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MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY

by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon

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Robin Robinson

with

Aaron Alford Set Design Ryan McGettigan Graham Childers Costume Design Donna Southern Schmidt Lindsay Ehrhardt* Lighting Design Carrie Cavins **B.** Connor Flynn Properties DesignRodney Walsworth Antonia Laverde Sound Design Shawn W. St. John **Chaney Moore** Production Stage Manager..... Megan Lee Brooks* Yemi Otulana

Gabriel Regojo Skyler Sinclair*

Alexandra Szeto-Joe

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Footman	Graham Childers**

^{*}Appearing through an Agreement between this theatre, Main Street Theater, and Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States. **Acting Intern

Setting: December, 1815. A large drawing room and attached library of Pemberley, the grand estate of Mr. and Mrs. Darcy.

Performed in two acts with one 15 minute intermission.

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Costume Design Assistants	Patty Bailey, Katie McKinney
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Wardrobe Assistant	Amanda Adwers
Stage Management Intern	Karla Martinez
Scenic Crew	Lauren Ayala, Mark B. Robbins,
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ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHTS

Lauren Gunderson has been one of the most produced playwrights in America since 2015, topping the list twice including 2019/20. She is a two-time winner of the Steinberg/ATCA New Play Award for I AND YOU and THE BOOK OF WILL, the winner of the Lanford Wilson Award and the Otis Guernsey New Voices Award, a finalist for the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize and John Gassner Award for Playwriting, and a recipient of the Mellon Foundation's Residency with Marin Theatre Company. She studied Southern Literature and Drama at Emory University, and Dramatic Writing at NYU's Tisch School where she was a Reynolds Fellow in Social Entrepreneurship. Her newest play THE CATASTROPHIST, about her husband virologist Nathan Wolfe, premiered digitally in January 2021. She co-authored the Miss Bennet plays with Margot Melcon, and her audioplay THE HALF-LIFE OF MARIE CURIE is available on Audible.com. Her work is published at Playscripts (I AND YOU, EXIT PURSUED BY A BEAR, THE TAMING, and TOIL AND TROUBLE), Dramatists Play Service (THE REVOLUTIONISTS, THE BOOK OF WILL, SILENT SKY, BAUER, NATURAL

SHOCKS, THE WICKHAMS, and MISS BENNET) and Samuel French (EMILIE). Her picture book "Dr. Wonderful: Blast Off to the Moon" is available from Two Lions/Amazon. She is currently developing musicals with Ari Afsar, Dave Stewart and Joss Stone, and Kait Kerrigan and Bree Lowdermilk.

LaurenGunderson.com

Margot Melcon is a theater artist, administrator and writer. She was the Director of New Play Development at Marin Theatre Company for seven years, where she dramaturged over 30 productions—including six world premieres—and administered the company's two annual new play prizes and commissioning program. She has developed plays with TheatreWorks, Bay Area Playwrights Festival, Crowded Fire Theater, Shotgun Players, Berkeley Rep's Ground Floor, the Kennedy Center, the New Harmony Project, and the Playwrights' Center in Minneapolis. She is currently the Program Executive for Promoting Culture at the Zellerbach Family Foundation. Margot is a graduate of California State University, Chico.



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Robin Robinson (Director) Main Street Theater: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!; Zoom readings of Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley and The Wickhams Christmas at Pemberley, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley, Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, Curious George: The Golden Meatball, Hello, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type, The Last Wife, Ramona Quimby, Duck for President, Seussical, She Loves Me, Quilters, Our Country's Good, Serious Money, Into The Woods, The Art Of Self Defense, Chocolate Cake, Old Doves (World Premiere), How To Say Goodbye. Stages: Merrily We Roll Along; The World Of Beauty (World Premiere); Theatre Lab Houston: *Avenue X*; *Search And Destroy*; Hyde Park Theatre In Austin: Colonel Mustard (World Premiere); Capitol City Playhouse: Stud Silo (World Premiere); South Pacific; Grayson College: Over 80 Productions including Working, Treasure Island, Dead Man's Cell Phone, Othello, Godspell, Pippin, Grapes Of Wrath, Charlotte's Web. Film: The Prodigy (Actor); Who's Who for Outstanding Educators; 2014 Texas Educational Theatre Association Educator of the Year for Community Colleges. Education: M.A., Texas Woman's University, Directing; B.S., University of Texas, Austin, Education. Member, TTAO (Texas Theatre Adjudicators & Officials).



