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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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Hold on tight! Things for the "Mineola Council for Cultural Recognition" are about to get crazy! This show takes place in the gymnasium of the Mineola Middle Magnet School (obviously) and these 8 cast members have been working very hard (albeit some more than others) to present to you William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". I don't mean to brag, but- many know almost all their lines, some of them have their costumes, and one of them kind of knows how to build stuff...so, be prepared to laugh, cheer and maybe even sing along ;)

One of my favorite things about theater is the community it gathers. There is something special to be said about how the arts allow us to open our minds and imaginations and get to escape reality if for only just a little while. I am truly blessed to have been a part of this world for a majority of my life and credit much of who I am today to the world of theatre arts. From the cast, to the crew, to the volunteers and "volun-tolds" and to the patron reading this right now, taking time out of your week to support us- Thank you! Thank you for showing up and laughing. Thank you for your donations of time and/or money and support. I can't say it enough: Thank you!

*-Joey Nichols, Guest Director*

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## EPT STAFF

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**Artistic Directors** ..... Julie Mitchell, Markus Baldwin  
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## CREW

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**Director** ..... Joey Nichols  
**Set Design** ..... Joey Nichols & Markus Baldwin  
**Sound** ..... Nikki Crosland  
**Lighting Design** ..... Dakota Russell  
**Costumes** ..... Joey Nichols  
**Concessions** ..... John Blewitt



### **JOEY NICHOLS, GUEST DIRECTOR**

Joey is a long time resident of Ennis, TX. She started doing shows at the age of 10 and continued all her years at Ennis ISD. Joey went on to attend Trinity Valley Community College with a full theater scholarship and has starred, acted, and crewed in over 45 productions in her career. There, she also gained experience with directing shows and continues to learn more each production her daughter does here at Ennis Public Theater.

She is currently serving as the assistant principal at Alamo Middle School. She enjoys watching her two daughters, Aley and Avery participate in their many endeavors alongside her wonderful husband of 15 years, Alex. She would like to thank Julie, Markus, and the board of Ennis Public Theater for this wonderful opportunity to work with

an excellent cast and pour out her passion for the arts, and her in-laws Joe and Lorrie Nichols for helping with the girls!

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO

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**A special thank you to Marcus Baldwin, Julie Mitchell, John Blewitt, and most especially, Karen Blewitt. From the bottom of my heart, you have supported me from beginning to end and I appreciate you all so much for believing and entrusting me with this special project! You all are amazing. -Joey**

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# CAST

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**DEBBIE DOMINGUEZ, MILDRED CARSON/JULIET**

has been having fun in community theater since 2004. Some of her favorite roles were: Mrs. Banks in *Barefoot in the Park*, Mrs. White in *Clue*, and the super grumpy Lamerle in *The Red Velvet Cake War*. Debbie works as a high school counselor at Scurry-Rosser High School where she enjoys being overly dramatic with students just for fun. She loves to go to Shakespeare in the Park and performed as Phoebe in *As You Like It* a million years ago in her high school's one act play. She never dreamed she would get to utter any of the Bard's words again on stage but

here she is! She is very thankful for the wonderful people of EPT and is grateful to get to perform for you tonight.



**JULIE EVANS, NAOMI FARKLE CARSON / LADY CAPULET**

Julie recently moved back to Corsicana from Dallas. She fell in love with acting at age 6 while playing *The Wicked Witch of the West* in her kindergarten production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Julie studied acting at the University of Texas at Dallas. Some of her favorite roles include Viola in *Twelfth Night*, Diana in *Absent Friends* and Cherie in *Bus Stop*. Julie is happy to be participating in her first production with the Ennis Public Theatre with this fun and talented cast and crew.



**ETHAN HERRIN, BUBBA BEDFORD/ROMEO**

Ethan has been involved in dozens of productions from acting to directing, most recently appearing in *Honky Tonk Hissy Fit*, *The Play That Goes Wrong*, and *Over the River and Through the Woods* at the WLAC in Corsicana and HCPAC in Athens. Ethan also performed in the off-Broadway Rave Theater Festival in NYC. This will be Ethan's first production at Ennis Public Theatre. Ethan is currently the theater and art teacher at Blooming Grove Junior High.



**COURTNEY MARTINEZ, FAYE MCFAYE/NURSE**

Courtney is an Ennis native, who first started theater playing the lead bratty school child in her junior high's one act play. She continued performing through all four years of high school, where she starred in many different plays such as: *The Three Musketeers*, *Paganini*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *We're All Mad Here*, *The Diviners*, and *Crimes of the Madhouse*. She even starred in the EPT kids' show, *Charlotte's Web*. While it has been a while since she has taken the stage, she is excited for the opportunity to perform for you tonight and be a part of this cast. She

would like to thank her partner, family, and friends for all the love and support, and EPT for the opportunity to be able to come back to a passion that she has missed for quite a while.



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**KAITLYN SULLIVAN, VIOLET FARKLE**

Kaitlyn is 26 and so excited to be a part of *An Evening of Culture: Faith County III!* When she is not being a crocheting, wine drinking rock star, she loves hanging out with her children and finding opportunities to perform. She has been in *All Together Now*, *The Sound of Music*, *Clue*, and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, and she cannot wait to see what the future brings with EPT!



**NAN UDELE, RUTHANN BARNs/SERVANT/FRIAR/PAGE**

Nan was painfully shy as a child, and it was theater that brought her out of her shell. The director convinced her that she didn't have to be afraid of the audience, because she was someone else when she was on stage. It worked. It worked so well she wanted to be an actress. Her family, however, didn't think that was quite practical. So, eventually she became a trial lawyer and spent many years acting before juries. Once retired, she hit the road with her two dogs and has RVed to 48 states. In the meantime, she has been in many wonderful productions;

some big parts, some small parts, but in the end it's the working together of the team that's important to her. She would like to thank Ennis Public Theater for letting her get back to it!



**TANNER WILDMAN, DELBERT FINK/PRINCE**

Tanner, being the youngest of the cast, is entering his senior year here in Ennis and plans on pursuing his passion in the theatrical arts once he graduates. He has been in many shows since the start of high school, his favorites include *Plan 9 From Outer Space*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, and *SpongeBob the Musical* which was performed here at Ennis Public Theatre. He would like to thank his friends and family for all their support, and would also like to thank everyone at Ennis Public Theatre for letting him have the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful experience.



**JARED WILSFORD, LUTHER CARSON/BENVOLIO**

Jared's passion for the Arts started very young through musical theatre and grew throughout high school where he received the "Best Actor Award" in District UIL. His theater credentials continued through college; performing with Grayson College, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, The Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival, and The American College Theatre Festival. As a vocalist, actor, and stage director, his past productions include: *Zombie Prom*, *Hank the Cowdog*, *The Screams of Kitty Genovese*, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and *Rent*:

*School Edition*, to name a few. Jared has called Ennis home for the past 11 years. He has three wonderful children, and an amazing wife of 14 years. Jared is making his Ennis Public Theatre debut with *An Evening of Culture: Faith County II*.



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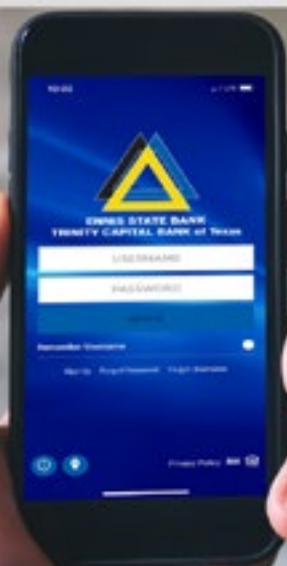


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