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# NEWS

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**Ouachita's Department of Theatre Arts presents "Into the Breeches!"**



*By Emma Dennis and Landon Denman*

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – Ouachita Baptist University's Department of Theatre Arts will present George Brant's "Into the Breeches!" Thursday-Monday, Sept. 23-27, in Verser Theatre. Performances will be held Thursday-Saturday and Monday at 7:30 p.m., with a matinée performance on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Set in 1942, "Into the Breeches!" tells the story of what happens when the crew and leading actors of the Oberon Play House go to fight in World War II. Instead of shutting down the playhouse for the season, the director's wife plans a production of Shakespeare's "Henriad"—a combination of "Henry IV" and "Henry V"—with an all-female cast.

"Through collaboration and persistence, she assembles an unlikely cast to battle the slings and arrows of the time," said director Matthew Murry, visiting assistant professor of theatre arts. "Together, they deliver a celebration of humor and heart."

He added that "'Into the Breeches!' focuses on connection, acceptance and growth. It balances the lighter and heavier moments of life in a well-crafted story. If you're looking for laughter and a cathartic release, look no further!"

Tickets cost \$10 and are available to buy at [www.obu.edu/boxoffice](http://www.obu.edu/boxoffice), or weekdays from 1-5 p.m. at the Ouachita box office. Ouachita students may receive one free ticket upon presentation of their student ID at the box office. Seats are open at half capacity with masks required for all attendees. For more information, call the box office at (870) 245-5555.

#### CAST:

- Ashlynn Lockhart, a senior musical theatre major from Holiday Island, Ark., as Maggie Dalton
- Dani Frick, a senior education major from Benton, Ark., as Celeste Fielding
- Kinder Hinrichs, a sophomore theatre arts major from Harrison, Ark., as Ellsworth Snow
- Kenna Schaeffer, a senior musical theatre major from Texarkana, Ark., as Winifred Snow
- McKinley Ricks, a freshman musical theatre major from Carlisle, Ark, as Stuart Lasker
- Tyranni Hubbard, a sophomore theatre major from Little Rock, Ark., as Ida Green
- Hayley Johnson, a junior theatre arts major from Hot Springs, Ark, as Jude Bennett
- Maddy Moore, a sophomore musical theatre major from Mesquite, Texas, as Grace Richards
- Eli Butler, a sophomore musical theatre major from Greenwood, Ark., as understudy for Stuart
- Noah Warford, a freshman musical theatre major as understudy for Ellsworth
- Halle Jones, a freshman musical theatre major from Fort Worth, Tx., as understudy for Maggie
- Amaya Hardin, a freshman musical theatre major from Maumelle, Ark., as understudy for Ida
- Savannah Staggs, a sophomore speech communication/theatre arts major from Little Rock, Ark., as understudy for June/Grace
- Kenzie Burks, a sophomore theatre arts major from Beebe, Ark., as understudy for Celeste/Winifred

#### CREW:

##### Crew Leaders:

- Kaye Feimster, a junior theatre arts and applied physics double major from Atlanta, Texas, and Sarah Franklin, a sophomore musical theatre major from Grand Lane, La., house managers
- Brynlee Beams as property master
- Bailey Ellison, a senior theatre arts major from Walnut Ridge, Ark., makeup/hair crew head
- Hannah Webber, a public history major with a minor in theatre arts from Longview, Texas, sound crew head and board operator
- Landon Denman, a junior theatre arts and history double major from Fort Worth, Texas, publicity head
- Ray Medina, a senior musical theatre and mass communications double major from Shreveport, La., costume crew head
- Bella Owen, a senior musical theatre major from Jonesboro, Ark., light crew head and board operator
- Anna Summerville, a junior church media/production art major from Arkadelphia, Ark., shifting crew head

##### Costume Crew:

- Kailey May, a freshman musical theatre major from Russellville, Ark.
- Macy Coover, a freshman theatre arts and English double major from Springdale, Ark.
- Liberty Wiggins, a freshman theatre arts major from Plano, Texas

##### Props Crew:

- Mat Snook, a senior theatre arts major from Cedar Hill, Texas
- Marion Webb, a sophomore theatre arts and secondary education double major from Austin, Texas
- Faith Lymburner, a junior communication & media major with a double minor in theatre arts and English/writing from Rogers, Ark.

##### Scenery Crew:

- Brynlee Beams

- Deann Smith, a freshman theatre arts and Christian ministries double major from Broken Arrow, Okla.
- Hayley Johnson
- Thomas Lilley, a freshman theatre arts major from Dardanelle, Ark.

Technical, lighting and props crew:

- Marion Webb, lighting crew and shifting crew
- Thomas Lilley, shifting crew
- Mat Snook, lobby display crew
- Hannah Gothard, a senior musical theatre major from Cleveland, Texas, lobby display designer
- Landon Denman, lobby display crew
- Grace Woodward, a sophomore musical theatre major from Plano, Texas, lobby display crew
- Sierra Hoss, a sophomore musical theatre major from Fouke, Ark., lobby display crew

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