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CIRCLE THEATRE

SEPTEMBER 5-7, 11-15, 18-21

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## Greetings!

Welcome to *Urinetown*, *The Musical!*, the final show production of our 2024 Main Stage Season. Take a trip with us into a world where places such as 'Urinetown' exist - be careful not to end up there yourselves! Enjoy this hilarious satire based on this world with a water shortage and try to count how many other famous theatre productions they may reference! Thank you for being apart of our 2024 Season and helping us send off the summer with some potty humor. We hope you enjoy the show!

Lynn Atkins-Rykert

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# URINETOWN THE MUSICAL

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> MUSIC & LYRICS BY Mark Hollmann

BOOK AND LYRICS BY Greg Kotis

Rated: PG13

Due to staged violence, mild adult language, and mild adult innuendos.

Haze & strobe lighting

# **CAST**



Antonio Aguilar



Jon Calkins



Lilleigh Fawn Christopher



TJ Clark



Kaeleb Cogswell



Starshawn Cook Phoebe Dawson





Nancy Dodge



Jay Fischer



Jenny Fischer



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Jess Luiz



Allyson Albrecht



Sam Johnson-Begay



Selene Rezmer



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Mary Jo DeNolf

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Grace Shafer

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# **CREW**

DECK/RUNNING CREW	Joshua Kortz, Asher DeYoung,
DRESSERS	Dez Begay, Gabby Aguilar

Antonio Aguilar He/They/She (Ensemble/Swing) past credits include Beauty and The Beast (Cogsworth) at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Rent (Light Board Operator) Circle Theatre, and Witch (Assistant Sound Designer) at Actors' Theatre. Antonio is currently studying Vocal Performance at GRCC. "Special thanks to my parents, siblings, grandparents, and all who support me in all my bonkers theater adventures."

Jon Calkins He/Him (Old Man Strong/ Hot Blades Harry) past Circle credits include On the Town (Ozzie) and A Chorus Line (Mike). Other stage credits include Spongebob Musical (Squidward), Newsies (Mush), and Annie (Rooster) at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Jon works as a data analyst for Cherry Health, teaches dance at Midwest Movement Collective and at the Civic Theatre, and he choreographs for Jenison High School in the spring. Jon also does performance work with Grand Rapids Entertainment Group year-round. Jon's interests include cooking and baking, training circus arts like aerial silk and stilt walking, piano, and much more! "Special thanks as always to Joel and Lindsay."

Lilleigh Fawn Christopher They/She (Ruby the Stockfish) was last seen on the Circle Theatre stage in our production of The Music Man back in 2022 and we're so happy to have them back! Fawn has been involved with a number of other productions at Betka-Pope Productions, LowellArts, and Jewish Theatre. They are a graduate of Adrian College and has a B.A. in Musical Theatre. They are currently a substitute teacher within the GRPS district as well as a tour guide for GR Tours under Betka-Pope Productions.

TJ Clark He/They (Officer Lockstock) is no stranger to the Circle stage! Last on stage in our 2023 production of 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee as Mitch Mahoney, TJ has many stage credits from the West MI theatre scene. TJ is finishing his Masters in Secondary Math Education at WGU and will begin teaching high school math in the fall. "Thank you for supporting our local theatre community!"

Kaeleb Cogswell He/Him (Senator Flipp/ Billy Boy Bill) past Circle Theatre roles include: Vocalist in The British Invasion concert, Rent (Ensemble), Hair (Margaret Mead), and Snow White (Magic Mirror). Other credits include Freddy/Billy U/S in Carrie with Betka-Poke Productions, Kenickie in Grease: In Concert with Shadblow Theatre, and Luciana Comedy of Errors with The Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company. Kaeleb is a 2022 Graduate of Aquinas College, where he studied Theatre for Social Change. When not on stage, he loves playing video games that take way too long to complete, thrift shopping, and baking sweets to share with my boyfriend and family.

Starshawn Cook He/Him (Bobby Strong) is making his Circle Theatre debut, but is no stranger to the stage. He has been involved in a handful productions with Grand Rapids Civic Theatre and GVSU Theatre. Starshawn graduated from Grand Rapids Public Museum High School in 2023, and he is hoping to become a nurse soon. Some of his hobbies and interest are of course, musical theatre, singing and dancing. He also really enjoys playing video games, skating, and has started to get an interest in cooking.

