#### Newsletter

# Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of *Eclipsed*!

After two successful weekends, Albany Civic Theater's production of *Eclipsed* closed on March 9th. Congratulations to the cast and crew on a producing such a powerful, beautiful, historic story!





#### Performance Information

Evening performances start at 7:30pm. Matinee performances start at 2:30pm.

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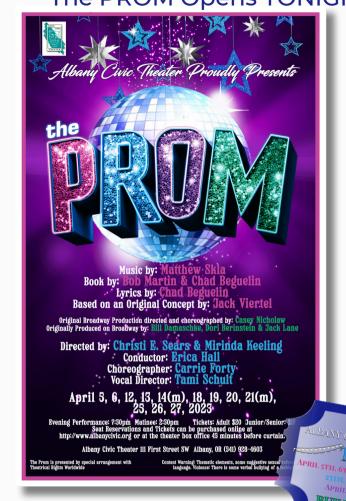
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# The PROM Opens TONIGHT!



## **The Prom**

Music by Matthew Sklar | Lyrics by Chad Beguelin Book by Chad Beguelin & Bob Martin Directed by Christi E. Sears &

Mirinda Keeling Performances: April 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 14th(m) 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st (m), 25th, 26th, 27th, 2024

#### Synopsis

Four eccentric Broadway stars are in desperate need of a new stage. So when they hear that trouble is brewing around a small-town prom, they know that it's time to put a spotlight on the issue...and themselves. The town's parents want to keep the high school dance on the straight and narrow—but when one student just wants to bring her girlfriend to prom, the entire town has a date with destiny. On a mission to transform lives, Broadway's brassiest join forces with a courageous girl and the town's citizens and the result is love that brings them all together. Winner of the Drama Desk Award for Best Musical, The Prom expertly captures all the humor and heart of a classic musical comedy with a message that resonates with audiences now more than ever. (Theatrical Rights Worldwide)

#### Cast of Characters:

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Emma Nolan:	Abigail Hobson
Dee Dee Allen:	Liz Winters
Barry Glickman:	
Trent Oliver:	Maximilian Corneliusen
Alyssa Green:	Jessica Moyer
Mr. Hawkins:	
Angie Dickenson:	Frankie Caswell
Mrs. Green:	Kim Davis
Sheldon Saperstein:	John Ross
Kaylee:	Emily Hobson
Nick:	Robert Rosevear
Shelby:	Teza Ross
Kevin:	Jay Kendall
Ensemble/Olivia Keating:	Victoria Venard
Ensemble/Motel Clerk:	Shauna Kiefiuk
Ensemble/2nd Reporter:	Josiah Barnett
Ensemble/Coach:	Nico Flotten
Ensemble:	Andie Daniels
	Kiera Dodge
	Kim Halchishick
	Carissa Halloran
	Aria Hamilton
	AJ McConnell
	Kiana Rust
	Sydney Tag
	Christa Tillman



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### Newsletter Don't Miss the Playwright!



The directing team of Karlaboy is pleased announce that the playwright, Steven Peros, will be joining us for our opening weekend! Steven has a diverse career in writing for film, television, theater, and graphic novels, as well as acting as a film historian and has featured commentary on several classic films, and has directed for film as well.

Steven will be joining us on Saturday, May 18th for a live interview about his career, with 15 minutes of Q&A included. Seating is available on a first-come first-served basis. Steven will also be available after the interview for a book signing. Books will not be provided, but you can order Steven Peros title from his author profile on Amazon. He also co-wrote Giant Beast Cinema - a 1970s & 80s monster movie

Steven will also be joining us after the May 18th performance of Karlaboy to participate with the directors and the cast in audience talkbacks about the show. You have the rare opportunity to ask the playwright your burning questions about how the story came to be the way it is, and the directors and cast about what it was like putting the show together!

#### Karlaboy Opening Night Afterparty

Catch the opening night of Karlaboy on Friday, May 17th, stay to hear from the playwright after the show, and then join the production team at Wine Crush in downtown Albany for a ticketed, private after party! Enjoy food and wine, and the opportunity to ask the cast, directors, and playwright any burning questions about the show!

Keep an eye on the Albany Civic Theater website and our social media pages for more details later in April.

