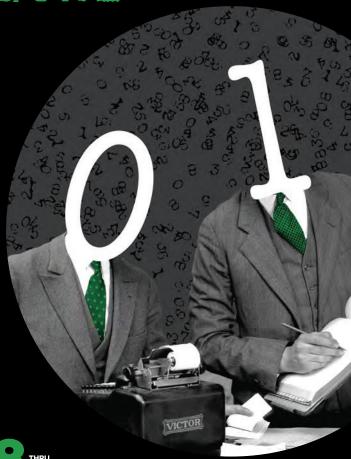


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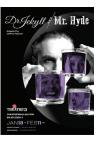


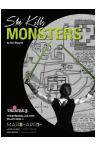
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The Adding Machine is a justly famous play. And the musical you're about to see translates the nightmarish atmosphere of Elmer Rice's original script into an abrasive, funny, and sometimes beautiful sonic dream. I was thrilled when Theatre Three asked me to work on it last spring. I read the script in the middle of other projects, listened to the score, cast some wonderfully talented actors, met with my designers, and then promptly left town for a few months. Sometime in early August I picked up the script again and really began to dig in. And...

I got uncomfortable really, really fast. Why were we doing this? Why did I say yes? Why this play now? At this moment in time? A play about white rage. A white man's rage. A white man's disenfranchisement. A white man who is racist and misogynistic and... and... Do we really need, any of us, to give any more time to this kind of story when the world aches for so many other narratives? Do I want to be complicit in telling this story?

No. Except...

I tell my students an acting education is a human education. An education in seeing through someone's eyes with curiosity instead of judgment, and in that space of seeing, a kind of understanding can happen. And if I understand someone, then I can talk to them. And if I can talk to them... then anything might be possible. An acting education is an education in empathy. So... practice what I preach.

So then...

What happens to people without agency? Without culture? Without a voice? What happens when the capitalist machine we all take part in suddenly says, "You're no longer needed. Thanks for your service. Get out."

Lives grow small. Borders shrink. Fear proliferates. Hatred grows.

What happens is... this moment. Right now. That's what happens.

Zero is abhorrent. He says and does terrible things. We don't have to like him. Elmer Rice didn't intend for you to. But maybe if we can understand the Zeros of this world, we can reach out to him, and talk. And then, maybe... who knows.

We shouldn't be the ones who have to reach out. But I don't think we have a choice.

Blake Hackler, Director

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### About the Playwrights Jason Loewith

produced and co-wrote the world premiere of Adding Machine: A Musical, winning Lucille Lortel and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best New Musical of the Season, as well as four OBIE Awards for direction, design, and performance; and is published by Samuel French. He is currently the Artistic Director of the Olney Theatre Center, where he recently directed Sweeney Todd, Carousel, Avenue O. How to Succeed in Business.... and the world premiere of Steven Dietz's Rancho Mirage. Other recent work includes the world premiere of Janece Shaffer's Broke (Alliance Theatre, Atlanta), and a dozen plays for Chicago's Next Theatre Company, where he served as artistic director from 2002-08. Before joining Olney Theatre Center, Jason proudly served four years as Executive Director of the National New Play Network. His book The Director's Voice. Volume 2 was published by TCG in 2012, and his most recent play, Big Nate: The Musical written with Chris Youstra, was published by Samuel French in 2016.

#### **Elmer Rice**

(born Sept. 28, 1892, New York City—died May 8, 1967, Southampton, Hampshire, Eng.) was an American playwright, director, and novelist noted for his innovative and polemical plays. Rice graduated from

