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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:30am Load-in Show 1
8:40am Tech Meeting (mandatory for shows 1, 2, 3)
9:10am Load-in Shows 2, 3
9:45am Charles D. Owen High School // *The Women of Lockerbie*
11:00am AC Reynolds High School // *The Aperture*
12:15pm North Lincoln High School // *The Winner*
1:20pm Load-in Show 4
1:30pm Tech Meeting (mandatory for shows 4, 5, 6, 7)
2:00pm Load-in Shows 5, 6, 7
2:30pm Kings Mountain High School // *Down Came The Rain*
3:45pm Weddington High School // *Queens*
5:00pm North Lincoln High School // *Oz*
6:15pm Kings Mountain High School // *Letters Home*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:20am Load-in Show 8
7:30am Tech Meeting (mandatory for shows 8, 9, 10, 11)
8:00am Load-in Shows 9, 10, 11
8:30am West Henderson High School // *Alice*
9:45am South Stokes High School // *The Best of Greek Theatre…in 45 Minutes or Less*
11:00am Lake Lure Classical Academy // *The Scarlet Ibis*
12:15pm Ashbrook High School // *Conflict*
2:30pm Awards Ceremony

ADJUDICATORS

STEPHANIE HICKLING BECKMAN

Stephanie Hickling Beckman (she/her) is a leading figure in Asheville's performing arts scene and the founder of Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective. As an actor, director, and producer, she centers inclusive, justice-driven storytelling that amplifies underrepresented voices and provokes thoughtful community dialogue. Under her artistic leadership, Different Strokes! has challenged norms around identity, equity, and empathy, earning the George A. Parides Award for Excellence in Professional Theatre in 2022. Stephanie serves on the ArtsAVL Advisory Group and the board of the Reparations Stakeholder Authority of Asheville, and her civic and artistic advocacy has been recognized with the YWCA TWIN Award, the ACLU Evan Mahaney Champion of Civil Liberties Award, and a Tzedek Impact Award. She combines visionary artistry with sustained community commitment to create transformative, socially engaged theatre.

PETER SAVAGE

Peter Savage has been teaching in the School & Stage and Screen at Western Carolina University since 2004. A graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill Professional Actor Training Program, Peter worked professionally as an actor in New York and Asheville before turning to a life in academics. He has since directed over 25 productions at WCU, Brevard College and The Asheville School. Some favorite directed productions include, *Almost, Maine*; *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Appalachia concept); and *Boeing-Boeing*. Peter enjoys working with aspiring theatre students and looks forward to the NCTC Play Festival every year.

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The Women of Lockerbie

Deborah Brevoort

Cast List:
Madeline Livingston – Nova Lamos
Bill Livingston – Topher Beckitt
Olive Allison – Lucy Hanchey
Woman 1 – Zander Herren
Woman 2 – Willa Bryant
Hattie – Nina Hensley
George Jones – Tristen Rice

Director:

Lyn Nihart

Production Team:
Stage Manager – Aliyah Chavez
Lights – Kaisa Christenbury
Sound – Bri White
Stage Crew – Adam Sudnik, Niko Steele
Set Painters – Bri White, Sophie Burgin, Nikki Schweyen

Place:
The rolling hills of Lockerbie, Scotland, where Pan Am Flight 103 crashed.

Time:
December 21, 1995, the 7-year anniversary of the crash. The night of the winter solstice.

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Stage Management	Bella McKinley
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by B. Dwayne Craft



Cast List:

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SISTER – Lilith Reavis-Goodson
THE BELOVED – Anna Schmerge
MAID – Kylie Makowski
THE TEACHER – Maddie Cipriani
ACTRESS – Alison Sidler
THE VISIONARY – Carys Teague
GRANDMOTHER – Hannah Cano
MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES – Willow Blalock

THE OPTOMETRIST – Jayla Poston
THE COMPETITOR – Isaiah Hendershot
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Down Came the Rain

by: Burgess Clark

Cast

Michael - Dominic Paysour
Brucie - Alijah Hall
Understudies - Micaiah Shorts,
Jackson Gilchrist

