

### **PRESENTS**



# Are You Shakespearienced? By Bryan Maynard

# **WAITING FOR OTHELLO**

#### Cast

lago – Jonathan Moonen Cassio – Dano Colón Serving Wench – Helen Rios Rodrigo – Nicholas Garelick

## FLOWERS FOR OPHELIA

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Ophelia's Ghost – Helen Rios Dug – Nicholas Garelick Marcus – Jonathan Moonen Smudge – Dano Colón

#### **PRODUCTION CREW**

Director – Bryan Maynard
Stage Manager/ Light & Sound – Amy Pope
Scenic Design/Sound Design - Bryan Maynard
Lights - Aaron Garrett
Sound - Josh Baker
Sets Construction - Bryan Maynard & Amy Pope

Special Thanks to: Helen & Josh Baker Boiling Point Players Ruth McCleskey

Extra Special Thanks to:
Amanda & Rebecca Maynard (I love you both to the moon and back.)

# WRITER'S/DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Many moons ago, I was commissioned to write what would become the first iteration of Waiting for Othello. Its main function was to prime the audience for the second show, Desdemona: A Play About a Handkerchief by Paula Vogel. My parameters were that I had to give the audience the backstory for Othello and use three male actors. Well, I managed the former very well, but I

struggled with the later since I needed five characters to tell the story. The solution was to have one brave soul pulling triple duty and play not only Roderigo, but the remaining two characters. Finally, I gave it a frat boy spin by setting it in a bar complete with a night of drunken debauchery and an audience participation drinking game where everyone yelled "Huzzah!", taking a drink of their favorite beverage every time one of the characters said "Moor" or "more." Fun stuff. Yet, I was never satisfied with the end result. So, flash forward many years later when I did a massive rewrite. I emancipated the two characters from Roderigo, making them their own thing and less of a one note joke of backstage quick changes didn't always happen on time (part of the gag.) I eliminated a ton of exposition for Othello as well as the drinking game (though you are certainly welcome to imbibe) and wrote my own companion piece, which became the more thoughtful play, Flowers for Ophelia. The new play is my exploration of what happens to a secondary character from Hamlet after she has made a her final (literal) exit from the play. I mean, old King Hamlet was dead before Hamlet even began, and he got to make an appearance. Why couldn't Ophelia do the same? As character codas go, I think I have done right by the fair lady Ophelia and given her a proper send off. But I will let you all be the judge of that. And you never know. It might leave you wanting...more...

Bryan Maynard 07/08/22



Dano Colón (Cassio/Smudge) has performed with Company Onstage, Rec Room, Horse Head, Cone Man Running, and the Alley ECE in plays such as *Henry V*, *Prelude to a Kiss*, *Hay Fever*, *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, and *The Importance of Eating Earnest*. He studied theater at the Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theater and Ecole Philippe Gaulier. He co-

founded Time to Quit! Theater, a clown ensemble in Kalmar, Sweden, and can be seen on the web series turned feature film *People With Issues* streaming on Amazon. For his day job, he is the voice and puppeteer of a cartoon fish in an interactive submarine dive exhibit at Moody Gardens. He also teaches theater classes and camps for children with Main Street Theater, as well as the occasional clown workshop.

Nicholas Garelick (Dug/Rodrigo) is best known for writing some of the more vou've ridiculous thinas seen in Scriptwriter/Houston's 10x10s and Cone Man Running's *Smatterings*. But did you know that he can also act? Shocking, I know! He's also a graduate of the University of Houston, has been Artistic Director for S/H 10x10 festivals, he directs, techs and blah blah blah but seriously...



Nicholas Garelick: Actor! Let it sink in and wash over you. The last time he tackled Shakespeare was with Bryan and Jonathan in *The Complete Works of Shakespeare [Abridged]*. Special thanks to Bryan for giving him wings to fly, Lauren for being the wind beneath them, and the words he's butchering because he ventured too close to the Sun.



Jonathan Moonan (lago/Marcus) è stato visto l'ultima volta nei panni di Ed Wood in *The Man With The Plan: Filmmakers From Outer Space*. Jonathan ha conseguito una laurea in teatro e desidera ringraziare la sua famiglia e i suoi amici per il loro continuo supporto.

Andre yndlingsforestillinger omfatter Freud's Last Session (C.S. Lewis), Rabbit Hole

(Howie) og *Evil Dead: The Musical* (Ash). Når han ikke optræder, nyder han sine andre passioner for fotografering, film, fundet på Instagram og Youtube @PixeledMoment, så hyr ham!

Helen Rios (Serving Wench/Ophelia's Ghost) - She is excited to work with Cone Man Running once again! She was last seen as Viola in Shakespeare in the Shade's production of Twelfth Night. She's a little Shakesperienced with her previous roles such as Hermia in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Adrianna in Comedy of Errors, Miranda in The



Tempest, Phoebe in As You Like It, Helena in All's Well that Ends Well, Osric/Bernardo in Hamlet and her performance in Complete Works of William Shakespeare. She would like to thank Bryan, Nicholas, Jonathon, Dano and Amy for being awesome and thanks to Sam and Nelson for their support.



Amy Pope (Stage Manager) took a couple of years off from theater due to a global outbreak but is excited to be back and working with Cone Man Running. Amy's last production was with Cone Man Running and Boiling Point Players called Separating the Art. (This was shut down due to said global outbreak.) Other productions include: A

Spontaneous Smattering (many), Pass and Go (2), Black Coffee, The Hollow, and The Not Toronto Players. Amy would like to thank Bryan for the opportunity to enter back into the theater community.

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Assistant Directed by Whitney Zangarine

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