

# Theatre West Virginia

## *A Message from the General Manager*

Welcome to Cliffside Amphitheatre in Grandview, part of the New River Gorge National River. This facility was a popular state park for many years until 1990, when ownership was transferred to the National Park Service. Our organization leases the amphitheatre from the Park Service, but unfortunately, our administrative facilities are not located in these beautiful surroundings but nearly twenty miles away in Mabscott, a suburb of Beckley.

Theatre West Virginia has a rich history of achievement over the past forty-four years. There are now more than one hundred producers of outdoor theatre in the United States and we are extremely proud to hold claim to some records in our field.

- \* We produce the nation's oldest Civil War drama, HONEY IN THE ROCK.
- \* We were first to successfully produce two shows in repertory as of 1971.
- \* We were first to add a touring season and become the only outdoor theatre company to operate on a year-round, full-time basis in 1972.
- \* We were first to add a Broadway musical (1984), making three summer shows performed in repertory, a milestone in theatre history, and remain, to date, the only producer in the country doing three summer shows, touring and remaining a full-time, year-round operation.



In the fall of 1998, we began our newest venture -- Theatre West Virginia's Professional Training Academy. Our goal was to offer performing arts training in our community with a fall and spring session, lasting ten weeks each. Our first students enrolled numbered nineteen. Our session just completed in mid-April had seventy-seven students enrolled in classes ranging from "Pre-Acting" for the little folks, to Acting I, II and Advanced, Musical Theatre, Stage Combat, Costuming and Make-Up and more. Students have ranged in age from three years old to, well, let's just say sixty plus.

More than one million visitors have seen our outdoor productions since the opening of HONEY IN THE ROCK in 1961. In our 2004 summer season 25,845 patrons attended, representing forty-eight of the fifty United States and three foreign countries. Our two touring companies traveled across West Virginia and into Virginia entertaining and educating more than 100,000 students of all ages. We employed a total of 143 individuals throughout the year, generating more than \$8 million to our local economy. Our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers work tirelessly throughout the year to prepare for each season and the cast you see on stage tonight began rehearsing this summer's shows May 23. I hope you agree that the hard work was worth the final product.

All of us at TWV fully realize that we would not be in a position to describe these achievements if it weren't for the ongoing support of our local businesses and individuals, state government, foundations and those of you in our audience who come see us do what we love to do. Like all non-profit organizations, our dollars are in short supply and becoming increasingly more so with reductions in funding. Simply put, we're here because you care and, on behalf of our board, management and staff, I'd like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You!" to you all.

As I experience my sixteenth summer here, I must say that this is one of the most demanding and rewarding jobs anyone could have and we all love it! Hopefully, we will provide you with an entertaining piece of West Virginia history tonight and you'll leave feeling good about where you've been.

Please come visit us again and be sure to take in the beautiful sights in the park while you're here!

*Gayle Bowling*  
General Manager

# Marina Hunley

## ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/Director of HONEY IN THE ROCK

Marina is a native West Virginian, Boone Countian and long-time veteran to TWV's stage, having played "Rizzo" in our production of GREASE, "Miss Adelaide" in GUYS AND DOLLS, "Ann" in SHENANDOAH, "The Housewife" in WORKING and "Mary Butcher" and "Nancy McCoy" in HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS, "Aunt Polly" in STONEWALL, OLD BLUE LIGHT and "Marguerite" and "Diana Talbott" in HONEY IN THE ROCK. Having been employed by TWV for seventeen seasons, she has had the opportunity to serve as an actor, director, music director, marketing, sales and casting director, instructor and typesetter for the company. Marina assumed the duties of the Artistic Director for TWV in January of 1995. A 1990 graduate of Marshall University, she interned with Lorimar Telepictures in Studio City, CA where she appeared on TV's FALCON CREST. Other favorite roles include "Dolly" in HELLO DOLLY, "Martha" in THE CHILDREN'S HOUR, "Tzeitel" in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF and "Barbara Kahn" in SOCIAL SECURITY. Marina resides in MacArthur with her two dogs, Bo and Doolittle, her two cats Damar and Rini, and son Morgan will soon join the family in July.

"I hope each of you enjoy the show this evening. Our cast and crew have dedicated twelve to fourteen hours each day, six days per week rehearsing, designing, building, sewing, directing, choreographing, etc. so that we may bring you this evening's entertainment. Please sit back, relax and let this wonderful group of talented individuals entertain and amaze you."



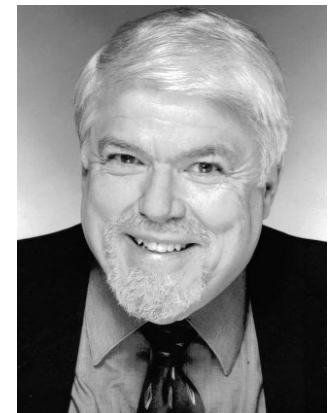
# John Benjamin

## Director of HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS

John is returning to TWV to direct HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS for his eighth non-consecutive season. John's first stint with the outdoor dramas here at Cliffside Amphitheatre was as an actor in 1972, when he played Rand'l McCoy and Whitey Hawkins (HONEY IN THE ROCK). That same year, John founded the winter touring company which performed Shakespeare's THE TAMING OF THE SHREW, WINNIE THE POOH and THE WORLD OF CARL SANDBURG to over 150,000 children and adults in WV. That company joined forces with the Historical Drama Association in 1975 to form Theatre West Virginia and John took over the directing duties for the summer shows as well. He became Producing Director for the operation in 1980 and served in the capacity until 1983 when he moved his family to Tennessee and became Executive Director of the Chattanooga Performing Arts Center. He is currently the Director of Arts Education Programs and Theatre Specialist for the Kentucky Arts Council.

As a performer, John has acted in over 125 productions from New York to regional community theatre and has produced and/or directed that many more. He directed the 12 show mini-series "Handfuls of Ashes" for PBS and has experience as a Technical Director and Stage Manager off Broadway in NY.

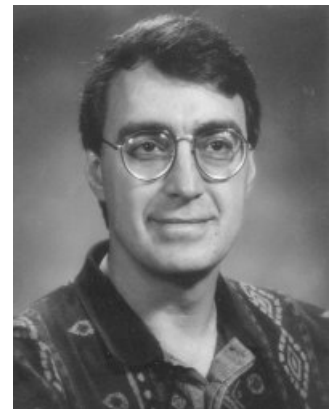
"I hope that many of you will have the opportunity to see all three of our productions so that you can better appreciate the versatility of our talented cast and crew. You'll be glad you did!"



