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## Treasure Island

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# **TREASURE ISLAND**

By Honor Moor

Adapted and directed by  
David Doersch



# CAST

John Adams	Ben Gunn	Gina Mcdaniel	Pirate Ensemble
Jesse Allison	George Merry	David Mycoff	Mr. Hawkins & Ensemble
Selah Atwood	Jim Hawkins	Kevin Norris	Pew & Redruth
Carly “Goober” Berdine	Black Dog	Lauren Powers	Doctor Livesey
Andy Bowman	Pirate Ensemble	Jon Robinson	Long John Silver
Michael Carnavear	Billy Bones & Ensemble	Lily Stejskal	Pirate Ensemble
Craig Justus	Captain Smollett	Brooks Wallace	Israel Hands
Larson Kapitan	Abraham Gray	Eric Vik	Squire Trelawney
Audrey Kopp	Mrs. Hawkins & Ensemble		

# PRODUCTION STAFF

Honor Moor	Playwright
David Doersch	Director
Jered Schults	Assistant Director
Caitlin Lane	Stage Manager
Kristi Deville	Choreographer
Samantha Jemmott	Costumer
Devyn Ray	Set designer
Jason Williams	Lighting Design



# TO OUR PATRONS

- Thank you for joining us this evening. We hope you enjoy our production of Treasure Island, as presented by The Montford Park Players, North Carolina's longest running Shakespeare Festival. We're glad to welcome you to our **51st Season**, and we're delighted to have you back!
- There will be one twenty-minute intermission. Concessions will be available at the entrance to the amphitheatre. Many thanks to **The Matt & Molly Team** for also sponsoring Shakespeare's Tavern, where you will find a delightful selection of wines and local beers on tap.
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# WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On behalf of the board of directors and the members of The Montford Park Players, I want to personally welcome YOU to our **51st season of free theatre!**

We're pleased to tell you that ALL our shows are free-of-charge – all season long! We at MPP envision a world in which everyone can experience exceptional live theatre, regardless of the ability to pay. Therefore, all of our shows are donation only. "Pay what we're worth." "Pay what you can." Some may even call it crazy. Call it what you will – and enjoy the show!

Here's our summer 2023 schedule – all shows will run for five weeks, except for Alice (4 weeks):

- 5/19/2023 6/17/2023 Wendy & Peter (a Peter Pan story) by Skyler Goff - a world premiere
- 6/23/2023 7/22/2023 Twelfth Night
- 7/28/2023 8/26/2023 Treasure Island by Honor Moor- a world premiere
- 9/1/2023 9/30/2023 The Tempest
- 10/6/2023 10/28/2023 Wonderland Legacies: Alice's Adventures in Murderland by Will Storrs – a world premiere and our Halloween show!
- This will be a 23 week season with 67 scheduled performances
- All performances Friday – Sunday at 7:30 pm, except where noted.

Here's a glimpse of what's on the horizon for MPP:

- We're expanding our lower stage – we're made it bigger and taller, so you can more easily see and hear our actors!
- We've completed repaving our back driveway to 100 Jersey St. For our visitors with mobility issues, this is a perfect place to park for easiest access to the theatre seating. We plan to continue raising funds for more renovations, and we appreciate your support!

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John Russell  
Executive Director



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# TREASURE ISLAND WORD SEARCH

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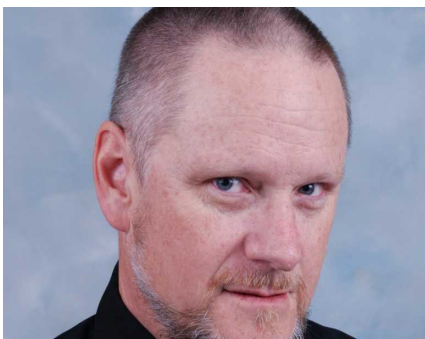
# MEET THE CAST & CREW



