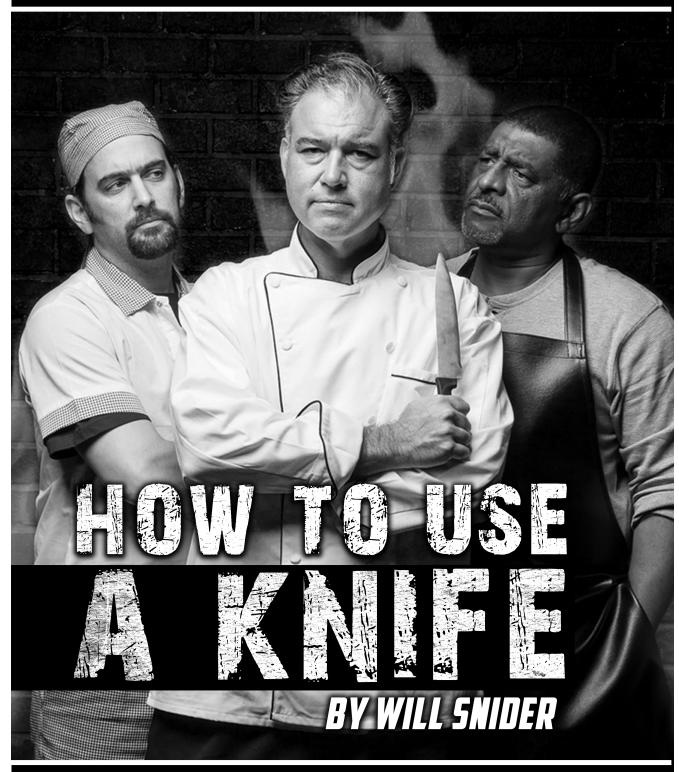


Stage III Playbill







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HOW TO USE A KNIFE

By Will Snider

<u>CAST</u>

(in order of appearane)

Carlos	Alfredo de Quesada*
Miguel	Omar Pelaez
Steve	Cedric Cannon*
Jack	Michael Fraser
Michael	Chris Tipp*
George	
Kim	

Scenic Designer Bruce Price

Costume Designer **Adrienne Webber**

Lighting Designer **Bryce Benson**

Sound Designer Thomas Korp

Stage Manager Jynelly Rosario*

Directed by Jason Cannon

Season Underwriters

Gaele Barthold, Georgia Court, Wendy & Bob Grady, Dennis & Graci McGillicuddy Anne H.S. Nethercott, Carol B. Williams, The Herald-Tribune Media Group

Co-Producers

Virginia Lipton, Carol G. Rickard, Gluck Family Foundation

SETTING

The kitchen of a restaurant in the financial district of New York City. Present day; before, during, and after service.

How to Use a Knife Premiered as a part of a National New Play Network Rolling World Premiere by Capital Stage (California), Phoenix Theatre (Indiana), Unicorn Theatre (Missouri), and InterAct Theatre (Pennsylvania). For more information please visit www.nnpn.org.

How to Use a Knife was developed by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and MCC Theater.

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* Denotes member Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.





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ALFREDO DE QUESADA (Carlos) is thrilled to be at FST! Born and raised in Puerto Rico, he got his BA in Theatre Arts from Boston College and continued his studies with Terry Schreiber at the T. Schreiber Studio. Off

B-way: *De La Guarda, A Midsummer Night's Dream* (American Globe Theatre) and countless shows with the Spanish Repertory Theatre. Tour: *The Barber of Seville* (Figaro). Regional: *The Glass Menagerie* (Tom); and *The Temperamentals* (Bob Hull). TV/Film: *Fragmentos de Amor, Che Part I: The Argentine, The Blacklist: Redemption* (NBC), *The Knick* (Cinemax), *Orange is the New Black* (Netflix), and *Law & Order* (NBC).



