



IMPROV

Sarasota's Original Anti-Depressant

fst improv

CAST

Kevin Allen	Sarah Durham	Dellan Short
David Allsup	Darryl Knapp	David Stein
Teresa Bueno	Kathryn Parks	Autumn Steiner
Cathi Carson-Freyman	Sal Piccolo	Evan Souza
Sylvia Day	Julia Ruggirello	Alex Teicheira

with Helena Rankin on Piano

IMPROV MANAGER Sarah Durham

PRODUCED BY Rebecca Hopkins

Our cast members rotate shows, so you won't see all of them onstage at the same time.

We hope this explains it, so you won't be wondering where
all the other cast members are all show long!

artist profiles

KEVIN ALLEN

Is a writer, videographer, content creator and actor. He moved to Sarasota from Chicago, where he studied and performed improvisation at iO and The Second City. He earned Theatre and English degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he was a member of the legendary Comedy Wars ensemble. Kevin is also a writer and performer in the FST's sketch comedy group and was a contributing writer for the 2022 FST cabaret production, *Laughing Matters*.

DAVID ALLSUP

Is originally from Dallas, Texas and recently graduated from Baylor University. At Baylor, he received his BFA in Theatre Performance with a Concentration in Musical Theatre. Some recent

favorites include the Narrator in *Joseph* and Stephano in *The Tempest*. He is excited to get to spend this next year working with FST! FST Credit: *Junie B. Jones: The Musical*.

TERESA BUENO

Teresa has a passion for helping students discover their authentic, fun-loving, and creative selves. Her classes mix play with personalized coaching to give students the freedom to be themselves, learn, and grow. Her background in performing improv around the country and abroad, as well as her many years as a Life Coach, combine to help each student make meaningful progress in their improv as well as other creative pursuits.

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CATHI CARSON-FREYMANN

She started out performing as an actor in national commercials. She was first introduced to improv at Florida Studio Theatre when she decided on a whim to take a class. After that she was hooked. Cathi performs with the all female improv troupe BUSTED! She is also a member of Florida Studio Theatre On-Deck Sketch group. When she isn't on stage she is an attorney and mom of two.

SYLVIA DAY

Is an international actor, writer, and character comedian. Previously she lived in Switzerland where she founded and directed Zurich's first English-speaking improv troupe. Her improv and sketch comedy training includes The Second City (Chicago), UCB (New York), and Showstoppers (London). She has taken her original solo shows to Europe, Off-Broadway and the SaraSolo Festival, and has performed at Asolo Rep. sylvia-day.com

DARRYL KNAPP

Is an avid Tampa Bay Rays fan. Darryl has been an improviser for over 25 years and has studied with many of the greats and institutions worldwide. He is a sometime teacher of improv in the Tampa Bay area. Originally from Westchester County, NY, he now hails from Wesley Chapel, a mere 80 miles north of FST. Affectionately known as "The Mayor of Improv" in the Community.

KATHRYN PARKS

is a filmmaker, actor, singer, and Sarasota-native. Her short films, *50 Words* and *Her Place*, have received the honor of "Best Florida Film" - both of which she wrote, produced, and starred in. Kathryn has performed at professional theaters throughout Southwest Florida and has been making up songs on the spot with FST's musical improv group since 2017. She graduated from University of Miami with a degree in Theatre Arts. kathrynparks.com

SAL PICCOLO

Originally a sports broadcasting major, Sal hosted and produced *The Sports Cellar* on AM radio, right here in Sarasota. After failing miserably at stand-up comedy, he moved to Chicago, where he discovered his love of improv. Having studied at The Second City Conservatory, iO theater, Annoyance Theater, pH theater, and Theatre Momentum as well as many workshops and festivals, Sal is a student first.

JULIA RUGGIRELLO

Is a recent graduate of Kent State University's BFA Musical Theater Program and is so excited to be an Acting Apprentice with Florida Studio Theatre! Recent credits include Maureen U/S and Alexi Darling in *Rent* (Kent State University), Featured Dancer in *Kiss Me, Kate!* (People's Bank Theater), and Soupy Sue in *Urinetown* (Kent State University). Julia is thrilled to be in Sarasota and can't wait to keep growing and learning as a performer! FST Credit: *Junie B. Jones: The Musical*.

