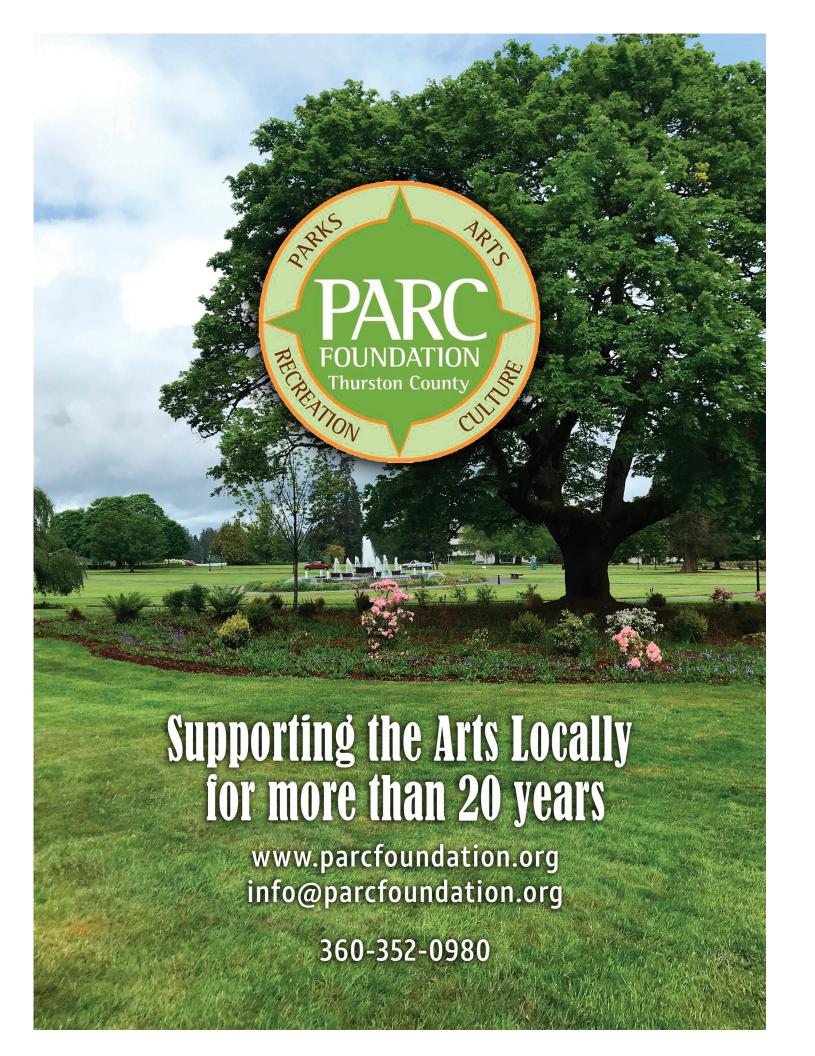
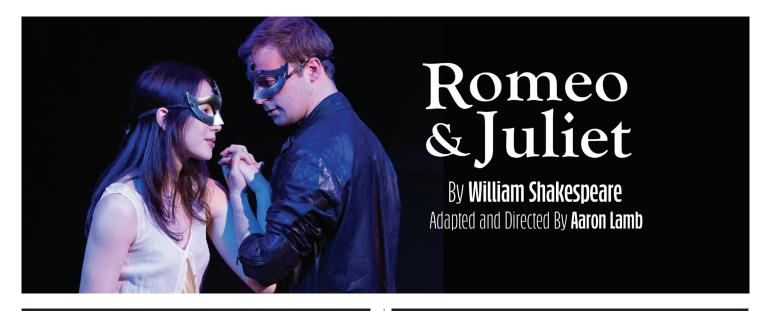


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HARLEQUIN





CAST

Juliet	Rachel Mills
Romeo	Marcus Wolf
Mercutio/Ensemble	Chelsey Sheppard
Benvolio/Ensemble	Mykahla George
Tybalt/Ensemble	Araquin Boome
Balthazar/Ensemble	Ejay Amor
Nurse/Ensemble	Henry Talbot Dorset
Friar Lawrence/Ensemble	Jason Marr
Lady Capulet/Ensemble	Caitlin Macy-Beckwith
Capulet/Ensemble	Russ Holm
Paris/Ensemble	Brennan Tucker
Chorus/Prince/Ensemble	Teri Lee Thomas
Montague/Ensemble	Jacqueline Edwards

RUN TIME

Two hours with one 20-minute intermission.

