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BY **AUGUST WILSON** | DIRECTED BY **RUBEN SANTIAGO-HUDSON** Kreeger Theater | **September 13 - October 20, 2019**

August Wilson's *Jitney*, the 2017 Tony Award-winning production directed by Ruben Santiago-Hudson, opens Arena Stage's season with the dramatic story of a Pittsburgh jitney station, a symbol of stability, struggling against an oppressive lack of opportunity and unnerving neighborhood gentrification that threatens the way they live and work. The drivers resist powerful forces while coming to grips with their pasts to fulfill their own hopes and dreams for the future.

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WORLD-PREMIERE LOVE STORY

KEN LUDWIG'S **Dear Jack, Dear Louise**

BY **KEN LUDWIG** I DIRECTED BY **JACKIE MAXWELL** Kreeger Theater I **November 21 – December 29, 2019**

When two strangers meet by letter during World War II, a love story begins. But as the war continues, it threatens to end their relationship before it even starts. Tony Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig (*Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery, Lend Me a Tenor*) tells the joyous, heart-warming story of his parents' courtship during World War II and the results are anything but expected.

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ADAPTED BY **URSULA RANI SARMA** I BASED ON THE NOVEL BY **KHALED HOSSEINI** DIRECTED BY **Carey Perloff**

KREEGER THEATER | JANUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Adapted from the New York Times bestselling novel by Khaled Hosseini (Kite Runner), the lives of two Afghan women are inextricably bound together. In the war-ravaged Kabul, Miriam and Laila become unlikely allies in the face of the insurmountable odds of a brutal and oppressive way of life. Called "emotionally stirring" (Los Angeles Times), this gripping and heart-rending fight for survival will keep you on the edge of your seat from start to finish.

THE OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL PRODUCTION OF

MOTHER ROAD

BY OCTAVIO SOLIS | DIRECTED BY BILL RAUCH
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FICHANDLER STAGE | FEBRUARY 7 - MARCH 8, 2020

As William Joad sets out on an epic journey to pass down his family farm, he is humiliated to find that the only surviving descendant of his family is a Mexican-American named Martin Jodes, an ex-migrant worker. Inspired by John Steinbeck's classic, *The Grapes of Wrath*, the two men forge an unlikely bond and come to terms with their brutal past. This powerful new play examines the crossroads of family, immigration and the American dream.

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AUGUST WILSON'S SEVEN GUITARS

BY AUGUST WILSON

FICHANDLER STAGE | APRIL 3 - MAY 3, 2020

Seven lives are interconnected in 1940s Pittsburg when old friend and blues singer Floyd Barton vows to turn his life around after a surprise windfall leaves him hopeful for a second chance. Infused with deep and soaring blues rhythms, this "rich and exceptionally vivid" (*Variety*) play pits the desire for a better future against the harsh realities ultimately leading to heartbreaking and inescapable circumstances.

A TRAILBLAZING SPIRIT

TONI STONE

BY LYDIA R. DIAMOND | DIRECTED BY PAM MACKINNON IN ASSOCIATION WITH AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER KREEGER THEATER | APRIL 23 - MAY 31, 2020

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BY **HOLLAND TAYLOR** I DIRECTED BY **KRISTEN VAN GINHOVEN** IN ASSOCIATION WITH **DALLAS THEATER CENTER**

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WORLD-PREMIERE DRAMA

RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN

BY **Sharyn Rothstein** | directed by **Seema Sueko** Arlene and Robert Kogod Cradle | **October 11 - November 10. 2019**

The internet never forgets. A young man's mistake at 17 haunts him online a decade later. Desperate for a normal life, he goes to extraordinary lengths to erase his indiscretion. But freedom of information is big business, and the tech companies aren't going down without a fight. Secrets, lies and political backstabbing abound in this riveting new drama about one man's fierce battle to reclaim his right to privacy.



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ARTISTICALLY SPEAKING



As Americans we often consider our country the home of democracy but when it's boiled down to its core, America is also the home of capitalism. It's always been a country about money and business and transactions. Think back to founding fathers and the debate between the agrarian culture and the industrial culture. How we are known in the world is as an economic powerhouse—the representative government often plays a secondary role. *Junk* is a play that unlocks the American system in a way that no other play I can name does. Consumer culture versus a community of citizens.

While the play is set in the past, this is definitely a story about our current times and the struggle for control of the global economy. How do we as a people overcome the marketing and drive to buy and own? What do our shopping habits and investing habits say about us as Americans? It's the right time to have a play like this challenge perceptions of our country, and ourselves. Whether we forge a different path forward or preserve the ideals that we hold dear—that America is a place for all people and that every person is afforded opportunity—requires deep retrospection.

