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PROVIDENCE COLLEGE THEATRE, DANCE & FILM


# BEASTS

AN ORIGINAL PLAY  
BY THOMAS EDWARDS '20



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Providence College Department of Theatre, Dance & Film  
John Bowab Studio Theatre

# BEASTS

An original play by Thomas Edwards '20

Directed by John Garrity

**Scenic & Lighting Designer**

Trevor Elliott

**Costume Designer**

Maxine Wheelock

**Sound Designer**

Tim Brown '20

**Vocal Coach**

Megan Chang

## **CAST**

(in order of appearance)

Left Samael.....Katie Vennard  
Right Samael..... Carolyn Bradley  
Joyce Anderson..... Abigail Joy  
Jason Anderson..... Tim Brown  
Mark Bernard..... Daniel Jameson  
Joseph Johnson..... Marc Lancia  
Bill Johnson..... Mike Facenda  
Stephanie Lawsdahter.... Analisa Pisano



There will be one 10 minute intermission.

## **TIME**

The scenes alternate between 1945 & 1948

## **PLACE**

The Midwestern America town of Ouranos (Or-an-ose)

## **SPECIAL NOTE**

This play contains coarse language, violence and the use of simulated weapons.

# **PRODUCTION CREW**

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Sydney Cahill  
Alexander Cannon  
Connor Christuk  
Daniel Cronin  
Gerardo Davila  
Grace Dolan  
Thomas Edwards  
Kelly Slader  
Juan Velez  
Abdelnasser Zadiyeh

TDF relies on the volunteer efforts of a student-run production crew. These students dedicate their time to contribute to the high-quality production values we here at Providence College are so proud to present to you, the patron. For more specific information about our crew positions for this production, or to sign up for a future crew experience, please contact James Calitri, Managing Director of Theatre at [jcalitri@providence.edu](mailto:jcalitri@providence.edu).

# **RESIDENT PRODUCTION STAFF**

**John Garrity** (Director) has been a member of the Providence College Faculty since 1976. He was the Managing Director of Theatre for many years and in that capacity was instrumental in the development and design of the Smith Center for the Arts which opened in 2004. Mr. Garrity has worked at the Olney Theatre Center in Maryland, Off Broadway at the MCC theatre in New York, The Rhode Island Playwright's Theatre and has directed over 40 plays at Providence College. He is the recipient of the Providence College Alumni Association award for exemplary service in administration. In 2006 the Masterpool Foundation established a theatre scholarship fund at Providence College in Mr. Garrity's name.

**Thomas Edwards** (Playwright) is among the current senior class of 2020 here at Providence College, and has been a theatre double major his entire four years. He has been working on *Beasts* since the idea first came into his mind all the way back in 2014 when he was only a sophomore in high school. These past six years, he has rewritten, edited, expanded and shrunk *Beasts* into what it is today. Thomas is extremely grateful to have been given the opportunity to workshop his first-ever produced show with the wonderful direction of John Garrity and the community of Providence College Theatre. Theatre tells us stories about people, and through these people we can have a conversation about what they are doing and why they do it, what the societal impacts and implications are, and where do we go from here; because we recognize a bit of ourselves and our society in these people, and if we can talk about what they do, we can talk about what we do too.

**Tim Brown** (Sound Designer) is thrilled to be a part of the first production of *Beasts*. Hailing from Melrose, Massachusetts, Tim is a senior at Providence College, where he studies both Theatre and Psychology. Tim spends his time at PC both acting onstage and working behind the scenes. His recent stage credits include *The Laramie Project*, Hamlet in *Hamlet*, and Jack Merridew in *Lord of the Flies*. Additionally, Tim has found a passion in the world of sound design. He has sound mixed various musicals here at Providence, including *Into the Woods*, *Bat Boy*, and the regional college premiere of *Something Rotten!*, as well as sound designed *Moon Over Buffalo* last spring. This summer, Tim will serve as a stage manager at White Heron Theatre Company on Nantucket.

