



FIVE TOWNS COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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THE HOUSE of BLUE LEAVES

By John Guare

MARCH 6-9, 2025

DIRECTED BY DAVID KRASNER

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Quotes from Oscar Wilde (which captures the play's theme):

They've promised that dreams can come true – but they forgot to mention that nightmares are dreams, too.

If you want to tell people the truth, make them laugh,
otherwise they'll kill you.

There are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it.

A dreamer is one who can only find his way by moonlight, and his punishment is that he sees dawn before the rest of the world.

True friends stab you in the front.

Life imitates art far more than art imitates life.

Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative;
Ambition is the last refuge of the failure.

No one is rich enough to buy back their past.

The truth is rarely pure and never simple.

- Oscar Wilde



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P R E S E N T S

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MICHAEL KAUFFMAN

Costume Designer

JILLSON MCGARRY

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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

Artie Shaughnessy..... Frank Seitz

Ronnie Shaughnessy Tryston Bellon

Bunny Flingus Jillson McGarry

Bananas Shaughnessy Lexie Gibaldi

Corrinna StrollerSymone Hammond

Billy Einhorn..... Jamil Denard

Head NunMia Leigh

Little NunEmily Keener

Second Nun..... Stacy Weiner

Military Police..... Demetrius Revell

Man Frederic Rupnarian



Frank Seitz



Symone Hammond



Tryston Bellon



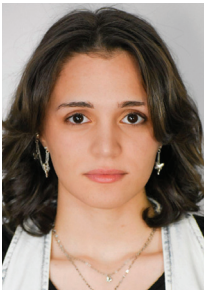
Jamil Denard



Jillson McGarry



Lexie Gibaldi



Mia Leigh



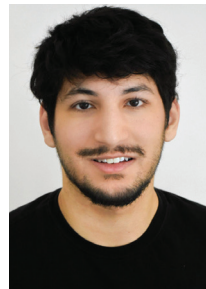
Emily Keener



Demetrius Revell



Stacy Weiner



Frederic Rupnarian

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FRANK SEITZ (Artie) is a sophomore BFA Acting major at Five Towns College. Besides playing Artie Shaughnessy in *House of Blue Leaves*, he also played Jason in *Clyde's* during the fall 2024 semester. You can find him on Instagram: @thefrankseitz or in his dorm (but the former is much more recommended).

TRYSTON BELLON (Ronnie) is in his third year at Five Towns College as a junior BFA Acting major. He is excited to be in his 7th production at FTC! He was most recently seen in *Guys and Dolls* as Big Jule. He was also previously in *Lena: Alive!* (ensemble) as well as *Cost of Living* (John), and *The Troubled Water* (Jimmy). He would like to thank his wonderful cast and crew and his friends and family for their continued support. You can also find Tryston on Instagram: @try_the_bell26

JILLSON MCGARRY (Bunny) is a freshman pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre and is so grateful to be a part of this talented community of artists. Recent credits include: *Guys and Dolls* (Mission Band/Sarah Brown u/s), *Something Rotten* (Bea), *Almost, Maine* (Sandrine), *Into the Woods* (Cinderella), and *Radium Girls* (Grace). She wants to thank her parents and sisters

for their love and grace, and this wonderful department. For a deeper dive connect with her on Instagram: @justjillson

LEXIE GRACE GIBALDI (Bananas) is a freshman BFA Musical Theatre major at Five Towns College. Credits include *Guys and Dolls*, *Grease*, *Footloose*. She has also starred in short films available for streaming on YouTube. She is unbelievably thrilled to have been cast in her very first play with this amazing cast, crew, and director.

SYMONE HAMMOND (Corrina) Symone Elise is a junior BFA Acting Major. She is also a dancer, director, and playwright. Symone is an alumnus of Dekalb School of the Arts with a major in Dance and a minor in Drama with a concentration in Stage Managing. She began her college career at Clark Atlanta University pursuing her BA in Theatre. Symone was previously cast as Clyde in *Clyde's*.

JAMIL DENARD JR. (Billy), in his second year of theater, aims to push his own boundaries of acting while pursuing a BFA in Acting at Five Towns. He's performed in many student films and has been seen in *Lena: Alive!* In his second show he aims to show the world his talent and determination.

MIA LEIGH (Head Nun) a freshman Musical Theatre major at Five Towns. She aspires to create a connection with the audience and to learn how to leave her emotions on the stage. Mia started her theatre journey backstage with carpentry and being a stagehand in high school and soon learned that her love for theatre is not just behind-the-scenes (fun fact)!

EMILY KEENER (Little Nun) is a freshmen BFA Musical Theatre major. Her past roles include Amy (*Little Women*), Little Red Riding Hood (*Into the Woods*), and Loggiane (*Spelling Bee*). She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her! She is also grateful to be a part of the theater company here at FTC. Follow her Instagram: @emilykeehner_1120

STACY WEINER (Second Nun) is a BFA Acting Major, transferred from Suffolk Community College. She's been performing with Arts for Autism for 6 years. Her other performance credits include *Dog Sees God* (Marcy), *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* (Mindy), *The Miracle Worker* (Helen Keller), and an unaired pilot for the Disney Channel (Zoe-Series Regular). You can follow her Instagram: @stacywienerofficial.