CREATIVE TEAM

Director	Aaron Lamb
Intimacy/Fight Director	Candace James
Scenic Design	Alex Meyer
Costume Design	Jae hee Kim
Lighting Design	Sumer Munroe
Sound Design	Gina Salerno
Properties Design	Dan Wolff
Video Design	Aaron Lamb
Composer	Andy Garness
Additional Guitar Arrangeme	ntsDavid Broyles

PRODUCTION TEAM

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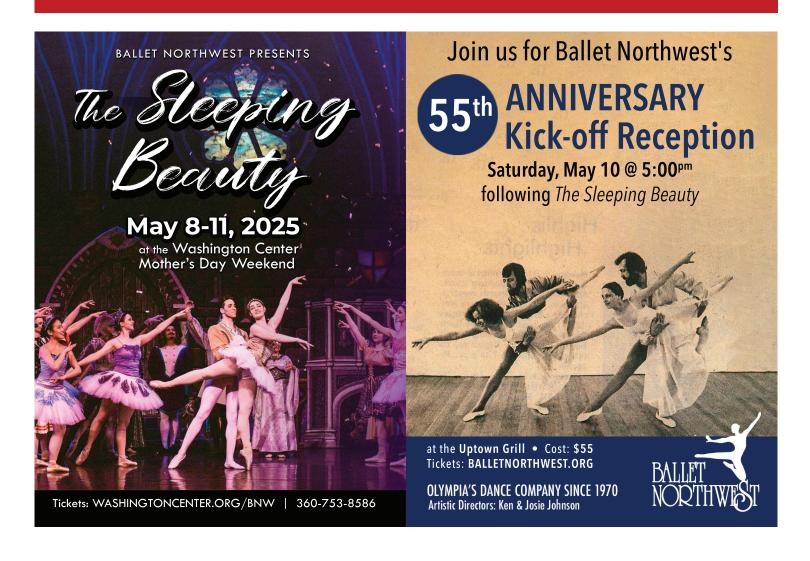


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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



We live in a divided world. Red or blue, left or right, progressive or conservative, our screens have taught us to coalesce around issues and ideas by aligning ourselves appropriately. We swipe left or we swipe right without any need for consideration, as a reflex. It's easier, really: we always know who our enemies are. Sometimes ex-

friends, sometimes family, but always we draw a line: what side are you on?

I think most of us understand somehow that our world isn't that simple: we as humans are complex (we are many, we contain multitudes), no issue or idea is truly binary. But we are also reductive, and in our need to distance ourselves from the issues we create distance from each other.

Shakespeare steeps us in dualisms in Romeo and Juliet: love/hate, age/youth, dreams/reality, knowledge/innocence, ancient/new, but he tells a story that cuts right through the middle. He introduces the idea that fate guides the lover's paths, and asks the guestion: can love survive in a divided world?

Shakespeare also gives us some of his most beautiful imagery in Romeo and Juliet. It's this beauty that gives us hope, and creates another dualism with the ugly truth of fate: we want this love to survive, even if we know that it cannot. We hope, and we ache.

In truth, this fate could have been avoided at almost any time over the course of the story. It would only require one character break from the tribalism, to ask the questions in the middle, and to find the beauty in the difference. But no one does. That's fate.

There is so much beauty in the differences. Who wishes to walk with me? Or do I prove already too late?

- Director Aaron Lamb

THE PLAYERS

Ruling House of Verona

- Prince Escalus is the ruling Prince of Verona.
- Count Paris is a kinsman of Escalus who wishes to marry Juliet.
- Mercutio is another kinsman of Escalus and a friend of Romeo.

House of Capulet

- Capulet is the patriarch of the house of Capulet.
- Lady Capulet is the matriarch of the house of Capulet.
- Juliet Capulet is the daughter of Capulet.
- Tybalt is a cousin of Juliet, the nephew of Lady Capulet.
- The Nurse is Juliet's personal attendant and confidente.
- Rosaline is Lord Capulet's niece.

