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THE WHALE

BY SAMUEL D. HUNTER



November 13-22, 2015

Worsham Hall at The Church of the Good Shepherd

THE WHALE

A Play By Samuel D. Hunter
Directed By Juan Carlos Unzueta
Assistant Directed by Josh Waller

Place & Time—Northern Idaho, present day

This play is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

CAST

CHARLIE.....Bill Ratliff
LIZ.....Alix Bond
ELDER THOMAS.....Preston Pittman
ELLIE.....Olivia Rose Bacon
MARY.....Staci Grant

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

"Do you ever get the feeling that people are incapable of not caring?"

Charlie, the morbidly obese, home-bound protagonist poses this question in the last scene of *The Whale*. These words in particular struck a chord in me the first time I read through the play. This man, who has faced adversities and devastating blows still has the will power to have a positive outlook. As we struggle to connect in a real way with people in our lives, mend broken relationships, or forge new ones, I don't know about you, but I choose to see the world like Charlie.

I'd like to thank The 5 & Dime for selecting such a beautiful new play and for asking me to help tell the story. It's been an absolute pleasure working with this cast as they create and live these lives at every rehearsal and now for all of you in attendance. This play truly made me think about my own life, and then it...it made me feel...

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My first interaction with Art was in my grandmother's sunroom as a kid. Every Sunday afternoon I would paint with her. I remember in those moments, the feeling of falling in love with art. I come from a family of musicians and theatre people and my creativity was welcomed at an early age. I decided to study studio art in college and have since devoted my life to fostering a love of the Arts in my students. I am a graduate of the University of North Florida and hold a BFA in Painting and Drawing. I studied extensively under Louise Freshman Brown. Louise is one of the most important women in my life thus far and it was in my coursework with her that I knew I also wanted to do what she does (Or at the very least try my hardest). I am currently teaching in Ponte Vedra Beach at Nease High School as their 2D studio art teacher for levels 1 through Advanced Placement Art. In my time away from the classroom I paint and display my work locally at restaurants and galleries. I live in Fruit Cove, Florida with my husband and daughter.

THE 5 & DIME PRESENTS

The 5 & Dime presents **Next Stage**, a quarterly event that offers an opportunity for local performance and projection artists, poets and playwrights to polish their creative craft. Artists in our community will present



works-in-progress, inviting audience feedback through a synchronized mix and mingle. Next Stage is a place for artist networking, for growing our local talent through constructive, honest conversation and for amplifying the voices of artists. The schedule of performances each quarter will be filled with fresh, local talent. Collaborative input from the audience will select 2 or 3 performances that will benefit from additional support with a local mentor. These artists will then be invited to present the work in an annual showcase. With audience participation, local mentorship, and community support, The 5 & Dime hopes to establish a new tradition for developing artists in the heart of our city.

