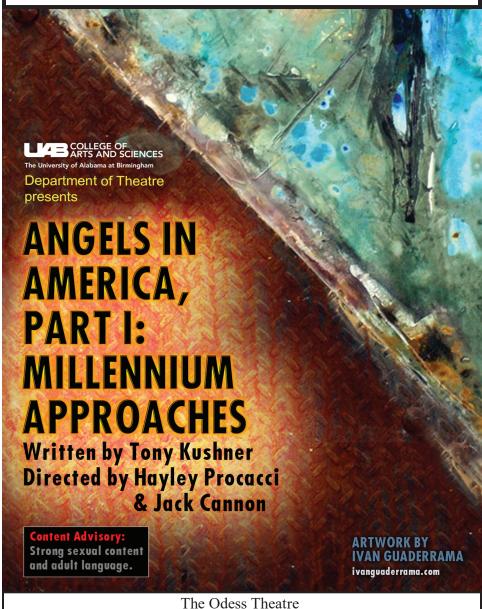
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# **Department of Theatre**

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# **Theatre UAB Faculty and Administrative Staff**

Kelly Dean Allison, Professor	
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# Angels In America, Part I: Millennium Approaches

# By Tony Kushner

ANGELS IN AMERICA, PART I: MILLENNIUM APPROACHES is produced by special arrangement with Broadway Play Publishing, Inc, NYC. www.broadwayplaypub.com

Stage Manager Spencer Webb

Costume Design Olivia Bowles

Scenic & Properties Design
J. Marc Quattlebaum

Sound Design Sean Allan Doyle Lighting Design Kelly Allison

Voice & Text Coach Marlene Johnson

# Directed by Hayley Procacci & Jack Cannon

Opening Night: Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

#### **CONTENT ADVISORY:**

This production contains strong sexual content, adult language and suggested nudity.

There will be fog (dry ice) and simulated smokeless tobacco use.

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MILLENNIUM APPROACHES was first performed in a workshop production presented by Center Theatre Group/Mark Taper Forum, May 1990.

The world premiere was presented by The Eureka Theatre Company, May 1991.

Opened in London at the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain, January 1992.

Opened in New York at the Walter Kerr Theatre in April 1993.

The first production of ANGELS IN AMERICA, Parts One and Two was presented at the Mark Taper Forum, November 1992.

The videotaping or other video, photography or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

# THE CAST

Rabbi Chemelwitz	Victoria Cruz	
Roy Cohn	Chance Novalis	
Joe Pitt	Jackson Perry	
Harper Pitt	Laurel Floen	
Mr. Lies	Antonio Mitchell	
Louis Ironson	Brett Everingham	
Prior Walter	David Parker	
Henry	Lew Williams	
Emily	Victoria Cruz	
Man in the Park	David Parker	
Belize	Antonio Mitchell	
Martin Heller	Laurel Floen	
Hannah Pitt	Lew Williams	
Ella Chapter	Victoria Cruz	
Ella ChapterPrior 1	Jackson Perry	
Prior 2	Chance Novalis	
The Eskimo	Jackson Perry	
The Woman in the South Bronx	Victoria Cruz	
Ethel Rosenberg.	Lew Williams	
The Angel	Victoria Cruz	
Shadows of The AngelDevin Franklin	, Raiya Goodman, Maggie Moore	

PLACE: New York City, Salt Lake City and Elsewhere

ACT I: BAD NEWS October - November, 1985

ACT II: IN VITRO
December 1985 - January 1986

ACT III: NOT-YET-CONSCIOUS, FORWARD DAWNING January 1986

There will be two ten-minute intermissions.