House of Montague

- **Montague** is the patriarch of the house of Montague.
- Lady Montague is the matriarch of the house of Montague.
- Romeo Montague is the son of Montague
- Benvolio is Romeo's cousin and best friend.
- Balthasar a servant of the Montague household.

Others

- **Friar Laurence** is a Franciscan friar and Romeo's confidant.
- Friar John
- An Apothecary

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ROMEO & JULIET

CAST



Rachel Mills (she/her) - Juliet

Rachel is so honored to be making her Harlequin debut with this wonderful team. Recent credits include Baked! The Musical (Village Theatre, FONM), Kate Hamill's Pride and Prejudice (Bainbridge Performing Arts), The Sound of Music (Ovation! Musical Theatre), and Head Over Heels (Village Theatre KIDSTAGE). She graduated from the University of Washington

with a BA in Drama Performance and a minor in Dance. Much love to mom, dad & N.



Marcus Wolf (he/him) - Romeo

Marcus is delighted to be a part of this incredible production of *Romeo and Juliet*. Previous works for Marcus include *White Christmas* (Phil), *Mary Poppins* (Bert), *Beauty and the Beast* (LeFou), *The Sound of Music* (Rolf), Kate Hamill's *Pride and Prejudice* (Mr. Bingley/Mary) and is a current Ensemble Member with Seattle's longest running Improv company Unexpected Productions. Marcus would like to thank

his friends and family for their never-ending love and support. @marcus.wolf_ Matthew 23:12



Chelsey Sheppard (he/she/they)

- Mercutio/Ensemble

Chelsey is a Seattle-based actor, stage combatant, and emerging fight and intimacy director. *R & J* is their first show with Harlequin! Recent credits include *The Three Musketeers* (Icicle Creek Center for the Arts), *Men on Boats* (inD Theatre) *Macbeth: The Educational Tour* (Seattle Shakespeare), *Athena* (Strawberry Workshop), and *Rosencrantz and*

Guildenstern are Dead (inD Theatre). Chelsey holds a B.F.A. in Theatre Performance from Central Washington University and is an Intermediate Actor Combatant with the Society of American Fight Directors.



Mykahla George (she/her) - Benvolio/Ensemble

Mykahla is a Theatre student from Port Orchard WA, currently attending Pacific Lutheran University. Her recent theatre credits include Haemon in *Antigone*, and Leigh Fondakowski and others in *The Laramie Project*. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her in all she does.



Araquin Boome (he/they)

- Tybalt/Ensemble

Araquin is thrilled to step back onto the Harlequin stage for his first straight play (non-musical) since High School! You may have seen him in a few shows around the Sound, such as Texas in *Cabaret* (Harlequin), *Cabaret*, *Kinky Boots*, *Cats* (TMP), or *Rent* (TLT). He would like to thank his cats, Domino and Monty,

for being great at-home rehearsal scene partners.



Ejay Amor (he/him)

- Balthazar/Ensemble

Ejay is excited to return to Harlequin, having made his debut as Fred in last year's *A Christmas Carol*. He studied Voice at Cornish College of the Arts and received his B.A. in Theatre (Acting & Dance) from Western Washington University. He is currently a Core Company Actor at Taproot Theatre Company's Touring Shows. Known for playing Josh in *9 to 5: A*

Dolly Parton Musical for Showtunes Theatre Company, Hamza in Ten Acrobats by Yussef El Guindi at Centerstage Theatre Company, Claudio in Much Ado About Nothing and Macbeth in Macbeth for Greenstage Theatre Company, Terrance in Roost and Viral in 11th and Pine for Sound Theatre Company. Feel free to connect with me on Instagram @ejayamor



Henry Talbot Dorset (he/him)

- Nurse/Ensemble

Henry is excited to be participating in his first production with Harlequin. He has been doing theatre since he was seven years old when he played the fairy, Cobweb in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Henry received his training from the musical theatre BFA program at Central Washington University, as well as many instances of practical experience. Some of his favorite roles

include Roger DeBris in *The Producers*, Michael in *Tick, Tick... Boom!* and the Sheriff of Nottingham at Center Stage's Panto production of *Robin Hood.* For Henry, musical theatre is his heart, but Shakespeare is his soul, and he feels honored to portray such a beloved role and bring new life and perspective to it.