# RICH JAGUNIC

## Director - THE WIZARD OF OZ

Rich is returning to Theatre West Virginia for his tenth season after directing TWV's hit musicals GREASE, THE WIZARD OF OZ, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, THE SOUND OF MUSIC, OKLAHOMA!, ANYTHING GOES, JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT and ANNIE!. He is a graduate of Miami University with a degree in Speech and Theatre. For three years, he directed the Ohio outdoor drama, TRUMPET IN THE LAND. He is also a writer and actor for MR. E, an interactive murder mystery group. He has been the technical director for North Canton Hoover Theatre Productions for four years, technical director and lighting designer at Cleveland's Berea Summer Theatre and the Carousel Dinner Theatre. He has designed lights for the Akron Children's Theatre and for Magical Theatre Co. Rich's costume designs for HELLO DOLLY won top prize from the Ohio Community Theatre Association and his production of SIDE BY SIDE by Sondheim was an OCTA regional qualifier. He has directed productions throughout northeast Ohio and other credits include GUYS AND DOLLS, GREASE, THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES, DEARLY DEPARTED, GREATER TUNA, MY FAIR LADY, BOYS NEXT DOOR and THE DINING ROOM.



## TONETA AKERS-TOLER

### Staff Choreographer

Toneta is Founder of West Virginia's only professional touring dance company in the history of the state. The company recently finished another successful season. Toneta currently serves on both the Education and Program Boards for the Clay Center. She recently was a guest choreographer for James Madison University. She was involved in a pilot project working of THE GLASS MENAGERIE with Greenbrier Valley Theatre with funding from the NEA and the West Virginia Commission for the Arts given by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. This premiere dance presentation through the Challenge America Grant was listed in the Charleston Gazette as "The Best Arts Events in West Virginia in 2002". Toneta also enjoys teaching children at the Pineville Dance School. Her awards include The 2005 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence In The Arts, WV Woman of The Year in the Arts in 1989, the Monticello Scholarship for Choreography from National Association of Regional Ballet, certificate for special achievement from Dance Kinetic Institute in NYC, and three summer certificates from the world-renowned American Dance Festival held at Duke University. Toneta has taught master classes throughout the eastern U.S. and in Brazil for the Federal University at Espirito Santo, Axis Dance Company and Lenora Borges Dance Company. In 1992 she was guest dance artist for The College of WV's Pearl S. Buck Project. Toneta and her husband, Acie, reside in Beckley with their son, Holden Paul.



## SUSAN SAYRE

### Costume Designer / Performer

Susan Sayre, from Beckley, is the owner of Brier Rose Studios, a multifaceted design company in the city's downtown, and is a producing artist for Tamarack. She is returning to Theatre West Virginia for her ninth season. She designed TWV's 1996 through 2005 touring company shows and has been instrumental in the ongoing rental operations of TWV's costume inventory. Susan studied early childhood education, advertising and voice at Concord College and West Virginia University and 19th Century clothing at the Bellemeade Plantation in Nashville, TN. Susan has costumed vintage and Civil War style shows, local theatrical and dance productions, films, as well as commercials throughout the eastern United States. In the late 1970's and early 1980's, she was feature vocalist for FANTASIA and FLEET STREET. Susie is also a recognized actor combatant and a member of the Society of American Fight Directors. She lives in Beckley with her husband Kin and is the proud mother of three children, Grace, Thomas and McKinley.



## JOHN YURICK

### Orchestrator/Arranger/Composer

Mr. Yurick is a professional pianist, composer and musical director. He has performed in France, Brazil and in the U.S., including the Smithsonian Festival and the NBC Today Show. He has enjoyed a long residency at Glade Springs as a solo pianist and with his jazz trio. John has composed, orchestrated and performed many original scores for TWV productions, including pieces for HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS and HONEY IN THE ROCK. His compositions for dance have been featured in a tour of Brazil as Composer-in-Residence for The West Virginia Dance Company and during a year long residency at Mountain State University during their Pearl S. Buck centennial. With his wife, choreographer Barbara Yurick, he created a number of acclaimed works honoring the writer and they were invited to perform at the White House in 1993. Mr. Yurick is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He resides in Beckley with his wife and their three children, Sam, Nick and Alice.



## ROBIN BUNCH-BAILEY

### Music Director

Robin is enjoying her first year as Musical Director at TWV. A life-long resident of Madison WV, Robin earned the Bachelor of Music Education degree from WV Wesleyan College, and a Masters in Music/Theatre, with emphasis on Conducting from Marshall. Currently, Robin serves as a teacher at Madison Middle School and is an adjunct instructor at Southern WV and Technical College. Mrs. Bailey has also taught at Marshall, and Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, OH. Robin has served as musical director and accompanist for Marshall University Theatre, Huntington Outdoor Theatre, The Aracoma Story, Appalachian Community Theatre, Boone Co. STAGE, Huntington Musical Arts Guild, Charleston Light Opera Guild, and Charleston Community Players. Last summer, she worked as Vocal Coach for Theatre West Virginia. Most notable productions include GODSPELL, 1776, SOUND OF MUSIC, THE FANTASTICKS, ANNIE, HELLO DOLLY, OKLAHOMA, GREASE, FIDDLER, 1940'S RADIO HOUR, CHILDREN OF EDEN, BABY, HOW TO SUCCEED..., and LA CAGE AUX FOLLE. As a community leader, Robin volunteers as a member of the Madison-Danville Jaycees, a 4-H Club leader, Director of Music at Madison United Methodist, Outstanding Citizen, several Who's Who editions, and an Outstanding Young West Virginian. In her spare time, Robin enjoys being with husband Kevin, and her mom, 2 dogs, 3 cats, collecting pigs and anything to do with Middle Earth and Star Trek.



## PHILLIP MALE

### Scenic Designer

This is Phil's fourth year with TWV. He is currently working in Washington D.C. Phil received his BA in Theatre from James Madison University, and his MFA in Scene Design from Virginia Commonwealth University. Some of his design work includes YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN for the TWV tour, ANNIE!, THE WEST INDIES, THE EXACT CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE, ART, BAREFOOT IN THE PARK, FENCES, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF and THE FOREIGNER. He would like to thank his family especially Tara Chiusano-Male for all her love and support.



