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# Music by **Richard Rodgers**Book and Lyrics by **Oscar Hammerstein II**

Based on the play *Green Grow the Lilacs* by **Lynn Riggs**Original dances by **Agnes de Mille**Orchestrations by **Robert Russell Bennett** 

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Lighting Design

Julie N. Simmons

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Scenic Design

Costume Design

**Jane Quetin** 

**Michael Schweikardt** 

**Drenda Lewis** 

Choreographer

**Ann Nieman** 

Stage Director

Music Director/Conductor

**Cheryl Denson** 

Jay Dias

### **SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS**

The story takes place just after the turn of the century in Indian Territory

### Act I

SCENE 1	The front lawn of Laurey's farmhouse
	Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'Curly
	The Surrey with the Fringe on TopCurly, Aunt Eller & Laurey
	Kansas CityWill Parker & Cowboys
	I Cain't Say No
	Many a New Day Laurey & Friends
	It's a Scandal! It's A Outrage!Ali Hakim & Ensemble
	People Will Say We're in LoveLaurey & Curly
SCENE 2	Jud Fry's smokehouse
	Pore Jud is DaidCurly & Jud
	Lonely Room
SCENE 3	A grove on Laurey's farm
	Out of My Dreams Laurey & Friends
	The Dream Ballet
ACT II	
SCENE 1	The Skidmore Ranch
	The Farmer and the Cowman Carnes, Aunt Eller & Ensemble
	All Er Nuthin'Will Parker & Ado Annie
	People Will Say We're In Love (reprise)Curly & Laurey
SCENE 2	The front lawn of Laurey's farmouse
	Oklahoma! Ensemble
	Finale UltimoEnsemble

### CAST OF CHARACTERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Aunt Eller Deborah Brown\*

Curly Bryant Martin\*

Laurey Savannah Frazier

Jud Fry Kyle Cotton
Will Parker Sean McGee
Ado Annie Erica Harte

Ali Hakim Brad M. Jackson\*

Gertie Cummins Danielle Estes

Andrew Carnes James Williams

Ike Skidmore Doug Henry
Cord Flam Daniel Saroni

Dream Laurey Mallory Michaellann Brophy

Dream Curly Hayden Clifton

#### **Ensemble:**

Jonathan Bragg, Mallory Michaellann Brophy, Alex Bush, Hayden Clifton, Tyler Donahue, Danielle Estes, Emily Ford, Anthony Fortino, Doug Fowler, Zach Gamet, Martin Antonio Guerra, Maranda Harrison, Whitney Hennen, Doug Henry, Kyle Hughes, Elise Lavallee\*, Colleen LeBleu, Reid Malone, Annie Nicole Merritt, Delynda Johnson Moravec, Mackenzie Orr, Michael Pricer, Mandy Rausch, Daniel Saroni, Lana Whittington, James Williams

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### Cast

JONATHAN BRAGG (Ensemble) is thrilled to return to Lyric! Previous Lyric Stage roles include the Caliph in *Kismet*, and Ben in *Rags*. Regional theaters include Casa Mañana, Uptown Players, and Theatre Three. BFA in musical theatre from Abilene Christian University

### **MALLORY MICHAELLANN BROPHY**

(Dream Laurie/Ensemble) is happy to be returning to Lyric after *Kismet* and *Gypsy!* She cannot stop her gay and unrestrained urges to battement layout and bevel over the fact that she's dancing ballet to a full orchestra! Love to this entire cast!

**DEBORAH BROWN** (Aunt Eller) Most recent appearance for Lyric - Night of the Hunter. Elsewhere recently - Queen of Hearts in Casa Mañana's Alice in Wonderland & Elbavol in Dallas Children's Theater's Pied Piper's Magic. Proud member of Actors Equity Association and Team Libby!

**ALEX BUSH** (Ensemble) is a senior at TCU, pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre. Past credits include, *The First Day of School* at Amphibian Productions, and numerous TCU productions including *The Elephant Man, Oklahoma!*, and *Urinetown*.

**HAYDEN CLIFTON** (Dream Curley/Slim) – From Aledo, TX, Hayden is a Junior Musical Theatre Major with Dance Concentration at Otterbein University. This is his first production at Lyric! Regional: Music Theatre of Wichita, Casa Manana. Love to family, friends, & teachers!