CAST Continued



Jason Marr (he/him)

- Friar Lawrence/Ensemble

Jason is delighted to be back on stage with Harlequin, having most recently played Samuel Worchester/Mitch in Sovereignty (2022). Some past favorite roles here have been Henry in Henry V and Rosencrantz in Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead. He has performed regionally with Shakespeare Santa Cruz and Shakespeare Theatre

Company in D.C. and locally with ACT Theatre, Village Theatre, Book-It Repertory, and Seattle Shakespeare, among others. Notable roles include Benedick in *Much Ado* (Island Stage Left), Ferdinand in *Love's Labour's Lost* (Wooden O), Oliver in *The Pitmen Painters* (ACT), and John McClane in *A Very Die Hard Christmas* (Seattle Public). He has also been in several award-winning short films, including 'Best Film' of the 2023 Seattle 48-Hour Horror Film Project. He earned a BFA in Acting and Directing from UNC Greensboro and an MFA from the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Academy for Classical Acting at George Washington University. He is married to the lovely, extraordinary Jill Marr.



Caitlin Macy-Beckwith (she/her)

- Lady Capulet/Ensemble

Caitlin is delighted to make her Harlequin debut! BA in Theatre, Vanguard University of Southern California. Favorite Seattle credits: Petruchio in Taming of the Shrew (GreenStage), Kat in Parliament Square (Pony World), Ophelia in Hamlet (Fern Shakespeare Company), Reporter/Anna Politkovskaya in WE ARE PUSSY RIOT... (Theatre Battery), Ma-

bel in *Chaps!* (Taproot Theatre), The 14/48 Projects. Love x infinity to husband Doug, kittygirl Wednesday, pittie girl Billie, the Firefriends, and family E, H, D & S. Special s/o to TJ's #156! Dedicated to her mother, Cindee: "My heart is ever at your service."



Russ Holm (he/him)

- Capulet/Ensemble

Russ has appeared in over 40 Harlequin productions dating back to 1994, most recently as Sidney Bruhl in *Deathtrap* (2024). For Harlequin he has played, among other roles: Jacob Marley in *A Christmas Carol*, Dr. Rank in *A Doll's House*, the title role in *Cymbeline*, Malvolio in the original *A Rock 'n' Roll Twelfth Night*, Big Daddy in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, and Riff Raff

in both productions of *The Rocky Horror Show*. Elsewhere some of his favorite roles include: the dual roles of Richard Burbage and William Jaggard in *The Book of Will* (SPSCC), Edmund in *King Lear*, El Gallo in *The Fantasticks* (Electric City Theatre), Charlie in *The Foreigner*, Hines in *The Pajama Game* (Abbey Players), Kenickie in *Grease*, Arthur in *Camelot* (Summer Showcase), Mr. Peachum in *The Threepenny Opera*

(Capital Playhouse), Geppetto in *Pinocchio* (Olympia Family Theatre) and Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice* (TAO). Russ is grateful for the opportunities to share stories on stage and looks forward to what lies ahead.



Brennan Tucker (he/him)

- Paris/Ensemble

Brennan is a local professional working in the Arts and is thrilled to return to Harlequin for his first onstage work in more than a decade. His recent credits are stage management for Harlequin Productions' Cabaret (2024) and Falsettos (2023), and SPSCC's Far Away (2023) and Hurricane Diane (2023), also making his directorial

debut as assistant director for the SPSCC and Centralia College co-production of *The Book of Will* (2024). He would like to thank everyone at Harlequin and his friends and family for the support that makes this theatrical journey possible.



Teri Lee Thomas (she/her)

- Chorus/Prince/Ensemble

Teri is delighted to return to Harlequin after playing Jacob Marley and others in *A Christmas Carol* (2024), Fraulein Schneider in *Cabaret* (2024), Helga ten Dorp in *Deathtrap* (2024), and The Ghost of Christmas Present/Fezziwig in *A Christmas Carol* (2023). You may have also seen her in the role of Countess de Lage in *The Women*

(2019). She enjoyed recent post-pandemic Taproot Theatre roles in *Babette's Feast, As It Is In Heaven, Black Coffee,* and *The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley*. Diverse credits span four decades in Shakespeare, classics, new plays, musicals, TV and film, with Village Theatre, Seattle G&S, Seattle Children's Theatre, Seattle Shakespeare, Seattle Musical Theatre, Driftwood Players, SecondStory Rep, Woodinville Rep, Theatre Off Jackson, ACTLab, Bathhouse, Intiman, eSe Teatro, New City, Texas Shakespeare, Montana Shakespeare, Oregon Repertory, Oregon Cabaret, and Rogue Theatre Tucson.



