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	Ilana Marshall
JOHN UTTERSON	Chris Robertson
SIMON STRIDE	Marcos Miranda
SIR DANVERS CAREW	Rick Blasi
LADY BEACONSFIELD	Helena Helms
BISHOP OF BASINGSTOKE	Evan Gould
SIR ARCHIBALD PROOPS	Anvar Gashimov
	Terry Star
NELLIE/ENSEMBLE	Christine Phillips
POOLE/ENSEMBLE	Xander Lawless
SPIDER/ENSEMBLE	Brandon Hines
BISSET/ENSEMBLE	Theresa Pazanowski
ENSEMBLE	Mya Smoak, Frankie Rady, Anna Iglesias,
	Rose Barber, Jessica Ramirez, Sarah Blasi

### THE **CREATIVE TEAM & CREW**

DIRECTOR	Bradley Akers
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Anthony Felton
CHOREOGRAPHER	Jocelyn Geronimo
STAGE MANAGER	Samantha Hannigan
SCENIC DESIGNER	Bradley Akers
LIGHTING DESIGNER	Daniel Dungan
PROPS MISTRESS	Heather Goliber
	Michelle C. Lindsay & Phedre Delinois
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SET DRESSER	Allen Morton
	Jaquette Jantzen
STAGE CREW	Heather Goliber, Kat Goliber, Tinsley Granillo

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COLE MARSHALL (Dr. Henry Jekyll/Edward Hyde) is thrilled to be playing his long-time dream role alongside his wife, Ilana, on the same stage where they were married. Previous credits include Leo Frank in Limelight's Parade, Charlemagne in Theatre Jacksonville's Pippin, Mendel in 5 & Dime's Falsettos, Toxie in Players by the Sea's Toxic Avenger, and Jim in ABET's The Lifespan of a Fact. It's been almost exactly 5 years since Cole has participated in a show at Players by the Sea and it's a pleasure to be back.

JULIA BLASI (Emma Carew) is delighted to be making her Players by the Sea debut. Julia is a lifelong theatre lover, singer, and actress. You may have recently seen Julia as Shelley in Bat Boy (ABET), as Rosie in Traces in the Wind (Theatre Jacksonville), or as Cinderella in Disenchanted (ABET). Some of her other local credits include Sara in Murder Ballad (ABET), ensemble in Pippin (Theatre Jacksonville) and Alice Murphy in Bright Star (ABET). Julia feels immensely grateful to be sharing the stage with her parents. She would like to thank them for sharing their love of music and art with her. She would also like to thank her friends, family, and her husband, Matt, for all of their love and support.

**ILANA MARSHALL (Lucy Harris)** is absolutely honored to be taking on the role of Lucy in *Jekyll and Hyde*. She is not a stranger to the Players by Sea stage. You may have last seen her in ABET'S production of *Bat Boy* as Lorraine or Snow White in *Disenchanted*. She couldn't be more proud to do this show alongside her talented husband, Cole Marshall (Jekyll & Hyde). She wants to thank Bradley Akers for this opportunity and her friends and family for their love and support always!

CHRIS ROBERSTON (John Utterson) is honored to be a part of this THRILLING production of Jekyll and Hyde. He was last seen in Broadway Bash with ABET Theatre and before that as Bobby Strong in Urinetown at The 5 & Dime Theatre. A Jacksonville native, Chris has been a part of many wonderful productions over the years including MAME! (Florida Theatre, 2024), Sweeney Todd (2008), Next to Normal, Reefer Madness and Parade. As always, he would like to thank his friends and family for their continued love and support.

MARCOS MIRANDA (Simon Stride) is a passionate actor and graduate from AMDA in New York City, renowned for his dynamic performances in the theatre. Marcos has brought vibrant characters to life in notable productions such as Kevin in *In the Heights* at Players by the Sea and Pablo in *Native Gardens* at The 5 and Dime. After a three-year hiatus, he is thrilled to return to the

stage, embracing the opportunity to reconnect with his craft and share his talents with audiences once again.

RICK BLASI (Sir Danvers Carew) is thrilled to be returning to the stage as Sir Danvers Carew, the father of Emma, who is played by Rick's daughter, Julia Blasi. Rick is a graduate of the Crane School of Music, and is an old hand at music theatre; having played roles and acted as music director for a number of productions. After retiring from financial services, Rick and his wife Sarah, who is also in the show, returned to their musical roots. They've recorded over 100 songs in R&B, Jazz, and Pop genres that have received Internet and Radio airplay in 86 countries.

