

BUCKNELL THEATRE AND DANCE PRESENTS
2024-2025 SEASON

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ONE CHRISTMAS EVE AT EVERGREEN MALL

TUSTIN STUDIO THEATRE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7:30PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2:00PM, 7:30PM

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DIRECTED BY TESSA BRIZHIK '26

STAGE MANAGER.....MAX BIEAR '28
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER.....SHAHERYAR ASGHAR '28
LIGHT DESIGN.....WILL PAUL '28
SOUND DESIGN.....JORDAN ACQUARO '28
PROPS.....MINGLANG DU '28
LIGHTBOARD OPERATOR.....WILL PAUL '28
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR.....JORDAN ACQUARO '28
INTIMACY MENTOR.....DUSTYN MARTINCICH
INTIMACY CHOREOGRAPHER.....ARIEL E. ULRICH '25
SHOW ADVISOR.....MARK "HUTCH" HUTCHINSON
PUBLICITY.....CLEA RAMOS '25, PAIGE GILMARTIN '26, AISLING MCGRATH '26,
JENNAYE POINTER '26, ABBY CAMPION '27, ZOE FLEURY '27

CAST LIST

Aaron Ruohoniemi	Gerald
Abby Spitzmiller	Jenny
Anna Nykanen	Lacey/Ellie
Austin Alvarez	Robert
Charley Miklus	Darla/Joellen
Claudia Stutzman	Linda
Isabella Kowalski	Abbie
Jacob Erdman	Todd/Matthew
Jenna Raiss	Terry
Julia Fiorello	Erin/Molly
Kadence Hsieh	Stephen
Michy Michaud	Sharon
Miles Dust	RJ
Minglang Du	Bell Ringer/Robin
Minh Le	Felicia
Sasha Schectman	Taylor
Shaheryar Asghar	Andy



AUSTIN ALVAREZ

(he/him) is a first-year psychology major and hopes to add a theatre major as well. He is a part of the best, and only, improv club on campus "We Brake For Nobody" and has been in nine productions, three of them being Cinderella! His favorite gift that he's ever received is a gold bracelet given to him by his great grandmother as a graduation present.

SHAHERYAR ASGHAR

(he/him) is a first-year majoring in economics and psychology from Lahore, Pakistan. He has found his place behind the scenes as a playwright, crafting stories that unfold on stage. He's often drawn to any space that lets him express this love for writing. Purple is his favorite color, because it symbolizes life and is vibrant and full.

One of Shah's most cherished gifts is when his parents surprised him with a bouquet on his birthday. For him, flowers are more than just gifts; their scent carries the essence of those who give them, staying with him long after they're gone.

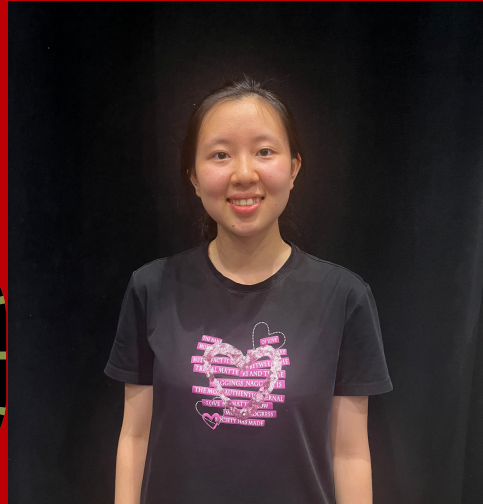


MAX BEAR

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MINGLANG DU

(she/her) is a first-year undecided engineering major. Her favorite color is blue. And she enjoys food from around the world. She has joined the Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers (SASE) and Society of Physics Students (SPS). Her favorite gift she has received for her birthday is a time turner from Harry Potter.



MILES DUST



(he/they) is a first-year creative writing major. He is a member of the Rooke Ringers and enjoys playing D&D. Their favorite prior roles have been Janis in Mean Girls and Cinderella's Prince in Into the Woods, and one of the best gifts he's received is a nice fountain pen.