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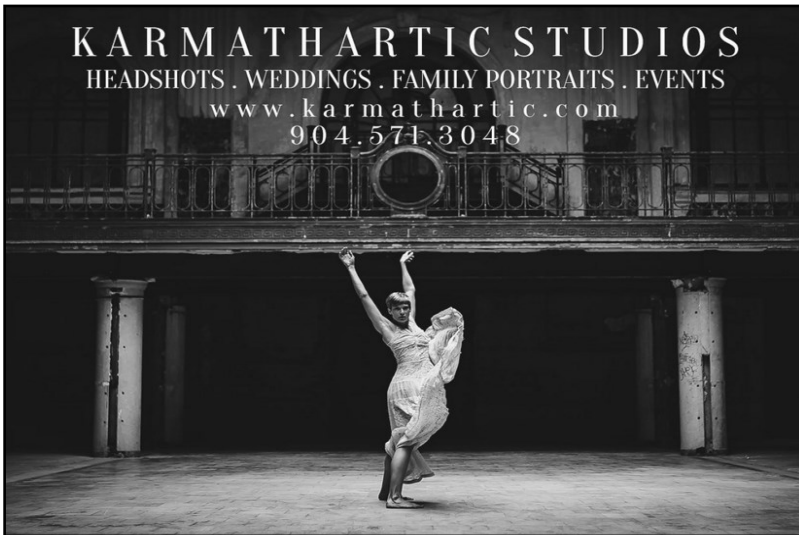
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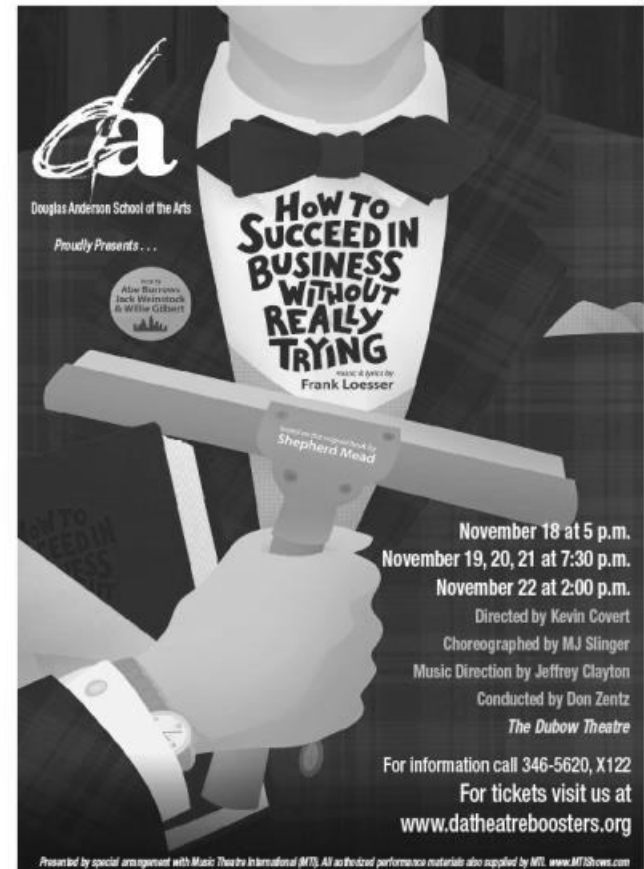
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WHO'S WHO

BILL RATLIFF (Charlie) *The Whale* is Bill's third appearance with The 5 & Dime, having been seen in *The Eight: Reindeer Monologues* (Donner) and *John Coffey Refuses to Save the World* (Stephen King). A 30-year veteran of the Jacksonville stage, he was recently awarded Players by the Sea's Pelican Award for his portrayal of Oscar Wilde in *Gross Indecencies: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*. Other award-winning performances at PBTS include Brother Boy in *Sordid Lives*, Uncle Ernie in *The Who's Tommy*, Judge Turpin in *Sweeney Todd*, Dr. Parker in *Bat Boy: The Musical* and Henry in *The Lion in Winter*. Other PBTS credits include *Mr. Roberts*, *Equus*, *The Dining Room*, *The Fantasticks*, *All My Sons*, and *A Walk in the Woods*. Local credits include *I Hate Hamlet*, *Forever Plaid*, *Sylvia*, *Anything Goes*, *A Funny Thing Happened...* and *The Learning Curve* (Theatre Jacksonville), *Twelfth Night* and *MacB*th* (Shakespeare at the Met), *Side Man* (Jacksonville Stage Company) and many, many others. Bill has also appeared as Salieri in *Amadeus*, the Detective in *Porgy and Bess*, and several Children and Family shows with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. Bill is a graduate of Furman University where he studied theatre and earned his degree in Economics. Bill sends out thanks to his loving family, Beth, Sarah, and Andy, whose support means everything.

PRESTON PITTMAN (Elder Thomas) Preston Pittman is ecstatic to be making his local theatre debut with The 5 & Dime. *The Whale* is a fantastic show that he couldn't be more excited to be a part of. He has appeared in multiple productions at his high school: Douglas Anderson. These plays include *Trepidation Nation* (Paul), *The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild* (The Invisible Man/Construction Worker), *Starfish Circus* (Silks & Dive Rolls), and *The Adding Machine* (The Head). His local film credentials include *Kink* (Eliot Gleneski), *Just Do It Already* (Austin), *Sticky Situation* (Chad), *The Other Side of Effects* (Teenager), and *The Back Shifter* (Tyler.) Preston has also volunteered on the technical side of the theatre for a couple of shows at Players By The Sea and Theatre Jax. He would like to thank everyone that has supported him throughout this rehearsal process; especially his friends, family, classmates, and fellow cast members!