## BERT SCOTT

### LIGHT DESIGNER

Bert's previous designs for TWV include scenery and lighting for THE WIZARD OF OZ (1998 and 2000) and GREASE; scenery for BYE, BYE BIRDIE, ANYTHING GOES, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, THE SOUND OF MUSIC and JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT. Bert is the resident lighting designer for Off-Broadway's Theatre by the Blind and his other credits include The Orlando Repertory, The Orlando Shakespeare Festival, Stages St. Louis, The Mark Twain Playhouse, The Carolina Theatre, The North Carolina Shakespeare Festival and The Opera Company of Philadelphia. Bert holds a BS in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech, an MFA in theatre from UNC - Greensboro and is currently the coordinator of the design and technology program at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.



# PLAYWRIGHTS AND COMPOSERS

## **BILLY EDD WHEELER**

### **Playwright - HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS**

Born and raised in West Virginia, Billy Edd Wheeler went to North Carolina to attend Warren Wilson College, when it was a high school and junior college, later graduated from Berea College and attended graduate school at Yale. His songs have sold over 45 million copies, as recorded by Judy Collins, Kenny Rogers, Johnny Cash, Neil Young and many others, including himself. The songs include JACKSON, THE REV. MR. BLACK, THE COMING OF THE ROADS, ODE TO THE LITTLE BROWN SHACK OUT BACK and COWARD OF THE COUNTY, which was made into a movie.

He has received 12 awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and was recently nominated to the Hall of Fame by the Nashville Songwriters Association International.

He is the author of three major outdoor dramas, including the long-running HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS in West Virginia, YOUNG ABE LINCOLN in Indiana and JOHNNY APPLESEED in Mansfield, OH. His five best-selling humor books include LAUGHTER IN APPALACHIA, now in its 13th printing, with 100,000 copies sold.

The recipient of Distinguished Alumnus Awards from Berea College and Warren Wilson College, he is married to the former Mary Bannerman. They have two children, Lucy and Travis, and live in Swannanoa, NC. Billy Edd's most recent album is titled: SONGS & LEGENDS OF THE OUTER BANKS, containing songs about the Wright Brothers, Blackbeard, the Outer Banks Ponies, and many other North Carolina coastal themes.



## **EWEL CORNETT**

### **Composer - HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS**

Ewel Cornett was the original producer and director of HATFIELDS & MCCOYS and composed the score to the feud drama. He also played the role of John Morgan in HONEY IN THE ROCK and wrote the new score for the Hunter drama in 1969. He was producer of THEATRE WEST VIRGINIA until 1980.

Cornett's career began as an actor, on and off-Broadway, on network television and in national touring companies and resident theatres. In 1964 he founded and produced and directed the first two seasons of the world famous ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE. Cornett was the Executive Director of the West Virginia Arts & Humanities Council for four years and has written 13 musical theatre works, many of which are still playing currently. He was also the producer and director of TRUMPET IN THE LAND, in Ohio, and YOUNG ABE LINCOLN, in Indiana.

Ewel passed away in the summer of 2002 in his hometown of Louisville, KY, where he had continued to write for the theatre. He leaves behind one daughter, Vanessa, who is a doctoral candidate in music (piano) at the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

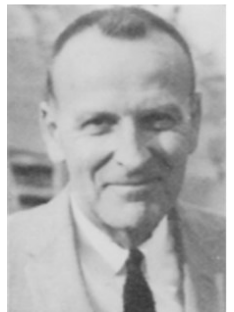


## **KERMIT HUNTER**

### **Playwright - HONEY IN THE ROCK**

Kermit Hunter, Ph.D., was born in southern West Virginia. He received his education at Emory and Henry, Ohio State University and the University of North Carolina. He served as the Dean of the School of The Arts at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas prior to retirement.

He produced twenty historical dramas in his lifetime, which have been seen by more than 4 million people. Hunter also authored UNTO THESE HILLS, BEYOND THE SUNDOWN, and the "University Theatre" section of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Kermit passed away in 2002 at the age of 90. He will be missed.



## **JACK KILPATRICK**

### **Composer - HONEY IN THE ROCK**

Jack Kilpatrick, Ph.D., was born in Stillwell, Oklahoma. His advanced study in music was completed at Redlands University in California. He taught composition at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas until his death in 1967. Kilpatrick published more than 200 separate works, including seven symphonies and two operas. His partnership with Kermit Hunter began in 1948, with their creation of UNTO THESE HILLS. They went on to become one of the most important teams in outdoor drama in the United States.



# artistic staff



## **KYLE THOMAS**

### **Technical Director**

Kyle is a senior at Western Kentucky University, where he is a designer/scene shop foreman. He has worked for such companies as Blue Jacket, New Harmony Theatre, and the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts, serving in every capacity from shop foreman to technical director. He is very excited to be at TWV and looks forward to a great season.



## **RICHARD IRWIN**

### **Assistant Technical Director**

Richard is returning this year as the ATD. In his interim between last and this season he worked on three shows at Theatre VCU where he will be graduating next summer.



## **JENNIFER HENRY**

### **Stage Manager**

Jen is proud to be joining the staff of Theatre West Virginia. Hailing from Muskegon, MI this is her first year with an outdoor theatre company. She is currently attending Northern Michigan University majoring in theatre and hoping to one day make a living in Stage Management. She would like to thank her family, friends, Dave and Tu for all of their loving support.



## **BECKY HELDT**

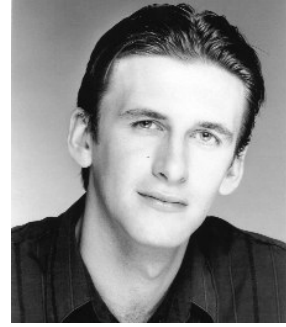
### **Assistant Stage Manager**

This is Becky's first season with Theatre West Virginia. She is very excited to be filling the role of assistant stage manager and to be spending her summer here in Beckley with the company. When not working in summer stocks, she calls Marquette home where she is a theatre Major at Northern Michigan University.

## **WILLIAM RUPERT PRINISKI**

### **Stage Manager/Assistant Director HONEY IN THE ROCK/Performer**

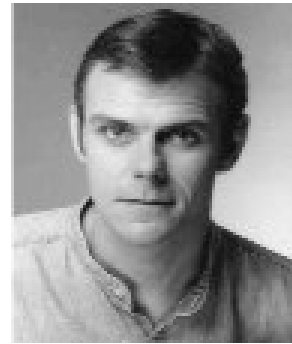
Rupe is glad to once again be spending his summer in West Virginia. After filling in on this stage last year, he is proud to be acting all summer long. A recent graduate of Northern Michigan University, Rupe would like to thank his family and friends for all of their support.



