

# direct to YOU!

UVA Drama 22/23 Season

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**An evening of student-directed plays**

Produced by Dave Dalton & Doug Grissom

Helms Theatre

**February 23, 24, 25, 2023 at 8pm**

 UNIVERSITY of VIRGINIA  
**DRAMA**

presents

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Produced by **Dave Dalton** and **Doug Grissom**

Sound Design by **Sarah Harden**

Production Management by **Xuled Stiff**

*Penicillin*

By **Deirdre O'Connor**

Directed by **Angel Lin**

**CAST OF CHARACTERS**

Jenny..... Anna Holtschlag  
John ..... William Truong

**WHO'S WHO IN *Penicillin***

**Anna Holtschlag** (3rd Year Psychology and Drama): *Working* (First Year Players); *Rock of Ages* (The Company Theatre).

**Angel Lin** (3rd Year English, Drama minor): *This is Not a Date* (UVA Drama New Works Festival); *My Little Secret* (Adrenaline Film Festival).

**Deirdre O'Connor** is a graduate of Hampshire College, and Columbia University's MFA Playwriting program where she was the recipient of the John Golden Playwriting Award. O'Connor's plays include *Assisted Living* (Profiles Theatre, Chicago, Jeff Award - Non Equity 2012) *Jailbait* (Cherry Lane). Her plays have been produced or developed with Naked Angels, St. Ann's Warehouse, The Lark Play Development Center, and

The Playwrights Foundation, among others. Deirdre was a 2008 Cherry Lane Mentor Project Fellow mentored by Michael Weller, and a 2008-2009 Lark Playwrights Workshop Fellow. She won an Emmy Award for her writing on “The Electric Company” on PBS and was nominated for a Writers Guild Award for her work on the TV movie “Five.”

**William Truong** (3rd Year Economics and Cognitive Science).

## *Bus Play*

By **Susana Kuhn**

Directed by **Megan Deane**

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Macy..... Bryce Kirkland  
Kiera .....Megan Kuo  
Brandon ..... Charlie Cox

### WHO’S WHO IN *Bus Play*

**Charlie Cox** (4th Year Politics): *Double Stuffed* (Short Film).

**Megan Deane** (3rd Year Drama).

**Bryce Kirkland** (1st Year Undeclared).

**Susana Kuhn** is a fourth-year double major in Drama and Global Development Studies and is excited to be a part of UVA Drama’s Direct to You! in which she is also directing *Batchelor Party*. She has heavily enjoyed her experience taking classes in the Drama Department such as Directing I with Dave Dalton as well as Script Analysis, Playwriting and Advanced Playwriting with Doug Grissom. Beyond her coursework she is an active member of organizations on grounds such as Virginia Players, Hoos in Treble A Capella Group, and First Year Players theater group.

**Megan Kuo** (3rd Year Computer Science): *Dinner with the Devil* (UVA Drama New Works Festival).

## ***Batchelor Party***

By **Deirdre O'Connor**

Directed by **Susana Kuhn**

### **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

Claire ..... Maggie Mannarino

Jack ..... Kai Alfonso

### **WHO'S WHO IN *Batchelor Party***

**Kai Alfonso** (3rd Year Drama).

**Susana Kuhn** (see page 3).

**Maggie Mannarino** (2nd Year Cognitive Science, Biology minor).

**Deirdre O'Connor** (see page 2).

## ***Forty Minute Finish***

By **Jerome Hairston**

Directed by **Auntais Faulkner**

### **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

Terry ..... Aaron Kabani

Ike ..... Salem Bagnied

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## WHO'S WHO IN *Forty Minute Finish*

**Salem Bagnied** (1st Year Undeclared).

**Auntais Faulkner** (3rd Year MFA Acting): *Steps* (Pacific Northwest Readers Series).

**Jerome Hairston** Originally from Yorktown, Virginia, Jerome Hairston received his BA from James Madison University and is a graduate of Columbia University's MFA playwriting program. His plays include: *a.m. Sunday* (Humana Festival, 2002, Centerstage Baltimore), *L'Eboueur Sleeps Tonight*, *Forty Minute Finish* (Humana Festival 1999), *Method Skin*, and *Knife on Bone*. He has received commissions from The Kennedy Center, The Public Theatre/NYSF, Centerstage Baltimore, The McCarter Theater, The Children's Theater Company, The Bush Foundation/Guthrie New Play Program, and the Manhattan Theatre Club. He's been honored with a Heideman Award, an AATE distinguished play award, and the Fellowship of Southern Writers' Bryan Family Foundation Award for Drama. His plays have been published by Samuel French and featured in American Theatre Magazine. As a television writer-producer his credits include: *Law and Order Criminal Intent*, *FBI: Most Wanted*, *Survivors Remorse*, *Snowfall*, and *House of Cards*.