DEMETRIUS REVELL (Military Police), a freshman Acting major, is excited to be showing his love for acting. Besides his passion for acting, Demetrius loves to rap and sing on stage. He is currently working on a song that should be released this year. He wants to give a huge shout out to God, his mom, family, and friends who always stood by his side and never gave up on him when he was following these dreams. Follow him on Instagram: @meech_deme

FREDERIC RUPARIAN (Man) is a freshman Musical Theatre major. He found a passion for music production and acting, and he chose to pursue both through the medium of musical theater. This will be his first production, and he thanks Dr. Krasner for the opportunity to perform. He congratulates the cast, and thanks his family for supporting him.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director	David Krasner
Stage Manager	Jen LoPresti
Technical Director	Michael Kauffman
Lighting Designer	Juliette Kealy
Costume Designer	Jillson McGarry
Assistant Costume Designer	Symone Hammond
Prop Master	Robert Burns
Lead Carpenter	Victor Calcano IV
Social Media Manager	Yolanda Penfield
Light Board Operato	Sammi Rooney
Wardrobe Crew	Sophia Burik

DAVID KRASNER (Director)

www.davidkrasner.com

JEN LOPRESTI (Production Stage Manager) (she/they) is a graduate of the SUNY Oneonta Theatre and Music Industry programs. She is a frequent Sound Designer and winner of Broadway World Long Island's Best Sound Design 2022 for her work on *Matilda* at The Merrick Theatre and Center for the Arts. Recent acting experience include Ethel Chauvenet/Betty Chumley/E.J. Lofgren in *Harvey*, Florinda in *Into the Woods*, and Mistress Ford in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Currently she works as a Teaching Assistant for the North Merrick School District and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Childhood Special Education at SUNY Old Westbury.

MICHAEL KAUFFMAN (Lighting Designer) is a designer, technician, and production manager who has worked countless productions at a myriad of New York venues. After initially training at Bard College, Michael went on to work professionally at The Fisher Center for The Performing Arts, The Tilles Center, Adelphi University Performing Arts Center, The Landmark on Main Street, The John W. Engeman Theatre, The Argyle Theatre, and others. Michael has also spent several years in the live event technologies industry, working with local specialists such as Bestek Lighting and Staging, Shadowbox Design Management, and Luminous Designs . Michael is delighted to now be a part of the Stellar Theatre faculty at FTC.

JILLSON MCGARRY (Costume Designer) is a freshman BFA musical theatre student and is grateful to costume design once again! Working as the mistress of the wardrobe at her last theatre company and now working as a stitcher here at Five Towns, this felt like the best next step.

ROBERT BURNS (Props Designer) is a Sophomore BFA Musical Theatre major who runs the props department for the theatre. This is his first year in the position. He would like to thank former Props Head, Sierra Shepard, for all that they taught him. He would also like to thank his team for all their help!

PRODUCTION CREW

SCENIC CREW	<p>Lead Carpenter - Victor Calcano IV</p> <p>General Carpenters - Cody Meares, B Sam Adler, G Clark, Theresa Tiernan, Kat Dice, Jamil Denard, Frank Seitz, Nataliyah Arencibia, Mia Leigh, Brenda Ray</p>
LIGHTING CREW	<p>Lead Electrician - Lilly Genovese</p> <p>Electricians - Bear Williams, Lana Smith, Sammi Rooney, Saija White, Lindsay Pacci, Frederic Rupnarian, Karim Capenter</p>
PAINT CREW	<p>Scenic Charge - Lily Boisvert, A'Shya Dawson, and Ella Beiser</p> <p>General Artists - Charles Houser, Jeremy Thomas, Jodi Jordan, Demetrius Reveil, Mirabella Fattibene, Solange Signoret, Jesse Gunnell, Kayla McKinney, Lianna Rivera, Nathalie Reyes, Sydney Rosenberg</p>
PROPS CREW	<p>Lead Prop Designer - Robert Burns</p> <p>Props Crew - Emily Keehner, Maggie Switzer, Amaya Hall, Gabby Martin, Zara Martinez-Zolotor, Omar Sealy</p>
COSTUME CREW	<p>Shop/Wardrobe Supervisors - Amaya Hall</p> <p>Dressers/Wardrobe/Stitches - Cameron Maxwell, Jillson McGarry, Jonny Oscarson, Sophia Burik, Symone Hammond</p>



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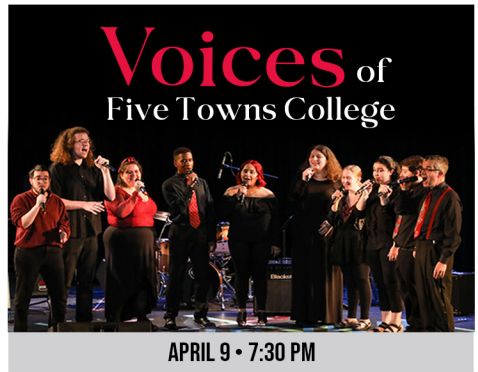
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UPCOMING PERFORMANCES



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