## **CLAY DANIEL**

### **Dance Captain/Performer**

A native of Southport, NC, Clay has performed with Dance Central, TWV, The Gamble/Van Dyke Co., Theatre Dance Ensemble, and Tennessee Dance Theatre. Trained by Mary Ann Mee in the Humphrey-Weidman technique and Weidman repertory, Clay is dedicated to the continuation of the Weidman Legacy, and in Fall of 2004 staged excerpts of Weidman's CHRISTMAS ORATORIO in repertory at UNCG. Most recently, he was chosen to perform Mary Wigman's WITCH DANCE staged by Mary Anne Newhall. He will graduate with a MFA in choreography from UNCG in 2006.



## **LEE CROUSE**

### **Fight Choreographer**

Lee, an MFA candidate at the University of Southern Mississippi, returns for his sixth season as fight choreographer, making this his seventh total season with TWV. Other credits include Assistant Fight Director to SAFD Fight Director Scot Mann at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival for their production of Coriolanus. Acting credits include BIG LOVE and COYOTE ON A FENCE USM; HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS, HONEY IN THE ROCK, ANNIE!, JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, SOUND OF MUSIC, GREASE, THE APPLE TREE - TWV; VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE and NOISES OFF! - University of Alabama; The Epic Outdoor Drama BLUEJACKET; and a Bravvo! Productions National Tour. Lee is a member and Recognized Advanced Actor Combatant with the Society of American Fight Directors.



## **PETE PARRISH**

### **Pre-Show Coordinator**

Pete is excited to be returning to Theatre West Virginia for his second summer season. He is a native of Mullens, WV. He attended college at WVU. Pete played the role of "Cookie" in the night club and television show THE CHILI SHACK, which aired on WSMV-TV in Nashville, TN. He gained a great deal of attention after releasing his PTL song. In the mid 1990's Pete returned from Nashville and continues to perform throughout southern West Virginia. No matter whether he is performing old standards, his own compositions or telling his sometimes funny jokes, the one thing that is guaranteed is he will have a good time.



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# performers



## **JAMES ANDERSON**

James E. Anderson is an award winning dancer from Southern MD. While studying modern dance at George Mason University, he became the first recipient of their Friends of Dance Award and performed at the American College Dance Festival. He began his studies in ballet after receiving a scholarship to St. Mary's Ballet School, where he is a resident choreographer and a principal dancer. His choreography has been shown in DC, MD and VA, on pre-professional and professional companies as well as solo projects. This is his first season with Theatre West Virginia.



## **KAREN ATHA**

Karen is from Beckley, WV and very excited to be back for her second season with TWV. She has just graduated from Concord University in Athens, WV, with a BA in Communication Arts with an emphasis in Theatre. Karen feels very blessed to have friends and family that are supportive as she pursues her acting career.



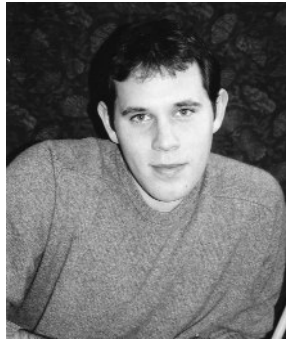
## **FRANCES BORDLEE**

Frances Bordlee is thrilled to be spending the summer with Theatre West Virginia! A recent graduate of Emerson College, Frances is a Lake Charles, Louisiana native. Hugs and Kisses to my family.



## **STEVE BUSH**

Steve returns to Grandview to reprise two of his favorite roles, Devil Anse Hatfield and the Wizard of Oz. Steve looks forward to joining his children on stage, each summer. When not acting, Steve can be found at WOAY-TV lending his voice to commercials and working as an engineer. This past year, Steve worked with the United Methodist Temple, serving as the narrator for their Easter program. He also worked with the drama students at Park Middle School during their production of GUYS AND DOLLS. Both experiences were a highlight of Steve's year.



## **RYAN CAPPS**

Ryan was born in Dallas, TX and raised in Jerome, ID. He graduated from Boise State University with honors with a degree in Theatre Arts Performance. He also worked as an intern at Company of Fools in Hailey, ID. Ryan just completed his role as "Captain Clark" in LEWIS & CLARK with Theatre IV in Richmond Virginia. Some of his favorite roles include "John Buchanan Jr." in SUMMER & SMOKE, "Mickey" in DAMN YANKEES and "Valeiré" in TARTUFFE. He is thrilled and honored to be welcomed into Theatre West Virginia's family.



## **ALISON CLAYTON**

Alison is originally from Durham, NC. She is currently studying Theatre at Greensboro College where she has performed in TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD, THE MUSIC MAN and PRELUDE TO A KISS. She has always loved the stage and is happy to be at Theatre West Virginia this summer.

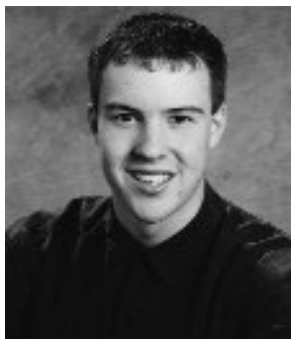


# performers



## ANGELINA DEVENECIE

Angelina is proud to make her debut with Theatre West Virginia. Originally from Warren, OH, she attended James Dance and Performing Arts Center where she's danced for 15 years. Angelina currently attends Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA. Through the Conservatory of Performing Arts, she will receive her Bachelor of Arts Degree with a concentration in Jazz. Angelina would like to thank her Mom and Dad for allowing her to be "the biggest drain on their economy" and her family, friends and teachers for all their love and support.



## TREVOR FANNIN

Trevor is happy to return to the TWV stage for a second season. Last year, Trevor portrayed "Troy Hatfield" in HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS and "Zeb Herkimer" in HONEY IN THE ROCK. Trevor is a senior at Morehead State University and has performed in PIPPIN as "King Charles", THE ELEPHANT MAN as "Ross", and THE THREE PENNY OPERA as "Tiger Brown". Trevor also played "Scrooge" in A CHRISTMAS CAROL at Ashland Community College.



