

Cabaret Playbill



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THE '70S: MORE THAN A DECADE

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CAST

BRIANNA BARNES
STEVEN GRANT DOUGLAS
JANNIE JONES
EDDIE WEAVER
with
JIM PROSSER on piano

Music Director **DARREN SERVER**

Scenic Designer **ALEX PRICE**

Costume Designer
APRIL ANDREW
CARSWELL

Lighting Designer ANDREW GRAY

Sound Designer **THOM KORP**

Choreographer **ELLIE MOONEY**

Sound and Light Board
Operator
SAM POWERS

Dance Captain **BRIANNA BARNES**

Projection Designers
SARAH DURHAM
AND THOM KORP

Directed by CATHERINE RANDAZZO

Underwriters

Gaele Barthold, Joan & Larry Castellani, Ed & Judy Christian,
The Exchange of Sarasota, Dr. Ty Gardner & Liza McKeever-Gardner,
Wendy & Bob Grady, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Robert & Bonny Israeloff,
Victor Kaufman & Elizabeth Ann Rainey, Patricia Kordis,
Dennis & Graci McGillicuddy, Patrick & Mary Mulva, Anne H.S. Nethercott,
Ron & Carolyn Vioni, Tom Wilson & Patrick Crimmings

Co-Producers

Dr. Philip & Suzan Gaynes, SCENE Magazine

The '70s: More Than A Decade will be performed in two acts with one 15-minute intermission.



The taking of photographs and the use of recording devices during the show is strictly prohibited.

ARTIST PROFILES



BRIANNA BARNES' album, Hierophanies: Manifestations of the Sacred, made the first round on the Grammy Awards ballot and can be found on all streaming platforms. She is the Composer/Lyricist of Let There Be Light

(Best Musical/Best Score, NY Theatre Festival); Rathskeller (Best Musical - BroadwayWorld's Off-Off Broadway Awards); and Walking With Bubbles. She recently played Lucy in the national tour of A Charlie Brown Christmas and has performed at Theatre Aspen, John W. Engeman Theater, and The Wick, brianna-barnes.com

STEVEN GRANT

DOUGLAS is delighted to be making his FST debut alongside this groovy cast & crew!

Previous Broadway National Tours include dancing to the disco as Bruce Sudano in Summer: The Donna

Summer Musical and sculpting pottery from beyond the grave as Sam Wheat in Ghost The Musical. He's also starred regionally in Once (Guy), All Shook Up (Chad), Cabaret (Cliff), and Rattlesnake Kate (Jack Slaughterback). Steven grew up 'listening to the music' and proudly holds a B.F.A. from the University of Minnesota Duluth. @stevengdouglas



JANNIE JONES revived

the role she co-created in *Ethel Waters* at FST in 2019. Broadway/Off-Broadway/1st National Tours: *The Full Monty* (U/S Georgie), *Hair* (Dionne), *Mama I Want to Sing* (Sis. Carrie), and *Faith Journey* (Traci).

Regional Theatre: Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story "Marlena" (Tuacahn & FST), Caroline in Caroline or Change (WBTT), Lena Younger in Raisin

(WBTT), Guitar Girls (FST), Blue Suede Shoes (FST), and Gathering Blue, where she created the role of Annabella (Mt. Gretna Theatre). TV: The Get Down (Cool Herc's Mom). She has also performed at Carnegie Hall.



EDDIE WEAVER This is Eddie's second year at FST! Eddie recently completed Acting Apprenticeship Training Program. He participated in over six productions, ranging from Cinderella Wanderers. The He studied performance at

Columbus State University, where he earned his BA in Theatre. Favorite credits include: *The Wiz* (Lion), *Once On This Island* (Agwe), and *Detroit 67* (Sly). Eddie is thrilled to be back at FST, and to be working with such a wonderful cast.