the New York Law School in 1912 but soon turned to writing plays. His first work, the melodramatic On Trial (1914), was the first play to employ on stage the motion-picture technique of flashbacks, in this case to present the recollections of witnesses at a trial. In The Adding Machine (1923) Rice adapted techniques from German Expressionist theatre to depict the dehumanization of man in the 20th century. His most important play, Street Scene (1929), was a starkly realistic tragedy set outside a New York City slum tenement building. The play won a Pulitzer Prize and was adapted into a highly popular musical (1947) with lyrics by Langston Hughes and music by Kurt Weill. Counsellor-at-Law (1931) was a rather critical look at the legal profession. In We, the People (1933), Judgment Day (1934), and several other polemical plays of the 1930s, Rice treated the evils of Nazism, the poverty of the Great Depression, and racism. He continued to write for the stage after 1945. but without much acclaim. Rice was active in the WPA Federal Theatre Project for a short time in the mid-1930s. He also championed the American Civil Liberties Union and the cause of free speech, and in the 1950s he was an opponent of U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy. Rice also wrote several novels and an autobiography, Minority Report (1963).

#### Joshua Schmidt

is the award-winning composer of Adding Machine (Lucille Lortel Award - Best Musical: Outer Critic's Circle Award - Best Score & Best Off-Broadway Musical; Ioseph lefferson Award - Best Musical; as well as 4 Obie Awards, o Drama Desk nominations, and Drama League nomination for Best Musical). Adding Machine was also heralded as one of the ten best events of 2008 in The New York Times. Wall Street Journal, Time Out NY and Chicago Tribune. Recent credits include the critically acclaimed A Minister's Wife (Lincoln Center Theatre: Writer's Theatre – Best Musical Jeff Award), Whida Peru (Primary Stages/59E59) and Gift of the Magi (American Players). Incidental scores include When the Rain Stops Falling (Lincoln Center), Fifty Words (MCC), Works and Process (Guggenheim Museum), and Music from Almost Yesterday (Barrow Street). Mr. Schmidt is currently working on musical commissions for Steppenwolf Theatre Company and Playwrights Horizons, Mr. Schmidt is also an accomplished sound composer/designer whose Broadway & Off-Broadway credits include House of Blue Leaves, Brighton Beach Memoirs (with Fitz Patton), Crime and Punishment (59E59), and many others. Regionally, he has composed/ designed for Steppenwolf Theatre Company, South

#### CAST AND CREW BIOGRAPHIES

Coast Repertory, Stratford Festival, The Kennedy Center, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Cleveland Playhouse, Ford's Theatre. Alley Theatre. and Milwaukee Rep. Mr. Schmidt is a 2012 Sundance Theatre Lab UCross artist. and a recipient of the American Musical Voices Project honoree grant and Graduate of the Decade Award (UW-Milwaukee). Adding Machine and A Minister's Wife both have original cast recordings on PS Classics. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is a guest lecturer at Harvard, Suffolk, University of Mississippi-Oxford, Illinois-Urbana/Champaign and Wisconsin-Madison.

## **Artistic Staff Biographies**

#### **Blake Hackler**

DIRECTOR

has directed locally at Undermain Theatre. Second Thought, Theatre Three and SMU. As an actor. Blake has appeared in productions on Broadway, Off-Broadway and in regional theatres throughout the country as well as in TV and film. He currently holds faculty positions at Yale University and Southern Methodist University. His plays and musicals have been seen in Dallas, Chicago, and New York. Most recently, his play The Necessities received its world premiere with Second Thought Theatre in Dallas, Texas. He is a member of the esteemed BMI/Lehman Engel

Musical Theatre Writing Program, is the recipient of the Harrington Award for Excellence in Musical Theatre Writing as well as a Dramatist Guild Intensive grant. He holds an MFA from the Yale School of Drama and is a Fulbright Senior Scholar.

#### **Debbie Crawford**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

is a local director, playwright and actor who received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Hardin-Simmons University. Debbie has most recently worked with local companies including Theatre Three, Danielle Georgiou Dance Group, Shakespeare in the Bar & Prism Co. Movement Theatre, Debbie also performed internationally at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2012. In addition to her positions as a creative, she spends her days in the realm of arts administration as the Marketing Coordinator at Dallas Theater Center (2017 **Regional Theatre Tony** Award Winner). Prior to this, Debbie served in other admin roles at theatres including Undermain Theatre and Dallas Children's Theater. As a Dallas newcomer, she is so grateful for how welcoming and supportive the DFW theatre community has been to her. Debbie sends many thanks to her dear friend and mentor, Dean Nolen.