OMAR PELAEZ (Miguel) is a Peruvian actor who began his career in his home city of Lima. He has been working in NYC since he graduated from the NY Film Academy Acting Conservatory in May 2016. He is a multifaceted

actor who works in theatre, movies, TV/web series, and TV commercials. He recently worked on *5 Hijas Feas*, which won the HOLA award for Best Drama Production; and *Las Sirvientas*, for which he received an ACE Awards' Special Distinction. Omar is working on a movie, an action web series, and is continuously developing his craft, training with acting coach Anthony Abeson.



CEDRIC CANNON (Steve) credits: *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (Arrow Rock Lyceum), *Sweetee* (Signature Theater), *In Dahomey* (Henry Street Settlement), *Cats* (Hamburg), *Goddess* (O'Neill Theater Center), *Mikado* (NYGAS),

Carmen Jones (European Tour), *Three Willies* (The Kitchen), *Man of LaMancha* (Nat'l tour), *The Pirates of Penzance* (NYGAS), *Camelot* (Nat'l tour), *Porgy and Bess* (Nat'l Tour). Regional: Houston Grand Opera, Metropolitan Opera, NYC Opera, Frankfurt Opera,

New Orleans Opera, Atlanta Opera, Edmonton Opera, Opera Carolina. Concert: Carnegie Hall, Israel Kibbutz Orchestra, Dayton Philharmonic, Pushkin Festival, Polish Radio Orchestra, Filarmonica De Montevideo Pittsburgh Symphony, and Reykjavik Symphomy. TV/film: *Blind, The Slap, Good Funk, Right of Way, Moon and Sun, Seven Lovers, Old 37 Know Your Logic, Raw Nerve, Cosby, Oz, All My Children, As the World Turns, Jon Benjamin has a Van,* and *Porgy and Me.*



MICHAEL FRASER (Jack) is an Ohio University graduate and Acting Apprentice at Florida Studio Theatre. His favorite past roles include, Jason in *Occupation: Dad*; Williamson in *Glengarry Glen Ross*; and FST's Children's Theatre series.

He is a proud cast member of FST Improv and performs here in Bowne's Lab on Saturday nights. He could not be more grateful to collaborate with such a talented group of artists on a show like this.



CHRIS TIPP (Michael) is thrilled to be making his Florida Studio Theatre debut in *How to Use a Knife*. He will also be seen in *Constellations*. From New York City, he is a member of the New Circle Theatre Company where he

works closely with playwrights in the development of their work. He has worked regionally in 4000 *Miles* as Leo (New Jewish Theatre), *Sex With Strangers* as Ethan, and in *Hamlet* as Laertes (Rebel and Misfits Productions). Chris was also seen at The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis in *A Christmas Carol*, STAGES Saint Louis' productions of *Alice In Wonderland* as The March Hare, and *South Pacific* as Professor, and played the title role in *The Who's Tommy* at the Springer Opera House. A proud member of Actors' Equity Association, Chris received his MFA in Acting from Western Illinois University.



SAM MOSSLER (George) first stumbled through FST's doors at 9-years-old. Though his artistic journey has taken him to more brutal and inclement markets, he is always happiest to find himself at home. New York: *The Owl and The*

Pussycat (Creative Space); The Sexes: According to Dorothy Parker (NY Comedy Club). Regional: The Philadelphia Story (New Harmony Theatre); Twelfth Night (Shakespeare on the Hudson); The Threepenny Opera (Connecticut Grand Opera). As a writer, Sam's plays have been produced in New York and Los Angeles, and his screenplays have received honors from the Austin Film Festival and the International Screenwriters Association. He is most proud of his work as a Teaching Artist in FST's Education program. www.sammossler.com



ALEXIS HYATT (Kim) is thrilled to be making her debut at Florida Studio Theatre, and will be seen in *Constellations* later this season. Regional Theater: *Boeing Boeing, The Liar, All My Sons, The Game's Afoot* (Gulfshore Playhouse);

To Kill a Mockingbird (Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey); Blithe Spirit, The Importance of Being Earnest, No Sex, We're British, M.Butterfly (Northern Stage); Dulcy (Dorset Theater Festival); and many others. TV/Film: Orange is the New Black; Only Way Out; Yass Queens. BFA University of the North Carolina School of the Arts.

