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As You Like It

A Comedy by William Shakespeare
Directed by Assunta Kent

Four young courtiers run from fatal Politics—into the entanglements of Love.

April 17-26, 2015

Friday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 19 at 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22 at 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 26 at 5 p.m.

Main Stage, Russell Hall, Gorham
The Kennedy Center

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Last year more than 1,300 productions were entered in the KCACTF involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. By entering this production, our theater department is sharing in the KCACTF goals to recognize, reward, and celebrate the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.

As You Like It

by William Shakespeare
Directed by Assunta Kent
Scenic Design by Perry Fertig
Light Design by JP Gagnon
Costume Design by Joan Larkins Mather
Sound Design by Martin Bodenheimer

Run Time
The show runs approximately 2.5 hours (1st half ~60 minutes; 2nd half ~90 minutes) plus a 15 minute intermission

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Welcome all to Russell Hall! It has been my dream since I collaborated on an ASL-shadowed production of Romeo and Juliet in Colorado to bring a Shadowed Shakespeare to our students, audiences and the Deaf community in Maine. Nearly everyone has heard some of Shakespeare’s wonderfully apt observations about life, but many would say they cannot fully understand his unforgettable characters. It is our fondest wish that this production, which combines ASL-signing and fully acted English, will allow audiences a richer way to access the logic, love, and liveliness of this pastoral comedy.

Join us on our journey from the ‘envious court’ to the Forest of Arden!

Like so many of us, our characters have suffered the harsh winds of winter, the strictures of social rank and expectation, and the ingrained resentments and rivalries that hard times and inequality breed. Fortunately, good fellowship, new alliances, and a witty take on life comfort those taking the risk to strike out on a journey of transformation.

As we know in Maine, sometimes one must leave the workaday world and venture out into the forest and fields to find one’s better self.

Huzzah for Shakespeare! Huzzah for Shadowing! Welcome Spring!

Assunta Kent

As You Like It

Directed by Assunta Kent

Scenes in our Play

Act I, Scene 1 An orchard of Oliver’s house
Act I, Scene 2 An open space at Duke Fred’s palace
Act I, Scene 3 A room in the Duke’s palace
Act II, Scene I The Forest of Arden
II, 2 Outside Oliver’s house
II, 3 Duke Fred’s palace
II, 4 The Forest of Arden

INTERMISSION

Act III, 1 Last scene at the Duke’s palace
Act III, 2 through the end of the play various parts of the Forest of Arden

Plot Synopsis:
Our play follows the parallel stories of two young nobles, Rosalind and Orlando, who have suffered reduced circumstances because of family injustice. Orlando is mistreated by his older brother, Oliver, who refuses to honor their father’s will and rear him like a gentleman. Rosalind remains at the ducal court only as a companion to her cousin, Celia, whose father, Duke Frederick, usurped the throne and exiled Rosalind’s father. The hand of fate shifts when the two soon-to-be-runaways meet at a wrestling match and fall in love at first sight.

In Act II, Rosalind (dressed as the boy “Ganymede”) has fled with her cousin Celia and the court fool, Touchstone, to the Forest of Arden where the banished Duke Senior now “fleets his time carelessly” in the company of loyal nobles. Unknown to Rosalind, Orlando has also fled his fratricidal brother with the old servant, Adam. Soon, “Ganymede” encounters the lovestruck Orlando in the forest, and exercises her liberty as a boy “to play the saucy lackey” and instruct him on wooing, love, and marriage. But her cross-dressing intersects to form a comic love triangle with the lovelorn shepherd, Silvius, and his disdainful mistress, Phebe.