**Megan Chang** (Vocal Coach) Megan is Assistant Professor of Voice & Speech at Providence College and the Core Curriculum Faculty Fellow for Oral Communication. Previously, she served as vocal coach for *Something Rotten!* (Regional Premiere), *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Lord of the Flies*, *Hamlet*, *The Laramie Project*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Playhouse Creatures*, and *The Addams Family* at Providence College. She also teaches a variety of workshops on campus and with local professionals, most recently working as a Communications Consultant for Brown University's EMSTL program. She also teaches workshops in conjunction with Breakthrough Providence and PC's Friar Foundation. She received her MFA in Vocal Pedagogy from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Previous coaching credits include: *The 39 Steps*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Dial M for Murder* (Triad Stage, North Carolina); *The Winter's Tale*, *Serjeant Musgrave's Dance*, *Deadly Sins: A Sword Play*, *Hoodoo Love*, *The Blood Knot*, *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma!* (University of North Carolina School of the Arts); *Cabaret*, *Dracula*, *Psycho Beach Party* (Virginia Commonwealth University).

**Trevor Elliott** (Scenic & Lighting Designer) Trevor Elliott joined the production staff of PC in the spring of 2017. Before that, he was a freelance set designer/builder for local theaters including 2nd Story Theatre in Warren and New Bedford Festival Theatre at the Zeiterion. Trevor was the technical director at Roger Williams University from 2004 to 2011. Trevor is a graduate from Rhode Island School of Design with a degree in illustration. Previous designs at PC include *Bat Boy*, *Hamlet*, *Into the Woods*, *Playhouse Creatures*, and *The Addams Family*.

**Maxine Wheelock** (Costume Designer) Since 2006 Maxine has been the Costume Shop Supervisor in the department of Theatre, Dance and Film at Providence College. In that time she has built and/or coordinated costumes for all theatre and dance productions, working with many different designers and choreographers. Prior to coming to PC she served as principal dressmaker at Foothills Theatre and costume designer at the Forum Theatre, both regional theatres in Worcester, Massachusetts. She was principal dressmaker for Wood & Poplyk, whose design work for *Showboat*, aired on the PBS series "Great Performances," and was nominated for an Emmy. In recent years, she has enjoyed designing productions for Providence College, including *Our Town* (fall 2016), *Hamlet* (January 2018) and *Bat Boy: The Musical* (fall 2018). Her work on *Bat Boy: The Musical* earned a Motif Award nomination. In spring, 2017, she co-designed and built costumes for the premier production of *Snow White* for Providence Ballet Theatre. This past summer she worked as cutter/drafter in Pompano Beach, FL at Costume World, the country's largest theatrical rental house.





## **SPECIAL THANKS** *from the playwright to...*

*Donna and Kevin Edwards* for their support over the years.

*John Garrity* for believing in this project and pushing back against me to make it the best we can do.

*Tim Brown* for his support in this show and these past four years as it's been developed.

*David Rabinow* and all the students in his Principles of Playwriting class who participated in developmental readings of the play.

## **ABOUT THE WORLD OF THE PLAY**

Ouranos is a Midwestern mining town in 1940's America. Small and religious. Midwestern values have always been the way of things, that was until a traumatic event shook the town's community to its core and they rested total control into the hands of their young mayor,

Jason Anderson, an ambitious and unscrupulous man hell-bent on modernizing Ouranos.

Loyalty is king, truth is suppressed and ignorance feigns bliss as Ouranos moves into post World War II America.



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# PROVIDENCE COLLEGE THEATRE, DANCE & FILM 2019-2020 SEASON



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## **SOMETHING ROTTEN!** A REGIONAL COLLEGE PREMIERE

AUDITIONS: TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

music and lyrics by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick  
book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell  
October 25-27 and November 1-3



## **BLACKFRIARS DANCE CONCERT**

AUDITIONS: THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

directed by Wendy Oliver  
featuring guest & resident choreographers  
November 15 & 16

## **THE MAIDS**

AUDITIONS: MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER

written by Jean Genet, translated by Bernard Frechtman  
January 23-26



## **BEASTS**

AUDITIONS: MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER

an original play by Thomas Edwards '20  
directed by John Garrity  
February 13-16

## **CREATIVE WRITERS FESTIVAL**

March 21 & 22

## **PETER AND THE STARCATCHER**

AUDITIONS: TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

a play by Rick Elice, music by Wayne Barker  
based on the novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson  
April 3-5 and 17-19



## **SPRING DANCE CONCERT**

a showcase of student choreography  
April 24 & 25

## **STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL**

April 30

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