Aaron Alford
(Arthur de Bourgh)
Main Street Theater:
Debut; Island ETC:
The Glass Menagerie,
The Kitchen Witches,
ART, Spamalot;
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Opera; Eugene Onegin; C.O.M.: RED (BroadwayWorld Houston Award Winner), The Drawer Boy; Costa Mesa Playhouse (CA): The 39 Steps; Powell Arena: Pillowman, Variations of Alayna (World Premiere). Film / TV: Nickelodeon's SpongeBob SubPants Adventure, I'm Dying Up Here, 911, Conn's Homeplus Regional Commercial. Education: The Groundlings School of Comedy and Improv; A.A., San Jacinto College. AaronAlfordActs.com



Graham Childers (Footman) Main Street Theater: Debut; Rice University at MATCH: Lolly Willowes the Opera; Cosmic Octopus

Productions: *A Monkey's Paw*; University of Houston School of Theatre and Dance: *An Ideal Husband, The Effect, How I Learned to Drive.* Film: *CAMERON, Rogue Function.* Education: B.F.A. candidate, University of Houston School of Theatre and Dance, Acting.



Lindsay Ehrhardt* (Anne de Bourgh): Main Street Theater: Relatively Speaking; Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley (2017 and 2018); My Wonderful

Day, The Coast of Utopia (Voyage and Salvage), The Cat in the Hat, A Wrinkle in Time, Magic School Bus Live! (Tour), Superfudge; Classical Theatre Company: The Fair Maid of the West, The Importance of Being Earnest, Lysistrata, The Cherry Orchard, Henry V, Ghost Sonata, The Government Inspector, The Birds, The Bear and The Proposal; Catastrophic Theatre:

Fefu and Her Friends; A.D. Players: God's Favorite, You Can't Take It With You; Mildred's Umbrella: The Maids, Late: A Cowboy Song; Black Lab Theatre: Tigers Be Still, boom!, Assistance. Education: B.F.A., Baylor University. Lindsay is an artistic company member at the Classical Theatre Company.



B. Connor Flynn (Fitzwilliam Darcy) Main Street Theater: The Hard Problem; The Alley Theatre: Twelfth Night, Choosing Love, Alley Teaching Artist;

Edinburgh Fringe Festival: *Measure for Measure*; Conroe Shakespeare Festival: *Measure for Measure, Taming of the Shrew*; Corpus Christi Stages: *Titus Andronicus, Rent, Good for Otto, The Winter's Tale*; Texas A&M Corpus Christi Play Festival: *This Is Our Youth, Hello Human Female.* Film / TV: *The Cottages* (2018) Education: B.A., Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.



Antonia Laverde (Chambermaid) Main Street Theater: Debut; Lone Star College – CyFair: *The* Revolutionists, Barbecue Apocalypse, An Evening of

Moliere, Musical of Musicals, Almost, Maine; Cypress Ridge High School: Silent Sky, The Actor's Nightmare.



Chaney Moore (Mary Bennet) Main Street Theater: *The Diary of Anne Frank, Goosebumps the Musical: Phantom of the Auditorium. Miss* Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley (2017 & 2018), Mr. Popper's Penguins, Sideways Stories from Wayside School, Holes, Akeelah and the Bee, The Wizard of Oz, How I Became a Pirate (Tour), Fancy Nancy Splendiferous Christmas, Shrek the Musical, Bridge to Terabithia, Magic Tree House: A Night in New Orleans (Tour), Busytown (2014-15), Madeline's Christmas (2014); Ensemble Theatre: Sista's the Musical. Education: B.F.A., Sam Houston State University.



