

THE LARAMIE PROJECT



—BY MOISÉS KAUFMAN & THE TECTONIC THEATER COMPANY—

DIRECTED BY IAN DEMBEK



The Team

DIRECTOR
Ian Dembek

STAGE MANAGER
Caitlin Conrad

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER
Dillon Burke

COSTUME + HAIR + MAKEUP DESIGN
Matt Storti

LIGHTING DESIGN
Bobbi Rene Fullerton

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The Cast

WOMEN

MADYSON HALPIN
MADDIE LAFERR
SARAH LEDESMA
GINA PRINCE

MEN

ARI PALTIN
TRISTON QAWI
BEN SELLERS
HAYDEN VERBANAS

Directors Note:

I, along with so many others, was missing theatre so much after everything abruptly shut down in March. When CSP decided to create an online season that allowed remote students the opportunity to get involved, I knew I had to apply to direct a show.

When deciding which show to submit, I knew that I wanted something deep and relevant. It took a couple of tries and a failed attempt to secure rights for a different show, but I could not be happier that we were able to land on *The Laramie Project*. This is a show that will always be important. It is a piece of history. It exposes the hidden biases present in so many towns across America. Those biases did not start in 1998, and they certainly didn't stop then either. Times may have changed, but ideas get passed down from generation to generation. Matthew Shepard's story serves as a constant reminder of where we were, how far we've come, and how far we still have to go. We are in the midst of the most divided time in our nation's history, in the middle of a fight for equality for all oppressed minorities, during a global pandemic that has changed our way of life. I understand that no one wants to think anymore, or take in any more information. But I implore you to listen to every word of this story. You'll find the beauty within the darkness. The levity within the sorrow. The hope within the heartbreak. One of the last lines of the show asks "What's come out of this that's concrete or lasting?" After the show, I urge you to start a discussion. We may not have the power to make or enforce laws, but words hold so much power. Talk to your grandparents, your friends from home, our campus community. What steps can we take to make a difference? When we all come together, we can make this world a better place for everyone. Sit back, turn off the news for a couple of hours, and enjoy the show!

Cast Bios

Madysen Halpin (Zackie Salmon, Amanda Gronich, Allison Mears, Romaine Patterson, Father Roger Schmit, Aaron Kreifels, Tiffany Edwards) is super excited to be in her first CSP show, as well as her first show at Wagner! She is a Theatre and Education dual major from Long Beach Island, New Jersey! Some of her favorite credits include *Harvey* (EJ Lofgren) and *Antigone* (Tiresias). You can follow her @madysonxh_ on Instagram!

Maddie LaFerr (Rebecca Hilliker, Reggie Fluty, Barbara Pitts, Shannon) is thrilled to be a part of another CSP show! Maddie is a junior Theatre Performance major from Los Angeles, California. Favorite credits include, *Wagner CSP's Dog Sees God* (Tricia), *She Loves Me* (Ensemble), *The Addams Family* (Alice), *Legally Blonde* (Pillar), and *Broadway Arts Concert* (Vocalist/Dancer). Instagram: @maddiemadss.

Sarah Ledesma (April Silva, Waitress, Catherine Connolly, Zubaida Ula, Shadow, Sherry Aanenson, Eileen Engen, Sherry Johnson, Andrew Gomez, Lucy Thompson) is a junior Theatre Performance major and Spanish minor from Orange, California. She is so grateful to be making her CSP debut in such a powerful show. She would also like to thank the creative team and cast for all of their hard work and for making this experience so wonderful! @sarahll812

Gina Prince (Marge, Leigh, Trish, Jen, Kristin, Minister's Wife, Eileen, Newsperson, Foreperson) is so grateful for the opportunity to be working on *The Laramie Project* with CSP, even from her own home in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania! Gina is a member of the Theatre Performance Class of 2023, and you last saw her in SRMT's *Reasons to be Pretty* (Carly). @ginaprincess__

Triston Qawi (Stephen Belber, Doc O' Connor, Matt Galloway, Anonymous friend of Aaron McKinney, Jeffrey Lockwood, Bill McKinney, Phillip Dubois, Conrad Miller, Rev. Fred Phelps, Juror (1&4), Russell Henderson's Mormon Home Teacher) is a Theatre Performance major and part of Class of 2024 so he is excited to be working on his first theatre production with Wagner College! Some of his theatre credits include, *Shrek the musical* (Shrek), *West Side Story* (Bernardo), *Young Frankenstein* (Frederick Frankenstein).

Cast + Team Bios

Ben Sellers (Moises Kaufman, Dennis Shepard, Sgt. Hing, Jon Peacock, Harry Woods) is a junior Theatre Performance major from Southern California. WCT credits include Sister Act (TJ) and Our New Town (Ben). CSP credits include Spring Awakening (Hanschen), Twelfth Night (Feste), and Guy Friends (Vinny). Over the summer, Ben played in the Red Garter Band at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. This fall, he's been leafpeeping all over Vermont and New Hampshire. Enjoy the show!

Hayden Verbanas (Greg Pierotti, Philip Dubois, Jonas Slonaker, Phil LaBrie, Rulon Stacey, Gil Engen, Rob Debree, Newspaper, Judge, Cal Rerucha) is a sophomore theatre performance major and is super excited to make his CSP debut with this powerful show. Favorite past roles include Orlando (As You Like It), Pippin (Pippin), Bud Frump (HTSIBWRT), and Daniel (From Up Here). Hayden is a part of SOTO and SRMT on campus and encourages everyone to donate to student run theatre organizations. Insta: h.ay.d.en

Ian Dembek (Director) is a Junior Theatre Performance major from Anaheim, CA. Recent credits include WCT's Sister Act (Eddie Souther), She Loves Me (Ensemble), My One and Only (Swing), CSP's All Shook Up (Jim Haller), Litmus Test (Dylan) and director of CSP's Dog Sees God. He is so thankful to CSP for continuing to provide opportunities to remote students this year! Enjoy the show!

Caitlin Conrad (Stage Manager) is so grateful to be working on The Laramie Project with this incredible team! She is a junior Theatre & Education dual major from Massachusetts. Caitlin previously worked with CSP on their production of Dog Sees God in the fall of 2019 as Assistant Stage Manager, and is also a member of the CSP Board as treasurer

Dillon Burke (Assistant Stage Manger) is super duper excited to have this prolific task. He is a sophomore arts administration major, as well as the community out reach member for SAAS (Society of Arts Admin Students), and the sophomore representative for CSP (another prolific task). Other Wagner credits include - Stage Crew (Harvey), Assistant Costume Designer (Guy Friends), and Video Editor (Halloween Cabaret). Enjoy!

Designer Bios

Matt Storti (Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer) is a sophomore arts administration and theatre studies double major and is so excited to be working on their second CSP show this semester. They were able to work on Litmus Test (Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer) last month, you can also see them in SOTO's Cleo + Tony: A Toxic Rock Opera (Pete). @mattstorti & @smatssmart on Instagram!

Bobbi Rene Fullerton (Technical Director & Lighting Designer) is very excited to be working on another production with CSP. Bobbi Rene is a Junior Theatre Design, Technology & Management major who has been working with CSP since her freshman year. Previous lighting works of hers include Twelfth Night and the Halloween Cabaret (2019).

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