# UAB Department of Theatre 2022-2023 Season Dedicated to our dear friend and colleague, Marlene Johnson

#### A NEW BRAIN

Music & lyrics by William Finn & book by Finn & James Lapine Directed by Cooper Ellis & Roy Lightner Musical Direction by Carolyn Violi October 12-15 at 7:30pm October 16 at 2:00pm The Sirote Theatre

#### SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

By Kate Hamill Directed by Santiago Sosa November 9-12, 16-18 @ 7:30pm; November 19 @ 2pm The Odess Theatre

#### ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD

By Tom Stoppard Directed by Dennis McLernon February 22-25 @ 7:30pm; February 26 @ 2pm The Sirote Theatre

#### **SANCTUARY CITY**

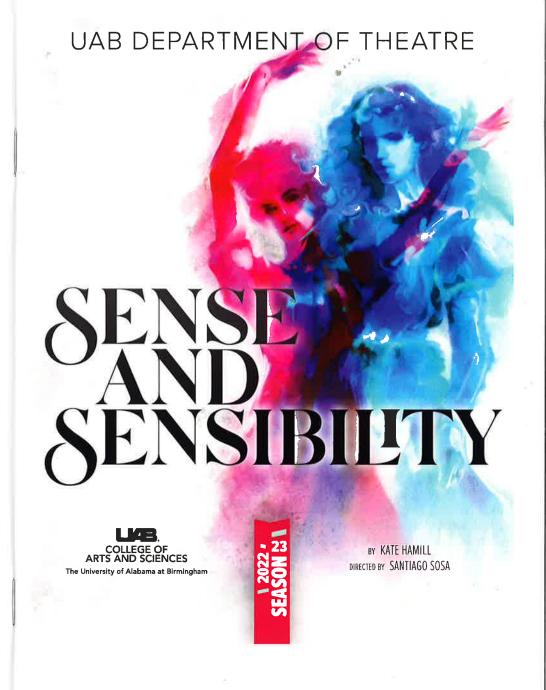
By Martyna Majok Directed by Bailey Dumlao March 6-10 @ 7:30pm The Odess Theatre

#### INTO THE WOODS

Music & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim & book by James Lapine Directed by Valerie Accetta Musical Direction by Carolyn Violi April 12-15 @ 7:30pm; April 16 @ 2pm The Sirote Theatre

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Last year more than 1,500 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.

### Theatre UAB Faculty and Administrative Staff

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# SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

By Kate Hamill

Directed by Santiago Sosa

Stage Manager **TaShauna Ajoi Jenkins** 

Scenic Design
Alan E. Schwanke

Costume Design Kimberly Schnormeier

Lighting Design **Ed Zuckerman** 

Sound Design **David Page** 

Properties Design

Voice & Text Coach
Abigail Coats

Opening Night: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:30pm
The Odess Theatre in the Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY will be performed with one fifteen minute intermission.

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection.

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CAST

Elinor Dashwood	Rosie Coryell
Marianne Dashwood	Kiersten David
Fanny Dashwood/Lucy Steele/Lady Middleton/Gossip	
Edward Ferrars/Robert Ferrars/Gossip	
Willoughby/John Dashwood/Gossip	Simon Sarnowski
Colonel Brandon/Thomas/Gossip	
Margaret Dashwood/Mrs. Ferrars/Gossip	Celia Knox
Miss Dashwood/Anne Steele/Gossip	
Mrs. Jennings/Gossip	Morgan Tapp
John Middleton/Servant/Gossip/Doctor	Cade McCall
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Elinor Dashwood	Norah Trench
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# **PLACE & TIME**

England, 1790s

Sense and Sensibility is easily my favorite Jane Austen novel for the simple reason that I see myself in both Elinor (the ever present paradigm of Sense) and Marianne (the ever shifting embodiment of Sensibility) in that there is this constant push and pull between the idea of rational thought and strong emotions guiding us (or misguiding us) through all the many adventures and journeys that we find ourselves trekking through, throughout this life. I love antithetical ideas constantly at war with one another; that always seem to challenge our desire for restraint or unfiltered passion. When approaching this show I realized that in order to tell this story, as it lives in my mind's eye, I would have to take an anachronistic approach that still maintains the heart and soul of Jane Austen's novel. No matter how hard I try to transport the audience to a different period in time I could never truly capture that regency era with a script that has over forty scenes and ten actors playing over forty roles on a mostly empty stage; within a two hour time frame for a modern audience. So what I've come up with in this anachronistic lens is something that still captures the enthusiasm, pageantry, excitement, and emotional depth of Austen's beloved characters, as well as our own in this day and age. What you are about to experience is the story and the circumstances of these beloved characters as it exists in my disco ball brain; full of glittery movements, heightened language, glorious costumes, pop music, and bright bursts of pastel, creamy colors, swirling around on the stage you see before you, now. Pease lean forward; laugh, cry, and/or tap your feet to the beat of Sense and Sensibility.