DELLAN SHORT

Is a current Acting Fellow with FST who made his FST debut in the Burdick New Play Festival reading of *Advice* by Brent Askari. Some of his previous credits include *Junie B. Jones: The Musical*, *Off The Charts!* and *Deck The Halls* at FST; *Everybody* at the Alliance Theatre; *9 To 5*, *Living Out*, *Legally Blonde*, *The Tempest*, and *The Secret Garden*.

DAVID STEIN

Dave received his BFA in Acting from UW-Milwaukee and has been performing Improv since his High School Days. After college, he was a Morning Radio Producer for the #1 Station in his hometown of Milwaukee, 99.1 The Mix. Some of his favorite roles on stage include Igor (*Young Frankenstein*), Barrel (*Urinetown*) and most recently you may have seen him at CAT(*Seussical*) at The Sarasota Players. He has also been caring for his sourdough starter for 3 years.

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AUTUMN STEINER

Is a member of the FST Improv and On-Deck Sketch casts and dabbles in storytelling and acting. She played Lisa in the short film *Barely Inspired*, which had its world premiere at the 2019 Sarasota Film Festival. She is working on a collection of personal essays titled *Sweet Face, Black Heart*—something a priest once said to her.

EVAN SOUZA

Hailing from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Evan is a recent graduate from Wake Forest University, where he earned degrees in both theatre and biology. He previously served as the Head Writer for his collegiate sketch comedy troupe, LaughTracks, and is thrilled to now be working with the brilliant minds of FST Improv. He serves as one of FST's Acting Apprentices, so you'll likely catch him onstage or working in various company roles over the next year!

ALEX TEICHEIRA

FST Mainstage credits include: *Native Gardens*, *The Curious Incident...*, and *Network*. Other recent theatre credits: *Red* (Tree Fort Productions), *The German Party* (Staged Reading: Asolo Rep). TV/Film: *The Blacklist: Redemption*, *Into Bridge*. Audiobook: *Firetrap*, by Otho Eskin. Alex is also a proud member of the FST Sketch Comedy and Improv Teams. MFA: Yale School of Drama. I/G: @alexteicheira. alexteicheira.com

HELENA RANKIN

(Pianist) is an early career artist originally from Ithaca, NY. Helena thoroughly enjoys being a musician on the FST Improv Mainstage cast and playing piano for Education classes. In her spare time she enjoys reading, composing/playing music, going to the gym, hiking, contemplating life, and learning Portuguese!

SARAH DURHAM

(Improv Manager and Resident Artist) Is a comedian and writer from Campbellsville, Kentucky, raised on Mel Brooks and Billy Graham. At FST, Sarah is a resident artist,

performing with FST Improv, teaching for FST School, writing for Children's Theatre, and developing shows for the Cabaret. Some of her favorite projects include *Cinderella*, *A Place in the Sun*, *Deck the Halls*, and *The 70's: More Than a Decade*. She hopes to continue to write joy into people's lives.

REBECCA HOPKINS

(Founder/Producer) is the Founder and Producer of FST Improv and the Sarasota Improv Festival. In addition, she is a Lead Developer of FST Cabarets. She has also been the head writer on all six *Laughing Matters* shows. 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.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1. LEARN FROM THE PROFESSIONALS

The Florida Studio Theatre School offers a wide range of classes year-round in Acting, Playwriting, Improv and Theatre Appreciation. We invite you to discover your artistic home with the FST School! Call 941.366.1350.

2. CORPORATE TRAINING

Looking for a fun and creative way to inspire your team? FST Improv offers Corporate Training packages in such topics as transforming conflict, public speaking, the art of management, group transition and growth, custom packages, and more! Call 941.366.9017.

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Bring a group of 10 or more and save up to 20%! Enjoy special perks like Birthday Cakes, Anniversary Champagne, Pre-Show Parties, and more. Call 941.366.9017 ext. 348.

4. HOST YOUR EVENT AT FST!

Looking for a space to host your next training, retreat, or party? FST has ten unique spaces in the heart of downtown for you to choose from. Contact events@floridastudiotheatre.org

The SRQ Improv Festival is Returning This Summer!



The SRQ Improv Festival is a vibrant celebration of improvisational theater held in Sarasota, Florida, by FST during the summer. The festival showcases a diverse range of improv styles, from quick-witted short-form games to more elaborate long-form narratives and musicals. It brings together talented improv troupes and performers from across the country and around the world for a weekend of spontaneous, unscripted comedy that captivates audiences.



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