Yemi Otulana (Jane Bingley): Main Street Theater: *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*: The Landing Theater Company: *In Darfur*; Wordsmyth Theater: *Creep*

(Staged Reading). Education: Sam Houston State University.



Gabriel Regojo (Charles Bingley): Main Street Theater: Debut; Alley Theatre: Survivors: an Alamo Play; Stages Theatre: My Manana Comes, Water by the

Spoonful, Ultimate Christmas Show Abridged; Mildred's Umbrella: Dry Land, Heroine Free Summer; Classical Theatre Company: Lysistrata, Nevermore; Teatrx: Sonia Flew; Catastrophic Theatre: Bootycandy, The Blackest Shore. Education: University of Houston School of Theatre and Dance.



Skyler Sinclair*
(Elizabeth Darcy)
Main Street Theater:
The Wickhams:
Christmas at
Pemberley, Private
Lives, The Secretary,
Miss Bennet:

Christmas at Pemberley (2017 & 2018), Peace in Our Time; The Alley Theatre: Crimes of the Heart, Oskar and the Shockingly Bad Internet Connection; A.D. Players: Around the World in 80 Days, Harvey; 4th Wall Theatre: Shakespeare in Vegas, A Midsummer Night's Dream; Classical Theatre Co.: Lysistrata; Catastrophic Theatre: The Un iversity of Tamarie; Unity Theatre: Doubt; Mildred's Umbrella Theatre: Dry Land; Landing Theatre: Oleanna; Celebration Theatre: The Divine Sister; Shakespeare Outreach: Romeo and Juliet (Tour); Education: B.F.A., University of Houston.



Alexandra Szeto-Joe (Lydia Wickham): Main Street Theater: Debut; NYU Tisch: The Wolves, Cabaret, Machinal, Medusa, Much Ado About

Nothing; New York Theater Festival (2021): Michael: The Musical; Red Hen Theatre Company: Cinderella; Little & Fierce Theatre Company: 39 Revolutions; Cone Man Running: Five Minute Mile. Film / TV: Maggie (2022), Taroki (2016). Education: B.F.A., NYU Tisch School of the Arts.

Carrie Cavins (Lighting Design) Main Street Theater: *Miss Bennet: Christmas* at Pemberley, *Miss Bennet: Christmas* at Pemberley (2017&2018), *Heartbreak* House, Henry V (with Prague Shakespeare Company), Life Is a Dream, Richard III (with PSC), Cakewalk (World Premiere), I Am Barbie (World Premiere), Bunnicula, The Heidi Chronicles: Harris County. Precinct 4: Macbeth: Classical Theatre Co.: Barber of Seville, King Lear, As You Like It (with PSC); College of the Mainland: Lombardi; Opera Vista: Powder Her Face; Skylight Theatre: Powder Her Face, Hydrogen Jukebox; Christian High School: Merchant of Venice, Thoroughly Modern Millie; California Repertory Company (California State University, Long Beach). Other regional work includes Chicago. International work includes Prague, Czech Republic. Education: M.F.A., California State University, Long Beach, Theater Lighting Design; B.A., University of Tulsa, Theater Design. Carrie Cavins (LOP) www.ccavins.com

