE DRIVE ME by Maria Dahvana Headley Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark Bacchus Cabaret (The Crazy Horse)

### 1997

ALL IN THE TIMING by David Ives Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark, Tracy Sunderland, Nick Garcia July 1997 Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy

DANNY AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA by John Patrick Shanley Directed by Matthew Cameron Clark April 1997 Neurolux & Flying M Coffeehouse

### 1996

LONE STAR by James McLure Directed by Craig Fransen December 1996 Basement of the Mode Building



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