Ayad Akhtar is superb at asking the big questions in his plays about what is deep and dangerous in the American spirit. His plays are perfect for Arena Stage. Ayad is a restless and provocative thinker. He is inspired by the curious and fascinating dichotomies in our country.

With this emphasis on American culture, it might seem unusual to bring in a Canadian director. Jackie Maxwell is brilliant, and American culture seen from a different perspective always yields surprising new ideas. In many ways, this is a Shavian play and Jackie was a powerhouse as artistic director of the Shaw Festival in Canada for 15 years. You may remember Jackie's great work on *Watch on the Rhine* and Good *People* and she will be back next season with Ken Ludwig's *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*.

This moment in America is a big one as we examine all parts of the 'American experiment.' I look forward to debating and learning and forging the path forward with you after experiencing this play.

Molly Smith
Artistic Director



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



I am going to do something foolish and attempt to paraphrase and in doing so hopefully will not badly mangle two very important ideas coined by two very wise and articulate creators.

Start first with the brilliant author of *Junk*, Ayad Akhtar. Pretty sure I heard him say on our first day of rehearsal his impetus to write this play was based on his observation that decades ago we stopped being citizens first and now are willingly treated like customers in our own land. As consumers, our measures of success are how the stock market is doing. Metrics attached

to the top of our minds are about what is good for the economy and not other bellwethers of well-being. In truth, until Arena had retired the lion's share of the debt incurred to build the Mead Center, I reached first for the business, not arts, section of the newspaper to see where that 10-year treasury note rate had landed, at the same time clocking how the market did "overnight" to the benefit of our endowment. For me, Ayad's play and Jackie Maxwell's interpretation of *Junk* brilliantly conspire to tell a story about the origins of our current predicament.

That impulse to create a great story and tell it well is such a generous human instinct that leads me in hopefulness to the second attempt to restate an idea I need to paraphrase because I cannot locate the original words. Turn now to our founder: 7elda Fichandler.

At the heart of the action in Ayad's play is the manufacture of profit not based on anything "real" but rather on transactions on which fees and wealth can be generated. When asked to comment on the not-for-profit status of a resident theater enterprise, Zelda mused we may be deficit-producing institutions seeking investment from our citizens, government and corporations to balance our books, but in doing so we do like to think that we "recoup" a tiny piece of the universe with each play we produce. Or at least that remains our purpose.

With this boldfaced, epic production we aim to honor your, our audiences', investment of time and treasure in the hope we have delivered a "return" by building on your empathy and understanding of the world we now occupy. Hope so!

Warmly, Edgar

Edgar Dobie

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DRAMATURG'S NOTE

The story of Junk - like the actual events of the financial industry in the 1980s, on which the play is based—is a story of disruption. And, as we still struggle with in 2019, disruption brings both costs and benefits. With such a binary. it is always tempting to focus on one side at the exclusion of the other, but doing so only paints part of the picture. The truth and the far more interesting story lie, as they often do, somewhere in the murky space between.

This was a time of reinvention and risk-taking. Sometimes the risks proved too much, resulting in companies collapsing under the weight of unsustainable debt, or the \$150 billion bailout of the Savings & Loan industry. But sometimes those risks paid off in a big way, resulting in the strongest bull market seen on Wall Street since the 1920s. Over the course of the 1980s, GDP increased by almost a quarter, and the value of the stock market more than tripled.

With all of that money being generated, it's important to look at who was making that money. Those of us who see modern Wall Street as a "good ol' boys network" (which it is) should keep in mind how much worse it used to be. No woman actually had a seat on the New York Stock Exchange until Muriel Siebert in 1967 - 175 years after it was founded. As recently as the 1990s, Jewish businessmen were not allowed into the corporate dining rooms of major banks, where deals were sealed. Minorityowned businesses struggled to get loans and access to capital. Junk bonds, which explicitly catered to businesses that the established financial system deemed unworthy of its time, and the new generation of financiers, many of whom were themselves members of these under-represented groups, made room at the table for people who had never before been included. Ivan Boesky, Michael Milken, Dennis Levine and their colleagues during this time broke rules (and even laws) to make as much money as they could; but among the rules they threw out were the longstanding rules about who was allowed to make that money.

And that's where the story of Junk lies: not a conflict between good and evil, or right and wrong, but between the old and the new. It is a story of change, even upheaval. And that change is neither good, nor bad, although it contains both; change is simply a fact.

A BRIEF GUIDE TO JUNK

JUNK BONDS

A high-risk, high-reward investment, in which investors loan their money to a company for a certain period of time at a high interest rate; so-called "junk" (or, more technically, "high-yield bonds") because the companies are rated as more likely to default on the loans.

LEVERAGED BUYOUTS

The purchase of a company primarily through debt; much like buying a house, purchasers provide a minority percentage of the price in cash and leverage the value of the target company as collateral to obtain a loan for the rest. That debt is then attached to the purchased company.

