

THE 5 & DIME THEATRE CO. PRESENTS

POTUS

Or, Behind Every Great Dumbass Are
Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive



written by
SELINA FILLINGER

directed by
Hazel Robinson



MARCH 15 - 23, 2024

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

This incredible opportunity to direct POTUS, Or "Behind Every Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive", has been a director's dream for me.

In her play, through her brilliant handling of overlapping dialogue, expletives, and physical comedy, Selina Fillinger gives us a look behind the scenes at what it takes to be a woman in a world dominated by men making mistakes. What I love most about Ms. Fillinger's characters is that she allows them to be imperfect - real women with genuine quirkiness and sincere aspirations.

From day one, the team collaborating on this project has been fabulous. The amazing women on stage, everyone on crew and staff, the volunteers have been an absolute delight.

So, sit back, get ready to laugh, gasp, and even cry, as you watch these women go to any lengths to survive the absurdity of the world they are trying so desperately to survive in.

Hazel Robinson, Director

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The 5 & Dime tells stories that engage, inspire, entertain, and challenge audiences, nurturing a rich artistic culture in Jacksonville.

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A group of artists and friends came together with a common goal: to make a change in the Jacksonville cultural arts community. From this, THE 5 & DIME, a theatre company, was born. Founded with the hope of facilitating diverse opportunities and a supportive environment for collaboration, THE 5 & DIME is a group of passionate theatre artists who've come together in the urban core to develop a place where all kinds of art happens. The founding members and board of directors offer an invitation to all Jacksonville artists to join in the mission to stimulate this city's potential for the rich culture local audiences and art lovers have been craving and deserve. It started with a simple question, **"Why not us?"** And so we offer this: **"Why not YOU?"**

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It's support from people like you that allows us to produce quality, thought-provoking theatre, and each and every contribution we receive ensures our ability to continue bringing change-making storytelling to the local stage.

Many thanks to those who have so generously given!

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This play includes a 15-minute intermission.

THE CAST

HARRIET	Erin Barnes
JEAN.....	Jessica Racaniello
STEPHANIE.....	Katie Timoney
DUSTY	Kailey Anderson
BERNADETTE	Laura Mauldin
CHRIS.....	Denise Dean
MARGARET	Rhodie Jackson
UNDERSTUDY/STAGE COMBAT CAPTAIN.....	Marlaina Geddes

THE CREW

DIRECTOR.....	Hazel Robinson
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ABOUT THE COMPANY

ERIN BARNES (Harriet) Erin is thrilled to be back on The 5 & Dime stage for the first time in over 4 years! She was previously seen as Tracey in 2019's Sweat. A Summa Cum Laude graduate of the Jacksonville University school of music, she can most often be found at the piano. Favorite Music Director credits include Company, Falsettos, and A New Brain at The 5 & Dime, and other onstage roles include Vera in Smoke on the Mountain (Alhambra) and The Narrator in Murder Ballad (ABET). Many thanks to Hazel and the whole team, and to her greatest support system, Matt and the kiddos.

JESSICA RACANELLO (Jean) Jessica has been involved in community and regional theatre for many years. She is thrilled to be making her Jacksonville stage debut in The 5 & Dime production of POTUS. She could recently be seen as Sara Whitmore in Church & State at A Classic Theatre in St. Augustine. Other favorite roles include: Margot Wendice in Dial M For Murder (Limelight Theatre), Sandra in A Thousand Clowns (Westport Community Theatre), Bella in Lost in Yonkers (Crystal Theater), and Rosetta Wakeman in Rosetta (New City Summer Festival-NYC). Other Jacksonville area work includes films featured at the 2023 LOL Jax Film Festival (nominated for Best Actress) and the Naughty or Nice 2023 Film Festival. Jessica's work can also be seen in the upcoming feature film Bumbling Ballerina from JC Films.

KATIE TIMONEY (Stephanie) Katie is thrilled to be making her official 5&Dime debut, although you may have seen her as part of The Short Attention Span Festival a few years ago. Katie has been acting since the age of nine, and has appeared in several Productions around the NE Florida area. Recent performances include: A Midsummer Nights Dream (Philostrate) Pursued by a Bear Shakespeare Troupe, All my Sons (Sue Bayliss) City Repertory Theatre, and The Odd Couple Fem. Version (Sylvie) with ACT II Players. Other notable performances include: Bus Stop (Elma Duckworth), A Shayna Maidel (Mama), Smoke on the Mountain (June Sanders): Limelight Theatre. As well as No Exit (Inez Serrano) and Blithe Spirit (Ruth Condomine) with A Classic

Theatre. She would like to thank everyone for their love and support! "If Only life could be a little more Tender, and art a little more robust."- Alan Rickman

KAILEY ANDERSON (Dusty) The 5 & Dime debut! Proud alumna of New York University Tisch School of the Arts. Recently nominated for Best Actress (Strasberg Film Festival), and starred in No Other Gods But Me, which screened at the Oscar-qualifying Atlanta Film Festival. Past credits include Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (Carole King, Players By The Sea), Steel Magnolias (Shelby), You Can't Take It With You (Essie), Mr. Burns, a post-electric play (Colleen/Lisa). @kaileyanderson

