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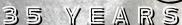
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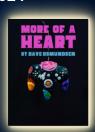
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#### WELCOME FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Greetings BLUEBARNers, and welcome to **SEASON 35!** 

35 years - a tremendous reason to celebrate and to look back over a legacy of intimate and engaging productions. From standards such as "Waiting for Godot" and "Frost/Nixon," to new works like "Red

Summer" and even "Little Nellie's Naughty Noel," the works that the BLUEBARN carefully curates always live within our Missional lane to provoke thought, emotion, action, and change and then come alive on the stage with a clear BLUEBARN fingerprint.

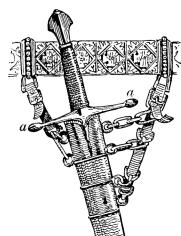
I encourage everyone to hop on the BLUEBARN website some time to review the production history dating back to 1989. Those of us who have been along for the ride for many of these years will experience fond and thrilling memories, and those that are new attendees can get a glimpse into a theatrical legacy that will live on and continue to thrive certainly for another 35 years and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you all at this and the remaining season productions, and hopefully at the BLUEBARN Bash on October 14th!

Sincerely,

Keuri Jay.
Devin Fox, Board President







Powerful ambitions. Crippling guilt. Brutal consequences. William Shakespeare's dark and bloody tragedy is as relevant today as it was 400 years ago. In this World Premiere adaptation by Beth Ann Hopkins, with original music by Elliot Roth, ambition corrupts a noble mind. Macbeth will betray and destroy all he holds dear.

## This performance runs approximately 2 hours with one intermission.

Please silence all cell phones, smart watches, and other noise-making devices.

BLUEBARN season artwork design by Jimmy Nguyen "Macbeth" artwork design by Michelle Zacharia

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#### **PLAY SYNOPSIS**

#### Written by Beth Ann Hopkins, director of MACBETH

Amid thunder and lightning, three weird sisters/witches decide that their next meeting will be with Scottish General Macbeth. As the war concludes, Queen Duncan receives reports from the front that not only have they won, but Generals Macduff and Banquo should be praised for their bravery and fighting prowess. As Macbeth and Banquo travel home, they are approached by the sisters and told that Macbeth will be given two additional titles; Thane of Cawdor and King of Scotland. They also predict that his comrade Banquo will be the father of future kings. The sister's prophecies begin to come true as Macbeth soon receives the title of Thane of Cawdor from Duncan. Upon returning home (and encouraged and assisted by his wife), Macbeth murders Duncan and blames the Queen's guards. Soon thereafter, Macbeth is named king.

Out of paranoia, and unbeknownst to Lady Macbeth, Macbeth hires two men to follow and kill Banquo and Fleance, his child. While Banquo's murder is successful, his child Fleance escapes with her life. Later that night, Banquo's ghost haunts Macbeth's dinner party, seen only by Macbeth. Macbeth is visibly upset and scolds the vision Now all who are present suspect Macbeth's person as more and more rumors are spread throughout Scotland that Macbeth is mad and becoming a tyrant.

Macbeth begins to build an army so as to retain his control and calls on Macduff, the Thane of Fife to join him. When Macduff refuses, Macbeth sends two henchmen to kill Macduff's entire family while Macduff seeks out and joins forces with Duncan's eldest son Malcolm. Macbeth revisits the weird sisters and demands to be given more information about his future.

Civil war erupts to overthrow Macbeth who has fallen further into madness driven by guilt, lack of sleep, and his ever-tightening grip on this kingdom. As Malcolm leads the army forward, all the weird sisters' predictions come true as Macduff arrives at the final battle with nothing to lose.



for full information and the link to purchase tickets, scan this!



# Community Collaboration Screening of <u>Throne of Blood</u> in Partnership with **Film Streams**

Tuesday, September 26th | 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Location: Ruth Sokolof Theater | 1340 Mike Fahey St. Omaha, NE Tickets purchased through Film Streams

#### \$7 Film Streams Member | \$9 Special | \$12 General Admission

Returning to their lord's castle, samurai warriors Washizu and Miki are waylaid by a spirit who predicts their futures. When the first part of the spirit's prophecy comes true, Washizu's scheming wife, Asaji presses him to speed up the rest of the spirit's prophecy by murdering his lord and usurping his place. Director Akira Kurosawa's resetting of William Shakespeare's Macbeth in feudal Japan is one of his most acclaimed films.

