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## FEATURING

### KEVANE LA'MAR COLEMAN DURWOOD MURRAY\* AND CARTER PIGGEE

Run time is approximately 1 hour and 20, with no intermission

\*Appearing through an Agreement between this theatre and Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers.

### **PRODUCTION TEAM**

Associate Director	Frankie Alicea-Ford
Stage Manager	Beonica Bullard
Scenic & Projection Designer	Victoria Petrovich
Assistant Projection Designer	Adam Parrocha
Costume Designer	Brooke Nicole Kesler
Lighting Designer	Minjoo Kim
Sound Designer	Mason Pilevsky
Show Counselor	Dr. Paul Whitaker
Technical Director	Sam Moore
Scenic Charge	Christie Curran
Master Electrician	Daniel Johnson-Carter

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**KEVANE LA'MARR COLEMAN (He/Him/His) (Person on Right)** is happy to be returning to Diversionary Theatre in this beautiful new play. Diversionary: As Much As You Can, The Facts of Life-The Lost Episode, Our Gay Apparel, Stage Directions (Diversionary Theatre). Elsewhere: Angels in America: Millennium Approaches/Perestroika, Shockheaded Peter (Cygnet Theatre); The Secret Garden, 1940's Radio Hour, Return to the Forbidden Planet (New Village Arts); 9 Hours (Playwrights Project-Old Globe Theatre); South Pacific, Miss Saigon (Moonlight Amphitheatre); Airline Highway, Grey Gardens, Chicago: A Speakeasy Cabaret, Angels in America: Millennium Approaches and Perestroika; Red Planet Respite (ion Theatre), Naughty or Nice, Deconstruction of a Drag Queen (Circle Circle Dot Dot); The

*Car Plays* (La Jolla Playhouse); *Oklahoma, Crazy for You, Aida, Ragtime* (Starlight Musical Theatre). Kevane was also a member of the Boston Ballet and graduated from Boston College with a double degree in Theatre and Pre-Law.



#### DURWOOD MURRAY\* (He/Him/His) (Person on Left) is

ecstatic to make his return to Diversionary. Previously seen in Well and A Civil War Christmas. Elsewhere: Master of 2 Servants, To Kill a Mockingbird, Much Ado About Nothing (New Village Arts); Handbagged, Our Lady of Khibeho (Moxie); King John, Father Comes Home From the Wars Parts 1, 2, & 3. Durwood is happy his time at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of the Arts was not wasted, and would like to thank the Usual Suspects and all his partners with much love, style and grace.



CARTER PIGGEE (He/Him/His) (Person in Middle) is happy

to make his debut with Diversionary Theatre in this phenomenal new play. Theatre Credits: Dry Powder (Backyard Renaissance Theatre), Miss Bennet Christmas at Pemberley (New Village Arts), Ironbound (Moxie). He has also performed in staged readings with Cygnet Theatre, Roustabouts Theatre, North Coast Rep, Amigos Del Rep, and Playwright's Project. Carter earned a BFA in theatre performance from San Diego State University. A special thank you goes out to his family, friends, and everyone who has supported him so far on his journey.

\* Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States, appearing under a Small Professional Theatre Contract.



**DONJA R. LOVE (he/him/his) (Playwright)** is an Afro-Queer playwright, poet, and filmmaker from Philadelphia. He writes specifically about Black and Queer folx for Black and Queer folx. He is the recipient of the 2018 Laurents/Hatcher Foundation Award, the 2017 Princess Grace Playwriting Award. He's also the Lark's 2016 Van Lier New Voices Playwriting Fellow, The Playwrights Realm's 2016/2017 Writing Fellow, and the 2011 Philadelphia Adult Grand Slam Poetry Champion. He's had productions

at Manhattan Theatre Club (*Sugar in Our Wounds*) and Atlantic Theater Company (*Fireflies*). He's the co-host of Off Book, a podcast on Black theatre; and the co-founder of The Each-Other Project, an organization that helps build community and provide visibility, through art and advocacy, for LGBTQ People of Color. Training: Juilliard's Playwrights Program.se Hall



