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# **THE LARAMIE PROJECT**

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**Producer**  
Janet Hoehl

**Directed by**  
Mary Fitzgerald

**Assistant Director**  
**Video Editor**  
**Dramaturgy**  
Andrew Vitovitch

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in association with  
Tectonic Theater Project  
Moisés Kaufman, Artistic Director.

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# AUTHOR'S NOTE

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Written by Moisés Kaufman  
and the Members of Tectonic Theater Project

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AUTHOR'S NOTE  
By Moisés Kaufman

The Laramie Project was written through a unique collaboration by Tectonic Theater Project. During the third year-and-a-half development of the play, members of the company and I traveled to Laramie six times to conduct interviews with the people of the town. We transcribed and edited the interviews, then conducted several workshops in which the members of the company presented material and acted as dramaturgs in the creation of the play.

As the volume of material grew with each additional trip to Laramie, a small writers' group from within the company began to work closely with me to further organize and edit the material, conduct additional research in Laramie, and collaborate on the writing of the play. This group was led by the Leigh Fondakowski as Head Writer, with Stephen Belber and Greg Pierotti as Associate Writers.

As we got closer to the play's first production in Denver, the actors, including Stephen Belber and Greg Pierotti, turned their focus to performance, while Leigh Fondakowski continued to work with me on drafts of the play, as did Stephen Wangh, who by then had joined us as an Associate Writer and "bench coach."

For more information on THE LARAMIE PROJECT and the Tectonic Theatre Project, visit [tectonictheaterproject.org](http://tectonictheaterproject.org) and follow the company on social media.

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# CAST

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## Cast Members

Aaron Kreifels	Hannah Lake
Aaron McKinney	Max King
Alison Mears	Carson Crenshaw
Amanda Gronich	Julia Brady
Andrew Gomez	Max King
Andy Paris	Nick Johnson
Anonymous	Taylor Kaminski
April Silva	Lucy Kinghorn
Bailiff	Taylor Kaminski
Baptist Minister	Connor Geib
Baptist Minister's Wife	Maria Coyle
Barbara Pitts	Emerson Gormley
Bill McKinney	Quintin Frey
Cal Rerucha	Megan Wertz
Catherine Connolly	Erin Donovan
Conrad Miller	Cassidy Butler
Dennis Shepard	Evan Avelar
Doc O'Connor	Elena Chaya
Dr. Cantway	Erin Donovan
Doug Laws	Mimi Cavallo
Eileen Engen	Manya Natakala
Email Sender	Megan Wertz
Father Roger Schmit	LJ Paone
Gil Engen	Connor Geib
Governor Jim Geringer	Nick Johnson
Greg Pierotti	Lily Friedman
Harry Woods	Jackson Fisher
Jedediah Schultz	Jackson Fisher
Jeffery Lockwood	Nora Alaishuski



# CAST

## Cast Members (continued)

Jen .....	Emma Koch
Jon Peacock .....	Natalie Zebrowski
Jonas Slonaker .....	Max King
Judge .....	Mimi Cavallo
Jury Foreperson .....	Emerson Gormley
Kerry Drake .....	Cara Rydzewski
Kristin Price .....	Paige Alaishuski
Leigh Fondakowski .....	Lindsey Reid
Lucy Thompson .....	Cassidy Butler
Marge Murray .....	Natalie Zebrowski
Matt Galloway .....	Connor Geib
Matt Mickelson .....	Elena Chaya
Moises Kaufman .....	Emma Koch
Murdock Cooper .....	Olivia Davidson
Narrator .....	Katherine Hopf
Narrator .....	Emma Koch
Phil Labrie .....	Julia Brady
Phillip Dubois .....	Olivia Davidson
Rebecca Hilliker .....	Lindsey Reid
Reggie Fluty .....	Cara Rydzewski
Reverend Fred Phelps .....	Jackson Fisher
Rob Debree .....	Nick Johnson
Romaine Patterson .....	Katherine Hopf
Rulon Stacey .....	LJ Paone
Russell Henderson .....	Quintin Frey
Mormon Home School Teacher .....	Connor Geib
Sgt. Hing .....	Lily Friedman
Shadow .....	Max King
Shannon .....	Lily Friedman

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## Cast Members (continued)