Please join us for a screening of Throne of Blood followed by a post-screening panel discussion with Film Streams and BLUEBARN Theater.



#### **Thanes of Fire**

Post-Show BLUEBARN Porchyard Bonfire

in partnership with

Nebraska Poetry Society and the Nebraska Writers Collective

Saturday, September 30th | Following the 7:30 pm show

Join us for a very special evening in partnership with the Nebraska Poetry Society and the Nebraska Writers Collective as they present four original pieces in response to the themes of Macbeth!

Omni Webster, Kazmere Nicholson, Shyla Shehan, and Hannah Johnson



## Saro Cider / BLUEBARN Theatre

#### Shakespeare Trivia Night: To Trivia or Not to Trivia?

Wednesday, October 4th | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Location: Saro Cider | 1012 S 10th St, Omaha, NE 68108

Hark! Lend thy ears and open thy hearts, for a night of merry-making awaits at our Shakespeare Trivia Night! "All the world's a stage," and on this night our stage (bar) shall be filled with laughter and camaraderie, as we engage in friendly rivalry. From Star-cross lovers to mischievous fairies, we shall venture through the realm of the Bard's timeless tales. Gather your wittiest comrades for the 'game is afoot', and only the sharpest minds shall emerge victorious. So 'come what come may,' 'speak what we feel, not what we ought to say', and embark on a night of merriment!

(groups of 4 individuals per team)

\*1st Place team: 2 single tickets for Macbeth & 1 \$50 gift card to SARO Cider 2nd Place team: Surprise Prize



#### "From Spark to Stage"

#### in conversation with Beth Ann Hopkins and Jill Anderson

Friday, October 20th | Following the 7:30 pm show

Join our Director, Beth Ann Hopkins, and Costume Designer, Jill Anderson, for an inside glimpse into the creative process and the visual inspiration that brought Macbeth to life!



## "ENTANGLED" Macbeth Art Exhibition

Art in the Blue I BLUEBARN Mammel Lobby I Curated by Jared Spence

#### **ARTISTS**

#### Joe Addison I Shawnequa Linder I David Manzanares I Adam Roberts I Mark Sabaliauskas I Jared Spence I Weston Thomson

Entangled draws its inspiration from Shakespeare's tragic masterpiece, Macbeth. This captivating exhibition delves deep into the intricately dark realms of a tormented psyche, entwined by overwhelming guilt and paranoia. Through its art, Entangled explores the exquisitely brutal essence of a mind ensnared in its own web of emotions and consequences.

#### Opening Reception of "Entangled" Sunday, September 24th, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Join us for a pre-show Q&A led by Jared Spence and featured artists who offer a wealth of united and varied experiences through their work.

Sun, Oct 1st w/ David Manzanares | 1:30 pm, before the 2:00 pm show Sat, Oct 7th w/ Mark Sabaliauskas | 7:00 pm, before the 7:30 pm show

The "Entangled" exhibit is on display to the public 45 minutes prior to show, M-F during Box Office Hours, 10 am-4 pm.

All art proceeds will go directly to the participating local artists

For full Engagement Info visit bluebarn.org/engagement

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The BLUEBARN Theatre stands in honor of the first inhabitants and our ancestors. We acknowledge the land on which The BLUEBARN stands — the unceded territory of the Umonhon ('um AHhah") and ochethi Sakoiwic, We acknowledge the painful history of genocide and forced removal from this territory. We honor the generations of stewards, and we pay our respects to the many diverse Indigenous peoples still connected to this land

Visit native-land.ca to discover the native land on which you reside or currently find yourself.

#### ANTI-RACISM | ANTI-OPPRESSION ETHOS

BLUEBARN Theatre owns that systemic racism is real, always at play, and intersects with multiple systems of oppression and that all must be fought against wherever and however they show up - in our community, in our theater, in ourselves.

