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FOOTLOOSE














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Stage Adaptation by DEAN PITCHFORD  
and WALTER BOBBIE

Based on the Screenplay by Dean Pitchford

Music by TOM SNOW

Lyrics by DEAN PITCHFORD

Additional Music by ERIC CARMEN,  
SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS  
and JIM STEINMAN

Directed by LEANN DICKSON

Music Direction by SHERYL LAWRENCE  
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# Place

Somewhere in the heartland of America

## Act One

|   |   |
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| Footloose*                                  | Ren & the Company                               |
| On Any Sunday                               | Rev. Shaw Moore & the Company                   |
| The Girl Gets Around**                      | Chuck, Ariel, and Chuck's Singers               |
| I Can't Stand Still                         | Ren   |
| Somebody's Eyes                             | Rusty, Urleen, Wendy Jo, & the Company          |
| Learning to be Silent                       | Vi, Ethel, & Ariel                              |
| Holding Out for a Hero+                     | Ariel, Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen, & Male Ensemble |
| Heaven Help Me                              | Shaw  |
| I'm Free*/Heaven Help Me/On Any Sunday..... | Ren, Shaw, & the Company                        |

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## Act Two

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Still Rockin'                            | Cowboy Bob and Cowboy Quartet |
| Let's Hear It For the Boy                | Rusty and the Company         |
| Can You Find It In Your Heart?           | Vi                            |
| Dancing Is Not A Crime                   | Ren and Willard's Boys        |
| Mama Says                                | Willard and Willard's Boys    |
| Almost Paradise++                        | Ren and Ariel                 |
| Heaven Help Me                           | Shaw                          |
| Can You Find It In Your Heart? (Reprise) | Shaw                          |
| Footloose* (Finale)                      | The Company                   |

*All music by Tom Snow, except:*

*\*Kenny Loggins; \*\*Sammy Hagar;*

*+Jim Steinman; ++Eric Carmen*

*All Lyrics by Dean Pitchford, except;*

*"Footloose" lyrics by Dean Pitchford and Kenny Loggins*

# Cast

(In Order of Appearance)

Ren McCormack - J.D. Joiner  
Ethel McCormack - Jill Bartine  
Rev. Shaw Moore - Coke Morgan  
Vi Moore - Sonja Moore  
Ariel Moore - Christina Ledbetter  
Lulu Warnicker - Frannie Hamrick  
Eleanor Dunbar - Ellen Chemay  
Wes Warnicker & Principal Clark - Joe Jaynes  
Coach Dunbar/Ensemble - Patrick Minton  
Rusty - Janie Bianconi  
Wendy Jo - Campbell Ella  
Urleen - Xandria Cross  
Chuck Cranston - Lucas Cooper  
Travis/Chuck's Singers - Owen Allard  
Lyle/Chuck's Singer - Austin Taylor  
Chuck's Singers - Presley Ford  
Chuck's Singers/Willard's Boys/Select Dancer - Jack Lloyd  
Chuck's Singers/Willard's Boys - Matthew Shields  
Willard Hewitt - Caleb Leach  
Cop/Ensemble - Greg Helton  
Select Dancer - Ashley Williams  
Betty Blast/Chuck's Singers/Select Dancer - Laura Childers  
Cowboy Bob/Ensemble - Jordan Gatton-Bumpus  
Cowboy Quartet/Ensemble- Madison Anderson  
Cowboy Quartet/Ensemble - Hannah Liske  
Cowboy Quartet/Ensemble - Fai Lloyd  
Cowboy Quartet/Ensemble - Sherleen Mwaura  
Cowgirl/Ensemble - Livi Fenech  
Bickle/Willard's Boys- Jacob Leon  
Garvin/Willard's Boys - Tate Gilbert  
Jeeter/Willard's Boys - Eli Solomon  
Select Dancer - Natalie Duncan  
Select Dancer - Kaylyn Mayfield