Sherry Aanenson .....	Jordan Kaminski
Sherry Johnson .....	Katherine Hopf
Stephen Belber .....	Evan Avelar
Stephen Mead Johnson .....	Evan Avelar
Tiffany Edwards .....	Lindsey Reid
Trish Steger .....	Maria Coyle
Waitress .....	Carson Crenshaw
Zackie Salmon .....	Maria Coyle
Zubaida Ula .....	Kareena Kumar
Angel Action .....	Nora Alaishuski, Paige Alaishuski, Cassidy Butler, Mimi Cavallo, Carson Crenshaw, Emerson Gormley, Katherine Hopf, Hannah Lake, Jordan Kaminski, Taylor Kaminski, Lucy Kinghorn, Manya Natakala, Megan Wertz
Jurors .....	Nora Alaishuski Paige Alaishuski Hannah Lake Lucy Kinghorn Manya Natakala Megan Wertz
News Reporters .....	Nora Alaishuski Paige Alaishuski Jordan Kaminski Kareena Kumar Hannah Lake



# PRODUCTION STAFF

## Crew Members

Director .....	Mary Fitzgerald
Assistant Director/Video Production .....	Andrew Vitovitch
Editor/Dramaturgy .....	
Producer .....	Janet Hoehl
Digital Set Designer .....	Andrew Vitovitch
Costume and Props Committee .....	MHSTC Cast Mary Fitzgerald Janet Hoehl
Graphic Artist: Posters, Playbill Cover .....	Nora Alaishuski
Costume Detail Painter .....	Katherine Hoehl
Angel Action Wing Builder .....	John Hopf
MHSTC Logo Designer .....	Quintin Frey
Playbill .....	Janet Hoehl
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Committee .....	Carol Davidson Christine Donovan Linda Fisher
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## **Cara Rydzewski**

*as Kerry Drake*

Cara Rydzewski is thrilled to be performing in her last play at the Methacton High School. She is a Senior and has been in theatre and WPG since freshman year. She did ballet for 13 years, dancing at both Valley Forge Dance and the Dance Depot. Cara has been doing theatre since seventh grade, and this will be her sixth MHSTC show! She is so grateful for her family's support, as well as all the lovely friends she's made throughout the years. Cara's elated to be part of such an important show!



## **Carson Crenshaw**

*as Alison Mears*

Carson Crenshaw is very excited to be playing Alison Mears in MHSTC's production of The Laramie Project. She is a Senior and one of the Vice Presidents of the Theatre Company. Carson is also one of the Presidents of WPG. Some of her previous experience includes being a part of ensemble in the Theatre Company's shows for the past four years and playing Sarah Goode in The Crucible. Carson always loves performing with her castmates and loves them very much. She would like to thank her new director and producers for putting so much effort into making this show possible.



## **Cassidy Butler**

*as Conrad Miller*

Cassidy Butler is excited to be playing Lucy Thompson/Conrad Miller in MHSTC's production of The Laramie Project. She is a Junior and last performed at Methacton High School in A Christmas Carol. Cassidy has been performing in community theatre since she was nine years old and has been in over thirty productions. Some of her favorite roles are Alice in Alice in Wonderland and Pepper in Annie at DCP Theatre, Eva Jackson in Rimers of Eldritch at Playcrafters, and Katy in Bang, Bang, You're Dead at Barleysheaf Players. Cassidy sends thanks to the cast and crew for such a moving experience. She sends love to her friends and family for all their support

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# WHO'S WHO

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## Connor Geib

*as Baptist Minister*

Connor Geib is excited to play Matt Galloway, Baptist Minister, Russell Henderson's Mormon Home Teacher, and Gil Engen. He is in eleventh grade. He is a Fundraising & Public Relations officer and a Stage Manager for MHSTC and a Vice President and Fundraising officer for WPG. He is also a Tenor Section leader for Chorus, Choral, and Jazz Chorus. He has participated in several other productions. His most recent roles are MacGregor in Brigadoon at MHSTC, Frances Nurse in The Crucible at MHSTC, Karl in Big Fish at Firebird Theatre, Agwe in Once on this Island at Firebird Theatre, and Yussel in Fiddler on the Roof at MHSTC. He wants to go to college for Music and Theatre. He would like to thank his family and friends that have always supported him, and a huge thanks to the Seniors who have made such a difference in his life.



## Elena Chaya

*as Doc O'Connor*

Elena Chaya is thrilled to be a part of her second play at Methacton High School. She is a Sophomore and will be playing the roles of Doc O'Connor and Matt Mickelson in MHSTC's performance of The Laramie Project. Elena has had wonderful experiences acting in many shows in the past, some of which include The Crucible and Brigadoon at Methacton High School. In addition to theatre, Elena is a member of the Warrior Performance Group, Black Student Union, and The Warrior News club at Methacton. Even with the uncertainties of 2020, Elena is delighted to be able to perform again with such an incredible and truly talented cast. She would like to thank all of the wonderful people who help make these shows possible and a special thanks goes to Mary Jo Bernhard who will always be her number one supporter.



