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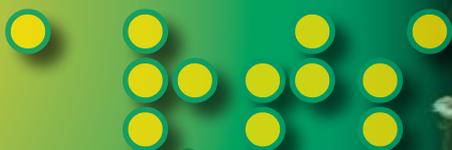
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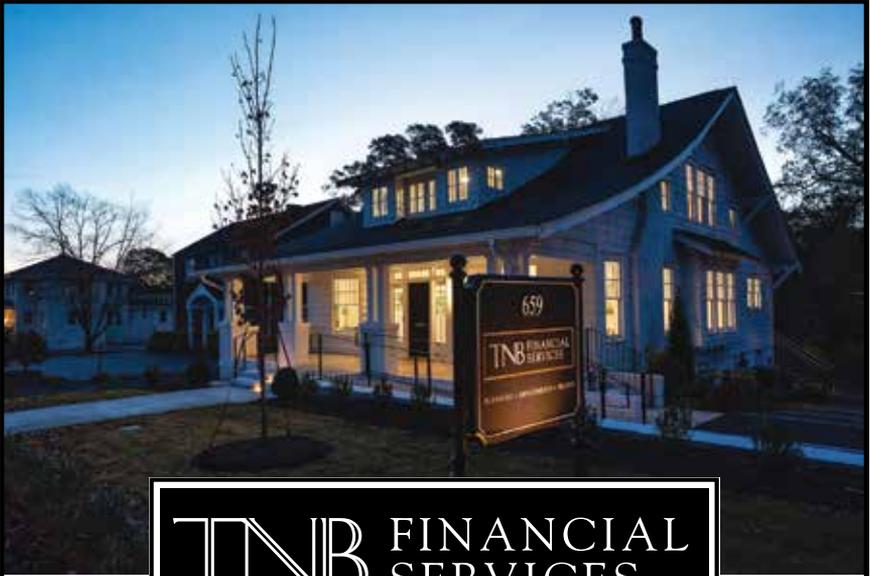
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# MEET THE CAST

**CANDACE BOROOS (Libby Ruth)**, an educator, is very excited to join the talented cast of the SLT production of *Always a Bridesmaid*. Candace has been seen in the following SLT productions: *You Can't Take It With You* as Penelope Sycamore, *The Red Velvet Cake War* as Gaynelle, *To Kill a Mockingbird* as Stephanie Crawford, and *Steel Magnolias* as M'Lynn. She thanks her husband Jason, and kids, Kallin and Anson for their love & support. She was "always a bridesmaid," in 10 different weddings, until June 10th, 2018 when she married Jason and simultaneously became a mom! A wife and mom, her two favorite roles to date! Candace loves Jesus, people and the sound of laughter. Hope you laugh your heels off and thank you for supporting local community theatre.

**NANCY BURKARD (Charlie)** is excited to make her Spartanburg Little Theatre debut in this quirky fun comedy! Most recently she was on stage as Beulah in *Come From Away* (Centre Stage). Some favorite previous roles include Ms. Kiln in *Listen* (SCCT), Marge in *The Bridges of Madison County* (MTP), Clairee in *Steel Magnolias* (MTP), and Mezeppa in *Gypsy* (FTC). Nancy is a credit manager by day to fund her theater habit at night. Much love always to Chris and the Burkard felines who let mom out of the house to go play pretend.

**CRYSTAL HUGHES (Deedra)** is pretty certain she found a great theatre family here at SLT. After her South Carolina debut as Mrs. Kirby in last season's *You Can't Take It With You*, she is honored to be cast as another sassy lady in this hilarious show! Crystal has enjoyed every minute of stage time from her earliest role in middle school as Helen in *Helen Keller*, to high school musicals like *Once Upon a Mattress* where she played the Queen, to community theatre productions like *Anybody for Murder* as Mary. She wants to thank her friend and fellow actress Candace for encouraging her to audition, and her mom for being her kids' chauffeur while she rehearsed for this show. Although she is a fiercely independent woman, much like Deedra, she couldn't do life without all of the other strong women by her side!

**PEGGY MAGARAHAN (Sedalia)** is very excited to be working with John Fagan again. This play is so much fun and she is honored to work with such a great cast. Peggy was last seen on stage as Grandmama in *The Addams Family*. Previous shows include Sister Mary Lazarus in *Sister Act*, Janice in *Hands on a Hardbody* and Dinah in *The Dixie Swim Club*. She has been involved with SLT for many years on the stage and behind the scenes as a choreographer. "Semi-retired and loving life!! Cheers to another good one!"

**SABRINA ROCK (Monette)** is thrilled to be making her debut at Spartanburg Little Theatre and reprising her role as Monette Gentry, a role she last performed in Hendersonville Theatre's 2021 production of *Always a Bridesmaid*. Previous roles and awards include: Latrelle in *Sordid Lives* (Best Performer in a Play) at Hendersonville Theatre, Mr. Bumble in *Oliver Twist* at SCAD, Mrs. Gottlieb in *Dead Man's Cell Phone* at SCAD, *Story Theatre* at SCAD, among others. Sabrina, a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) has a BFA in acting. She is an actor, comedian, director and singer. Future performance information can be found on social media: @sabrinarockscomedy. She is forever grateful to her family and friends for their continued love and support. "When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go." - Carol Burnett - Rock On Y'all!