Crew

Director - Rocky Lutz
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Stage Manager - Aniston Chase
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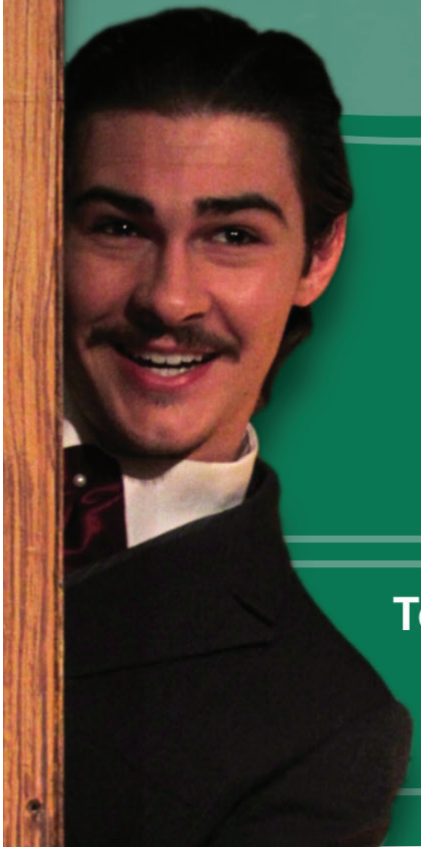


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Henry D.....Max Werdann

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Jane S.....Cannon Luedtke

Kathryn H.....Mia Rodriguez

Anne B.....Leigha Wisdom

Anne C..... Katie Cortez

Katherine P.....Norarose Enow-Tanyi

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Caroline Gretz, Maren Bridgers, Jaclyn Starr, Sara Luscombe, Rhiya Williams, Reagan Carson, Eleftheria Monousos, Lily Caballero

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OZ
by Don Zolidis



Cast List:

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AUNT JACIE/OZ - Rachael Priddy
AUNT CAROL/THE WITCH - Jayla Poston
THE GUIDE - Madeline Cipriani
HAIR/QUIX - Kylie Makowski
WARDROBE/QUAX - Alison Sidler
PROPS - Hannah Cano
MUNCHKIN MAYOR/MUNCHKIN GUARD - Warren Rowe
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SCARECROW - Kelly Akery
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Directors: Isaiah Hendershot and Willow Blalock

Production Team: Rebecca Brehm, Brian Stanton, Levi Ramirez, Jayla Poston, Sydney Abdollazadeh, Warren Rowe

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By: KMHS Theatre (Play Production)

Cast

In order of Monologue

Cora Torres

Elsie Mathis

Kelsie Reed

Kinsley Black

Hayden Langlois

Moriah Goins

Aniston Chase

Hayden Shirey

Rory Ditz

Teacher - Alyssa Mullis

Crew

Director - Rebecca Hougas

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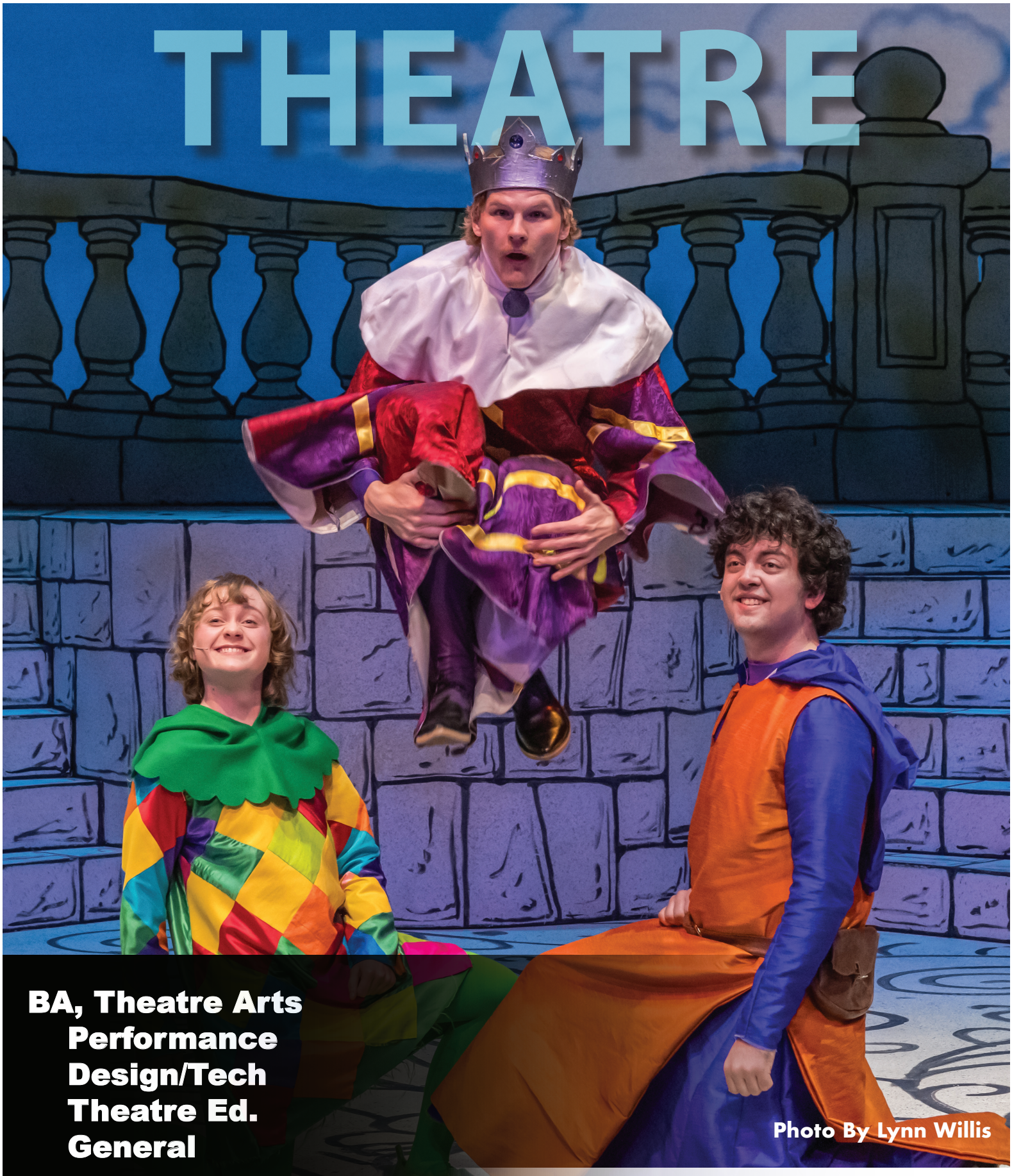
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Costume Design - Johaunna Shaw

