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DIRECTOR'S NOTES By Scott Palmer

Playing fast and loose with Shakespeare is not at all uncommon for Bag&Baggage. In fact, over the past 15 years, it is possible that our work on major adaptations has played a crucial role in the success of this company, and of our artistic reputation nationally. As the Founding Artistic Director of B&B. I have directed more than 20 adaptations of Shakespeare during my time here, and have done most of those adaptations myself. Now, as I prepare to move on from Bag&Baggage for new challenges with another theatre, I am struck by how absolutely perfect it is that my final show for this company I love is not only an adaptation of the Bard's work, but one done by an emerging playwright of color and featuring the most diverse cast in B&B's history. Absolutely perfect. Carlos' script is wonderful; it not only honors Shakespeare's original (The Winter's Tale) in structure and tone, but it actually addresses many of the reasons that The Winter's Tale is considered one of the most problematic of all the socalled "problem plays" "Problem Plays" are those Shakespearean works that do not easily fit into more traditional categories of comedy, tragedy, or history. They are among the least often performed of Shakespeare's works, in part because they are often incredibly challenging to stage (or perform!) well. But with The Island in Winter, Carlos has not only

embraced the heart of Shakespeare's work but has used the personal lens of his own experience as a Cuban-American to strengthen and, I would argue, improve the overall story. No longer do we have a main character whose jealousy and rage are difficult, if not impossible, to motivate. No longer do we have a completely random transition between one location filled with darkness and heartbreak to another filled with a random collection of clowns and buffoons. In The Island in Winter, we have a powerful social and political context for the story (Cuba, post-revolution, struggling with brutality, betrayal, and threats from capitalist America), and we have a very specific and brilliant pair of locations (the fictional Cuban village of Santa Cecilia and the neon-powered streets of Little Havana and Miami): both of these changes fill in some of the gaps of Shakespeare's tale, and help us contextualize the story in way that makes it far more relevant, rational, and real.

And, more than that, it reflects back the lived experiences of our Hillsboro community in a way that none other of our Shakespearean adaptations has been able to do. In so many ways, that feels to me like a perfect way to end my tenure as B&B's Artistic Director. It feels like I've come full circle, and that now is the time

to let a new generation of artists take the helm for a new journey about discovery, place, identity, and home.

The potential of this organization is limitless: B&B has the passion, tenacity, creativity, and talent to transform the landscape of our community... even more than we already have. With the partnership of new talent like Carlos, Yasmin, and the incredible cast of diverse actors we've brought together for this show, the sky is the limit. I am so proud of what we have accomplished; not just with this show, but with our entire history. Thinking about the future of B&B with these incredible people involved makes me even more proud, and hopeful, about what B&B can become. B&B still needs YOU. This amazing company needs you to donate, to volunteer, to attend shows, to tell everyone you know about the work we do, to give of your passion and your commitment. If you do, I can honestly say that there is nothing we cannot do together. Thank you for your support, and thank you, in advance, for continuing to do everything you can to make the promise of Bag&Baggage a reality.

Scott Palmer, Director

ADAPTER'S STATEMENT By Carlos-Zenen Trujillo

Cuban American life is dominated by poles. Strong compass points that pull on us from all directions. We are, as a people, many things and none... We are American, but not. Cuban, but not anymore. Proud of our adopted home, yet feeling a constant melancholy for the one we left behind. There's no greater symbol of this than the special relationship between Miami and Havana. It transcends borders. It calls back to older. filial, conflicts between city states. Both of these cities are embroiled in politics, something stronger than our Cafécitos, that paints every aspect of our life. They stand in opposition and yet they need the other to exist. When I applied for the Problem Play Project commission, it was inevitable that I, as a Cuban American, would choose The Winter's Tale, a play

where the settings are two opposed kingdoms. Two kingdoms that need the other to exist. The world of Bohemia and Sicilia become Villa Bohemia and Santa Cecilia, Miami and Havana. In this very personal setting, I hope to imbue it with the magical realism and rhythm of Cuba. Painting it with the vibrant colors of my homeland. I pray to the Orishas and the Saints and to Mister William Shakespeare, and I ask them: bring the watercolor Cuba of my memory to the stage at last. "It is required, you do awake your faith."