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## **Karlaboy**

by Steven Peros

Directed by Jillian Alden Assisted by Conner Riley & Kathie O'Brien

Performance Dates: May 17th, 18th, 19th (m), 23rd, 24th, & 25th

#### **Synopsis**

Biographer Bill Lauder has penned a ruthless tellall about Karla Daven, a long dead legendary 1950's starlet. As a result, he is summoned in the middle of the night to the dilapidated mansion of Karla's celebrity husband, Harold Bachman, a reclusive director who makes the outlandish claim that Karla's ghost has threatened to kill him this very night unless Bill calls off the publication of his tawdry book of lies. What follows is an intense evening where memory wrestles with myth in order to find the truth. As Harold gets deeper into exposing Bill's lies about Karla, he is forced to confront the lies he's told himself - lies about himself as a filmmaker, a husband, and as a man. Harold must not only save himself from Karla's ghost, but from the ghosts of an unrealized life. In addition to being an absorbing psychological ghost story, Karlaboy is an important, non-graphic exploration of LGBT issues in its fascinating dissection of a high profile Hollywood "marriage of convenience." (Concord Theatricals)

#### Cast of Characters

Harold Bachman:	Michael Wren
Bill Lauder:	Nick Lavelle
Young Harold:	Jade Kasbohm
Karla Daven:	Sophia Smith
Tony:	Anthony Ash
Studio Boss/Super Mogul:	Tom Martin
Ensemble:	Delaney Bigelow
	Nathan Dunlap
	Bernadette Feyerherm
	Jessica Habjan
Sydney Bachman:	Robert Henry



The Production team of Karlaboy is proud to announce that we have partnered with Thesperience Productions, an indie, disabled & LGBTQIA2S+ production group creating inclusive online content. Both teams are excited to see LGBT stories represented on the ACT stage, and elsewhere in the community.











#### Newsletter

## **Bullshot Crummond**

by Ron House, Alan Shearman, Diz White, John Neville Andrews, Derek Cunningham

Directed by Erik A Esrael Email: pilesofpencils@hotmail.com Audition Letter from the Director

Audition Form: <u>Google Doc</u> <u>Google Form</u>

**Audition Dates:** 

April 10th: Callbacks

April 8th & 9th: Open Auditions

Auditions begin at 7:00pm.
Performance Dates: June 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd(m), 27th, 28th, 29th, 2024

#### Now in Our 73rd Season!

Don't miss any of these amazing shows coming up this season! Visit <u>our website</u> for more information about the shows this season.

September 15 - 30, 2023 Savannah Sipping Society Directed by Scott Harvey

October 20 - November 4, 2023 She Kills Monsters Directed by Josh Anderson

**December 1 - 16, 2023**Peter and the Starcatcher

Directed by Mirinda Keeling

January 26 - February 10, 2024 The Great Gatsby Directed by Loriann Schmidt

March 1 - 9, 2024 Eclipsed Directed by Charlotte Headrick

April 5 - 27, 2024
The Prom
\*\*Musical\*\*
Directed by Christi E. Sears & Mirinda Keeling

**May 17 - 25, 2024** *Karlaboy*Directed by Jillian Alden

**June 14 - 29, 2024**Bullshot Crummond
Directed by Erik Esrael

**July 19 - August 3, 2024**  *Spring Awakening* \*\*Musical\*\* Directed by Christy Anderson

August 23 - 31, 2024 Disney's The Little Mermaid (Youth Summer Camp) Directed by Rebecca Douglas

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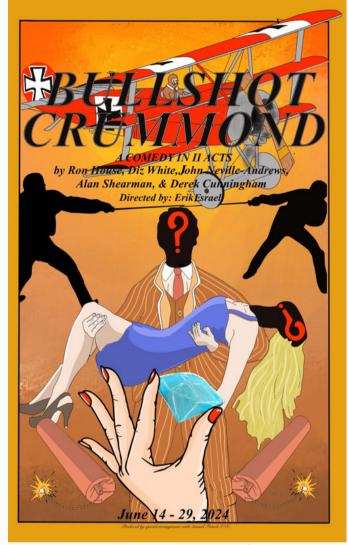
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## Auditions Begin Monday, April 8th!



#### **Cast of Characters**

#### **Principal Characters**

Hugh "Bullshot" Crummond: He is the archetypal British officer who fought in the trenches of France, laughs at danger and doesn't know the meaning of the word fear. He thinks of himself as a dashing young daredevil. In reality he has a deluded idea of his own capabilities. Age around 30. Strong upper class English accent.

Miss Rosemary Fenton: She is an English rose of the most overdone genteel upbringing one can imagine. She has a very loud irritating laugh which Crummond finds charming. Aged 25-30. Upper English accent.