JASON CANNON (Director) is an Associate Artist at FST, where his responsibilities include directing, teaching, New Play Development, and the Acting Apprentice Program. Shows directed at FST include: Once, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Robin Hood, Doublewide, Burt & Me, The Dragon vs. the Hiccups, Gidion's Knot, Stalking the Bogeyman, Million Dollar Quartet, The Velveteen Rabbit, Relativity, My Name is Asher Lev, and Butler (which earned Best Director nominations from the Sarasota Herald-Tribune and Creative Loafing). His performance as "Ever Montgomery" in *Dancing Lessons* garnered "Best Actor of 2015" awards from both *Sarasota Magazine* and the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*. He is a seven-time Kevin Kline Award nominee (and one time winner for Outstanding Leading Actor). He appears regularly with FST Improv. Proud member SDC, AEA, SAG-AFTRA. jasoncannon.biz

JYNELLY ROSARIO (Stage Manager) a Puerto Rico native, Jynelly is a former Stage Management intern and recipient of the 2016-2017 Mandelker Award. She is thrilled to join FST's staff as a Stage Manager. Jynelly has worked as a Musical Theatre Teacher, Director, and Stage Manager since 2011 with companies such as Broadway Illusions Inc., Teatro CeDIn, The Black Box Theatre Workshop and Teatro Caribeño. Selected credits: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, The Little Prince, Rent, Footloose,* and *In The Heights.* FST Credits: *Million Dollar Quartet, Alice With A Twist, Rich Girl, The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey, The Write Stuff,* Playmakers Tour, Once.

BRUCE PRICE (Scenic Designer) joined the FST staff in 2002 as the Production Stage Manager. In 2004 Mr. Price was promoted to Production Manager. In the past 15 years, he has over seen the technical aspects of over 190 productions. Mr. Price has designed sets for a number of FST productions including: *Stalking the Bogeyman, Gidion's Knot, Grounded, The Exonerated, Thurgood, Relativity, Velveteen Rabbit, Soul Mates, Robin Hood, Deck The Halls, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe,* as well as FST Children's Theatre and Cabaret Productions.

ADRIENNE WEBBER (Costume Designer) is the current Florida Studio Theatre Costume Shop Manager. She has designed and coordinated costumes for The Barter Theatre, The Barter Players, Chautauqua Opera, FSU MFA film and video program, FSU MFA acting program, Asolo Children's tour program, Sarasota Players, and Anna Maria Island Players. Her most recent designs include: *Blue Suede Shoes, Mack the Knife: The Bobby Darin Songbook, The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey*, and *Grounded*. She is happy to be back in Sarasota with her new FST family.

BRYCE BENSON (Lighting Designer) hails from Buford, Georgia, and is ecstatic to be a part of the FST intern program. He works as the lighting intern and master electrician for the theatre. He is a recent grad from the University of Georgia, where he studied lighting and directing. Previous lighting credits include *The Blue Eyed Bettys, Robin Hood, Deck the Halls*, (Florida Studio Theatre); *The Skin of Our Teeth*, and *The 39 Steps* (University of Georgia).

THOMAS KORP (Sound Designer) a former FST intern, is excited to be entering his second season as staff. Sound design credits include: *Once, Burt & Me, The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey, The Columnist, Talley's Folley, A Chorus Line, Spamalot,* and *The West Side Waltz.* Mixing Credits: *Next to Normal, Das Barbecü, Smokey Joe's Café, The World Goes Round, Tango: Buenos Aires, We Will Rock You.* Sound engineer with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines 2014 – 2016.

