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The Players  
**JOEY BLAND, ROSS BRYANT, BRENDAN DOWLING,  
RANDALL HARR, BLAINE SWEN**

Scenic Design By  
**LISA M. ORZOLEK**

Lighting Design By  
**CHARLES R. MACLEOD**

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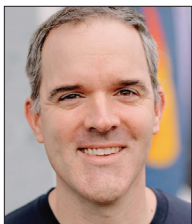
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**JOEY BLAND** is a Los Angeles based writer/performer who hails from Virginia, where he attended the College of William and Mary. He is the creator and host of *Like Minds*, a comedy quiz show and upcoming podcast. For two years, Joey traveled the world with The Second City Touring Company, and in 2009, he played the title role in The Second City's hit, original musical, *Rod Blagojevich, Superstar*. Television credits include "Game Changer" (DropOutTV), "Um Actually" (DropOutTV), "Teachers" (TV Land) and "Forever" (Amazon Prime). Joey is also a two-time "Jeopardy" champion.



**ROSS BRYANT** is a writer/performer from North Carolina. Ross is a performer on Dropout.tv and can be seen regularly at the Upright Citizen's Brigade Theater in Los Angeles. Ross also tours the country and performs monthly at The Largo in LA with The Improvised Shakespeare Company®. Ross began performing in Chicago where was a member of the resident cast of The Second City Mainstage. Ross is a writer for "Mystery Science Theater 3000" and has co-written original television pilots for Pop TV, Warner Bros and the Showtime network. TV credits include "The Good Place" (NBC), "Crashing" (HBO), and "I Think You Should Leave" (Netflix). Ross also the host of the horror/comedy/improv podcast Push the Roll with Ross Bryant. Instagram: [@rossbb](https://www.instagram.com/@rossbb)



**BRENDAN DOWLING** is an actor and writer whose recent credits include writing for and appearing in Showtime's *Work in Progress*. Stage credits include *Baby Wants Candy*, The Second City national touring company, and The Second City Denver's *How I Lost My Denverginity*. Film credits include *It's All Good* and the award-winning short, *Curtains*. Follow along at [@berndandooling](https://www.instagram.com/@berndandooling).



**RANDALL HARR** is an actor based in Los Angeles, California. He has performed and improvised at the iO, Annoyance, and Second City theatres in Chicago. Randall also spent two years in Amsterdam performing at the BOOM CHICAGO comedy theatre. Some of Randall's Second City credits include *American Mixed Tape* (Garner Galleria Theatre, Denver); *Sex and the Second City* (national tour); *Rod Blagojevich; Super Star* (Chicago Shakespeare Theater); *Peach; Drop, Stop and Roll* (Atlanta's Alliance Theatre);; *#DateMe* (UP Comedy Club), and *Louder! Longer! Wagner!* (Chicago Lyric Opera).



**BLAINE SWEN** is the creator and director of The Improvised Shakespeare Company®. He is a Nashville-based writer/actor where you can catch him in the two-person improvised musical *Erica & Blaine*. Blaine also performs regularly in Chicago where the *Chicago Reader* named him the "Best Improviser in Chicago." His iO Chicago credits include the two-person group *Blessing* with Susan Messing and the one-person improvised musical *BASH!* Additional Chicago stage credits include The Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, The Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Pegasus Players Theatre, The Backroom Shakespeare Project, and The Second City. Television credits include "Game Changer" (DropOutTV), "Um Actually" (DropOutTV), and "The Odd Couple" (CBS). He has developed original pilots with NBC, Universal Cable Productions, and Pop TV. You can hear him as Arnor the Warrior on the podcast *Hello, from the Magic Tavern*. Blaine also has a PhD in philosophy from Loyola University, Chicago.

**LISA M. ORZOLEK** (*Associate Scenic Designer*) Past designs for DCPA Cabaret include *Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors*, *Gutenberg! the Musical!*, *Miss Rhythm - The Legend of Ruth Brown*, *The Other Josh Cohen*, The Improvised Shakespeare Company®, *Xanadu*, *First Date*, *Forbidden Broadway*, *Love... Perfect... Change*, *Five Course Love*, *Girls Only: The Secret Comedy of Women* (Denver, Des Moines, Winnipeg and Charlotte), *The Taffetas* and *My Way*. Lisa is the Director of Scenic Design for the DCPA Theatre Company. Design credits include *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Hotter Than Egypt*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, *A Doll's House & A Doll's House, Part 2*, *The Whistleblower*, *Human Error*, *Native Gardens*, *Disgraced*, *The Nest*, *Tribes*, *One Night in Miami*, *Vanya Sonia Masha and Spike*, *Shadowlands*, *Jackie & Me*, *Death of a Salesman*, *The Liar*, *Superior Donuts*, *Othello*, *Gee's Bend*, *The Pillowman*, *A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur* and more. Designs for DCPA Education include *Elephant & Piggie*, *Little Red*, *Goodnight Moon*, *Corduroy*, *The Snowy Day and Other Stories*. Designs for Off-Center include *Sweet & Lucky: Echo*, *Theater of the Mind* (Associate), and *Sweet & Lucky*. A Denver native, Lisa has a BFA in Scenic Design from Boston University.

**CHARLES R. MACLEOD** (*Lighting Designer*) For DCPA Cabaret: *Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors*, *Gutenberg! The Musical*, *Mzss Rhythm - The Legend of Ruth Brown*, *The Other Josh Cohen*, The Improvised Shakespeare Company®, *Xanadu*, *First Date*, *An Act of God*, *Girls Only: The Secret Comedy of Women* (Denver, Winnipeg, Des Moines, Charlotte and National Tours), *The Taffetas*, *My Way*, *The World Goes 'Round*, *Swingtime Canteen*, *The Last Five Years*, *Always... Patsy Cline.*, and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Mr. MacLeod is the Resident Lighting Designer for the DCPA Theatre Company. Past Theatre Company credits include *Rubicon*, *Clyde's*, *The Chinese Lady*, *Wildfire*, *In The Upper Room*, *The Lord of the Flies*, *Death of a Salesman*, *The 39 Steps*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Gem of the Ocean*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Love, Janis*. For DCPA Education: *Elephant & Piggie's "We Are in a Play!"*, *Corduroy*, *Goodnight Moon*, *Little Red the Musical*. Designs for Off-Center include *Sweet & Lucky* and *Theatre of the Mind* (Associate).  
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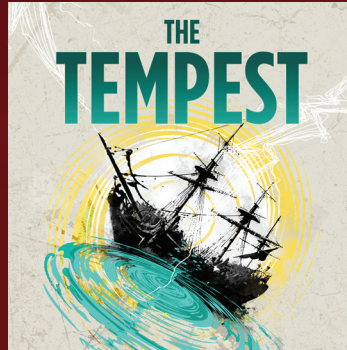
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