Dedicated to Mami, Papi, and Sebastian.

Carlos-Zenen Trujillo, Adapter

ABOUT BAG&BAGGAGE

WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO OURSELVES...

Bag&Baggage's mission is to crack open and explore the classics of world literature through innovative and provocative theatrical productions, connecting these great works to the people in our diverse community in a way that affirms our shared humanity. As the only professional performing arts organization in Hillsboro, we believe we have a responsibility to connect our work to the lives and experiences of the people who call our community home.



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The Island in Winter or, La Isla en Invierno

A world-premiere adaptation of The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare

adapted by Carlos-Zenen Trujillo

CAST

Hermoine	Shelley B Shelley
Leonte	Anthony Green
Polisteno	Ricardo Vazquez
Paulina	Yesenia Lopez
Camillo/Babalao	Noel Alvarez Saname
Soldier/Shepherd	Peter Schuyler‡
Ma	Kymberli Colbourne‡
Doris	Mandana Khoshnevisan†
Mopsey	Arianne Jacques‡
Florizel/Soldier	Brandon Vilanova
Perdida	Nicky Nicholson-Klingerman

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	CHEW/THOSECTION TERM
Scott Palmer	Director
Yasmin Ruvalcaba	Assistant Director
Melissa Heller	Costume Designer
	Assistant Costume Designer
	Technical Director & Scenic Designer
	Assistant Scenic Designer
	Master Carpenter
	Lighting Designer & Master Electrician
	Projection Designer
_	Stage Manager
-	Assistant Stage Manager & Props Master
	Sound Designer
	Mural Artist
	Choreographer
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This performance lasts 2 hours, including one 15-minute intermission.

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NOEL ALVAREZ SANAME CAMILLO/BABALAO

Graduado de la Escuela Nacional de Artes Circences y Variedades en la Habana Cuba. Comenzo su carrera artistica a la edad de 7 anos, como mago, locutor y

actor en programas infantiles de television. Profesor de pantomima , especialidades circenses impartidas a actores profesionales y artistas aficionados. Trabajo en diversos programas de radio y television tanto locales, nacionales y diversos teleton en Mexico. El Payaso NOEL fue el espectaculo de apertura de las presentaciones de Tatiana, La Chilindrina, Chabelo en Mexicali y realizando giras con varios circos por todo Mexico. Participa en la comunidad en celebraciones populares del 5 de mayo, grito de independencia de mexico en Portland, Oregon. Como actor en documentales educativos e informativos para la comunidad latina en Portland. Reconocimientos obtenidos: Los primeros 5 anos de vida artistica profesional por el ministro de cultura de Cuba; Ministro de cultura de Cuba reconoce al payaso Noel por ser unos de los que mas disciplina domina en el escenario: Fundador y organizador de los primeros encuentros regionales de payasos en Merida, Yucatan; Jurado y conferencista en diversoss congresos nacionales e internacionales de payasos en Mexico; Miembro de la asociacion nacional de escritores y artistas de cuba (UNEAC); Artista exclusivo de The Burger King por varios anos en Mexicali. Actualmente miembro de la gran familia Milagro.

Noel Alvarez Saname graduated from the Cuban National Circus School (la Escuela Nacional de Artes Circences y Variedades) in Havana, Cuba. He began his artistic career at the age of 7, as a magician, announcer, and actor in children's television programs. Professor of pantomime, he has taught circus specialties to both professional actors and amateur artists. He worked in various radio and television programs, both local and national within Mexico. El Payaso Noel was the opening act for the shows Tatiana, La Chilindrina, Chabelo in Mexicali and even toured several circuses throughout Mexico. He participates in the Portland community at popular celebrations of del 5 de Mavo and the Mexican Grito (shout of independence). As well as an actor in educational documentaries and infomercials for the Latinx community. Recognitions obtained include spending the first 5 years of professional artistic life by being the Minister of Culture of Cuba. The Minister of Culture of Cuba recognizes El Payaso Noel for being one of the most disciplined in the Cuban culture scene. He was the founder and organizer of the first regional clown meetings in Merida, Yucata. He was jury and lecturer in various national and international clown conferences in Mexico. He is a member of the National Association of Writers and Artists of Cuba. He was an exclusive artist of The Burger King for several years in Mexicali, and he is currently a member of the great family at Milagro.