Phoebe Dawson She/Her (Ensemble/ Swing) is no stranger to the community

theatres around Grand Rapids! She has multiple credits at Circle Theatre and at GRCT. Since graduating from Northview High School in 2018, she has studied at Grand Rapids Community College, and is now working as a Studio Manager, Instructor, and Theatre Program Director at Over The Top Academy of Dance. Along with working there, Phoebe also works as a Director, Choreographer, Stage Manager, and Performer locally.

Nancy Dodge She/Her (Josephine "Ma" Strong) has been privileged to be in numerous musicals at Civic, favorites include The Producers, Annie and Sister Act, and we're so happy to have her this season! Nancy is a happily retired Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician. She is married to the most supportive husband ever, who happily shares the stage with me whenever possible, despite his being WAY more talented!

Jay Fischer He/Him (Mr. McQueen) is no stranger to the GR theatre community! Previous credits include Paradise Lost at Actors' Theatre, Newsies, Mary Poppins, and Shakespeare in Love at GRCT, and many more! Jay is a theatre teacher at Grandville High School. He also teaches acting classes at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. "Thank you to Amanda for your undying love and support, and for taking me to see Urinetown on Broadway all those years ago."

Jenny Fischer-Roberts She/Her (Soupy Sue/Mrs.Millenium) is back on stage with Circle after a seven year hiatus! She graduated from AMDA NYC, traveled the states on numerous show tours, and recently went back to school and graduated with a BS in Business Administration. Her world involves her

family, her husband and three kids. "Special shout out to Josh and my mom for supporting this burning desire I have!"

Hayley Folstein She/Her (Ensemble) was last seen at Circle in 2023 in The Music of Moulin Rougw (Vocalist) and Cabaret (Two Ladies). Previous area shows include Kinky Boots (Trish) and Murder on the Orient Express at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Hayley graduated from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with a degree in Musical Theatre and worked in London, Scotland and NYC postgraduation. She returned back to my home state in 2019 and have loved getting to know the wonderful Grand Rapids Theatre community. "Special thanks to my husband Gabe!"

Nubia Gomez She/Her (Penelope Pennywise) is no stranger to the Circle stage! You will see her on stage again this season in our concluding musical, Urinetown, and one of our concerts, Dance Sensations. She is a lover of the arts, local director, music director, choreographer, designer, and performer. Nubia has many theatre credits all over West MI! "Love to my babies, Munkee, Penguin, Michael, and my Bacon! Love to my family for their unconditional support. NARM."

Hannah Jarvis She/Her (Hope Cladwell) past credits include Logainne in the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Circle Theatre, 2023), Ensemble in Dr. Horrible's Sing-a-long Blog (Betka Pope Productions, 2023), Morticia Addams (Hudsonville High School, 2018). Hannah graduated from GVSU with degrees in Biomedical Sciences and Biochemistry in 2022 and currently works as a research and development scientist at a biotech company in Grand Rapids. In her free

time, she enjoys yoga and any sort of crafts. "I would like to thank my family, friends, and coworkers for supporting me in my love for theatre."

Noah Meyering He/Him (Ensemble/ Swing/US Bobby Strong) previous credits include Elf at GRCT (Ensemble) and Chicago at Betka-Pope Productions (Ensemble). Noah graduated from Kendall College of Art and Design in 2024 and currently works around town as a props designer and educator. When not on stage, he enjoys playing board games and spending time in nature.

Mary Kate Murnen She/Her (Little Becky Two Shoes/Calwell's Secretary) Circle Main Stage credits include Always Patsy Cline (Louise), Freaky Friday (Mrs. Meyers/ Ensemble), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Narrator/ Understudy), On The Town (Hildy) and Carrie The Musical. Other area credits include Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson, Shrek The Musical (Dragon), Legally Blonde (Enid Hoopes/Delta Nu) at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, If/Then at Actors Theatre, Xanadu (Kira/Clio) at Betka-Pope Productions, Sweeney Todd, and Godspell (Morgan) at Grand Valley State University, Once Upon A Matress (Jester) at NF Theatre, and The Rocky Horror Show at The Fusebox. Mary Kate is a graduate of Grand Valley State University.