David Mycoff (Mr. Hawkins, Pirate Ensemble) has performed in about 98 Asheville-area stage productions with a number of theatre companies, including MPP, Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective, Magnetic Theatre, Asheville Community Theatre, Hendersonville Theatre, Attic Salt Theatre Company, The Autumn Players, and Warren Wilson Theatre. He appeared most recently earlier this season in ACT's production of Karen Zacarias's *Native Gardens*. Some favorite past roles include the title character in *King Lear* (MPP), Big in Daddy in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (Hendersonville Theatre), Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (MPP), Captain Hook in James Barrie's *Peter Pan*, (WW Theatre and also MPP) and Jaques in *As You Like It* (MPP, twice). David began working with MPP in the summer of 2004 and is a former member of the MPP Board of Directors and of the Artistic Direction Working Group. From time-to-time, he has worked as script editor, dramaturg, text coach, and director for the company. He is Professor Emeritus of English at Warren Wilson College, having retired two years ago after 44 years of college teaching.



Jon Robinson (Long John Silver) is an Asheville native actor and artist most recently seen on the MPP stage in the titular role of *Hamlet*. Favorite roles include Hamlet (*Living Dead in Denmark*), Oberon (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*), Touchstone (*As You Like It*), Athos (*The Three Musketeers*) and Abe (*Abe Lincoln and Uncle Tom in the White House* at Different Strokes!). Away from the stage, Jon spends his time drawing & painting show-inspired pieces. He shares his love for art with his 9 year old daughter & his fondness for swordplay with his 5 year old son. Special thanks to Bob Frank, Wilder Lafond, and the team at Skyland Prosthetics and Orthotics!



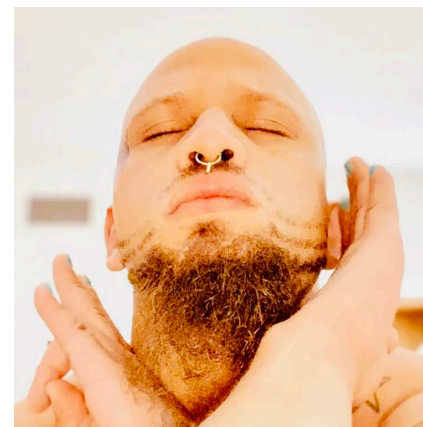
Kevin Norris (Pew / Redruth) portrayed The Player King in *Hamlet*, Rochefort in *Three Musketeers*, and King Duncan, the Porter, Helicanus in MPP's repertory production of *Macbeth*

/ *Pericles*. Other local roles include Doremus Jessup in Different Strokes' production of *It Can't Happen Here*, Shamrayev in Mountain Arts' production of *The Seagull*, Scrooge and Old Joe in MPP's *A Christmas Carol*, Henslowe in *Shakespeare in Love* and Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He is able to play all these roles because of the patience of his lovely wife of thirty-eight years, Kathy, and because of all of YOU! Thank you for your support of live theatre!



Selah "Bean" Atwood (Jim Hawkins) is thrilled to be a part of this production! Selah has been acting in film and theater for about nine years, the first stage production being Montford Moppet's *Taming of the Shrew* in 2015. Some other roles played on the Montford stage include Prospero (*The Tempest*), Horatio (*Hamlet*), Goneril (*King Lear*), and Mistress Paige (*The Merry Wives of Windsor*). However, Selah's favorite role so far has been Cassius (*Julius Caesar*). This is Selah's second production with the Montford Park Players, the first being *Wendy and Peter* earlier this year, in which they played John Darling. Selah has done various other theater and screenplay projects, but

the wonderful community that makes up Montford will always be a favorite. They would like to thank everyone who helped this production come to life, and hopes you enjoy the show!



Micheal Carnavear (Captain Billy Bones, Pirate Ensemble) joins MPP from Florida. His theatrical and performing arts passion began in high school as he landed the Lead role for a musical production during his senior year after a few years of enjoying theater class, choir, and self taught music lessons. Micheal is a Music major and Dance minor in University and is also involved in other productions in Asheville and Weaverville. Micheal is currently working on an album in support of Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention.