## Emerson Gormley

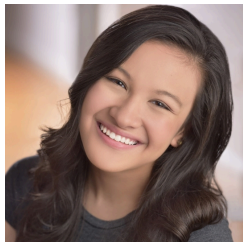
*as Barbara Pitts*

Emerson Gormley is very excited to be playing Barbara Pitts in her first MHSTC play. Even though we could not do this production in person she is very excited to be a part of this. She has been doing theatre for about two years and cannot wait to continue next year. Some of her previous shows include Mary Poppins Jr., and Beauty and the Beast Jr.

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## Emma Koch

*as Jen*

Emmalyn Koch is thrilled to be playing the roles of Narrator, Moises Kaufman, and Jen in MHSTC's production of "The Laramie Project." She is a Freshman and very excited to be in her first play after having performed in fourteen musicals prior. She had the honor of performing in the ensemble of Shrek the Musical last winter at the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia, and that remains her most notable performance to date. She would like to thank her family, friends, and the MHSTC team for making this show happen. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Vitovitch for throwing a wax apple at her during her first musical - she's been in love with performing ever since.



## Erin Donovan

*as Catherine Connolly*

Erin Donovan is ecstatic to be playing Catherine Connolly and Dr. Cantway in MHSTC's production of The Laramie Project. She is a junior and is also apart of Warrior's Performance Group and Chorale. Erin has been singing, acting, and dancing for years at the Creamery School of Music and On Edge Dance Studio. Some of her previous experience includes Ann Putnam in Methacton's The Crucible, Ogre Fiona in Arcola's Shrek The Musical, and Storyteller in Once On This Island Jr. Erin is super excited to perform with her fellow cast mates and would like to thank Hailey, Laine, Quintin, and her family for fully supporting her and making her virtual production such an amazing experience:)



## Evan Avelar

*as Dennis Shepard*

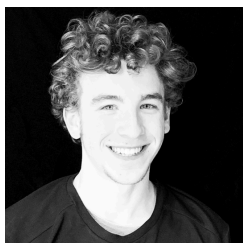
Evan is a sophomore. This is his third production with MHSTC. He is very happy to have the opportunity to work with his friends and the directors who volunteered to work with the cast to make a production possible this year. He is looking forward to future shows!



## Hannah Lake

*as Aaron Kreifels*

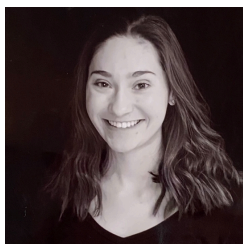
Hannah Lake is super excited to be playing Aaron Kreifels, Juror, Newsperson #2, and Person at Funeral in The Laramie Project! She is a freshman and has been doing theatre for a few years. Some of her hobbies include lacrosse, surfing, snowboarding, and baking. She got baby ducks over quarantine and has loved watching them grow. Her previous roles include Babette in Beauty and the Beast and Santa/Mr. Greenway in Elf Jr The Musical. Hannah would like to thank her family and friends for their support and for making the virtual production a great experience.



## Jackson Fisher

*as Harry Woods*

Jackson is thrilled to be in his 6th production with MHSTC. He has been performing in musical theater for over 11 years now some of his more recent roles include Angus MacGruffie in Brigadoon, John Proctor in The Crucible, Amos Calloway in Big Fish and many more. Jackson was recently accepted into West Chester University and will continue to spread his love of theater there. Jackson would like to thank Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Vitovitch, and Mrs. Hoehl for all there hard work in creating a wonderful year.



## Jordan Kaminski

*as Sherry Aanenson*

Jordan is thrilled to be performing in MHSTC's production of The Laramie Project as Sherry Aanenson, Newsperson #3, and person at the funeral! She is a senior and performing in her seventh production with the company; recently in Brigadoon (Maggie Anderson, principal dancer), The Crucible (Abigail's follower), and A Christmas Carol (Ghost of Christmas Past). Jordan is a member of the International Thespian Society and WPG. She is honored to be the senior dance captain and choreographer for both theatre and WPG, and has been dancing since age 5. She would like to thank Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Hoehl, and Mr. Vitovitch for supporting her and for their constant hard work, as well as her family and friends who hold a special place in her heart. She wishes everybody the best of luck in this virtual production of The Laramie Project!