# **UAB Department of Theatre Production Staff**

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Production Manager/Technical Director	rEd Zuckerman Jonathan Harder	
Assistant Technical Director	Jonathan Harder	
Costume Director	Amy Page	
Costume Studio Supervisor	Sharon Morgan	
Stage Electrics Coordinator	David Page	
Properties Master	David Page Jim LutherDavis Carter, Ellie Cornett, Trevor McMullen,	
Scenic Studio Assistants	Davis Carter, Ellie Cornett, Trevor McMullen,	
	Morgan Rankin-Taylor	
Electrics Assistants	Caitlin Irelan, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Joshua Lang	
Costume Assistants	Rosie Coryell, Sara Curren, Carter Davis,	
Cooper Ellis Madel	eine Kate Erwin, Cade McCall, Lauren McInnis,	
Anna Medders Kelan	Millican, Jazzy Pedroza-Watson, Meg Williams	
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Properties Assistants	C.J. Romano	
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ASC House Management	Jennifer McGee, Terrie Entrup	
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Assistant Director	George Barreto
Assistant Stage Managers	Sawyer Luke, Jazzy Pedroza-Watson
Dance Choreographer	Sawyer Luke
Movement/Furnitureographer	McKennaShaw
Hair & Makeup Design	McKenna Shaw
Assistant Lighting Design	Jazzy Pedroza-Watson
Scenic Charge	
Graphic DesignMichael Vizz	ina, FRED Communication by Design
PhotographyScenery/Lighting Construction/Electrics	Angus Black Davis Carter
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	gerald, Trinity Glover, Peyton Griffin,
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	vor McMullen, Morgan Rankin Taylor,
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	Taylor, Elaysha Travis, Norah Trench
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	Shauna Ajoi Jenkins, Isabelle Johnson,
Kirk Kirkpatrick, Alex Martin, Cade M	
	n, Leen Murad, Jazzy Pedroza-Watson,
	s, Nicholas Williamson, Charlie Wood
DressersSadie F	
Light Board Operator	
Sound Deck	Abigail Coats
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#### Sense & Sensibility Production Biographies

George Baretto (he/him/his) - Assistant Director

Concentration: BA General Theatre

Hometown: Isabela, PR

Education: Northeast Alabama Community College, Albertville High School Recent Production Work: Director: The Other Room (NACC). Assistant Director/

Ensemble: Godspell (NACC). Performance: Puffs (NACC).

Sophie Grace Bell (she/they) - U/S Marianne Dashwood/Margaret Dashwood/Mrs. Ferrars/Gossip

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Hometown: St. Petersburg, FL

Education: Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School (PCCA)

Recent Productions: Performance: Company, Fun Home (PCCA). Directing: Broadway

Cares/Equity Fights Aids Overdone Musical Cabaret (PCCA).

Rosie Coryell (she/her) - Elinor Dashwood

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Home Town: Portage, MI

Education: Eastern Michigan University

Recent Production Work: Performance: The SpongeBob Musical (UAB), Cabaret (Eastern Michigan University), Stage Management: Significant Other (UAB), Sound

Board Operator: Godspell (UAB).

Abigail Coats (she/her/hers) - Voice & Text Coach

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Home Town: Florence, AL

Education: Florence Academy of Fine Arts

Recent Production Work: Performance: Survivors (First Table Read, Red Mountain Theatre), The Miracle Worker (Ivy Green 60th Annual Production), A New Brain, The 2022 Heroes vs Villains Tour, Much Ado About Nothing, Disconnect, Clarkston (UAB).

Kiersten David (she/her/hers) - Marianne Dashwood

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Hometown: Chelsea, AL

Education: Chelsea High School

Recent productions: Production Assistant: *The Crossing* (Red Mountain Theatre Human Rights New Works Festival). Performance: *High School Musical* (Red Mountain Theatre), Performing Ensemble (Red Mountain Theatre Conservatory). *The Wizard of* 

Oz (Chelsea High School).

TaShauna Ajoi Jenkins (she/her/hers) – Stage Manager

Concentration: BA General Theatre

Home Town: Birmingham, AL

Education: Clay Chalkville High School, University of North Alabama

Recent Production Work: Performance: Pink Clouds (Red Mountain Theatre).

