RED VELVE'S By Lolita Chakrabarti

Directed by Shirley Basfield Dunlap February 2-25, 2018





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Ian Gallanar

Building Bridges Through Theater: Shakespeare and *Red Velvet*

A Note from the Founding Artistic Director

Why do we tell stories? Well, one reason is to create connections. The theater artist Anne Bogart says that when we tell a story to someone, we are creating what she calls "an empathetic bridge."

Do you know of Anne Bogart? She has been an important and influential director of theater and opera over the last 40 years or so. I like what she says about storytelling, I think that's what we try to do. It's one of the reasons why we love Shakespeare so much.

Every once in a while, I'll hear someone say, "Oh, Shakespeare's stories were not part of his genius. He just stole all his stories." I think that misses what true innovators do: They pick and choose from interesting sources and then make something new, make it their own. Shakespeare chose interesting stories to tell, stories that show what is unique about humanity and the things that humanity shares. When we perform these plays, we are indeed creating bridges between ourselves. Well, at least we're trying to.

The story of Ira Aldridge is a great one, not just because it deals with Shakespeare in performance, but because it builds bridges through the story.

Those of you who, like me, love the theater, will appreciate the story's Victorian theater tropes. They make the story especially accessible to classical theater lovers.

Many of us know what it is to face unfair obstacles that hinder success. What a tragedy when the obstacle is an absurd racial or social prejudice. The story of Ira Aldridge is the story of dramatic discrimination, told about a different time in history. I think we probably can see an allegory to our current lives. Maybe the discrimination is less overt, but maybe not.

I am so glad to have the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company telling this important and lesser-known tale of a significant artist of the 19th century — a story, I hope, designed to build an empathetic bridge.

lan Gallanar Founder and Artistic Director



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Making Ira Aldridge Famous, Again

A Note from the Managing Director

I spent my childhood being lectured/entertained with stories about the 19th-century American theatre by my theatre-historian father, and this is why I actually knew who Ira Aldridge was. That an African-American man could have become a superstar of the European stage before the Civil War was so improbable, such a staggering achievement, it made him

unforgettable. I was always shocked when other theatre people had never heard of him. And it saddened me that when African-American History Month came around, this trailblazer was never mentioned.

So, when the play *Red Velvet* by Lolita Chakrabarti popped up in the new play universe in London in 2012 and then in New York in 2014, I was genuinely intrigued, and so was our Marketing Director, Jean Thompson (who moonlights as a passionate chronicler of African-American history). There had been plays about Ira Aldridge before, but nothing that had garnered *Red Velvet's* buzz.

By 2016, as part of our *World of Othello* outreach efforts, Jean and I wanted to mount a reading of the play. Ian had connected with the head of Morgan State University's theatre program, Shirley Basfield Dunlap, and learned she was interested in the play and, of course, Ira Aldridge. (For decades, the campus drama club has been the Ira Aldridge Players.) Happily, Shirley was enthusiastic about directing a reading.

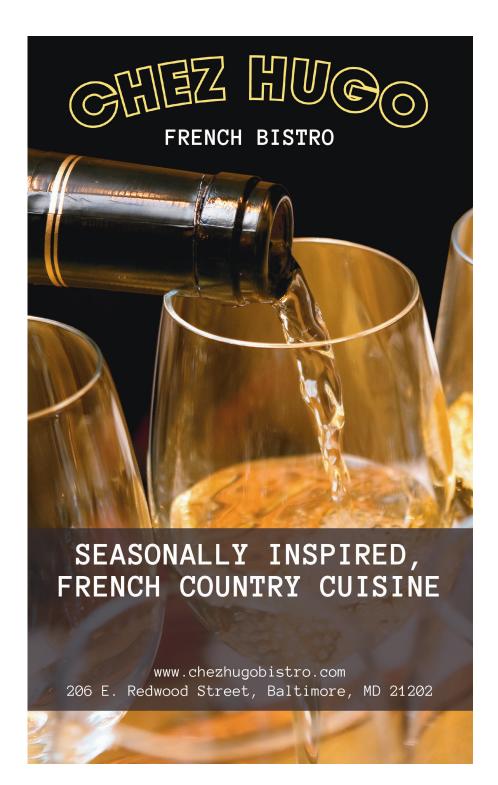
We knew that a prize of the collection at the Walters Art Museum was a portrait of Ira Aldridge, possibly in the role of Othello (and last year, they acquired a bronze and marble bust of Othello). So, it seemed natural for us to ask to stage our reading in The Walters' auditorium. The Walters enthusiastically agreed, and we had a terrific turnout.

