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51st Season



The Tempest

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THE MONTFORD PARK PLAYERS PRESENTS

THE TEMPEST

by William Shakespeare

Adapted and Directed by
Dwight Chiles

CAST

Prospero.....Paula O'Brien

Miranda.....Lauren Otis

Ferdinand.....Quinn Terry

Alonso.....Kevin Norris

Gonzalo.....Kristi DeVille

Sebastian.....Rachel Fralick

Antonia.....Emily Dake

Stephano....Sarah Felmet

Trinculo.....Blaine Weiss

Caliban.....Matt Wade

Ariel.....Molly Graves

Stephanie Kleshinski

Ariel Robinson

Denise Lockett

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director - Dwight Chiles

Stage Manager - Amanda McLoughlin

Assistant Stage Manager - Dakota Mann

Choreographer - Kristi DeVille

Costume Designer - Fable Day

Lighting Designer - Jason Williams

Puppet Designer - Kayren McKnight

Lighting Designer - Jason Williams

Intimacy Director - Sami Mills

TO OUR PATRONS

- Thank you for joining us this evening. We hope you enjoy our production of *The Tempest*, 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 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!

Making the most of your visit:

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John Russell

Executive Director



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Blaine Weiss (Trinculo) is excited to join Montford Park Players for another show this season. Past roles with MPP include *Twelfth Night* (Maria), *The Little Prince* (Lamplighter), *Macbeth* (Witch), *Pericles* (Thaisa/Bawd/Diana), and *Grimms Fairy Tales* (Narrator). Thank you for supporting local theatre!



Ariel Robinson (Ariel) is thrilled to be a part of Montford Park Players' 50th season! She was most recently seen earlier last season as Don Pedro in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Audrey in *As You Like It* and Lady Macbeth in last summer's *Macbeth*. Ariel received her degree in Drama from UNC-Asheville, and she has a Master's in English Literature from Western Carolina University. She spends most of her time teaching Shakespeare to budding young sprites as an English teacher and has two thespian children who love to come play on the stage. Some of her previous perfor-

mances include *Pericles*, *Fight Girl Battle World*, *A Comedy of Errors*, *Love's Labours Lost*, *The Tempest*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Crucible*, *Playboy of the Western World*, *Cabaret*, and *Trojan Women*. Thank you for coming to share in our wonderful live production - support the arts!



Danielle King (Ariel) is so excited to be working with Montford Park Players this summer! You may have seen her as Phebe in the Montford Park Players' 50th season opener *As You Like It*, as Titania in MPP's production of *Living Dead in Denmark*, and various roles in the repertory production of *Pericles* and *Macbeth*. She truly hopes you will enjoy our rollicking production of *The Tempest* as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

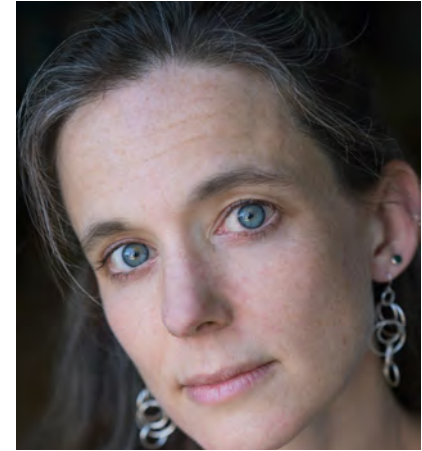


Denise Lockett (Ariel) Denise is thrilled to be in this vibrant and witty production. Some favorite roles were in Montford

Park's *Winter's Tale*, *Hamlet* (Wedick and Grant productions), *Living Dead in Denmark*; Asheville Community Theatre's *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Snowbound*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *The Giver*; one acts at The Magnetic Theater, and *Calendar Girls* at Hendersonville Community Theatre. Denise is a recovering English major with a husband and sons kind enough to indulge her thespian aspirations without rolling their eyes. She would like to thank them, her parents Ed and Sue, and her friends for their support and for running lines.



Emily Dake (Antonia) is a vocalist, actor, and craftswoman based in Asheville, NC. She has performed as a soprano with the Choral Society of Durham, Asheville Choral Society, and Tempus, as well as lending background vocals to country music artists Brandon Stansell and Kelsey Ryan. Favorite theater roles have included Millie Dillmount in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, Meredith Parker in *Bat Boy*, Rosa Bud in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, and Mina Harker in *Dracula* (Dietz). She has been seen at HART as Ethel Merman in *'Swonderful*, Marian Paroo in *The Music Man*, and Alice Hemmings in *The Book of Will*. She is an avid home chef, lover of all things Gothic, and - perhaps most importantly - the unduly proud and overly attached mother of rescue pups Petey and Kevin.



Molly Graves (Ariel) is so happy to be working again with Montford Park Players. Molly has previously worked with Anam Cara Theatre Company, Nemesis Theater Company, Different Strokes! PAC, and The Magnetic Theater. She is so especially delighted to be a part of this fancy, dancy production. Sending many thanks to this amazing group of incredible people who created and supported this show.