Significant Other, Coin (Staged Reading) (UAB). Stage Management: Echo(es) (UAB).

#### Sense & Sensibility Production Biographies

# Kirk Kirkpatrick (he/him/his) - Edward Ferrars/Robert Ferrars/Gossip

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Birmingham, AL

Education: Vestavia Hills High School

Recent Production Work: Lighting Design: Cappy Feet (UAB) Performance: Noises

Off, 2021 Sword in the Stone Touring Company (UAB).

# Celia Knox (she/her/hers)- Margaret Dashwood/Mrs. Ferrars/Gossip

Concentration: BFA in Musical Theatre

Home Town: Mobile, AL

Education: Mary G. Montgomery High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,

Once On This Island, Peter And The Starcatcher (Mary G. Montgomery HS).

# Sawyer Luke (she/her) - Assistant Stage Manager/Dance Choreographer

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Hometown: Birmingham, AL Education: Shades Valley High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: The SpongeBob Musical, 9 to 5 (Virginia

Samford Theatre), True North (Red Mountain Theatre Company).

#### Jim Luther - Properties Design

Home Town: Honolulu, HI

Education: BFA - University of Hawaii at Manoa

Recent Production Work: Properties Design: A New Brain (UAB), Childsplay, Tacoma

Actors Guild, Taproot Theatre Company, Seattle Children's Theatre.

#### Nick Lynn - Colonel Brandon/Thomas/Gossip

Home Town: Kansas City, Missouri Education: Rockhurst High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: Hair (UAB), High School Musical (Music Theatre Kansas City), Grease (Stage Right Performing Arts), How to Succeed in

Business Without Really Trying (Rockhurst High School).

# Cade McCall - John Middleton/Servant/Gossip/Doctor

Concentration - BA Performance Home Town: Headland, AL

Education: Headland High School

Recent Production Work: Assistant Costume Design: The SpongeBob Musical (UAB). Wardrobe Crew: Noises Off (UAB). Performance: Significant Other (UAB). Run Crew:

Godspell (UAB).

#### Sense and Sensibility Production Biographies

# Owen McManus (he/him) - U/S Edward Ferrars/Robert Ferrars/Gossip/John Middleton/Servant/Doctor

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Huntsville, AL Education: Grissom High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Drowsy

Professor (Grissom High School). Directing: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (GHS).

#### Michael Mercado (he/they) - U/S Colonel Brandon/Thomas/Gossip

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Florence, AL Education: Florence High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: 2022 Loving Shakespeare Touring Company, Much Ado About Nothing (UAB), Almost Maine, The Yellow Boat (Florence High

School). Running Crew: Godspell (UAB).

#### David Page - Lighting/Sound Design

Home Town: New Orleans, LA

Education: BA in Theatre, Louisiana Tech University

Recent Production Work: Lighting/Sound Design: Noises Off (UAB). Sound Design: Much Ado About Nothing (UAB). Sound/Projections: The Glass Menagerie (UAB). Projections: Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott (Birmingham Children's Theatre), Newsies (Red Mountain Theatre Company), Bonnie and Clyde, Dracula (Alabama Ballet), Rock of Ages (Virginia Samford Theatre), Snow Queen (Arova Contemporary Ballet), A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder (Theatre Baton Rouge), Frozen Jr. (Cohasset Dramatic Club).

# Jazzy Pedroza-Watson (she/her/hers) - Assistant Stage Manager/Assistant Lighting Design

Concentration: BA Performance Home Town: Madison, AL

Education: Bob Jones High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: References to Salvador Dali Make Me Hot (KCACTF), Echo(es), Much Ado About Nothing, The Wolves (UAB). Directing: Bake for Life (KCACTF). Assistant Directing: The Sword in the Stone Touring Company (UAB).

#### C.J. Romano - Scenic Charge

Concentration: BA Design/Tech Home Town: Birmingham, AL

Education: John Carroll Catholic High School

Recent Production Work: Assistant Scenic Design: The SpongeBob Musical (UAB). Scene Painter: Noises Off, Echo(es), The SpongeBob Musical (UAB.) Assistant

Costume Design: The Secret Garden (UAB).

#### Sense and Sensibility Production Biographies

Simon Sarnowski (they/them/theirs) - Willoughby/John Dashwood/Gossip

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Mechanicsburg, PA

Education: Cumberland Valley High School

Recent Production Work: Assistant Stage Management: Echo(es) (UAB). Running Crew: Hair (UAB), Performance: The 2022 Heroes vs Villains Tour (UAB). The

Addams Family, Nice Work If You Can Get It (Cumberland Valley HS).