It was an easy decision, then, to add a full-scale production of *Red Velvet* to our regular season schedule. Since the summer, all of us at CSC have been working to raise the profile of Ira Aldridge and this production. Our (modest) goal is for everyone in Baltimore to know about this amazing Shakespearean actor and his accomplishments. To that end, we are partnering with Visit Baltimore, The Folger Library, The Walters Art Museum, The Afro-American newspaper, The Enoch Pratt Free Library, PNC, and Morgan State University.

By the way, while researching Ira's life, we discovered early biographies that assert he was born in Bel Air, MD, though scholars later declared that New York City can claim him, based on his death certificate and other records. Still other biographies say his father (a New York minister and straw vendor) was born in Baltimore. Ira's birthplace has long been a subject of mystery. Decades before the Civil War, perhaps it was wise for the Aldridges to blur the birthplace if it had been below the Mason-Dixon line. Ira himself burnished his resume by claiming he was a prince of Senegal—a very typical type of 19th-century alternative fact.

Everyone we tell about Ira Aldridge is astonished by what he achieved, Maryland-born or not. They also are astonished that they'd never been told about him before. We are tremendously proud to bring Ira's story to the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company stage. Please do your part and tell others about Ira.

Lesley Malin, Managing Director



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FEATURED CLASS



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- Acting I: Beginning Acting
- Acting II: Poise, Presence, and Power
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- Audition and the Business of Acting
- An Introduction to Shakespeare and his Contemporaries
- CSC Veterans' Ensemble
- Society of American Fight Directors Certification Class: Single Sword

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Winter-Spring 2018

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RED VELVET

By Lolita Chakrabarti

Directed by Shirley Basfield Dunlap**
Production Manager: Kyle Rudgers+
Production Stage Manager: Alexis E. Davis+
Set Designer: Timothy J. Jones
Technical Director, Lighting Designer: Daniel O'Brien+
Costume Designer: Kristina Lambdin+

SETTINGS: Backstage at a theater in Lodz, Poland, in 1867. Backstage at Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, in London, England, in 1833.

CAST

Stage fog will be used in this production. There will be one 15-minute intermission.

Red Velvet

Red Velvet is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC. Red Velvet received its world premiere at the Tricycle Theater, London on 11 October 2012. The production was revived and opened at the Tricycle Theater, London, on 23 January 2014, before making its American premiere at St. Ann's Warehouse, New York, on 25 March 2014.

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On the cover: Christian R. Gibbs as Ira Aldridge in Red Velvet. Photo by Shealyn Jae.

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Set Designer	Timothy J. Jones
Costume Designer	Kristina Lambdin+
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Scenic Painter	Jessica Rassp +
Dialect Coach	Zach Campion
Scenic Painter	Melina Hawk
Costume Assistant	Jenn Bae
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The Playwright



Lolita Chakrabarti

Lolita Chakrabarti (Playwright) is an award-winning writer, and has worked extensively as an actress on stage and screen. *Red Velvet* is her first play.

Red Velvet and Chakrabarti have been honored in Britain with the Evening Standard Charles Wintour Award for Most Promising Playwright, 2012; Critics' Circle Theatre Award for Most Promising Playwright, 2012; and the Asian Women of Achievement (AWA) Award for Arts and Culture, 2013; WhatsOnStage.com nominations for London Newcomer of the Year and Best New Play, 2012; and the Laurence Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in an Affiliate Theatre (Tricycle Theatre), 2013.

Chakrabarti also wrote *Last Seen – Joy* for The Almeida Theatre and a five-part adaptation of *The Goddess* for BBC Radio 4.

Her husband, the actor Adrian Lester, starred as Ira Aldridge in the production's London and New York premieres. Together, with Rosa Maggiora, they run Lesata Productions.

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Synopsis: Red Velvet

The play opens in 1867 in Lodz, Poland. Halina Wozniak, a young Polish journalist, convinces Casimir, a German stagehand, to sneak her inside a theatre where Ira Aldridge, age 60 and frail, will perform in *King Lear*. Her questions anger him. He grows lost in memories.

The year is 1833. To enter London's Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, the cast of *Othello* must cross a street protest: The British government is debating whether to abolish slavery. The actors discuss the news and their own crisis: Will the show close? Their leader, the legendary British tragedian Edmund Kean, recently collapsed on stage. Who will step into his role? Will it be Charles Kean, Edmund's son, who plays lago, and who is engaged to marry Ellen Tree, the actress who plays Desdemona?