INSIDER TRADING

Illegal insider trading is when somebody with non-public information about a company violates their position of trust and causes shares to be traded on that information for their personal benefit.





Arena Stage Molly Smith, Artistic Director | Edgar Dobie, Executive Producer

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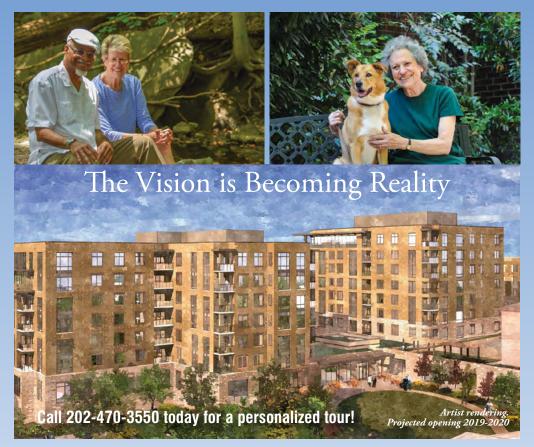
New York City in the mid-1980s.

CAST (in alphabetical order)

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Union Rep/Corrigan Wiley/Fight Captain	ELLIOTT BALES*
Giuseppe Addesso	NICHOLAS BAROUDI*
Maximilien Cizik	
Kevin Walsh	JABEN EARLY*
Charlene Stewart/Lawyer	
Amy Merkin	SHANARA GABRIELLE*
Thomas Everson, Jr.	EDWARD GERO*
Mark O'Hare/Curt	MICHAEL GLENN*
Devon Atkins/Waiter/Ghost Writer	
Jacqueline Blount	KASHAYNA JOHNSON*
Robert Merkin	
Leo Tresler	
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Judy Chen	
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ELLIOTT BALES (Union Rep/ Corrigan Wiley/Fight Captain) returns to Arena Stage, having appeared previously in Kleptocracy and The Great Society. Elliott works as a theater and film

actor based out of Arlington, VA. Theater credits include Kings (Studio Theater), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Folger Theatre), Occupied Territories and The Wonderful World of Dissocia (Theater Alliance), Harvey (1st Stage), Not Enuf Lifetimes (The Welders), Romeo and Juliet (Unexpected Stage) and White Christmas (Little Theater on the Square). Elliott's film credits include Wireless, The Sultan and the Saint and The Coming Storm, and TV credits include Legends and Lies: Patriots and House of Horrors: Kidnapped. He is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and the National War College. Elliott retired from the U.S. Army after 26 years of service.



NICHOLAS BAROUDI

(Giuseppe Addesso) is making his Arena Stage debut. His most recent stage work was Off-Broadway at Playwrights Horizons. Notable regional

roles include Chris Keller in All My Sons;
Daniel Kaffee in A Few Good Men; Ken
Harrison in Whose Life Is It, Anyway?;
George Gibbs in Our Town; and John
Honeyman in A Walk In The Woods.
Television credits include marked
appearances in CBS's Person of Interest,
ABC's Time After Time and Showtime's
Billions. In 2018 he wrote, produced and
appeared in the film Sins of the Son.
Nicholas can next be seen in the film Love
Thy Keepers, followed by Showtime's limited
series The Loudest Voice in the Room and
the FX limited series Fosse/Verdon.



LISE BRUNEAU (Maximilien Cizik) is pleased to return to Arena Stage after appearing in The Heiress, Watch on the Rhine, Mother Courage and Karen Zacarias' Legacy of Light. Recent credits include

Broadway's The Cherry Orchard (Roundabout) and Sweat for A.C.T. San Francisco. D.C. appearances include Hamlet and Othello (Shakespeare Theatre Company), Broken Glass and Brighton Beach Memoirs (Theater J, Helen Hayes nomination) and This (Round House). For Denver Center, she was Hesione in Heartbreak House (Henry Award). As a director, she's helmed productions for MetroStage, Clarence Brown Theatre, the Riot Grrrls and Taffety Punk. Regionally, she has appeared at Cleveland Playhouse, The Globe, Seattle Repertory, The Wilma, Berkeley Repertory and many Shakespeare festivals. Lise trained at RADA and is proud to be a Taffety Punk.



JABEN EARLY (Kevin Walsh) is a native Washingtonian, previously seen in The Great Society, All the Way and Ruined at Arena Stage. D.C. credits include Father Comes Home from the Wars

(Round House Theatre), Unexplored Interior (Mosaic Theater Company), The Convert (Woolly Mammoth), Julius Caesar (Folger Theatre), F***ing A (Studio Theatre), Native Sun (American Century Theater), Titus Andronicus (Molotov Theatre), Me and The Devil Blues (Flying V) and The Cloak Room (Capital Fringe Festival). Regional credits include Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (Guthrie Theatre). We Are Proud to Present... (Philly Interactive Theatre), Ruined (Marin Theatre Company) and The Death of Bessie Smith (Liberty Free Theatre). JaBen trained at Morehouse College, Sarah Lawrence University and the BADA program at Magdalen College, University of Oxford. He would like to thank his parents and extended family for their endless support.