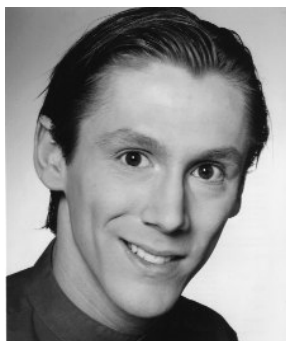
## TODD FLANAGAN

Todd Flanagan is from Texarkana, AK and is a senior Theatre Major at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia. This is his debut performance at Theatre West Virginia. Some of his most memorable roles include: OUR TOWN, SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK LIVE!, BABY WITH THE BATHWATER, and A RAISIN IN THE SUN. He would like to thank his family, friends, Daryl Philly, and Karen and Emily at Kathy's Dance Arts Studio for their support throughout the years. Mom-You're my shooting star!



## WILLIAM C. GELINAS

Will is excited to be back at TWV this summer. You might recall seeing him play "Preacher Anse Hatfield" last summer, other credits include: "Tevye" in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, "Pseudolus" in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM and "Tom" in the world premiere of THE WAITING ROOM. Will would like to thank his family and friends for their support. He is honored to be part of another great summer at TWV!



## CHRIS GOBLES

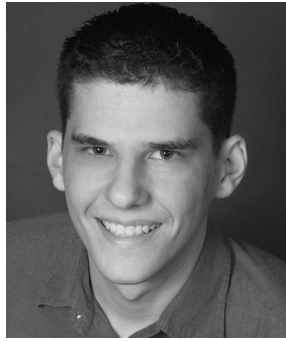
Chris Gobles is pleased to be making his first appearance at TWV. Mr. Gobles has just finished touring with American Family Theatre and is happy to be sleeping in the same bed more than two nights in a row. Favorite roles include "Riff" in WEST SIDE STORY, "Munkustrap" in CATS and "Cliff Bradshaw" in CABARET.



## MATTHEW HUDSON

Matt is a recent graduate of Northern Michigan University's theatre program, and is excited to be making his first appearance at Theatre West Virginia. Some of his favorite performances include "Frank Scanlon" in ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST, "Roy" in THE OPEN MEETING, "Harold" in UNPROGRAMMED, "The Narrator" in INTO THE WOODS, "Verges" in MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING and "Count Gregor" in FOOLS. Matt would like to thank his family and friends for their support, and also would like to send out a very special thank you to his late acting teacher, Carol Kwiatkowski. You will be missed.

# performers



## **JASON HOLLIDAY**

### **Assistant to the Fight Captain**

Jason is excited to be back at TWV for his fifth summer. He has performed with people from all over in theatre and television/film and always enjoys returning to TWV in the summer. His favorite roles include "Arles" in GREATER TUNA, and "Hawkeye" in MASH. He wishes a great summer to the cast and crew and a thank you to his family all over (including his acting family) "Break a leg!"



## **ALLYSON HURLBURT**

Allyson is excited to be with Theatre West Virginia for the first time this summer. She is originally from Greenfield, MA, and will be a senior at MA College of Liberal Arts in the fall as a Fine and Performing Arts major. This is Allyson's second summer working in outdoor theatre. Last summer she worked at HORN IN THE WEST in Boone, NC. Allyson is thrilled to be able to perform all summer and discover new opportunities.



## **LINDSAY IUEN**

When Lindsay is not traveling, she resides in Wichita, Kansas, where she is pursuing a Theatre Performance degree at Wichita State University. Last summer she studied at CAP21 in New York City and is thrilled to be spending her first summer in West Virginia with TWV. She would like to thank her parents, Tiffany and Jason for their love and support and her inspiration Drew Tombrello.



## **JOSHUA M. JANNOTTA**

### **Assistant Musical Director**

Joshua is returning for his fourth non-consecutive summer season with TWV. Some of his past professional credits include "Jack" in INTO THE WOODS, "Joseph" in JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, "The Narrator" in TWV's tour of THE APPLE TREE, "Ferrando" in COSI FAN TUTTE, "Fredrich" in THE SOUND OF MUSIC, "Judas" in JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, and he also originated the role of "Bobby" in the Los Angeles World Premiere of COFFEE SHOP. Joshua is a Voice Performance major at West Virginia University.



## **LAURIE KELLEY**

Laurie M. Kelley is originally from Camden, Arkansas, and is making her debut performance this summer at TWV. Her favorite performances include: THE GLASS MENAGERIE as "Amanda Wingfield"; THE COVER OF LIFE as "Kate" and DADDY'S DYIN', WHO'S GOT THE WILL? as "Mama Whellis". Laurie would like to thank her family, friends, and the amazing professors of Theater at Southern Arkansas University for their never ending support and belief in her - you are all amazing!



## **AMY KING**

Amy King is thrilled to join Theatre West Virginia this summer. She recently graduated from UNC Charlotte with a degree in Music Education and a minor in Theatre. While there, she performed such leading roles as "Frankie Frayne" in ON YOUR TOES and "Polly Peachum" in THE THREE PENNY OPERA. She would like to thank God for his blessings and her friends and family for encouraging her to follow her star and "sing like she used to in the backyard!"

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## CHRIS LEITH

Christopher hails from the upper peninsula of Michigan. This will be his second summer season with Theatre West Virginia. He is a lover of life and theatre. Enjoy the show!



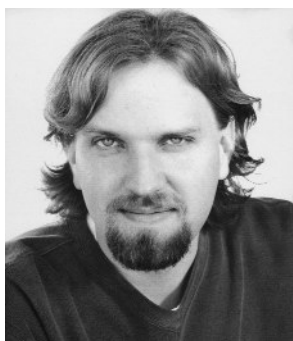
## CANDICE LANE LOONEY

Candice is thrilled to be back for a second summer season at TWV! She comes from Malvern, AR and has received a AA in Music from CBC in Conway, AR, a BM in Vocal Performance from OBU in Arkadelphia, AR and is pursuing a MM degree currently in Texas with an emphasis in Music History. Past roles include "Nellie" in SOUTH PACIFIC, "Dorabella" in COSI FAN TUTTE, "Ilona" in SHE LOVES ME and "Jane McDowell" and "Lucy Lemoyne" in STEPHEN FOSTER: THE MUSICAL.



## CYAN MARONEY

Cyan is very happy to be back for her second season with TWV. A native West Virginian, she attended the Governor's School for the Arts in 2002 and the American Dance Festival in Durham, NC in 2003. She is currently a student at Connecticut College majoring in Dance/Arts Administration. Cyan would like to thank her many dance teachers for starting her down this path.



## CHRIS MCLAUGHLIN

Chris made a true commitment to the theatre in 1996 as a student at the University of Southern Mississippi. Since graduating with a BFA in theatre, Chris has worked with Bridgework Theater, Theatre West Virginia, The Next Stage Theatre, WV Workshops (Tamarack) and in many independent productions. Chris currently serves as Assistant Technical Director at the Hulett C. Smith Theatre, Tamarack and is the Managing Director of the Tree House Arts Ensemble in Beckley, WV.