As the four young couples flirt and chase, an ongoing battle of wit between the old shepherd, Corin, the jaded melancholic Jacques, and Touchstone provides wise and wry commentary on love, honor, and the life cycle. As the Spring eclipses the dark wintry winds of court and family politics, the beloved characters in As You Like It transcend the pettiness and bitterness of rivalry with marriages, music and dance!
Speakers
Adam
Amiens
Audrey
Celia
Charles
Corin
Court Chambermaid
Dennis
Duke Frederick
Duke Senior
Duke’s Bad Guy 1
Duke’s Bad Guy 2
Forest Lady
Hymen
Jacqueline de Boyes
Jacques
LeBeau
Oliver
Orlando
Phebe
Rosalind
Singing Ladies
Sir Oliver Martext
Silvius
Touchstone
William

Cast
David Bliss
Liz Kershenbaum
Andrea Danforth
Callie J. Cox
Jake Hammond
Mike Mills
Alison Loughlin
Kyle Carver
Brittny Cacace
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John Rocker
Meghan Cole
Caroline Smart
Crystal Farrington
Mary Kate Ganza
Jenn Jensen
Ryan Biggs
Josh Cohen
Zac Stearn
Brittany Burke
Clare McKelway (April 17, 19, 23, 24)
Caroline O’Connor (April 18, 22, 25, 26)
Bridget Conlogue, Crystal Farrington,
Alison Loughlin, Chloe Kumpel,
Hollie Pryor, Caroline Smart
Ryan Biggs
Jake Hammond
Collin Young
John Rocker

Shadows
Adam
Amiens
Audrey
Celia
Charles
Corin
Court Chambermaid
Dennis
Duke Frederick
Duke Senior
Forest Lady
Hymen
Jacqueline de Boyes
Barney Vega, or Kira Pilger
Lori Tully
Kira Pilger
Lauren Rigdon
Tim Doyle
Jeremy Michaud
Briana Dionne
Miranda Mutillo
Stacey Knowlton
Stacey Knowlton
Miranda Mutillo
Jeremy Michaud
Briana Dionne

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Miranda Mutillo
Alex Schofield
Margaret Walden
Jordan Avital
Darleen Hutchins
Lori Tully
Jeremy Michaud
Tim Doyle
Zach Hardy
Miranda Mutillo

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Bridget Conlogue
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Austin Tomison
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Meghan O’Brien
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Assistant Properties Master
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Electricians

Lead Stitcher
Stitchers:

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Sarah Kennedy
Sarah Kennedy
Jake Hammond, Martin Bodenheimer,
Megan Maguire, Austin Tomison,
and the students of lighting practicum
Brittney Cacace
Jo Bishop, Robert Dall, Katie Delcourt,
Crystal Farrington, Jenn Jenson,
Shelby Martin, Hollie Pryor and the
students of costume practicum

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Sound Board Operator
Wardrobe Crew

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roommates.

Cast Biographies

Ryan Biggs - Le Beau, Sir Oliver Martext
Ryan Biggs is a junior theatre major at USM and is planning on adding a minor in
dance. His past shows at USM include The Well of Horniness, 8, and The Student
Performing Artists' productions of Beyond Belief and Oy Vey. Next month, he will be
performing in the Maine premiere of Twisted: The Untold Story of a Royal Vizier.

David Bliss - Adam
David Bliss is a junior theatre major at USM, hailing from Portland Maine. His previous
work on other USM productions this year have been as Al Dente in The Well of
Horniness and Lawrence Wingvalley in For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls. He hopes
you all will enjoy the show!

Brittany Burke - Phebe
Brittany Burke is a freshman theatre major, and an art minor. Past roles at USM include
Bast/Sister Mary Torquemada in the Student Performing Artists' production of Beyond
Belief. Brittany would like to thank Assunta for being such a dedicated director, her
former director Kathleen Harris, and her parents for their undying support. She hopes
you enjoy the show!

Brittney Cacace - Duke Fredrick/Duke Senior
Brittney Cacace is a junior theatre major from Limington. Her previous credits include
Abigail Williams in The Crucible, Argante in Scapino!, Conchita Alvarez in Copacabana,
one of three narrators in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, and a
member of the ensemble in The Well of Horniness.

Kyle Carver - Dennis
Kyle Carver is a freshman theatre major from Portland. This is his first role at USM.