## **Julia Brady**

*as Amanda Gronich*

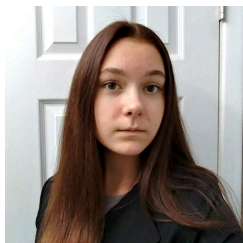
Julia is excited to play the roles Amanda Gronich and Phil Labrie in The Laramie Project. She is a senior and has been a part of the Methacton High School Theatre Company for four years now. This is her seventh production with this theatre company, her third year as Secretary of the department, and is a Vice President this year. She has been performing for eight years with local theatre company Firebird Theatre. Outside of theatre, Julia is Vice President and Section Leader of Chorale and Jazz Choir, as well as the Secretary of WPG. Julia would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her throughout this virtual performance.



## **Kareena Kumar**

*as Zubaida Ula*

Kareena Kumar is thrilled to be a part of this year's fall play, The Laramie Project! Kareena is a junior this year and has been a part of the theater company since her freshman year. Kareena is also a part of the Warriors Performance Group at Methacton and has been dancing for 14 years. Some of Kareena's past roles include Tituba in The Crucible and a principal dancer in A Christmas Carol, Fiddler on the Roof, and Brigadoon. Kareena would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her, and her directors for bringing a show as important as The Laramie Project to life.



## **Katherine Hopf**

*as Romaine Patterson*

Katherine Hopf is very excited to be playing Romaine Patterson, Sherry Johnson, and Co-Narrator in MHSTC's performance of The Laramie Project. She is a sophomore who dreams of perusing a performance art career after graduating high school. She has been in a number of theatre productions including two previous MHSTC shows, The Crucible and Brigadoon. As well as being interested in singing and acting, she has been musically inclined ever since she was three years old when she started playing the violin. Katherine is looking forward to perform with her fellow cast mates, and wants to thank Mrs.Fitzgerald, Mr.Vitovitch, Mrs.Hoehl, the other cast members of The Laramie Project, and any other members behind the scenes for helping make this a wonderful experience and amazing show.

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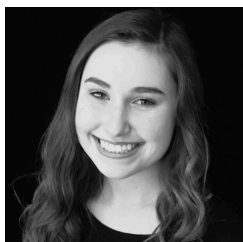
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## **Lily Friedman**

*as Greg Pierotti*

Lily Friedman (Greg Pierotti/Sergeant Hing/Shannon) is currently a senior at Methacton High School and is excited to be performing in another show with MHSTC. She has been in several other shows with MHSTC including Brigadoon as a dancer, The Crucible as Martha Corey, A Christmas Carol as a woman of business, Fiddler on the Roof, and The Sound of Music. Along with being Secretary for theatre, Lily is also one of the Secretaries and one of the Women's History and MLK Project Coordinators for Warrior's Performance Group. Lily is involved in the National Honor Society and in her free time she loves to volunteer through a charity organization called National Charity League. She would like to thank her family and friends for their constant love and support.



## **Lindsey Reid**

*as Leigh Fondakowski*

Lindsey is very excited to be performing as Leigh Fondakowski/Rebecca Hilliker/Tiffany Edwards in The Laramie Project! She is a senior and President of the Warrior's Performance Group, and also Vice President/Prop Mistress of MHSTC. She has performed as a Principal Dancer in "Brigadoon", Betty in "The Crucible", Shprintze in "Fiddler on the Roof", Belinda in "A Christmas Carol", and Brigitta in "The Sound of Music". Outside of theatre, she is a member of the National Honor Society. She is looking forward to what the rest of the year may bring in this company. She would like to thank her parents for always being so supportive and her Paw Patrol for always being such amazing friends.



## **LJ Paone**

*as Father Roger Schmit*

LJ Paone is excited to be in their last play, MHSTC's Laramie Project as Father Roger, Rulon Stacey, and Funeral Priest. They are a senior this year and have been in all of the past productions at the high school. LJ has also been dancing for over 13 years at a studio in Norristown. They have also been in other shows at Firebird Theatre and now work there as well. They would like to thank everyone involved in this production, especially Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Hoehl, and Mr. Vitovitch for working with everyone during this crazy year.

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## Lucy Kinghorn

*as April Silva*

Lucy Kinghorn is excited to be playing April Silva, juror, and person at a funeral in the Laramie Project. She is a sophomore and is also part of the club NAHS. (National Art Honors Society). Some of her previous experience includes being in Methacton's Brigadoon and Firebird theatre's Once on this Island Jr. and Frozen Jr. Lucy is delighted to perform. She would like to thank her family for their support in this fantastic virtual production.



## Manya Natakala

*as Eileen Engen*

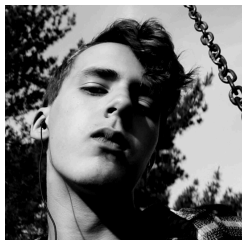
Manya Natakala is very excited to be a part of The Laramie Project. She is a freshman, and is very into music, dancing and art. In her free time, she likes to read and crochet. In the past, she had been in the ensemble of the musical 'Mary Poppins'. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their support.



