UAB Department of Theatre 2024-2025 Season

Dedicated to our dear friend and colleague, Marlene Johnson

GOD OF CARNAGE

By Yasmina Reza. Translated by Christopher Hampton Directed by Dennis McLernon October 16-19 at 7:30pm; October 20 at 2pm The Alys Stephens Center Odess Theatre

NATASHA, PIERRE & THE GREAT COMET OF 1812

Book, Lyrics & Music by Dave Malloy
Directed by Santiago Sosa
Choreography by Aurkheem Jolley, Sawyer Luke & Devin Towery
Musical Direction by Carolyn Violi
November 13-16 at 7:30pm; November 17 at 2pm
The Alys Stephens Center Sirote Theatre

THE REVOLUTIONISTS

By Lauren Gunderson
Directed by Jack Cannon
February 26-March 1 at 7:30pm; March 2 at 2pm
The Alys Stephens Center Odess Theatre

SHE KILLS MONSTERS

By Qui Nguyen
Directed by Santiago Sosa & Michael Rafael Mercado
March 26-29 at 7:30pm; March 30 at 2pm
The Alys Stephens Center Sirote Theatre

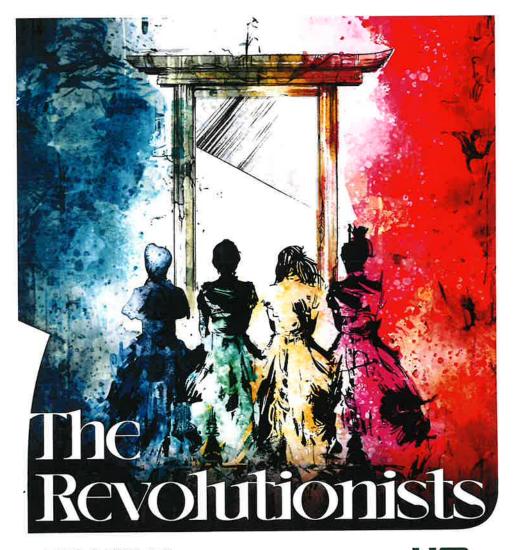
FREAKY FRIDAY

Book by Bridget Carpenter. Music & Lyrics by Tom Kitt & Brian Yorkey
Based on Novel by Mary Rodgers and The Disney Films
Directed by Roy Lightner
Supervisor of Music & Sound: Anthony Smith
April 4-19

Red Mountain Theatre

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Productions entered on the Participating level are eligible for invitation to the KCACTF regional festival and may also be considered for national awards recognizing outstanding achievement in production, design, direction and performance.

Last year more than 1,500 productions were entered in the KCACTF involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. By entering this production, our theater department is sharing in the KCACTF goals to recognize, reward, and celebrate the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.

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The Revolutionists

By Lauren Gunderson

Directed by **Jack Cannon**

Stage Manager Kat Graves

Properties Design Inji Ha

Scenic Design Ellie Cornett

Lighting Design Lew Williams

Costume Design

*Guest Artist, Wig Design Brittany Rappise Sound Design **David Page**

Opening Night: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7:30pm

The Revolutionists contains adult language and themes.

The play will be performed with one fifteen-minute intermission.

*Guest Wig Design and workshops by Brittany Rappise are made possible by The John S. Jemison, Jr. Visiting Professorship in the Humanities, bringing scholars, writers, and professors to the humanities departments at UAB to enrich the academic and intellectual life of the entire UAB community and the City of Birmingham.

THE REVOLUTIONISTS is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. (www.dramatists.com)

CAST

Olympe De Gouges	Isabelle Johnson
Charlotte Corday	Norah Trench
Marie-Antoinette	Alexandria Stone
Marianne Angelle	Deztonie Cunningham

UNDERSTUDIES

Olympe De Gouges - SG Kimery • Charlotte Corday - Bethany Sartain Marie-Antoinette - Celia Knox • Marianne Angelle - Trinity Anderson

SETTING

Paris, the Reign of Terror (1793).

A Safe Place, a Study, a Prison Cell, the Tribunal
Then the Scaffold

Notes on This Production:

"I fear we will not know the rightness of our revolutions nor the heroes of our stories for generations to come." - Lauren Gunderson, author of The Revolutionists

The Revolutionists tells the story of a playwright, a freedom fighter, a queen, and an assassin-four revolutionary women living in Paris during the 1793 Reign of Terror. Coming from all walks of life, these revolutionary women were forced to fight in a revolution that refused to acknowledge them as man's equals. The French Bourgeois Revolution didn't secure the promised social equality and economic stability; moreover, it didn't have the time to hear women's voices, which this play revives in a fictional setting.