#### ANTI-HARASSMENT & INCLUSION

BLUEBARN Theatre is committed to fostering a culture of civility, dignity, and respect as a right and responsibility of all who walk through its doors. Employees, guest artists, volunteers, and patrons are entitled to and responsible for maintaining an environment of mutual trust - free from intimidation, exploitation, harassment, and discrimination. Offensive, abusive, or unwelcome verbal or physical conduct will not be tolerated. Adhering to this standard is vital to the BLUEBARN's mission.

#### DIVERSE AUDIENCE PRACTICES PRINCIPLE

Hospitality has always been one of the BLUEBARN's core values. Welcoming you to this space is our great joy. You are invited to bring your full self to the experience. Audible reactions and responses are absolutely welcome. For some people, this is church, for some a meditative space, for others an escape, and we invite you to respect the ways that others engage in the experience based on their individual or cultural practices. By gathering at the BLUEBARN, you have committed to a shared experience in community with others, free from etiquette shaming, microaggressions, and entitled behavior.



#### **ACCESS**

BLUEBARN Theatre is committed to ensuring that our boundary-breaking theatre is accessible to everyone. We are committed to easing cost barriers for young professionals and students. We are committed to providing low-cost, last-minute opportunities for anyone to see a show. We are committed to recognizing those who give the most in service to our community.

#### **BLUCrew - Young Patron Development Program**

Anyone 35 or under is eligible. Members receive rush pricing for most Sunday and Thursday shows throughout the season with no upfront cost. Contact Sydney at <a href="mailto:sreadman@bluebarn.org">sreadman@bluebarn.org</a> to join BLUCrew.

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Sometimes you need a break. It doesn't matter why. For pay-what-you-wish tickets to any show, contact Sydney at **sreadman@bluebarn.org**.



#### **Assisted Listening Devices**

These are available at the box office for mainstage productions. BLUEBARN also utilizes Listen Everywhere, a smartphone application that allows you to stream audio directly to your own headphones and Bluetooth-compatible hearing aids. See our box office staff for assistance or scan the QR code provided.



An **American Sign Language** interpreted performance is offered for Macbeth on **Friday, Sept. 29**, generously supported by the Nebraska Arts Council.

An **Audio Description Service** is provided through Outlook Nebraska upon request. Audio-described performances fall on the 3rd Thursday of each run when requested.

**Sensory Kits** are available at the box office and the lobby is always available as a respite from the performance environment. Sensory Kits provided by **Autism Action Partnership**.

To request these or additional accommodations, or for more information, Please call **(402) 345-1576** or email Sydney at **sreadman@bluebarn.org**.

#### **CAST**

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Macbeth	Ryan Kathman
Lady Macbeth	Jill Anderson
Banquo	Jimmy Nguyen
Daughter/2nd Apparition	
Duncan/Porter/Hecate	Moira Mangiameli
Malcolm/2nd Murderer	Christian Negron
Lennox	Shane Staiger
Ross	Brandon Williams
Macduff	George Dippold
Weird Sister/Lady Macduff	Alissa Hanish
Weird Sister	Zoella Sneed
Weird Sister	Lilly Weak

#### **PRODUCTION CREATIVES**

Director	Beth Ann Hopkins
Composer/Music Director	
Assistant Director	
Fight ChoreographyKevin Barra	att/Murphy Scott Wulfgar
Table Work <b>Jo</b>	
Stage Manager	Madelyn Hubbard
Scenic Designer	
Production Manager & Props Design	Amy Reiner
Lighting Design	aya Pacana-Bredenkamp
Costume Design	Jill Anderson
Asst. Costume Designer/Draper	Katherine Neary
Leathersmith/Fabricator	Steve Morrison
Costume Coordinator	Kerri Drake
Creation of Lady Macbeth's rope robe	René Johnson Harper
Braiding/Hair Design	Jonathan Hickerson
Makeup Design	Abz Cameron
Scenic Artist	Craig Lee
Sound Board Operator	Mindy Cotner
Master Carpenter	
Master Electrician	Sally Grosenbach
Art Curator, Mammel Lobby	Jared Spence

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**NNPN** is an alliance of professional theatres across the country who are evolving and exploring the frontiers of the American theatre. **BLUEBARN** has long been Omaha's home for professional contemporary theatre, bringing diverse perspectives, new voices, and provocative work to our community. The **National New Play Network** has become the most powerful, growing force in new play development, production, and promotion in the nation.

