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2023-24 Mainstage Season



WEDDING BAND



A LOVE/HATE STORY IN BLACK AND WHITE

BY ALICE CHILDRESS



CRIMINAL GENIUS

a play by George F. Walker

Artistic Staff

Director.....	Angela Shultz
Assistant Director.....	Sydney Ryan
Dramaturg.....	Jaime Leigh Gray and Imogen Perry
Dialects/Vocal Coach.....	Susan Patrick Steinfeld
Scenic Designer.....	Lenny Lively
Costume Designer.....	Haley Hutchins
Assistant Costume Designer.....	Aleka Fischer
Lighting Designer.....	Jaemin Park
Assistant Lighting Designer.....	Mitchell Brandon
Sound Designer.....	Brandyn McGhee
Technical Director.....	Charles Lockridge
Music Director/Rehearsal Pianist.....	Madison Betz
Choreographer.....	Matthew Williams
Dance Captain.....	Van Leonard

Orchestra

Conductor.....	Christopher Morehouse
Flute.....	Kristi Robinson
E-flat Clarinet, B-flat Clarinet.....	Em Fernandez
B-flat Clarinet, Bass Clarinet.....	Julia Mrazek
Horn.....	Reyna Boergerhoff
Trumpet, Flugelhorn.....	Luca Bulleri
Percussion.....	Miles Niehaus
Keyboard 1.....	Anita Hutton *
Keyboard 2.....	Madison Betz
Violin 1.....	Lorena Brown *
Violin 2.....	Feliciti McKellar
Viola.....	Noah Brown
Cello.....	Paolo Chiavaroli
Bass.....	Elizabeth Hartman *

**guest artist*

Production Staff

Production Manager	Thomas Fagerholm
Scenic Design Supervisor	M.K. Hughes
Scene Shop Supervisor.....	Leonard Lively
Props Primary	Rebecca Frye
Assistant Props.....	Jamie McCormick
Props Artists.....	Saina Seraj, Seraphine Ott
Scenic Charge Artist	Grace Rueter
Scenic Painters	Rachana Barapati, Bhavana Gummadoju, Meghana Reddy Padolla, Vijay Kumar Poluri
Carpenters	Leonard Lively, Charles Lockridge, Venkatesh Gajji, Amy Walker, Mitchell Brandon, Nick Hasenstab Z Moss, Gabriel Pryor
Costume Design Supervisor	Wendi Zea
Costume Studio Manager.....	Jane Pivovarnik
Costume Crafts artisan.....	Haley Hutchins
Wig Designer/Stylist	Wendi Zea
Wardrobe Supervisor	Lydia Holterman
Draper	Jennifer Helms, Jane Pivovarnik, Aleka Fischer
Stitchers	Ben Selsor, Van Leonard, Lydia Holterman, Olivia Manning, Arianna Foreman, Imogen Perry, Bianca Shults, J'ukion West
Lighting Design Supervisor	Jaemin Park
Master Electrician	Mitchell Brandon
Electricians	Ameriah Lockett, Phoenix McCoy, Arianna Foreman, Blake Zappa, Hayden Hotchkiss, Dominic Thomeczek
Follow Spot Coordinator	Mitchell Brandon
Stage Management Supervisor	Matthew Williams
Production Stage Manager	Allison Weaver
Assistant Stage Manager	Saina Seraj

Running Crew

Deck Crew Gabriel Pryor, J'kuion West
Fly Operator Rachel Schmitz, Faith Smothers
Follow Spot Operators Alexis Lessman, Phoenix McCoy
Light Board Operator..... Miles Bengston
Sound Board Operator Sydney Ryan
Wardrobe Crew..... Arianna Foreman, Lydia Holterman,
Tristan Donaldson, Amy Rainey
Wig Technician..... Lydia Holterman

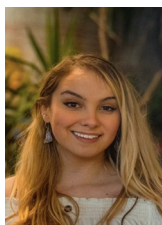
School of Theater & Dance Administration

Director..... H.D. Motyl
Office Manager.....Joshua Johnson
Marketing Saina Seraj, Mitchell Brandon
Business Manager Scott Elliott
House Manager..... M Kamara