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AMANDA FORSTROM

(Charlene Stewart/Lawyer) is making her Arena Stage debut. Off-Broadway credits include Julius Caesar and Color Between the Lines (The Irondale Ensemble). D.C-area

credits include Timon of Athens, Sense and Sensibility, Julius Caesar and Twelfth Night (Folger Theatre); Tartuffe (The Shakespeare Theatre Company); Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley (Round House Theatre); and work with Constellation Theatre, Keegan Theatre, 1st Stage, Taffety Punk Theatre Company, Arts On The Horizon and Rorschach Theatre. Regional credits include The Lion in Winter (Cape May Stage) and Hamlet and Cymbeline (The Virginia Shakespeare Festival). Film/TV credits include News Around America (host), Newswatch and Union. www.amandaforstrom.net Instagram: @amanda_forstrom



SHANARA GABRIELLE (Amy Merkin) is very happy to be joining Arena Stage for the first time. Her theater highlights include Romeo and Juliet at Shakespeare Theatre Company; She

Loves Me at The Guthrie Theater; A Christmas Carol at Actor's Theatre of Louisville; Clybourne Park, Comedy of Errors and Macbeth at Repertory Theatre of St. Louis; and Blithe Spirit at Great Lakes Theater. Film and television credits include Chicago Fire, The Enemy Within, House of Cards, Conan, Conviction, Guiding Light, indie films and many commercials. Shanara received her BFA from Webster Conservatory, and is a proud recipient of the Princess Grace Foundation Award and a union member of AEA and SAG-AFTRA. Shanara loves to connect, so find her at www.shanaragabrielle.com. Instagram: @shanaragabrielle



EDWARD GERO (Thomas Everson, Jr.)'s Arena Stage credits include Antonin Scalia in The Originalist, Benjamin Hubbard in The Little Foxes and Mark Rothko in Red. He is a four-time

Helen Hayes Award winner and 16-time nominee. New York credits include The Originalist (59E59). Regional credits include The Originalist (Asolo Repertory, Pasadena Playhouse and Court Theatre, Joseph Jefferson Award nomination), Red and Gloucester in King Lear (Goodman), Nixon's Nixon and Night Alive (Round House), Sweeney Todd (Signature Theatre), Scrooge in A Christmas Carol (Ford's Theatre) and American Buffalo, Shining City and Skylight (Studio Theatre). In 35 seasons with Shakespeare Theatre Company, his over 70 roles include Helen Hayes turns in Henry IV, Richard II and Macbeth. Film/TV credits include House of Cards, TURN: Washington's Spies, Die Hard 2, Striking Distance and narrations for Discovery Channel and PBS. He is a Ten Chimneys 2015 Lunt-Fontanne Fellow and Associate Professor of theater at George Mason University.



MICHAEL GLENN (Mark O'Hare/ Curt) is delighted to return to Arena Stage, having previously appeared in Sovereignty, Baskerville and Good People. Washingtonbased for two decades,

Michael has performed on nearly every area stage. Some favorite past credits include Gem of the Ocean and Small Mouth Sounds at Round House Theatre, Nell Gwynn and Sense & Sensibility (Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Ensemble) at the Folger Theatre, Hothouse and Cat's Cradle with Longacre Lea, School for Lies with the Shakespeare Theatre Company, Clybourne Park at Woolly Mammoth, Brighton Beach Memoirs at Theater J, Robin Hood at Imagination Stage, Lieutenant of Inishmore at Signature Theatre and Marjorie Prime at Olney Theatre Center. Michael's voice also appears on hundreds of western, science fiction, fantasy and pulp audio books with Graphic Audio.

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DYLAN JACKSON (Devon Atkins/Waiter/Ghost Writer) is amped to be making his Arena Stage debut. D.C. credits include Dead Man Walking (WNO/The Kennedy Center) and Suicide.