**BLUEBARN** is committed to seeking out collaborative relationships with other NNPN member theatres, producing and supporting the work of the most dynamic emerging voices in contemporary playwriting, and promoting local artists on a platform with national reach.

To support New Play Development at the **BLUEBARN**, contact Susan at **sclement@bluebarn.org**. To learn more about **NNPN** and its programs, visit **NNPN.org**.

#### **CAST BIOS**



Jill Anderson - Lady Macbeth & Costume Designer Jill Anderson, an Omaha native, has had a long career in the arts working primarily as a singer, actor, director and educator. Her performance career has spanned the United States with theatre and concert appearances in venues as varied as the Library of Congress in Washington DC to an abandoned train station in Omaha, Nebraska. Besides professional theatre, concert and cabaret work, Jill has acted as Artistic Director for the Joslyn Castle Literary Festival, recorded four CDs of Irish folk music, and created theatre projects for people with developmental disabilities. Jill has had the pleasure of performing the role of Mrs. Lovett in Sweeney Todd at Barter Theatre in Virginia and at Lawrence Arts Center in Kansas.



# Maggie Conway - she/her - Daughter/2nd Apparition

Maggie Conway is a 6th grader at Loveland Elementary School. She has performed in school productions as Miss Hannigan in Annie and Chip in Beauty and the Beast. This is her first professional production and she is excited to be joining the BLUEBARN Theatre. Maggie has enjoyed several theater camps with Nebraska Shakespeare, The Rose, and Little Warrior Theatre Camp as well as private acting lessons. She plays piano and enjoys art.



#### George Dippold - he/him - Macduff

George Dippold is thrilled to work with BLUEBARN for the first time. Originally from Virginia, and a James Madison University alum, he served as a Resident Actor with Charleston Stage, toured nationally for three years with Virginia Repertory Theatre, and performed for three summers in the Scioto Society's outdoor historical drama and Shakespeare seasons. Onstage credits: Alonso, The Tempest & Sir Toby, Twelfth Night (Old School Shakespeare Omaha); FBI Agent, Without A Formal Declaration of War & Cord Brechman & Others. Dharma (Great Plains Theatre Commons); 2nd Headmaster & A Very Tall Man, Puffs... (Creighton University); Krampus, Christmas Spirit (Brigit St. Brigit Theater); Harridan, The Witches Project (Firehouse Theatre); Chris, All My Sons (Swift Creek Mill Theatre). Film: Captain Spectacular, People Don't Die in the Comics Anymore. Much love and gratitude to his near and far family-and especially his partner, Addie; pup, Finn; cats, Ginsburg & Boiyanka; and chickens, Hennifer, Olivia, Hendela & Hennedy. @geedipp on Instagram



#### Alissa Hanish - she/her - Weird Sister/Lady Macduff

Alissa Hanish (She/Her) is over the moon to be back at the BLUEBARN after last appearing as Ami in Before After as part of their 2021 Bonfire Series. Some of her favorite Omaha credits include Viola in Shakespeare in Love and Nina in Stupid F\*cking Bird, both at the Omaha Community Playhouse. By day, Alissa is a Preschool Resource Teacher with Westside Community Schools and the Lead Teaching Artist for Disney Musicals in Schools with Omaha Performing Arts. She holds a BFA in Acting from The Theatre School at DePaul University in Chicago. In her free time, Alissa likes to go on adventures with her husband and twin girls, read fantasy novels, and prepare year-round for Halloween.



