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Cinna

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JULIAN PARKER (Cinna)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Romeo and Juliet.
CHICAGO: Pass Over,
Gospel of Franklin,
Blacktop Sky, Head of
Passes (Steppenwolf
Theatre Company): An

Octoroon, Genesis, Dutchman, The Brothers Size (Definition Theatre Company): Hamlet. Julius Caesar, Smart People (Writers Theatre); Prowess (Jackalope Theatre); The Hairy Ape (Jeff Award - Actor in a Principal Role, Oracle Productions); Landladies, Charm (Northlight Theatre); The Royale (American Theatre Company). REGIONAL: Seize the King (La Jolla Playhouse). FILM: Pass Over, directed by Spike Lee (Amazon Studios): The Last Shift (Bona Fide Productions). TELEVISION: The Chi (Showtime); Chicago PD, Chicago Fire (NBC); Home for the Weekend (Comedy Central). EDUCATION: BFA, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Mr. Parker is a co-founding member of Definition Theatre Company.

**TIM CROUCH** (*Playwright*) is an Obie Awardwinning playwright, director, and theatermaker. He was an actor before starting to write and he still performs in much of his work. PLAYS: Superglue (National Theatre Connections): Total Immediate Collective Imminent Terrestrial Salvation (National Theatre of Scotland, Royal Court); I, Cinna (the poet) (Royal Shakespeare Company, Unicorn Theatre); Beginners (Unicorn Theatre); Adler & Gibb (Royal Court, Center Theatre Group); The Author (Royal Court); An Oak Tree (Traverse Theatre, National Theatre, Off-Broadway); I. Malvolio (Brighton Festival/world tour); ENGLAND - a play for galleries (Traverse Theatre/ The Fruitmarket Gallery); Shopping for Shoes (National Theatre schools tour); and My Arm (Traverse Theatre). DIRECTOR: House Mother Normal (Brighton Festival); Peat (Ark. Dublin): Jeramee, Hartleby and Oooglemore (Unicorn Theatre); The Complete Deaths (Spymonkey/Brighton Festival); The Taming of the Shrew and King Lear (Royal Shakespeare Company). Crouch created and co-wrote Don't Forget the Driver, a six-part series for BBC2, which won Best TV Comedy at the Venice TV Awards in 2019. OTHER AWARDS: OffWestEnd Offie (I, Cinna (the poet));

Writers Guild of Great Britain, Best Play for Young Audiences (Beginners); John Whiting Award, Total Theatre Award (The Author); Scotsman Fringe First, Total Theatre, Herald Archangel Awards (ENGLAND); and Prix Italia for Best Adaptation in Radio Drama (My Arm). Crouch is published by Methuen Books. timcrouchtheatre.co.uk

TYRONE PHILLIPS (Director) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Romeo and Juliet (dramaturg), Hamlet, Red Velvet (associate director): A Midsummer Night's Dream. King Charles III, Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks production of A Midsummer Night's Dream (actor). CHICAGO: An Octoroon. A Doll's House. The Brothers Size (Definition Theatre Company); George Orwell's 1984 (Steppenwolf Theatre Company): Father Comes Home from the Wars (Goodman Theatre). **REGIONAL:** Assassins, A Christmas Carol. A Raisin in the Sun. The Mountaintop (understudy), Clybourne Park (understudy, Milwaukee Repertory Theater). FILM: Gimmick, Boss, Divergent. TELEVISION: The Red Line (CBS); Chicago Justice (NBC); McDonald's Mario-Kart Happy Meal commercial: DiGiorno's Don't Settle commercial. EDUCATION/TRAINING: BFA. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Shakespeare's Globe. Phillips is the founding artistic director of Chicago's Definition Theatre Company, a proud member of the NAACP, SAG-AFTRA, and was selected as one of "Newcity's Players—the 50 leaders of Chicago's theater, dance, opera and comedy culture of 2020."

YU SHIBAGAKI (Scenic Designer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: I, Banquo. CHICAGO: School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play (Goodman Theatre); Her Honor Jane Byrne (Lookingglass Theatre Company); The Brother Size (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); X (Sideshow Theatre); How to Defend Yourself, Cambodian Rock Band, Fun Home (Victory Gardens Theater); Witch, Vietgone (Writers Theatre): Mansfield Park (Northlight Theatre); and more. REGIONAL: Cambodian Rock Band (Merrimack Repertory Theater, City Theatre Company); Pride and Prejudice (Heritage Theater Festival): Engaging Shaw. Maids. The Island. The Year of Magical Thinking (American Players Theatre). EDUCATION: MFA in scenic design. Northwestern University.