# Notes on this production...

Tony Kushner's Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes is one of the few plays that so brilliantly holds up a mirror to our society and its conflicts. After almost 30 years of being performed on stages across the globe, Angels in America proves that our country still has not changed much. Kushner intelligently juxtaposes fictional as well as real-life people and events in a world, where the seemingly unrelated fates are inexplicably intertwined. Angels in America: Part One follows two New York couples in 1985—Prior and Louis, and Joe and Harper—as they grapple with the revelations of Prior's AIDS diagnosis and Joe's homosexuality, respectively. Each of the characters struggles with the stigma of homosexuality and predominant homophobia in American society. Two of those characters are guided by omniscient figures: Prior by the magnificent and illustrious Angel and Joe by the equally omnipotent, although morally corrupt, lawyer Roy Cohn. As the new

## Notes, continued...

millennium approaches, the personae in the play delve further into their own truths and make decisions that not only affect their lives, but also the lives of those around them.

The play provides a thorough examination of various power relations in the United States during a time of economic and political vigor, but also of social division and moral weakness. It also presents an intimate account of how the homosexual minority, especially those living with HIV/AIDS, were marginalized or treated indifferently. Although the character of Roy Cohn is mostly a work of fiction, several historical facts about him have been taken into consideration. After being diagnosed with AIDS, Roy covered the truth by telling the public that he had liver cancer. He was also disbarred later in life, not long before his death. According to *The Washington Post*, Cohn faced charges of dishonesty, fraud, deceit, and misrepresentation. Most infamously, he is known for supporting McCarthy's Red Scare actions and sitting on the prosecution team against Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. Although the Rosenbergs were found guilty of espionage, many believe that the extent of their crime was not deserving of the electric chair, especially for Ethel.

Angels in America openly addresses the 1980s' AIDS crisis which, unfortunately, is still very much present and closer to Alabama than anyone might think. According to a 2016 PBS news report, the Southern United States is the new epicenter for HIV/AIDS. The region accounts for 44% of people living with HIV and half of all new HIV diagnoses occur in the South. Birmingham is also ranked 17 on a list of the highest rates of HIV infection in cities. There is, however, a silver lining to this heartbreaking truth. Birmingham is home to UAB's Center for AIDS Research and the 1917 Clinic, world-renowned centers in the research and treatment of AIDS, and employs internationally recognized experts in HIV/AIDS. Theatre UAB is humbled to be able to follow in the footsteps of the 1917 Clinic and the UAB Center for AIDS Research not only by raising awareness for HIV/AIDS, but by telling the emotional story of these brave men and women—our families.

For more dramaturgical research on the play, visit https://www.uab.edu/cas/theatre/on-stage/current-season/angels-in-america

For more information about HIV/AIDS research or if you would like to volunteer or donate to the cause, please contact the Center for AIDS Research at https://www.uab.edu/medicine/cfar/or the 1917 Clinic at https://www.uab.edu/medicine/1917clinic/

- Tanier Dutton, Dramaturg

# **Theatre UAB Production Staff**

Production Manager/Technical Director	d Zuckerman
Assistant Technical Director	David Page
Costume Director	Amy Page
Costume Studio SupervisorSh	
Stage Electrics Director	
Properties MasterJ. Marc	
Scenic Studio Assistants Dustin Green, Mel McComber, Brian	Wittenberg,
Lew Williams, A	liyah Zeigler
Electrics AssistantsKatherine Montgomery, Rita Pearson-Daley, S	pencer Webb
Costume AssistantsOlivia Bowles, Addie Counts, Mar	issa Hebson,
Sam Mathews, Madeline Pratt,	Alyssa Wilke
Properties AssistantsAllie Nichols, Rita Pearson-Daley, Andrew Properties Assistants	nna Whitlock
Media RelationsShanno	on Thomason
VideographyMi	chael Wolter
ASC Manager of Patron ServicesJerem	ie Kirkwood
ASC House ManagementNoah Andrews	, Joel Corley
ASC Associate House ManagersJohn Bryan, Terrie Entrup, Ma	