Josh Cohen - Oliver
Josh Cohen is a junior marketing major at USM. This is his fourth production and first
time as a fight choreographer at USM. Previously he has been seen in The Cripple of
Inishmaan, Bus Stop, and in both plays in An Evening with Christopher Durang.

Meghan Cole - Duke Frederick Bad Guy #2,
Understudy for Dennis, William, Oliver Martext
Meghan is a third year geoscience major from Windham, minoring in theatre. This will
be her first time on the main stage although past roles elsewhere include the Bird Hat
in the Student Performing Artists’ staged reading of Labyrinth and ensemble work in
Windham High School’s production of Wiley and the Hairy Man.

Bridget Conlogue - Singing Lord, Drummer
Understudy Phebe and Audrey
Bridget Conlogue is a media studies major with a creative writing minor. She wanted
to get more involved with campus, so she joined the production. This is her first show
since her junior year of high school, where she was in Alice in Wonderland.
Callie J. Cox - Celia
Callie J. Cox is a junior theatre major/dance minor at USM. Recent credits include Marmotte in the English language world premiere of In the Underworld (USM main stage), Verges in Much Ado About Nothing (Lyric Music Theater), and Sadie Doyle in Beyond Belief (Student Performing Artists) which is also set to appear at PortFringe this June through DragonMaul Productions. She is thrilled with the opportunity to bring the words of The Bard once again!

Andrea Danforth - Audrey
Andrea Danforth is a freshman majoring in theatre. She is originally from Lisbon. Past roles include Essie in You Can’t Take it With You, Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, and a cheerleader in Grease.

Crystal Farrington - Hymen, Singing Lord,
Understudy Dukes Frederick and Senior
Crystal Farrington is a fourth year English major, minoring in theatre. She originally hails from Sebago, Maine but now lives in Portland. Past roles at USM include Kate in Cripple of Inishmaan and Bertha in Hedda Gabler. She has also been a wardrobe staff for Drowsy Chaperone, Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, and the Student Performing Artists’ production of Almost, Maine.

Mary Kate Ganza - Jacqueline de Boyes
Mary Kate is a senior theatre major, minoring in art, originally from Waterville. Past roles at USM include Anna in Night Sky, a member of the chorus in Orlando, Shelby in the Student Performing Artists’ production of Steel Magnolias, and a narrator in The Well of Horniness.

Jake Hammond - Charles, Silvius
Jake Hammond is a freshman theatre major from Waterboro, Maine. This is his second main stage performance and he couldn’t be happier. You may have recently seen him in An Evening with Christopher Durang or the Student Performing Artists’ production of Beyond Belief. Jake hopes you thoroughly enjoy the show!

Jenn Jensen - Jaques
Jenn Jensen is a junior theatre major. This has been their first time acting on USM’s main stage. In the past, they stage managed the Student Performing Artists’ production of Beyond Belief, and they were an ASM for The Cripple of Inishmaan and In the Underworld.

Liz Kershenbaum - Amiens
Liz Kershenbaum is a senior, about to receive her degree in musical theatre from USM. Recent roles include Wendla in Spring Awakening, Helena Landless in Drood, Sue Snell in Carrie, Olive in Spelling Bee, and Little Red in Into the Woods. This past summer, she performed in Maine State Music Theatre’s Seven Brides for Seven Brothers as a Townswoman/Mandolinist.

Chloé Kumpel - Singing Lady, Flautist
Chloé is a junior biology major, minoring in theatre. She is excited to be performing on the main stage for the first time. Previously, she was Rachel in DragonMaul’s production of Noted by Kirk Boettcher.

Alison Loughlin - Court Chambermaid / Singing Lord
Alison is a sophomore theatre major from Freeport, who is thrilled to be on the main stage! She had previously appeared as Nikko in Wizard of Oz with Freeport Players, but her favorite roles include Lumiere in Beauty and The Beast, ensemble in Jekyll & Hyde, and Yertle in Seussical. Thank you to my family and friends for your support!

