

Directed by Rachel Rlem

JANUARU 27 - FEBRUARU 12, 2023



BLOOD WEDDING

Federico García Lorca, translated by Lillian Groag

Directed by Rachel Klem Music Directed by Tony Mendez Stage Managed by Elaine Petrone Scenic Design by Miyuki Su Costume Design by Jenny Mitchell Choreographed by Lormarev Jones Lighting Design by Ryann Norris Sound Design by Brennan Reilly Props Design by Ruthie Martinez

This translation originally commissioned and produced by the Guthrie Theater, Joe Dowling, Artistic Director.

Blood Wedding is performed with one 15-minute intermission.

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Note from the Director

What an honor to get to direct Blood Wedding! This classic play by one of the greatest dramatists of the 20th century is often overlooked in season selection by theatre companies. I am deeply indebted to Patrick Torres for lobbying for this play to be produced and for passing the torch to me. I know you will agree that this remarkable play is all these things: simple and complex, caring and cruel, real and magical.

Federico García Lorca was born in 1898 in rural Spain. He was an excellent pianist as a youth but decided to focus on writing in his late teens. In 1922, Lorca banded with a group of artists that included Salvador Dalí and filmmaker Luis Bruñel. During the next 14 years, Lorca wrote prolifically, 15 books of poetry, 16 plays, a film script, and even an opera. In 1936, Lorca was assassinated by Franco's Spanish Nationalist soldiers without a trial. Scholars speculate that he was executed for socialist beliefs and for being openly gay. He was buried in an unmarked mass grave, and his remains have never been found.

Like many of Lorca's plays, Blood Wedding explores rural Spanish life with a focus on social construct and confines. His plays can easily be compared to those of Ibsen, Checkov, and Williams in illuminating the status quo and challenging it. Lorca passionately seeks freedom for his characters much the same way he fought for it in his own life. While criticizing society, Lorca also acknowledges the deep need for community and writes eloquently of both connection and isolation. His works are relevant to modern audiences because he explores big issues that still concern us like oppression and injustice, as well as personal struggles like grief and longing. Although Lorca transports the audience to another world, it looks very much like our own.

Special thanks to the amazing team of designers, the actors, Tony, Elaine, Heather, and of course, Patrick - RLT misses you very much. Thanks for your vision and belief in Lorca's magic. Thanks to the audiences who are here to experience it. Thank you for being a part of our community at Raleigh Little Theatre.

Rachel Klem, Director

Cast, Crew, and Production Team

Cast

Mother Deb Teitelbaum

Groom Chase Condrone

> Neighbor Denise Sepic

Father Simon Kaplan

Bride Aysia Slade

Maid Debbie Litwak-Kring

Leonardo Daniel C-M Ryder

Wife Mary Elizabeth Baumgarten

> Mother-in-Law Ruthie Martinez

Beggar Woman Carol Machuca

> Moon **Zoe Barham**

Ensemble Ariel Penland Brynna Rosenberg Danielle Santos Jarred Pearce Michael Bradley Lamont Savannah Lange Skye Pham

Production Team

Director Rachel Klem

Music Director and Composer Tony Mendez

Production Manager/Technical Director Dennis R. Berfield

> Assistant Technical Director Ali Wood

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Choreographer Lormarev Jones

Stage Manager Elaine Petrone

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Fight Choreographer George Labusohr

Lighting Designer Ryann Norris

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Cast Biographies



ZOE BARHAM (Moon) is excited to be performing with Raleigh Little Theatre for the first time! A big thank you to her family and friends for their love and support. Enjoy the show!



MARY ELIZABETH BAUMGARTEN (Wife) is incredibly excited to be a part of Blood Wedding! After attending college, Mary Elizabeth is grateful to re-enter the world of theater while pursuing her Master's degree at UNC Chapel Hill for Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. Previous acting experience includes Mary Poppins in Mary Poppins, Beth

March in Little Women, Cecily Cardew in The Importance of Being Earnest, and Kitty Bennet in Pride and Prejudice. This opportunity would not be possible without the support of her friends, family, and CRMH cohort!