KYMBERLI COLBOURNE

MA Kymberli earned a BA in Theatre Performance from Scripps College. As a member of the Bag&Baggage Resident Acting Company, she is

grateful to have had so many opportunities to be seen onstage for Bag&Baggage from Bell, Book And Candle (as Miss Holroyd), Blithe Spirit (as Madame Arcati), Charles Dickens Writes A Christmas Carol (as Scrooge), Spinning Into Butter (as Sarah Daniels), The Graduate (as Mrs. Robinson), to Moby Dick,

Rehearsed (as Ahab/Father Mapple). Kymberli has also performed with The National Theatre of the Deaf, The Oregon and Seattle Children's Theatres, Book It Rep, Seattle Shakespeare Festival, Broadway Rose Theatre Company, and The Oregon Cabaret to name just a few. When not on-the-boards, you can find her behind the microphone working as a voiceover actor. Kymberli is thankful to friends and family for their unending love and support, her husband and colleague, Jim Ricks-White, for his vital contributions to the work at B&B, and to the entire Bag&Baggage family for giving her such a generous, joyful, and challenging artistic home. While Kymberli is sad that this will be her last show working with Founding Artistic Director Scott Palmer, she is honored to be a part of this first Problem Play Project production and excited about B&B's future. Onward and upward!



ANTHONY GREEN LEONTE

Tony holds a BFA in Acting and a Master of Theatre Studies in Production and Design from Southern Oregon University. This is Tony's second

production with Bag&Baggage, his first being last season's Death And The Maiden. Tony is an experienced director, designer, and educator. Celebrating his tenth year in Portland, Tony has been seen in many critically-acclaimed productions with various companies in the metro area. In 2018 Tony was recognized by the Oregon Theatrical Awards Society as Best Supporting Actor in a play for his portrayal of Bob Ewell in Lakewood Theatre's production of To Kill A Mockingbird. He has worked for eight seasons with Milagro Theatre appearing in Lydia, Into the Beautiful North, American Night, O! Romeo!, How The Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent, BoomCrackleFly and the Drammy Award winning Oedipus El Rey. Tony has been seen in a number of standout roles including The Crackwalker at Sowelu Theatre, Profile Theatre's production of Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue, Defunkt Theatre's production of Hir, and Jewish Theatre Collaborative's Davita's Harp. Other Portland credits include Equus at Post5, Antony and Cleopatra with Portland Actors Ensemble, and King Lear, King John, and Mary Stuart at NWCTC.



ARIANNE JACQUES MOPSEY

Arianne holds a Bachelor's in Theater Arts from Oregon State University. Favorite roles from the last decade with Bag&Baggage

include: The Importance of Being Earnest (as Gwendolen); Twelfth Night (as Viola); Crimes of the Heart (as Babe); Julius Caesar (as Cassius); The Great Gatsby (as Jordan); Private Lives (as Sibyl); Our Country's Good (as Mary Brenham); Moby Dick, Rehearsed (as Stage Manager/Elijah); The Graduate (as Elaine Robinson); Romeo & Juliet (Layla & Majnun) (as Juliet/Layla); The Farndale Ave... Murder at Checkmate Manor (as Gordon); and most recently As You Like It (as Celia). Arianne is a founding Resident Acting Company Member, has been a box officer for the company since 2009, and is currently the Patron Services Manager for B&B. When she is away from the theater, Arianne spends her time reading, watching nature documentaries, helping out at Basilisk (her partner's awesome restaurant), and snuggling with her cats (Zoë, Ripley, & Goose). Arianne would like to thank Jason and her mom & pop for their endless love and support.