Clare McKelway - Rosalind
Clare McKelway is a junior theatre major from Belgrade Lakes, Maine. She spent the fall semester at the University of Winchester in England, and this is her third main stage production at USM. She would like to thank her family, friends, and everyone who worked on the show for making it such a wonderful production.

Michael Mills - Corin
Michael is a communication major who has returned to the education arena after a career in the automotive industry. Originally from Santa Cruz, he now hails from Gray. This is his first appearance on stage in many years. He finds working with this talented group of actors very enjoyable.

Caroline O’Connor - Rosalind
Caroline is a part-time USM student in the theatre, sociology, and women and gender studies departments, and a writer at the Portland Phoenix. She has performed in USM Department of Theatre productions of In the Underworld, Bus Stop, and Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All To You, and has worked with various theatre and film groups around Southern Maine.

Hollie Pryor - Singing Lord, Understudy for Corin and Adam
Hollie is a freshman theatre major from Hope Valley, Rhode Island. She was in The Student Performing Artists’ show, Beyond Belief, this past fall. This is her main stage debut and she hopes you’ll enjoy the show!

John Rocker - William/Duke Fred Henchman/Oliver
Understudy/Charles Understudy
John Rocker is a sophomore media studies major with a theatre minor from Hampden. John was recently “The big little boy” Thomas in the USM production of Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All To You in February at Portland Stage. This will be John's first performance at Russell Hall.

Caroline Smart - Forest Lady
Caroline is a senior theatre major from Lincoln, ME. Past roles on the USM main stage include Philomena Rostovich in An Evening with Christopher Durang (in the Portland Stage studio theater) and Babs in The Well of Horniness. Caroline has also had many roles with the Student Performing Artists, including Tricia in Dog Sees God and Samantha in Oy Vey.
Zac Stearn - Orlando
Zac Stearn is a junior theatre major at USM. This is his fourth main stage show; other credits include Cripple Billy in *The Cripple of Inishmaan* and a part of the chorus in *Orlando*. He will be on a comedy tour this summer with shows across New England. He is also a CODA (Child of a Deaf Adult) and was the ASL coordinator for *As You Like It*. He would like to thank the Deaf community for its undying support in theatre!

Collin Young - Touchstone
Collin Young is a freshman Theatre major. Originally from Gorham, this is his college theatre debut! Some of you may remember him from his high school roles of Argan from *The Imaginary Invalid* or the scarecrow from *The Wizard of Oz*. He hopes that you all enjoy the show as much as he does.

Shadows

Jordana Avital - Phebe Shadow
Jordana Avital is a junior majoring in linguistics with a concentration in American Sign Language/English interpreting. She is originally from New Jersey and is interpreting her first play.

Briana Dionne - Court Chambermaid/Jacqueline de Boyes Shadow
Briana Dionne is an interpreting major, minorng in Deaf studies, born and raised in Maine. She has been involved in various interpreting assignments in and out of USM, but *As You Like It* will be her first play interpreting experience.

Tim Doyle - Charles/Silvius Shadow
Tim is a junior linguistics ASL/English interpreting student, who transferred from the Deaf studies interpreter transfer program at Bristol Community College in Fall River, MA. Although this is his first shadowed interpreted show, he has been involved with the making of a silent movie for the 2015 Maine Deaf Film Festival.

Nicholas Duval - Jaques Shadow
Nick Duval is a senior at USM in the linguistics program with a concentration in ASL-English interpreting with a minor in Deaf studies. Originally from New Hampshire, he began learning sign language in high school and has been signing ever since. He has interpreted for plays a few different times but never before as a shadow.

Zach Hardy - Touchstone Shadow
Zach Hardy is a senior linguistics major, minorng in Deaf studies. Originally from Winterport, past experiences as a theater interpreter include musicals, ballets, and comedies. As an actor in high school and a member of tech, Zach has been on and off the stage, and even behind the scenes.

Darleen Hutchins - Rosalind Shadow
Darleen Hutchins is a senior at USM who majors in liberal studies with a concentration in leadership. She has done stand up comedy and is the USM 2014 Majesty Drag Show winner. This is her first theater performance.