MICHAEL BRADLEY LAMONT (Ensemble) is a 20 year old student at Wake Tech Community College majoring in the fine arts. He is from Fuquay Varina, and the majority of their career so far has consisted of Shakespeare plays such as A Midsummer Night's Dream and Richard III. This will be his first performance with Raleigh Little Theatre. Michael can be

contacted at Mikebl2002@gmail.com if you need to reach them.



CHASE CONDRONE (Groom) hails from East Tennessee, where he studied acting at a small school nestled in the Smoky Mountains. He has portrayed a bevy of lovable goofballs and well-meaning misfits on stage, including Jack Worthing in The Importance of Being Earnest, Greg in Reasons to be Pretty, and Moon in The Real Inspector Hound. Chase is ecstatic to

join this wonderful cast and crew in his Raleigh Little Theatre debut!



DANIEL CRYER-MUTHEDATH RYDER (Leonardo) fell in love with acting in high school, when he realized most of socializing was pretending to have some semblance of confidence. The better he got at pretending, the easier it was to get along with all the lovely people he met. He is very happy to bring this practiced pretense to his Raleigh Little Theatre debut in Blood Wedding.

You may have heard his voice on Audible or seen him onstage in Justice Theater Project's All the Way. Follow him at www.danielrydervoices.com.



SIMON KAPLAN (Father) worked as a professional actor in the UK, Europe and Australia for most of the 1980s, with steadily decreasing amounts of employment and fulfillment, and then took a 25-year hiatus from acting. Since dipping his toe back in 7½ years ago, favorite roles include: Raleigh Little Theatre The Curious Incident of the Dog in the

Nighttime (Ed), Bare Theatre Marat/Sade (Sade) and Love Letters (Andy), Imperial Centre Theatre of Rocky Mount Embers (Henry), Honest Pint Hamlet (Claudius), Burning Coal The Weir (Jack), Honest Pint/Sweet Tea Shakespeare King Lear (Lear). With love and thanks to Claudia for her ceaseless support.



SAVANNAH LANGE (Ensemble) has absolutely loved taking part in Blood Wedding. Savannah is a freshman at Garner Magnet High School and has been involved in theatre since 2018. This will be her fifth show at Raleigh Little Theatre. Savannah's journey in acting began when she was 11 years old, when she was a mouse-pony in RLT's Cinderella. Since

then, she has been in different productions including some film. Savannah really appreciates her mom, Jennifer, her dad, John, and her older sister, Madison, for always being so supportive of her no matter what.



DEBBIE LITWAK-KRING (Maid) is delighted to make her Raleigh Little Theatre debut! Since moving from NY 4 years ago, NC audiences have seen her in Justice Theatre Project's Man of La Mancha (Housekeeper), North Raleigh Arts and Creative Theatre's Roe (Jane Roe's mother, Mary), Stageworks' Deathtrap (psychic Helga Ten Dorp), and Cary

Players' Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Mrs. Potiphar and, proudly, a cow). Special thanks to Rachel, the RLT production team, and wonderful castmates for making this such a terrific experience!



CAROL MACHUCA (Beggar Woman) is thrilled to be a part of Blood Wedding in her first acting role at Raleigh Little Theatre. She recently was Assistant Director for In The Heights, also at RLT. Originally from Puerto Rico, she has called Raleigh home since 2001. An engineer by day and improviser by night, she finds balance in the arts and has

volunteered, taken classes or performed at Raleigh Little Theatre and other area theatres. You may have seen her last as Pancha in the staged reading of Real Women Have Curves. Carol is delighted and grateful to join this amazing cast and crew.



RUTHIE MARTINEZ (Mother-in-Law/Props Designer) last appeared at Raleigh Little Theatre in the title role in Gypsy in 1982. Since then, she has been teaching drama at Greensboro Day - she directed, taught and ran the awardwinning fine arts program for 21 years, and most recently taught at Appalachian State University. Recent roles include

the Chaperone in The Drowsy Chaperone, and Rosie in Mamma Mia (Lees McRae Summer Theatre). She is also a "scream queen"—she was the final girl in the 1984 cult NC horror film The Mutilator, and just wrapped the sequel, Mutilator 2 this past May. It will be premiering in 2023. She is also a new Mother-In-Law; her son Kevin and his lovely bride Lindsay just got married on Dec. 17.