Jacob Norman He/Him (Officer Barrell) was last on the Circle stage in our 2018 production of Hands on a Hardbody. He is currently a National Account Coordinator for Gordon Food Service in their Canada Market. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games, singing, and is an enthusiast of all thins spooky - related or adjacent. "Special Thanks to Friends and Family for

always encouraging me to do more."

Sawyer Smith He/Him (Ensemble/Swing) is back on the Circle Theatre stage after a six year hiatus and we're so happy to have him back! Sawyer graduated from East Grand Rapids Highschool in 2018 and is a Freelance Videographer and Animator. "I would like to thank Emily and Heather for this amazing opportunity, along with my family and my wonderful Girlfriend, Lydia, and most of all God."

**G.M.** Bud Thompsom He/Him (Caldwell B. Cladwell) is no stranger to the Circle Theatre stage, nor the GR theatre community. He has been involved in a number of shows, but was last seen on the Circle stage back in our 2022 production of Little Shop of Horrors. Bud first became involved at Circle back in 1997 in a production of Jesus Christ Superstar. He is happily retired, but continues to supply all of West MI with the best theatre show shirt-printing in town with his business, Theatrical Mementos.

Maddie Vander Well She/Her (Little Sally) was last on Circle's stage one year ago as Johannain our 2023 production of Sweeney Todd. Maddie works as an administrative assistant, and is a fitness instructor for SoulfulMOTION. In her spare time, she loves running & staying active, listening to audiobooks, and finding fun local excursions to go on with my husband, Adam. Some of her favorite things are her dog-child Wrigley, candles that smell like fall, \$1-3-5 section at Target, and sweet treats of any kind. "I would like to thank Adam for wholeheartedly supporting me and encouraging me through this very full season. I couldn't have done any of it with you!"

Chris Washburn He/Him (Dr. Billeaux/ Tiny Tom) is making his Circle Theatre debut and we're so happy to have him! Chris is no stranger to the stage, as he's been involved in multiple other GRCT, Holland productions with Community Theatre, Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre, and more. He has been employed with Gordon Food Service for 12 years, and is currently working as a Data Specialist. "I would like to thank my mom, brother, sister and friends for their continued support and love!"



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# WHO'S WHO | PRODUCTION STAFF

Emily Diener She/Her (Director) is back at Circle Theatre for another season! Emily's previous directing credits include Blithe Spirit (2023) and Dogs Love Cupcakes (2022), both with Circle Theatre. As a performer, she's been involved in many shows in the area, but some of her favorites have been Sweeney Todd (Mrs. Lovett) with Circle Theatre, Mary Poppins (Mary Poppins) and Ragtime (Mother) with GRCT. By day, Emily supports the Research and Development team at Dematic

Kels Rezmer He/Him (Music Director) is no stranger to the Circle stage! Kels has been involved with a number of shows as a vocal director, music director, and more with Circle, GRCT, and Aquinas College. He was last seen on stage in Circle's 2022 production of Rent. Kels graduated from GVSU in 2007 and now runs a full-time voice studio where he specializes in Transgender and gender-expansive speech and singing. "Special thanks to the whole Urinetown and Circle Theatre family for their hard work and support. Additional thanks to my wife Selene and my kid Vee for always having my back!"

Elizabeth **Barry** She/They (Choreographer) has a Master of Music in vocal performance from Chicago College of Performing Arts, BM in Vocal Performance from GVSU, and spent time performing as an opera singer before the pandemic. She even performed at Carnegie Hall in 2018. Today, they work as a freelance vocal coach and choreographer with middle and high schools around Kent County. Recently, she vocal coached 13 the Musical in Rockford and Vocal Coach/Choreo for Annie in Cedar Springs. Elizabeth is also an avid gardener and loves growing tomatoes and flowers.

Heather VanderZee She/Her (Stage Manager) most recently stage managed earlier this season with our June production of You Can't Take it With You. Other Circle shows include Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and The Addams Family. Heather graduated in April with her Bachelors from Western Michigan University. She currently is the team Lead at X-rite, Inc. "For Momma - always"

Kyle Los He/Him (Scenic Designer) is no stranger to the stage and has numerous credits as a sound designer, scenic designer, directing, and performing. Kyle is the Executive and Artistic Director of Actors' Theatre Grand Rapids. He is also a multidisciplinary theatre artist working as a Director, Sound Designer, Scenic Designer, and Actor across West Michigan.