#### Mark Mullino

MUSICAL DIRECTOR has worked extensively throughout the Metroplex and the United States as a musical director and actor. Locally, Mark has directed/ musical directed/conducted at WaterTower Theater, Dallas Theater Center. Uptown Players, Plano Repertory Theater, Lyric Stage, Labyrinth Theater, Collin Theater Center, Flower Mound Performing Arts Theater, PFamily Arts, Our Productions, and Theater Arlington. Mark has received numerous Column Awards and Leon Rabin Awards and nominations. In addition to musical directing and acting, Mark plays piano for the weekly Cabaret show "Mama's Party", teaches musical theater at KD College and Collin College, maintains a private studio, and is an artist. Mark is the President and co-founder of Dallas Young Artists. Mark received his Bachelors in Music from Hardin-Simmons University.

#### **Danielle Georgiou**

**CHOREOGRAPHER** is a choreographer and performance artist from Dallas, TX. In 2011, she began a performance project called the Danielle Georgiou Dance Group and has presented her original works of dance theatre throughout Texas, Oklahoma, California, and Oregon. Her video work has shown nationally in Texas, New York, and Florida, and internationally in Scotland and Germany. Georgiou has worked with local theatre companies,

Undermain Theatre, Kitchen Dog Theater, Ochre House Theater, Echo Theatre, and Dead White Zombies, and local dance companies, Contemporary Ballet Dallas, Dallas Neo-Classical Ballet, Big Rig Dance Collective, and Muscle Memory Dance Theatre. She is very excited to work on her first show at Theatre Three!

#### Amanda Capshaw O'Donoghue

COSTUME DESIGN is pleased to join Theatre Three for the first time with Adding Machine: A Musical. Recent credits include so go the ghosts of mexico, part one and two, Galileo, 10 out of 12, Jonah, The Droll, The Fairytale Lives of Russian Girls (Undermain Theatre), Martyr (Second Thought Theatre), Ring of Fire (WaterTower Theatre), A Year With Frog and Toad (Dallas Children's Theatre), Hearts Like Fists (Outcry Theatre). Her work can also be seen in the the Undermain's upcoming production of *Iohn*. She holds a BFA in Theatre Performance from Baylor University and an MFA in Stage Design from SMU.

#### **Aaron Johansen**

LIGHTING DESIGN is thrilled to be returning to Theatre Three with Adding Machine: A Musical! Aaron spent 8 years at the Dallas Theater Center where he started as the lighting intern in 2007. In 2015 he peacefully departed from the company as the Lighting Supervisor to pursue a career as a fulltime lighting designer.

You might have seen his work at Dallas Theater Center, Dallas Children's Theater, Kitchen Dog Theater (Artistic Company Member), Second Thought Theater (Resident lighting designer, 2014-present), Cry Havoc Theater, Dallas Baptist University, Trinity Shakespeare Festival, Cara Mia Theater. I hope you enjoy the show!

#### Jocelyn Girigorie

SCENIC DESIGN

is pleased to join the creative team at Theatre 3 Dallas for the first time. She is an MFA Stage Design Candidate at Southern Methodist University (SMU). Recent design credits include Hit the Wall at WaterTower Theatre, and Hot L Baltimore and L'elisir d'Amore at SMU. She also served as the Associate Scenic Designer for *Electra* with the Dallas Theatre Center. Upcoming projects include Iphigenia. where she will be serving as Scenic and Lighting Designer in The Greer Garson Theatre at SMU and A Funny Thing Happened... as Scenic Designer at Stage West.