Musical Numbers/Act Listing

Overture	Orchestra
Good Morning, Good Day	Sipos, Arpad, Ilona, Kodaly, Georg, Ensemble
Sounds While Selling	Georg, Sipos, Kodaly, Customers
Reading the Letter	Orchestra
Days Gone By	Maraczek
Music Box.....	Orchestra
No More Candy	Amalia
Three Letters- Summer, Fall, Winter	Georg, Amalia
Tonight at Eight.....	Georg
I Don't Know His Name.....	Amalia, Ilona
Perspective.....	Sipos
Goodbye, Georg.....	Kodaly, Sipos, Ilona, Arpad, Customers
Georg's Exit/Will He Like Me?.....	Amalia
Ilona.....	Kodaly, Sipos, Arpad
I Resolve.....	Ilona

Cast Bios



Bailey Warner (Ensemble) is so happy to be a part of this super talented cast! She is so grateful for the opportunity to work with these people. Bailey is a transfer student from Southeastern Illinois College, where she played roles like Cinderella (*Cinderella*) Doralee (9 to 5) Sandra (*The Play That Goes Wrong*) Emily (*A Christmas Carol*) she wants to send her love to her family and friends who give her so much love and support to chase her dreams!



Bella Morris (Ilona Ritter) is a Junior BFA Musical Theatre student and is excited to return to the McLeod stage for the sixth time! You may have seen her most recently as Janet Weiss in *The Rocky Horror Show* at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center this past fall! Other notable roles with the SIU School of Theatre and Dance include Amy March in *Little Women* and Rita La Porta in *Lucky Stiff*.

Insta: bellamorris



Lucas Reilly (Keller, Ensemble) is a senior in the BFA program, and is very excited to be a part of *She Loves Me*! You may have seen him previously in *Ride the Cyclone*, *Lucky Stiff* or *Romeo & Juliet*. He's so honored to be surrounded by such a talented cast, and hopes you are as charmed by the show as he is!



Bizi Cutherell (Busgirl, Ensemble) is a sophomore Musical Theatre BFA student at SIU. You may have seen her last fall as Deborah Pance in Fierce's *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling*, as Clown 2 in the McLeod Summer Playhouse production of *Corduroy*, or frolicking in the projections of SIU's production of *Ride the Cyclone* as Talia. She would like to thank the entire cast, crew, and creative team of *She Loves Me* for making this show such a wonderful experience. You can find her on social media @Bizi.Bee.11



Blake Zappa (Mr. Maraczek) is a Junior who transferred to Southern Illinois University after receiving his Associate in Arts at John A Logan Community College. This is his first major production at SIU and he's excited to be working with all the extremely talented people in the SIU theater school. He frequently works backstage and in the scene shop designing sets and working tech for SIU's other theatrical productions. His last major performances were *Jekyll and Hyde* the musical at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center and *Clue* at the Carbondale Varsity Center.



Edie Balester (Ensemble) is a sophomore in the BFA musical theater program here at SIU and is absolutely thrilled to be a part of her first mainstage production! Originally from New Lenox, Illinois, Edie has taken part in many community and high school performances growing up. More recently, you may have seen her in McLeod Summer Playhouse's production of *The Bridges of Madison County* as Carolyn Johnson. Edie would like to thank the cast and crew of *She Loves Me* for bringing such an incredible story to life, along with all of her friends and family who have supported her in pursuing the arts.



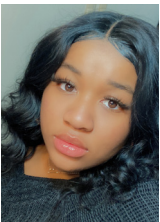
Gaige Lage (Arpad) is entirely grateful to be a part of this cast and getting to share the stage with such talented peers. Gaige is a first-year transfer student from John A Logan College, this is his first appearance on the McLeod Theater stage. Some of his favorite rolls include, Lucas Beineke in the *Addams Family*, Jacey Squires in *The Music Man*, and Pinocchio in *Shrek the Musical*. Gaige would like to thank his Mom and friends for all the continuous support throughout his college career.



Gillian Corpuz (Amalia Balash) is a senior in the BFA musical theater program here at SIUC. She is from Orlando, Florida where she grew up participating in productions at community theaters and her high school's drama department. She received her dance training in ballet, jazz, modern, character, and tap at Orland Ballet School before deciding to pursue musical theater. Some of her favorite roles include: Meg March in SIU's production of *Little Women*, Sorel Bliss, in SIU's *Hayfever*, and a Spirit in the High School Premiere of *Bright Star*. In addition to performing, Gillian has worked as a dance captain and choreographer for several shows at SIUC and in Florida. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her and hopes you "love" the show!