## Maria Coyle

*as Baptist Minister's Wife*

Maria Coyle (12th grade) is ecstatic to perform alongside this lovely cast of "The Laramie Project". Outside of theatre, she is involved in Chorale, Tri-M, Best Buddies, and running her small princess business. She would like to thank those working tirelessly to make her crazy senior year special!



## Max King

*as Aaron McKinney*

Max King is thrilled to have the roles of Aaron McKinney, Andrew Gomez, Shadow, and Jonas Slonaker. He is a sophomore and a part of Jazz choir/chorale. Max has only been acting for three years but has found a love for the art form. Some of his previous roles include Marshal Willard in The Crucible, and Gaston in Beauty & the Beast. Max cannot wait to be a part of more productions with his fellow performers, and would like to thank his family and friends for their support and his vocal teachers for helping him find an interest in theater.

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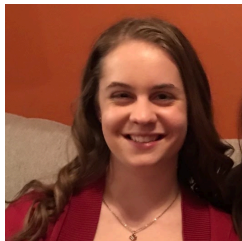
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## Megan Wertz

*as Cal Rerucha*

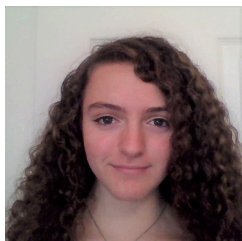
Megan Wertz (Cal Rerucha, Email Sender, Juror, Person at Funeral) is so thrilled to be in yet another play. She is a freshman and is a part of Methacton's chorale program. Megan has enjoyed many previous roles such as Mary Poppins in Mary Poppins Jr., Flounder in The Little Mermaid, a featured dancer and soloist in Footloose, and Belle in Beauty and the Beast Jr. She hopes to attend Stagedoor Manor this summer to reunite with her friends and wants to thank everyone for making this show possible during these crazy times!



## Mimi Cavallo

*as Judge*

Mimi Cavallo is so excited to be playing the Judge and Doug Laws in MHSTC's production of The Laramie Project. She is so glad to have had this opportunity to perform with all her friends once again. Mimi is a sophomore and apart from theatre also enjoys chorale, WPG, and Mock Trial. Some of Mimi's past performances include Brigadoon and Trojan Women at MHSTC and Beauty and the Beast at Firebird. Mimi is looking forward to continuing theatre in the future and is so grateful to have been part of this amazing show!



## Natalie Zebrowski

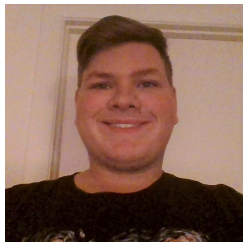
*as Jon Peacock*

Natalie Zebrowski is very excited to play Marge Murray and Jon Peacock in MHSTC's production of The Laramie Project. She is a freshman and has been acting for six years with Firebird Theatre and Arcola Intermediate School's theater program. Some of her previous roles have been Mrs. Brill in Arcola Intermediate school's Mary Poppins Jr. and a narrator in Firebird Theater's Once On This Island Jr. She is very thankful to all of her friends and family for their support, as well as to the amazing directors for putting together an amazing show.

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## Nick Johnson

*as Andy Paris*

Nick is a Junior, and this will be his fifth production as part of the MHS Theatre and Dance Company. He will play Andy Paris, Rob DeBree, and Governor Garinger. He has performed as part of the SPN Theatre Company and the MCT group since fifth grade. He has enjoyed his time as part of the MHS Theatre and plans on continuing with both the plays and musicals. His favorite play was his first one in fifth grade, it was Seussical the Musical JR. He would like to thank his parents and grandparents for always supporting him. His cousin Jacque for getting him into plays. His aunts, his cousin Emily and Emma who come to see him in the shows.



## Nora Alaishuski

*as Jeffery Lockwood*

Nora Alaishuski is delighted to be playing Reporter, Jeffrey Lockwood, and Juror in this production of The Laramie Project. She also got the wonderful opportunity to assist in designing the show logo, as well as the promotional material. Nora has performed for over three years in eleven shows at Methacton, Conservatory of Music and Dance, and Firebird Theatre. Some of her notable roles include Anna in Frozen Jr, Babette in Beauty and the Beast Jr, and Walter Hobbs in Elf Jr. She can't wait to perform, even though it might be a little different online. Nora would like to thank the amazing directors, cast, and crew!