Otto Von Brunno: Von Brunno is a classic "B" movie teutonic villain. Speaks with a stock Hollywood style German accent. Age 30-40

Salvatore Scalicio: Mobster type character. Brief appearance. Played by the same actor who plays Otto Von Brunno

Lenya Von Bruno: Otto's evil mistress. Age 25-30 Characters Played by a Single Actor:

Algy Longwort/Professor Waiter/Inspector
Fenton/Country Scabbard/Wolfgang
Policeman/Carlton Schmidt/Marovitch

#### **Synopsis**

This parody of low-budget 30s detective movies typifies British heroism at its dumbest. Teutonic villain Otto Von Brunno and his evil mistress Lenya crash their plane in the English countryside and kidnap Professor Fenton, who has discovered a formula for making synthetic diamonds. Bullshot Crummond is called to the rescue by the professor's daughter Rosemary.

#### About the Director

Erik A Esrael has been acting and performing since before the turn of the century including as Otto Von Bruno in Slocum House Theater Company's production of Bullshot Crummond in 2004. He has been seen on the ACT Stage as early as 2006 in Steve Martin's Underpants. This is his directorial debut with Albany Civic Theater. He works for Salem Health and lives in Salem with his wife, 3 dogs, and 2 cats.



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Book and Lyrics by: Steven Sater Music by: Duncan Sheik

Directed by Christy Anderson Email: tuffy1299@comcast.net

Audition Form: Word Doc **Audition Dates:** 

April 22nd & 23rd: Vocal Auditions &

Cold Reads

April 24th: Callbacks

Performance Dates: June 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd(m), 27th, 28th,

29th, 2024

#### **Synopsis**

It's the 1890s in Germany and the adults are fully in charge. Teenagers fight to be heard and understand the complexities and big questions of gender and sexuality. Especially when the adults refuse to be honest. It is a celebration of rebellion and angst as we follow Wendla, Moritz, Melchior, and their friends through the complexities of the teenage experience.

#### About the Director

Christy Anderson is no stranger to ACT's stage. She was Jackie Cochran in Fly Babies, Gillian in Bell, Book and Candle and choreographer for Addams Family the Musical. Christy also directed Little Shop of Horrors for SAHS at West Albany HS. She is the theatre teacher at South Albany High School and lives in Albany with her husband Josh, son Shepard, daughter Ellinore, and corgi Riley. Christy's hobbies are dancing, singing, watching movies, chasing her kiddos, and going to Disney World

### Prepare to audition for Spring Awakening!

Auditions for ACT productions are held two to three months before the production begins performances. Auditions for Spring Awakening begin at 7:30pm. For this audition, the director wants actors to prepare a musical theater song (not from Spring Awakening) with sheet music for the accompanist. You will be able to sing about 45 seconds to 1 minute of your song. Please dress for some movement, as there will be a very relaxed movement portion of the audition.

Anyone is welcome to audition for any production, and no acting experience is required. You will need to complete an audition form ahead of time, or when you arrive.

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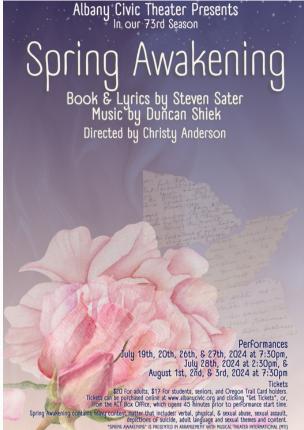
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## Auditions Begin Monday, April 22nd!



Cast of Characters

Wendla: Innocent. With every passing day, she grows more curious about the world around her and her changing body. Both vulnerable and a willing participant in her evolution. Explores her newly-found sexuality with Melchior.

Gender: Female Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: E3 - E5 Melchior: A smart, headstrong boy who refuses to bow down to society's rules. An atheist and radical student. Struggles with his intense feelings for Wendla and his awakening sexual urges.

Gender: Male Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: G2 - B4 Martha: A schoolgirl who faces constant physical abuse from her father. She harbors a secret crush towards Moritz

Gender: Female Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: E3 - E5 Moritz: Melchior's best friend, a troubled student. He desperately tries to please his father, but always seems to disappoint him. His haunting sexual dreams and academic failures eventually drive him to suicidal thoughts.

Gender: Male Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: C3 - A4 Thea: Wendla's best friend. A schoolgirl who tries to stay innocent and pure.

Gender: Female Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: E3 - E5 Hanschen: A rather narcissistic schoolmate of Melchior's. He is comfortable with his own sexuality and uses his looks and intelligence to captivate Ernst. Optional Doubling as RUPERT.

Gender: Male Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: Ab2 - D5 Anna: A German schoolgirl and Martha's best friend. Optimistic and a bit naive, she has a difficult time understanding Martha's trials.