Hayden Hotchkiss (Georg Nowack) is so excited to be in his 6th production at SIU! You may have seen him most recently as Noel Gruber in *Ride The Cyclone* or as Michael in McLeod Summer Playhouse's *The Bridges of Madison County*. He would like to thank his family and friends for always supporting him and making him feel at home! A little fun fact about Hayden: this is the first show in his entire SIU career in which he hasn't died in some way, shape or form. He hopes you enjoy the show!
Insta: @hay926



Israeli Jones (Ensemble) is a musical theatre BFA sophomore. You may have seen her in the School of Music's production of *Old Maid and the Thief*, and also as Lula Greene in *Wedding Band*. Now you can see her as an ensemble member in the cast of *She Loves Me*! She is very excited and hopes that you all will enjoy this wonderful show!!



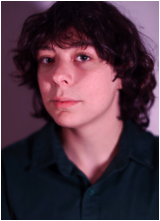
Kaitlyn Rose (Ensemble) is a freshman Musical Theatre BFA student and is excited to be a part of the amazing cast of *She Loves Me*. Other acting credits include Ti Moune (*Once on This Island*), Deloris (*Sister Act: A Divine Musical Comedy*), Velma Understudy/June (*Squish*) (*Chicago: High School Edition*), Blind Mouse/Dragonette/Sleeping Beauty (*Shrek: The Musical*), and Julia Augustine (*Wedding Band*). Kaitlyn would like to thank her parents, Camille and Paul, and her friends (Chloe, Amelia, Ameriah, Seth, Bailey, Gaige, Michelle, and Daylin) for supporting her throughout her college theater career and for making sure she is loved no matter what. Kaitlyn also hopes everyone enjoys the show!



Luke Poston, Heldenbaritone (Ladislav Sipos) has been performing professionally for over a decade and has six years of operatic experience. They have performed as Freddie Falcone in *The Bat's Revenge*, Dick Deadeye in H.M.S. Pinafore, Figaro in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Marco Donati in *Gianni Schicchi*, and was King Balthazar in Southern Illinois University's production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. Selected solo credits include two years of performing at Southeast Missouri State University's Big Band Holiday Jukebox; they were also selected to perform at an Honors Recital and Celebrate the Arts, an end-of-year College of Arts and Media presentation.



Olivia Manning (Ensemble, U/S Amalia, Ilona) is a sophomore Musical Theatre major at SIU. Previous SIU Stage credits include *Little Women* (Beth March), *Murphy's Law of Pretenders* (Sophie), and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Rona Lisa) through Fierce Musical Theatre. She will also be seen later in the season as Lychorida/Voice 3 in E.K. Doolin's new play *Philoten and Her Pattern of Painful Adventures*. So much love and gratitude to the entire cast and crew of *She Loves Me*, especially Angela, Matt, Madison, and Allison, and mountains of love to her supportive family, friends, and professors. Welcome to Maraczek's!



Sawyer Richman (Ensemble) is a sophomore BFA musical theater student at SIU. This is their first mainstage show at SIU, and they are very excited to be a part of the *She Loves Me* ensemble! Sawyer is from Michigan and performed in many community productions during their high school years. Sawyer has been involved with many SIU productions backstage, taking on roles such as assistant stage manager, dresser, and working in the scene shop. They have always been supported to pursue performance by their friends and family and are very excited to be in their first mainstage production. Sawyer would like to thank the cast and crew of *She Loves Me* and they hope you enjoy the show!



Seth Worthington (Steven Kodaly) is a freshman BFA here at SIU majoring in Musical Theater. This is his third production with SIU and his most awaited. *She Loves Me* has been one of his favorite musicals since it was introduced to him. You may have seen him last semester in *Ride the Cyclone* or as Herman in *Wedding Band*. This show has been a dream come true for Seth and he is very excited for you to see it. Thank you for coming and it's always such a pleasure seeing you here!



Van Leonard (Headwaiter, Ensemble) is a sophomore, Musical Theater BFA here at SIU. This is his first mainstage show at SIU. Van is from Nashville, Tennessee. If you're ever looking for him, you'll probably find him down the street at Blend talking about Winnie the Pooh. In addition to the Headwaiter in this production, Van has also had the opportunity to be the dance captain. Van is very excited to be a part of such a beautiful and entertaining show, and is very thankful to all of those who have supported him in his journey through theater. He hopes you enjoy the show!

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