Jacqueline Edwards (she/her)

- Montague/Ensemble

Jackie is pleased to be making her debut at Harlequin. With a BFA from PLU she has enjoyed being in many productions over the years. She met her talented husband Phil in a production of *Man of la Mancha* at Renton Civic playing Aldonza. She was last seen at OFT as Grace and Dot in *Honk*. She also enjoys music directing and costuming and recently garnered

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CREATIVE TEAM

Aaron Lamb (he/him) - Director/Video Design

Aaron is the Producing Artistic Director of Harlequin Productions. As Artistic Director, he has directed or music directed Is This A Room, Sweeney Todd, Cabaret, Deathtrap, Every Brilliant Thing, Falsettos, Hundred Days, A Christmas Carol (2021 - 2024), This Flat Earth, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, The Highest Tide, Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol, Man of La Mancha, A Doll's House, Love and Information, and The 1940s Radio Hour. In eleven seasons as an actor and guest director with Harlequin, he also directed I Am My Own Wife, Three Days of Rain, Ruthless!, August: Osage County, Hedda Gabler, Time Stands Still, Middletown, and Five Women Wearing the Same Dress. As an actor, he most recently appeared in the 2021-2022 season as Jacob Marley in A Christmas Carol. Lamb has worked in Seattle for Village Theatre, Taproot Theatre, Book-It Repertory Theatre, and Seattle Shakespeare Company, and has worked regionally throughout the country. He holds an MFA in Acting from California State University, Fullerton, and a BA from Washington State University, and is a member of the Actor's Equity Association.

Candace James (she/her)

- Fight and Intimacy Director

For the past fifteen years, Candace has directed and provided fight choreography throughout the Northwest, the Southeast, and internationally in Florence, Italy. Candace is also a professional improv artist, an SAFD-trained combatant, and a playwright. In addition to her freelance work, Candace teaches at Green River College and is the head theatrical director for Children's Dance Theatre. This is Candace's fourth show with Harlequin Productions, having provided fight and intimacy direction for *Ms. Holmes and Ms. Watson - Apt 2B* earlier this year, and *Sweeney Todd* and *Deathtrap* last season. She credits her husband and 9-year-old twin daughters with helping her master the art of chaos coordination.

Alex Meyer (she/her) - Scenic Design

Alex is happy to be making her debut with Harlequin Productions. Based in Portland, OR, her credits include with Portland Center Stage, Shaking The Tree Theatre, Artists Repertory Theatre, Third Rail Repertory Theatre, Profile Theatre, Orpheus PDX, Oregon Children's Theatre, The Theatre Company, Portland Shakespeare Project, PassinArt, Broadway Rose Theatre Co., Bag&Baggage Productions, Crave Theatre, Imago Theatre, The Actors Conservatory, and others. She has production designed for clients such as Visit Seattle, Intel, and the Portland Timbers. More at www. designbyalexmeyer.com.

Jae hee Kim (she/her - Costume Design

Jae hee Kim is a Seattle-based costume designer, artist, and educator. She designed costumes for *Time Stands Still, Memories of a Forgotten Man, The Standby Lear* and *Europe* for Thalia, *Guards at the Taj, Snowed In, Endless Shift* for ArtsWest, and *Macbeth* for Seattle Shakespeare Company. She was a draper at Seattle Rep and a lead draper at Seattle Opera, She has published articles at USITT and the Korean Society of Costume when she was full-time faculty. Her costumes have been exhibited at internationally recognized galleries. She received a Wearable Art grant from the University of Iowa Museum of Art, the KCACTF Meritorious Achievement Award, and the Kennedy Center's Summer Intensive in Design Collaboration Fellowship with workshops led by Ming, Cho Lee, and Constance Hoffman.