# Orchestra

KEYBOARD 1: Sheryl Lawrence Howard

KEYBOARD 2: Melony Dodson

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET: Doug Rinaldo

GUITAR 1: Russ Fuquay

GUITAR 2 and ACCORDION: Adam Whipple

BASS: Michael Vaughn

DRUMS: Jay Miller

PERCUSSION: Dale Leah Disney

# Production Team

Director - Leann Dickson

Music Director - Sheryl Lawrence Howard

Choreographer - Ashley Williams

Additional choreography by Michael Galyean & Leann Dickson

Dance Captain - Jack Lloyd

Stage Manager - Lucy Wright

Assistant Stage Manager - Josh Leslie

Scene Design - Steve Krempasky

Sound Design - Colton Berg

Lighting Design - Jon Chemay

Costume Design - Edina Bobrek

Projections Design & Installation - Josh Mullady

Props Coordinator - Terry Weber

Social Media - Xandria Cross, Cheryl Masur, Candace Moore

Dialect Coach - Katie Alley

Deck Crew - David Ratliff, Cece Hammond, Avalon Cartier, Mayah Kelley

Dressers - Alisa Apostaeio, Lindy McCool, Luke Anderson, Lilliana Bond

Follow Spot Operators - Jackson Chemay, Gracie Guess

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# The Artists



**Owen Allard** (*Travis/Chuck's Singers*) is thrilled to be making his WordPlayers' debut as Travis in *Footloose*! His past acting experience comes from his time at Bearden High School, where he played Francis Flute in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Pinocchio in *Shrek The Musical*, and Orpheus in *Metamorphoses*. He is grateful for getting the opportunity to work with so many talented people and would like to thank his friends and family for supporting him.



**Jill Bartine** (*Ethel McCormack*) is thrilled to be making her WordPlayers' debut! She normally is onstage in a different capacity, as a flutist with the Knoxville Symphony, but has enjoyed reliving her musical theatre days from high school. The best part is that she gets to share the stage this time with her son Owen. Jill would like to thank her friends and family for their unwavering support, especially her husband Mac.



**Janie Bianconi** (*Rusty*) is honored to participate in her second WordPlayers' production. Previous credits include *Bright Star* (Edna), *Guys and Dolls* (Sarah Brown), *Into the Woods* (Little Red Riding Hood), and *Little Shop of Horrors* (Chiffon). After waiting 3 years due to Covid delays, she is thrilled to be a part of bringing this production of *Footloose* to the Bijou stage. She hopes that the audience is impacted in a memorable and life-giving way by this compelling and exciting story.



**Ellen Chemay** (*Eleanor Dunbar*) has been performing in Knoxville since 1998. (Yes, she's THAT old!). While classically trained as a musician and vocal performance major, she has been in Knoxville Opera productions, spent 10 years as a company member of the Actor's Co-op, is currently a member of the Knoxville Choral Society, and has been in numerous bands over the years. She appeared in the WordPlayers' production of *Jane Eyre* in 2018, and is delighted to be working with this wonderful company again! She would like to thank Lucy Maye for being an incredible stage manager, and a joy to work with.



**Laura Childers** (*Betty Blast/Select Dancer/Chuck's Singers*) is excited to be making her debut with The WordPlayers in *Footloose*! You may have seen her performing in Pigeon Forge at Dolly Parton's Stampede. Along with dancing and riding horses in the show, she is also a trick rider, aerialist, and the assistant show manager. Laura has also performed

at Dollywood where she was a cheerleader in a 50's capella group called *The Gemtones* and a dancing mouse in *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Laura holds a bachelor's degree in music from Otterbein College and enjoys teaching beginner piano and voice lessons in her free time. She would like to thank Leann for giving her this opportunity, the cast and crew for being so welcoming and wonderful to work with, and her family, especially her husband, Brock, for the constant support in following her dreams.