Ryan McGettigan (Set Design) Main Street Theater: The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley, Secretary, Men On Boats, Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley (2017 & 2018). Akeelah and the Bee. Mockingbird, Love and Information, Bridge to Terabithia, Putting it Together, Into the Woods, Civil War Christmas, Close Up Space, Henry V (with Prague Shakespeare Company), Memory House, Richard III (with PSC); Additional Selected Credits: Classical Theatre Company: Ubu Roi, Doctor Faustus, The Birds, The Cherry Orchard, A Christmas Carol: Theatre Under the Stars: Rock of Ages, Spring Awakening, A Chorus Line, Jerome Robbins' Broadway, Rocky Horror Show, Heathers, Striking 12, Bonnie & Clyde, First Date, *LMNOP*; Stages Repertory Theatre: *Marie* Antoinette, Failure, Language Archive, Next to Normal; Catastrophic Theatre: Speeding Motorcycle, Baby Screams Miracle, Fefu and Friends, Curse of the Starving Class, Buried Child, Middletown, Clean/Through;

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4th Wall Theatre: Doll's House Part Two. Jesus Hopped the A Train, Pride and Prejudice, Between Riverside and Crazy; Queensbury Theatre: Elf the Musical, Side Show, Violet; Cape Rep (MA): Noises Off, Indecent, Jerusalem, Eurydice, Beauty Queen of Leenane; Legacy Theatre (GA): Music Man, 9 to 5, 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee; Houston Grand Opera: Bound (World Premiere), From My Mother's Mother (World Premiere), Your *Name Means the Sea* (World Premiere); Glimmerglass Festival: Cunning Little Vixen, Trouble in Tahiti, The Odyssey (World Premiere), Robin Hood (World Premiere). www.RyanMcGettigan.com

Donna Southern Schmidt (Costume Design) Main Street Theater: A Little House Christmas, The Diary of Anne Frank, The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Goosebumps the Musical: Phantom of the Auditorium, Jackie & Me (2019), The Book of Will, Schoolhouse Rock, Live (Tour), Pinkalicious The Musical, Sideways Stories from Wayside School, Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook (Tour), A Charlie Brown Christmas, The Wizard of Oz; A.D. Players, resident costume designer for 25 years; numerous productions including Charlotte's Web, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Shadowlands. Stuart Little, Thumbelina, The Diary of Anne Frank, Anastasia, The Fantasticks, Angel Street, Beauty and the Beast, The Importance of Being Earnest, Joyful Noise, The Odyssey, Charlie's Aunt, Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure, Alice in Wonderland, The Beams Are Creaking, Curious Savage, Winnie the Pooh, Anne of Green Gables, A Cardboard Christmas, The Jungle Book, Emma, The Hero Squad vs The World's Angriest Cow, Anne of

Avonlea, Winslow Boy, Pride and Prejudice; Express Children's Theatre: The Yellow Boat, Arabian Nights, To Africa With Love, African Delight, Pablo's Wonderous Wishes; InterActive Theater Company: Around the World in 80 Days; The Days and Nights of King Arthur; Actor's Workshop: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof; Louisiana Tech University: The Music Man. Education: Louisiana Tech University; Fashion Institute of Technology, New York. dlsoutherndesigns.com

Shawn W. St. John (Sound Design) Shawn is an award-winning sound designer, composer, producer, audio engineer and voice artist. He has worked with Tony Award winning sound designer Tony Meola, as well as notable actors, playwrights and directors, including Eli Wallach, Sandy Duncan, Christopher Fitzgerald, Joanne Woodward, Calista Flockhart, Arthur Storch, Joe DiPietro, Beth Henley, John Rando, Jason Nodler and Mickle Maher. Sound designs include: Main Street Theater: Men On Boats, Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!, A Year with Frog and Toad, Jackie and Me, Wolf Hall, RFK, Shrek the Musical, Silent Sky, The Giver, The Coast of Utopia, The Year of Magical Thinking, *Arcadia;* The Catastrophic Theatre: *Baby* Screams Miracle, Speeding Motorcycle, Booty Candy, First Suburb, Small Ball, Rhinoceros, Evening at the Talk House, Trevor, Buried Child, The Danube; Unity Theatre: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Becky's New Car; Berkshire Theatre Group: Quills, Wilder Wilder; Additionally, Mr. St. John designs/mixes musicals for several educational theaters, and is a voice over artist and voice actor. Shawn holds a B.A. in Theatre from Rollins College. www.fiverr.com/stjohnstudios