Theatre manager Pierre Laporte introduces the new Othello: his friend, a charismatic 26-year-old African-American named Ira Aldridge. Rehearsals and tensions begin with the actors expressing their shock and working through differences in pronunciation, performance style, and approaches to the play. Connie, a Jamaican woman who is the theatre's servant, serves tea and watches the drama unfold. How will the audience and the critics react when the show goes on?

Poland, 1867: Halina visits Ira's dressing room. She helps him prepare to go on as Lear.

The Life of Ira Aldridge

Ira Aldridge was an African-American stage actor who rose to international fame performing in Europe in the 19th century. He was born July 24th, 1807, to Reverend Daniel and Luranah Aldridge. At age 13, Aldridge attended the African Free School in New York City, an institution founded by the New York Manumission Society to provide an education to the children of slaves and free people of color in Manhattan. As a teen, Aldridge would watch plays from the balcony of the upscale Park Theatre, to which he had access only because he was running errands for the actor Henry Wallack.

Aldridge began his own theatrical career in the early 1820s, performing with the African Company, an all-black theater company performing at the African Grove Theatre in New York City. In 1824, he traveled to England, with Wallack's help. He briefly attended the University of Glasgow before seeking acting work. In 1825, Aldridge played the lead role of Oroonoko in *The Revolt of Surinam* at the Royal Coburg Theatre in London. Later roles included *The Slaves, The Castle Spectre, The Padlock*, as well as Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus* and *Othello*. In 1828, he became manager of a theatre in Coventry, England. In 1833, Aldridge played *Othello* at the Theatre Royal Covent Garden in London, replacing the renowned actor Edmund Kean.

Aldridge returned to the provinces and then, beginning in 1852, toured extensively throughout Europe, performing in Prussia, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, and Poland. He planned a U.S. tour, but before it could be realized, he died on August 7th, 1867, while in Lodz, Poland.

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A Note from *RED VELVET* Director Shirley Basfield Dunlap



Shirley Basfield Dunlap

For many directors, there are stories that cross our paths that call out to us. We find a strong need to be involved in sharing the story. This is my feeling about the life of Ira Frederick Aldridge. *Red Velvet* is the second time I have found the need to tell his story. The first time, I produced a play by the late Ossie Davis, *Curtain Call, Mr. Aldridge, Sir.*

Theatre educates, empowers, and inspires in ways unlike any entertainment field in the world. (This is my armchair evaluation!) Telling Aldridge's story is timely and necessary, as

we experience concerns in today's entertainment industry all too similar to those that he encountered during the 1800s. So, when you experience the storytelling of *Red Velvet*, it is my prayer that you do not see it as a tale of an unfortunate young man, or think that Aldridge was dismissed because he was just not talented enough to "cut the mustard" at the Theatre Royal. Know that the agony of hegemony is far reaching, and most importantly, that it exists in the field that one would believe to be most liberal—the Arts.

Aldridge left New York and the African Grove Theatre, the first Black theatre in America, where its repertoire included Shakespearean drama and its white audience stood in the rear. His move to Europe at age 17 was not as an expatriate to freedom but to a land where his talent as an actor would be greater appreciated. William Brown, the proprietor of the African Grove – which was harassed by competitor Stephen Price of the Park Theatre, and twice torched – saw something greater in Ira and encouraged the beginning of a journey that led Ira to be one of the finest actors in the history of world theatre.

Aldridge died a superstar 150 years ago. Still, some things have not changed. As the cast of *Othello* debates whether a man of color can portray a man of color – or any other man — on the stage, *Red Velvet* lets us see just how ingrained racism can become under the guise of human logic. So long as grant funds are necessary to support diversity; and increases in diversity need to be recognized and glamorized; and declarations are made that prejudice or racism are not issues; and (my personal favorite) some say, "I don't see color, I only see human!," then it is time to hold up a mirror and blow away the smoke. The concept of non-traditional casting dates to a 1986 project supported by the Actors' Equity Association. Yet it took until 2015 for the Metropolitan Opera to claim its commitment to color-blind casting and premiere a European singer with an unblackened face in the lead role in *Otello*. I guess some things do change!

Shirley Basfield Dunlap A proud member of the Ira Aldridge Players of Morgan State University, Class of '74

Introduction to Red Velvet

In Lolita Chakrabarti's *Red Velvet*, Ira Aldridge muses that there is "something about velvet—a deep promise of what's to come, the sweat of others embedded in the pile. A crushed map of who was here folded in." Chakrabarti's play functions as the velvet for our collective memory, reminding us exactly who is folded into the history of Shakespearean performance. While many assume that the history of black actors performing Shakespearean roles began with Paul Robeson in the early 20th century, Ira Aldridge beat Robeson to that claim by over 100 years...