**KYLE COTTON** (Jud) is an MFA in acting candidate at the University of Texas at Austin. He would like to thank Lyric Stage for this wonderful experience, and his wife for her endless love and support.

**TYLER DONAHUE** (Ensemble). Lyric: Sweeney Todd, West Side Story, Show Boat, Kismet. Other regional: The Rocky Horror Show, Contemporary Theatre of Dallas; Cabaret, WaterTower Theatre; Hair and Bare, Uptown Players. Love to family and friends!

**DANIELLE ESTES** (Gertie) is thrilled to work with Lyric Stage! A graduate from Oklahoma City University, favorite roles include Meg in *Little Women*, Charlotte in *Flora the Red Menace*, and Monica in *The Medium*. Thanks to family and friends for love and support.

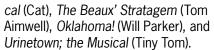
**EMILY FORD** (Ensemble), was born and raised in Calgary, Canada. Performances include: Luisa in *The Fantasticks*, Liesl in *The Sound of Music*, and Ermengarde in *Hello Dolly!*. Locally, she has worked at Lyric Stage, Casa Manana, Uptown Players, and Fort Worth Opera.

**ANTHONY FORTINO** (Ensemble) is making his Lyric Stage debut. Other professional credits include *The Fantasticks* (Matt) at Circle Theatre in Fort Worth. Anthony is currently a student at TCU and is originally from Overland Park, KS.

**DOUG FOWLER** (Ensemble) is pleased to be returning to Lyric Stage having last appeared in *Kismet*. A familiar face to Dallas/Ft. Worth theatre audiences, Doug is happy to be working with such a wonderfully talented cast that inspires him.

**SAVANNAH FRAZIER** (Laurie) is a proud graduate of AMDA New York. SO much love and thanks to Jay, Cheryl, Steve, family, friends and the entire cast and crew for being incredibly wonderful and supportive. Honored to be here!

**ZACH GAMET** (Ensemble) is currently pursuing his B.F.A. in Musical Theatre at Texas Christian University. Shows at TCU include: Seussical: the Musi-



MARTIN ANTONIO GUERRA (Ensemble / Farmer) -- OKLAHOMA marks his 9th production with Lyric Stage. He has also sung with the Dallas Opera, Fort Worth Opera, Turtle Creek Chorale, and Brookhaven College. By day, Martin teaches ESL at Mountain View College. "Yeow!"

MARANDA HARRISON (Ensemble) is happy to be back at Lyric! Favorite roles: Kismet (Ababu Princess), Phantom (Christine), Beauty and the Beast (Belle) and Singin' in the Rain (Kathy). Love and thanks to Mom, Dad, family and friends for their support. Proverbs 3:5-6

**ERICA HARTE** (Ado Annie) A graduate of the KD College Musical Theatre Program and represented by the Mary Collins Agency. Previous roles: *It's Only Life* at Theatre Too, *Spring Awakening* (Wendla) WaterTower Theatre, *Next to Normal* (Natalie) Uptown Players

WHITNEY HENNEN (Ensemble) Lyric Stage Debut! Regional Credits: Ensemble Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (Uptown Players); Norma Cassidy Victor Victoria (Uptown Players, DFW Critics Forum Award); Ensemble Pippin (Theater Three). BA in Dance from UNT. Much love to Family & SB!

**DOUG HENRY** (Ike Skidmore) Doug is excited to be in his 1st Lyric Stage production. Originally from Houston, his theatrical experience includes roles in The Drowsy Chaperone, Annie, Crazy For You, Funny Girl, Cole, Music Man, & Hello Dolly!.

**KYLE HUGHES** (Ensemble) is thrilled to return to Lyric Stage after *The King and I* in 2009. She studies drama and religious studies at the University of



Virginia. Thanks to family and friends for all your support!

**BRAD M. JACKSON** (Ali Hakim) – Is delighted to be back at Lyric. Thanks to Steven and Cheryl. Love to his biggest fans Natalie and Caleb. Come see him as Roger De Bris in The Producers at Uptown this August-September!