Stacey Knowlton - Duke Frederick/Duke Senior Shadow
Stacey Knowlton is a sophomore studying linguistics: ASL/English interpreting major with a minor in Deaf studies and general education. She is from Ashland, Massachusetts where she got her start in theatre. This production is her first interpreting experience, and she is grateful for the opportunity.

Jeremy M. Michaud - Corin/Sir Oliver Martext/Hymen Shadow
Jeremy M. Michaud is a sophomore in the linguistics: ASL/English interpreting major with a minor in Deaf studies. Originally from Manchester, CT, he is a prior student of Manchester Community College of CT and has past experience with platform interpreting; but this is his first time interpreting a play. He also has been involved with the making of a silent movie for the 2015 Maine Deaf Film Festival. Jeremy has been heavily involved in the organization of the shadows as the co-shadow liaison; but this is far from his first time being an organizer. He thanks all the shadows for their support and the cast and crew for all their hard work.

Miranda Muttillo - Le Beau Shadow
Miranda Muttillo has an associates degree in liberal arts and is a first year student at USM where she is studying linguistics with a concentration in ASL-English interpretation. Having done several plays during high school, she is excited to get back on the stage. Past platform interpreting experience includes a ballet and she also has been involved with the making of a silent movie for the 2015 Maine Deaf Film Festival.

Kira Pilger - Audrey/Adam Shadow
Kira Pilger is a junior human biology major with a minor in Deaf studies. This is her first time interpreting a show, although she is no stranger to theater- she worked tech all four years of high school at Catherine McAuley in Portland. Kira would like to thank Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as her inspiration for the role of Audrey.

Lauren Rigdon - Celia Shadow
Lauren Rigdon has a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from the University of Illinois and is currently in her second year at USM as a linguistics major with a concentration in sign language interpreting. This is her first USM performance.

Alex Schofield - Oliver Shadow
Alex is a junior linguistics major and is very excited to debut on the USM stage. This is also his first time interpreting and he is very excited to go through his experience with such a talented cast. He would like to thank the Department of Linguistics, his friends, and his family for their support.

Lori Tully - Amiens Shadow
Lori Tully is an adjunct professor for USM's graduate programs in mental health and vocational rehabilitation counseling. Lori has worked with members of Maine's Deaf and interpreting communities for many years and is in the process of renewing her state interpreting license.
Barney Vega is from Managua, Nicaragua. Past experiences in theater include various presentations of Shakespeare’s works throughout middle school as a Deaf actor. Barney is currently starting a filmmaking business as a director and actor.

Margaret Walden is a sophomore at USM. She is studying ASL interpreting at the University of Southern Maine. Born in Maine, she has done some interpreting for different churches and is excited to be involved in the first shadow performance in Maine.

Production Biographies

Assunta Kent - Director
Dr. Assunta Kent (Stage Director) teaches theatre history, dramatic literature, oral interpretation and performance art for the Department of Theatre and the Honors Program at USM. She is the author of Maria Irene Fornes and Her Critics, the season reviewer of Portland Stage for the New England Theatre Journal, and a frequent adjudicator for college and high school productions. Assunta has directed more than twenty shows for USM including the Sanskrit classic Shakuntala and the Ring of Recognition (Kalidasa), her own adaptation of Japanese Noh dramas about the Rokujo Lady, Die Fledermaus, Suor Angelica and Gianni Schicchi (Puccini), a musical adaptation of Marivaux’s The Triumph of Love, The Drowsy Chaperone, and Inok and the Sun (Henry Beissel). She has also directed premiers of Wolf Song (Annie Finch) for Poets’ Theatre of Maine at Mayo Street Arts and The Poets and the Assassin: Daughters of Iran (Reza Jalali) for both USM and UNE. She has been awarded grants from the Maine Humanities Council for Dramaturgy at Acorn Theatre and for her prefaces in At Play: An Anthology of Maine Plays. Since her days at Colorado Shakespeare as a dramaturg and text coach, Assunta has been watching for the right moment to direct a fully-shadowed production of a Shakespeare comedy. That time has come! She has enjoyed exploring the joys and perils of this text with an amazing and dedicated cast of speakers and shadows and all the cast, crew, interpreters, and teachers who support them! Particular thanks to Ashley Rose, Kelsey Leeman, Courtney Pomerleau, Perry Fertig, Callie Cox, Darleen Hutchins, Marisa Zastrow, Judy Kegl, Jeremy Michaud, and the inimitable JP Gagnon.