So why is Ira Aldridge's history largely forgotten? Why do we not have theatres named after him on Broadway and in the West End? Why aren't there any performing arts schools and/or major performance awards in his honor? Why has his story been a footnote for, instead of being part of the body of, the history of Shakespearean performance? Well, to begin, Aldridge's story does not fit easily within the familiar refrain that Shakespeare is for everyone. Aldridge's story, in fact, forces us to confront the fact that while we may want Shakespeare to be for everyone, all too often Shakespeare has been used as a gatekeeper; that is, a barrier used to exclude and subjugate people of color.

Aldridge moved to England at seventeen because there were no other opportunities to perform Shakespeare in New York. The African Grove Theatre had come upon hard times—including riots from white mobs who were protesting The Grove's 1822 production of *Richard III* because it was drawing audiences away from an all-white production of the same play—and black actors could not he hired by white companies in the U.S. in the 1820s (remember, this was 40 years before the start of the Civil War!).

While Aldridge hoped that Shakespeare would be his vehicle to success in London and then back again in New York, he was pushed to the British provinces and Eastern Europe because the major theatres in London were closed to him. Aldridge reached a level of fame and financial security that was virtually unknown to free blacks at the time, but he could not achieve this fame in New York or London; instead, he was a star in Warsaw, Kiev, and Moscow. While he was celebrated by European artists like Richard Wagner, Théophile Gautier, and Taras Shevchenko, he was also reviled and mocked by theatre critics in New York and London. In other words, Aldridge's story is not one of unqualified Shakespearean uplift...

Chakrabarti's play allows us to interrogate our society's historical amnesia about the long history of black actors who have grappled with Shakespeare. I use the verb grappled because it has not always been an easy encounter. While Aldridge states, "That's the beauty of Shakespeare—he unnerves you," Chakrabarti allows us to experience how the presence of an actor of color can unnerve our notions of Shakespeare. Shakespeare's plays are strong, powerful, moving, and beautiful, but the presence of actors of color in them can make them seem politicized. This is precisely what Charles Kean bemoans in *Red Velvet*; he wants theatre to be an art that allows one "to get away from reality." Frequently, political theatre is discussed as if it is the antithesis of aesthetic theatre: one is about politics, the other (higher and true form) art.

As Red Velvet, the theatrical version of the "crushed map of who was folded" into our history of Shakespearean performance, reminds us, however, reality is never static but dynamic; and political theatre—one which enables discussions about history, collective memory, and selective amnesia—can be beautiful, moving, and Shakespearean. Here's to Chakrabarti for making that reality so compelling!



Ayanna Thompson

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and Stage Managers in the United States.

CAST, in alphabetical order

Tracey Farrar (Connie) is making her CSC debut. Her regional credits include Wig Out at Studio Theatre; Ma Rainey's Black Bottom at 1st Stage; As You Like It and Marley at Baltimore Center Stage; Stuart Little at Adventure Theatre MTC (Helen Hayes Nomination for Outstanding Production, Theatre for Young Audiences); Dontrell, Who Kissed the Sea at the Source Theatre Festival; and How Old Is a Hero? at The Smithsonian's Discovery Theater. She co-starred as Rebecca in the independent feature-length film, Wits End, which can be viewed on YouTube. Ms. Farrar holds a BA in Theatre Arts from Morgan State University.

Dave Gamble (Bernard Warde, Terence), a CSC Company Member, has appeared as

Lord Hastings in *Richard III*, Banks in *Wild Oats*, Capulet in *Romeo and Juliet*, Northumberland in *Richard II*, Shallow in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, Maecenas in *Antony and Cleopatra*, and Stage Manager in *Our Town*. He has appeared with Folger Theatre, Theater Alliance, FPCT, Vagabond Players, and Molotoy Theatre.

Christian R. Gibbs (Ira Aldridge) recently understudied Agrippa and Soothsayer in Antony and Cleopatra with Folger Theatre. Earlier this year, he played Orlando in As You Like It with Prince George's County's Shakespeare in the Park. He appeared in Mary-Kate Olson Is in Love, and understudied Tuzenbach in Aaron Posner's Three Sisters/No Sisters with Studio Theatre. Favorite credits include Albany in King Lear with

WSC Avant Bard, Sambo in *Neighbors with Mixed Blood*, and *Unexplored Interior* with Mosaic Theatre Company. Christian holds an MFA from California Institute of the Arts and a BFA from Howard University.