#### Ryan Kathman - he/him - Macbeth

Ryan Kathman is an actor, director, fight director, playwright and educator who has worked on stage and screen, primarily in Nebraska, Tennessee, Minnesota and Kansas. After the privilege of playing Kent in the BLUEBARN's production of King Lear last year, he is beyond grateful for this singular opportunity. Other favorite Shakespeare roles include Romeo, Malvolio, Antipholus of Syracuse, Edgar, half of the roles in Twelfth Night in his recent two-person adaptation (titled What Two Will) and all of the roles in his solo Hamlet adaptation. One-Ham Manlet. He is a member of the Stage Directors & Choreographers Society, the Society of American Fight Directors, and a former member of the Actors Equity Association. Ryan is an assistant professor of Acting/Directing at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, where he lives with his "noble partner" Jenny, and the "undaunted mettle" of Gracie and George. Thank you for supporting live theatre! www.onehammanlet.com



#### Moira Mangiameli - she/her -Duncan/Porter/Hecate

Moira is thrilled to be back at the BLUEBARN again, with the additional bonus of working on her beloved Shakespeare with friends and family. Moira has been an active member of the Omaha theatre scene for over 35 years as a performer, director and educator. Most recently she directed Ryan Kathman and Delaney Jackson in Ryan's 2-person adaptation of Twelfth Night at Benson Theatre. Her Blue Barn credits include Escaped Alone, The Woodsman, Our Town and The Goat. Moira works at Ollie Webb, Inc. Her biggest accomplishments are her 3 sons and 2 grandchildren. She'd like to thank Mark, her husband of 38 years for, well... everything.



#### Jimmy Nguyen - he/him - Banquo

limmy is a Vietnamese-American actor and has worked at various theatre institutions across the country including The Kennedy Center in D.C., Hope Repertory Theatre in MI, Illinois Shakespeare Festival, and a world premiere of a new Asian-American musical called Gold Mountain at the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Recently, he took over the roles as the immediate replacement for Demetrius in A Midsummer's Night Dream and Benvolio in Romeo & Juliet during the last month of performances at the Utah Shakespeare Festival in August 2023. His identity as an Asian-American guides his practice and how he approaches his craft. As a kid, he saw Asian-Americans in the media repeatedly portrayed as bullied nerds, gas station clerks, laundromat workers, cab drivers, etc. He decided he wanted to change that narrative. Through his work, he continues to challenge what it means to be an Asian-American actor. jimmynguyenactor.com



#### Christian Negron - he/they - Malcolm/2nd Murderer

Christian Negron is excited to be making his BLUEBARN debut! He is an actor, writer, Haim enthusiast, and a lifelong New Yorker. He studied at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and the Stella Adler Studio of Acting. He was last seen in Omaha last summer with Nebraska Shakespeare as Ariel in The Tempest and in Othello. His stage credits in New York include: the premiere production of Erastes (Fresh Fruit Festival at The Wild Project), Measure For Measure (Smith Street Stage), and Killing The Baby Seals (Interrobang Festival at The Brick). He would like to thank his family and friends for their continued love and support. @chrisanegron



#### Zoella Sneed - she/her - Weird Sister

Zoella Sneed received her duel B.A in Theatre Performance & Theatre for Youth and Communities from the University of Northern Iowa. Since her recent move to Omaha in 2021, she has been featured in roles such as "Ella" in Cinderella and "Elephant" in the World Premiere of Giraffes Can't Dance: The Musical with The Rose Theater, as well as various projects with Great Plains Theatre Commons and The Union for Contemporary Art. When she isn't onstage as an actor herself, she's in a classroom introducing the joy and magic of theatre to the young artists of Omaha.



#### Shane Staiger - Lennox

Shane has been acting on stage since he was 10. His most recent appearance on stage was as Tadgh McCabe in The Field by John B. Keane at the Brigit Saint Brigit Theater. He has performed at the Omaha Community Playhouse, BLT, Circle, and Shelterbelt/SNAP theatres. His other BLUEBARN credits include: King Lear, Talk Radio, Silent Night of the Lambs, Who Killed Santa, Edward II, Vieux Carre, Cruelties, Poseidon an Upsidedown Musical, and Toxic Avenger the Musical. He has also done radio/TV ads, print work (modeling), and has appeared in a few smaller film projects. He has a BSAD from Metropolitan Community College in Accounting. Shane is honored to have you here tonight to see this production and to have the privilege of working with such an amazing collection of talented artists and actors. He hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Lilly Weak - she/her - Weird Sister