#### **John Flores**

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#### Juliana Dellasanta

**AEA STAGE MANAGER** is excited to be working with Theatre Three for the first time! She has worked in Dallas stage managing for The Tribe (Stacy Has a Thing For Black Guys, Hypochondria), as well as several SMU productions (Top Girls, The Sparrow, Bachelorette. A Flea in Her Ear, St. Joan of the Stockyards, Mary Stuart) and for Second Thought Theatre (Straight White Men, The Necessities). She most recently stage managed Big Thought's 1st annual Artivism: Art as Activism production of The Magical Disappearance of Johnny's Forgotten Self. In her spare time she enjoys being with her cat and trying not to kill all her plants.

#### **□** BIOGRAPHIES CONTINUED

#### **Cast Biographies**



#### James Chandler ENSEMBLE BASS

is very excited to be returning to the Theatre Three stage after having last appeared in the long running musical Avenue Q. Regional/Stock Credits: Casa Manana, Theatre Three, Stage West, Uptown Players, Collin Theatre Center, Theatre Britain, Inevitable Theater Company. New York Credits: The York Theater (Off-Broadway). National Tours: Dallas Children's Theater, Voice Over: Attack On Titan, One Piece, Fairy Tail, Space Dandies, Attack On Titan Junior High, and various others. He received his degree from Marymount Manhattan College in New York City. Follow him @ichanthaman



Angela Davis ENSEMBLE ALTO Theatre Three debut. Dallas credits include Undermain: 10 out of 12 (Costume), Ghost

Sonata (Concierge); Lyric Stage: Quanah! (Ensemble), Into the Woods (lack's Mother); Echo Theatre: Her Song (Babe Rollins); Contemporary Theatre of Dallas: Little Women (Marmee); Pocket Sandwich Theatre: Death the Musical II (Sissy); Proper Hijinx: Two Rooms (Ellen). Regional credits include Macbeth (Lady Macbeth); King Lear (Cordelia/The Fool): Stop the World I Want to Get Off! (Evie/ Anya/Ilse/Ginny); Dancing at Lughnasa (Agnes); The Philadelphia Story (Liz Imbrie); Le Liaisons Dangereuses (Mme. de Volange); world premiere musicals Hiding the Sun (Angela) and The Haunted (Jayne Mansfield); and Story Songs (featured soloist), directed by Tony Award Winner Betty Buckley. BFA, Webster University Conservatory of Theatre & Dance in St. Louis. Missouri.



#### Brandon McInnis SHRDLU

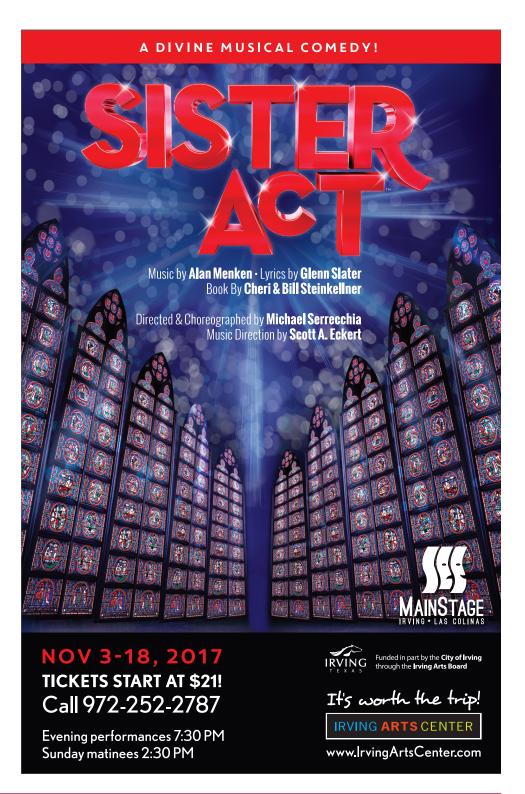
is a Dallas native most recently seen in Lyric Stage's Camelot as Mordred. Trained in vocal performance at Interlochen and Austin College, he has toured in Europe and Japan, performed alongside Grammy winner Reba Rambo in Canada, interpreted for Japanese CEOs in Sweden, and

regularly provides VO for Japanese animation dubbed into English. Other notable stage roles include Perchick in Fiddler on the Roof (Garland Summer Musicals) and Aldolpho in The Drowsy Chaperone (Collin Theatre Center). His animation and video game voiceover credits include Frodo Baggins (Lord of the Rings Online) and Keita Amano (Gamers!). He is commercially represented by Linda McAlister Talent. Twitter: @BranMci