Ron Heneghan (Charles Kean), a CSC Resident Acting Company Member, has appeared with CSC in Julius Caesar (2017), The Taming of the Shrew (2017), Richard III (2016 and 2012), Anne of the Thousand Days (2016), Much Ado About Nothina (2016), Uncle Vanya, and Our Town. In this area, other credits include Olney Theatre Center; Everyman Theatre; Ford's Theatre; and Alliance for New Music Theatre. His numerous regional credits include Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival and Philadelphia Shakespeare Festival. Ron holds an MFA from the University of Washington and a BS from the University of Maryland. He is a member of Actors' Equity Association and SAG/AFTRA. Ron is also CSC's Director of Education.

McLean Jesse (Halina Wozniak, Betty Lovell, Margaret Aldridge) has appeared with Folger Shakespeare Theatre's Antony and Cleopatra (Cleopatra understudy); Equus, A Lie of the Mind, Clybourne Park, and Scorched Earth with Virginia Repertory Theatre/ Cadence Theatre; Stupid F----- Bird and The Taming of the Shrew with Richmond Shakespeare; The Glass Menagerie and Twelfth Night with Sycamore Rouge; Maple and Vine and No Exit with Firehouse Theatre: Grace and The Altruists with TheatreLAB. She holds an MFA from The Academy for Classical Acting at the Shakespeare Theatre Company and George Washington University, and a BA from James Madison University. www.mcleanjesse.com

Séamus Miller (Casimir, Henry Forrester, Fight Choreographer, Fight Captain) is a member of CSC's Resident Acting Company. He has appeared in CSC's Romeo and Juliet, Wild Oats, Julius Caesar, Titus Andronicus, and Richard II, among others.

He has worked as an actor and director with many organizations, including Longacre Lea, 1st Stage, Folger Theatre, WSC: Avant Bard, Arts on the Horizon, Spooky Action Theater, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Imagination Stage, Young Playwrights' Theater, Annapolis Shakespeare Company, The Washington Revels, American Century Theater, Single Carrot Theatre, and The Baltimore Shakespeare Festival. He is a graduate of Cornell University and holds an MFA from The Academy for Classical Acting at Shakespeare Theatre Company and George Washington University.

Yury Lomakin (Pierre Laporte) last appeared with CSC as Cromwell in *Anne of the Thousand Days*. His recent roles include Don John in Annapolis Shakespeare Company's *Much Ado About Nothing*, and local film and television work. www.yurylomakin.com

Laura Rocklyn (Ellen Tree) is a CSC Resident Acting Company Member. She has appeared with CSC as Jane in Wild Oats, The Ghost of Christmas Past in A Christmas Carol (2016, 2015, 2014), Ophelia in Hamlet, Miss Wells in *Dracula*, and Olivia in *Twelfth Night*. Regional work includes Clover (which she co-wrote) with the Ally Theatre Company; Sense and Sensibility with Folger Theatre; Alice and the Book of Wonderland, Turn of the Screw, Our Town, Tale of Two Cities, and Two Gentlemen of Verona with Annapolis Shakespeare Company; Pride & Prejudice with Round House Theatre: Peter and the Wolf with Synetic Family Theater; Richard III and Winter's Tale with Richmond Shakespeare Festival: Perfect Pie with Potomac Theatre Project; As You Like It with Kentucky Shakespeare; Henry VI, 1-3 with Adirondack Shakespeare Company; and Taming of the Shrew and The Tempest with Olney Theatre Center's National Players. TV credits include Legends & Lies: The Patriots; and Investigation Discovery: Southern Fried Homicide. She holds an MFA from The Academy for

Classical Acting at The Shakespeare Theatre and George Washington University, and a BA from Middlebury College. www.LauraRocklyn.com