Staff for this Production
Assistant Stage ManagersClara Vetta Holmes, Rachel-Marie Strazza
Assistant to Directors
Dramaturg
Fabric Painter/Textile Artist
Scenic Charge
Scenery/Lighting Construction/ElectricsLucas Bradley, Charlotte Clark, Emily Donahue, Bailey Dumlao, Matias Dupree, Anna Frey, Dustin Green, Terencea Holtzclaw, Jackson Perry, Travis Roddy, Jonathan Roth, Briana Scott, Katie Strickland, Caiden Vincent, Amanda Waller, Alyssa Wilke, Evan Wilson Scenic PaintersElana Brooks, Rita Pearson-Daley, Zac Hannigan, Mary Glen Montgomery, Anna Whitlock, Brian Wittenberg
Scenery/Properties Running Crew
Light Board OperatorKhalia Reeder
Sound Board Operator. Tanier Dutton Cover/Poster Design. Cliff Simon

# Kelly Allison (Lighting Design)

Home Town: Litchfield, MN

Education: BFA-Stephens College, MFA-University of Minnesota.

Recent Production Work: Lighting Design: A Little Night Music, Spring Awakening, Buried Child, Stupid F\*\*\*ing Bird, Avenue Q, Urinetown: The Musical, Big Love, Charley's Aunt, Macbeth, The Rocky Horror Show, Eurydice (UAB.) Scenic Design: Silent Sky (UAB.)

## Olivia Bowles (Costume Design)

Home Town: Birmingham, AL

Education: Alabama School of Fine Arts

Recent Production Work: Assistant Costume Design: *Hairspray* (UAB,) Properties Crew: *Working* (UAB,) Wardrobe Crew: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (UAB.)

#### Jack Cannon (Director)

Home Town: Atlanta, GA

Education: MFA Directing/Acting - The University of Arizona.

Recent Production Work: Directing: Pablo and Andrew at the Altar of Words, The Real Inspector Hound, Dancing at Lughnasa, In The Next Room (or, The Vibrator Play,) Twelfth Night; or, What You Will, The Caucasian Chalk Circle, Largo Desolato, The Food Chain (UAB.) Acting: Hairspray, You Can't Take It With You, Buried Child, Don't Trifle With Love, Three Sisters, King Lear (UAB.)

## Sean Allan Doyle (Sound Design)

Home Town: Alexandria, VA

Education: BA Theatre Arts Lehigh University

Recent Production Work: Sound Design: Romeo & Juliet: Love Knows No Age (Unexpected Stage,) Tangles (Theatre for New Medicine at Wooley Mammoth,) The Great American Trailer Park Musical (Dominion Stage.) Sound Engineer: Intersections Theatre Festival (DC.) Lighting Design: The Bachelorette (Dominion Stage.) Light Board Operator: The Call (Theatre J.)

# **Tanier Dutton (Dramaturg)**

Home Town: Carbon Hill, AL

Education: Transfer: Bevill State Community College, A.S. Psychology, Carbon Hill

High School

Recent Production Work: Acting: Hairspray, A Midsummer Night's Dream (UAB,) The Importance of Being Earnest, The Merchant of Venice, All My Sons, Macbeth (Bevill State Community College.) Playwriting: Sundee Mornin' Digest (One Man Show.)

# Victoria Angelina Cruz (Rabbi Chemelwitz/Emily/Ella Chapter/Woman in South Bronx/The Angel)

Home Town: Birmingham, AL · Education: B.A. Public Relations, UAB Recent Production Work: Acting: Silent Sky, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Fourteenth Festival of Ten Minute Plays, Black Lady Authority (UAB,) Othello: Abridged (HurryUp Prod.)

#### **Brett Everingham (Louis Ironson)**

Home Town: Atlanta, GA

Education: Hoover High School

Recent Production Work: Acting: Hairspray, A Midsummer Night's Dream (UAB,)

Bring It On: The Musical, Don't Touch That Dial, I Am Angel (Hoover HS.)