Lilly Weak is an Omaha native who recently received her B.F.A in Drama from New York University with double minors in Entertainment Business and Producing. While in New York, she participated in multiple seasons of studentproduced play festivals, made her Off-Off-Broadway debut at The Tank Theater in "Pink Morph Suits" and toured as Iris in "The Up Above" through New York City Public Schools. During Lilly's Junior year, she was selected to attend the International Theatre Workshop in Amsterdam, NL, where she was exposed to groundbreaking new devising techniques and lifelong mentorships. Lilly is currently in postproduction on a short film she wrote and directed in partnership with Lighthouse Ladies Productions, a female-led producing collective whom she is proud to call her friends. She sends her love to her family and friends who have helped support her in her performing career. @mybravado



#### Brandon Williams - he/him - Ross

Brandon Williams was previously on stage here at BLUEBARN in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. He previously taught physical education for two years at Nelson Mandela Elementary School. He's been a golf instructor for 13 years, working with kids as young as 6 to 17 years old. He's been involved with several productions, notably at the Omaha Community Playhouse: *Stick Fly, A Raisin in the Sun, Sweat,* and was recently in *Fences* at OCP. His goal is to make a career in film. 'It always seems impossible until it's done.' – Nelson Mandela

#### **CREATIVE BIOS**



#### Beth Ann Hopkins - she/her - Director

Beth Ann Hopkins is the co-founder of Smith Street Stage (SSS), a Brooklyn based theater company that specializes in Shakespeare's work. At SSS she has produced, directed and acted in shows since its inception in 2010. She created and directed adaptations of King Lear, A Christmas Carol, An Enemy of the People, and Measure for Measure with SSS. She also directed The Tempest for their award-winning Shakespeare in Carroll Park series. Outside of SSS, Beth Ann has directed for the Stella Adler Studio of Acting/NYU & Day Conservatory. While this will be Beth Ann's Director debut at BLUEBARN, this is not her first time working in Omaha. She performed last summer in Nebraska Shakespeare's farewell performance of The Tempest, playing the role of Caliban. Next up, her company, Smith Street Stage, will be premiering a documentary film project entitled Hamlet Rehearsed in December of 2023. www.BethAnnHopkins.com



#### Isa Gott - she/they - Assistant Director

Isa Got is a talented singer, actress, dancer, and performing artist and is thrilled to be making her assistant direction debut at the BLUEBARN! Isa is a third-year vocal performance music major and theater minor. Recent productions include Mimi Marquez in Rent (Omaha Community Playhouse) Cinderella in Into the Woods (UNO Theater), and Fernanda in Perdido en mi Cabeza (BLUEBARN). Isa would like to thank her production team, friends, and most importantly her family for their constant support and love.



#### Elliot Roth he-him - Composer/Music Director

Elliot Roth is a NYC based singer/pianist/actor, composer and instructor. Hailed by the New York Times for his "silky smooth voice". Broadway, "Our Sinatra\*, Off-Broadway "A Christmas Carol" (Smith Street Stage). He is thrilled to have worked with Beth Ann Hopkins via Smith Street Stage as composer/music director for other past productions in NYC. He has appeared in Downbeat Magazine as one of the NYC's "Top 20 Performers to Watch" and has headlined at such legendary venues as The Apollo Theater (NYC), The Lyric (Los Angeles) and David Geffen Hall/Lincoln Center. He currently serves on the voice faculty at Marymount Manhattan College's Theatre Arts Department and is the musical director of summer intensives at Two River Theater in Red Bank, NJ.