**DELICIA TURNER SONNENBERG (DIRECTOR)** (She/Her/Hers) is thrilled to return to Diversionary where she previously directed *Fit to be Tied.* Regional Theatre: *The Garden* (co-director), *POP Tour- #Super Shiny Sara*, WoWFestival-TheCarPlaysSD, Counterweight (LaJolla Playhouse); *Skeleton Crew* (The Old Globe); *Roz and Ray, Sex with Strangers, My Mañana Comes, In the Wake, The Seafarer, The Good Body, Miss Witherspoon, Intimate* 

Apparel, Proof (San Diego REP); The Piano Lesson, Fences (Cygnet Theatre); The Amish Project (Mo`olelo Perfoming Arts Company). Additional Credits: Delicia is a founder and the former Artistic Director of MOXIE Theatre, which she helmed for 12 acclaimed seasons. Other directing credits include: Hamlet, Prelude to a Kiss (New Village Arts Theatre); Voyeurs de Venus, Bliss or Emily Post is Dead (MOXIE Theatre). Delicia has had the pleasure of directing productions at The Old Globe and University of San Diego Shiley Graduate Theatre Program, University of San Diego undergraduates, Sonoma State University, University of Redlands, San Diego State University, University of California San Diego and Palomar College. Delicia was twice a recipient of the Van Lier Directing Fellowship through Second Stage Theatre in New York, and is an alumna of the New York Drama League's Directors Program as well as TCG's New

Generations Program. She has received NAACP Theatre awards and nomination for direction, a Women's International Center Living Legacy Award as well as many "Craig Noel" awards for Outstanding Direction of a Play and Outstanding Dramatic Production from the SD Theatre Critics Circle.

**FRANKIE ALICEA-FORD (He/Him/His) (Associate Director)** is a San Diego based, New York City trained theatre artist who has been working professionally since 2012. After receiving his BFA from the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, Frankie has worked as a performer, deviser, educator and administrator throughout the US and abroad. He has created and spearheaded multiple theater education programs throughout Connecticut and New York and worked as the Residential Director of The Center for Creative Youth, based out of Wesleyan University. He currently works as a teaching artist with La Jolla Playhouse, New Village Arts and Diversionary Theatre and has extensive training in devised theater techniques, arts integration and trauma based theater practices. He was most recently an Artistic Associate and the Artist-In-Residence at New Village Arts in Carlsbad, CA.

**BEONICA "B" BULLARD (She/Her/Hers) (Stage Manager)** is happy to make her debut with Diversionary Theatre in this beautiful new play. Beonica earned her Bachelor of Arts in Theater from San Diego State University. Honors include a Certificate of Recognition in Artistic Achievement from the California Legislature Assembly. She has Staged Managed several shows with Dir. D. Turner Sonnenberg, such as *Julius Caesar* (SDSU), *Roz and Ray* (San Diego Repertory Theater), *The Niceties* (MOXIE) and feels blessed to be working with her again. Thank you to the whole Diversionary family.

**MINJOO KIM (She/Her/Hers) (Lighting Designer)** is happy to make her debut with Diversionary Theatre in this beautiful play. Her collective lighting design credits include *Bette Davis Ain't for Sissies* (Mile Square Theatre), *The Two* (Space Owul), *The Great Leap* (Cygnet Theatre), *Quiet No More* (San Diego Women's Chorus), *Qulili* (The Blindspot), *IDEAS-Cetacea* (Calit2 Theater, Atkinson Hall), *Crimson Girl* (Dongsoong Art Center), *Die or Not* (Seoul Art Space Mullae), *Mask on/off* (Shanghai Dramatic Arts Centre). Her work *Othello* got selected in the Emerging Artist/Imagination Exhibit from the USA at Prague Quadrennial in 2019. Many thanks to Delicia, the entire one in two team, Matt, and the Diversionary family.

