# A Musical Adaptation of William Shakespeare's **AS YOU Like It**

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Gwyneth Ivy Cable	Laini Kirk	Allison Stowe
Gianna Vi Calcagno	Katie Klaskin	Diego Whitehill
Hunter Cotton	Katy Kragel	James Wroth
Hope Craig	Paul Lazzari	Suchen Yu
Daevenmar	Abitha Nunis	

And Featuring Guest Community Members

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Duncan Mahoney

Lighting Design **Mia Gomez** She/Her, BFA Theatrical Design Junior

Production Stage Manager Hannah Baker She/Her, BFA Stage Management Junior

Orchestrations and Band Arrangements Mike Brun Musical Direction by Marty Lamar Choreographed by Raquel Horsford Directed by Anita Dashiell-Sparks



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#### CAST (In alphabetical order)



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Ronni K. Badamo She/Her, Ensemble •BA Theatre, Emphasis in Acting Sophomore



Bryce Brock He/Him, Duke Senior •BA Theatre, Emphasis in Acting Junior



Gwyneth Ivy Cable She/Her, Silvia •BA Theatre Sophomore



**Gianna Vi Calcagno** *She/Her, Celia* •BA Theatre, Emphasis in Acting Senior



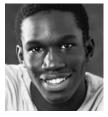
Hunter Cotton He/Him, Oliver, De Boys Dancer •BA Theatre, Emphasis in Acting Senior



Hope Craig she/Her, Ensemble •BA Theatre, Emphasis in Musical Theatre Sophomore



**Daevenmar** He/Him, Ensemble •BA Theatre, Emphasis in Acting Junior



Francis Faye He/Him, Duke Frederick, De Boys Dancer •BA Theatre Senior



Adam Hassan He/Him, Ensemble •BA Theatre, Emphasis in Musical Theatre Junior



Sun Jin He/They, Andy •BA Theatre, Emphasis in Acting Senior



Laini Kirk she/Her, Rosalind •BA Theatre Junior



Katie Klaskin she/Her, Ensemble •BA Theatre, Emphasis in Acting Junior



Katy Kragel she/Her, Ensemble •BA Theatre, Emphasis in Acting Senior



Paul Lazzari Any, Touchstone •BA Theatre Junior



Abitha Nunis They/Them, Jaques • BA Theatre Senior

#### CAST (continued)



Keira Osborne she/Her, Phoebe ·BA Theatre, Emphasis in Musical Theatre Junior



Amber 'Dottie' Renée Owens Ensemble ·BA Theatre, Emphasis in Musical Theatre Sophomore



Brianca Ross-Williams she/Her. Ensemble .BA Theatre, **Emphasis in Musical Theatre** Junior



Allison Stowe she/Her, Ensemble • Musical Theatre Minor Junior



Diego Whitehill He/Him, Orlando •BA Theatre, Emphasis Ensemble •BA Theatre Senior in Acting Junior



James Wroth He/Him,



Suchen Yu she/Her, Ensemble . Theatre Minor Senior

This production is performed without an intermission.

#### CONTENT WARNING

Please be advised that this production includes discussions of death, depictions of food insecurity and blood.

#### Additional As You Like It Production Staff

Intimacy Director Jaclyn Chantel | Fight Choreographer Jamie Cline Dance Captains Daevenmar, Keira Osborne | Production Deputies Lukas Garberg, Sun Jin | Assistant Stage Managers Keilah Mora, Lukas Loza | Community Ensemble Coordinator Sarah Costigan | Production Manager Tony Shayne Stage Management Mentor Scott Faris | Scenic Assistant Elisha Park Scenic Mentor Takeshi Kata | Associate Costume Design Manjari Newman Hair & Makeup Consultant Juliet Black | Costume Mentor Samantha Jones Assistant Lighting Designer Samantha LeRoy | Lighting Mentor Michael Latimer Associate Sound Designer Hal Sufrin | Production Engineer Renata Finamore Sound Assistant Zoelle Pierce | Sound Mentor Noel Nichols | Assistant Technical Director Abby Soroka | Technical Crew Kaylee Bennet, Samantha Caldera, Ellie Donahue, Aaron Eichenlaub, Bleau Essen, Eli Fucile, Cameron Knauf, Sev Krauss-McClurg, Jayden Ozoemena, Jaksyn Perry, Daniel Stark, Maia Tumbokon, Valeria Villa Turbay