WILL SNIDER (Playwright) was born and raised in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. His play How to Use a Knife received a National New Play Network Rolling World Premiere in the 2016-17 season through Capital Stage (Sacramento), Phoenix Theatre (Indianapolis), Unicorn Theatre (Kansas City), and InterAct Theatre Company (Philadelphia) and won Philadelphia's Barrymore Award for Outstanding New Play. Other plays include *The Big Man* (Ensemble Studio Theatre's 35th Marathon of One-Act Plays), Strange Men, and Death of a Driver. His work has been developed at MCC, NNPN National Showcase of New Plays, The Kennedy Center, SPACE on Ryder Farm, Serials @ the Flea, the claque, and MAKEHOUSE. He is an alumnus of Youngblood and received an EST/ Sloan Grant and The Kennedy Center's Paula Vogel Playwriting Award. MFA: UCSD.

EXECUTIVE STAFF

RICHARD HOPKINS is the Producing Artistic Director of Florida Studio Theatre. Mr. Hopkins has fostered the development of FST's Mainstage and Cabaret productions. His many directing Mainstage credits include: *Inspired Lunacy, The Best of Enemies, Next to Normal, Race, Ruined, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Boleros for the Disenchanted,* *Permanent Collection*, Metamorphoses, and among numerous other plays. Mr. Hopkins led the development of FST's Cabaret productions of Blue Suede Shoes, Mack the Knife, Older than Dirt, Piano Men, and The Prima Donnettes. Mr. Hopkins also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Florida Studio Theatre. This includes overseeing the creation and implementation of all FST programming, including Mainstage, Cabaret, Stage III, New Play Development, Education, and Touring. Since his arrival at FST in 1980, Mr. Hopkins has guided the theatre from a small touring company to a nationally recognized regional theatre which impacts over 200,000 adults and children annually. He created the New Play Development Program, the Cabaret Series, FST's award winning WRITE A PLAY Program, and he has directed the design and renovation of all FST's theatres. Mr. Hopkins is the recipient of numerous awards including the Arts Leadership Award from the Sarasota Arts Council, the Richard G. Fallon Award for Artistic Excellence from the Florida Professional Theatres Association, and the 2012 Cultural Champion Award from the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County. In 2016, Mr. Hopkins was awarded the Luminaire Award honoring excellence in creativity, philanthropy, advocacy, and all elements that are keys to future growth of the Arts in Sarasota. In 2017, Mr. Hopkins was awarded the Florida Theatre Conference Lifetime Achievement Award for contributing to the rich cultural fabric of the Sarasota community and the state of Florida, and his dedication to developing future artists, educators, and advocates.

REBECCA HOPKINS serves as Managing Director for Florida Studio Theatre, and as such, is the Chief Operations Officer. Mrs. Hopkins is responsible for the oversight of FST's Administration, including the Business Office, Development, Marketing, Box Office, Front of House, Restaurant, budgeting, and maintaining the overall quality of FST's internal management. Nationally, Mrs. Hopkins is President of the National New Play Network and serves on the Board of Directors for the League of Resident Theatres and the Theatre Communications Group. She has been actively involved in development of

FST's Cabaret productions since her arrival in 1998. This season she is the lead developer on *Blue Suede Shoes* and on the development team for *Mack the Knife* and *Shakespeare's Greatest Hits*. Previously, she was the lead developer on *Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves; Older Than Dirt; Yesterday; American Pie;* and *Poems, Prayers, and Promises,* and codeveloper of *Piano Men*. She has been the head writer on all five *Laughing Matters* shows. Some of her favorite shows she helped develop include: *The Prima Donnettes; That's Life; The Wanderers; My One and Only Gershwin; Hot and Cole; Shakespeare's*

Greatest Hits; The British Invasion; The Flip Side; and *Outlaws and Angels*. In addition, she is the founder and producer of FST Improv and the Sarasota Improv Festival. In 2012, the Arts & Cultural Alliance awarded Mrs. Hopkins the Cultural Champion Award in recognition of her many years of accomplishment and growth with Florida Studio Theatre. In 2016, Mrs. Hopkins was awarded the Luminaire Award honoring excellence in creativity, philanthropy, advocacy, and all elements that are key to future growth of the arts in Sarasota.