JARRED PEARCE (Ensemble/Bridegroom) is a very funny caring guy. He has been acting since he was a wee lad. From elementary school and up he knew acting was the one thing he really enjoyed and wanted to do for a living. He loves to act. His dream goal is to one-day be on acting's Mount Rushmore along with the greats such as Denzel, Leo DiCaprio, Jim Carrey, Will Smith, Tom Hanks and more.



ARIEL PENLAND (Ensemble) is so excited to be in her first show at Raleigh Little Theatre! She has been acting for almost 10 years. Some of her past roles include Lady Catherine in Pride and Prejudice and Fefu in Fefu and Her Friends. Ariel has also acted on screen in the film Words On Bathroom Walls and the television show The Summer I

Turned Pretty. Ariel has thoroughly enjoyed working on Blood Wedding and hopes you enjoy the show!



SKYE PHAM (Ensemble) is excited to be making her debut at Raleigh Little Theatre. She is currently a senior at NC State University studying Sustainable Materials & Technology, where she was most recently seen as Mary Warren in their production of The Crucible. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support.



BRYNNA ROSENBERG (Ensemble/First Girl) is very excited to once again be performing at Raleigh Little Theatre in Blood Wedding. She most recently took on the role of Mama Pig/Stagehand in RLT's The Surprising Story of the Three Little Pigs. She also appeared as Janne in Theatre in the Park's performance of Let the Right One In. This is Brynna's

eighth production at RLT; previous favorites include Blood at the Root (Toria), Seussical! (Gertrude McFuzz), and various productions with the Teens On Stage program. As such, she would like to thank RLT's education department for contributing to her development as an artist.



DANIELLE SANTOS (Ensemble) is thrilled to be making her debut at Raleigh Little Theatre! While she has a day job as a finance manager, she pursues her artistic passions at the theater, Ninth Street Dance, and the Indie Strings Orchestra. She lives in Durham with her two cats. Much love & gratitude to friends and family for supporting her

theatrical endeavors!



DENISE SEPIC (Neighbor) is thrilled to be back at the Raleigh Little Theatre stage in this moving production of Blood Wedding. She'd like to send love to her friends and family for their love and support.



AYSIA SLADE (Bride) is a lover of stories and the art of theatre-making. Her work on stage includes over a dozen roles at NCSU, including Sarah in Ragtime and Young Alice Murphy in Bright Star, from which she graduated in 2021. Since graduating, she has performed around the community, most recently at NRACT (Side by Side

by Sondheim) and Theatre Raleigh (City of Angels). She is excited to be working at Raleigh Little Theatre for the second time after working on Blood at the Root in 2019. Find her on Instagram at @aysianotasian.



DEB TEITELBAUM (Mother) is returning to acting following a lengthy hiatus, and is in her first role at Raleigh Little Theatre. She holds a BA in Dramatic Art from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where she acted, directed, and served on the producing board of the Lab Theater. Following graduation, she moved to Chicago and appeared

in numerous stage productions, notably Suzie in Hot L Baltimore (Raven Theater Co.) and Beatrice in A View From the Bridge (Steppenwolf Theater Company).

Production Team Biographies

DENNIS R. BERFIELD (Production Manager/Technical Director) is from South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He received degrees in Theater and Communication Studies at the Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, and a Masters of Fine Arts in Scenic Design and Technology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Dennis has worked at various regional and off-Broadway theaters as a Scenic Artist, Carpenter, Master Carpenter, Scenic Designer, Assistant Technical Director, Scenic Coordinator. After working professionally for a number of years, Dennis became an adjunct professor at Millikin University in Decatur, IL and went on to become the Technical Director at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania.

DAN ECKERT (Assistant Stage Manager) is excited to be part of the team for this production, and for the opportunity to work with such a talented and diverse cast. Dan's most recent work with Raleigh Little Theatre was as the Stage Manager of Cinderella.