Incorporated (No Rules Theatre Company). Regionally, he has appeared in Our Town (Arden Theatre Company) and This Is Our Youth (Simpatico Theatre). Dylan earned his BFA from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. Many thanks to my family, Victor, Ryan and Deloitte for the flexibility. Instagram: @dilljax



KASHAYNA JOHNSON

(Jacqueline Blount), Helen Hayes nominee, is thrilled to be making her official Arena Stage debut in this production of Junk. She was recently seen in the world

premiere of Josh Wilder's She A Gem at the John F. Kennedy Center. Other credits include For Colored Girls (Theater Alliance), Milk Like Sugar (Mosaic Theater), Romeo and Juliet (Prince George's Shakespeare Theater Festival), Stick Fly (Port City Playhouse), How We Got On (Forum Theatre) and Dark House (Capital Fringe Festival). Short film credits include Liberty's Hollow and 5 Afternoons. Training: Theatre Lab Honors Conservatory (D.C.); BADA (British American Dramatic Academy) Mid-Summers Program, Oxford University (England). Instagram: @Shayla_vie



THOMAS KEEGAN (Robert Merkin) is delighted to return to Arena, where he last appeared in Watch on the Rhine. Thomas most recently performed in Shakespeare Theatre Company's Free for

All production of Romeo & Juliet and Olney Theatre Center's production of Ayad Akhtar's The Invisible Hand. His additional area credits include Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company's world premieres of Zombie: The American and Women Laughing Alone with Salad; The Glass Menagerie, Death of a Salesman and Jefferson's Garden at Ford's

Theatre; The Body of an American at Theatre J; Fool for Love and Angels in America at Round House Theatre; and Othello and The Taming of the Shrew at The Folger Shakespeare Theatre. Thomas' film and TV credits include VEEP (HBO), Madam Secretary and Elementary (CBS); TURN: Washington's Spies (AMC) and Harriet (Focus Features), due out this year. Twitter & Instagram: @TheThomasKeegan



DAVID ANDREW MACDONALD

(Leo Tresler) last appeared at Arena Stage in 1985 in John Guare's Women and Water. Since then, he appeared on Broadway in Two Shakespearean Actors,

Coram Boy, Mamma Mia!, Rocky and Skylight, and Off-Broadway in A Night and Her Stars and The Green Heart. Additional credits include Tom Stoppard's The Hard Problem at Studio Theatre in 2017, and the National Tour of Stephen Daldry's An Inspector Calls, for which he received a Jeff Award nomination in Chicago. David has worked on classical and contemporary plays across the U.S. and Canada. His film credits include Movement and Location and Tommy Battles the Silver Sea Dragon, for which he was awarded Best Actor at the Toronto International SH&F Film Festival. Television credits include much NYbased primetime television, and a number of the now-dead soap operas, including 10 years as Edmund Winslow on Guiding Light. David is a graduate of the Juilliard School.



JONATHAN DAVID MARTIN

(Israel Peterman) Arena Stage credits include The Heiress. Other credits include War Horse at Lincoln Center Theater (original Broadway cast); Off-

Broadway productions at the National Black Theatre, 59E59 Theaters and Bushwick Starr; regionally at Theater Alliance, Two River Theater, Portland Center Stage, Shakespeare Santa Monica, Seattle Children's Theatre, Empty Space Theatre, NMA Physical Theatre Ensemble and Washington Ensemble Theatre, where he was a founding co-artistic

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director. He is also the co-artistic director of NYC-based Smoke & Mirrors Collaborative whose original works include Olityelwe (59E59 Theaters, UK and South Africa tours), Point of Departure, Head in the Sand, The Alien Nation, #HashtagProject and Tangible Hope Project, a documentary series highlighting community change-makers across America. TV credits include Unforgettable and Believe. Annenberg Fellow for the Arts. MFA: NYU Graduate Acting.



MICHAEL RUSSOTTO (Murray Lefkowitz/Maître d'/Counsel) is delighted to return to Arena Stage, where he last appeared in The Shoplifters and Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. Other Arena credits

include Legacy of Light and On the Jump. Most recently Michael played holdout Juror #3 in the Ford's Theatre production of Twelve Angry Men, and Alex in Heisenberg at Signature Theatre. He is a company member at Woolly Mammoth Theatre, where he has been in many, many productions including A Bright New Boise (Helen Hayes nom.), She Stoops to Comedy (Helen Hayes nom.) and The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity. Other favorite roles include Charley in The Whale at Rep Stage (Helen Hayes nom.) and Lieutenant Caro in Between Riverside and Crazy at Cleveland Play House. Michael also narrates books for the Library of Congress.



NANCY SUN (Judy Chen) is grateful to be making her Arena Stage debut. She first appeared on the D.C. stage in The Hard Problem at Studio Theatre. Off-Broadway, Nancy has

performed in Red Flamboyant (Firebone Theatre), Completeness (Normal Ave) and An Infinite Ache (Access Theater). She has performed regionally in Marginal Loss (Humana Festival, Actors Theatre of Louisville). Nancy's film credits include Going in Style, What Children Do and Bruce!!! Her TV credits include Homeland, Younger, Shades of Blue and The Slap. Nancy is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania and

the Maggie Flanigan Studio. She is currently developing her first feature-length screenplay. Instagram: @thenancysun. www.thenancysun.com