Stephanie Kleshinski (Ariel) is thrilled to be back on the Montford Park stage! Her favorite productions include *A Serial's Killer's Daughter* (Shared Radiance), *ShakesCollage Tour* (Shared Radiance), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Montford Park Players), and *Bloodbath* (The Magnetic Theatre). She thanks her husband David, as well as her cats, Hamlet and Sebastian, for their love and support!



MEET THE CAST & CREW



Quinn Terry (Ferdinand): Quinn is honored to be a part of *The Tempest* here at Montford Park. His recent credits include Flutist for Feste's Band in *Twelfth Night* at Montford, Rhonda (Cast B) in *Happyland*, Stage Manager for *Fish*, and directing in the One Act Play Festival - all at the Magnetic Theatre. You can also catch Quinn as a queer cultist in the upcoming debut of *New Queer's Eve* at the Magnetic Theatre this December. He wants to thank Dwight, our amazing director, for allowing him to spread his wings as the lover boy he was always meant to be; and his spouse, Luke, for being the coolest guy in the whole world...and for running lines. Like. A lot.



Paula O'Brien (Prospero) is ecstatic about this role and this show and these people and this theatre! Since moving to WNC 6 years ago she's appeared in a number of local productions, most recently at The Magnetic Theatre in *Happyland* and *Fish*. Last season she was in *The Little Prince* and *Much*

Ado About Nothing at Montford Park Players. She'll be back at The Magnetic in early November for her one woman show, *Who Does She Think She Is?* Thanks to Andrew, her ever patient partner and cheerleader. Enjoy the show and thanks for coming out!



Matt Wade (Caliban) is honored to be back to chew the scenery with this ferocious cast, especially with the fiercest, Dwight Chiles, once again at the helm. With MPP: *Hamlet* (Laertes), *Much Ado About Nothing* (Benedick), *Macbeth* (Macduff), *Pericles* (Lysimachus, et al.), and *Comedy of Errors* (Angelo). Most recently: Stacey Jaxx in *Rock of Ages*, and Algernon in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, both at HCT. Professional highlights include national tours of *Oklahoma!*, and *The Producers* (Leo Bloom); Asst. Cruise Director and Entertainer aboard the American Duchess on the Mississippi River; crooning in the Greenbrier Resort & Casino; a summer at Six Flags: Astroworld; and a plethora of wonderful regional theatre across the country. This performance goes out to my dear Dwight, thank you again for your constant inspiration, dedication, enriching collaboration, and friendship; and to my father, as he is greatly responsible for this swarthy beast you see today.



Rachel Fralick (Sebastian) - A new resident to the area, Rachel is absolutely thrilled to have been welcomed into the Asheville theatre scene after a long acting hiatus with last Fall's *Hamlet* with Montford Park Players, The Magnetic Theatre's new play development program for Deborah Silverstein's *Riveted: A Folk Musical* in January, and her dream role of Captain Hook / Mr. Darling in *Wendy & Peter* with MPP earlier this year. She feels so privileged and spoiled to be working with this fantastic cast of talented friends in one of Shakespeare's beloved classics



Lauren Otis (Miranda) Lauren is thrilled to be back on the Montford stage for the first time since 2019! Originally from Rochester NY, Lauren holds a BFA in Acting from Arcadia University, and has performed with many local theatre companies including Different Strokes! PAC, The Magnetic Theatre, The Sub-

lime Theatre & Press, Nemesis Theatre Company, Anam Cara, MPP, and Multiverse Theater Collective. Past recent credits include Nova in *Some Notes on Dating During Outbreak*, Lydia Wickham in *The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley* and Miss Bennet: *Christmas at Pemberley*, Asha in *Blood at the Root*, Hermia/Titania in *Midsummer for Haters*, Tori Piper in *Bloodbath: Victoria's Secret*, and Paula in *The Sparrow and the Whippoorwill*. Lauren has also voice recorded for podcasts including *Stained Fortune* and *Palimpsest*. Thank you all for supporting live theatre! Enjoy the show!



Kristi DeVille (Gonzalo/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 is the Director of First Stage Youth Theatre, a program of the Madison County Arts Council. Kristi has taught at Warren Wilson College and Terpsicorps Academy of Dance. Past MPP roles: Kate in *Taming of the Shrew*, Nerissa and Lancelot in *Merchant of Venice*, Violante in *Double Falsehood*, and Courtesan in *Comedy of Errors*

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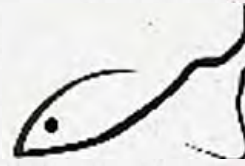
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the Montford Stage! They are an Actor, Director, Designer that works at many companies in WNC including HART, SART, Parkway Playhouse, NC Stage and more. Favorite MPP credits include *Much Ado 2022* (Director); *Macbeth/Pericles* (Macbeth/Ensemble); *Taming of the Shrew* (Director); *Christmas Carol* (Director). If you arent tired of them by that point come see them at the Magnetic Theatre in Splatter Play in October and directing *New Queens Eve* in November! Thanks for seeing the show!!!