Lighting Design - Kelsey Reed

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Dinah – Marcedes Ngo
Mouse – Nylah Fair
Dodo – AJ Briggs
Eaglet – Aubry Dale
Fury (Dog) – Lillie Thompson
Pat (Rabbit Puppet) – Luke Schlegel
Bill (Rabbit Puppet) – Hayden Eckenberg
Trees 1, 2, 3, 4 – AJ Briggs, Lillie Thompson, Aubry Dale, Lucy Horton
Battling Squire – Obie Greene
Jabberwock – Annalee Trantham
Caterpillar – Neveah Green
Pigeon – E Ruff
Duchess – Nylah Fair
Cook – Lucy Horton
Baby – Andrew Stallings
Tweedle Dee – Obie Greene
Tweedle Dum – Kaitlyn Ammons
Cheshire Cat – Adah Beasley
Walrus – Andrew Stallings
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Mad Hatter – AJ Briggs
March Hare – Hayden Eckenberg
Dormouse – Lillie Thompson
Tiger Lily – Anna Claire Lovelace
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King of Hearts – Luke Schlegel
Knave of Hearts – Cadel Martisen
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Juror – Jonah Denton
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Zinnia Burgess: Ensemble, Jocasta, Eurydice, Iphigenia, Cassandra, Medea

Lex Flanagan: Lyra, Ismene, Frog

Gary Gilley: Xanthe, Xanthias

Madelyn Golden: Leander, Creon, Andromache, Euripides

Emileigh Kaake: Thespis, Oedipus, Haemon, Agamemnon, Dionysis

Dai'Kwon Powell: Thalia, Eteocles, Jason, Lysistrata, Aeschylus

Savannah Ring: Menon, Tiresias, Polynices, Princess, Heracles

Elsa Smith: Daphne, Hecuba, King, Charon

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Hayleigh Morgan - Stage Manager