**ELISE LAVALLEE** (Ensemble) trained with Margo Dean School of Ballet and Texas Ballet Theater. She was a member of The Bruce Wood Dance Company and Ballet Concerto. Her theater credits include Casa Manana and Dallas Theater Center.

**COLLEEN LEBLEU** (Ensemble)- Is excited make her debut at Lyric. She recently graduated from KD College. She's been in *Hairspray, CATS, Music Man* and *Petruska*. Thank you to her family and friends for their love and support!

**REID MALONE** (Ensemble) is performing in his first show at Lyric Stage. He has performed in many musicals such as *The Music Man* and *Grease* and was nominated for the Schmidt and Jones Best Actor Award.

**BRYANT MARTIN** (Curly) Regional: Sedition and *A Christmas Carol* at the Westport Country Playhouse. NY Credits: *The Other Man, Macbeth, Homeward Bound, Victor Victorious*. Thanks to Jay, Cheryl, the OK Cast, Deena, and Jim. For my folks. 4UY

**SEAN MCGEE** (Will Parker), a true Okie, is thrilled to be making his Dallas debut with Lyric Stage. Sean is a rising senior majoring in Musical Theater Performance at the University of Oklahoma. Regional Favorites: *My Fair Lady* (Freddy); *Oklahoma!* (Will). Proverbs 3:1-3

**ANNIE NICOLE MERRITT** (Ensemble) is a junior Musical Theatre major at ACU. Her past credits include, Emma Woodhouse in *Emma*, along with roles in *Much Ado About Nothing, Pirates of Penzance, The Nutcracker*, and *42nd Street*.

### **DELYNDA JOHNSON MORAVEC**

(Ensemble) Credits include: The Light in the Piazza, Lost in the Stars, Kismet, A Catered Affair, The Mikado, 1776, Titanic & Hello Dolly! Thanks to Kip, Mom, & Dad for supporting my passion for live theater.

**MACKENZIE ORR** (Ensemble) Excited to be back at Lyric! Coppell native and Musical Theatre student at the University of Michigan. Favorite Credits: *Spring Awakening* (Ernst), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Hugo, Lyric Stage), *Into the Woods* (Baker). Go Blue!

MICHAEL PRICER (Ensemble) This is Michael's first appearance with the Lyric Stage. He has been seen in other area productions. Mostly recently as Joe Hardy in *Damn Yankees* and Albert in Bye Bye Birdie. ImL!

**MANDY RAUSCH** (Ensemble) – last seen at Lyric Stage in *Kismet*; has performed roles in *Dog Sees God, The Producers, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, and Company* (Denton) and *The Glass Menagerie* (The Colony). Love to Michael and Carmen!

**DANIEL SARONI** (Cord Elam, Ensemble) is excited about debuting on Lyric Stage. His theater credits include Rum Tum Tugger in CATS at GSM, and Family Music Theatre's productions of Phantom of the Opera (Monsieur Andre), CATS (Tugger) Titanic (Etches)

LANA WHITTINGTON (dance ensemble) is excited to return to Lyric Stage since King Island Christmas (Oomiak) and Christmas to Remember (Young Margaret). She is a Sophomore in the BFA Act-

ing program at OCU. Her recent credits include *Cats* (Rumpleteaser) GSM.

JAMES WILLIAMS (Andrew Carnes)
Previous: Phantom, Richard Cory, On
the Twentieth Century, Allegro, Finian's
Rainbow, Ragtime, The Fantasticks,
Evita, Fiorello, Show Boat, My Fair Lady,
Gypsy, Kismet. Love to Jake, and Kristen Beth on Broadway.