PERRY YOUNG (Raúl Rivera) is so excited to be making his Arena Stage debut! Previous work includes Usnavi in In The Heights (National Tour); Slim in Once Upon A Rhyme

(TheatreWorks); Bernardo in West Side Story; and Lethal Weapon (TV Series). Perry won the Broadway World Award for Best Lead Actor in a Musical for In The Heights and was also recently part of the ABC Discovers Diversity Showcase in New York City. He has also worked extensively with Rafael Casal (Blindspotting) and Daveed Diggs (Hamilton) on the #Bars Hip-Hop Workshop produced by the Public Theatre. A California native, Perry now splits his time between Los Angeles and New York City. Thanks to my family, for everything. Instagram:@perryyoungthang



ELAN ZAFIR (Boris Pronsky) is happy to be putting Junk on Arena Stage. Regional credits include Folger's King John and Way of the World; Ford's Twelve Angry Men and Ragtime (Helen Hayes

Award, Ensemble); Shakespeare Theatre Company's Romeo & Juliet (also Free For All), Othello and Salomé (Helen Hayes Award, Ensemble); Mosaic's Paper Dolls and Vagrant Trilogy; Signature's Tender Napalm; The Welders' Happiness and Other Reasons to Die; Adventure Theatre's JUMANJI; Rep Stage's Venus in Fur; and Capital Fringe's The Unaccompanied Minor and Ben & Lucille. International credits include The Unaccompanied Minor at Edinburgh Fringe. TV and film credits include The Making of the Mob, King of Crimes and House of Cards.

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CREATIVE

AYAD AKHTAR (Playwright) is the author of Junk (Lincoln Center, Broadway: 2018) Kennedy Prize for American Drama), Disgraced (Lincoln Center, Broadway: Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Tony nomination), The Who & The What (Lincoln Center) and The Invisible Hand (Obie Award, Outer Critics Circle John Gassner Award. Olivier and Evening Standard nominations). As a novelist, he is the author of American Dervish (Little, Brown & Co.), published in over 20 languages. In addition, he is the recipient of an Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the 2017 Steinberg Playwriting Award, as well as fellowships from the American Academy in Rome, MacDowell, the Sundance Institute and Yaddo, where he serves as a board director. He is a board trustee at PEN/ America and New York Theatre Workshop.

JACKIE MAXWELL (Director) previously directed Arena Stage's Watch On The Rhine and Good People. Most recently, Jackie directed the World Premiere of Paradise Lost for the Stratford Festival, Innocence Lost for Soulpepper Theatre Co. Toronto and the Canadian Premiere of The Humans for Canadian Stage, Toronto. In 2016 she finished a 14 year tenure as Artistic Director of The Shaw Festival. Favourite productions directed there include Uncle Vanya, Sweeney Todd, The Divine (World Premiere), Come Back Little Sheba, Major Barbara, Ragtime and St Joan. Jackie has worked extensively throughout Canada and the U.S. and was also Artistic Director of Toronto's Factory Theatre for eight years. She has received many awards including two Dora Mavor Moore Awards for Directing, the Order of Ontario and two Honorary Degrees. Upcoming projects include August Osage County for Soulpepper Theatre Co and the World Premiere of Ken Ludwig's Dear Jack, Dear Louise for Arena Stage next season.

MISHA KACHMAN (Set Designer)'s previous designs at Arena include Kleptocracy, Two Trains Running, Smart People and The Originalist. He has also worked at Asolo Rep, Baltimore Center Stage, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Cleveland Playhouse, Court Theatre, Filarmónica de Jalisco, The Kennedy Center, Olney Theatre, Opera Royal Versailles, Pasadena Playhouse, Portland Center Stage, Round House Theatre, Seattle Rep, Signature Theatre, Syracuse Stage, Wilma Theater and Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, among many other theaters in the United States and abroad. Misha is a recipient of The Helen Hayes Award and a company member at Woolly. He is a graduate of the St. Petersburg Theatre Arts Academy and serves as associate professor and head of MFA in Design at University of Maryland. For more information visit www.mishakachman.com

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JUDITH BOWDEN (Costume Designer) has been designing for the theater for the past 25 years. She has designed costumes for Arena Stage productions of Watch on the Rhine, My Fair Lady and The Music Man. Recent set and costume design credits include: London Road and The Other Place (Canadian Stage); Chimerica (Manitoba Theatre Centre and Canadian Stage); The Humans (The Citadel and Canadian Stage); Grand Hotel, St Joan, Sweeney Todd and Peter and the Starcatcher (Shaw Festival, where she has designed for the past 17 seasons) and Paradise Lost and The Changeling (The Stratford Festival). Recent costume design credits include: Sense and Sensibility, Christmas Carol (Manitoba Theatre Centre); and Cabaret (Shaw Festival). Her work has been seen at The National Arts Centre, Theatre Calgary and Pacific Opera Victoria. Her costume design work was part of the exhibit at the Bakhrushin Central Stage Theatre Museum: "Costume at the Turn of the Century 1990-2015."