Playwright Olympe de Gouges, one of the play's historical characters, was the first to push the limits of what was socially acceptable to publish. She wrote about France's enslavement of Haiti, divorce, gender inequality, imprisonment for debt, and girls forced to go to convents, among other social issues. Marianne Angelle, the only fictional character, was based on Suzanne Simone Baptiste Louverture, a Haitian freedom fighter nearly entirely erased from history by the French Government after immigrating to Paris. It was her husband's letters that helped historians realize Louverture may have been one of the most integral figures of the Haitian Revolution and the emancipation of Haiti from France in 1804.

Charlotte Corday, the Angel of Assassins, was only twenty-four when she notoriously killed radical revolutionary leader Jean-Paul Marat. Marat and his Jacobin party encouraged mob violence, and Corday worried they would corrupt the revolution and its cause. Despite her true intentions, society couldn't believe a woman would do such a thing on her own. Instead, they believed she must have been coerced by a man. Charlotte fervently declared she worked alone until the day she died. Queen Marie Antoinette was the centerpiece of the French Revolution and the truest victim of circumstance. She was forced to immigrate from Austria to France at the young age of fifteen and entered an arranged marriage with the nation's future king. The young royals inherited a broken country, which no one taught them how to run. Despite her many mistakes as a ruler, Queen Marie cared for her country. Even today, we focus so much on what those in 18th-century France said about her that it is little known how hard she worked to find solutions for her citizens. She took over many of the inept king's political duties in several attempts to end the revolution.

Notes on This Production, continued:

The day Olympe de Gouges was arrested for her political writings, authorities confiscated her unfinished play, France Preserved or the Tyrant Dethroned. It was based on a fictional meeting between Gouges and Queen Marie Antoinette, in which the playwright lectures the queen about her irresponsibility. Ironically, this play was used as evidence against Gouges, and she was subsequently put to death for "attempting to overthrow the Revolutionary government." Centuries later, fellow female-playwright Lauren Gunderson "finished" the play for her. Now, you are here, listening to the words of the voice they tried to silence. You are seeing brave women sharing the stories of the brave women before us. We ask that you feel with them, dream with them, but most importantly, laugh with them.

- Lauren Parrish, Dramaturg

UAB Department of Theatre Production Staff

Production Manager/Technical Direct	ctorTherrin J. Eber Jonathan Harder
Assistant Technical Director	Jonathan Harder
Costume Director	Amy Page
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	Lauren Parrish, Devin Towery, Selby Whaley
Electrics Assistants	Ryder Dean, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Owen McManus Dana Guajardo, Aurkheem Jolley, Sawyer Luke,
Costume Assistants	Dana Guajardo, Aurkheem Jolley, Sawyer Luke,
	Cade McCall Miles Polson Alexandria Stone
Properties Assistants	Sophia Evangelidis, Isabelle Johnson, Lillian Parkman, Sammy Sledd
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Joey Paragone, Jhaedyn Sanders, Kingston Sanders, Devin Towery
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Paint Charge Ellie Cornett
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Scheron Morgan
Draper Sharon Morgan
Crafts Artisan
Crafts Artisan Sharon Morgan Wig Master Aurkheem Jolley Wig Crew Miles Polson
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Dressers
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Trinity Anderson (she/her/hers) - U/S Marianne Angelle

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Birmingham, AL Education: Oak Mountain HS

Recent Production Work: Performance: Beauty and The Beast, Much Ado About Nothing, Addams Family: The Musical, The Outsiders, Importance of Being Earnest (Oak Mountain High School), Everybody, 2023 Freshman Showcase (UAB), Frienemy For Life (Film), Letters for Santa (Birmingham Children's Theatre). Assistant Stage Management: God of Carnage (UAB).

Jack Cannon - Director

Home Town: Atlanta, GA

Education: MFA Directing/Acting - The University of Arizona Recent Production Work: Directing: Everybody, Much Ado About Nothing, Tell Me Something Good, Angels in America, Part I: Millennium Approaches, The Real Inspector Hound, Dancing at Lughnasa, In The Next Room (or, The Vibrator Play,) Twelfth Night; or, What You Will, The Caucasian Chalk Circle (UAB). Performance: The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Hairspray, You Can't Take It With You, Buried Child, Don't Trifle With Love, Three Sisters (UAB).