JASON LYNCH (Lighting Designer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: I, Banquo, Hamlet (assistant). CHICAGO: School Girls: Or, The African Mean Girls Play, Lottery Day, How to Catch Creation (assistant), An Enemy of the People (assistant) (Goodman Theatre): Choir Bov. Guards at the Taj (associate) (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); Sheepdog (Shattered Globe Theatre, Joseph Jefferson Award nomination); Kill Move Paradise (TimeLine Theatre Company, Black Theater Alliance Award); Mr. Dickens' Hat, How a Boy Falls (Northlight Theatre); The Recommendation, Sons of Hollywood (Windy City Playhouse). REGIONAL: Alley Theatre. Dallas Theater Center, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis. FILM: The Half-Life of Marie Curie, School Girls; Or. The African Mean Girls Play (Theatre Squared). EDUCATION: BFA in theater design/technology, Texas Tech University. AWARDS: 2019 Michael Maggio Emerging Designer Award. Lynch is a proud member of The Association of Lighting Designers.

CHRISTINE PASCUAL (Costume Designer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Dance Nation, La Ruta (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); How to Defend Yourself. The First Deep Breath. Fade, Roz and Ray, We Are Proud to Present..., Disconnect, The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity (Victory Gardens Theater); The Total Bent, Displaced (Haven Theatre): Oslo. Paradise Blue (TimeLine Theatre Company); Dutch Masters, The Light Fantastic (Jackalope Theatre). **OFF BROADWAY:** The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity (Second Stage Theater). REGIONAL: The Niceties (Milwaukee Repertory Theater); Simpatico (McCarter Theatre). **EDUCATION:** MFA in costume design, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. AWARDS: 3Arts Awardee 2018, Henry Hewes Award nomination for The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity (Second Stage Theater).

MIKHAIL FIKSEL (Sound Designer/ Composition) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: I, Banquo, Romeo and Juliet, Schiller's Mary Stuart, The Book of Joseph, Short Shakespeare! productions of Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks productions of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Romeo and Juliet. CHICAGO: Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Writers Theatre, TimeLine Theatre Company, Victory Gardens Theater, Albany Park Theater Project. OFF BROADWAY: The Public Theatre, Signature Theatre, Playwrights Horizons, BAM, Manhattan Theatre Club. REGIONAL: Center Theatre Group, La Jolla Playhouse, Actors Conservatory Theater, The Old Globe, City Theatre, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Dallas Theatre Center. AWARDS: 2020 Obie Award, three Lucille Lortel Awards, multiple Jeff Awards, 2011 Michael Maggio Emerging Designer Award. Fiksel is a proud member of USA and TSDCA, www.mikhailfiksel.com

MIKE TUTAJ (Video Designer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: I. Banquo. The Wizard of Oz, Hamlet, The Book of Joseph, Tug of War: Civil Strife, Ride the Cyclone, Shrek the Musical, Sunday in the Park with George, Peter Pan, Beauty and the Beast, Timon of Athens. A Midsummer Night's Dream. The Feast: an intimate Tempest, Macbeth, Romeo y Julieta. CHICAGO: Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Court Theatre, Victory Gardens Theater, Drury Lane Theatre, Writers Theatre, TimeLine Theatre Company, Paramount Theatre, and many others. AWARDS: Five Equity Jeff Awards, one Non-Equity Jeff Award, one Suzi Bass Award, Michael Maggio Emerging Designer Award. Tutaj is an artistic associate with TimeLine Theatre Company, and teaches at The Theatre School at DePaul University and at the Theatre Department of Columbia College Chicago.

BOB MASON (Artistic Associate/Casting Director) recently celebrated his twentieth anniversary as CST's casting director, where his credits include over 125 productions and thirty-two plays in Shakespeare's cannon. In addition to numerous productions with Barbara Gaines, other productions of note include: a host of Sondheim musicals (Pacific Overtures, Follies, Sunday in the Park with George, A Little Night Music. Passion, Road Show, Gypsy, directed by Gary Griffin); SIX, the Musical (CST, Broadway, A.R.T., Ordway Center, the Citadel); Ride the Cyclone, directed by Rachel Rockwell (CST, off-Broadway at MCC, Fifth Avenue/ACT, the Alliance); Rose Rage: Henry VI, Parts 1, 2, and 3, directed by Edward Hall (CST, the Duke on 42nd St): and The Molière Comedies. directed by and starring Brian Bedford. He also directed and co-created Shakespeare Tonight! with Beckie Menzie, as part of CST's Shakespeare 400 Festival. Prior to casting, Mason enjoyed a career as a Jeff Award-winning actor and singer, and has been a visiting educator for Northwestern University, the School at Steppenwolf. the Guthrie BFA program, Acting Studio Chicago, and DePaul, Columbia, and Roosevelt University, among others. He currently hosts Speak the Speech, a free bi-weekly webinar that coaches actors in classical pieces of text.

JINNI PIKE (Production Stage Manager) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: The King's Speech, SIX, Schiller's Mary Stuart, Ride the Cyclone. CHICAGO: Beauty and the Beast, The Producers, The Wizard of Oz, Once, Elf the Musical, Sweeney Todd, The Little Mermaid, Hairspray, The Who's Tommy (Paramount Theatre); Bakersfield Mist, Danny Casolaro Died for You. The How and the Why. A Raisin in the Sun. Wasteland (TimeLine Theatre Company); Hillary and Clinton (Victory Gardens Theater). **REGIONAL:** Eight seasons as production stage manager with Heart of America Shakespeare Festival (Kansas City, MO); three seasons as production stage manager and twenty-five productions at Unicorn Theatre (Kansas City, MO): A Christmas Carol (Kansas City Repertory Theatre).