Arrangements) This season marks Jim's 27th season as FST's Resident Pianist. He recently appeared in Laughing Matters, The Wanderers, Sophie Tucker: The Last of the Red Hot Mamas, and Vintage POP!. He has

arranged and co-developed over 50 Cabarets at FST including: Laughing Matters, The Wanderers, Three Pianos, Light My Fire, Outlaws and Angels, That's Amoré!, The Wonder Years, Unchained Melodies, and more. He has served as Composer/Music Director for The FST School, writing numerous scores for children's shows.

CATHERINE RANDAZZO (Director) is an FST Associate Artist, and serves as Literary Manager, In-Residence Director, and Teaching Artist. Select FST Directing Credits: Smoke & Mirrors (Mainstage); Buyer & Cellar (Stage III); Friends in Low Places; The Wanderers; Light My Fire; Outlaws and Angels; The Wonder Years; Guitar Girls; Unchained Melodies; and Blue Suede Shoes (Cabaret). Additional credits include Buddy... (Movement Director) and Ring of Fire (Artistic

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Oversight). Catherine has been a part of the Sarasota artistic community since 1990, and has appeared in plays, musicals, cabarets, new play readings, voice overs, commercials, fundraisers, and toured in national and international productions.

DARREN SERVER (Music Director) is proud to be back at FST for his seventh season. Previously at FST he music directed *Light My Fire, Outlaws & Angels, That's Amoré!, The Marvelous Wonderettes, UnchainedMelodies, The Wonder Years, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, and Once. Interesting fact: Darren's grandfather is "Curly" Howard of <i>The Three Stooges* and his great uncles are Moe and Shemp Howard. This has always been a source of pride and inspiration for him.

ALEX PRICE (Scenic Designer) serves as Production Manager at FST. Alex earned a degree in Theatre Arts from Bethel University in his hometown of South Bend, Indiana. Previously, Alex was Managing Artistic Director of The Round Barn Theatre in Indiana. Alex also served as Founding Artistic Director of The 574 Theatre Company, where he produced and directed *Into the Woods: A Deaf Theatre Project*, which was performed in ASL and English simultaneously.

APRIL ANDREW CARSWELL (Costume Designer) is a costume designer and technician who spent seven years on Alliance Theatre's costume staff before moving to Florida. Local work includes: Sophie Tucker, The Play That Goes Wrong (Florida Studio Theatre); Belleville, Twelfth Night (FSU Asolo Conservatory); Ana Isabelle & Friends (Asolo Rep); A Very Terry Christmas, Courtenay's Cabaret, Knead (Alliance Theatre); Downstairs, Head Over Heels, An Octoroon (Actor's Express); and Bring It On: The Musical (Kennesaw State). MFA in Costume Design/Technology from U of SC.

ELLIE MOONEY (Choreographer) is an FST Associate Artist and has over 25 years of professional experience as a director, choreographer, performer, and teaching artist. After 15 years in NYC, working nationally and internationally, Ellie made an artistic home in Philadelphia, working for the historic Walnut Street Theatre on over 30 productions. In addition to teaching at Rutgers University, Ellie recently returned to school full-time to enrich her EDI, Intimacy Direction, and Gender Study training

at the University of the Arts.

ANDREW GRAY (Lighting Designer) Originally from Scotland, Andrew graduated from the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA) in 2012 and has been designing/programming professionally for over a decade. Notable credits include: Giant Spectacular (Liverpool Capital of Culture), Mamma Mia! (Surflight Theatre), Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story (Beobe Productions), To Kill a Mockingbird (Parker Snell Productions), and Lost & Found (BP productions). FST select credits include: Smoke & Mirrors; Maytag Virgin; Ring Of Fire; Friends in Low Places; Laughing Matters; and The Wanderers.

THOM KORP (Sound Designer) As FST's Sound Supervisor, Thom does more than wrangle rogue microphones. Select sound design credits include: Maytag Virgin, Ring of Fire, Laughing Matters, The Play That Goes Wrong, Friends In Low Places, America in One Room, Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story, American Son, Bright Star, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Unchained Melodies, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, and Once. Mixing Credits: Next to Normal, Smokey Joe's Café, The World Goes Round, Tango: Buenos Aires and We Will Rock You.