Ellie Cornett – Scenic Design

Concentration: BA General Theatre

Home Town: Madison, AL

Education: BA Theatre - UAB Department of Theatre, Bob Jones HS Recent Production Work: Scenic Design: Sanctuary City (UAB). Assistant Scenic Design: Sister Act (Red Mountain Theatre/UAB), Fun Home (UAB). Technical Director: Echo(es) (UAB). Scenery Construction: Sense and Sensibility, A New Brain, The SpongeBob Musical, Godspell, Much Ado About Nothing, Noises Off (UAB). Performance: The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (UAB).

Deztonie Cunningham (she/her/hers) - Marianne Angelle

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Home Town: Mobile, AL

Education: Baker HS

Recent Production Work: Performance: God of Carnage, 2024 Prince & the Pauper Touring Company, Into The Woods (UAB), Sister Act, The Color Purple (Red Mountain Theatre). Assistant Stage Management: The SpongeBob Musical (UAB).

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Therrin J. Eber (he/him) - Production Manager/Technical Director

Home Town: Fort Wayne, IN

Education: MFA - University of Alabama, BA - Purdue Fort Wayne Recent Production Work: Lighting Design: Two Gentlemen of Verona (UAB), Cendrillon, Semele, Die Fledermaus (UA Opera Theatre), Bonnie and Clyde (Alabama Ballet), The Barber of Seville (Opera Louisiane) Anything Goes, Ragtime, The Diviners, Some Enchanted Evening, Sister Act (Theatre Tuscaloosa), The Wolfetones, Darren Criss, NPR's The Moth | Radio Hour, Mariachi Los Camperos (The Athenaeum Center, Chicago) Technical Direction: Kenya's Symphony (Short Film), Directing: It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play (The Athenaeum Center, Chicago) More at www.therrinjeber.com

Kat Graves (any pronoun) - Stage Manager

Concentration: BA General Theatre & BS in Psychology

Home Town: Talladega, AL

Education: Talladega High School, Central Alabama Community College Recent Production Work: Stage Management: The Two Gentlemen of Verona (UAB). Directing: The Velveteen Rabbit: A Toy Story (The LJCC Theatre).

Inji Ha (she/her/hers) - Properties Design

Home Town: South Korea

Education: MFA in Scenic Design, University of Texas at Austin; BFA

Theatre Design and Technology, Auburn University Recent Production Work: Properties Design: Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812, God of Carnage, The Two Gentlemen of Verona (UAB). Scenic Design/Properties Design: The 39 Steps (UAB), Decapitations (Salvage Vanguard Theatre), Les Contes d'Hoffmann (Butler School of Music, UT Austin), In Sisters We Trust, or My Fucked Up American Gril Doll (B. Iden Payne Theatre, UT Austin), Detroit 67' (Telfair B. Peet Theatre, Auburn University), Love and Information (Oscar G. Brockett Theatre, UT Austin).

Vivian Hogeland (she/her/hers) – Assistant Stage Manager

Concentration: BA Design/Technology

Home Town: Birmingham, AL

Education: Gardendale High School

Recent Production Work: Stage Management: The Lightning Thief, The

Revolutionists, Into the Woods (GHS). Costume Design: The

Revolutionists, The Tempest (GHS).

The Revolutionists Production Biographies

Isabelle Johnson (she/her) – Olympe De Gouges

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Pensacola, FL

Education: Briarcrest High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: The 39 Steps, Everybody, 2023 Princess & the Pea Touring Company, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, 2022 Alice In Wonderland Touring Company, Echo(es) (KCACTF Nominee), Eurydice (UAB). Dramaturg: Sanctuary City (UAB). Playwriting: We're All Fudged (UAB). Author: I Can See the City. The Curious Shop on Dandelion Lane, The Incredible Adventures of Mr. Marxadue. Film: Two Strangers (Joy Film Prod.), RX Benefits Commercial, "Light" Music Video (Memphis, TN). Director/Adaptor: 1984 (UAB).