ARTISTIC and TECHNICAL CREW and PRODUCTION STAFF

Ian Gallanar (Founding Artistic Director). In addition to founding the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company in 2002, lan has worked as a professional actor, director, and writer for more than 150 professional productions. His career as a professional Artistic Director spans more than 25 years. His directing credits with CSC include productions of The Taming of the Shrew (2017 and 2013), Othello, Wild Oats, Titus Andronicus, A Christmas Carol (original adaptation, 2014-2017), Romeo and Juliet (2015, 2003), Uncle Vanya (2015), Twelfth Night (2002), A Midsummer Night's Dream (2005, 2010, 2014), King Lear (2006), Macbeth (2007), Lysistrata (original adaptation, 2010), Our Town (2011), Richard III (2012), and The Merry Wives of Windsor (2014). Ian created the "movable" format for CSC productions in which audiences travel with the actors through the action of the play in multiple outdoor settings. With CSC's Education Department, he created the CSC High School Corps, a unique educational program in which high school students create and produce live productions of Shakespeare in a collaborative working environment. He launched CSC's Blood & Courage Company to provide experience for early career professionals. Previously, Ian has served as Artistic Director for the National Theatre for Children, Minnesota Shakespeare in the Park and the Repertory Theater of America. lan is a proud member of the distinguished National Theatre Conference; a Helen Hayes Tribute Award, Telly Award and Howie Award (Howard County Arts Council) winner; and the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana University of

Pennsylvania. He is the Vice President and President-Elect of the international Shakespeare Theatre Association.

Lesley Malin (Managing Director) is a founder of the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, and has served as its Managing Director since 2003. She managed CSC's building renovation of an 1885 bank into our modern Shakespeare playhouse as well as the associated \$6.7 million capital campaign. Her acting credits at CSC include Calpurnia, Lady Macbeth, Amelia in Wild Oats, Lady Bracknell, Mrs. Fezziwig, Beatrice (2010), Mrs. Bennet, Mistress Page in The Merry Wives of Windsor, the Queens in Richard III (2012, 2017) and Cymbeline, and Titania (2005); previously, she performed in New York. She has, for 15 years, been the vice president of the board of trustees of The Lark, a new play development center in New York City, where she once served as Managing Director. She served for five years on the Executive Committee of the international Shakespeare Theatre Association and organized its annual conference that CSC hosted in Baltimore in 2017. She is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, NYU's Arts Management program, and Leadership Howard County.

Shirley Basfield Dunlap (Director) is a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers (SDC). Her directing credits include Having Our Say and The Old Settler, at Buffalo Studio Arena; Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope at Cincinnati Arts Consortium; Madness, Menopause and More at Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center; Having Our Say at Delaware Theatre Company and Des Moines Playhouse; Oak and Ivy at Human Race Theatre Company; Cookin' At The Cookery, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom at Herberger Theater; Flyin' West at Iowa Summer Rep; From the Mississippi Delta and Fences at Madison Repertory Theater; Pearl Bailey...By Request, at MetroStage; From The Mississippi Delta, and Having Our Say

at Milwaukee Repertory Theatre; From The Mississippi Delta, at Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center; Ain't Misbehavin' at Baltimore's Spotlighters Theatre and Cincinnati Showboat Majestic; and A Raisin in the Sun, at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, to name a few. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts and Coordinator of Theatre Arts at Morgan State University, Ms. Dunlap is an alumna of MSU (1974) and an MFA graduate of the University of Cincinnati (CCM). She has also taught at Iowa State University, where she served as Director of the ISU World Theatre Workshop and Associate Professor of Theatre Arts; at Lesley University (Cambridge, MA); Towson University; Central State University (OH): University of Cincinnati; and Stevenson University (Villa Julie College, MD). The recipient of a two year Kellogg Foundation leadership grant, her leadership skills include developing and coordinating several workshops and symposia including the first African American Mimetics Conference; the first Iowa International Storytelling Conference; a Maryland Hate Crime Symposium; as well as "The History of Black Musical Theatre" at Baltimore's Peabody Institute. But, even though she has directed award winner Ossie Davis; Tony Award winner Melba Moore: Broadway's record-breaking King Mufasa, Alton Fitzgerald White; and, Sesame Street's dad, Roscoe Orman, her favorite productions are... Stacie and Wesley Dunlap!

Elizabeth Berman (Finance Manager, Development Manager) holds a Master of Arts degree in Arts Administration from Goucher College and two bachelor's degrees from Johns Hopkins University. Liz is a classically trained musician who teaches at The Music Institute at HCC, and serves as the Principal Oboist of the Columbia Orchestra. She has been at CSC since 2012.

Clara Bowe (Marketing Assistant) has worked for The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rainforest Alliance, and the World Trade Center Institute. She holds degrees from Franklin University in Switzerland and New York University.