**Lucas Cooper** (*Chuck*) in his first show with The WordPlayers, Lucas is honored to be performing with a company that has such a high reputation, and to be playing Chuck Cranston for the second time in his career. Other past credits include Warren in *Meet Me in St. Louis*, The Baker in *Into the Woods*, and Charlie Gordon

in *Flowers for Algernon*. He's so incredibly thankful for his beautiful wife, Elise, and the sacrifices she's made to allow him to be in *Footloose*. So much love for her and his 11 month old son, Moss. [Psalm 27:4]



**Xandria Cross** (*Urleen*) has worked in TV, film, theater, and has toured nationally as a hip-hop artist. She's thrilled to be back for her 6th show with The WordPlayers, with past favorites being *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Additional theatre credits include, *The Horse and His Boy* with the Logos

Theater in South Carolina, *The Sound of Music* and *The Diary of Anne Frank* with Oak Ridge Playhouse, and *The Magician's Nephew* which she produced and directed with The Palace Players earlier this year. All glory to God and a big thanks to her family and friends for their support!



**Natalie Duncan** (*Select Dancer*) is an upcoming junior at East Tennessee State University, studying musical theatre and communication studies and minoring in dance. This is her debut on the Bijou Theatre stage and her first production with The WordPlayers. Natalie has



been performing since she was two and has been in multiple theater productions, including ETSU's *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Bright Star*, as well as ETSU's dance company, *Amalgam*. She is so excited for you all to see the show and hopes it'll make you dance as much as she does!



**Campbell Ella** (*Wendy Jo*) is so excited to be stepping into Wendy Jo's shoes this summer! Campbell is a rising sophomore at James Madison University studying Musical Theatre (go dukes!). She has been performing since she was 7 years old and recently performed as Minnie Fay in *Hello, Dolly!* with The WordPlayers last summer. Some of her favorite roles include Meg in *Little Women*, Fiona in *Shrek*, and Helena Glory in *R.U.R.* She is very thankful for such a strong support base of friends and family that support her work in the arts!



**Livi Fenech** (*Cowgirl/Ensemble*) is a recent graduate of the University of Tennessee and is thrilled to be back onstage with The WordPlayers, previously appearing in *Jane Eyre* (Helen Burns) and *Big River* (Johanna Wilkes). Most recently, you may have seen her as Crissy in the Clarence Brown Theatre's production of *Hair*, or in First Take Co.'s showing of new works, *Proof of Concept*. Special thanks to her fam, Iz, and Jordan for their love. She performs for her mom, Tiffany Fenech, always. IG: @livifenech



**Presley Ford** (*Chuck's Singers*) is a rising sophomore studying journalism at the University of Georgia. She most recently played Penny in West High School's production of *Hairspray*. This is Presley's 3rd Wordplayers' production. She would like to thank her friends and family for always being so supportive of her and of the arts.



**Madison Foster** (*Cowboy Quartet/Ensemble*) is so excited to be a part of her second WordPlayers' show. This is also her second time in *Footloose* under the direction of Leann Dickson. Prior to this, Madison has been in the ensemble of The WordPlayers' *Bright Star*. She is thrilled to have another opportunity on the Bijou stage. She wants to thank her husband, family, friends, and the cast and crew for all their support!

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**Jordan Gatton-Bumpus** (*Cowboy Bob/Ensemble*) is a theatre student at the University of Tennessee and is very excited to be working with The WordPlayers again! You may have seen him as Billy in *Bright Star* before the plague, or in one of his many roles at the Clarence Brown Theatre. He'd like to thank his family, his partner Livi, and most importantly, his kitten Grumble, for without their support, he wouldn't be "Still Rockin.'" Yee haw.



**Tate Gilbert** (*Garvin/Willard's Boys*) is so excited about being a part of this amazing production of *Footloose*. Tate has loved theatre since he was little and has had the privilege of doing musical theatre ever since 6th grade. He will be entering his senior year of high school at CAK and is stoked about whatever the next show they will be doing in the spring. Tate would like to thank his parents and boss for making it possible for him to do the show this summer. He would also like to thank his director Leann Dickson, choreographer Ashley Williams, Stage Manager Lucy and Assistant Stage Manager Josh for putting together an amazing production. Enjoy the show!



