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Ouachita Baptist University
Department of Theatre Arts presents

By Barbara Carlisle

THE CRANE WIFE



September 20 - 25
7:00 p.m. evenings and 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee

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Director	Daniel Inouye
Scenic/Lighting Designer	Eric Phillips
Costume Designer	Amanda Murray
Sound Designer	Heather White
Make Up Designer	Kaylee Nebe
Assistant Director	Garrett Whitehead
Choreographer	Heather White
Stage Manager	C.J. Bernard

The Cast

Crane Wife	Heather White*
Narrator	Betsy Wilson
Narrator	Chad Burris
Kokuro	Jacob Sturgeon*
Samurai	Joe Ochterbeck*#
Neighbor	Ben Perry*

Village Chorus	Dance Chorus
Lauren Linton*	Natalie Williams
Ben Stidham	Caitlin Secrest
Cami Willis	Kayla Esmond*#
Kenderick Scorza	Jordan Miller*
Robby Taylor	Kaylee Nebe#
Bethany Gere	Stacy Hawking

*Denotes membership in Theta Alpha Phi national honorary drama fraternity.

#Denotes holder of a Theatre Internship.



Cast Biographies

Ben Perry (The Neighbor) is a junior musical theatre major from North Little Rock, AR. Ben was previously seen at Ouachita in "The Drowsy Chaperone" (Gangster), "Waiting" (Mr. Sebatacheck), and "Schoolhouse Rock" (George).

Kenderick Scorza (Village Chorus) is a freshman musical theatre major from North Little Rock, AR. Kenderick was previously seen in "Singing on a Star" (Ensemble), "Grease" (Roger), and "Review the Revue" (Ensemble).

Ben Stidham (Village Chorus) is a sophomore musical theatre major from Dallas, TX. Ben was previously seen in "The Drowsy Chaperone" (Robert) and "Eurydice" (Loud Stone).

Joe Ochterbeck (Samurai) is a junior theatre, mass communication double-major from Maumelle, AR. Joe was previously seen at Ouachita in "Under Milk Wood" (Captain Cat), "Eurydice" (Nasty/ Interesting man), and "You've Got to Serve Somebody" (Harvy Gold).

Robby Taylor (Village Chorus) is a sophomore musical theatre major from Harriman, TN. Robby was previously seen at Ouachita in "School House Rock Live" (Chorus) and "The Drowsy Chaperone" (Gangster).

Jordan Miller (Dancer) is a junior musical theatre major from Rockwall, TX. Jordan was previously seen at Ouachita in "Eurydice" (Eurydice) and "Waiting" (Receptionist).

Heather White (Crane Wife) is a senior musical theatre major from Houston, TX. Heather was previously seen at Ouachita in "The Drowsy Chaperone" (Mrs. Tottendale), "Bye Bye Birdie" (Ursula), and "Unprogrammed" (Caprice).

Kaylee Nebe (Dancer) is a sophomore musical theatre major from Mesquite, TX. This is Kaylee's debut performance at Ouachita.

Jacob Sturgeon (Kokuro) is a junior theatre education major from Pine Bluff, AR. Jacob was previously seen at Ouachita in "The Drowsy Chaperone" (The Man in Chair), "Twelfth Night" (Malvolio), and "The Long Goodbye" (Joe).

Cast Biographies

Bethany Gere (Village Chorus) is a sophomore musical theatre major from White Hall, AR. Bethany's previous credits include "42nd Street" (Diane Larimer) and "Hairspray" (Tracy Tumbled) at the Arts and Science Center.

Stacy Hawking (Dancer) is a freshman musical theatre major from Sherwood, AR. Stacy's previous credits include "Hairspray" (Ensemble) and "Guys and Dolls" (Featured Dancer) at The Rep.

Chad Burris (Narrator) is a sophomore musical theatre major from Alma, AR. Chad's previous credits include "Les Miserables" (Jean Val Jean) at the Young Actor's Guild.