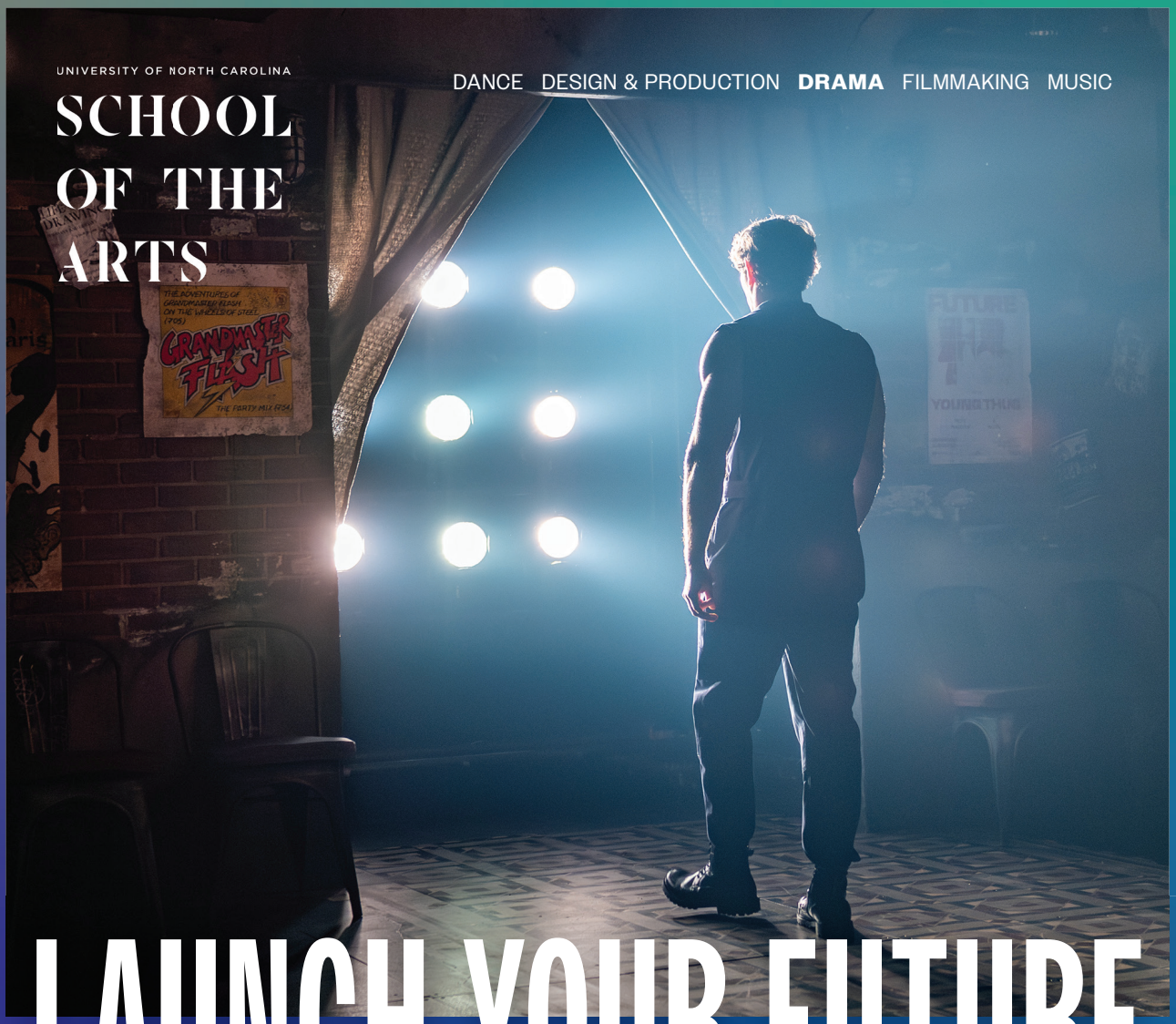
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Toby.....Nixon Vivolo*
Doodle.....Dee Cullen
Mama/Nelly.....Leah Leighty*
Daddy/Earl.....Lorelei Beaumont*
Aunt Nicey.....Riley Gallagher *
Doctor.....Alexander Price
Scarlet Ibis.....Tehya Wilson
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Alexander Price, Zoey Harper, Sadaya Owens-Matz, Jolie Long*

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Lights.....Wyatt Harper
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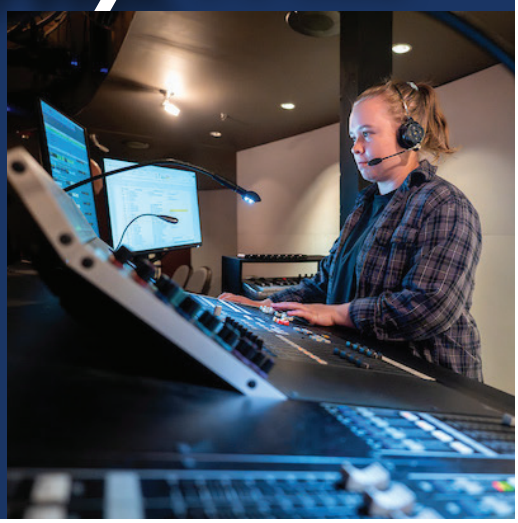