# As You Like It

## MUSICAL NUMBERS

Prologue: All the World's a StageJaques, Ensemble			
The Man I'm Supposed to Be Orlando			
Rosalind, Be Merry	Rosalind		
The Wrestling Match Duke Frederick, Rosalind, Orlando, Ensemble			
After the Match	Rosalind, Orlando		
In Arden	Duke Senior, Jaques, Ensemble		
Under the Greenwood Tree	Duke Senior, Ensemble		
Will U Be My Bride	Orlando, Touchstone		
Imagine I'm Your Lover	Rosalind, Orlando		
You Phoebe Me	Silvia, Phoebe, Rosalind		
Oh Deer	. Duke Senior, Miss Amiens, Ensemble		
When I'm Your Wife	Rosalind		
The Lion & The Snake	Oliver		
Will U Be My Groom	Touchstone, Andy		
For Real	Orlando		
Getting Married Tomorrow	Rosalind, Orlando, Silvia, Phoebe,		
Touchstone, Andy, Celia, Oliver, Ensemble			
Rosalind, Be Merry (Reprise)	Rosalind		
For Real (Reprise)	Rosalind, Orlando		
You Phoebe Me (Reprise)	Phoebe, Silvia		
Under the Greenwood Tree (Reprise)			
Still I Will Love Duke Senior, A			
Epilogue: All the World's a Stage Jaques, Little Jaques			
In Arden (Reprise)All			

#### MUSICIANS

Conductor Marty Austin Lamar // Michele Do (11/2-11/3) Orchestra Contractor Darryl Tanikawa Keyboard 2 Michele Do // Benjamin Ginsberg (11/2-11/3) Electric & Acoustic Guitar Charlie Ferguson Electric Bass Shane Harry Drums Grant Bubar

## NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC TEAM

## Shakespeare's romantic comedy As You Like It

explores different kinds of love relationships such as family, friendship and romance. The characters in the original story and our adaptation are also learning how to love and accept all aspects of themselves while seeking that acceptance from others. The characters want to be seen as their authentic selves, not the masks or personae that they hide behind, choose to show or feel they need to create in order to survive, be included, or valued. The world of the Royal Court/Kingdom values power, control, wealth, status, rigid social norms, and rules of divisiveness. The world of Arden values community, humanity, empathy, shared and sustainable resources, respect, and civility across differences, and positive conflict resolution without violence or polarization.

In Shaina Taub's adaptation of this story, she purposely incorporates various styles and genres of music to reflect the diversity of people, identities and cultures who are telling and embodying this imaginative origin story like a folktale or fable. We are approaching our story within the inclusive mission of the Public Works initiative that centers community and "believes that culture belongs to everyone." In the spirit of how the show was originally produced at The Public Theater in New York, our production includes community members alongside SDA students to breathe life into this story from the following collaborative partners: Amazing Grace Conservatory, TeAda Theater Company, 24th Street Theater and Marshall Dance Company.

### SPECIAL THANKS

To Our Community Partners: Amazing Grace Conservatory, TeAda Theater Company, 24th Street Theater, Marshall Dance Company, LA vs. Hate, LA Common.

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

USC is built on the unceded land of the Tongva, Chumash and Kizh people. We at SDA acknowledge and honor the Tongva, Chumash and Kizh people/communities and wish to amplify that they are still here. We encourage everyone to find out whose ancestral land you live on and commit to our shared responsibility to be agents of change, and for each of us to consider our roles in reconciliation, decolonization and allyship.

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