Kelsey Edwards She/Her (Technical Designer) Director/Scenic is Theatre's and Aquinas College's resident Technical Director that makes all of the shows come to life on stage! She graduated from Adrian College in 2021 and is excited for this upcoming season! In her free time, she enjoys reading, knitting, crocheting, and spending time with her dog, Maggie. "I would like to thank all my loved ones for all 10 their love and support!"

Sam Verburg They/He (Assistant Technical Director/Lighting Designer) is our newest addition to the Circle Theatre team as our Assistant Technical Director! Sam has numerous credits as a lighting designer for many theatrical productions. Lighting design credits include Kill Move Paradise and MacBitches (GRCC Players), Ada and the Engine (Aquinas College),





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and Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (Circle Theatre). "I would like to sincerely thank Catie Marlett-Dreher for teaching me everything I know about lighting, having the trust in my abilities, and supporting me throughout my journey in theater and in life. Thank you for everything!"

Catherine Marlett-Dreher She/Her (Lighting Designer) has designed lights for over 300 productions in the West Michigan area, including shows for Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Circle Theatre, Actors' Theatre, Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids, Opera Grand Rapids, Aquinas College, GVSU, Grand Rapids Community College, and Cornerstone University. She also design lights for corporate events and teach Theatrical Design at Aquinas College. Catie worksas the Production Manager and Resident Lighting Designer at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre.

Jess Luiz She/Her (Costume Designer) is familiar to the Circle Theatre community for her roles in Hands on a Hard Body (Norma), Evita (Ensemble), and Jesus Christ Superstar (Ensemble). She has been the costume designer for multiple productions at Circle Theatre, Actors' Theatre, and Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. In addition, this is her first season at Circle Theatre as the Costume Shop Manager! When not designing or performing, Jess can be found teaching theatre arts to kids and adults of all of abilities throughout West Michigan. "Special Thanks to my husband Jason for being 'Super Dad' and 'Super Partner'-and to my kiddos who provide the best hugs and playtime!"

Sam Johnson-Begay He/Him (Sound Designer) has designed 250+ productions all over West MI and has been Civic Theatre's resident sound designer since

2016. Select favorites include Ragtime at Grand Valley Opera, Carrie, and Freaky Friday at Circle Theatre, Sister Act, Shrek, The Little Mermaid, Newsies, and Matilda at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, and If/Then at Actors' Theatre. Sam is a freelance audio technician for multiple companies, manages a production company, Epik Productions, offering sound design, sound rentals, recordings, DJ and facepainting. "For Dez and Ean, all my love, always."

Selene Rezmer She/Her (Sound Technician) is no stranger behind the Circle Theatre sound board! Selene has both been a sound designer and sound techinican for a handful of shows with Circle Theatre and Aquinas College. She graduated from Aquinas College in 2013 and is the Office Co-ordinator at Family Farm and Home Warehouse. In her free time, she enjoys knitting, horror movies, women's hockey, and softball. "Special thanks to Kels and Vee."

Mary Jo DeNolf She/Her (Properties Designer) By day, is the Patron Services Manager at Circle Theatre and fearless leader of the box office team. Mary Jo has lead workshops on the State and National level on Volunteer Management and Front of House procedures. Mary Jo served on the Community Theatre Association of Michigan board for six years serving as President, Vice President, Secretary and currently serving in the Administrator position for CTAM. Mary Jo is also active with the National Organization of AACT and was co-chair for the 2015 National AACTFest held at Grand Rapids Civic. In her spare time, she stage manages (or is the props master!) occasionally in the Grand Rapids area.

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Grace Shafer She/Her (Hair & Makeup Designer) is a brand new face to Circle in this role, and we're so happy to have her! Some of her past Civic credits include Kinky Boots (Angel) and Something Rotten! (Ensemble). Additional credits include The Addams Family (Morticia), and Into The Woods (The Baker's Wife at The Franke Center for the Arts. When Grace is not performing, she is busy as a hairstylist or working on wigs for other shows around Grand Rapids.

Denick She/Her Sarah (Intimacy Coordinator) has practiced in West Michigan within the social work field since 2015. Sarah is passionate about working with those who have experienced trauma. Sarah is trained in several therapeutic approaches, including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Therapy, expressive arts therapy, and play therapy. When she isn't spending time with her cat, Pooka, you may find Sarah playing the piano, or reading a mystery novel.





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