### **CREATIVE TEAM:**

**CHERYL DENSON** (Stage Director) is a theatrical director, designer, and actress who worked on more than 250 plays or musicals for major theaters in Dallas and around the country. Cheryl was a member of the Professional Acting Company at the Dallas Theater Center under Paul Baker. Ms. Denson is presently the Resident Director for Lyric Stage where she has directed 45 musicals. Her directing credits include Funny Girl, Hair (2007 Leon Rabin Nominee) and Bare, The King and I, A Year With Frog and Toad, Carousel, Master Class, Last Night at Ballyhoo, Hello, Dolly!, Fiorello, Social Security, Altar Boyz, Rags, and Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, to name just a few. Past recognition for direction include After the Fair (1997) Leon Rabin Award for Best Direction of A Musical), Most Happy Fella (1998) Leon Rabin Award), Gypsy (1999 Leon Rabin Award), Richard Corey (2000 Leon Rabin Nominee), A Christmas to Remember (2001 Leon Rabin Nominee). Cheryl also has a Rabin award for acting (The Great Gilly Hopkins, Dallas Childrens Theater) and numerous Dallas Critic forum awards, Column Awards and other area awards for acting and directing. She has worked in television/ radio as an on-camera performer and voice talent and behind the scenes as a set/costume designer for over 60 television commercials and industrial films. Ms. Denson holds an M.F.A. from

Trinity University and a B.A. from Baylor University.

JAY DIAS (Resident Music Director/Conductor) for Lyric Stage: world premiere of 1927 Show Boat in Concert (including libretto & score preparation), newly revised version of Rags, restoration of the score for Gypsy, Funny Girl, West Side Story, Bye Bye Birdie, and Kismet (in concert), premiere of the restored The King And I, Carousel, and the classics My Fair Lady, Oliver!, and Sweeney Todd (in concert) at the Meyerson Symphony Center: Music Director highlights include Lloyd Webber's premiere German version of Sunset Boulevard (directed by Trevor Nunn, cast album on Polydor), Hamburg's Das Phantom der Oper (directed by Hal Prince, starring Peter Hoffmann). Don Giovanni (in concert). Paris premiere Evita (Broadway World Tour). The Phantom of the Opera (The Kennedy Center, et al). Playwright/Composer (with lyricist Clayton Stang): Stella Dallas (in development) and A Christmas To Remember (Lyric Stage, 2000). Teacher: Music Theatre Performance for the NYC branch of The American Musical And Dramatic Academy with former students including pop stars Jason Derülo and Janelle Monáe. Honored by the Dallas Fort Worth Theater Critics Forum for Outstanding Creative Contribution as Music Director for the 2010-'11 season work for Lyric Stage.

**BILL EICKENLOFF** (Sound Designer) is in his seventh season as resident Sound Designer for Lyric Stage. He is also an adjunct professor at TCU's Theatre Dept. in Fort Worth. Elsewhere, he has worked for numerous theatres as well as The Column Awards Gala. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University.

**ANN NIEMAN** (Choreographer) An award-winning choreographer, Ann has created 150 productions for regional

theatres across the U.S. and Europe, most notably 42nd Street.



Jesus Christ Superstar, Grease, Evita, West Side Story, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and Me & My Girl. She has been the recipient of the Dallas Theatre League's Leon Rabin Award for Outstanding Choreography of a Musical for the production of Sweet Charity at Lyric Stage. Ann began her professional performing career as a dancer on Broadway and in several National Tours, including 42nd Street, Hello, Dolly! Me and My Girl, George M! and Singin' in the Rain. After 24 years in New York City, Ann has recently relocated back to her native land of Texas.

JANE QUETIN (Property Design) has designed for Lyric Stage for eleven years. She also has design credits with Uptown Players and Contemporary Theater of Dallas.

JULIE N. SIMMONS (Lighting Design) is always thrilled to be working with Lyric Stage! Julie has been the lighting designer for the recent Lyric Stage productions of *Gypsy* and *Rags*. She designs for several theatre companies in the area including Uptown Players and Flower Mound Performing Arts Theatre. She is currently the Technical Director for the Murchison Performing Arts Center at UNT.

MARGARET J. SOCH (Stage Manager) This is Maggie's forty-third show with Lyric. She received her MFA in stage management from SMU in 1989 and has been a member of Actors' Equity for over 20 years. Love to Tom and family.

### OKLAHOMA! ORCHESTRA JAY DIAS, Conductor

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Clarinet

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**Christy Springer** 

**French Horns** 

Nancy Jarrett

**Christopher Fortenberry** 

**Trumpets** 

Lacey Hays Don Johnson

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Percussion

Steve Begnoche Chris Coltman

Guitar / Banjo

Kim Platko

Harp

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Stage Crew Kristin Burgess

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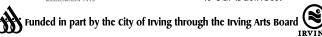
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