MANDANA KHOSHNEVISAN

Mandy studied literature, theater, and history at Stanford University (BA/ MA English). She is a Bag&Baggage Associate Artist, appearing in *Romeo &*

Juliet/Layla & Majnun (as Lady Capulet), Death and the Maiden (as Paulina), and Deathtrap (as Helga). Favorite scripted roles elsewhere include Into the Woods (as Baker's Wife); My Fair Lady (as Mrs. Eynesford-Hill); and here in Portland, The Rocky Horror Show (as Eddie/Dr. Scott); Reefer Madness (as Mae Coleman); Back to the Future: The Musical Parody (as Biff) and Die Hard: The Musical Parody (as Mother Gruber/Inga). Mandy also works behind the scenes, most recently directing Judge Torres, Teatro Milagro's bilingual national touring production. Since moving to Portland in 2013, she has taught at Northwest Children's Theater, and improvised on the main stage at the Brody Theater, Curious Comedy, and the Funhouse Lounge. She recently published her first book, Managed Mischief, about improv and creativity. At home, she maintains an excess of books, art supplies, and impractical musical instruments; she would like to thank her roommate/ best friend Greg for being, in that way and countless others, a kindred spirit.



YESENIA LOPEZ

PAULINA

Yesenia holds a Bachelors in Theatre Arts from California State University, Sacramento. This is Yesenia's first production with Bag&Baggage. Other

companies that Yesenia has worked for include Milagro and Teatro Espejo. You may have seen Yesenia in Milagro's, ¡Alebrijes! A Día de Muertos Tale. Other favorite roles include: Water by the Spoonful (as Odessa/Haikumom); Zoot Suit (as Lupe Reyna); and Women of Juarez (as Maritza). Yesenia works as a Marketing Specialist during the day when she is not performing on stage. Yesenia is grateful to have amazing family and friends.



SHELLEY B SHELLEY HERMIONE

Shelley B Shelley graduated from Portland State with a BS and graduate work in Public Administration and Human Resources. She is excited by

her debut performance at Bag&Baggage. A current resident of Portland, Shelley has performed on stages from Karamu House Theatre (Cleveland, OH) to Jubilee Theatre (Fort Worth, TX), to many Portland venues. Some of her more memorable roles include: Skeleton Crew (Artists Repertory Theatre)(as Faye Davison); Having Our Say (Jubilee Theatre)(as Bessie DeLaney); Gospel of Lovingkindness (as Mary Black); A Sunbeam (PassinArt Theatre)(as Cecilia Gilchrist); American Night:The Ballad of Juan Jose (Teatro Milagro)(as Viola Pettus); My Walk Has Never Been Average (August Wilson/Red Door)(as Shakeina); and Slipped in Between Things (Well Arts)(as Beryl). Shelley's television and film credits include Grimm, The Music Within, Mama Earth, and The Sacred. Her commercial work includes Dr. Pepper, Consumer Cellular, Courtesy Ford, Legacy Health, Oregon Lottery, and Kroger/Fred Meyer. Shelley gives thanks to God for life, love, and talent.

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NICKY NICHOLSON-KLINGERMAN PERDIDA

Nicky Nicholson-Klingerman studied journalism at Northwestern University. Besides high school and community

theater, she has performed numerous spoken word and slam poetry pieces. In 2018, she helped write and star in the sold-out performance of *The Little Mermaids Project*. Currently, she is a mentee in the playwright mentorship program through AGE Women of Color in PDX Theater. When she's not performing, she creating worlds and turning princesses into princes with her words.