LAURA MAULDIN (Bernadette) Laura has been a dance and acting instructor for over twenty years but is also active in local community theater as a writer, choreographer, and actor. She was most recently seen onstage as The Cheshire Cat in The Jacksonville Christmas Spectacular, Alison in Fun Home at the Limelight Theatre and as Nostradamus in Something Rotten! at Theatre Jacksonville. Laura is also the creator, writer, producer, and star of an original web series called Lemoncurd. The show has been featured on a number of local media outlets including The Florida Times Union, First Coast Connect with Melissa Ross, River City Live, and EU Jacksonville among others. It was also an official selection at the LOL Film Festival and the Miami Web Fest taking home top awards at both. Instagram/YouTube: @Lemoncurdshow Facebook. com/lemoncurdshow

DENISE DEAN (Chris) Denise Dean, who plays the role of Chris, is thrilled to join the cast of POTUS with The 5 & Dime. Denise is a Jacksonville native who began acting while at FSU. She has appeared in Absence of a Cello, Julius X, Real Women Blues, and as Minnie in Pearl Cleage's Flyin West. Away from the stage for a while, Denise is excited to rejoin the Jacksonville theatre scene.

RHODIE JACKSON (Margaret) Rhodie is returning to the stage after being on a hiatus since 2020. You may have seen her

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her at The 5 & Dime in The Laramie Project or Clybourne Park. She couldn't think of a better way to come back to the stage than to be one of the 7 Freaking Fierce women in this show. You might not have seen Rhodie on stage, but she has been behind the scenes as a Director. Most recently directing Sister Act for the Summer Musical Theatre Experience at FSCJ and The Royale here at The 5 & Dime. Rhodie would like to thank her family and friends for being there and supporting her in not only Theatre but in life. Thank you, the audience for coming out and spending some of your precious time with us tonight. Enjoy the show and remember to Love your people.

MARLAINA GEDDES (Understudy/Stage Combat Captain) Marlaina Geddes is a writer, producer, singer, comedian, and actor working her way back to Jacksonville after 2 years on the road performing stand up and doing research for her upcoming book due out this fall.

HAZEL ROBINSON (Director) Hazel Robinson (Director) is extremely excited to be directing this incredible play at The 5 and Dime. Hazel directed her original play, 'Then We'll Pray' at The 5 and Dime SAS Festival. Hazel has a Master of Fine Arts in Acting from CUNY, and spent years performing and directing in NYC before moving to Florida. She has been directing plays at Limelight Theatre for the past few years, including Bus Stop, A Shayna Maidel, Dial M for Murder, and Over the River and Through the Woods. Hazel was last seen onstage in The Roommate, Talking With and The Diviners.

BETHANY POWELL (Stage Manager) Bethany is delighted to be a part of her second 5 & Dime production. She recently stage managed For Peter Pan on her 70th Birthday last season. She graduated from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and is currently studying English Education at the University of North Florida. She is also involved in worship and tech ministry at Mandarin Baptist Church. Bethany has been surrounded by theater and music her whole life and enjoys being on stage and behind the scenes. She would like to thank her

family for their endless love and support.

ERIK ANDERSON (Sound Designer) is thrilled to be back designing sound at 5&D after a brief hiatus. Having previously designed multiple shows here, his return began with 5&D's first two productions of the 2023 season, *Let Me Down Easy* and *Clyde's*. He hopes to continue working with this amazing team for years to come! Erik is also a writer/performer with Awkward Silence Jax, Jacksonville's premier sketch comedy troupe.

RYAN WALKER (Technical Director) Ryan is a Jacksonville native with experience working in nearly every role at a theatre that doesn't require being on stage. This is Ryan's first production with the 5 & Dime but he is thrilled to join the team and help support this talented cast and crew. When he's not working behind the scenes of a production Ryan enjoys building computers, designing gardens, and being a stay at home dad and husband.

NICOLE K. ANDERSON (Lighting Designer) Nicole K Anderson is honored to have this production of POTUS be her first theatrical production in three years. Past lighting design credits include Sweat, Sex AKA Wieners and Boobs; The Clean House; Hir; 'night Mother; Shipwrecked!; The Comparables; Vanya, Sonia, Masha, and Spike; and A Lesson Before Dying.

JENNY TAMMERA (PROPS DESIGNER) Jenny Tamera is excited to be a part of her first production at The 5 & Dime as the propmaster! She has previously been involved with productions at ABET, Players By The Sea, The Island Theatre, Orange Park Community Theatre, A Classic Theatre, and Greenlight Theatre Co. Thank you for supporting local theatre!

OLIVIA MONTALBANO (Costume Designer) Olivia is happy to costume the wonderful cast of POTUS. She is a graduate of Jacksonville University with a myriad of experience on and off stage. Her most recent costume design could be seen in The 5 & Dime's production of "Assassins".



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