Sumer Munroe (she/they) - Lighting Design

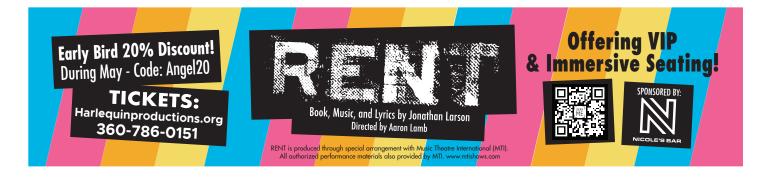
Sumer Munroe is a recent transplant to Olympia. She is working to advance her career as a lighting designer after receiving her BFA in Theater from Southern Oregon University. This is her second production with Harlequin, having made her debut with *Ms. Holmes and Ms. Watson - Apt 2B.* Other recent productions include *Abacus* (Red Rover Theatre Company), *The How and The Why* (Artemis Theatre Project), and the *15th and 16th Residency Performances* (New Expressive Works).

Gina Salerno (she/her) - Sound Design

In the past two decades, Gina has worn many hats at Harlequin. Her favorite hats are those of Company Manager, Stage Manager, and Sound Designer. Some of Gina's favorite projects include Sweeney Todd, A Christmas Carol ('21 through '24), Pride and Prejudice, Time Stands Still, The 39 Steps, The Man of La Mancha (Harlequin), Border Songs (St. Martin's University; Book-It), Equivocation, Polaroid Stories and The Last Days of Judas Iscariot (St. Martin's University). She thanks her incredible family at Harlequin for all their love and support, especially Sequoia, Ashley and Dave. And the biggest thanks of all to the incomparable Andy; you are an unbelievable talent and I am so proud of you!

Dan Wolff (he/him) - Properties Design

Daniel comes from a background in practical design. He holds a degree in Wooden Furniture Design and a diploma in Fine Arts. His first job upon immigrating to the USA from Australia was as a wooden boat builder, and he still builds boats today. He's excited for his second season working with Harlequin Productions.



CREATIVE TEAM Continued

Andy Garness (he/him) - Composer

Andy is honored to compose for Harlequin's production of Romeo & Juliet! Past credits include Cabaret, Falsettos, Hundred Days, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Man of La Mancha, Ruthless!, Little Shop of Horrors, Jesus Christ Superstar, A Christmas Survival Guide, and many musical revues since 2012. He enjoys audio production, session work, sound design, and live playback engineering. He regularly performs with other artists in and around the region, including Sugar & The Spitfires, Thief In Time, and Mercury Rising: A Tribute to Queen. Andy would like to thank the outstanding cast, his friends in black (you know who you are), Helen, Aaron, and both the sound and stage design teams. Special thanks to Gina, and to his bestest pal, Miss Sauce. Andy would also like to give deep thanks to his good friend and R & J collaborator, David Broyles, for his limitless talent and patience. His creative ideas and seasoned approach to arranging and performance can be felt throughout each piece — your contribution has been vital.

David Broyles (he/him)

- Additional Guitar Arrangements

David is a self-taught axeman who excels in a wide variety of styles and has been applying his craft in the Northwest music scene for over 35 years. He has played with funk groups Bump Kitchen, Sweatband, and Mother's Friends; the improv jazz-rock group Jam Camp; and the swing group The Hot Five. Currently, he plays in the classic rock/country band Sugar and the Spitfires and Pontiac Alley, a diverse Americana outfit, Past Harlequin shows include Hundred Days, Fun Home, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, First Date, Little Shop of Horrors, Sixties Chicks Too, Dancin' in the Streets, Pump Boys & Dinettes, Pippin, Assassins, Tapestry, A Rock 'N Roll Twelfth Night, Magical Mystery Midsummer Musical and four Stardust shows. Many thanks to you, the audience, for supporting live theater and live music. We can't do it without you.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Sequoia Good (she/her) - Stage Manager

Seguoia is ecstatic to be working with Harlequin for the first time! Sequoia is a stage manager and lighting designer finishing up her BFA in Theatre Production & Design at Central Washington University. Selected credits from CWU include: John Proctor is the Villain (Stage Manager), Rocky Horror Picture Show (Lighting Designer/Production Manager), Footloose (Lighting Designer), Orchesis Dance Concert 2024 (Lighting Designer/Stage Manager), A Christmas Carol (Asst. Stage Manager), Into the Woods (Associate Lighting Designer), Circe & Nyx (Lighting Designer), Everybody (Stage Manager), Spring Awakening (Asst. Stage Manager), & Eurydice (Asst. Stage Manager). During her time at CWU, she was nationally recognized with a Distinguished Achievement in Stage Management from KCACTF for her work on Everybody. The next time Sequoia will be in the booth is for The Sound of Music at Leavenworth Summer Theatre. @sequoiagood | sequoiagood.com