#### Kimberly Schnormeier - Costume Design

Home Town: Gambier, OH

Education: MFA in Scenography from Northwestern University. BFA in Graphic

Design, Miami University

Recent Production Work: Costume/Scenic Design: The Wolves (UAB). Costume Design: The SpongeBob Musical, Much Ado About Nothing, Savage, 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Silent Sky, Working, A Little Night Music, Vinegar Tom, Buried Child, Dancing at Lughnasa, In The Next Room (or, The Vibrator Play,) Clybourne Park, Urinetown: The Musical, Big Love, Charley's Aunt (UAB). Beauty and the Beast, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Birmingham Children's Theatre).

#### Alan E. Schwanke - Scenic Design

Home Town: Salem, OR

Education: M.F.A. of Scenic Design from Northwestern University; B.F.A. of Theater Design & Technology from The University of Central Oklahoma; Member of the United

Scenic Artists Union Local 829

Recent Production Work: Associate Scenic Designer for Downstate, Playwright's Horizons (Off-Broadway NYC); Associate Scenic Designer for A Christmas Carol, Alliance Theater (Atlanta, GA); Associate Scenic Designer for King James, Steppenwolf Theater (Chicago, IL)/Mark Taper Forum (Los Angeles, CA).

#### McKenna Shaw (she/her/hers) - Fanny Dashwood/Lucy Steele/Lady Middleton/ Gossip/Movement/Furnitureographer/Hair & Makeup Design

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Home Town: Pittsburg, KS

Education: Pittsburg High School Recent Production Work: Performance: True North (Red Mountain Theatre Company), The 2022 Heroes vs Villains Tour, Much Ado About Nothing, Disconnect. The Way You Made Me (UAB). Directing/Choreography/Dance Captain: Much Ado About Nothing (UAB), Emma! The Musical (Just Off Broadway Theatre Company).

#### Sammy Sledd (she/her) - U/S Mrs. Jennings/Gossip/Fanny Dashwood/Lucy Steele/ Lady Middleton

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre

Hometown: Huntsville, AL Education: Grissom High School

Recent Work: Performance: The Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Drowsy Professor

(Grissom High School), Legally Blonde (Lyrique Music Productions).

#### Sense and Sensibility Production Biographies

Santiago Sosa - Director

Home Town: Guayaquil, Ecuador Education: BFA, Texas State University; MFA, The University of Wisconsin Recent Production Work: Performance (Narration): The SpongeBob Musical (UAB). Voice & Text Coach: The SpongeBob Musical, Much Ado About Nothing, Godspell (UAB), As You Like It, The Wolves (University of Kansas), The Tempest (Nashville Shakespeare Festival). Directing: Love's Labour's Lost (Island Shakespeare Festival), Blood Wedding (Lipscomb University), Much Ado About Nothing (The Theater Bug) Twelfth Night (Vanderbilt University), Julius Caesar (Nashville Shakespeare Festival). Fight Direction: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Nashville Shakespeare Festival), Two Gentlemen of Verona (The Theater Bug).

Morgan Tapp (she/her/hers) - Mrs. Jennings/Gossip

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: St. Petersburg, FL

Education: Pinellas County Center for the Arts (PCCA)
Recent Production Work: Performance: 2022 Alice In Wonderland Tour, Godspell, 2021 Get Animated Tour, Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical (UAB), A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder (PCCA).

### Elaysha Travis (she/her/hers) - Mrs. Dashwood/Anne Steele/Gossip

Concentration: BA Performance

Home town: Madison, MS

Education: Madison Central Highschool

Recent Production Work: Performance: Eurydice (UAB).

#### Norah Trench (she/her/hers) - U/S Elinor Dashwood

Concentration: BFA Musical Theatre Home Town: Birmingham, AL

Education: Vestavia Hills High School

Recent Production Work: Performance: Anastasia, Comedy of Errors, Xanadu

Steel Magnolias (Vestavia Hills High School).

Ed Zuckerman - Lighting Design

Home Town: Philadelphia, PA Education: MFA, Wayne State University

Recent Production Work: Lighting Design: The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Hairspray, Clybourne Park, Twelfth Night; or, What You Will, Proof, Rhinoceros, The Praying Mantis, The Piano Lesson (UAB.) Scenic Design: Much Ado About Nothing, Hay Fever, The Real Inspector Hound, Dancing At Lughnasa, In The Next Room (or, The Vibrator Play,) (UAB).

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