SG Kimery - U/S Olympe de Gouges

Concentration: BA General Theatre and BS Biomedical Science

Home Town: Marietta, GA

Education: Mt Bethel Christian Academy

Recent Production Work: Stage Management: God of Carnage (UAB), Assistant Stage Management: The Two Gentlemen of Verona (UAB). Stage Management, Sound, & Light Design: The Velveteen Rabbit: A Toy Story (LJCC). Performance: The Wiz (Mt Bethel Christian Academy), Fiddler on the Roof (FBCW).

Celia Knox (she/her/hers) – U/S Marie-Antoinette

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Home Town: Mobile, AL

Education: Mary G. Montgomery High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead, Sense and Sensibility (UAB), The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Once On This Island, Peter and the Starcatcher (Mary G. Montgomery HS).

Cade McCall - Costume Design

Concentration - BA Design/Technology

Home Town: Headland, AL

Education: Headland High School

Recent Production Work: Co-Costume Design: The Two Gentlemen of Verona. Assistant Costume Design: The Musical SpongeBob (UAB). Assistant Hair and Makeup: Into The Woods (UAB). Wardrobe Crew: Sanctuary City, Anything Goes (Interlochen Center for the Arts), Noises Off (UAB). Performance: Sense and Sensibility, Significant Other (UAB). Run Crew: Godspell (UAB).

The Revolutionists Production Biographies

David Page - Sound Design

Home Town: New Orleans, LA

Education: BA, Louisiana Tech University; MFA, University of Alabama Recent Production Work: Sound Design: God of Carnage (UAB), Lighting/Sound Design: Everybody, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, Noises Off (UAB). Sound/Projections: The Glass Menagerie (UAB). Lighting Design: Punk Rock Girl, The Lightning Thief (University of Montevallo). Scenic/Projections: Best of Enemies (Theatre Tuscaloosa) Annie Kids, Moana Jr., Getting to Know... Footloose (Artplay), Rock of Ages (Virginia Samford Theatre). Projection Design: Beauty and the Beast Jr. (Myrtle Grove Middle School, NC), Newsies (Red Mountain Theatre), Bonnie and Clyde, Dracula (Alabama Ballet).

Lauren Parrish - Dramaturg

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Home Town: Bessemer, AL

Education: McAdory High School

Recent Production Work: Crew/Assistant Stage Manager: Everybody (UAB). Performance: Mean Girls, Much Ado About Nothing (McAdory High School).

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Amy Potts (she/her/hers) - Assistant Stage Manager

Concentration: General Theatre Home Town: Gardendale, AL Education: Gardendale High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: The Tempest, The Great Gatsby

(Gardendale HS). Performance/Stage Crew: Into the Woods (Gardendale

HS).

Brittany Rappise (she/her) - Guest Wig Designer

Home Town: Totowa, New Jersey

Education: MFA in Wig and Makeup Design from University of North Carolina School of the Arts; BA from The University of West Florida in

Musical Theatre and Design and Technology

Recent Production Work: Wig Designer for Des Moines Metro Opera, New York City Opera, Sarasota Opera, Opera Pensacola. Wig Design and Workshops for Walt Disney World, Disney Cruise Lines, and Busch Gardens - Williamsburg.

The Revolutionists Production Biographies

Bethany Sartain (she/her/hers) – U/S Charlotte Corday

Concentration: BA General Theater

Home Town: Hayden, AL

Education: Wallace State Community College

Recent Production Work: Performance: <u>Macbitches</u> (UAB). Wardrobe Assistant: *Rosencrantz and Guildernstein Are Dead* (UAB). Stagehand/Pantomime Crew: *Almost Maine* (Wallace State). Chorus: *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Wallace State). Practical Sound

Effects: Poe's A Midnight Dreary (Wallace State).

Alexandria Stone (she/her/hers) - Marie-Antoinette

Concentration: BA Performance

Home Town: Hoover, AL

Education: Hoover High School

Recent Production Work: The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Everybody

(UAB).

Norah Trench (she/her/hers) - Charlotte Corday

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Birmingham, AL

Education: Vestavia Hills High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812, The 39 Steps, Sense and Sensibility (UAB), Anastasia, Comedy of Errors, Xanadu, Steel Magnolias (Vestavia Hills High

School).

Lew Williams (she/her) - Lighting Design

Home Town: Scottsboro, AL Education: UAB Theatre Alumni

Recent Work: Lighting Supervisor: *Holiday Spectacular* 2025, *Jason Robert Brown in Concert*, *Spirit of Broadway Gala* (RMT), Lighting Design:

The 39 Steps (UAB).

SPECIAL THANKS

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