**Frannie Hamrick** (*Lulu Warnicker*) is excited to be in her debut performance with The WordPlayers after a long hiatus from theatre. She previously appeared in productions with the Clarence Brown Theatre, the Actors Co-op, and the Tennessee Stage Company. Some of her musical theatre credits include *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Cabaret*, *The Fantasticks*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and *Cinderella*. Frannie performs in the local Knoxville area as the lead singer of the *Ruby Knox Acoustic Trio*, and when not singing, she can be found attempting to hike all of the trails in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



**Greg Helton** (*Cop/Ensemble*) is excited to make his first appearance with The WordPlayers. You may have seen him recently as Ludie in Tellico Village's production of *A Trip to Bountiful*; as Joe Keller in Oak Ridge Playhouse's production of *All My Sons* or the one man show, *Sgt York: The Play*.



**Joe Jaynes** (*Wes Warnicker, Principal Clark*) has appeared in 60+ stage, TV, and film productions. He is thrilled to be back at the Bijou with The WordPlayers for *Footloose* and to share in the hard work that it takes to make great theatre happen. Thanks Leann, Sheryl, Ashley, Lucy, and fellow cast and crew for making this production so satisfying! And thank you, Kim, for your love, understanding, and support during the long days and nights that theatre demands.



**J.D. Joiner** (*Ren McCormack*) is ecstatic to be making his debut in a lead role for a WordPlayers' musical! He is currently a student at the University of Tennessee and double majoring in Theatre and History. Previous WordPlayers' credits: Peter Pevensie in *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and ensemble in *Hello Dolly*. University of Tennessee credits: Steve in *Hair*. Favorite high school role: Jack Kelly in *Newsies*. J.D. would like to thank Leann Dickson and God for giving him this opportunity, the cast and crew for their hard work, and his parents for their constant support.



**Caleb Leach** (*Willard Hewitt*) is thrilled to be returning to the stage with The WordPlayers. He has spent the last few years working with CAK as technical director for their musicals, and working on film projects. Caleb has wanted to do *Footloose* for 10 years, and is finally getting to cut loose with this cast! He wants to thank Leann and Sheryl for the opportunity, his daughter Emilia for her inspiration, and his wife Kristen for her love and support.



**Christina Ledbetter** (*Ariel Moore*) is so excited to be a part of *Footloose: The Musical!* Recently graduated from Samford University with a BFA in Musical Theatre, some of her favorite credits include: *The Merry Widow* (Valencienne), *A Christmas Carol: The Musical* (Ghost of Christmas Past), *The Fantasticks* (Luisa), *Little Women: The Musical* (Beth), *Into The Woods* (Cinderella), & *The Wolves* (#25). She would like to thank her family, friends, cast & crew, and God for everything! @christina.led

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**Jacob Leon** (*Bickle/Willard's Boys*) is super excited to be dancing around in his WordPlayers' debut with *Footloose*! He is studying theatre at UTK and loves getting to be in the show, as he's a big fan of the soundtrack (*Mama Says* is his favorite song). If there's anything he wants you to take away from this show, it's that the real *Footloose* was the friends we made along the way.



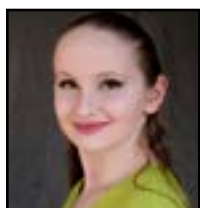
**Hannah Liske** (*Cowboy Quartet/Ensemble*) is super pumped to be making her Bijou stage debut. She is a sophomore at Middle Tennessee State University and a proud graduate of Farragut High School where she portrayed Paulette Bonafonte in *Legally Blonde* and Judy Bernly in *9 to 5*. To sign off, she would like to thank her friends, family, directors, cast and crew, guinea pigs, and Dolly Parton.