## SCOTT MILNE

Scott reprises his role as Phamer McCoy and is excited to play Whitey Hawkins "for real," having stepped into the role at the end of last summer. Scott was a road manager for TWV's Marionette Tour of PINOCCHIO this past year. He has also performed locally as "Jesus" in COTTON PATCH GOSPEL for Beckley Presbyterian Church, and as "Jeff" in HIDDEN IN THIS PICTURE and "General Zarko" in CHAD CURTISS, LOST AGAIN for Treehouse Arts Ensemble. He has also done numerous children's theatre tours in both the U.S. and England. Scott dedicates his performances this year to Morgan Hunley.



## CODY MITCHELL

This is Cody's third non-consecutive summer season with Theatre West Virginia. He would like to dedicate his performance to Delbert Cline, Hattie Mitchell, Casey Mitchell, Terri Gilkerson, B.C. Kenney and all his beloved heroes, "May your souls be at peace." "Follow the white rabbit."

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## **SARAH MORGAN**

A native of WV, Sarah is returning to TWV for her second consecutive year. She began her training in Clarksburg, WV. She has appeared with Allegro, an Italian folk dance company. In 1998 she was selected to attend the West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts. In 2000 she attended the International Summer Dance Program at Point Park College. Where she performed at the Pittsburgh Playhouse and was featured in William DeYoung's SLATE. She was also the principal dancer for the Kitchen Sink Dance Company. She recently completed a tour with The West Virginia Dance Company.



## **CHRISTOPHER D. MULLENS**

Christopher thanks the Almighty for the opportunity to spend a third great season with his friends at TWV. Since the last time you saw him on Grandview's stage, Christopher has been playing the role of professor to some of the brightest students in the region, at both Marshall and West Virginia State Universities. He has recently completed his Masters of the Humanities degree from Marshall University (thanks Mom and Dad). Christopher has also begun telling both traditional and original stories to local audiences. This summer is dedicated to all of his friends who have taught him so much about life, TI NA NA NA.



## **ZACH NADOLSKI**

Zach recently earned his BM in Voice Performance with a minor in Theatre from Vanderbilt University. He began performing as a member of the North Star Kids in Pittsburgh, PA and last summer performed the roles of "Perchik" in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF and "Teen Abe" in YOUNG ABE LINCOLN in Indiana. His favorite college roles include "El Gallo" in THE FANTASTICKS, the "Pirate King" in PIRATES OF PENZANCE, "Sam" in TROUBLE IN TAHITI, "Agamemnon" in IPHIGENIA, "Leon Czolgosz" in ASSASSINS, and "Phillip Dorn" in HANDING DOWN THE NAMES.



## **EUGENE ODA**

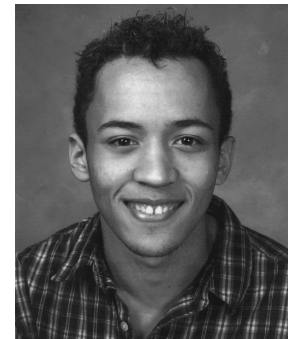
Eugene loves acting and has been in many, many productions. Some of his favorites include: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, MR. SCROOGE, OLIVER, THE NERD, SOUTH PACIFIC, OUR TOWN, ROMEO AND JULIET, PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, and OKLAHOMA. He also sings with the University of Charleston Chorus and with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra. He is excited to be back at TWV. "I would like to thank my wife for her unrelenting support."



## **RICK OLSON**

### **Fight Captain/Performer**

Rick is extremely excited to be back for his third season at TWV reprising his roles as "Harmon Cantrell" and "Tolbert McCoy". He is a graduate of Northern Michigan University ('03) with a degree in Theatre and Broadcasting. Enjoy the show! Truth, Freedom, Beauty...And above all else LOVE!!!



## **AYMEN ROBERTSON**

Aymen is a student at UNC in Greensboro. He is 20 years old and working on a BFA degree in dance. Aymen has performed in many of the dance performances at Greensboro from fall of 2000 till now. His most recent performances were at the Theatre Department at Greensboro in a short opera AMAHL and in John Gamble Dance Theatre production February 2005.

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## **MARGARET LIN RYDER**

Margaret is a native of Philadelphia, PA. Graduating from The University of the Arts in 2004 with a BFA in Dance Education. Recently she taught at The Creative and Performing Arts High School in PA and was the Settlement Music School, Germantown Branch, Kaleidoscope Program Director of Dance and Creative Movement Early Childhood Programs. She held an Internship with the Institute for the Arts in Education Inc. - Philadelphia Public School District. Her performance resume has a wide variety of experiences. Maggie plans to continue this artist venture of life for as long as she can.



## **PAT SMITH**

Pat is thrilled to be returning for her 6th summer season at TWV, where she will reprise the role of Sarah McCoy. She has played "Aunt Betty McCoy" in HATFIELDS AND MCCOYS, "Delie Morgan" in HONEY IN THE ROCK, "Sister Margareta" in SOUND OF MUSIC, "Auntie Em" in WIZARD OF OZ, and "Mrs. Pugh" in ANNIE. As Principal of Scarbro Elementary in Fayette County, WV, she wishes to dedicate her performance to her students, staff and parents!



## **RETA SMITH**

At the age of 8, Reta learned to play the guitar and has been singing and playing ever since. She sings in the choir at New Prospect Baptist Church and also plays guitar. She enjoys singing solos and duets, with her mother. Reta is trained as a whitewater river guide on the New and Gauley Rivers. She had a Class A Haz. CDL and has driven semi-tractor trailers across forty-eight states. She currently owns her own business and is the grandmother of four. She hopes some day to be a cast member of SURVIVOR.



## **SARA BETH TANNER**

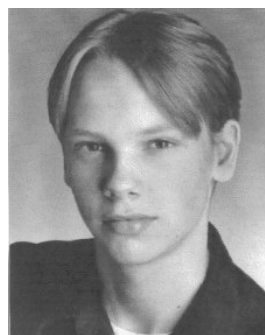
Sarah Beth is a native of Cullman, AL. She received a degree in Musical Theatre from Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, AL. Her favorite roles include "Percy" in THE SPITFIRE GRILL, "Hermia" in A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM and "Sister Amnesia" in NUNSENSE. She is very excited about her third summer with TWV.