Cami Willis (Village Chorus) is a sophomore musical theatre major from Flower Mound, TX. Cami's previous credits include "Les Miserables" (Eponine), "Phantom of the Opera" (Flora), and "A Christmas Carol" (Miss Fezziwig) at Artisan Center Theatre.

Lauren Linton (Village Chorus) is a junior musical theatre major from Millington, TN. Lauren was previously seen at Ouachita in "Wiley and the Hairy Man" (Wiley), "Bye Bye Birdie" (Chorus), and "The Heist" (Red).

Betsy Wilson (Narrator) is a senior musical theatre major from Fairmont, NE. Betsy was previously seen at Ouachita in "Under Milk Wood" (Ensemble), Eurydice (Little Stone), and "The Drowsy Chaperone" (Chorus).

Natalie Williams (Dancer) is a freshman musical theatre major from Little Rock, AR. Natalie's previous credits include, "Les Miserables" (Eponine) and "Chicago" (June) at the Rep in Little Rock, AR.

Caitlin Secrest (Dancer) is a junior vocal performance major from Arkadelphia, AR. Caitlin was previously seen at Ouachita in "The Drowsy Chaperone" (Kitty), "The Magic Flute" (Pamina), and "Don Giovanni" (Zerlina).

Kayla Esmond (Dancer) is a junior musical theatre major from Burleson, TX. Kayla was previously seen at Ouachita in "The Drowsy Chaperone" (Chorus), "Heart in the Ground" (Karen), "School House Rock" (Chorus), and "Wiley and the Hairy Man" (Chorus).

The Production Team

Director	Daniel Inouye*
Scenic Designer/Technical Director	Eric Phillips*
Shop Technical Director.....	Marshall Pope
Costume Designer.....	Amanda Murray*
Makeup Designer	Kaylee Nebe
Sound Designer.....	Heather White*
Stage Manager	C.J. Bernard*
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Jalin C. Wesley
Light Board Operator	Timothy Drennan*
Sound Board Operator	Shonna Jasperson
Costumes Crew Heads	Brooke Brackett* Elizabeth Wheeler
Costumes Building Crew.....	Alison Johnson*, Lindsey Lederer*, Blaine Surber, Mattie Bogoslavsky, Walter Dodd, Shannon Huntsman, Blakely Knox, Danielle love, Emily Rankin, Lily Taylor, Alison Smith, Gail Hennagin
Properties Master(s)	Jillian Kaniss* Kelly Lester*#
Properties Running Crew	Aaron Pinion, Tara Clem, Annie McMurray
Makeup Crew Head.....	Kaylee Nebe
Makeup Crew	Alyssa Eskelsen*
Box Office Manager.....	Linda Hatcher
Publicity Crew Head/House Manager	Cody Myers*
Publicity/Box Office/House Crew.....	Nicole Mattson*, MaryLacey Thomson*, Caroline Cain, Truett Dishman, Jacob Kirchoff, Jessica Smith, Hailey Weiner, Emily Rankin, Lily Taylor, Elizabeth Wheeler, Alison Smith, John Tneoh, Zach Barber
Poster and Program Cover Design.....	Adam Oaks
Construction Crew.....	Michael Krikorian, Robby Taylor, Lola McClendon, Garrett Whitehead*, Amanda Murray*, CJ Bernard*#, Emily Rankin



Director's Notes

"Tsuru No Ongaeshi" or The Crane Wife is based on an ancient Japanese children's folktale which has been adapted for the stage. Like most folktales, this story has been passed down through generations and cultures in multiple versions. The story's haunting and cautionary tale deals with the dangers of greed and not appreciating the simple beauty of one's own life.

This production aims to create an enchanting theatrical experience, with stylized choreography, puppetry, shadow play, and a mixture of narrative and theatrical conventions inspired by Japanese culture and aesthetic, as well the Japanese theatre forms Noh and Bunraku. It is unlike any other show Ouachita has produced and will be certain to entertain adults and children alike.

Director ~ Daniel Inouye



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