SAM POWERS (Sound & Light Board Operator) is a 2022 Muhlenberg College graduate where he majored in theatre and business with a focus in stage management and lighting design. He is excited to join FST for the 2022-2023 season as a Stage Management Intern. Muhlenberg Stage Management credits include: *Digital Dopamine; Call Me by Any Other Name; Unstable Connections; Lessons of an Unaccustomed Bride,* and *The Cagebirds.* Sam has also worked as lighting designer on several productions. His work can be found at: sampowersstage.com

SARAH DURHAM (Developer) is a comedian and writer from Campbellsville, Kentucky, who moved to Sarasota to be a playwriting intern in 2018 and never left. At FST, Sarah is the Executive and Artistic Assistant to the Managing Director and is a writer for the Cabaret stage and Children's Theatre. Some of her recent credits include *Cinderella, Laughing Matters,* and *Three Pianos*. She was also on the development team for the upcoming shows *A Place in the Sun* and *Reel Music*. Sarah is the Head Writer for FST Sketch and performs weekly with FST Improv. She hopes to continue to write joy into people's lives.

EXECUTIVE STAFF

RICHARD HOPKINS (Developer/Producing Artistic Director) Mr. Hopkins has fostered the development of FST's Mainstage and Cabaret productions. His many directing Mainstage credits include: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Honor Killing, Inspired Lunacy, The Best of Enemies, Next to Normal, Race, Ruined, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Boleros for the Disenchanted, Permanent Collection, and Metamorphoses, among numerous other plays. Mr. Hopkins led the development of FST's Cabaret productions of The Wanderers, Outlaws and Angels, Guitar Girls, Mack the Knife, Older than Dirt, Piano Men, and The Prima Donnettes. Mr. Hopkins also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Florida Studio Theatre. This includes overseeing the creation and implementation of all FST programming, including Mainstage, Cabaret, Stage III, New Play Development, Education, and Touring. Since his arrival at FST in 1980, Mr. Hopkins has guided the theatre from a small touring company to a nationallyrecognized regional theatre, which impacts over 230,000 adults and children annually. He created the New Play Development program, the Cabaret Series, FST's award-winning WRITE A PLAY program, and has directed the design and renovation of all FST's theatres. Mr. Hopkins is the recipient of numerous awards including the Arts Leadership Award from the former Sarasota Arts Council, the Richard G. Fallon Award for Artistic Excellence from the Florida Professional Theatres Association, and the 2012 Cultural Champion Award from the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County. In 2016, Mr. Hopkins was awarded the Luminaire Award, honoring excellence in creativity, philanthropy, advocacy, and all elements that are key to future growth of the arts in Sarasota. In 2017, Mr. Hopkins was awarded the Florida Theatre Conference Lifetime Achievement Award for contributing to the rich cultural fabric of the Sarasota community and the state of Florida, and his dedication to developing future artists, educators, and advocates.

REBECCA **HOPKINS** (Lead Developer/ Managing Director) has been actively involved in development of FST's Cabaret productions since her arrival in 1998. In addition to being the Lead Developer for The '70s: More Than A Decade, this season she also served on the development team for Reel Music. She has served as Lead Developer on such past Cabarets as Friends in Low Places; Light My Fire; That's Amoré!, The Wonder Years: The Music of the Baby Boomers; Unchained Melodies; Blue Suede Shoes; Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves; Yesterday; and American Pie. She has also been the head writer on all six Laughing Matters shows. Some of her favorite shows she helped develop include: Mack the Knife: The Prima Donnettes; That's Life; My One and Only Gershwin: Hot and Cole: The British Invasion: The Flip Side; and Outlaws and Angels. In addition, she is the founder and producer of FST Improv and the Sarasota Improv Festival, Mrs. Hopkins serves as Managing Director for Florida Studio Theatre, and as such, is the Chief Operations Officer. Mrs. Hopkins is responsible for oversight of FST's Administration, including the Business Office, Development, Marketing, Box Office, Front of House, Restaurant, Budgeting, and maintaining the overall quality of FST's internal management. Mrs. Hopkins serves on the Board of Directors for the League of Resident Theatres and the Sarasota Arts & Cultural Alliance. She is the former President of the National New Play Network and a former Executive Board member of the Theatre Communications Group. In 2012, the Arts & Cultural Alliance awarded Mrs. Hopkins the Cultural Champion Award in recognition of her many years of accomplishment and growth with Florida Studio Theatre. In 2016, Mrs. Hopkins was awarded the Luminaire Award. honoring excellence in creativity, philanthropy, advocacy, and all elements that are key to future growth of the arts in Sarasota.