## Laurel Floen (Harper Pitt/Martin Heller)

Home Town: Tampa, FL · Education: Blake High School for the Performing Arts Recent Production Work: Dance Captain/Ensemble Swing: A Midsummer Night's Dream (UAB.) Acting: Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays, 2017 Freshman Showcase (UAB.) Plaid Skirts (Lab Theater Project,) Lord of the Flies (Blake HS.) Beauty and the Beast (Community School of the Arts.)

# **Devin Franklin (Shadow of The Angel)**

Home Town: Birmingham, Alabama Education: McAdory High School

Recent Production. Work: Acting: Hairspray (UAB,) On Lock, In the Heights

(McAdory HS.)

#### Raiya Goodman (Shadow of The Angel)

Home Town: Houston, TX

Education: The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA)

Recent Production Work: Acting: Romeo and Juliet, The Colored Museum (HSPVA,)

Hairspray (Inspiration Stage.)

# Clara Vetta Holmes (Assistant Stage Manager)

Home Town: Grand Blanc, MI

Education: Grand Blanc High School

Recent Production Work: Acting: 2018-19 Diva Touring Company, Hairspray, A Little

Night Music, Vinegar Tom (UAB,) Thoroughly Modern Millie, Almost, Maine, Hairspray (Grand Blanc HS.) Assistant Stage Management: Working (UAB.)

# Marlene Johnson (Vocal/Text Coach)

Home Town: Allentown, PA

Education: MFA, Virginia Commonwealth University

Recent Production Work: Voice & Text Coach: Hairspray, Silent Sky, Working, A Midsummer Night's Dream (UAB.) Vocal Coach: The Real Inspector Hound, You Can't Take It With You, Spring Awakening, Buried Child, Stupid F\*\*\*ing Bird, Dancing at Lughnasa, Avenue Q, In The Next Room (or, The Vibrator Play,) Women of War, Urinetown: The Musical, Twelfth Night, Big Love, Charley's Aunt, Proof, Macbeth (UAB.) Vocal Director: Vinegar Tom, On The Verge (UAB,) Around The World in 80 Days, God of Carnage (Alabama Shakespeare Festival.)

## Antonio Mitchell (Mr. Lies/Beliz)

Home Town: Phenix City, AL

Education: Central High School/Faulkner University

Recent Production Work: Acting: 2018-19 Tom Sawyer Touring Company, Hairspray, Washington & DuBois: Two Opinions, One Goal (Vulcan Park,) A Midsummer Night's Dream, 2017-18 Bookends Touring Company, The Real Inspector Hound, You Can't Take It With You, Buried Child (UAB,) Les Misérables, The Game's Afoot, Flight of the Lawnchair Man (Faulkner University,) The Drowsy Chaperone, Zombie Prom (CHS Encore Productions.)

# Maggie Moore (Shadow of The Angel)

Home Town: Madison, AL

Education: Bob Jones High School/Guildhall School of Music and Drama

Recent Production Work: Acting: Julius Caesar, Cannibals (Guildhall School of Music

and Drama,) To Kill A Mockingbird (Bob Jones High School.)

#### Chance Novalis (Roy Cohn/Prior 2)

Home Town: Madison, AL

Education: Bob Jones High School

Recent Production Work: Acting: 2018-19 Tom Sawyer Touring Company, Silent Sky, A Midsummer Night's Dream, 2017-18 Bookends Touring Company, The Real Inspector Hound, Vinegar Tom, Dancing at Lughnasa, 13th Annual Festival of Ten Minute Plays (UAB,) Southern Baptist Sissies, The Explorer's Club (Theatre Downtown,) In the Heights, The Standard Deviation (Bob Jones.) Directing: Off a Broken Road (Bob Jones.)

#### David Parker (Prior Walter/Man in the Park)

Home Town: Birmingham, AL

Education: Paul W. Bryant High School

Recent Production Work: Acting: Hairspray (UAB,) Washington & DuBois: Two Opinions, One Goal (Vulcan Park,) The Dinner Detective (Redmont Hotel,) Voice in the Dark: A Salem Story (Paul W. Bryant HS.)