PETER SCHUYLER SOLDIER/SHEPHERD

Peter holds a Bachelors of Theatre Performance from Northern Arizona University and apprenticed at AZTheatreWorks and the Grand Canyon

Shakespeare Festival. He is a proud member of the Bag&Baggage Resident Artist Company since 2014. His previous Bag&Baggage roles include: Bell, Book, and Candle (as Shep): Blithe Spirit (as Dr. Bradman); Charles Dickens Writes a Christmas Carol (as Dickens, Tiny Tim); Spinning Into Butter (as Dean Burton Strauss); Brontë (as Patrick, Nichols, Rochester, Heger); Moby Dick, Rehearsed (as Starbuck, Serious Actor); KBNB Kristmas Karol (as Arthur Adams): Richard III (as Richard III): Our Country's Good (as Phillip/Wisehammer); The Crucible (as John Proctor); Rough Crossing (as Ivor Fish); Of Mice and Men (as George Milton); Crimes of the Heart (as Doc Porter); and as director of The Velveteen Rabbit. He is a founding member of No Filter Improv and has performed for numerous PDX companies including triangle productions!, Lakewood Theatre, Northwest Classical, and Northwest Children's Theater. In NYC, he worked with La Mama E.T.C., Immediate Theater, DMTheatrics, was a producing board member of NativeAliens, and producing member of Dysfunctional Theatre. When not on stage, he does PR for tech companies, cooks, yowls along with his ukulele, reads constantly, and spends time with his amazing wife and brilliant daughter.



RICARDO VAZQUEZ POLISTENO

Ricardo holds a Bachelor of Science in Theatre Arts from Portland State University. This is his first production with Bag&Baggage. You may have

seen him recently in Vampire Tapestry (as Edward Weyland); the staged reading of Exit, Pursued by a Bear (as Kyle) for Reader's Theatre Gresham; or A Midsommer Nights Dreame (as Demetrius) for Original Practice Shakespeare Festival this past summer. Some other favorite roles include: Lydia (as Alvaro); Sleepy Hollow (as Brom Bones); and The Last Days of Judas Iscariot (as Jesus and Sigmund Freud). When not performing scripted work, Ricardo is also an occasional dabbler in improvised theatre and a member of the Grants and Fundraising Team for OPS Fest. He would like to thank his wife, friends, and family for their continued support of this crazy pursuit called art. Lastly, he would like to thank you, the audience, for supporting the theatre in your community



BRANDON VILANOVA FLORIZEL/SOLDIER

Brandon holds an Associates in Acting from the Pacific Conservatory Theater Professional Acting Training Program. This is Brandon's first show with Bag&Baggage. Other companies Brandon has worked for include the San Diego Repertory Theatre, San Diego Old Globe Theater, Santa Maria Pacific Conservatory Theater, and Penguin Productions. Other Favorite roles include: Othello (as lago); Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (as Eddie McCuen); The Good Soul of Szechuan (as Shui Ta); and Hamlet (as Hamlet). When Brandon isn't working on building his acting career, he spends his time writing a play based on the relationships he has built along his life and making people laugh. He also wants to thank his fiancé for her love and support.

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CINDY ANGEL

ASSISTANT SCENIC DESIGNER Cindy Angel graduated from Washington State University with a BS in psychology. This is her first time working on a Bag&Baggage production. She is

currently a Teaching Artist/Performer at Milagro Theatre for their 2018-2019 touring season. Before moving to Portland she was a part of the set design team for WSU's production of *Silent Sky*. Though she enjoys working in scenic design her main focus is being on stage as an actor. Previous productions include: *She Kills Monsters* (as Kaliope), *Don Quixote* (as Sancho Panza); and *You Can't Take it With You* (as Alica)



PEDRO BAUTISTA

ASSISTANT COSTUME DESIGNER As a 18 year resident of the Pacific NW, Pedro is the definition of an overachiever splitting his time between his family owned fashion boutique (Emanuel

Fashion), his new passion Costume Designs w/ Bag&Baggage Productions, volunteering in his local community, taking an active role in his religion and looking forward to returning to university this coming Spring. His interest in fashion started at the ripe age of 9 when he began sewing, by age 15 he took on an active role in the family business where he now enjoys his position in sales and sole tailor for the boutique. As a member of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce since 2012 his active role lead to the opportunity of joining the Bag&Baggage team where costume designing has brought so much joy! Enrolling at PCC in 2013 to receive his degree in Business with a focus on Fashion Design, he looks forward to refocusing on his studies this spring, as well as the re-opening of his own shop specializing in bridal/formal wear! Pedro would like to thank all that have helped shape him on this path and especially Bag&Baggage Productions for not only believing in him but giving him this chance and the creative outlet.