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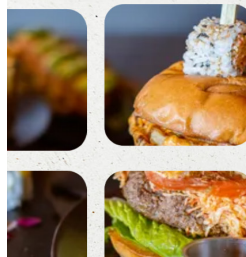
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Lily Stejskal (Pirate Ensemble) portrayed Princess Imperia, second eldest of the titular “Twelve Dancing Princesses,” in MPP’s *Grimms Fairy Tales*. She has loved every Montford production she has ever seen or been in. In 2004, Lily was one of the Five Wits in *Everyman*.

In addition to Shakespeare and Montford productions, Lily Stejskal loves musical theater. Other past roles of hers include Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof* and a “Pick-a-Little” lady in *The Music Man*.



Eric Vik (Squire Trelawney) Some of Eric’s recent Asheville credits include Cymbeline in *Cymbeline* (Nemesis Theatre Co), Kinmar in *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians* (Attic Salt) and Polonius in *Hamlet* (Montford Park Players). Eric trained in acting with Berg Studios in Los Angeles and classical acting with The London

Academy of Music and Dance (LAMDA). Eric met his lovely wife Lauren (Dr. Livesey) performing in plays in Austin, Texas.



Jesse Allison made his debut at MPP last year when he was lucky enough to play the role of Orlando in Shakespeare’s *As You Like It*. You may also remember him as both Braddock the Butler and the Drunk in MPPs production of *The 3 Musketeers* last summer as well. Originally from Niagara Falls, though Jesse grew up in Asheville, and has been acting since the age of twelve. He is thrilled to be returning to Montford this summer!



John D. Adams is thrilled to be returning to the Montford Park Theatre after living in Europe for the past two years. He previously appeared as Rumpelstiltskin in *Grimm’s Fairy Tales* at Montford, Professor Plum for the Asheville Community Theatre, and leading

roles in plays at the Henderson and Brevard Community Theatres.



Lauren Powers (Dr. Livesey) Such fun to play in Asheville! Last summer Lauren portrayed an assassin in Montford Park Players’ production of *The Three Musketeers*. In the winter she played Mrs. Candi Claus in the Attic Salt Theater show *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians*. Now, in *Treasure Island*, she gets to act like a doctor on a pirate adventure?! But the absolute best part is playing with her husband, Eric Vik.



Larson Kapitan (Abraham Gray ) is thrilled to join the cast of *Treasure Island* at Montford. He lives and works with his large family on their ranch and farmstead retreat and works alongside his father and a few siblings in his family’s design engineering company. Over the past decade he and his

family have settled in the Asheville area, he and a few of his siblings have been active with Asheville Community Theatre and Haywood Arts Regional Theatre. In addition, he is actively pursuing a career in film. This is his first show at MPP and is excited to be a part of a new community and theatre.



Audrey Kopp (Mrs. Hawkins/ Pirate Ensemble) is delighted to be working with old friends and new on *Treasure Island*. Engaging in swordplay and derring-do, she made her Montford Park Players debut in the 2022 production of *The Three Musketeers*. A longtime fan of the MPP, Audrey is honored to now be part of this wonderful creative community.





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Carly "Goober" Berdine (Black Dog / Pirate Ensemble) is relatively new to theater and got her stage debut in *The Three Musketeers* last season and was in *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians*. She is very excited to be a part of Treasure Island and hopes you enjoy the show!



Andy Bowman (Pirate Ensemble) is delighted to join the cast of Treasure Island. He has been acting for nine years around the asheville area, and first joined MPP in 2016 as Tiny Tim in a production of *A Christmas Carol*. Some of his favorite roles include playing Thor Waldgrave in Attic Salt Theatre Company's Production of *The Nerd*, Manager/Ensemble in a production of *Elf the Musical* with Asheville Community Theatre, and Michael in *Robin Hood, Quest for Justice*

with MPP. When Andy is not gallivanting onstage he loves spending time with his friends and family and enjoys broadcast journalism and photography. He has had such an amazing time working on this production and is so thankful to have met such wonderful people. He's looking forward to many more adventures with the Montford Park Players, and hopes you enjoy the show!