JASON LYONS (Lighting Designer) Arena Stage: Born For This, Other D.C. credits include Jesus Christ Superstar, Crazy For You, La Cage aux Folles, West Side Story, GirlStar and Cabaret at Signature Theatre. Jason has designed the Broadway productions of Hand to God. On the Town. Bronx Bombers. Let It Be, Bring It On: The Musical, Rock of Ages, The Threepenny Opera, Barefoot in the Park and Good Vibrations. Other recent credits include Clueless The Musical (The New Group); Kings (The Public Theater); Sugar In Our Wounds, Linda, Important Hats of the 20th Century and The Commons of Pensacola (Manhattan Theatre Club); Romy & Michele's High School Reunion (5th Ave); and Familiar, Robin Hood, Red Velvet, Macbeth and Love Labors Lost (The Old Globe). www.jasonlyonsdesign.com

DARRON L WEST (Sound Designer) Arena Stage credits include Healing Wars, The Velocity of Autumn, Intimations For Saxophone, Anna In The Tropics and Crowns. He is a Tony and OBIE Award-winning sound designer whose work for dance and theater has been heard in over 600 productions all

over the United States and internationally in 14 countries. His additional accolades include the Drama Desk, Lortel, Audelco and Princess Grace Foundation Statue Awards.

LEWIS SHAW (Fight Director)'s Arena Stage credits include Kleptocracy, Snow Child, Sovereignty and A Raisin in the Sun. Everyman Theatre credits include Sweat. Noises Off, The Beaux Strategem, Fences, Ruined and Great Expectations, Center Stage credits include A Skull in Connamarra, Bus Stop, Snow Falling on Cedars and Looking Glass Alice. Regional credits include Washington Opera's Don Giovanni. Shaw is a certified teacher with The Society of American Fight Directors and is the owner of Lewis Shaw Fine Dueling Supplies. His stage weapons have been seen in numerous Broadway plays, operas, films and television shows including Head Over Heels, Marvel's Daredevil, Marvel's Iron Fist, Aida and The Scarlet Pimpernel.

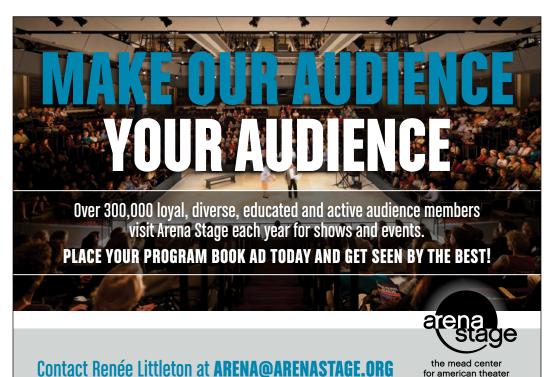
LISA NATHANS (Dialect and Vocal Coach) is thrilled to be coaching for Arena Stage! Other D.C. area credits include Arena Stage's JQA and Anything Goes, Vanity Fair (a co-production with ACT in San Francisco) and various productions with the Kennedy Center Theater for Young Audiences, Signature Theatre, Theater Alliance, Keegan Theatre and MetroStage. Regional credits include Guthrie Theater, The Road Theatre Company, 5th Avenue Theatre and Theatricum Botanicum. TV credits include National Geographic's Elemental: Hydrogen vs. Hindenburg. Private coaching/workshop development available; VASTA member. Teaching (USA and UK) engagements include University of Maryland TDPS (assistant professor: Voice, Speech, and Acting), CalArts, Stella Adler Academy, RADA, Royal Welsh, Royal Central, University of Washington (PATP MFA) and University of Minnesota (Guthrie BFA). Training: Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, MFA (Voice Studies); Boston University, BFA (Acting); Linklater Voice Designation; and Colaianni Speech Practitioner. Break legs all!

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GEOFF JOSSELSON, C.S.A. (New York Casting) is pleased to continue his association with Arena Stage. Broadway and Off-Broadway productions include The Velocity of Autumn starring Estelle Parsons; Southern Comfort; Yank!; Enter Laughing; Pretty Filthy; John and Jen. Himself and Nora: and Altar Bovz. He has also cast productions for Actors Theatre of Louisville, Arizona Theatre Company, Bay Street Theatre, Brooklyn Academy of Music, The Civilians, Cleveland Play House, Bucks County Playhouse, Cape Playhouse, Denver Center, Marriott Theatre, North Shore Music Theatre, Old Globe, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, The Public Theatre and the York Theatre Company. For more information: www.geoffjosselson.com.