**HELENA HELMS (Lady Beaconsfield)** is thrilled to return to Players by the Sea for *Jekyll and Hyde*. When Helena isn't on stage, she works as a commercial interior designer and project manager for The Church of Eleven22. She gets to be creative at work and on stage in very different ways. She is grateful to be working alongside a very talented cast and crew.

**EVAN GOULD (Bishop of Basingstoke)** has performed throughout the First Coast since making his debut in the Alhambra/Jacksonville Symphony production of *Oklahoma* in 2009. He has been teaching music and drama for 36 years and was honored to be chosen as Clay County Teacher of the Year in 2020. As a chair of Florida Junior Thespians, he organizes an annual festival that brings together over 600 drama students from Northeast Florida. He is also a founder of The 5 & Dime Theatre. His latest performances were in Theatre Jacksonville's productions of *Something Rotten, Clue*, and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Most recently, he was seen in ABET's production of *Phantom! The Musical*.

CHRIS KLEKAMP (Lord Savage) is thrilled to be returning to PBTS for his third show! Previously seen in *Beautiful* (Barry Mann) and *West Side Story* (Lt. Schrank). A Colorado native, Chris met his wife in community theatre in Minnesota and it was no Facade. Thank you for seeing the show and your support of community theatre. Love and thanks to his friends and family for their support. Shout out to Peter & Tally.

**ANVAR GASHIMOV (Sir Archibald Proops)** is excited about his debut production at Players by the Sea and working with such a brilliant cast, crew, and production team. He recently completed an extraordinary performance of *Urinetown: The Musical* (Tiny Tom/Dr. Billeaux), directed by Bradley Akers. In addition, he recently directed *Carrie: The Musical* at the University of North

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Florida and intends to direct more productions in the future. Anvar would like to express his heartfelt gratitude to his boyfriend and friends for their support in his dedication and passion for the performing arts.

**TERRY STAR (General Glossop)** This is Terry's very first production with Players by the Sea. He is thrilled to be a part of such a talented and welcoming cast. His most recent credits includes: Tommy in *Carrie: The Musical*, Mr. McQueen in *Urinetown*, and Noah Spears in feature film "The Honey Dripper Lady." *Jekyll and Hyde* is quite a different show than what he is used to, but he is excited to take on this challenge and put on a great performance.

**CHRISTINE PHILLIPS (Nellie/Ensemble)** is thrilled to make her PBTS debut with this fantastic cast and crew. Most recently, Christine got to live out a childhood dream of hers playing *Mary Poppins* in Act 2 Players recent production. Other favorite credits include Olive Ostrovsky, Blanche Barrow, and Jo March. All the love and gratitude to my friends and family for their overwhelming support and to Xander, my favorite scene partner.

**XANDER LAWLESS (Poole/Ensemble)** is so excited to be making his Players debut with this fantastic show. Most recently he had an incredible experience playing Balladeer/Lee Harvey Oswald's in last year's 5 and Dime production of *Assassins*. Some of his favorite credits include Leaf Coneybear and Buck Barrow. Special thanks to Bradley for his inspirational direction, his friends and family, and his wonderful girlfriend, Christine.

BRANDON HINES (Spider/Ensemble) is proud to be back at home with Players. Some of his stage credits include ABET's Violet (Leroy Evans), ABET's The Robber Bridegroom (Clement Musgrove), The 5 and Dime Theatre Company's Company (Harry), The 5 and Dime Theatre Company's Assassins (Proprietor/Balladeer), Players by the Sea's (PBTS) production of American Idiot (Theo), PBTS' Memphis (Gator), PBTS' La Cage Aux Folles (Hanna), PBTS' Aida (ensemble), PBTS' Little Shop of Horrors (Urchin). Brandon would like to thank Bradley for this amazing opportunity and his friends and family for their support.

**THERESA PAZANOWSKI** (Bisset/Ensemble/Asst. Choreographer) has been onstage since she was 4 years old. She spent several years performing professionally across the Mid-Atlantic before moving to Jacksonville in 2019. You may recognize her from various productions in the area including *Pippin* at Theatre Jacksonville, *Parade* at Limelight, and most recently at Players by the Sea in their production of *Mary Poppins*.