SEASON UNDERWRITERS

GAELE BARTHOLD FST is family and an integral part of my life. Its community contributions are myriad and a model of theatrical excellence. Quality and diverse stage productions at affordable prices are but one component of FST's offerings. Other contributions include extensive contact with local schools to foster student creativity and theatre appreciation, structured and wide-ranging educational programs for adults and children, community forums and other community outreach programs, and a strong commitment to new play development and excellence in the arts. FST is a gem that well warrants our widespread financial and artistic support.

GEORGIA COURT I love great theatre and FST delivers that. FST is among the best theatre companies I have seen, but it is more than a theatre company. It is an organization that recognizes it is part of the greater community — and it reaches out to that community in positive, productive ways. Having FST so accessible adds to the joy of living in the fabulous arts community that is Sarasota.

WENDY & BOB GRADY We were so impressed when we first visited FST, that we immediately wanted to become involved. Whenever you come across a system as unique as FST's, where the key to getting art into the hearts of so many has been found — in a comfortable and easily accessible way — you know you've spotted a winner. We are proud to be season underwriters and hope that others will join us in supporting FST's important work.

DENNIS & GRACI MCGILLICUDDY FST is important to us because we believe so strongly in the transformative

power of the arts. For close to 30 years now, we have been so fortunate to experience first-hand how that transformative power works its magic in the hands of an organization that is not only experienced and dedicated, but so highly skilled in their craft. The values of the theater and its leadership, as reflected in its mission and as manifested in its work, whether it be on the mainstage, in the cabaret, in its education and community outreach programs, these are values that we so strongly believe in. As a consequence, it is a privilege for us to be a part of, and be supportive of this great theatre.

ANNE H.S. NETHERCOTT - When asked to define giving, Anne said, "My mother used to say the best way to find you is to lose yourself, by focusing on the needs of others rather than on oneself." So giving has always been an important family value, which in childhood was reinforced by the community experience of surviving The Depression. Anne is proud to be a supporter of FST.

CAROL B. WILLIAMS - Although I enjoy most theatrical genres, I am particularly drawn to the cutting edge plays that make one think or that take a different slant on an issue. I am pleased that FST has launched another Stage III season of these works for our enjoyment and edification. Supporting this innovative and communityoriented organization is a joy for me.

THE HERALD-TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP enjoys a history in this community that spans more than 90 years. Partnering with organizations such as Florida Studio Theatre allows us to contribute to our region's rich creative culture in Sarasota, Bradenton, and Venice providing an unparalleled media landscape through the newspaper, HeraldTribune.com.

CO-PRODUCERS

VIRGINIA LIPTON Florida Studio Theatre: A deceptively simple name for a brilliant inspiration. First, naturally, I think of dazzling theater: thought-provoking plays, superbly acted and produced. But then I think of other FST programs: talk-backs, fireside chats, new play readings, the Readers' Circle, all of which test, deepen, and promote understanding of the theater. FST is not just theater, but also a studio, a crucible, for completing and enhancing the theatrical experience.

CAROL G. RICKARD, GLUCK FAMILY FOUNDATION In 1986 my mother, Ruth Gluck, moved to Sarasota from New York and became both a supporter of FST's many programs and a yearly co-producer. A lifelong theatrelover, she knew FST was special, as have I since moving here in 1996. I have watched the theatre grow in size, scope, and offerings for all audiences. I enjoy FST's cutting-edge plays – theatre that makes one think and focuses on society's compelling issues. I follow in my mother's footsteps as co-producer and supporter of a unique theatre.

FST FORUMS

The Most Important Conversations of Our Time

How to Use a Knife is part of this year's forum series, *The Most Important Conversations of Our Time*. This call to conscience includes panel discussions, online discussions, community events, and more. This year the forum series includes four shows: *Native Gardens, Honor Killing, How to Use a Knife*, and *The Things They Carried*. Panel discussions are listed below. For more information, visit us online at www.floridastudiotheatre.org/17-18-forums.

Schedule of Events Panel Discussions

How to Use a Knife January 29

Native Gardens March 5

The Things They Carried March 26

Honor Killing

May 7



Events are free to attend but reservations are required and can be made by calling the box office at 941-366-9000 or online at www.floridastudiotheatre.org.



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