GABRIEL COSTALES LIGHTING DESIGNER & MASTER FLECTRICIAN

Gabriel is excited to continue his design career with his first show at Bag&Baggage after spending the

2018/2019 as the Vault Theater's Master Electrician. Other design productions include Love & Information, Bus Stop, and Jesus Christ Superstar. Additionally, he has worked throughout the Portland area for the past four years as a Lighting Programmer, Electrician/ Master Electrician, and Stagehand with various venues such as Portland Center Stage, Imago Theater, CoHo Theater, Portland Community College, and Third Rail Repertory Theatre.



CASSIE GREER INTERIM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & SOUND DESIGNER

Cassie is thrilled to be a part of the creative team for this inaugural Problem Play Project! This is her 30th

Bag&Baggage show since joining the company in the 2011-12 season, and the second time she has gotten to design sound here in The Vault (previously Spinning Into Butter). She has appeared on stage with B&B in The Great Gatsby (as Daisy Buchanan); Brontë (as Charlotte Brontë); and the title character in Coriolanus, among many others. On the directing side, you've seen her work in As You Like It or, Love in a Forest; Death and the Maiden; and Parfumerie, as well as B&B's 2013 touring production of A Christmas Carol. She has worked as an assistant director, acting coach, and dialect coach on a handful of other shows. Cassie steps into a brand new role this month as Interim Artistic Director, calling upon the administrative experience she has been fortunate enough to garner with a variety of companies and educational institutions around the country. Cassie received her training in the BATheatre program at Goshen College and the MFA Acting program at Florida Atlantic University, and is a certified Assistant Teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework®.



EPHRIAM HARNSBERGER

STAGE MANAGER
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Ephriam completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Omaha, Nebraska at Creighton University. This is his fourth season with Bag&Baggage.

Productions include: Bell, Book and Candle (SM), Deathtrap (SM), As You Like It (SM); Blithe Spirit (SM); Death & The Maiden (SM); Charles Dickens...Christmas Carol (SM); Farndale... Checkmate Manor (SM); Spinning Into Butter (SM); Romeo&Juliet/Layla&Majnun (SM); Brontë (SM); Parfumerie (SM); The Drowning Girls (SM); The Graduate (SM); Coriolanus (SM); Emma (ASM); The Best of Everything (ASM); The Lady Aoi (SM); Othello (SM); The South Omaha Stories (SM/AD); The Spitfire Grill (SM/ AD); The Tempest (ASM); Compleat Works of William Shakespeare [abridged] (ASM); Titus Andronicus (ASM); Twelfth Night (ASM); Phantom (AD); Dames at Sea (SM); Almost, Maine (SM); Julius Caesar (ASM); and Comedy of Errors (ASM). Although he is usually found backstage, he has also appeared onstage in Cabaret (as Emcee); Noises Off! (as Selsdon); and Urinetown (as Bobby). Ephriam is delighted to work alongside the incredible cast and crew of of The Island in Winter or, La Isla en Invierno. When he is not wandering about the stage, Ephriam also enjoys cooking, camping, hiking, and singing silly songs with his sisters. He would like to thank Bag&Baggage, Nik, Rosemary, and his parents.