Perry Fertig - Technical Director / Scenic Designer
In addition to his work at USM, Perry has served as technical director for PORTopera and works as a stagehand with IATSE Local 114. Previously, he worked in Philadelphia for Ursinus College, the FringeArts Festival, and the Philadelphia Theatre Company. He is also a flying director for Foy Inventerprises, most recently flying Mary Poppins for Ogunquit Playhouse, Maine State Music Theatre, and South Portland High School.

Joan Mather - Costume Designer
Joan Larkins Mather received her MFA in Costume Design at California State University, Fullerton. She joined USM’s faculty in 2012, and teaches in the areas of costume and makeup. She has designed professionally for the Public Theatre, Bath Shakespeare Festival, Ziggurat Theatre, Stonington Opera House Arts, Theatre at Monmouth, the Western Stage, Good Company Players, Maples Repertory Theatre, Cabaret Repertory Theatre, and the Central California Ballet. Other professional work includes costume construction at Maine State Music Theatre, Opera Philadelphia, the American Conservatory Theatre, Berkeley Repertory Theatre; the Utah Shakespeare Festival, Cal Shakes and the Great River Shakespeare Festival. Her designs for A Midsummer Night’s Dream at Truman State University were featured in the 2005 World Stage Design exhibition.

Kelsey Leeman - Stage Manager
Kelsey Leeman is a junior sociology major/theatre minor from South Bristol, Maine. This will be the fourth show she has stage managed at USM — her past productions include Orlando, The Cripple of Inishmaan, and Dance USM! She has really enjoyed working with such a diversely talented team in producing this unique and refreshing take on a Shakespeare classic.

Brittany Pace - Choreographer
Brittany Pace is a senior double major in theatre and media studies from Lisbon, Maine. Brittany also holds a graduate diploma from Dance Masters of America’s Teachers Training School. Brittany’s choreography has most recently been seen at The Mustache Festival, The Exchange, USM’s production of DANCE USM, and at many New England dance competitions with the competition team she assistant directs based in Lisbon. She would like to thank everyone involved with the show for inviting her to choreograph.

JP Gagnon - Lighting Designer
JP Gagnon has been designing in Maine since 1993 and is the resident lighting designer at The Theater Project, where he most recently designed the set and lighting for Snow White as well as Winter Cabaret, Uncle Vanya and Euridice, for which he won a PEER Award for Lighting Design. Past work includes The Glass Menagerie and Working for City Theater, The Drowsy Chaperone and The Mystery of Edwin Drood for USM, as well as many shows for Oak Street Theater, Acorn Productions and Mad Horse Theatre. JP trained at The University of Southern Maine in technical theater and then served as master electrician for 2 seasons at Portland Stage Company. During the daytime, JP can be found managing High Output, Inc. which specializes in lighting for the entertainment industry.

Martin Bodenheimer - Sound Designer
Martin is a junior theatre major from Oxford, MS. He is interested in stage lighting and sound work in addition to acting. His acting credits include USM’s production of Orlando directed by Meghan Brodie, The Cripple of Inishmaan and Bus Stop, both directed by Thomas Power, and Roger Strong in Catch Me If You Can directed by Wil Kilroy. He stage managed USM’s production of The Mystery of Edwin Drood. Martin also starred in a production of The Talented Mr. Ripley which played in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.
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Theatre Faculty and Staff

Meghan Brodie, Ph.D. (Cornell), Associate Professor, teaches dramatic literature and theatre history and also works as a director and playwright. Her scholarly work and directing often address intersections of theatre and feminist, gender, and sexuality studies. Dr. Brodie earned her Ph.D. at Cornell University.