# Jackson Perry (Joe Pitt/Prior 1/The Eskimo)

Home Town: Hoover, AL

Education: Hoover High School

Recent Production Work: Acting: Hairspray (UAB.) Assistant Stage Management: A

Midsummer Night's Dream (UAB.)

# **Hayley Procacci (Director)**

Home Town: Hoover, AL

Education: Hoover High School

Recent Production Work: Directing: Fool for Love, Gruesome Playground Injuries (UAB.) Assistant Directing: Silent Sky (UAB.) Acting: A Midsummer Night's Dream, You Can't Take It With You, 2016-17 Bookends Touring Company (UAB.) The Miracle Worker (South City Theatre.)

## J. Marc Quattlebaum (Scenic & Properties Design)

Home Town: Lexington, SC

Education: MFA Wayne State University 2009. BA Newberry College 2005 Recent Production Work: Properties Design: Hairspray, Silent Sky, Working, A Midsummer Night's Dream, A Little Night Music, You Can't Take It With You, Vinegar Tom, The Real Inspector Hound, Spring Awakening, Buried Child, Dancing at Lughnasa, In The Next Room (or, The Vibrator Play,) Clybourne Park (UAB.)

# Rachel-Marie Strazza (Assistant Stage Manager)

Home Town: Bronx, NY

Education: Wilton High School (CT)

Recent Production Work: Stage Management: Annie! the Musical (Wiremill Academy) Bye Bye Birdie, (Summerstage,) Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit, Superhero's the Musical (WHS.) Choreography: Bebop With Aesop, Frog and Toad, Annie! the Musical (Wiremill Academy.) Lighting Design: Wizard of Oz, Mary Poppins Jr., Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (WCT.) Xanadu (Carriage House Arts Center.) Acting: Beauty and the Beast, The Man Who Came to Dinner, The Pajama Game (WHS.) Little Women the Musical (Wilton Playshop.)

#### Spencer Webb (Stage Manager)

Home Town: Madison, AL

Education: Bob Jones High School

Recent Production Work: Stage Management: Silent Sky (UAB.) Directing/Stage Management: 14<sup>th</sup> Festival of Ten Minute Plays (UAB.) Assistant Stage Management: Working (UAB.) A Chorus Line (Virginia Samford Theatre.) Scenic Construction: Willy Wonka, Jr., A Christmas Story, Spamalot (VST,) Spring Awakening (UAB.)

## Anna Whitlock (Assistant to the Directors)

Home Town: Alabaster, AL · Education: Thompson High School Recent Production Work: Assistant Stage Management: Silent Sky (UAB.) Acting: A Midsummer Night's Dream, You Can't Take It With You (UAB,) A Midsummer Night's Dream (South City Theatre). Into the Woods, James and the Giant Peach (Thompson

HS).

# Lew Williams (Henry/Hannah Pitt/Ethel Rosenberg)

Home Town: Scottsboro, AL

Education: Scottsboro High School, Northeast Alabama Community College Recent Production Work: Lighting Design: Working, You Can't Take It With You (UAB,) Forbidden Broadway, Big Fish, The Foreigner (NACC.) Acting: Silent Sky, The Fourteenth Festival of Ten Minute Plays (UAB,) Les Misérables, Blithe Spirit (NACC.)

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Music Directed by Roy Lightner
Music Direction by Carolyn Violi
October 17-20 at 7:30pm
October 21 at 2:00pm
The Sirote Theatre

#### ANGELS IN AMERICA, PART I: MILLENNIUM APPROACHES

By Tony Kushner
Directed by Hayley Procacci & Jack Cannon
November 7-10, 14-16 at 7:30pm
November 17 at 2:00pm
The Odess Theatre

#### **HAY FEVER**

by Noel Coward Directed by Dennis McLernon February 21-24 at 7:30pm February 25 at 2:00pm The Sirote Theatre

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Choreography by Roy Lightner
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