Zach Campion (Dialect Coach) is a freelance voice, speech and dialect coach, making his CSC debut. Recent credits include coaching dialects for Annie, My Fair Lady, Sweeney Todd, and Angels in America (Parts 1 and 2) at Olney Theatre Center. Other DC credits include coaching dialect for *Hand to* God (nominated for six Helen Hayes awards) and Terminus (a Hayes award nominee) at Studio Theatre; The Price and Smart People at Arena Stage; and the world premiere of The Gulf (a Hayes Award nominee) at Signature Theatre; and the world premiere of Sovereignty at Arena Stage. Zach is a certified teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework® and is a member of the Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory faculty. He holds an MFA in Theatre Pedagogy from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a BFA in Performance and Production from Texas State University. He is originally from San Antonio, TX. Voicecoachdc.com

Alexis E. Davis (Production Stage Manager) was Stage Manager for CSC's A Christmas Carol (2017), Julius Caesar, The Fantasticks, Othello, and Romeo and Juliet (2017 and 2016); and Assistant Stage Manager for A Christmas Carol (2016). With Everyman Theatre, she was Assistant Stage Manager for By the Way, Meet Vera Stark, and Stage Management Intern for Topdog/Underdog and God of Carnage. With Single Carrot Theatre, she was Stage Manager for A Beginner's Guide to Deicide. She was a Stage Management Intern at Baltimore Center Stage. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Theater Production with a Film Production minor from McDaniel College.

Timothy J. Jones (Set Designer) is making his design debut at CSC. His design work has also appeared on stage at African Continuum Theatre, American University, Morgan State University, Kansas City Rep,

and Playhouse On the Square in Memphis, TN. He is presently the full-time Prop Shop Manager and instructor at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. He has also worked as Prop Master or artisan at other companies around the country including the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespeare Festival. He is a member of the Society of Properties Artisans Managers. He holds a Masters of Fine Art in Scenery and Properties Design from the University of Memphis and a BA in Communication from the Salisbury State College. He is a native of the Washington, DC, metro area and has lived and worked throughout the United States.

Lauren Kane (Assistant Stage Manager) last worked with CSC as Assistant Stage Manager for The Fantasticks. She is Assistant Production Manager at the Annex Theatre Company, where she has worked on Minotaur, The Master and Margarita, and The Tempest. She has worked on The Variations Project: Variations on Family with Baltimore Theatre Project and Rapid Lemon Productions; Flood of Emotions with Psychic Readings Company; Twelve Dates of Christmas with Morgan State University's Department of Fine and Performing Arts; and Colorblind: The Katrina Monologues with Arena Players.

Jonathan Kollin (Lightboard Operator) has worked with CSC on A Christmas Carol (2017), Julius Caesar, The Fantasticks, and The Taming of the Shrew. He found his passion for theater tech after retiring from a business career.

Kristina Lambdin (CSC Resident Costume Designer, CSC Business Manager). Some of her costuming credits include CSC's A Christmas Carol (2014-2017, winner, Baltimore Broadway World, Best Costume Design, 2016); Anne of the Thousand Days; Macbeth; A Midsummer Night's Dream (2014, 2011, and 2005, and winning the Greater Baltimore Theater Award for the 2005 production); The Importance of Being

Earnest; The Taming of the Shrew (2006 and 2013 productions); Romeo and Juliet (2003, 2012, 2015-2017 productions); A Doll's House; As You Like It (Broadway World Best of Baltimore Award); and The Country Wife. Broadway World named her as a top artist of the 2007 Baltimore Theatre. For more than a decade, she served as the Costume Supervisor for the Baltimore Opera Company and then Lyric Opera Baltimore.

Russell Laury (Porter) Before joining CSC, Russell worked with Southway Builders on the transformation of our landmark building into this beautiful theater.

Michael Lonegro (Information Systems Manager, Development Associate) designed the lighting for CSC's recent production of Julius Caesar and has operated lights for numerous CSC productions, most recently Romeo and Juliet and Richard III. He is a member of CSC's Resident Technical and Design Company, Before joining CSC in 2014, he studied law at the University of Maryland and comparative literature at the University of Chicago, and worked for 10 years as a university press editor. He holds a BA from Yale University, where he also designed lighting for undergraduate and graduate theater productions.

Laura Malkus (Development Director) previously served as Director of Annual Giving at Roland Park Country School, and prior to that served as the coordinator for its record-breaking \$25 million capital campaign. In her personal time, Laura is a performer and writer.

Liz Nelson (Audience Services Manager) has worked with theatre companies in Charleston, SC; Berkeley, CA; and Monmouth, ME. She studied sound design at Plymouth State University.