MELISSA HELLER COSTUME DESIGNER

Melissa splits her time between heading the costume shop and designing costumes at Pacific University and designing for local area theater

companies. Melissa holds a B.S. in Apparel Design from Oregon State University, where her interest in costumes for theater was born. She began her work with Oregon State University in 2006 and helped design their productions until she graduated in 2008 and moved to Portland to pursue her career in the apparel industry. Melissa quickly decided that consumer apparel design was not the path she wanted to pursue, so she began work with Oregon Ballet Theater in 2010 where she was involved with

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all productions for the 2010/2011 season. Her recent works include A Christmas Carol; As You Like it; Romeo & Juliet/Layla & Majnun; Deathtrap; and Bell, Book and Candle with Bag&Baggage Productions, HIDE; Silent Sky with Pacific University, and Pippin with Lakewood Center for the Performing Arts. Melissa thanks Bag&Baggage Productions for this engaging partnership.



BETH LEWISMANAGING DIRECTOR

Beth has over ten years of experience

in theatre administration and management. She most recently served as Managing Director of Curious

Comedy Theater, Portland's only nonprofit comedy theater. She moved back home to the Portland area in 2013, after being in Los Angeles for five years working at The Pasadena Playhouse, where she ended her tenure there as their Annual Giving Manager. Before that, she lived in New York City, where she served as the Director of Development for The Looking Glass Theatre, and the Associate of Special Events for Sonnet Repertory Theatre. In addition to her work at Bag&Baggage, she is currently the President of the Portland Area Theatre Alliance. She also holds a BA in Theatre from Connecticut College and is a Core Company Member of the Original Practice Shakespeare Festival.



SCOTT PALMER

DIRECTOR

Scott received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Oregon, his Master's Degree from Oregon State University, and completed his PhD

Coursework in Theatre, Film, and Television studies at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. Over the past 20 years, Scott has developed an international reputation for his approach to classical dramatic literature, and more specifically his work with major literary adaptations of Shakespeare and his contemporaries. Scott was the Founding Artistic Director of the Glasgow Repertory Company, Scotland's only Shakespeare-dedicated theatre company, Bard in the Quad Outdoor Shakespeare summer event at Oregon State University, and Bag&Baggage Productions. Scott is an active member of the National Theatre Conference, and recently became the Producing Artistic Director of Company Of Fools, part of the Sun Valley Center For The Arts, Idaho's largest cultural non-profit. Scott lives in Bellevue, Idaho with his amazing and talented husband, Brian, and their equally amazing pets, Agnes and Mac. The Island In Winter is Scott's final show with Bag&Baggage as Artistic Director.



JIM RICKS-WHITE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR & SCENIC DESIGNER

With over 30 years in theatre, Jim is pleased to be part of the staff here at Bag&Baggage, adding Vault Facilities

Manager to his duties as Technical Director and Lighting Designer. Jim has worked professionally as a Production Stage Manager and Stage Manager (Civic Light Opera Seattle, Spokane Interplayers, Stumptown Stages); Technical Director, Lighting and Set Designer (Innovation Theatreworks, Tower Theatre, Portland Actors Ensemble); Properties Artisan and allaround Theatre Tech (the list goes on and on...) — in venues as small as 99-seat black box theatres, and as large as the Olympic Stadium for the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics as well as lighting the World's Largest Building, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, for New Year's Eve 2018. Basically, he has yet to meet a theatre tech job he didn't like — or at least enjoy! Jim

has also taught technical theatre at PCC Sylvania and has held numerous administrative positions in theatre during his career. In his free time, Jim loves to travel, explore great food, and enjoys working off steam swinging a German longsword or Military saber at his local HEMA gyms, Indes Western Martial Arts and NW Armizare. Jim looks forward to being able to help nail down some good storytelling and bring the 2018-2019 B&B season to light!