## **DAVID TIECHE**

### **Tower Song Conductor**

David is returning for his 4th summer season. He enjoys working at Theatre West Virginia and would like to encourage everyone to take a moment and look up. "The ceiling of this place is heavenly."



## **DANE TONEY**

### **Assistant Dance Captain**

Dane is thrilled to be returning to TWV for his eleventh consecutive season and is excited to be home for the summer. He is currently enrolled in the Conservatory of Performing Arts of Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pa where he is working on completing a BFA in Dance. Dane would like to thank his mother Ellen, and his grandparents for all of their love and support.

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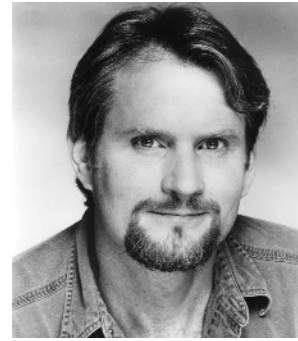
## **KELLY VADEN**

Kelly is a recent graduate of Frostburg State University in MD. In the Fall she will attend grad school at The University of Louisiana at Monroe, for vocal performance. She is thrilled to join TWV this summer for her second season! Kelly is a member of the International Thespian Honors Society and has had the opportunity to travel and perform around the world. She would like to thank her friends and family, especially her parents, for all of their love, support, and encouragement.



## **CLAIRE ANN VAN COTT**

Claire is thrilled to be returning to the Grandview stage. Originally from Long Island, New York, Claire Ann graduated from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in 2000. Since then, she has toured the U.S. performing for children of all ages. Favorite roles include "Miss Hannigan" in ANNIE!, "Birdgirl" in SEUSSICAL, "Helena" in MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, "Lucy" YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN, and "Bunny" THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES.



## **ANDREW WOODRUFF**

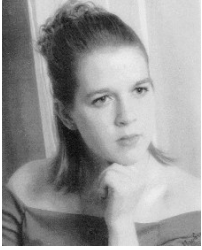
In 1963, Andrew Woodruff began his professional career as a member of the cast of THE SHOWBOAT RHODODENDRON during West Virginia's centennial celebration. Since that time he has worked in regional theatre in the U.S. and toured his own show, THE MAN BEHIND THE MASK. His music has been heard on National Public Radio as well as TWV's MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS. Andrew has spent many summers at TWV and toured with TWV's educational touring company numerous years.



## **MOLLY ZUPANCICH**

Molly is from Ely, Minnesota and received her BA in theater at Concordia College in Moorehead, Minnesota. Molly's most recent and memorable roles include "Ma Joad" in THE GRAPES OF WRATH, "Adelaide" in GUYS AND DOLLS, and "Mary" in STANTON'S GARAGE.

# TWV Intern and Teen Troupes



## **NATASHA BEVERLY**

This is Natasha's second summer at TWV. She is a graduate of Wyoming East High School. She will be attending Marshall University in the fall. She would like to thank Benny Mills, Lisa Oxley, the TWV staff, her family and friends and most of all God for making this opportunity possible! Enjoy the show!



## **SARA BOLTRALIK**

Sara is a 13 year old from Beckley. She enjoys acting, singing, dancing, gymnastics and playing several musical instruments. Some of her favorite performances include "Tumnus" in THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE and "Narrator" in THE RELUCTANT DRAGON. She is excited to be at TWV.



## **DAVID BUSH**

This is David's eighth season at TWV. He is an honor student at Collins Middle School, a member of the band and F.C.A. David received the Gateway Academy Scholarship, and will attend Shepherd University for a week this summer. David is an active member of Oak Hill Baptist Church.



## **STEPHANIE BUSH**

Stephanie returns to TWV for her eighth season. She is an honor student at Oak Hill High School, a member of the band and Natural Helpers. She attends Oak Hill Baptist Church, where she is a member of the Board of Christian Education and the youth group. Stephanie plans to become a teen counselor.



## **CORIANNE CARVER**

Cori is delighted to return to TWV for her second season. She will be a junior at Shady Spring High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and enjoys playing tennis. She would like to thank God and her loving family for believing in her. She would also like to thank TWV's Acting Academy for teaching her everything she knows.



## **DONNIE COLEMAN**

Donnie recently graduated from Independence High School. This is Donnie's first summer season with TWV but he has been a member of their PTA for several years. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support through the years.



## **ERIN CRESSY**

This is Erin's second season with TWV. She has performed with Tree House Arts Ensemble in Beckley, WV and at the Baytown Professional Theatre. She plans to become a writer or to pursue her dreams as an actress on Broadway.



## **JULIE DELMORO**

Julie Irene is glad to be back for her second summer with TWV. She attends Concord University and is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. She would like to thank God for this opportunity, all her family and friends for their love and support and everyone at TWV.



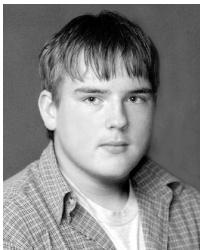
## **SAMANTHA HIGHT**

Samantha is thrilled to be back at TWV for her third season. She is a member of the band at Beckley-Stratton Middle School. She has been a member of TWV's PTA for 3 years and Professional Youth Troupe for 1 year. She would like to thank her friend Sammi and her family for all their support.



## **ANICA MASSIE**

Anica is returning to TWV for her third season. She is a 12 year old homeschooled student and enjoys reading, piano, music and acting. She is a member of TWV's Professional Youth Troupe. Anica would like to thank her family and friends for their loving support, her instructors at TWV and God for the opportunity to pursue something that is so much fun!



## **MCKINLEY SAYRE**

McKinley is an aspiring young artist, from Beckley. He returns to TWV for his ninth season. He is a junior at Woodrow Wilson High School. He has also worked as a technician for Beckley Dance Theatre. He was recently accepted to the Governor's School for the Arts. "I would like to thank everyone who has helped me along the way."

# TWV Children's Troupe



## **HOLDEN AKERS-TOLER**

Holden will be a sixth grade student at Park Middle School. He has spent his entire life at TWV, officially being on stage in 2002. Holden's interests include piano and basketball. He was awarded The Best All-Around Athlete at Mabscott Elementary. Holden is the son of Acie Toler and Toneta Akers-Toler. His best friends are his cousins Michael and Mathew.



## **EMILY BOLTRALIK**

Emily is thrilled to be spending the summer at TWV. She is a member of the All County Chorus representing Maxwell Hill Elementary School. She enjoys singing, gymnastics, dancing and playing the piano. Her favorite performances include "Planet" and "Conjunction" in SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK and "Townsperson" in THE RELUCTANT DRAGON.