WHO'S WHO (cont.)

OLIVIA ROSE BACON (Ellie) Olivia Rose Bacon was thrilled to be cast in this amazing production of *The Whale*. She is currently a sophomore at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts majoring in Performance Theatre and absolutely loving it. She has been in many plays, '*Trepidation Nation*', a main stage production at Douglas Anderson, directed by Bonnie Harrison, being the most recent. She has performed all around Jacksonville. She has been a featured vocalist in local bars, in talent showcases at the Jacksonville landing and at several large special events. She has also appeared in independent films directed and produced by her fellow classmates. Olivia spends her summers involved in Camp Theatre Jacksonville as a counselor passing on her passion for theatre to young actors, as young as 6 years old. She aspires to continue to pursue her theatrical training and performance throughout high school and hopes to go on to a college where she can receive her degree in fine arts. Her dream is to attend a prestigious conservatory and to make a career out of theatre. She would like to give special thanks to her parents, her sisters, her fellow cast mates, and of course (Mr.) Juan who has been a boss, a director, but mostly a friend for a number of years. She hopes you enjoy the production as much as she has enjoyed being a part of it.

STACI COBB GRANT (Mary) Staci Grant is a Jacksonville native and graduate of DASOTA (dance) and JU (Theatre/Dance). Post-graduation she spent 8 years studying/performing in NYC before returning home to the thriving theatre scene. Locally, she's had the pleasure of playing Anne in Bill W. and Dr. Bob, Lucille Frank in Parade (PBTS Pelican Award - Best Actress), Lesley in Talking Heads (PBTS), The Baker's Wife in Into the Woods (Theatre Jacksonville), Martha in The Secret Garden (TJ Supporting Actress Award), Sara Jane Moore in Assassins (FirstLight), Fastrada in Pippin (PBTS), Meredith in Bat Boy (Pelican Award - Best Actress), that lovable vixen Roxie Hart in Chicago (PBTS), and another well-known "Vixen" in The Eight: Reindeer Monologues (The 5 & Dime). Directing credits: Anatomy of Gray, Moon Over the Brewery (TJ), The Who's TOMMY (PBTS), Next Fall and The Pitman Painters (both at The 5 & Dime). Staci is a founder/board member of The 5 & Dime. She's also had the honor of performing as a featured soloist and actress with the Jacksonville Symphony. Staci's most treasured roles are mom to sweet/sassy 14 month old Ruby and wife to fellow artist Brian who shares her passions for Art, storytelling and baked goods.

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Fahrenheit 451	Jacksonville Public Library, 2011
The Eight	CoRK Arts District, 2011
Spunk	Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 2012
Next Fall	WJCT-PBS Studios, 2012
Hedwig and the Angry Inch	Underbelly, 2012
All New People	The Pangea Live, 2013
9 Parts of Desire	CoRK Arts District, 2013
The Pitmen Painters	The Cummer Museum, 2013
Freud's Last Session	Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 2013
Elegies for Angels, Punks and Raging Queens	The Pangea Live, 2013
Matt & Ben	The Pangea Live, 2014
33 Variations	The Cummer Museum, 2014
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ALIX BOND (Liz) is very excited to be a part of *The Whale*. This is Alix's first production working with The 5 & Dime and could not be more humbled by working with such an amazing team of people. She is a native New Yorker and studied musical theater in NYC at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy and received her BFA in Musical Theater Performance at The New School. Her acting credits include *St George and the Dragon* (Stella), *Working* (The Waitress), *Rocky Horror Live* (Phantom), *Mr. Burns, A Post -Electric Play* (Jenny), *Grease* (Rizzo), *Rent* (Alexi Darling, Ensemble), *Civil War* (Featured Soloist), *42nd Street* (Maggie Jones), *Thoroughly Modern Mille* (Mrs.Meers), *Secret Garden* (Martha), *Baby* (Lizzie). Alix would like to dedicate her performances to her mother and father who continually inspire her and remind her that when things get tough "all you need to do is pray" I love you both more than words!