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## Olivia Davidson

*as Murdock Cooper*

Olivia Davidson is very excited to be playing Philip Dubois and Murdock Cooper in Methacton High School Theatre Company's performance of The Laramie Project. She is a junior and also a part of the Warrior's Performance Group at Methacton. Olivia has been dancing for many years and is a part of Dance Depot's competition team. Some of her previous experiences include being a principal dancer in Methacton's The Crucible and Brigadoon. This is Olivia's fifth MHSTC show and her first year as a Dance Captain and Fundraising Officer for the company. Olivia is thrilled to continue her performances and would like to thank her family, friends, and the entire cast for supporting her and making the show so much fun to be in!



## Paige Alaishuski

*as Kristin Price*

Paige Alaishuski is extremely grateful to be playing Kristin Price/ Newsperson/Juror in MHSTC's production of the Laramie Project! She has been performing for almost four years and has acted in thirteen productions, including Elf Jr. as Jovie, Frozen Jr. as Elsa, and The Wizard of Oz as the Tin Man. As a freshman, she is very excited to start her high school theatre journey with this show. This virtual performance has been a wonderful learning experience, and she cannot wait to see what Methacton High School theatre has in store for her!



## Quintin Frey

*as Russell Henderson*

Quintin Frey is ecstatic to be playing such unique and different characters like Russel Henderson and Bill McKinney. He is a tenth grader at Methacton High School. There, he is involved in the MHSTC production staff and an avid member of WPG. He would like to thank the directors and staff for giving him a voice, his friends and family for supporting him, Erin Donovan for mentioning him in her bio, and Hailey and Laine for being the two most best friends any one could ask for.



### **Taylor Kaminski**

*as Bailiff*

Taylor Kaminski is very excited to be playing Anonymous Friend of Aaron McKinney, Bailiff, and Funeral Person in MHSTC's performance of The Laramie Project. She is a sophomore and takes part in the Warriors Performance Group and Mini Thon. Taylor also has been dancing for thirteen years at L.A. Dance Galaxy. Some of her previous roles include a principal dancer (Brigadoon) and Abigail's Follower (The Crucible) at Methacton, and The Enchantress (Beauty and the Beast Jr.) at Arcola Intermediate School. Taylor would like to thank her family and friends for all that they do to support her. She would also like to thank her older sister Jordan (who she loves to perform and dance with) for always having her back and being her best friend. Finally, she would like to thank Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Hoehl, and Mr. Vitovitch for all their hard work to make this show happen!

# WPG

SAVE THE DATE: Warrior Performance Group Show- April 30th!





## Mary Fitzgerald

**Director**

Mary is very honored to join the renowned Methacton High School Theatre Company this year as Director. She has a BA in Theater Management, with a specialty in Children's Theater, from Fordham University. No stranger to the stage, Mary has worked on all aspects of putting on a production, including her favorite role as director. She has directed various ages at numerous local theaters for more years than she'd like to admit. When not working on a show, Mary loves spending time with her husband and two daughters, who are her biggest fans.



## Andrew Vitovitch

**Assistant Director/Video Production  
Editor/Dramaturgy**

Andrew Vitovitch is thrilled to be joining the Methacton School District for this production of *The Laramie Project*. He has a BA in Theatre Arts and is currently in Brooklyn to pursue his dream of theatre. Andrew has previously worked with Firebird Theatre on several shows including, most recently, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He would like to thank everyone for their hard work. Because of you, we were able to have a wonderful show in a trying time.



## Janet Hoehl

**Producer**

Janet is thrilled to be a part of the MHSTC and its first ever virtual production. She enjoyed working with this fantastic cast and crew who have accomplished so much under challenging circumstances. Having been either on the stage or behind the scenes as an actor, director, producer, or designer since she was nine years old, she loves working with young performers. Currently she is the President and Founder of Firebird Theatre where she has directed *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and other children's musicals and has served as the Producer for dozens of shows. She would like to thank Mary and Andrew for embarking on this exciting project with her and thank her husband John and their four children for always supporting her love of the theatre.





The Matthew Shepard Foundation was created to honor Matthew in a manner that was appropriate to his dreams, beliefs, and aspirations. The Foundation seeks to **Replace Hate with Understanding, Compassion, & Acceptance** through its varied educational, outreach and advocacy programs, and by continuing to tell Matthew's story. Our mission is to encourage respect for human dignity and differences by raising awareness, opening dialogues, and promoting positive change.

*The Laramie Project & The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later* have a vital role in keeping Matthew's story alive and promote the discussion of hate issues that continue to plague society.

The Board and staff of the Matthew Shepard Foundation thank you for coming to see this production, and hope it will move you to commit to Erasing Hate in your own life, home and community.

