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# DRAGONS LOVE TACOS

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CHOREOGRAPHED BY MADDIE TWEED

SCENIC DESIGNER MATTHEW SWINDELL

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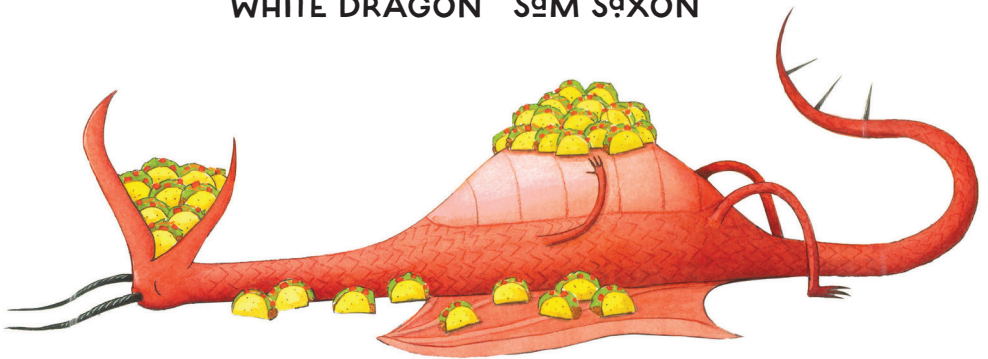
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RED DRAGON JONATHAN MIMY-MATTHEWS

BLUE DRAGON QUINN LEAK

YELLOW DRAGON MORGAN TIDWELL

WHITE DRAGON SAM SAXON



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The beloved children's book and New York Times best-seller, *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin comes to life on the Springer stage to bring joy to audiences of all ages. Throughout this show, you'll learn just what you need to host your very first party with dragons! It is with great gratitude that the Springer opens its doors this summer to our cherished patrons to celebrate with buckets and boats of tacos. Whether you're returning to the Springer Opera House or visiting for the first time, I hope you feel right at home and ready to join our giant taco party! The cast, crew and I are beyond grateful to all of the dedicated individuals who have continued to make the magic of theatre possible year after year at the Springer Opera House.

Finally, I would like to thank the incredible cast and creative team for bringing great pleasure throughout this process. All of their amazing efforts to bring this show to life have made this process truly magical. Now settle in with your loved ones, keep an eye out for that spicy salsa and remember, if you want to make friends with dragons, tacos are key!

Warmest regards,

*Maddie Tweed*



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# PRODUCTION BIOS

## **Maddie Tweed (Director/Choreographer)**

is an Atlanta based actor, dancer and choreographer. She is thrilled to return to the Springer Opera House to direct *Dragons Love Tacos*. Maddie's last directing project was the Springer's 2020 Christmas production of *Winter Wonderettes*. She has performed on the Springer stage many times in productions that include *West Side Story*, and *The Little Mermaid*, and has choreographed for the Springer Theatre Academy's productions of *101 Dalmatians* and *The Rainbow Fish*. She received her bachelor of the fine arts in theatre from Columbus State University in 2016, and has since moved to Atlanta to focus on choreography and teaching. Maddie would like to thank the outstanding cast and crew for being a part of this magical process, as well as her family, friends and Joey for all their love and encouragement.

## **Matthew Swindell (Scenic Designer)**

is the Springer's Director of Production. He graduated from Columbus State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Design and Technology. He has worked on many Springer productions over the past ten years in a variety of different roles including Director, Scenic Designer, Lighting Designer, Technical Director, and Road Manager for the Springer's touring company, Springer Theatricals. You may also remember Matthew from his time on stage as Teddy Roosevelt in the Springer's 2017 production of *Newsies*.

## **MH Harrison (Stage Manager)**

is a 2019 Graduate of Columbus State University, where they earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater Design and Technology and a Minor in Studio Art. MH currently works at the Springer as a Stage Manager, Deck chief, and resident MH.

## **Katie Underwood (Lighting Designer)**

is a senior member of the Springer artistic staff responsible for casting and contracting production personnel for all mainstage and studio productions. She is also one of several directors on our staff with past credits including *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Great Gatsby*. Katie serves as the primary lighting designer for productions taking place in our McClure Theatre with favorite designs including *Ace: The Eugene Bullard Story*, *The Jungle Book*, and *Mother of Rain*. She is a Springer Theatre Academy alumni and a graduate of the CSU with a BFA in theatre design and technology. Katie is currently pursuing an MBA from Kennesaw State University and will graduate in July. She is an avid runner and fitness enthusiast. When not in rehearsal or doing school work, Katie enjoys spending time with her husband and two girls. If she's not at work or at home, she's probably at the gym.

## **Patti Jo Fenzel (Properties Designer)**

earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Design and Technology from CSU in 2010 and has worked in theaters around the country including Florida Repertory Theater, Texas Shakespeare Festival and Opera New Jersey.

## **Julianne Slaton (Sound Designer)**

earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Design & Technology at Columbus State University with a proficiency in Sound Design. She started at the Springer as a volunteer and transitioned to working here full time on our 2015 production of *A Chorus Line*. She has since enjoyed working as sound designer on almost every Springer production since, as well as completing her first professional scenic design for the Academy's production of *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*.

# THEATRE COURTESIES

**Alex Allison (Costume Designer)** grew up in Lincoln, NE and began performing at local community theatres at a young age. His favorite costume and wig design credits include Grease and Stardust Road at Temple Theatre in Sanford, NC; Hairspray at Pinewood Bowl Inc. in Lincoln NE; Guys and Dolls at The Stage Theater in Hickman, NE; Wigs for Bonnie and Clyde at The Stage Theater in Hickman, NE; The Drowsy Chaperone at The Monomoy Theatre in Chatham, MA; and The Fantasticks at The Monomoy Theatre in Chatham, MA. Alex has been working as a costume and wig designer across the US and also worked with Norwegian Cruise Lines as a Production Wardrobe Supervisor.

**Walter Pigford (Technical Director)** is excited to join the Springer team. He is from Georgia, graduating from Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus (previously known as Armstrong State University) with a BA in theater. After graduating he lived in NYC for 4 years working on the Off-Broadway circuit and working full time as the Assistant Technical Director at Pace University. He has worked at various regional theaters around the country but is glad to be back in his home state bringing theater to the Columbus community.

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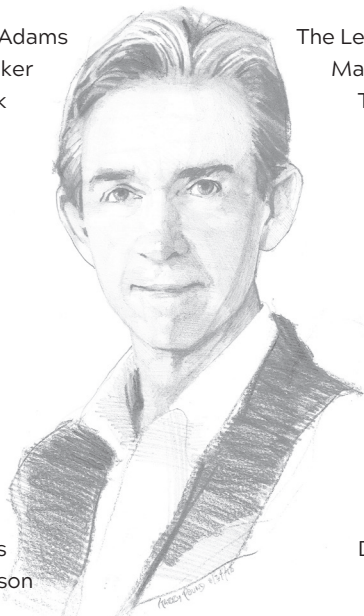
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