YASMIN RUVALCABA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Yasmin received her Bachelor of Arts from Williams College. This is Yasmin's first show with Bag&Baggage. She has also participated as an assistant

director in Corrib Theatre's production of Hurl and will be assistant directing in Milagro's upcoming Wolf at the Door production. She has also directed several readings for Milagro's Ingenio Series. The first reading she directed for Milagro was Valentino and the Chilean Heiress by Guillermo Reyes, and this fall she directed Casta by Adrienne Dawes. Previous directing credits include, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, Los Vendidos, and El Nogalar at Williams College. Yasmin is currently the Community Engagement Coordinator at Advance Gender Equity in the Arts and the Problem Play Project Manager for Bag&Baggage. She also dedicates her time to being a member of the Portland Center Stage Education & Community Programs Committee and as a member of the Northwest Theatre Workshop. Yasmin is thankful for having such a supportive family and community that continue to advance equity and representation together.



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE PLAYWRIGHT

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon on 23rd April 1564. His father William was a successful local businessman, and his mother

Mary was the daughter of a landowner. Relatively prosperous, it is likely the family paid for William's education, although there is no evidence he attended university. In 1582 William, aged only 18, married an older woman named Anne Hathaway. They had three children, Susanna, Hamnet, and Juliet. Their only son Hamnet died aged just 11. After his marriage, information about the life of Shakespeare is sketchy, but it seems he spent most of his time in London, writing and acting in his plays. Due to some well-timed investments, Shakespeare was able to secure his finances, leaving time for writing and acting. The best of these investments was buying some real estate near Stratford in 1605, which soon doubled in value. It seemed Shakespeare didn't mind being absent from his family - he only returned home during Lent when all the theatres were closed. It is thought that during the 1590s he wrote the majority of his sonnets. This was a time of prolific writing and his plays developed a good deal of interest and controversy. His early plays were mainly comedies (e.g. Much Ado about Nothing, A Midsummer's Night Dream) and histories (e.g. Henry V). By the early 1600s, Shakespeare had begun to write plays in the genre of tragedy. These plays, such as Hamlet, Othello, and King Lear, often hinge on some fatal error or flaw in the lead character and provide fascinating insights into the darker aspects of human nature. These later plays are considered Shakespeare's finest achievements.



LAWRENCE SIULAGI PROJECTION DESIGNER

Lawrence is an actor, director, sound designer, projection designer, music composer, and playwright based in Portland. After pursuing a BA in

Theatre Arts with an emphasis in directing at San Diego State University, he founded an acting company and directed and produced plays around San Diego. His projection designs were recently seen in Bag&Baggage's Bell, Book and Candle (dir. Scott Palmer) and As You Like It or, Love In The Forest (dir. Cassie Greer); at Milagro Theatre in Óye Oyá (dir. Estefania Fadul), Not My Revolution (dir. Louanne Moldovan) and American Night (dir. Elizabeth Huffman); and at Bag&Baggage's SOLO Fest in Sea/Sick (written and directed by Mr. Siulagi). Lawrence is proud to be an Associate Artist at Bag&Baggage and Resident Sound Designer at Milagro Theatre where he designed sound and composed music for twelve shows in the past five seasons including the upcoming Wolf at The Door (dir. Rebecca Martinez); and the upcoming Red (dir. Sarah Andrews) at Crave Theatre. His recent acting credits include Deathtrap (as Sidney Bruhl) and Romeo&Juliet/Layla&Majnun (as The Sayyid) at Bag&Baggage. When he's not performing or designing he works as a web developer at Lewis & Clark College.



CARLOS-ZENEN TRUJILLO

Carlos was born in Bejucal, Cuba in 1996, and moved with his family on a visa lottery to the US in 2001. He has lived in Hillsboro since 2006 and is a

Hillsboro High School alum. He discovered his love for telling stories on stage at Hilhi and pursued it into college, applying and being accepted into the Acting BFA cohort at Southern Oregon University. In addition to acting, Carlos has written and directed several student projects, his favorite being an adaption of The Epic of Gilgamesh. He has also received recognition as a dramaturg from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. He studied playwriting under award-winning playwright Octavio Solis, and has worked with directors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Oregon Cabaret Theatre, and PCPA. He has previously worked with Bag&Baggage in Spinning into Butter, his first professional show. Carlos is beyond excited to be working with B&B again on this historic project! Pa' Lante.

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