Rodney Walsworth (Properties Design)
Over 100 productions at Main Street
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properties designer, sound designer
including Enemies and Wolf Hall /
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acting work includes Ensemble Theatre,
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at Jump Start Theatre (San Antonio):
The Laramie Project (Globe Award, Lead
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Megan Lee Brooks (Production Stage Manager) Main Street Theater: The Book of Magdalene, Elliot, a Soldier's Fugue, (Assistant Stage Manager) Junie B. Jones The Musical, (Assistant Stage Manager/ Production Assistant) Daddy Long Legs, (Production Assistant) The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley, The Hard Problem, Wolf Hall & Bring Up the Bodies, Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley (2017&2018), The Secretary, The Weir; Houston Equity Festival: (Production Stage Manager) Every Brilliant Thing; Alley Theatre: (Production Assistant) A Christmas Carol, All The Way; Stages: (Assistant Stage Manager) Mack and Mabel; Ensemble Theatre: (Production Stage Manager) Josephine Tonight; Royal Family Productions: (Production Stage Manager) Fireside; Sam Houston State University: (Stage Manager) we are proud to present..., A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Dying For It, (Assistant Stage Manager) Spring Awakening, HAIR.

Rebecca Greene Udden (Founding Artistic Director) Main Street Theater: (Director) Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue, The Hard Problem, The Book of Will, Holes, Enemies, Wolf Hall and Bring Up the Bodies (First American Productions), Silent Sky, Peace in Our Time, Heartbreak House, The Real Thing (1986 & 2013), The Coast of Utopia, The Year of Magical Thinking, The Heidi Chronicles (2010 & 1992), Arcadia (2010 & 1996), The House of the Spirits (English-language premiere), Caroline, or Change, An Empty Plate in the Café du Grand Boeuf, The Rice (World Premiere), Copenhagen, The Miser, Uncommon Women and Others, Pride and Prejudice, A Midsummer Night's Dream (NEA Tour), A Little House Christmas, James and the Giant Peach, The Merchant of Venice (NEA Tour), The Diary of Anne Frank, The Taming of the Shrew (NEA Tour), Bridge to Terabithia, The Great Gilly Hopkins, and many more; (Actor) Private Lives (2019), Memory House, Richard III (with Prague Shakespeare Company), The Last Night of Ballyhoo, Third, The Busy World Is Hushed, Somebody's Sons, The Sisters Rosensweig, Hapgood, Hamlet, and more; (Costume Design) numerous productions; Main Street Theater/ Prague Shakespeare Company: (Director) Hecuba and The Trojan Women, Troilus and Cressida, An Iliad, Twelfth Night. Catastrophic Theatre: Advisory Board. Wordsmyth Theater Company: Advisory Board. Member of the American Leadership Forum Class XVI. 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award, Rice University.



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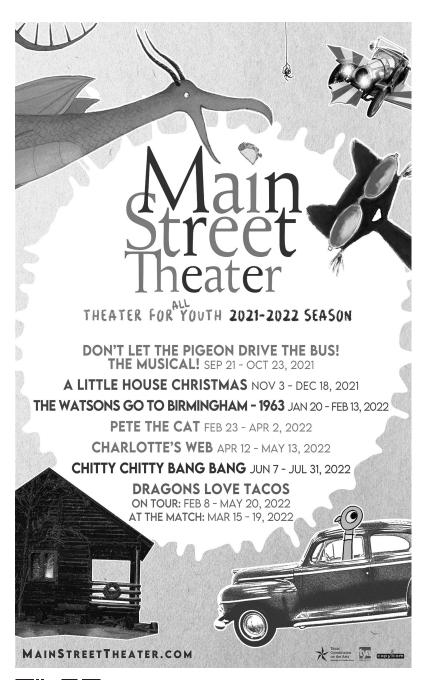
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