Kevin Norris (Alfonso) portrayed Blind Pew in *Treasure Island*, 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 owes a debt of gratitude to his lovely and patient wife of thirty-eight years, Kathy, his endlessly helpful sister, Mo, and his empathetic friend Audrey (for the baked ziti rescue). He would also like to thank YOU for your support of live theatre!



Kayren McKnight (Puppet Artist) has recently returned from a 4 year adventure in Alaska. While she will miss the snow, she is very happy to be back and to be working with Dwight and this amazing team.



Amanda Sims McLoughlin (Stage Manager) is pleased to be working on a Shakespeare show with MPP once

again! She has worked and performed in many theatres throughout Western North Carolina. Favorite past shows include TRILLIUM at Hendersonville Theatre and THE LITTLE PRINCE here at Montford. When she isn't at the theatre she can be found creating embroidery art, spending time with her sweet kiddos, and being surrounded by mountains of books! Thank you so much for supporting local theatre!!



Dakota Mann (Assistant Stage Manager) is no stranger to the Montford Park Players, coming back for his sixteenth production! He is a local theatre artist within the WNC region, having worked on over 70 productions with theatres such as Haywood Regional Arts Theatre, Parkway Playhouse, Immediate Theatre Project, the Magnetic Theatre, and the Sublime Theater and Press, as well as performing overseas in Scotland at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. He received a B.A. in Drama from UNC – Asheville. Previous stage managing credits include *The Frankenstein Rubrics*, *The Sparrow and the Whippoorwill*, and *Kore* (Magnetic), *The Revolutionists* (ITP), *TRNZ* (Sublime), *The Star-Spangled Girl* (Parkway), *Nocturne* (HART) and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Montford). You can see Dakota on stage at HART later this season as Happy Loman in *Death of a Salesman*.



Fable Wilde Day(she/they)(Costumer) has had so much fun costume designing *Tempest!* Most recently she has costumed *Honk Jr* and *Native Gardens* at Asheville Community Theatre, and directed *Twelfth Night* for Montford. They are happy to be included with the incredible cast and crew of this production. She is honestly just happy to snag any opportunity to work with Dwight again.



Dwight Chiles (Director/Set Designer) Dwight is excited about jumping back on

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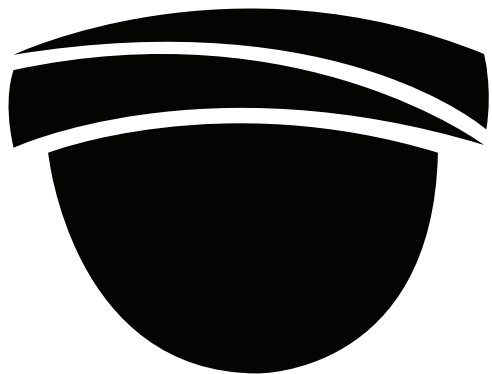


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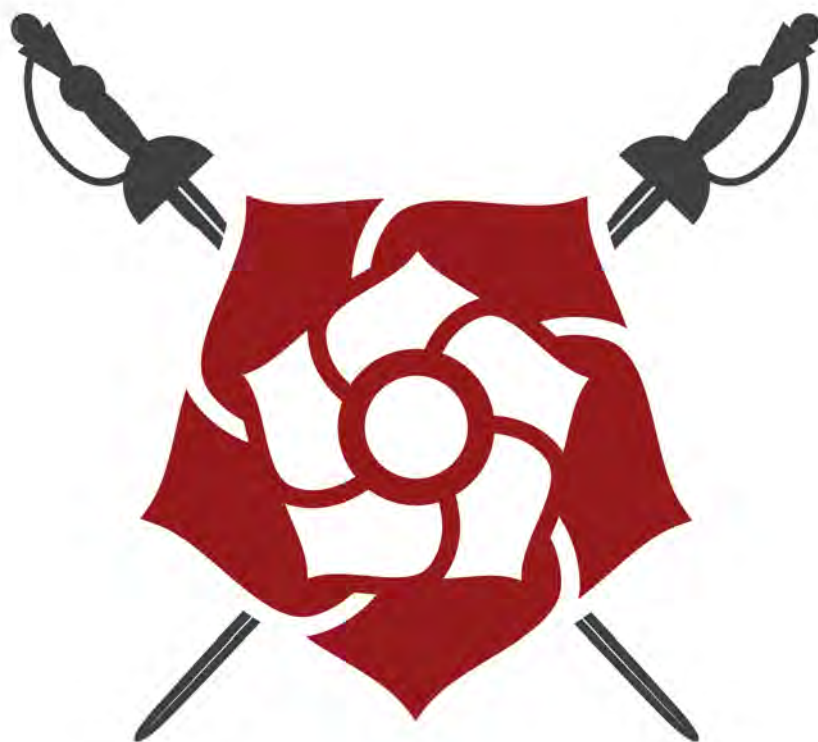
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