Daniel O'Brien (Technical Director, Lighting Designer, Facilities Manager) is CSC's Resident Technical Director. A founding

member of CSC, Daniel has performed, designed scenery and lights, and served as Technical Director for many productions, among other jobs too numerous to name. He oversaw the construction of CSC's theatre in Baltimore and designed the sets and lighting for *Macbeth* and for the inaugural season plays *A Midsummer Night's Dream, Richard II, Romeo and Juliet*, and *A Christmas Carol*, among many others.

Robby Rose (Production and Education Assistant) is also a CSC Company Member and Teaching Artist. He has appeared with CSC in *The Fantasticks, Romeo and Juliet,* and other productions. He was Production Manager for CSC's Blood & Courage Company productions of *All's Well That Ends Well* and *Unscene*.

Kyle Rudgers (Production Manager) holds a BA from William and Mary and an MFA in Stage Management from UC San Diego. As a production manager, he has worked at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, the Washington Performing Arts Society, and in a similar capacity at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. As a stage manager, he has worked at theaters in Boston, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Singapore.

Nina Sharp (Box Office Associate) served as a Youth Theatre Educator, Administrative Assistant, and most recently Executive Manager of Church Hill Theatre, a non-profit theatre organization on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She recently became a resident of Baltimore and joined the staff of CSC. She holds a BA in Drama from Washington College.

Mollie Singer (Properties Designer) has worked with CSC on A Christmas Carol, Julius Caesar, The Fantasticks, Richard III, and Anne of the Thousand Days. Her credits with Everyman Theatre include Blithe Spirit (Assistant Scenic Designer) and The Understudy (Assistant Scenic Designer); with Rep Stage

include Hunting and Gathering (Scenic Design); Antigone Project: A Play in 5 Parts (Properties); Technicolor Life (Properties); Sunset Baby (Properties, Assistant Costume Designer); and Venus in Fur (Properties); with HCC Arts Collective include The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Scenic Design and Properties) and It's a Wonderful Life (Properties). She also was Scenic Designer for The Revelation of Bobby Pritchard with Iron Crow Theatre and Between Trains with Towson University.

Chester Stacy (Scenic Painter, Scenic Printer) of Chester Creates LLC, is a member of CSC's Resident Technical and Design Company. He has done set design, construction and scene painting for several CSC productions, including Julius Caesar, Anne of the Thousand Days, The Taming of the Shrew, Othello, Macbeth, Much Ado About Nothing, Titus Andronicus, Uncle Vanya and The Importance of Being Earnest; and for Red Branch Theatre's Bring It On the Musical; and First Baptist Church of Glenarden's The Uncut Coming of Christ. His projects have included set decoration for House of Cards.

Gerrad Alex Taylor (Associate Artistic Director, and Director, The Studio) is a CSC Resident Acting Company Member. He oversees programming in The Studio at the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, which offers classes for youth and adults. He holds a BA in Neuroscience from The Johns Hopkins University and an MFA in Performance from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He has worked as an actor, director, and teacher for theatres across the country.

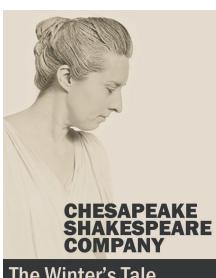
Jean Thompson (Communications Director) is CSC's marketing, public relations, and publications manager. A former news reporter and features editor, she has worked for *The Baltimore Sun*, *The New York Times*, *AmericanStyle*, and *Giftware News* magazine.

Cheryl J. Williams (Sound Designer) is making her CSC debut. Her previous sound

design includes but is not limited to: Home; Dutchman: The Last Revolutionary; Ragtime; Odessey; Raisin, the Musical; Steel Magnolias; The Miser; and Charley's Aunt. Cheryl is a Lecturer in Theatre Arts for the Fine and Performing Arts Department at Morgan State University. She has taught sound design at the University of Maryland, College Park, and Virginia Union University. She holds an MFA from Rutgers University, Mason Gross School for the Arts.

Haley R. Young (Hair, Wig, and Makeup Designer) has been a CSC Resident Technical and Design Company Member since 2015. Her work has been seen in CSC's A Christmas Carol (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014). Much Ado About Nothing, The Comedy of Errors, The Importance of Being Earnest, and Pride and Prejudice (2012). She has worked as the Wardrobe Supervisor and Assistant to the Costume Designer at Woolly Mammoth Theater Co. (2010-2014) and as Wig Maintenance and Wardrobe Crew at several theatres in the Washington, DC, area. Haley holds a Bachelor's Degree in theatre from Radford University and is a fully licensed Cosmetologist.





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