JACOB ERDMAN

(he/him) is a chemistry major from Shamokin (Pennsylvania). In high school he was a part of 8 shows. Outside of theatre he is a part of the a cappella group Beyond Unison. He's worked at Knoebels amusement park in the funnel cake stand.

Jacob's favorite gift that he's received is a replica of the World Cup ball from the 2022 World Cup.



JULIA FIORELLO



(she/her) is a first-year majoring in theatre and minoring in dance and she is so excited to be a part of the community here! Along with One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall, some of her favorite shows have been The Prom, Clue, and A Midsummer Night's Dream. She is also part of the Bucknell Dance Company this semester! Her favorite gift that she's ever received is a book signed by all her teachers from preschool to senior year.

KADENCE HSIEH

(they/them) is here from beautiful Pomona, California. Their favorite previous roles include Mrs. Whatsit in A Wrinkle in Time, and Dogberry in Much Ado About Nothing. Once, they went to Taiwan for Christmas, and their aunt gave them a bowl of peanut soup that Kadence still thinks about.





BELLA KOWALSKI

(she/her) is a first-year philosophy and theatre major! Some of her favorite recent credits include Legally Blonde (Vivienne), You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (Linus), and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Marcy). You can also catch her in Bucknell Voice Lab's production of Speed Dating, Tonight! this March! In addition to performing, she has a passion for writing poetry, and is a published author. Her favorite gift she has received is her best friend's lucky bracelet, given to her before moving into college.

MINH LE

(she/her) her major is chemical engineering from Vietnam. She took an intro to theatre class during high school but this is her first show. She is excited to have an opportunity to explore herself, have fun, and maybe consider taking a minor in theatre. She loves MATCHA and RAMEN NOODLES so much! If engineering doesn't work for her, she wants to be a stand-up comedian. So she hopes that this show will be a chance for her to be funny. Minh's favorite gifts for holidays are food, cute jewelry, and cute stuffed animals (she loves bunnies).



MICHY MICHAUD

(they/them) is a first-year music education major whose favorite candy is REESE'S Peanut Butter Cups. Michy has been involved in shows in high school such as Much Ado About Nothing, Deadwood Dick or a Game of Gold, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, and Pippin. Their favorite gift they've ever received was a pair of headphones from their brother before they left for college. They're excited to be a part of the show!

CHARLEY MIKLUS

(she/they) is a first-year psychology major from outside Boston. They are a member of GSA and the acapella group Two Past Midnight, and can't wait to be involved in more theater at Bucknell! Her favorite gift she's received is spontaneous tickets to see their first Broadway show, Matilda, that she got to see with one of her best friends.





ANNA NYKANEN

(she/her) is a first-year student majoring in international relations on the pre-law track. She has been acting since middle school but is so excited to participate in her first of many Bucknell productions! Outside of theatre, Anna is a member of the pre-law society, DiscipleMakers Christian Fellowship (DCF), and Bucknell's figure skating club. She enjoys working on research in the political science department and has recently started writing for The Bucknellian—the student-run newspaper on campus. Her favorite gift she's received is a diamond necklace from her grandfather.

JENNA RAISS

(she/her) is a first-year studying political science and theatre. Her favorite gift that she has ever received was a music box after her performance as Belle in Beauty and the Beast. Some of her favorite roles include Rapunzel in Into the Woods, Sally Brown in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, and Ensemble in Fiddler on the Roof. Jenna is a member of the Bucknell Choir, Voice Lab, and Hillel on campus, and she looks forward to being involved in more shows with Bucknell Theatre for the next 4 years!



AARON RUOHONIEMI

(he/him) is a first-year studying markets, innovation, and design. He loves painting and listening to Taylor Swift, and the best gift he's ever received was a surprise going-away party from his high school friends. This will be Aaron's first theatre performance!