**Fai Lloyd** (*Cowboy Quartet/Ensemble*) is so thankful to be back on the Bijou stage! A recent graduate of Lee University with a Bachelor of Art in Theatre, Fai is thrilled to be back in Knoxville and especially to be doing another show with The WordPlayers after a few years of working backstage and behind the scenes. Fai wants to thank the entire production team, cast and crew of this show for the phenomenal experience. Fai would also like to thank all of the family and friends who have been a constant force of encouragement and support.



**Jack Lloyd** (*Chuck's Singers/Willard's Boys/Select Dancer/Dance Captain*) is excited to be in another WordPlayers' production. He is a rising sophomore at Slippery Rock University where he is pursuing a BFA in acting with a concentration in musical theatre and a dance minor. He would like to thank Leann, Lucy, and Ashley for being amazing leaders and teachers throughout this process, and his friends, family, and God for all of the support and love that help him to pursue his dreams.



**Kaylyn Mayfield** (*Select Dancer*) is a 2023 highschool homeschool graduate and this will be her second production with The WordPlayers. She is excited to reunite with old show family members and to make some new ones. Kaylyn has 12 years of ballet training and has recently added in modern and jazz. She choreographed her first show this past spring (thank you Lighthouse Youth!) and will be

choreographing her second show in January with Oak Ridge High School. She teaches ballet and musical theatre dance at A Dancer's Place in Knoxville. She would like to give a big thank you to Leann (her favorite mentor), Lucy (stage manager extraordinaire), Sheryl (for encouraging her to use her voice), and her parents for everything they have done.



**Patrick Minton** (*Coach Dunbar/Ensemble*) is delighted to be on the stage with The WordPlayers once again. He last performed with the company in their summer 2022 production of *Hello, Dolly!* He also recently appeared with Marble City Opera in their production of *Susannah* at the Marble Springs Historic Site. Patrick is also the music director at Colonial Heights United Methodist Church in South Knoxville. Patrick would like to thank his wife Lisa and son Henry for their unwavering support and love!



**Sonja Moore** (*Vi Moore*) is excited to be in another production with The WordPlayers. Recent credits include Mother in *Ragtime*, Miss Scatcherd in *Jane Eyre*, and Ernestina Money in *Hello Dolly*. She is thankful for the opportunity to use her talents for God's glory! Psalm 71:23



**Coke Morgan** (*Reverend Shaw Moore*) was based in LA and NYC for over 20 years and traveled the world as a singing actor. Local credits include *The Fantasticks* as El Gallo (WordPlayers), *Peter Pan* as Captain Hook (Oak Ridge Playhouse), *Jane Eyre* as Edward Rochester (WP), *Lend Me a Tenor* as Tito Merrelli (ORP), *The Secret Garden* as Archibald Craven (WP), *Ragtime* as Father (WP). He would like to thank Lucy Wright for being the guiding light throughout the rehearsal process. Her tireless dedication to the show, the cast and her heart-felt commitment to the entertainment industry at large are breathtaking to behold. If only more people knew how awesome she was the world would be a better place.



**Sherleen Mwaura** (*Cowboy Quartet/Ensemble*) would like to extend her love and gratitude to her friends, family, and entire support system throughout the course of this show. She thanks Mr. Carpenter, Mrs. Capps, Mrs. Umi, Noelle Brundige and Coke Morgan for developing her

love for theatre and the arts and is proud to be a lifelong student of theirs. This will be Sherleen's fourth production, having also performed in *Bright Star*, *Hairspray* and *Picnic* at Hanging Rock. She is a rising sophomore at the University of Tennessee where she is pursuing her bachelors in Music Business Administration with a minor in Africana Studies. Sherleen is very honored to be a part of WordPlayers production of *Footloose!*



**Matthew Shields** (*Chuck's Singers/Willard's Boys*) is making his WordPlayers' debut. He has previously performed at West High School in three MainStage Musicals: *Brightstar*, *Hairspray*, and the *Wizard of Oz*. He has just graduated high school and plans to attend Texas A&M University in the Fall. Outside of theater, he enjoys playing sand and grass volleyball. He would like to thank his parents as well as Rick Khulman and Will Perry for their Constant support.