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GAELE BARTHOLD FST is family and an integral part of my life. Its community contributions are myriad and a model of theatrical excellence. Quality and diverse stage productions at affordable prices are but one component of FST's offerings. Other contributions include extensive contact with local schools to foster student creativity and theatre appreciation, structured and wide-ranging educational programs for adults and children, community forums and other community outreach programs, and a strong commitment to New Play Development and excellence in the arts. FST is a gem that warrants our widespread financial and artistic support. I am proud to serve on FST's board and to support it financially and otherwise.

JOAN & LARRY CASTELLANI We have been attending Florida Studio Theatre for many years, and we have found so much to enjoy. We love the diversity of the art FST offers and are consistently impressed at the talent showcased on their many stages. We appreciate that Richard, Rebecca, and the rest of the FST staff show a true dedication to their craft. And most importantly, we are grateful that a theatre of this caliber exists in our city. We are proud to be supporters of this Sarasota treasure.

ED & JUDY CHRISTIAN Ed's passion for the theater lives on in the Christian family's continued support of Florida Studio Theatre. FST sets the mark and excels in invariably producing a high-level, quality theater experience. No doubt about it, FST is a strong part of the fabric that makes Sarasota the stand-out community that it is. Please join with us and other donors to ensure that FST will grow and continually challenge us with great theater and entertainment on all levels.

THE EXCHANGE OF SARASOTA Since 1962, The Exchange of Sarasota has awarded more than \$9 million in grants and scholarships in support of the arts of Sarasota and Manatee counties. "A proud supporter of Florida Studio Theatre for more than 30 years, The Exchange of Sarasota is proud to continue the legacy of supporting an organization that is as artistically diverse as FST." - Karen Koblenz, Executive Director/CEO, The Exchange of Sarasota.

DR. TY GARDNER & LIZA MCKEEVER-GARDNERThe quality of the numerous, diverse, and cutting-edge offerings at FST is awesome. Rebecca and

Richard Hopkins are pure genius as is their writing, producing, and directing. Our community is extremely lucky to have these dedicated, talented, and gifted individuals and their terrific staff. About the time you think it just cannot get any better, they come up with something much better! They deserve our support and thanks.

WENDY & BOB GRADY We were so impressed when we first visited FST, that we immediately wanted to become involved. Whenever you come across a vision as unique as FST's, where the key to getting art into the hearts of so many has been found, in a comfortable and easily accessible way, you know you've spotted a winner. Our love for FST, its people, and the visiting talent make us proud to be Underwriters and hope that others will join us in supporting FST's important work.

GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION For more than 25 years, together with our donors, Gulf Coast Community Foundation has transformed our region through bold and proactive philanthropy. Gulf Coast is a public charity that was created in 1995 through the sale of the Venice Hospital. Since then, we have become the philanthropic home of over 950 families, individuals, businesses, and organizations that have established charitable funds here. Together, we have invested over \$473 million in grants in the areas of health and human services, civic and economic development, education, arts and culture, and the environment. Learn more at GulfCoastCF.org.

ROBERT & BONNY ISRAELOFF FST is thought provoking, Broadway-worthy theater. We believe FST is important because it enriches our community and helps make Sarasota a cultural gem. That is why we have proudly contributed to past expansions and continue to support its current mission of being even more accessible to the public.