### **ELIZABETH BARTLOW BRESLIN (CI/CT)**

returns to Chicago Shakespeare Theater, where she has interpreted more than 50 productions, including Short Shakespeare! Macbeth, As You Like It, Romeo and Juliet, Richard III, Short Shakespeare! The Comedy of Errors, Twelfth Night, Macbeth, Amadeus, The Comedy of Errors, Othello, Cymbeline, and Hamlet. Liz works as a community sign language interpreter in the medical, legal, treatment, and business fields, and specializes in theatrical and artistic interpreting. Some of her favorite experiences include interpreting for the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival, several productions with the Steppenwolf Theatre, World Cup '94, 10 seasons of A Christmas Carol (Goodman Theatre), and for numerous national and international political leaders including Bill Clinton and Al Gore. She has also worked with storytellers from around the world in her 16 years with the Illinois Storytelling Festival, the Prairie Center Storytelling Festival, and at the National Storytelling Festival in 1998-2018. Liz is a graduate of the Northwestern University Theatre Department.

RICK BOYNTON (Creative Producer) focuses on current and future artistic planning and production, as well as the development of all new plays, musicals. and adaptations for Chicago Shakespeare Theater (CST). Projects include: SIX (CST, American Repertory Theatre, Citadel Theatre, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Broadway), The Book of Joseph, Ride the Cyclone (CST, MCC, 5th Avenue/ACT, Alliance Theatre), Sense and Sensibility (CST, Old Globe), Cadre (co-director) (CST, Johannesburg, Grahamstown, Edinburgh, Vancouver), Othello: The Remix (CST, London, Germany, Edinburgh, South Korea, New York), Funk It Up About Nothin' (CST, Edinburgh, Australian tour, London), A Flea in Her Ear (CST, Williamstown Theatre Festival). The Three Musketeers (CST, Boston, London), The Emperor's New Clothes, The Adventures of Pinocchio, Murder for Two (CST, New York), and The Feast: an intimate Tempest (in collaboration with Redmoon), Former artistic director of the Marriott Theatre and multiple Jeff Award-winning actor, he has starred in productions nationally, including CST's production of A Flea in Her Ear as Camille (Jeff Award, After Dark

Award). As casting director/associate at Jane Alderman Casting, projects included: the television series *Early Edition, Missing Persons, Untouchables*, and *ER*; the films *While You Were Sleeping* and *Hoodlum*, among others; and numerous national tours. Mr. Boynton has lectured at his alma mater Northwestern University and is the former president of the board of the National Alliance for Musical Theatre.



### BARBARA GAINES

(Artistic Director/Carl and Marilynn Thoma Chair) has directed nearly sixty productions at Chicago Shakespeare since founding the Theater in 1986, including

thirty of Shakespeare's plays. Honors include the 2008 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre, the prestigious Honorary OBE (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) in recognition of her contributions strengthening British-American cultural relations, the Making History Award, as well as multiple Joseph Jefferson Awards for Best Production and for Best Director. Ms. Gaines has directed at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and The Old Globe in San Diego.



### CRISS HENDERSON

(Executive Director)
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Theater's past thirty
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leadership, CST has
become one of Chicago's
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organizations and a leading American regional theater, honored with the 2008 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre, as well as multiple Laurence Olivier and Joseph Jefferson Awards. He oversaw the Theater's move to its home on Navy Pier in 1999 and led the recent development of The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare. In 2016 he spearheaded the citywide, yearlong celebration of Shakespeare's legacy, Shakespeare 400 Chicago. Mr. Henderson has garnered multiple honors, including: the 2013 Cultural Innovation Award from the Chicago Innovation Awards: Arts Administrator of the Year by Arts Management Magazine at the Kennedy Center; recognition in Crain's Chicago Business "40 under 40"; and the Chevalier de L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the Minister of Culture of France, In 2019, with Barbara Gaines, he was honored with the Making History Award, given to Chicagoans whose contributions to the city have made it "a better and more vibrant place to live." Mr. Henderson has served on the boards of directors of the League of Chicago Theatres and Arts Alliance Illinois, and for many years as president of the Producers' Association of Chicago-area Theaters. Mr. Henderson is director of DePaul University's MFA/Arts Leadership Program, a two-year graduate-level curriculum in arts management training created through a joint partnership between Chicago Shakespeare Theater and The Theatre School.



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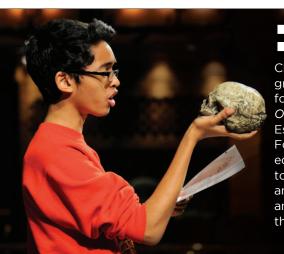
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