**Eli Solomon** (*Jeeter/Willard's Boys*) is overjoyed to be playing the role of Jeter in his first production with The WordPlayers. Eli is a rising Junior at Bearden High School and has been in the theatre department under the direction of Lauren Andrekjo. In his productions at Bearden, he has played the roles of Bobby in *Curtains: The Musical*; as well as Timothy in the one act play *Badger*. Eli is beyond grateful for The WordPlayers and his director, Leann Dickson, for giving him the opportunity to act alongside the incredibly talented cast of *Footloose The Musical*.



**Austin Taylor** (*Lyle/Chuck's Singers*) is a rising high school senior who started doing theatre in his sophomore year. He played a part in the ensemble of *Hairspray* which is where he found his love for theatre. The following year he played the Lion in the *Wizard Of Oz* and also decided to audition for his first show outside of school with The WordPlayers! When not in the theatre, Austin enjoys dancing and hanging out with his friends. In his time with The WordPlayers, he hopes to meet a ton of new people that he can, hopefully, call friends and alongside them, put on an amazing show.





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**Leann Dickson** (*Director*) is a retired high school drama teacher and taught at Bearden High School for 21 of her 31- year teaching career. She is so grateful to The WordPlayers for all the opportunities they have given her and has directed *Godspell*, *The Fantasticks*, *Ragtime*, *The Secret Garden*, *Big River*, *Jane Eyre* and *Bright Star* with them. When she's not in a theatre, you can find her hiking, biking or boating somewhere with her husband, Jim, of 38 years and Moby, their 2 year old Shih Tzu.



**Sheryl Lawrence Howard** (*Music Director*) originally a Jersey girl (exit 38A), has set up roots in Tennessee. Mrs. Howard has been Music Directing in East Tennessee since the 1980's. She is presently the music director at Trinity United Methodist church where she directs parishioners from age 5-85 and finds no difference in their behavior.

Mrs. Howard is a graduate of the University of Tennessee in multiple woodwind performance with a double major in Flute and Oboe and a double minor in Clarinet and Saxophone. She is often found either in the orchestra pit or occasionally on stage. She has played principal oboe for Oak Ridge Symphony, Kingsport Symphony and Brevard Chamber Orchestra. She has subbed on oboe and English horn with the Knoxville Symphony and plays tenor sax with the Swing Time Ensemble, but her favorite music to play will always be music of the theatre. Mrs. Howard is honored to be MD for The WordPlayers again especially with such a talented cast. Favorite WordPlayers' on stage roles: Emma Goldman in *Ragtime*, Sally Brown in *You're a good Man Charlie Brown*, Martha in *The Secret Garden*, Mrs. Fairfax in *Jane Eyre* and most recently Florence Foster-Jenkins in *Souvenir*. Thank you Leann, Lucy, Ashleigh, and Josh for all your hard work. Thank you God from whom ALL blessings flow. All honor and glory is Yours.



**Lucy Wright** (*Stage Manager*) is thrilled to return to The WordPlayers for her fourth summer. She has previously worked with this company on *Bright Star*, *The Fantasticks*, and *Hello, Dolly*. Lucy recently graduated from Flagler College in Saint Augustine, Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Arts, with a focus in Stage Management and Direction. She plans to continue working in theatre in the coming years and looks forward to what's to come next. She would like to thank Leann Dickson, for always standing by her side and believing in her, and Savannah Love and Christina Ledbetter for being her support system this summer! Break legs to all and brava!



**Josh Leslie** (Assistant Stage Manager) is a Technical Theatre Major at Pellissippi State Community College. He started working on shows in high school and has enjoyed theatre ever since. He has begun working with multiple companies around Knoxville and plans to keep working with as many people as he can. He would like to thank Lucy Maye Wright, Terry Weber, and Leann Dickson for this amazing opportunity.