**MASON PILEVSKY (Xie) (Sound Design)** is a sound designer, composer, and audio mixer. Favorite sound design credits: *I and You* (Moxie), *The Niceties* (Moxie), *American Buffalo* (Backyard Renaissance), *Handbagged* (Moxie), *Hir* (Cygnet), and *Macbeth* (Trinity). Favorite Diversionary credits include: *Homos or Everyone* 

*in America* (Assistant Sound Design) and *Ballast* (Assistant Sound Design. Many thanks to Delicia, Beonica, Allison, Frankie, and Matt and, of course, Mason's family and friends!

VICTORIA PETROVICH (She/Her/Hers) (Scenic & Projection Designer) is happy to make her return to live theater (!) as a new member of the Diversionary Theatre family to collaborate on this achingly beautiful new play. Previous collaborations with director Delicia Turner-Sonnenberg include The Good Body and In the Wake (SAN DIEGO REP), Blue Door and Bliss! Emily Post is Dead (MOXIE). Other current collaborations (scenic/costume) are with director Ben Krywosz at NAUTILUS MUSIC-THEATER on the new song-cycle Stations of the Heart and Moonlit Walk Home. Some previous collaborations with Nautilus include Twisted Apples-Stories from Winesburg OH, The Fantastics, Ordinary Days, Joan of Arc, Sister Stories, The Last Five Years, Snow Leopard, Without Colors, and The Juniper Tree. Recent prepandemic projects (scenic/costume/projection) have been with director Robert Castro on the opera El Cimmarón at the Im • Pulso Festival at UNAM, Mexico City, OLIVÉrio, A Wrinkle in Time, Aladdin's Luck, Frederick (scenic/ projection), Treasure Island, Ferdinand the Bull, Dreams of Anne Frank (scenic/ costume) at Lewis Family Playhouse, a theater-for-youth which tragically closed due to the pandemic. Other local productions include A Weekend with Pablo Picasso, A Hammer, Bell and a Song to Sing, Federal Jazz Project, The Who's Tommy (projection/ SAN DIEGO REP). International work has been with the International Opera Theatre in Cittá della Pieve, Italy and include Sacco e Vanzetti, Errori!, and Il Sogno di Una Notte di Mezza Estate. Victoria teaches in the Design area/Theatre & Dance, UCSD. Wishing everyone good health

**BROOKE NICOLE KESLER (She/Her/Hers) (Costume Designer)** is thrilled to be returning to the Diversionary Theatre team on this wonderful piece! Recent designs include: *Red Bike* (MOXIE); *Girlfriend* (Diversionary Theatre); *She Loves Me* (SDSU); *Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach* (SDSU); *The Glaspell Project: Trifles and Woman's Honor* (SDSU); and A *Midsummer Night's Dream* (Kingsmen Shakespeare Co.). She has also worked as an Assistant Costume Designer on A *Midsummer Night's Dream* (Santa Fe Opera), *Il Trovatore* (Central City Opera), and *La Cage Aux Folles* (Cygnet Theatre). As a Southern California local she is currently the Assistant to the Costume Director at the San Diego Opera, and a Lecturer in Costume Design at San Diego State University. She would love to thank Matt and the entire Diversionary family; as well as her friends, family, and amazing partner for all of the love and support!

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MATT M. MORROW (He/She/Them) (EXECUTIVE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR) Since joining Diversionary, Matt has directed Hedwig and the Angry Inch, the World Premiere of Gordon Leary and Julia Meinwald's musical The Loneliest Girl in the World, Georgette Kelly's Ballast (Winner, 2017 Best New Play, San Diego Critic's Circle Awards), the San Diego Premiere of The Civilians' This Beautiful City, Bash Doran's The Mystery of Love and Sex and the West Coast Premieres of Jordan Harrison's Amazons

and Their Men and Christopher Shinn's Now Or Later. Matt recently directed Caryl Churchill's Cloud Nine with The Old Globe/USD MFA program. Prior to joining Diversionary Theatre, Matt was the Associate Artistic Director of City Theatre Company, a LORT theatre in Pittsburgh dedicated to producing work written in the past five years. With City he directed the Regional Premiere of Jessica Dickey's Charles Ives Take Me Home, the World Premiere of Tami Dixon's South Side Stories (Pittsburgh Post Gazette & Tribune Review's Top Ten of 2012), and Kim Rosenstock's Tigers Be Still.