SASHA SHECTMAN

(she/her) is a first-year linguistics major and translation studies minor at Bucknell. Sasha's favorite roles include Into the Woods (Little Red Ridinghood), Little Women (Amy March), James and the Giant Peach (Spiker), Urinetown (McQueen), Annie (Grace Farrell), and Peter and the Starcatcher (Captain Slank). In addition to performing, Sasha also loves costume and fashion design, drawing, creative writing, baking, and animal care. Sasha's favorite birthday gift is a pair of upcycled thrifted denim shorts with hand embroidered embellishments from a friend.





ABBY SPITZMILLER

(she/her) is a first-year theatre major. Along with One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall, some of her favorite shows she has been a part of include Into the Woods, Clue, and Mamma Mia!, and can't wait to be a part of more shows at Bucknell! She is also a part of Beyond Unison, one of the a cappella groups on campus. Her favorite gift that she's ever received was an engraved bracelet from her grandmother.

CLAUDIA STUTZMAN

(she/her) is a first-year linguistics major. Her past acting adventures primarily include scare acting at an amusement park for the Halloween season, as well as some productions at her summer camp in northeast Pennsylvania. Her favorite gift she's ever received is a wallet from her host mom in Chile. She looks forward to continuing to perform at Bucknell!



Director's Bio

Tessa Brizhik is a junior psychology and linguistics double major, with minors in Russian and theater, from Poolesville, MD. Throughout her time in Bucknell's Theatre & Dance Department, Tessa has become well-known for always saying "yes" to any role in a production. Primarily an actor (and huge proponent of the understudy position!), her past shows here at Bucknell University include Kodachrome, 2022 (Mystery Novelist), Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde, 2023 (Narrator #1, Shaw, Others), The One Act Play that Goes Wrong, 2023 (Female Swing), and Men On Boats, 2023 (Powell and Others Understudy). A year ago, Tessa began her directing journey with Cocktail Theater's Closing Doors, 2023 and later assistant-directed The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, 2024. Tessa has even tested the stage management waters in the past here at Bucknell, assistant-stage managing Lost Girl, 2022.

Tessa is super grateful to be directing the 2024 First-Year Showcase: One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall! This production explores the wide range of emotions that accompany the holiday season and mirrors the feelings of starting college. She hopes to have fostered a strong, supportive community for the first-year cast and crew, creating a fun, holiday-themed experience for everyone involved. Enjoy the show!

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & DANCE

Catri Barba.....visiting dance technique (fall 2024)
Ashlyn Baruti..visiting theatre history, dramatic literature and performance
Nicole Blodig.....entertainment technology assistant
Katie Hanes.....academic assistant
Heath J. Hansum, co-director of theatre.....lighting and sound design
Carly Holzwarthcostume design and history
Anjalee Deshpande Hutchinson, chair.....acting, directing, devising
Mark Hutchinson, co-director of theatre.....tech, stage management
Gary Grant.....visiting acting (fall 2024), professor emeritus
Kelly Knox, director of dance.....dance technique and theory
Dustyn Martincich.....theatre and dance technique and theory
Sierra Pete.....costume studio manager
Natalie Shoch.....assistant costumer
Bryan M. Vandevender....theatre history, dramatic literature (on sabbatical)
F. Elaine Williamsscenography (on sabbatical fall 2024)
Jarum Xavier.....dance technique and theory

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Theatre and Dance respectfully acknowledges and recognizes our responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land, water and air: the Susquehannock peoples and all of their ancestors and descendants, past, present and future. We live and create our art here within the Bucknell community and we strive to honor those caretakers of this homeland in our presence and work

Taking photographs, and the use of recording devices are strictly prohibited. Please turn off your cell phones and other electronics before the performance begins. Thank you.

Special Thanks to Hutch, Heath, Dustyn, and Ariel for intimacy choreography and mentoring, the Bucknell Outdoor Education & Leadership (OEL) for helping with props, Professor Capaldi from the animal behavior department for helping with props.

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