**Ashley Williams** (*Choreographer/Select Dancer*) is honored to not only be dancing as a member of the ensemble in this year's production of *Footloose*, but also to be choreographing the musical as well! She has spent her whole life dancing and being involved in the performing arts. She currently works at Revolution Dance as the Director of the Performance Team and loves the freedom and expression that dance provides. This will be her first musical with The WordPlayers' since the 2019 production of *Bright Star* and can't wait to be back in the beautiful Bijou Theatre! She would like to thank her family, friends, and her Revolution Dance family for all their support!



**Edina Bobrek** (*Costume Designer*) is thrilled to be costuming another WordPlayers' production. Edina began her "unofficial" work in costuming several years ago working with Bearden High, The WordPlayers, and other schools and local theatre companies. Favorite projects include *Les Miserables*, *Little Women*, *Jane Eyre*, *Bright Star* and *Hello Dolly*. Edina is especially grateful to The WordPlayers for giving her this opportunity to work with this wonderful cast and crew. Special thanks to my wonderful family for putting up with a house filled with costumes and supplies.



**Jon Chemay** (*Lighting Designer*) has been working with The WordPlayers for ten years now! He feels truly blessed to have been a part of so many wonderful productions. A UT-Knoxville graduate, Jon has been active in the East Tennessee theatre scene for 25 years. His first production was *The Matchmaker* at Clarence Brown Theatre, and he came full-circle last year lighting *Hello Dolly!* with The WordPlayers. Jon serves as Technical Director, designer, and adjunct faculty for Roane State Community College, where he has had the privilege of guiding many students through their first theatre experiences. He has designed for many area theatres including The Actors Co-op, Flying Anvil Theatre, Cumberland County Playhouse, Ballet Gloria, AC Entertainment, and

UT Opera Company. Jon has designed many shows for The WordPlayers over the last decade. Some favorites include *Big River*, *Bright Star*, and *The Refugee King*. Jon would like to thank Terry for the continuing opportunities to make art with such a great team.



**Stephen F. Krempasky** (*Scenic Designer/Carpenter*) is the Executive Director of the Farragut Business Alliance, promoting retailers, restaurants and service providers in the Town of Farragut. Additionally, he is President of MASSKUS Productions, a special events consulting agency. Steve has designed over 340 theatrical and corporate stage productions and is currently designing *Music Man* for the Bearden High School Drama Department. He has recently designed *Anything Goes* for Hardin Valley Academy and *The Crucible* for Bearden High School. He helped the Holston Middle School create the settings for their summer musical, *Matilda*. Steve is a “Fellow” of the American Association of Community Theatre with over 38 years of industry service.

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**COMING NEXT SEASON!**

## **Fall MainStage Show**

***Silent Sky*** by Lauren Gunderson

October 5, 6, 12, 13 @ 7:30 PM & Oct. 8 & 15 @ 2:30 PM  
at Erin Presbyterian Church, 200 Lockett Rd., Knoxville

## **Advent Touring Show**

***West of Bethlehem*** by Ethan Norman

Available November 26-Dec. 20, 2023

## **Holiday Mainstage Show**

***The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe***

by Joseph Robinette

Public Performances: Dec 8: 7.30 PM, Dec 9: 2.30 PM, Dec 10: 2.30 PM

School Shows: Dec 8: 9.30 AM, Dec 11: 9.30 AM and 12 Noon,  
Dec 12: 9.30 AM, Dec 13: 9.30 AM

at Pellissippi State Community College,  
10915 Hardin Valley Rd., Knoxville

## **History Tour**

***Jackie Robinson Steals Home*** by Peter Manos

Available Feb. 5 - March 5, 2024

## **Spring Mainstage Show**

***King Lear***

April 5, 6, 12, 13 @ 7.30 PM, April 7 & 14 @ 2:30 PM

at Pellissippi State Community College,  
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