#### Kevin Barratt - Fight Choreographer

Over the last thirty years, Kevin has worked extensively in the area as an actor, director, and fight choreographer. His most recent stage appearance was Dance Teacher Pat in BLUEBARN's *Dance Nation*. He also played Thady "Bull" McCabe in the Brigit St. Brigit production of The Field. He has appeared in previous BLUEBARN productions as Scrooge in Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol and Jerry Goss in Bug. He has acted in most local venues including the Omaha Community Playhouse, SNAP, The Rose Theatre, and the Circle Theatre. He has staged fights at the OCP, Opera Omaha, BLUEBARN, Rose Theatre and many other college and high school productions. He is a master artist with the Nebraska Arts Council's Artists-In-Schools Program and a retired Omaha Public Schools educator.



#### Jonathan Michael Hopkins - he/him - Table Work

Jonathan Michael Hopkins is an actor and director who lives in Brooklyn, New York who is thrilled to be working at BLUEBARN for the first time. He is the co-founder and Artistic Director of the award winning theater company Smith Street Stage, an actor led company that focuses on finding modern relevance in Shakespeare's plays. Jonathan has acted Off-Broadway for Project: Theater, the Pearl, SoHo Rep and Smith Street Stage, regionally in Virginia, New York, New Jersey and Tennessee. He was faculty at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting for ten years, and has an MA with Distinction in Shakespeare & Theater from the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford-upon-Avon. https://jonathanmhopkins.com



#### Martin Marchitto - he/him - Scenic Designer

Martin Scott Marchitto Is excited to be returning to the BLUEBARN for it's 35th season! His previous set designs include: Reefer Madness, In the Next Room, or the Vibrator Play, Hir and manyn Many More! Martin is an award-winning designer whose notable credits include; Off Broadway Mack the Knife, the Life and Times of Bobby Darrin: The Theatre at Saint Peters, Lightnin Out: The Judith Anderson. Regional credits include Sweeney Todd: Opera Omaha, Associate Designer for Big River and The Foreigner: Utah Shakespeare Festival, My Three Angels, Broadway, The Last of the Red Hot Lovers: Studio Summer Theatre, Riggaletto, The Tenderland: Opera North, Elixir of Love: Illinois Opera, Shooting Starts, The Pirates of Penzance: Illinois Repertory Theatre. He is a regular set designer for the Ivoryton Playhouse and Curtain Call Theatre in CT.



#### Maya Pacana-Bredenkamp - Lighting Designer

Maya returned to her native Omaha in 2012. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Technical Theatre from the University of Nebraska-Kearney, an internship as an Assistant Lighting Designer at American Repertory Theater at Harvard University, and Masters of Fine Arts in Theatrical Design from Northwestern University. Her career began at Walt Disney World-Epcot as a lighting designer, and an Event Technical Specialist for Walt Disney Entertainment. Next, she was a Systems Project Manager for Barbizon Lighting in Orlando and Chicago. She joined Schuler Shook Theater Consultants as a Theater Specialist, working on new and renovated performance spaces. Maya designed for several Chicago Storefront theater companies. Maya is very excited to return after making her debut at the Bluebarn in November. She would like to thank her family for their support!

#### Katherine Neary - Asst. Costume Designer/Draper

Katherine grew up underneath her mother's sewing table, found herself working at the costume shop in college at Lawrence University, and has continued to enjoy her time around clothing and theater ever since. She managed Ralston Costume, was shop foreman at the Rose, and ran the Hot Tail Honeys Burlesque troupe. She has been both on stage and behind the scenes at the BLUEBARN since 1998.

#### Madelyn Hubbard - she/her - Stage Manager

Madelyn is an arts manager and theatre professional in Omaha, Nebraska, where she was born and raised. Madelyntruly loves the arts. Being a part of the process from the first design meeting to taking down the last piece at strike is what drives her every day to become a better professional. @lilmisshubbard

#### Craig Lee - he/him - Scenic Artist

Mr. Lee has lived in the Midtown area of Omaha since 1985. His work has appeared on virtually every local live theatre stage since then, as well as in movies, television, and publications. He has worked with the finest designers in the area on countless shows and has painted indoor and outdoor murals all over Omaha. At his studio he has completed commissioned paintings, drawings, and production designs. He has taught scenic painting and worked with students on many university productions. He has proudly supported and collaborated with BLUEBARN Theatre for much of its existence and is extremely fortunate to call the talented, passionate professionals who work here some of his very best friends.