Craig Justus is a newcomer to Montford Park Players. He is very excited about embracing the role of Captain Smollett in *Treasure Island* and fighting pirates. Craig has greatly enjoyed, and is thankful for, the cast, staff and director. Prior to Montford Park Players, Craig has played several characters on the Asheville Community Theatre mainstage, including Charlie Brown in *Charlie Brown's Christmas*, Junior in *Dearly Departed*, Mortimer Brewster in *Arsenic & Old Lace*, Vinnie in *The Odd Couple* and Phil/Bob Cratchit in *Inspecting Carol*. When he is not playing a lawyer with the local Van Winkle law firm, he is merely a background player to the real stars of his life's show, his wife, Suzannah and two kids, Aidan and James.



Brooks Wallace (Israel Hands) is excited to be returning to the Montford stage! Audiences may remember him from other sword-swinging tales and roles such as Logan in *Robin Hood: A Quest for Justice*, Horatio in *The Living Dead in Denmark*, and D'Artagnan *The Three Musketeers*! Here's to another action packed adventure and hope you all enjoy the show!



Gina McDaniel is thrilled to be continuing her pirate career! She was last seen as Flint in Montford's *Wendy & Peter*. Other favorite roles include Hipster/Post Office Employee/DMV Employee in *Happyland*, Mrs. Elam/Dream Ballet Dancer in *Oklahoma!*, and Dancer/Ensemble in *Brigadoon*. Gina is a certified history nerd and has wanted to be a pirate since learning about Anne Bonny in the 4th grade. When not on stage, Gina is a competitive West Coast Swing dancer, co-host of Hendersonville

Westies, and is involved with social dance groups locally and in Greenville, SC.



Honor Moor (Playwright) spent many years acting in New York in the 90's. She performed in the reverse gender adaptation of *Measure for Measure* at the Irish Repertory Theatre, was a member of a Southern Repertory Theatre on 42nd Street and performed in countless plays and a hit musical review, *The Best Sex of the 20th Century Sale* highlighting the sexual mores in Hollywood. She later continued to serve on local Asheville theatre boards, worked for the Altamont Musical Theatre Company in Development & performed the last 25 years in Asheville (her hometown.) In 2019, she conceived the idea of writing *Grimm's Fairy Tales* for MPP. Honor's hit *Mountain Political Action Committee* plays were produced at the Magnetic Theatre, as well as her wedding comedy *What Happens After Manhattan*. In 2022 MPP commissioned her to write *Treasure Island*. She hopes to continue to write plays that entertain audiences and is grateful to MPP for this opportunity!



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# MEET THE CAST & CREW



David Doersch (Director) As a Director, his work has been seen on the stages of various Shakespeare Festivals and regional theatres. As a Fight Choreographer, he's worked at the highest levels of the industry and earned a significant, international reputation for excellence. As an Actor, he holds membership in both Equity and SAG/AFTRA and has performed on the stages of regional theatres, Shakespeare Festivals and Film/TV. As a Teacher/Mentor, he has taught at various Universities and Colleges throughout the United States and abroad for 30 years.



Caitlin Lane (Stage Manager)- Caitlin got her start with the Montford Park Players in 2006 with *A Christmas Carol* and has been happy to call Montford her theatre home ever since. Some of her favorites with the Montford Park Players

include: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Peter Pan*, and *Living Dead in Denmark*. Other credits include productions with: Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective, Dark Horse Theatre, Asheville Community Theatre, Attic Salt Theatre Company, and the Magnetic Theatre.