She is thrilled to be a part of this production and hopes everyone enjoys the show. Special thanks to Bradley for the opportunity and lots of love to her favorite Matt - thank you for all the love and support!

MYA SMOAK (Ensemble) is so excited to make her Players by the Sea debut in this amazing show! Mya is a current student at UNF and has a deep love for musical theatre. She has been in many shows around Jacksonville but her favorite credit is Featured Ensemble/Understudy Gad in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Mya would like to thank her family for always being so supportive of her and what she loves.

FRANKIE RADY (Ensemble) is thrilled to be working with PBTS again in this eerie yet gorgeous musical! Frankie was last seen onstage for ABET's production of Bat Boy the Musical as both Rancher Bud and as the Greek God Pan (\*wink\*). Born and raised here in Jax Beach, Frankie is no stranger to local theatre, Frankie has performed in several of Players by the Sea's recent musicals including The Addams Family (Caveman Ancestor), West Side Story (Officer Krupke), Kinky Boots (George), and Sweeney Todd (Ensemble). Frankie has a BAS in Digital Art and Media and has experience in digital illustration and video editing as well, you can check out their portfolio at www.frankierady.art. Frankie would like to thank their family, friends, and the wonderful cast and crew of Jekyll and Hyde. Happy Halloween!

ANNA IGLESIAS (Ensemble) is making her Players by the Sea debut in Jekyll & Hyde. Iglesias is a senior undergraduate from Jacksonville University with a major in Musical Theatre. She is very excited for this start of an adventure in her career. She is also very grateful for Jesus for giving her friends and family that love and support her. She would like to thank all of those who are involved in Jekyll & Hyde for making this a memorable and inspiring experience in her life. She can't wait for the many experiences to come.

ROSE BARBER (Ensemble) is so excited to be making her debut with PBTS and this amazing talented cast! Born and raised in small town Georgia surrounded by family and friends that encouraged a strong love for the arts. Graduated from Southeastern University with a BA in Music (voice) and minor in Musical Theatre. Favorite credits include: Into the Woods (Cinderella, Island Players, Florinda, SEU Players), Godspell (Lamar, Island Players), and others that shaped her love for the stage. She would like to thank God, Jared, family and friends for the love and support through the years to follow her dreams.

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JESSICA RAMIREZ (Ensemble) Welcome a newbie to the stage! A Jacksonville native, Jessica is so excited to be joining Players by the Sea for her first theatre experience. She is grateful for the opportunity to check this item off her bucket list. Jessica wishes to thank her family—Maxwel and 5 awesome kids—for sharing their time with her and making this possible.

SARAH BLASI (Ensemble) is pleased to be making her Players by the Sea debut. Sarah is a recording artist whose music has received critical acclaim and gets airplay globally. She is a skilled poet, lyricist and violinist and has performed with ensembles that include the Hartford Opera Orchestra, the Saratoga Performing Arts Center Orchestra, and the Schola Cantorum. As an actress and voice-over artist Sarah has appeared in television and radio advertisements in the Asian market. Sarah is thrilled to be performing alongside her daughter Julia and husband Rick.

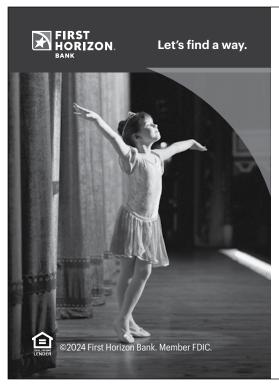
**BRADLEY AKERS (Director & Scenic Designer)** is beyond excited to return to his artistic home, the place where he first began directing 11 years ago. By day, Akers is the Managing Director of Players by the Sea. By night, he works as a freelance director and designer (graphic + technical) in NEFL. Directing credits include Urinetown, Assassins, Doubt, Chicago (Applause Awards Winner for Outstanding Director along with 15 other Applause Awards), Parade, The Thanksgiving Play, The Harvest, Fun Home, The Robber Bridegroom, Heathers, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, The Walls, 'night, Mother, Into the Woods, The Last 5 Years, Almost, Maine, Godspell, AIDA, The Lyons, and Dog Sees God. He'd like to thank his incredible wife-to-be, Shauna, for all the love, support, and encouragement, and for taking care of our sweet fur babies while he was at rehearsal. Much love to his tribe (DA, MA, LC, GB, ZR, SH, BH, MC, WB, TBus, Limit15 and all 582 members of the Akers + Bailey families.)