#### Mindy Cotner - Sound Board Operator

Mindy has been involved in Omaha-area theater since age 11, first appearing onstage as Lullaby League #2 in a production of *The Wizard of Oz*. After earning a B.F.A from the University of Nebraska Omaha Writer's Workshop, she came to roost in technical theater and discovered the joys of working on the "dark side." Favorite productions in her 18 seasons with BLUEBARN include *The 39 Steps, Spring Awakening, and Every Brilliant Thing.* She has also worked on several productions with the Ollie Webb Center's Art of Imagination, appearing onstage as the Banshee and Selkie Queen in *Fear Liath*, and running follow spot for *The White Gander* and *Morozko*.

#### RESIDENT CREATIVE BIOS

#### Susan Clement - She/Her - Producing Artistic Director

Susan has served as BLUEBARN's Producing Artistic Director since 2002. She has directed numerous productions at the BLUEBARN, beginning with *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me* in 1993. OEAA Awards – Best Director: *Red Summer* (2020), *Indecent* (2019) *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* (2018), *Our Town* (2015), *39 Steps* (2013), *Spring Awakening* (2012), *Seascape* (2008); Best Play – *Our Town* (2015), *Red* (2013), *The Pillowman* (2006). As director of the BLUEBARN, Susan alongside Shannon Walenta (Managing Director at the time) spearheaded the capital campaign that enabled the BLUEBARN to build its own standalone theater, and saw the dream fulfilled when BLUEBARN moved into its new home at 10th and Pacific in 2015. Susan holds a B.F.A in Theatre/Film from the State University of New York at Purchase Conservatory.

#### Amy Reiner - She/Her - Director of Production & Props Designer

Amy joined the BLUEBARN in 2012 as Production Manager and Properties Master. Amy went to college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she received a B.F.A in technical theatre with an emphasis on Scenic and Lighting Design. After leaving Lincoln, she spent three years freelancing in Los Angeles in the fields of film and television. Returning to her hometown of Omaha in 2000, she worked as Properties Master for 12 years at The Omaha Community Playhouse where some of her favorite shows were *Violet*, *The Battle of Shallowford* and *The Fantasticks*. Some of Amy's favorite BLUEBARN shows include *Red*, *American Buffalo*, *the 39 Steps*, *and A Very Die Hard Christmas!*. In her free time Amy enjoys volunteering at a few places including HETRA, a Gretna based equine therapy program. She especially loves her fur children Ethel, Norman, Pearl and Rose, as well as her goldfish Elmer Fudd and Sylvester.

#### Bill Kirby - He/Him - Technical Director & Sound Designer

Bill joined the BLUEBARN staff as the Resident Creative and Technical Director in 2019, after working as a freelance designer for the two previous seasons. Favorite BLUEBARN productions include *Venus in Fur, Wakey, Wakey, Indecent* (OEA Award for Outstanding Sound Design), and *Red Summer* (OEA Award). Before relocating to Omaha in 2017, Bill spent 10 years as the resident sound designer and head sound engineer at Princeton University's McCarter Theatre Center. Bill's favorite McCarter productions include sound designing the original workshop production of Danai Gurira's *Eclipsed* and serving as the production sound engineer for the world premiere of Christopher Durang's *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, which would go on to win the 2013 Tony Award for best play. Kirby has worked nationally and internationally, including productions at the New York Fringe Festival, LA's Kirk Douglas Theatre, the Wuzhen Grand Theatre in China, and the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis. Bill is a graduate of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Web: kirbysound.live



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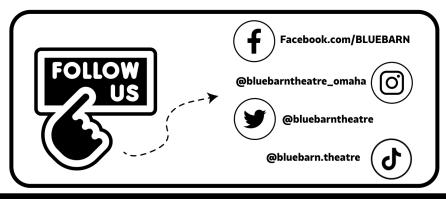
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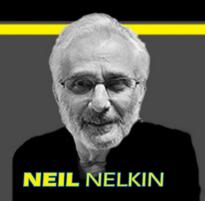
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