LORMAREV JONES (Choreographer/Intimacy Director) is a Director/ Choreographer, Intimacy Director and Educator currently based in Raleigh. She received her MFA in Theatre from Sarah Lawrence College. Lormarev has served as a director and choreographer at many area theatres and high schools in the Triangle, including Playmakers Repertory Company, Raleigh Little Theatre and many others. She is also a deviser, playwright, and solo performer. Lormarev was recently named the new Director of the Theatre Program at Meredith College, her alma mater.

RACHEL KLEM (Director) is committed to theatre as a changing force and is honored to share the joy of theatre with communities all over the country. As a professional stage director, Ms. Klem's expansive and eclectic credits include a high-concept version of The 39 Steps, a multiheritage production of Bright Star, a many space promenade of Fefu and Her Friends, and digital directing work at the Artist Soapbox Podcast. As an educator, Rachel has taught since attaining her Master's degree in Acting from DePaul's The Theatre School. She taught and directed theatre at North Carolina State University from 2004-2020, and since has taught for RLT, Triangle Day School, Cape Cod Community College, St. Norbert College, and Ephrata Performing Arts Center. As an administrator, Rachel is presently the education programs manager at RLT. She also served as co-artistic director for University Theatre's Open Door Series at NC State from 2016-2020 and as executive director for Common Ground Theatre, a non-profit venue in Durham, NC from 2004-2014. **GEORGE LABUSOHR** (Fight Choreographer) is a graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design, where he received his B.F.A in Performing Arts. He is an Actor-Combatant certified by the Society of American Fight Directors and choreographs movement and violence for schools and theatre companies around the triangle.

TONY MENDEZ (Music Director/Composer) is making his first foray into composing for the theatre, and he is excited to be making this debut with Raleigh Little Theatre. No stranger to the theatre, he has played guitar for numerous community and college theatre productions. Favorites include Hairspray, The Last Five Years, Godspell, and doing double duty in the role of Jackson in Pump Boys & Dinettes, where he got to act and play guitar at the same time! In real life, Tony is a physics professor at Campbell University.

JENNY MITCHELL (Costume Shop Manager) is a Costume Designer here at Raleigh Little Theatre. She is thankful to have such a dedicated group of volunteers and co-workers to work with on this, and every, production. Her most recent credits include: Junie B. Jones Is Not A Crook, The Mountaintop, A Number, Beehive, and You're a Good Man Charlie Brown.

RYANN NORRIS (Lighting Designer) is a Production Coordinator for The Town of Cary and specializes in lighting design. Her past designs include Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Almost Maine, as well as many other shows for Cary Players; Three Little Birds for Raleigh Little Theatre and their Teens Backstage program; dance companies including Campaneria Ballet Company, Cary Ballet Company, and Black Irish. She would like to thank Sean Loepp and her cats Melody and Lola, for being supportive through the challenges work and life can present.

ELAINE PETRONE (Stage Manager) thrives on doing her part to bring so many different types of stories to life on stage. She has stage managed for Raleigh Little Theatre since 2007 for a wide variety of shows, most recently Measure for Measure and Pippin. Love and thanks to David and Alyssa for their patience while I go out and play.

BRENNAN REILLY (Sound Designer) is a sound designer and audio engineer from Winston-Salem, NC. This will be the third play they have designed at Raleigh Little Theatre and are excited to be a part of Blood Wedding! Most recently, Brennan has worked on Dance in DeMille (UNCSA), Fall Dance (UNCSA), A Carolina Christmas (Winston-Salem Symphony), and Pride and Prejudice (Raleigh Little Theatre).

HEATHER J. STRICKLAND (Raleigh Little Theatre's Executive Director) has been in her role since June 2020. Heather has over 15 years of experience in developing organizational strategy and branding, fundraising, and cultivating engagement for nonprofit and public service organizations. She has been involved with RLT since 2005, starting as a volunteer and stepping into the roles of director, teaching artist, and board member over time. Heather has also worked as a director, actor, and dance/fight choreographer. She is a member of ArtEquity's first cohort of National Board Leaders and has a degree in Theatre Arts and Communications from Flagler College.

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