#### Allison Pistorius DAISY DeVORE

Also at Theatre Three: The Glass Menagerie, Talking Pictures. Regional/LORT: Constellations, Sense and Sensibility, Clybourne Park (Dallas Theater Center); A Midsummer Night's Dream, Othello, The House of the Spirits, When We Are Married, A Christmas Carol (Denver Center Theatre Company). Local (selections): The Winter's Tale, A Midsummer Night's Dream (Trinity Shakespeare Festival); The Necessities, Martyr (Second Thought Theatre); The Taming of the Shrew, The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence, The Nether (Stage West); Venus in Fur (Circle Theater, WaterTower Theater); Twelfth Night (Shakespeare Dallas); MacBeth, Much Ado About



#### **CAST AND CREW BIOGRAPHIES**

Nothing, As You Like It, The Merchant of Venice, All's Well That Ends Well (Shakespeare Dallas Complete Works Series). Education: MFA in Acting, The National Theatre Conservatory; BA in Theatre and Dance, The University of Texas at Austin. Allison teaches Acting at Southern Methodist University and Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, records the occasional audiobook. and is in the process of completing an international, comprehensive Pilates instructor certification.



**John Daniel Pszyk** THE BOSS

Theatre Three debut. John holds an MFA from the University of Iowa and his BA in Theatre from Barry University in Miami Shores, FL. He has studied at Southern Methodist University and Regents University in London, England. John has over 50 production credits in the local and regional theatre stage. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Collin

College, TCCD and The Arts Institute of Dallas. Extreme appreciation to Sugarbear, Pooky, Monkeyking, Chopsocky and Snickers for their support, love and patience.



Jeni Roller MRS. ZERO is making her Theatre 3 and Dallas debut. Previously, she has appeared in several Casa Manana productions including Fiddler on the Roof

(Grandma Tzeitel). Other recent performances include Next to Normal (Diana), Les Miserables (Fantine), Chicago (Roxie Hart), South Pacific (Nellie Forbush), and The Light in the Piazza (Margaret Johnson) at Amarillo Little Theatre and Candide (Paquette) at Amarillo Opera. Jeni resides in Fort Worth with her husband, Andy, and homeschools their five theatrically-inclined children.



**Kathryn Taylor Rose ENSEMBLE SOPRANO** Sam Houston State musical theatre graduate, Kathryn was most recently seen in I Love You Because as New York Woman (Our Productions Theater Co.) and her own one-woman cabaret show, Love Me, Tinder at the West End Lounge in New York City. Other credits include: Creep (Lady 2) at WaterTower Theatre, Stuart Little, National Tour (Mrs. Little) at Dallas Children's Theater, The Music Man (Ethel Toffelmier) at Lyric Stage, Fiddler on the Roof (Libba) at Lyric Stage, Crazy For You (Patricia) at Theatre Three, Ferdinand the Bull (Ferdinand) at Stages Repertory. Kathryn is a newly wed and wants to thank her amazing husband for all his support. www.kathryntaylorrose.com



**Thomas Ward** MR. ZERO

This is Thomas's first production at Theatre Three. Previous DFW credits: Straight White Men, Martyr (Second Thought Theater); 10 Out of 12 (Undermain Theatre); Wait Until Dark, The Explorers Club, Talking Pictures. International Falls (Stage West); All My Sons, Humble Boy, As You Like It (WaterTower Theatre). Other regional credits include Actors Theatre of Louisville, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, and Georgia Shakespeare. Also a writer, Thomas co-wrote the films Sironia (starring Carrie Preston, Amy Acker, and Jeremy Sisto) and Victor which is now streaming. He holds a MFA in acting from the University of Alabama/ Alabama Shakespeare Festival Professional **Actor Training Program** and a BA from Abilene Christian University. He currently teaches with the International Leadership of Texas.