## **LINDSAY BOLTRALIK**

Lindsay is a nine year old from Beckley. Some of her favorite performances include "Little Lollie" in SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK and "Townsperson" in THE RELUCTANT DRAGON. Lindsay enjoys dancing, gymnastics and playing the piano. She is happy to be performing at TWV with her sisters Sara and Emily.



## **ASHLEY CRESSY**

Ashley is a nine year old from Beckley, WV. She has been very active in theatre. She loves music and singing and hopes to be on America Juniors one day. This is her second season with Theatre West Virginia.



## **SAVANNAH GOODWIN**

Savannah is in the 1st grade at Berlin McKinney Elementry in Oceana, WV. She just completed her 6th semester of Pre-Acting and her 1st semester of Musical Theatre at TWV. She is in her 3rd year at Pineville Dance Theatre, learning ballet and tap. She attends New Life Community Church and loves the Livewire Youth class.



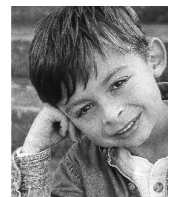
## **NICOLE GRAYBEAL**

Nicole, age 12 is an Honor Student at Shady Middle School. She is returning to TWV for her seventh season. Nicole is a member of the S.S.M.S. Cheer Squad, she's also a student at Beckley Dance Theatre, where she studies Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop and Modern. Nicole is the daughter of Buddy and Judy Graybeal.



## **CHANCE HIGHT**

Chance is joining his sister Samantha for the first time at TWV. He is an 8 year old 2nd grader at Maxwell Hill Elementary School. He has been a member of the TWVPTA for three sessions. In his spare time he enjoys playing baseball. He would like to thank his family for all of their support and love.



## **COLTON JEFFRIES**

Colton is spending his second season with TWV. He resides in Fayetteville, WV and is an honor student at Fayetteville Elementary. He enjoys basketball, soccer, singing, Cub Scouts and entertaining his parents, Matt & Joni, and older brother Garrett. He has been singing since the age of four and continues to do so.



## **HANNAH JOHNS**

Hannah is an eight year old homeschooled student. This is her second season with TWV. She appeared as "Molly" in ANNIE!. She studies piano, voice, acting and dance. She is an active member of REACH homeschool group and her church youth group "Truth Seekers". But mostly, she enjoys playing with her puppy, Willy.



## **KAILEY WOLFE**

This is Kailey's second summer with TWV and she is so excited! It is also the second year that she has been with TWV Training Academy where she has gotten to beat up Rick Olson in Stage Combat for making fun of Spongebob. In addition to the TWV Program, Kailey enjoys competitive gymnastics and reading. She also loves piggies and Spongebob.



## **SARAH WOLFE**

This is Sarah's first summer with TWV, but she has been with TWV's Training Academy the last two semesters. In addition to acting Sarah enjoys dancing, gymnastics, and riding on her St. Bernard's back.



## JENNIFER HACKNEY

### Props Assistant

Jennifer is currently a Junior Scenic Design major at Virginia Commonwealth University who recently switched majors from performance. She was most recently seen in METAMORPHASES as "Myrrha" and other VCU productions. Her favorite credits include "Sorel" in HAY FEVER, "Debbie" in THE REAL THING and "A Vixen" in DRACULA. She is pleased to be working at Theatre West Virginia this summer as the Props Assistant.

## JAMIE COOPER

### Costume Manager

Jamie is a 2003 Graduate of West Virginia University's Division of Theatre and Dance where she earned a BFA in Theatre design/tech with emphasis in costume design. This is Jamie's second season working in Theatre West Virginia's costume shop. She would like to thank her family and friends for their continual support, and a special thanks to Jamalinabeth for helping her up the mountain.

## SARAH HALSTEAD

### Props Mistress

Sarah is returning for her fourth non-consecutive season at Theatre West Virginia. She spent the last year back home in Mississippi playing with mud at Shearwater Pottery. She has worked for several theatres in Mississippi, Little Rock, AR and Chicago, IL. "I enjoyed my winter on the beach, but am glad to be back in the mountains again."

## CHARLES COLE

### Carpenter

Charles "Chuck" is a Theatre Education Major at Davis & Elkins College. He is from Baltimore MD. He went to High school at Towson Catholic in Towson Maryland. He was stage manager for the FOREIGNER at Davis & Elkins, and carpenter for THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST and MACBETH. He would like to thank everyone for their love and support, and especially TWV for the opportunity they gave him.

## JESSICA SANBORNE

### Wardrobe Stitcher

Jessica is a native of Maine. She is currently attending college at JSU in Jacksonville, AL. This is her first summer with Theatre West Virginia. She finds it refreshing to work on costumes with such wonderful people.

## MICHAEL BROUGHTON

### Master Electrician/ALD

Michael is a junior at Western Kentucky University, pursuing a BFA in Theatre. He is excited to have the opportunity to work at TWV and be their Master Electrician. He would like to thank his family and friends for their continuing support.

## KRISTEN CARDILLO

### Carpenter/Painter

Kristen recently received her BA in Theatre from Mary Baldwin College, where she was the Master Carpenter for numerous productions. This is Kristen's first year with Theatre West Virginia. She hopes to further her experience and career.

## JUSTIN R. LINVILLE

### Sound

This is Justin's second year with TWV. Returning as Sound Engineer/Designer, he is looking forward to another incredible summer with the TWV family. "Thanks to the staff for having me back."

## MATT ELLIXSON

### Carpenter/Electrician

Matt is a Senior Acting/Directing major at Marshall University. He plans to pursue a professional career in Los Angeles California after he graduates this coming May. He would like to thank his family for all their support.

## ERIN MASSIE

### Wardrobe Stitcher

Erin, a native of WV is excited to return for her third summer. A recent graduate, She is looking forward to what the future holds.

## JOSH JONES

### Carpenter

Josh is happy to be returning for his second season at Theatre West Virginia. He hails from the flat lands of Maryland, but currently calls West Virginia home. He'd also like to thank his friends and family for their love and support.



Pictured left to right:

(back) Richard Irwin, Chuck Cole, Josh Jones, Justin Linville

(middle) Jessica Sanborne, Jamie Cooper, Erin Massie, Jennifer Hackney, Becky Heldt

(front) Kristen Cardillo, Michael Broughton, Matt Ellixson, Jennifer Henry, Sarah Halstead w/Killer, Kyle Thomas, William Priniski.