**KELSEY RUFF (Kari)** is living a dream come true as she makes her SLT debut. She was last seen on stage at Converse University, with previous roles including Lucy Gale Scruggs in *Shiloh Rules* and Chutney in *Legally Blonde*. Her favorite role, however, is being Big Sister to Ali, Sidney, and Darby. When not on stage, she hosts her award-winning podcast, *Original Experience*. She would like to thank John for giving her family the chance to see her in a wedding dress, and the cast and crew for making this experience one she will hold close to her heart forever. She is also deeply grateful to her parents, who always believed she would return to theatre. And it is important to Kelsey that everyone knows she has saved a seat for Taylor Swift every night. "Knockers High, girls!"

## MEET THE **CREATIVES** and **PRODUCTION TEAM**

**JOHN FAGAN (Director)** is pleased to be returning to the Spartanburg Little Theatre. His past SLT credits include: *Holmes and Watson*, *And Then There Were None*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Legally Blonde*, *Blithe Spirit*, *A Few Good Men*, *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*, *Moonlight and Magnolias*, *The 39 Steps*, *Perfect Wedding*, *Noises Off*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *CATS* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. John recently finished his 26th season as Producing/Artistic Director of the Upstate Shakespeare Festival. He has also directed shows at The Warehouse Theatre, Centre Stage, Proud Mary Theatre, SC Rep, Greenville Theatre, Playhouse on the Square, Jenny Wiley Theatre, Weathervane Playhouse, Clemson University, and others. John was the recipient of the Lifetime Service Award from the South Carolina Theatre Association in 2024.

**AVERY BEATON (Stage Manager)** is thrilled to be stage managing with SLT again. She previously stage-managed *Escape to Margaritaville* (SLT), *Godspell* (SYT), and ASM'd *Cinderella* (SLT) and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (USC Upstate). Other shows include *We Will Rock You*, *Footloose*, and *Little Shop of Horrors* as stagehand. She'd like to thank her friends, family, and boyfriend's support throughout her theater journey.

**DR. TIM BAXTER-FERGUSON (Scenic Designer)** teaches theatre at Landrum High School and Landrum Middle School after twenty years of teaching, directing, and designing at Limestone University. For Spartanburg Little Theatre he previously directed *You Can't Take It With You*, *Avenue Q* and *Xanadu*. Some of his favorite shows he directed at Limestone include *Noises Off*, *Puffs*, *Next to Normal*, *Evil Dead the Musical*, *Ghost Sonata*, and *White Christmas*. For SLT, he previously did scenic design for *The Full Monty*, *Murder on the Orient Express*, *Kinky Boots*, *The Red Velvet Cake War*, *Wait Until Dark*, *Holmes & Watson*, *The Great Gatsby*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Rock of Ages*, *Spamalot*, and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Xanadu*, and *Avenue Q*. For Spartanburg Youth Theatre he has designed *The Lion*, *the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Matilda Jr.*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. His design for CAST Theatre's Allabaster can be currently seen in Charlotte at the MINT Museum. He has also designed for Queen City Theatre, Children's Theatre of Charlotte, Theatre Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College's Summer Season, and Spartanburg Repertory Theatre among others.

**CYNTHIA GIBSON (Costume Designer)** is an actor, dancer, and writer who is passionate about the power of the magical collaborative art we loosely term "Theatre." So, when not onstage, she can be found behind the scenes designing props or costumes, decorating sets, crewing, dressing performers, running lights and sound, and generally making herself useful. Most recently, she designed props for the Mauldin Cultural Center's production of *Noises Off*.

**LESLIE H. HENDON (Properties Designer)** has been involved with SLT since 2004, appearing onstage in over twenty productions. Favorite roles include Millie Pontipee in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, Sally Bowles in *Cabaret*, and Margot in *Legally Blonde: The Musical*. While she is fairly new to the props game (previous credits are last season's *Cinderella* and *Little Shop of Horrors*), she has always enjoyed getting a little crafty and helping a show visually come together. Thanks to Jay for trusting her with upholding SLT's high production value. Love and thanks to her forever favorites, Trey and Ellie: the best audience members a girl could ever ask for.

**ARON NEWSOME (Audio Engineer/Sound Designer)** is a senior music major at USC Upstate from Georgia. Credits include, *RENT* as audio engineer at USC Upstate Theatre, *Grease* as audio intern at Spartanburg Little Theatre.

**PETER LAMSON (Technical Director/Lighting Designer)** has worked with SLT/SYT since 2010. Prior to his arrival in Spartanburg, Peter worked with several theatre companies in Wilmington, NC, including City Stage, Tapestry Theatre Company, and at historic Thalian Hall. Peter relishes working with talented directors, actors, and other designers in order to solve the different challenges each production presents in order to be successful.