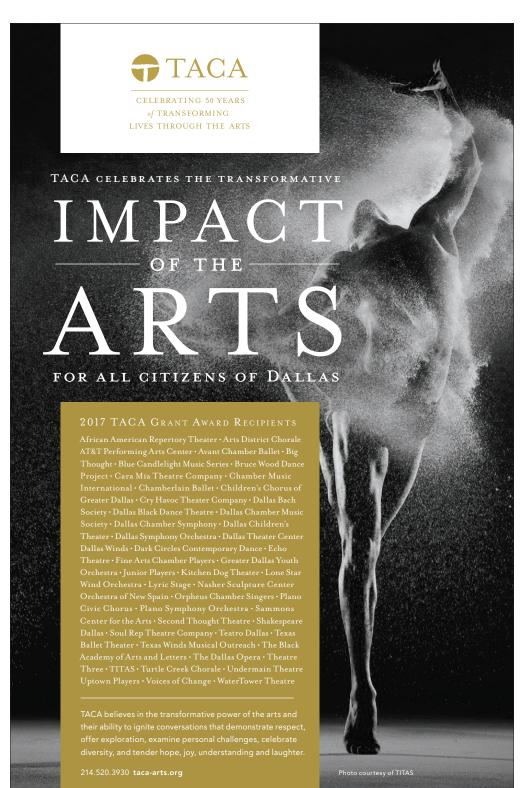


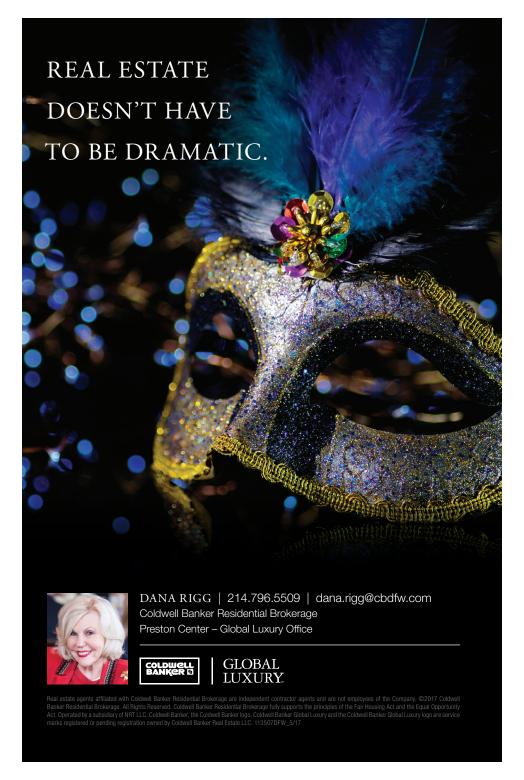
Ashley Wood

**ENSEMBLE TENOR** last appeared at Theatre Three as Barrie in Susan and God. Other T<sub>3</sub> productions include The Novelist (Frank), Hands on a Hardbody (Benny), See What I Wanna See (Priest), Don't Dress for Dinner (Robert), The Devil's Disciple (Dick), Old Wicked Songs (Stephen), The Coconuts (Harpo), and the mainstage production and subsequent 3-year continuous downstairs run of I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change! (Man #1). Ashley has also worked at Dallas Theater Center. WaterTower Theatre. Stage West, Circle Theatre, Contemporary Theatre of Dallas, Kitchen Dog Theatre, Second Thought Theatre, Echo Theatre, and Remy Bumppo Theatre in Chicago. Favorite roles include James Leeds in Children of a Lesser God, Shannon in The Night of the Iguana, and Bernard in Boeing-Boeing.









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