Gender: Female Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: E3 - C5

Ernst: A schoolmate of Melchior's. Naive and easily manipulated, which allows him to fall in love with Hanschen. Optional Doubling as REINHOLD.

Gender: Male Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: Ab2 - A4 Ilse: Martha's sister, who was also abused and has run away from home to live in an artists' colony. She reaches out to her old friend Moritz in the last moments of his life.

Gender: Female Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: E3 - E5 Georg: A clumsy schoolmate of Melchoir's. He is overcome with his feelings for his piano teacher. Optional Doubling as DIETER.

Gender: Male Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: Ab2 - D5 Otto: A classmate of Melchior's. He struggles with feelings he considers inappropriate. Optional Doubling as ULBRECHT.

Gender: Male Age: 15 to 20 Vocal range: Ab2 - D5 Adult Woman: Plays a variety of rigid adult roles. Characters include: FRAU BERGMAN, Wendla's mother; FRAULEIN KNUPPELDICK; FRAULEIN GROSSEBUSTENHALTER; FRAU GABOR, Melchior's mother; and FRAU BESSELL, Martha's mother.

Gender: Female Age: 40 to 50 Vocal range: D3 - A4 Adult Man: Plays a variety of rigid adult roles. Characters include: HERR SONNENSTITCH, the boys' teacher; HEADMASTER KNOCHENBRUCH; HERR NEUMANN, Ilse's father; HERR RILOW, Hanschen's father; HERR STEIFEL, Moritz's father; **FATHER** KAULBACH; DOCTOR VON BRAUSEPULVER; HERR GABOR, Melchior's father; and SCHMIDT.

Gender: Male Age: 40 to 50 Vocal range: D3 - F4



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## Ways to Get Involved!

#### Albany Civic Theater is an All Volunteer Theater!

Albany Civic Theater is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that has been providing quality. community, live theater since 1951. Volunteers are the heart of our theater, and no production, special event, workshop, or booth could happen without them! We are always looking to welcome new people into our volunteer community and we have opportunities for everyone, whether you're seasoned in everything theatrical, or just want to try it out for the first time. Audition for a show, help out backstage, assist with fundraising, become an usher or a house manager, or come volunteer with us at our booths this summer.

Learn more about becoming involved at www.albanycivic.org, or reach out to our volunteer manager at volunteermanager@albanycivic.org.

Come be a part of our tradition!

## Our Next Membership Meeting is this Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 5:30pm!

This Sunday, the ACT membership will be tasked with approving the proposed 74th season, which will start in September! Come hear an update about how ACT is doing, and be among the first to know what shows will be going up next season!

#### Become a Member!

Paid members are the backbone of our volunteer organization. Membership gives you voting privileges at our quarterly membership meetings on matters ranging from new capitol projects to selection of our production season and board of directors. Our play reading, nominating, and special project committees are chosen from the membership ranks. Your membership lets you vote on our annual production awards, and gives you free admission to the annual recognition event, The Big Night.

Membership costs just \$14 and can be purchased online.

## Upcoming Auditions!

Don't miss these upcoming acting opportunities during the second half of our 73rd Season!

- April 8th 10th: Bullshot Crummond
- April 22nd 24th: Spring Awakening
- June 17th 19th: Disney's the Little Mermaid Jr.

### Stage Fright?

Not sure you're the on-stage type? We always need volunteers to help out with shows off stage too! We need help during performances running lights, sound, moving furniture and set pieces - as well as help building and painting the set ahead of time. Email our volunteer coordinator, Jay to get on the email lists! Grenard, volunteermanager@albanycivic.org



#### **Our Mission**

Albany Civic Theater is an all-volunteer, nonprofit community theater that entertains and enriches our audiences through a variety of productions that enhance the cultural life of our community. ACT offers a range of challenging creative opportunities to include and inspire diverse populations and people of all backgrounds and ages to participate in theater. ACT cultivates an appreciation of the performing arts in our community, educates through experience, and cooperates with other arts aroups.

#### The Booth is Back This Summer!



Last summer we saw an abundance of success in sharing our mission with the Albany/Corvallis area by vending at different summer events, and this summer we'll be back! check our Sign Up page over the coming months for opportunities to volunteer with us at the booth and tell the community about who we are and what we do! There's already opportunities to sign up to work at the booth at Albany's Pride Festival on June 22nd. Sign up now! Feel free to contact our volunteer manager, Jay Grenard, if you have any questions: volunteermanager@albanycivic.org





She Kills Monsters



Peter and The Starratcher





The Great Gatsky