Matt was a Creative Catalyst Fellow with The San Diego Foundation and La Jolla Playhouse. He has developed new work with The Sundance Theatre Institute, The Old Globe, The Banff Centre, Center Theatre Group, American Conservatory Theater, Lincoln Center, PlayPenn, and Page 73 Productions in residence at the Yale School of Drama. He served as The John Wells Professor of Directing at Carnegie Mellon University's School of Drama (Graduate & Undergraduate Directing programs), and is a member of the Lincoln Center Director's Lab. He holds a BFA in Directing from Carnegie Mellon University. www. mattmmorrow.com



JENNY CASE (She/Her/Hers) (MANAGING DIRECTOR) has 17 years' experience in working for non-profit theatre in San Diego, including 10 years as the Associate General Manager of La Jolla Playhouse. She also served as a Producer of the 2017 WithOut Walls (WOW) Festival and of the wildly successful Accomplice: San Diego, which was performed in Little Italy in 2013. She also line produced many of the La Jolla Playhouse's New York developmental workshops including Escape to Margaritaville, Hands on a Hardbody, Bonnie and Clyde, Little Miss Sunshine

and many others.

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### Born from the Need for Representation, Awareness, and Social Change



Founded in 1986, Diversionary Theatre is recognized as one of San Diego's best theatres, and proudly showcases the most vibrant and diverse group of talent the city has to offer. We aim to foster and amplify the next generation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other marginalized voices by providing the local community with live entertainment in a dynamic, inclusive, and welcoming environment that celebrates and preserves our unique culture.

Diversionary Theatre began as

a forum to shed light on the important social issues affecting the quality of life of LGBTQ+ people, namely the AIDS crisis and its immediate and devastating impact on the community, through the performing arts.

Over time, the constantly shifting debates over marriage equality, adoption rights, bullying, and military service caused Diversionary's mission to grow as a way to continually amplify marginalized voices and share their stories and lived experiences through widely-accessible live entertainment.

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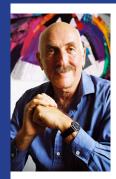
Diversionary is grateful to the growing number of people who have included the theatre in their estate plans. Planned gifts to Diversionary Theatre are an investment in artistic excellence and our community, and also may provide tax benefits to the donor.

Thanks to the these donors who have followed Dr. Fritz Klein's lead and left Diversionary Theatre a gift through their estate, or have notified us that they intend to do so (as of 10/2/21):

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### **DR. FRITZ KLEIN**

A leader and pioneer of the bisexual movement, Fritz died on May 24, 2006, at the age of 73. Dr. Klein was best known for groundbreaking sex research and as a tireless activist for bisexual issues and the bisexual community.

Fritz also loved the arts and served on the Diversionary Theatre Board of Trustees from 2000-2006. Diversionary was the beneficiary of three gifts from his estate: a gift of \$250,000, restricted to starting an endowment fund; a gift of the building which houses the Theatre at 4545 Park Boulevard; and a gift from Dr. Klein's Charitable Remainder Trust.

The Board and Staff are incredibly honored that Fritz would care for Diversionary so deeply that he felt the need to have his gifts continue our mission for years to come. We learned from Fritz that he wanted to use his gifts as an incentive for others to give. He knew that an endowment would do just that. He knew that whenever money was needed, instead of a one-time gift, a challenge in the form of a matching gift would encourage others to give, to think about the future. He would be the first one to say, "I'll give if you give." We thank him for his inspiration, and hope the community will rise to his challenge.

## In loving memory of Reuel Olin

He will forever be remembered as a fierce theatre warrior, lover of new plays, and a generous leader in our community, with the largest of loving hearts.