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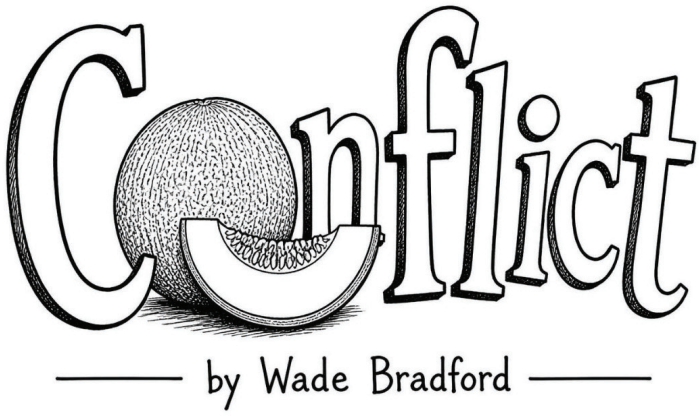


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Ashbrook High School
presents



Cast List:
Narrators - Amya Hobson & Sophia Slaughter
Protagonist - Jahlani Young
Woman #1 - Harmoni Beard
Woman #2 - Aybree Curnutte
Antagonist #1 - Bria Wells Corner
Antagonist #2 - Hailee Vancil
Antagonist #3 - Jaydah Wilson

Director: Marcia Franklin

Production Team: K'Hari Craig, Lilly Griffin, Amelia Hanson

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Lyn Nihart

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Beckitt, Topher
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Christenbury, Kaisa
Hanchey, Lucy
Hensley, Nina
Herren, Zander
Lamos, Nova
Latta, Amanda
Love, Abby
Marshall, Genevieve
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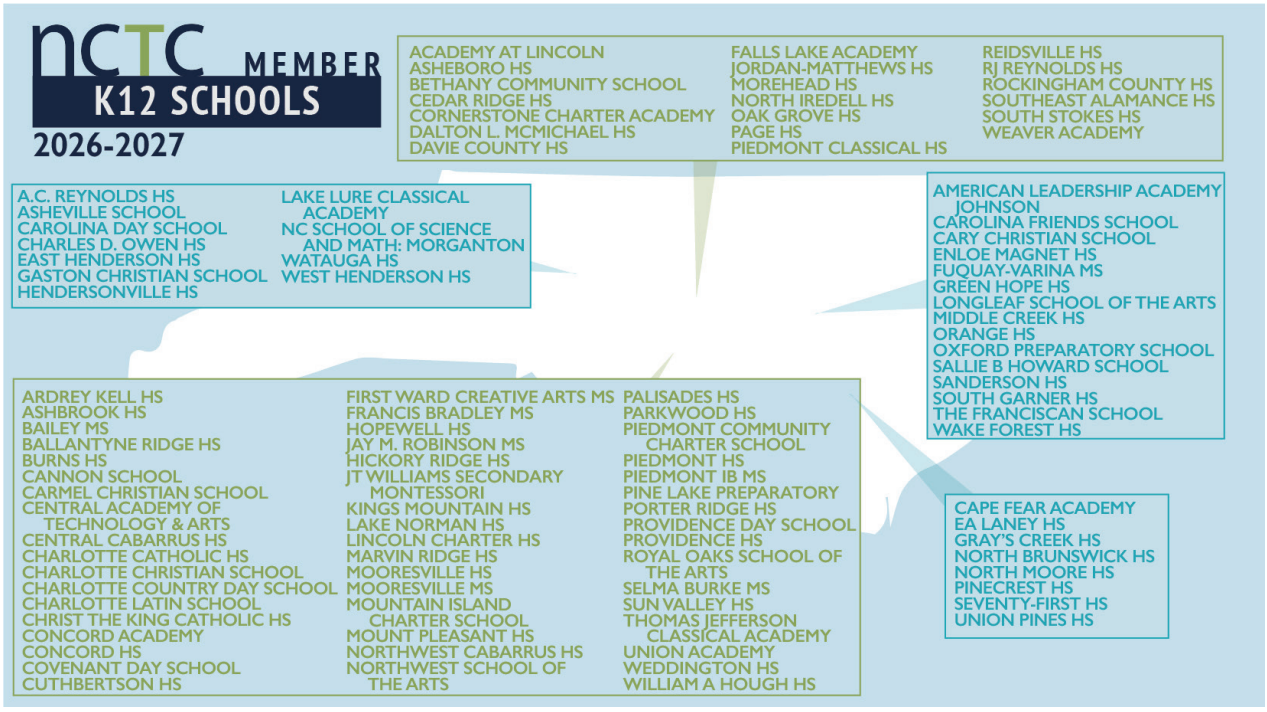
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