**Aaron Kabani** (3rd Year Commerce, Drama minor): *Reclamation: Black Monologues 2021*, *Reclamation 2.0: Black Monologues 2022* (UVA Drama); *Date Non-Function* (UVA Drama Overcranked!); *Disillusion: An American Dream Sequence* (Paul Robeson Players).

## *Wednesday*

By **Deirdre O'Connor**

Directed by **Regan Borucke**

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Getta..... Evelyn Garey  
Sheri..... Mary Hall

## WHO'S WHO IN *Wednesday*

**Regan Borucke** (4th Year English, Drama Minor): *Crosswalk* (UVA Drama Overcranked!), *Believer: A Cult Musical* (Assistant Director, Spectrum Theatre).

**Evelyn Garey** (4th Year Drama and History): *Love and Information*, *When the Rain Stops Falling*, *Sense & Sensibility* (UVA Drama); *Boys! The Musical*, *Bake for Life* (UVA Drama New Works Festival); *Main Character*, *IUD* (UVA Drama Overcranked!).

**Mary Hall** (2nd Year African American and African Studies and Drama) *Ginger is Dead*, *Untitled Slasher Movie* (UVA Drama Overcranked!); *A Chorus Line* (Spectrum Theatre).

**Deirdre O'Connor** (see page 2).

## ***Patchwork***

Written and Directed By **Charlie Mooz**

### **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

Q (a drag artist, in their mid-30s)..... Janelle Sasina  
Malcolm (their chosen brother, a man in his early 40s) ..... Kai Alfonso  
Willow (a friend, a woman in her late 30s) ..... Lela Howard-Trainer  
Enphys (a friend, in their late 20s)..... Madison Wasko

### **WHO'S WHO IN *Patchwork***

**Kai Alfonso** (see page 4).

**Lela Howard-Trainer** (3rd Year Drama and French): *Born Under A Single Light* (UVA Drama New Works Festival), *One Size Fits All* (UVA Drama Overcranked!), *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Romeo and Juliet* (Shakespeare Theatre Company).

**Charlie Mooz** is a Fourth Year Drama and Biology double major. He is the Vice President of Shakespeare on the Lawn, where he has previously directed *Scripts & Folios* and *Measure for Measure*. He started his work in playwriting only recently, having his script, *Birdsong*, read at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival 2023, where he was nominated for the Gary Garrison National Ten Minute Play Award and was awarded the Planet Earth Award. Select directing credits include *This Is Not a Date* (New Works Festival UVA Drama) and *The Kitty Cycle* (Virginia Players).

**Janelle Sasina** (2nd Year Architecture): *Believer: a Cult Musical* (Spectrum Theatre); *Macbeth* (SotL).

**Madison Wasko** (4th Year Psychology): *My Little Secret* (Adrenaline Film Project).

### WHO'S WHO IN DIRECT TO YOU!

**Dave Dalton** is an Associate Professor and Artistic Director at the University of Virginia Department of Drama where his recent productions include *Lungs*, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Love's a Bitch*, *Blood Wedding* and *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*. Dave has a MFA in Directing from Columbia University and is a member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society.

**Doug Grissom** teaches playwriting and screenwriting in the department. His plays have been widely produced at many venues around the country and in Britain. *Deep Down* and *Elvis People* were mounted in Off-Broadway productions and subsequently produced at regional theatres across the country. *Elvis People* and several other plays of his have been published by Dramatic Publishing Company and Playscripts, Inc. He's written two educational theatre pieces on sexual assault and harassment, *But I Said No* and *I Never Saw It Coming*, which have been performed in numerous colleges and high schools around the country.

**Sarah Harden** (4th Year Russian and East European Studies): *Sense & Sensibility*, *16 Winters*, or *the Bear's Tale* (UVA Drama).

**Xuled Stiff** (4th Year Drama).

## PRODUCTION STAFF

### **Stage Management and Rehearsal Staff**

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Assistant Production Coordinator ..... Rainah Gregory

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Prop Master ..... Sam Flippo

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Lighting Design Faculty Advisor..... R. Lee Kennedy  
Light Board Op..... Xuled Stiff

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Sound Board Operator .....Patrick Kimrey

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