Samantha Jemmot (Costume Designer) has been working as both a performer and technician for over a decade. After graduating from Marywood University with a BA in Musical Theatre, she worked with several regional theatres throughout the East Coast and Midwest. Previously, she has worked with MPP on *Grimms Fairy Tales* as both the costume and props designer. Other previous work includes *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* (SM, Centre Stage), *Once* (Costume Designer, Centre Stage), *Something Rotten* (Bea, Greenville Theatre), *Shrek* (Dragon and Gingy, Market Theatre), *9 to 5* (SM and Costume Coordinator, Centre Stage), *Pouf* (Props Designer, Centre Stage), *Nunsense* (Costume Designer, Hendersonville Theatre), *Falsettos* (Dr. Charlotte and Costume Designer, Proud Mary), *Sordid Lives* (Stage Manager, Proud Mary) and *Elf* (Costumes,

Greenwood Theatre).



Kristi DeVille (choreographer) has been working as a dance choreographer, director, and actor for the past 30 years. Locally, Kristi is the Resident Dance Choreographer and Social Media Manager for Montford Park Players, the Director of Movement for Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective, and teaches dance at Warren Wilson College. She is also the Director of First Stage Youth Theatre, a program of the



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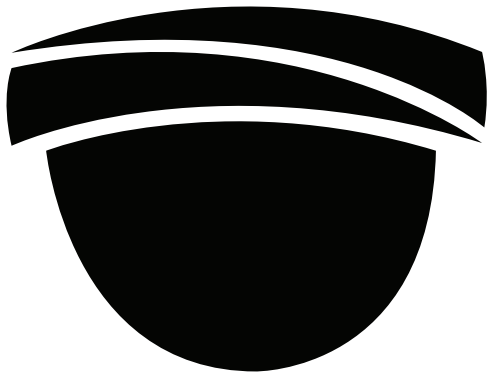
# DIRECTOR NOTE

Danger. Derring-do. Adventure. The call of the sea. Pirates! For generations, young people's imaginations have been swept away by Robert Louis Stevenson's timeless and classic coming of age story. I remember reading it as a boy, and being completely captivated. This story, and the works of Edgar Rice Burroughs combined to inspire me to pursue training in sword play, which led me to Theatre. Eventually, I found myself enjoying a wide-ranging Theatrical career which has taken me to four continents, acting, directing, and choreographing sword play. In the course of my professional career, I have done this play twice before: once as an actor portraying Long John Silver, and once as director at a regional theatre in Virginia. So, when the opportunity came to direct it for MPPs, I gladly agreed as I know this story and its impact are not yet done with me.

But what is it that draws us to this tale, generation after generation? Is it the uncommon bravery, cleverness and stalwart nature of our young hero, Jim Hawkins? Is it the charm and uncertain motives of a particular big-hearted, one-legged pirate? Perhaps the exotic locales, the action, the undeniable call of the sea? I would put forward that all of those elements have combined in a rare alchemical blend of genius to produce a story that has become so well known, its characters so ubiquitous, that it has entered the cultural spirit.

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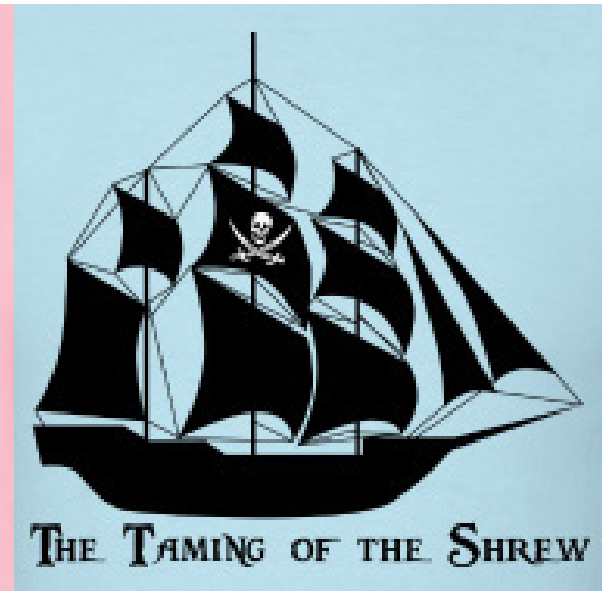
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