**JAY E. COFFMAN (Executive Artistic Director)** most recently directed last season's *Escape to Margaritaville* and *The Full Monty*. Other favorite directorial credits include *School of Rock*, *Sister Act*, *We Will Rock You*, *Sh-Boom!*, *Bright Star*, and *The Rocky Horror Show*. In past seasons he has occasionally appeared on stage in *Legally Blonde* (Dad/Winthrop), *Blithe Spirit* (Charles Condomine) and *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and then some!)*. A native of Southern California and former senior instructor of German at USC Upstate, Jay is in his 18th year as SLT's executive artistic director.

**LUCIA STANDRIDGE (Production Manager)** joined SLT last year after being a freelance stage manager. Lucia grew up in Milan, Italy and moved to Virginia to pursue Theatre Arts Administration in 2016. In college, she helped develop the script and stage managed the all-female original play *Bloodroot: The Ballad of Clinch Mountain*, which was nationally recognized by the 2019 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival after performing in Twitchell Auditorium. Some favorite stage management credits include *You Can't Take It With You* (SLT), *Parade*, *A Christmas Carol: The Musical*, *Fiddler on the Roof* (Alluvion Stage Company), *A Christmas Carol: The Musical* (The Naples Players), and *Unto These Hills* (Cherokee Historical Association). In her spare time, Lucia loves being outdoors and doing puzzles with her family.

**ANNA RENNINGER (Office/Media Coordinator)** was recently seen costuming *The Lion King Jr.* and *The Wizard of Oz Youth Edition* for Spartanburg Youth Theatre. She is excited to jump into her second season with SLT! When she's not working behind the scenes, Anna enjoys relaxing at home with her husband, Dustin, and spending quality time with friends.

**ADAM SANDERS (Youth Theatre Artistic Director)** is celebrating his 10<sup>th</sup> year as the Artistic Director for SYT! He participated with SYT as a child and loves directing the program that shaped him! He previously taught and directed at South Carolina Children's Theatre. While he has played many roles at the theater, his favorite role in life is husband to his beautiful wife, Kelsey. Galatians 2:20.

**OLIVER ELLIS (Scene Shop Foreman)** has worked for the Little and Youth Theatre since 2021. He has worked with local companies such as Ballet Spartanburg and Greenville Light Opera Works and graduated from Converse College in 2020. He is glad to be given the opportunity to grow in theatre here and looks forward to creating art this season.

**EMILY ROSE WATTS (Scene Shop Assistant)** is excited to be joining SLT/ SYT for another season. Starting as an intern at SLT in 2021, she is glad to be given the opportunity to grow with this season's productions. Emily Rose graduated from Converse University with a BA in theatre. Previously she has worked with GLOW Lyric Theatre, Ballet Spartanburg, and the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra.

**MADDIE TISDEL (Education Coordinator)** is excited to be here for her third season as Education Coordinator for the Spartanburg Youth Theatre! She graduated from Converse University in 2018 with a BA in musical theatre and history and has worked in the Upstate theatre community ever since. You can see her onstage at The Warehouse Theatre and South Carolina Children's Theatre, as well as directing for SYT and SLT. She would like to thank her family, friends, and Austin and AI for helping her make her dreams possible.

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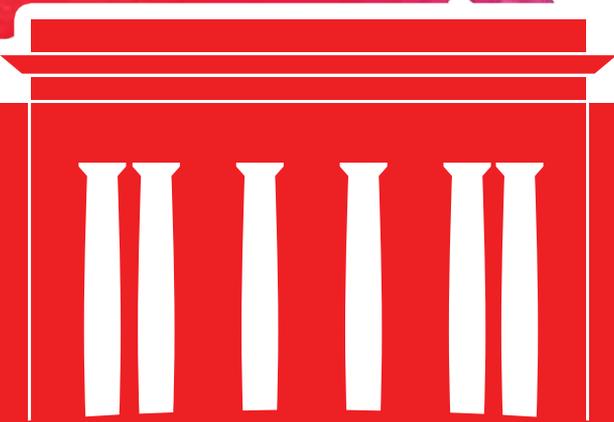
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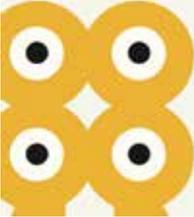
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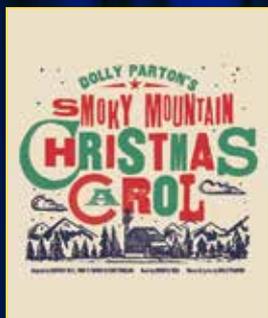
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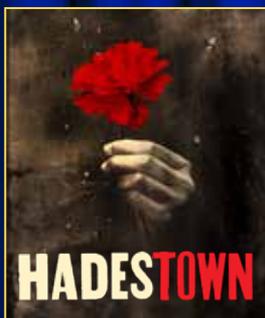
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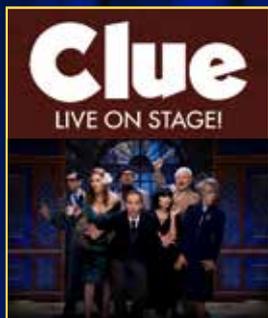
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