ANTHONY FELTON (Music Director) A native of Jacksonville Florida, pianist/vocalist Anthony Jerrod Felton is acclaimed for his performances with both Vocal and Instrumental colleagues alike throughout the east coast. Anthony Felton began his professional studies at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts under the tutelage of Russian pianist Vera Watson. Mr. Felton is a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts where he holds both Bachelor and Master Degrees. While pursuing his master's degree under the wing and tutelage of Canadian pianist Dr. Allison Gagnon, he served as staff accompanist for the Alabama State Concerto Competition,

mock audition accompanist for the Fletcher Opera Institute, and accompanist for the North Carolina district Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Anthony has had the privilege of serving as Musical Director for the Broadway Musicals throughout the years and is grateful for the path his musical career has taken him. Fame, Annie, The Color Purple, Smokey Joe Café, Nunsense, Bye Bye Birdie, Joseph and the Amazing Techno-colored Dream Coat, Bingo, 13 the musical, Miracle on 34th Street, Title of Show to name a few. Recently, he was just awarded Outstanding Music Director at the 2024 Applause Awards.

JOCELYN GERONIMO (Choreography) is a Florida native and grew up in Atlantic Beach. She's excited to be back at Players after a long hiatus from performing & directing. She is the founder of SET Studios, a children's theatre for kids ages 4-17, and also teaches dance at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. She enjoys directing and choreographing for both community and professional theatres in town, as well as, for the NFL Alumni Jacksonville Chapter where she stays active with the Jaguars Alumni. Jocelyn would like to thank her entire family for their continuous love & support! @SET-Studios

SAMANTHA HANNIGAN (Stage Manager) is excited to be making her Players by the Sea debut! Most recently, Sam served as the Production Manager for The 5 & Dime's 2023 Seasonincluding Let Me Down Easy, Clyde's, Tick Tick Boom, For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday, and Assassins. Stage Management credits include Secret Garden (Florida Southern College) and Short Attention Span Theatre Festival, Clyde's, Assassins (The 5 & Dime.) As an actor, Sam has appeared in A Chorus Line, Almost, Maine, Stepping Out, and Julius Caesar. Her costuming include A Chorus Line, Memphis, Flashdance (Gateway Playhouse), A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Rimers of Elderitch, South Pacific (Florida Southern College), Tick Tick Boom (The 5 & Dime.)



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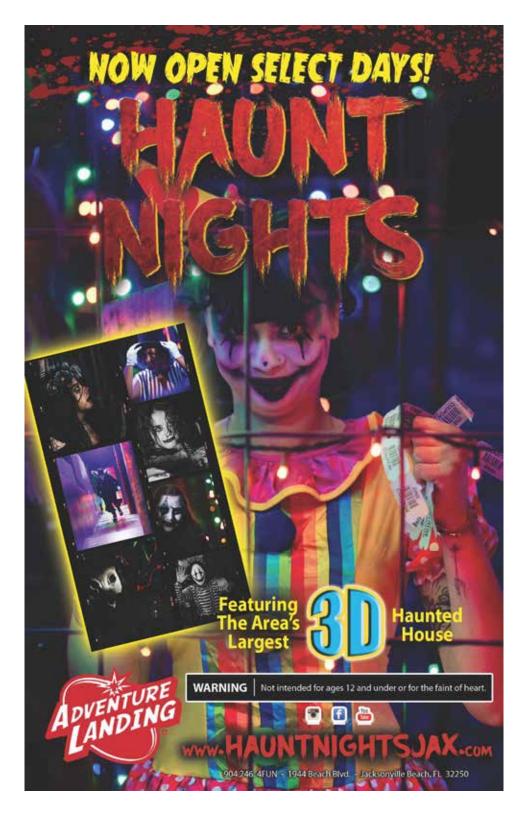
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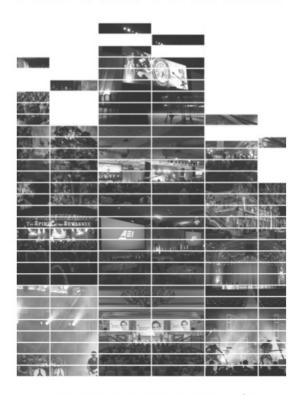
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