Perry Fertig, Technical Director, worked previously for Ursinus College, the Philadelphia Live Arts Festival, and the Philadelphia Theatre Company. He served as Technical Director for PORTopera’s Madama Butterfly and Hansel and Gretel. Occasionally, he works as a Flying Director for Foy Inventerprises on shows such as Peter Pan and The Nutcracker.

Assunta Kent, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theatre, an award-winning teacher of courses from Oral Interpretation and Performance Art to Global Theatre History, adapts and directs productions from student-written plays to operas that have been lauded for their “masterful stagecraft” and “wit, wisdom, and beautiful imagery.” She is the author of Maria Irene Fornes and Her Friends.

William Kilroy, Professor, earned his MFA at the University of Illinois. He is vice president and co-founder of the National Michael Chekhov Association, providing national and international workshops. A member of SAG-AFTRA and AEA, his credits range from stage to television and film. He is a recipient of three Kennedy Center Medallions and the Moss Hart Award.

Joan Larkins Mather, Assistant Professor, teaches costume design and theatrical makeup. She designed Last Gas for Opera House Arts at the Stonington Opera House, Twelfth Night at the Bath Shakespeare Festival and Patience for Theatre at Monmouth. Her costume design credits include The WesternStage, Good Company Players, and the Central California Ballet.

Thomas Power, Professor, playwright, and actor, is nationally recognized for his teaching and widely regarded for his work as a director. He collaborated with Kurt Vonnegut Jr. and was recognized by former student, Tony Shalhoub, in the Teachers Count campaign. Professor Power is a member of the Dramatists Guild.

William Steele, Professor, is a founding member of the Theatre Department who continues to actively teach and direct here as well as maintain his nationally recognized professional acting career. He is the author of four books on theatre and film, an award-winning playwright, and an active member of SAG-AFTRA.

Shannon Zura, Associate Professor, teaches lighting design, sound design, and practicum courses. She works professionally as a lighting, sound, and scenic designer and is the production manager for PORTopera. Her research interests include digital multimedia design and “architainment.” She holds an MFA from Temple University.
USM 2015 Spring Events Calendar - USM School of Music

Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m.
USM Youth Ensembles
Spring Instrumental Concert
Merrill Auditorium, Portland
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Friday, April 17 at 8 p.m.
USM Composers Ensemble
10th Anniversary Concert

Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m.
38th Annual Honors Recital
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Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.
USM Jazz Ensemble
Christopher Oberholtzer, director

Friday, April 24 at 8 p.m.
Daniel Sonenberg and Friends
Faculty Concert Series

Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m.
Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra
Robert Lehmann, conductor
Gorham Middle School, 106 Weeks Road

Saturday, April 25 at 8 p.m.
Opera Workshop Showcase: Iolanthe
Ellen Chickering, director

Sunday, April 26 at 2 p.m.
Chamber Music Awards Concert

Sunday, April 26 at 5 p.m.
University Chorale
Robert Russell, conductor
Woodfords Congregational Church

Thursday, May 7 at 7 p.m.
USM Youth Ensembles
Spring Choral Concert
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Directed by Wil Kilroy

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(These are new dates to accommodate the snow days used by many public schools)
Directed by Melissa Shabo

Southern Maine Music Academy ~ July 11 - 19
for incoming 9th graders to outgoing 12th graders
Directed by Ben Potvin

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Broadway credited Bill Bowers, *(The Lion King)*, is coming to the USM Gorham campus to present a performance-based workshop in the Department of Theatre that is open to all USM community members. His one-man show titled *It Goes Without Saying* is open to the campus and general community. This 75-minute performance is a collection of autobiographical stories, documenting Bowers' life from growing up in the wilds of Montana to national/international performances and his studies with the legendary Marcel Marceau.

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