CHRISTI B. SPANN (Stage Manager) returns to Arena Stage for her sixth season. Christi spent twelve seasons on the stage management staff at the Denver Center Theatre Company and has also worked with The Great River Shakespeare Festival in Winona, MN; and the Virginia Repertory Theatre in Richmond, VA.

RACHAEL DANIELLE ALBERT (Assistant Stage Manager) is thrilled return to Arena Stage. Credits Include: Native Gardens, A Raisin in the Sun, Watch on the Rhine, Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End and The City of Conversation. Regional credits include: She A Gem and Bright Star (Kennedy Center); Botticelli in the Fire (Woolly Mammoth); The Wolves (Studio Theater); Seize the King, Up Here, Ether Dome and Peer Gynt (La Jolla Playhouse); Rich Girl (The Old Globe); Sylvia and Souvenir (New London Barn Playhouse); and The Last Days of Judas Iscariot (Stage 773). New York credits include: The Roads to Home (Primary Stages); Maize & Blue on Broadway; and The Last Word (NYMF). Founding member: Ubuntu Theater Project (Oakland, CA). MFA: University of California, San Diego. BFA: University of Michigan. Proud AEA member.





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MOLLY SMITH (Artistic Director) has served as Artistic Director since 1998. Her more than 30 directing credits at Arena Stage include Anything Goes, Sovereignty, Carousel, The Originalist, Fiddler on the Roof, Camp David, Mother Courage and Her Children, Oklahoma!, A Moon for the Misbegotten, My Fair Lady, The Great White Hope, The Music Man, Legacy of Light, The Women of Brewster Place, Cabaret, South Pacific, All My Sons and How I Learned to Drive. Her directorial work has also been seen Off-Broadway at 59E59 in New York. Canada's Shaw Festival. The Court Theatre. The Old Globe, Asolo Repertory, Berkeley Repertory, Trinity Repertory, Toronto's Tarragon Theatre, Montreal's Centaur Theatre and Perseverance Theater in Juneau, Alaska, which she founded and ran from 1979-1998. Molly has been a leader in new play development for over 40 years. She is a great believer in first, second and third productions of new work and has championed projects including How I Learned to Drive; Passion Play, a cycle; Next to Normal; and Dear Evan Hansen. She led the re-invention of Arena Stage, focusing on the architecture and creation of the Mead Center for American Theater and positioning Arena Stage as a national center for American artists. During her time with the company, Arena Stage has workshopped more than 100 productions, produced 39 world premieres, staged numerous second and third productions and been an important part of nurturing nine projects that went on to have a life on Broadway. In 2014, Molly made her Broadway debut directing The Velocity of Autumn, following its critically acclaimed run at Arena Stage. She was awarded honorary doctorates from American University and Towson University. In 2018, she was honored as Person of the Year by the National Theatre Conference and inducted into the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame.

EDGAR DOBIE (Executive Producer) Born in Vernon, British Columbia, a village next to the Rocky Mountains (three years after Arena had its first performance in 1950), I am one of five brothers raised by my Dad - Edgar, a mechanic and small businessman - and Mom - Connie, a telephone operator and union organizer. I am the only Dobie to make a career in theater. Luckily for me, drama was an arts elective I was offered at the tender age of 12, so I hung up my hockey skates and joined the drama class, led by teacher Paddy Malcolm and her fledgling Powerhouse Community Theater after school. By the time I graduated from high school, we volunteers had built ourselves a 200-seat fully-equipped theater on its own piece of land in the center of town and found a sell-out audience for the full season of plays we had to offer. That experience taught me so many lessons about the power of theater to foster collaboration and share meaningful stories, as well as the public values that attach themselves to building a safe place where everyone is welcome. All those lessons served me well as a managing leader and producer both sides of the border, and both sides of the commercial and non-profit theater divide. Arriving here at Arena in 2009 makes me feel like I am well-equipped for the best job in the world.

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Richard Davies, Erik Drooker, Jon Foster,	•
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OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES	Costume Director
Senior Director of OperationsMarissa LaRose	Assistant to the Costume DirectorCierra Coan DrapersCarol Ramsdell, Steven Simon
Operations ManagerAlicia Sells	First HandsMichele Macadaeg, Mallory Muffley
Operations Coordinator Jenna Murphy	Master StitcherNoel Borden
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Maintenance TechniciansVincent Gregg,	Costume Fellow
Henry Williams, Keaun Windear PorterLawrence Wise	
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, ,	Martha Knight, Emily Ann Mellon,
PRODUCTION	Christi B. Spann, Hethyr (Red) Verhoef,
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Production ManagerKaren O. Mayhew	*Allen Lee Hughes Fellow
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Technical DirectorNatalie Bell	
Associate Technical DirectorZachary Fullenkamp	
Assistant Technical DirectorTravis Smith	
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Charge Scenic ArtistLi Qiang	
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