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# MOMENTS

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## ACT ONE: MOMENTS:

A DEFINITION

JOURNAL ENTRIES

REBECCA HILIKER

ANGELS IN AMERICA

JOURNAL ENTRIES

ALISON AND MARGE

MATTHEW

WHO'S GETTING WHAT?

EASIER SAID THAN DONE

JOURNAL ENTRIES

THE WORD

A SCARF

LIFESTYLE 1

THE FIRESIDE

MCKINNEY AND HENDERSON

THE FENCE

FINDING MATTHEW SHEPARD

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# MOMENTS

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## ACT TWO: MOMENTS

MOMENT: A LARAMIE MAN

THE ESSENTIAL FACTS

LIVE AND LET LIVE

THE GEM CITY OF THE PLAINS

MEDICAL UPDATE

SEEING MATTHEW

E-MAIL

VIGILS

MEDICAL UPDATE

LIVE AND LET LIVE

IT HAPPENED HERE

SHANNON AND JEN

HOMECOMING

ONE OF OURS

TWO QUEERS AND A CATHOLIC PRIEST

CHRISTMAS

LIFESTYLE 2

THAT NIGHT

MEDICAL UPDATE

MAGNITUDE

H-O-P-E

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# MOMENTS

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## ACT THREE: MOMENTS:

SNOW

JURY SELECTION

RUSSELL HENDERSON

ANGELS IN AMERICA

A DEATH PENALTY CASE

AARON MCKINNEY

GAY PANIC

AARON MCKINNEY (CONTINUED)

THE VERDICT

DENNIS SHEPARD'S STATEMENT

AFTERMATH

EPILOGUE

DEPARTURE

## **Stephen Belber**

Stephen Belber's plays have been produced on Broadway and in over 25 countries. They include *Match*, *Tape*, *Don't Go Gentle*, *Dusk Rings a Bell*, *McReele*, *Finally*, *Geometry of Fire*, *Fault Lines*, *Carol Mulroney*, *A Small, Melodramatic Story*, *One Million Butterflies*, *The Power of Duff* and *The Muscles In Our Toes*. Theaters where he has been produced include Roundabout, Atlantic, MCC, Primary Stages, Naked Angels, Labyrinth, Rattlestick, The Huntington and The Geffen. He was an Associate Writer on *The Laramie Project*, and co-writer on *The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later*. Movies include *Tape* (directed by Richard Linklater), *The Laramie Project* (Associate Writer), *Drifting Elegant*, *Management*, starring Jennifer Aniston, and *Match*, starring Patrick Stewart, the last two of which he also directed. Television credits include *Rescue Me*, *Law & Order SVU*, and pilots for *F/X*, Amazon, The History Channel, FTVS and HBO. Upcoming films include *O.G.*, starring Jeffrey Wright.

## **Stephen Wangh**

Stephen Wangh, has been a playwright, director, and teacher of acting. He is the author of *An Acrobat of the Heart*, a physical approach to acting inspired by the work of Jerzy Grotowski (Vintage, Random House, 2000) and of *The Heart of Teaching: Empowering Students in the Performing Arts* (Routledge, 2012). He is the author of 15 plays, and was one of the writers of *The People's Temple* (Glickman award: Best play in the Bay Area, 2005). He was Associate Writer for *The Laramie Project* (Emmy nomination 2002), and dramaturg of Moisés Kaufman's *Gross Indecency*, the three trials of Oscar Wilde (1997). For 20 years Steve taught acting in the Experimental Theatre Wing at NYU. Then, for seven years he was Guest Faculty at the MFA Theater: Contemporary Performance program at Naropa University where he taught physical acting and pedagogy. And now? He's mostly writing, lecturing and leading pedagogy workshops.

## **Greg Pierotti**

Greg Pierotti joined Tectonic Theater Project as an actor in *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde* in 1996. He was an actor and an associate writer on *The Laramie Project*. He was co-writer of the HBO teleplay *The Laramie Project*, for which he and fellow company members share a Humanitas Prize and an Emmy nomination. He was a co-writer on *Laramie: Ten Years Later*. As a writer and actor with Tectonic he has performed and developed original work at La Jolla Playhouse, Denver Center, Minetta Lane, Union Square Theater, Alice Tully Hall, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Arena Stage, The Magic, The Atlantic Theatre Company, Sundance Theater Lab, and NYTW's lab at Dartmouth. He has been a master teacher of Moment Work since 2004. He was head writer on Leigh Fondakowski's *The People's Temple*. He has developed his plays *Apology* and *B More* at Berkeley Repertory's Ground Floor, The Orchard Project, The University of California–Davis, and at Maison Dora Maar in Ménerbes, France, where he was a Brown Fellow. He is a nominee for the Alpert Award in the arts in the category of theater. His latest research explores cross-pollinations between theater and anthropology. He uses theatrical devising techniques to help ethnographic writers create performance or to re-engage the empirical data they have collected in field research as they write. He is an assistant professor in the MFA of generative dramaturgy at the University of Arizona.