VICTOR KAUFMAN & ELIZABETH ANN RAINEY Florida Studio Theatre is one of the reasons that Sarasota is such a wonderful place to live and play. The creative and entertaining programs will keep us coming back year after year. We feel privileged to support this amazing organization.

PATRICIA KORDIS When my friends ask, "Are you bored with nothing to do?" I say, "The theatre community is thriving like nobody's business!"

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Sarasota has embraced all forms of exciting artistic culture, and Florida Studio Theatre is leading the pack. I am so happy to be a part of this movement. Jump in — the water's fine.

DENNIS & GRACI MCGILLICUDDY FST is important to us because we believe so strongly in the transformative power of the arts. For more than 30 years now, we have been so fortunate to experience first-hand how that transformative power works its magic in the hands of an organization that is not only experienced and dedicated, but so highly skilled in their craft. The values of the theatre and its leadership, as reflected in its mission and as manifested in its work, whether it be on the Mainstage, in the Cabaret, in its education and community outreach programs, are values that we so strongly believe in. It has been and continues to be such a privilege to be supportive of FST and the meaningful & wonderful impact the theatre has on our community.

PATRICK & MARY MULVA From cabaret to comedy to drama to children's theatre and educational opportunities, FST offers an amazing array of theatrical experiences to Sarasota audiences. We are honored to be part of the group of people helping to make all of this available at an affordable price for everyone.

ANNE H.S.NETHERCOTT ★ (1926-2019) When asked to define giving, Anne said: "My mother used to say the best way to find you is to lose yourself, by focusing on the needs of others rather than on oneself." So giving has always been an important family value, which in childhood was reinforced by the community experience of surviving The Depression. Anne was proud to be a supporter of FST.

RON & CAROLYN VIONI Florida Studio Theatre has held a special place in our hearts since we started vacationing in Sarasota in 1986. Living at Bay Plaza made it easy for us to consider FST "our" neighborhood gem. Over the years we have watched it develop into an exceptional theatrical venue, offering diverse entertainment and programs for everyone in the community regardless of age or interest. Congratulations on a job well done.

TOM WILSON & PATRICK CRIMMINGS The performing arts have always been an important part of our lives. Florida Studio Theatre provides a variety of performance experiences. Mainstage shows, smaller and more personal Cabaret shows, edgier intimate plays in the Stage III venue, and a very active children's theatre program. We support FST to keep the ticket prices affordable for the entire community.

🖈 Recognizes our lifetime givers for their commitment to the Art of FST, establishing an endowed fund to support cherished programs for life.

CO-PRODUCERS

DR. PHILIP & SUZAN GAYNES Throughout our married life together, we've made it a point to attend as much theatre as we possibly can. That wasn't always easy due to affordability. Back in the days when I was a medical resident in New Haven, Connecticut, my salary was \$100 per month. But that didn't stop us from going to the theatre. The Shubert Theatre in New Haven was the venue where "out-of-town" openings took place. For \$2 a ticket, you could sit in the last row of the balcony and see pre-Broadway shows. Fast-forward to retiring in Sarasota and feasting on all of the live theater offerings. What particularly impressed us about FST was the first-rate talent, the very professional level of the productions, and the commitment to keep ticket prices affordable. It is our great privilege at this time in our lives to support FST and help sustain its commitment to make live theatre affordable for everyone.

SCENE MAGAZINE For sixty years, *SCENE Magazine* has proudly served as Sarasota—Bradenton's longest running community magazine. Each issue celebrates the people, businesses and organizations that make our community thrive. *SCENE* is also a proud longtime supporter of Florida Studio Theatre — a community treasure and one of our brightest stars. From its quality productions to its community outreach programs and its top notch artistic and executive staff, FST's community impact is huge and vitally important. We hope you will join *SCENE* to ensure FST's continued growth and success. We encourage you to help in any way you can.

FST COMPANY

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