Ashley Winrod (she/her) - Assistant Stage Manager

Ashley is ecstatic to return to Harlequin. Past stage management credits include *Is This A Room, A Christmas Carol, What the Constitution Means to Me,* and *Pride and Prejudice* (Harlequin); *Footloose* (Central Theatre Ensemble), being awarded a certificate of merit from KCACTF; *A Christmas Carol... More or Less* (Lakewood Playhouse). She is a recent graduate of Central Washington University, receiving her BFA in Theatre Design and Production with a minor in Psychology. She would like to thank her friends and family for their continued love and support.



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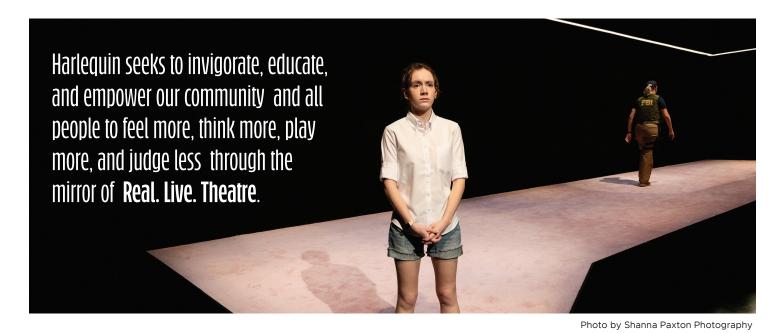
Genevieve lives tucked in the Pacific Northwest woods, where nature's colors,

patterns, and textures constantly spark her curiosity.

Her current work is a collection of layered monoprint illustrations in vibrant watercolor, gouache, and drawing inks, blending natural textures with themes of folklore and myth.

With a background in graphic design, illustration, and teaching, she keeps her creative process playful, curious, and full of heart.





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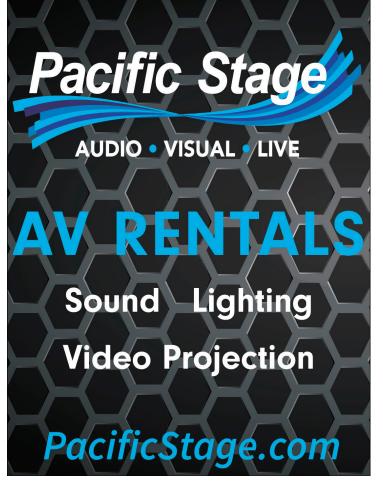
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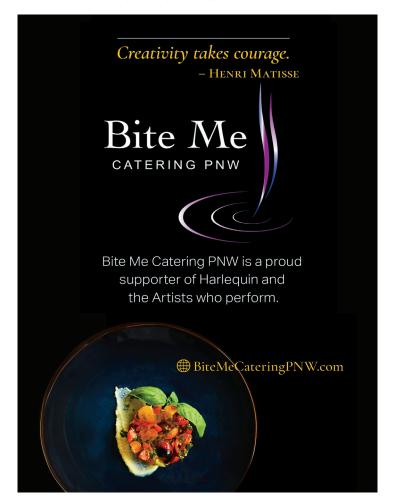
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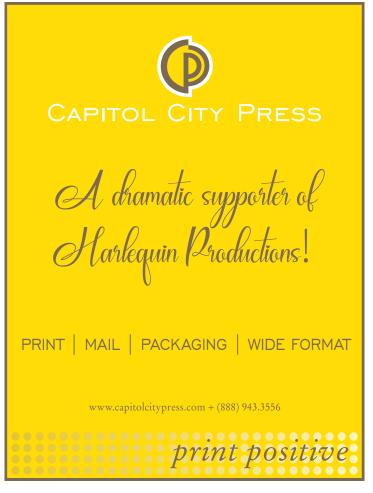
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