JUAN CARLOS UNZUETA (Director) is thrilled to again be collaborating with The 5 & Dime, having previously directed Mindy Kaling's *Matt & Ben* in 2014 and having performed as a vocalist in *Elegies for Angels*, *Punks*, & *Raging Queens*. He is a local award winning actor and the Education Director at Theatre Jacksonville. Originally from Lake Wales, FL, Juan has been in Jacksonville for 15 years and holds a BFA and BA from the University of North Florida. He's had the great pleasure of performing on numerous stages in north and central Florida, both professionally and non-professionally. Locally he's been seen in plays and musicals at Players By The Sea, Theatre Jacksonville, The Limelight Theatre, The First Coast Opera, Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre, The Alhambra Theatre, and performed with The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. His most recent directorial credit was the world premiere of *The Red Line*, last fall at Players By The Sea.

ABIGAIL SAENZ (Stage Manager) Abigail is a Jacksonville native and a graduate of Florida State University. She is currently the Associate Producer of River City Live, a daily entertainment show that airs on Channel 4 at 11AM, Monday-Friday. When not at work, you can find her working behind the scenes with The 5 & Dime Theatre Company or onstage with the Awkward Silence Jax comedy troupe. She would like to thank her best friends Red Wine and Documentaries for always being there for her.

WHO'S WHO (cont.)

JOSH WALLER (Assistant Director) A founding member of The 5 & Dime, Josh Waller is an award winning actor, previously seen in *Chybourne Park* (Karl/Steve), *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* (Hedwig), *The Pitmen Painters* (Robert Lyon), and as a featured vocalist in *Elegies for Angels*, *Punks*, and *Raging Queens*. Some of his most memorable local roles include Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables* (Theatre Jax), Leo Frank in *Parade* (Players by the Sea), Joe Pitt in *Angels in America* (PBTS), Archibald Craven in *The Secret Garden* (TJ), The Emcee in *Cabaret* (PBTS), Batboy in *Batboy: The Musical* and Jean-Francois Millet in *Is He Dead?* (TJ). Josh would like to thank Juan for giving him the chance to learn from one of the best.

TOM FALLON (Set Design) is delighted to be working at The 5 & Dime on this production of *The Whale* and last summer's *Chybourne Park* in the role of set designer. Previous work included designs for *Players by the Sea*, where he was honored with two Pelican awards, and *Limelight Theatre*, where he directed last summer's *Oliver*. Tom has been active in local theatre including work as Managing Producer for both *The Alhambra* and *The Atlantic Theatres*. He has also spent the last 30 years working on film projects of all sizes as an Assistant Director with the Directors Guild of America and Location Manager. Credits include *White Fang*, *License to Kill*, *Secondhand Lions* and many more. Tom sends his gratitude to you, the patron, for supporting Live Theatre!

JIM WIGGINS (Lighting Design) Jim is a 1987 graduate of Indiana University, with a B.A. in Telecommunications (Production), with a minor in Theatre. As part of his studies in Bloomington, Jim was active with IU's nationally recognized School of Music Opera Program, working on the stage, lighting, sound, and other technical crews for each season's productions. At the same time, he also worked outside of school as a technician for various local and touring bands. Jim began volunteering behind the scenes here in Jacksonville at *Players by the Sea* in 2008, and has acted as "Technical Director" there on a voluntary basis since the spring of 2010. He is thrilled to be able to "make some change" again with his friends at The 5 and Dime, and has achieved a "Duval Daily Double" by designing lights for "The Whale" as well as PBTS' current production of "A Behanding in Spokane"; both running this weekend! In the real world, Jim has worked for CSX for 28 years.

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