## **Moisés Kaufman**

Moisés Kaufman is a Tony and Emmy nominated director and playwright. His play *33 Variations*, starring Jane Fonda, was nominated for five Tony awards (including one for Ms. Fonda). Previous to that, Mr. Kaufman directed the Pulitzer and Tony award-winning play *I Am My Own Wife*, earning him an Obie award for his direction as well as Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, and Lucille Lortel nominations. His plays *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde* and *The Laramie Project* have been among the most performed plays in America over the last decade. Mr. Kaufman also directed the film adaptation of *The Laramie Project* for HBO, which was the opening night selection at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival and won the National Board of Review Award, the Humanitas Prize, and a Special Mention for Best First Film at the Berlin Film Festival. The film also earned Mr. Kaufman two Emmy Award nominations for Best Director and Best Writer. He is the Artistic Director of Tectonic Theater Project and a Guggenheim Fellow in Playwriting. Other credits include *Bengal Tiger* at the Baghdad Zoo (Mark Taper Forum); *Macbeth* with Liev Schreiber (Public Theater); *This Is How It Goes* (Donmar Warehouse); *One Arm* by Tennessee Williams (Steppenwolf Theater Company); *Master Class* with Rita Moreno (Berkeley Repertory Theater); and *Lady Windermere's Fan* (Williamstown Theater Festival).

## **Leigh Fondakowski**

Leigh Fondakowski was the head writer on *The Laramie Project*, a co-writer of *The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later*, and an Emmy-nominated co-screenwriter for the HBO adaptation of *The Laramie Project*. She has been a member of Tectonic since 1994. Her original works as playwright/director include *SPILL* (Swine Palace, TimeLine Theater, Ensemble Studio Theatre, 2015 Kilroy List); *The People's Temple* (Berkeley Repertory Theatre, American Theater Company, the Guthrie Theater, Glickman Award for Best New Play in the Bay Area 2005); and *I Think I Like Girls* (Encore Theater, Bay Area Critics Circle nomination for Best Production, voted one of the top ten plays of 2002 by the Advocate). Leigh was a 2007 recipient of the NEA/TCG Theatre Residency Program for Playwrights, a 2009 MacDowell Colony Fellow, and a 2010 Distinguished Visiting Chair at the University of Minnesota, where she lectured and developed *Casa Cushman*, a work-in-progress about nineteenth-century American actress Charlotte Cushman. As director, she headed the national tour of *The Laramie Project* and *Laramie: Ten Years Later*, and co-directed *The Laramie Cycle* with Moisés Kaufman at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. She has directed and developed plays with playwrights Anne Marie Cummings, Colman Domingo, Laura Eason, Julia Jordan, Deb Margolin, Lisa Ramirez, Ellen Gordon Reeves, and Bennett Singer. In 2013, she released her first nonfiction book, "Stories from Jonestown," and she is currently adapting it for film. Leigh is a teaching artist at New Orleans Center for Creative Arts and Naropa University.



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# END NOTES

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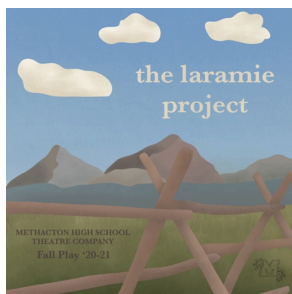
This production of *The Laramie Project* before you would not have been possible without the support and encouragement of countless people. From the administrators who helped get us out of the starting gate, to the parents and friends who provided costume and prop pieces, I owe my sincere gratitude. But, most of all, to these students.

The cast members of the Methacton High School Theatre Company have gone above and beyond my wildest expectations. They have auditioned for, rehearsed, costumed, and recorded this beautiful work of art. While that in itself would be worthy of extreme praise, they did it all in eight weeks. Eight weeks of maintaining their role as students, during a pandemic, with only virtual rehearsals, and one of the most challenging scripts I have ever seen. And yet, they never backed down. They took this challenge of telling the story of the people of Laramie, and they did it great justice. They did it correct. For that, I am immensely proud and grateful.

Thank you, all, for an experience I will never forget.

*Mary Fitzgerald*

*Methacton High School Theatre Company, Director*



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