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Audience Note
Runtime: 1 hour & 45 minutes - one 15 minute intermission

Cast of Characters

“BLOOD” CAST
performs: 2/3, 2/5, 2/11, 2/13, 2/17, 2/19, 2/25, 2/27
Alexa Lopez ...................................................................................................................... Lizzie
Kris Lyons .......................................................................................................................... Emma
Gracee Street ................................................................................................................... Bridget
Audrey Hare ..................................................................................................................... Alice

“AXE” CAST
performs: 2/4, 2/6, 2/10, 2/12, 2/18, 2/20, 2/24, 2/26
Jessi Kirtley ...................................................................................................................... Lizzie
Autumn Key ...................................................................................................................... Emma
Colette Caspari ................................................................................................................ Bridget
Andie Peterson ................................................................................................................ Alice

Savannah Cooper ............................................................................................................ Bridget Understudy, Dance Captain
Zoë Lewis ....................................................................................................................... Lizzie Understudy
Maggie Solimine ............................................................................................................. Lizzie Understudy
Mia Soriano .................................................................................................................... Emma Understudy
Hanako Walrath ............................................................................................................. Alice Understudy

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SCOTT SPENCE (Artistic Director) is enjoying his 31st season at Beck Center! Since 1990, he has produced over 200 shows, directing over 100 himself. The list of favorites grows every season, and includes PARADE, A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE, SWEENEY TODD, HAIR, PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE, THE FARNSWORTH INVENTION, REEFER MADNESS, THE FIX, ZOMBIE PROM, BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON, EVIL DEAD THE MUSICAL, THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE, and the box office smash hits THE PRODUCERS and ALTAR BOYZ. Recently, Scott added to those favorites with productions of CITY OF ANGELS and MATILDA. He is very proud of the awards and acclamations Beck Center for the Arts has received over the past decade, and is especially grateful for having won the Northern Ohio Live Award for Achievement in Theatre in 2006. Outside of these walls, Scott’s directorial assignments have included a remounting of Beck Center for the Arts’ hit production of ALTAR BOYZ at Playhouse Square’s beautiful Hanna Theatre, DAS BARBECU at Opera Cleveland, THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO at Case Western Reserve University’s Eldred Theatre, OH DAD POOR DAD.... at Cleveland State University Summer Stages, and NOISES OFF at both Wearthervane Playhouse in Akron and Berea Summer Theatre. An adjunct faculty member at Cleveland State University, Scott has also had the privilege to direct Sartre’s NO EXIT and Strindberg’s MISS JULIE.

Scott holds an MFA in Directing from Western Illinois University and is a trained stage fight choreographer, having studied extensively with the SAFD. As always, he dedicates all the work he does to his two extraordinarily talented leading ladies, Rachel and Carleigh. You both amaze me every day.

VICTORIA BUSSERT (Director) is thrilled to direct the ninth collaboration between Beck Center and Baldwin Wallace University Musical Theatre program. Her previous Beck Center directing credits include ONCE, HAIR, IN THE HEIGHTS, DOGFIGHT, CARRIE the Musical, NEXT TO NORMAL, SPRING AWAKENING (Cleveland Critics Circle Award for Best Director 2012), PASSION, GREY GARDENS, and THE BREAKUP NOTEBOOK. Her work has been seen at many theaters around the country including Manhattan Theatre Club, Goodspeed Opera, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Portland Stage, Dallas Theatre Center, Cincinnati Playhouse, and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival. Locally she has directed for Cleveland Play House, Dobama Theater, Cleveland Opera, Cain Park (22 seasons) and The Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom. Favorite recent projects include the European and Chicago premieres of LIZZIE, Mamma Mia for Idaho Shakespeare Festival/Great Lakes Theatre, South Pacific with The Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom and the Danish premieres of Avenue Q and [title of show]. Victoria is the resident director for Great Lakes Theater and Director of Music Theatre at Baldwin Wallace University where she teaches alongside colleagues Matt Webb and Greg Daniels. Many thanks to Scott Spence, this bloody fantastic company along with Dale, dog Ondie and new puppy, Lizzie (yes, named after HER).

MATTHEW WEBB (Musical Director) is Music Director of Music Theatre at Baldwin Wallace University: INTO THE WOODS, SPRING AWAKENING, KINKY BOOTS, BE MORE CHILL. His previous Beck Center credits include 5x15, SCOTTSBORO BOYS, ONCE, HAIR, BREAKUP NOTEBOOK, and PASSION. This is his 4th time music directing LIZZIE and he can be heard on the original studio cast recording. He is also resident music director at Great Lakes Theater, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, and Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival: MUSIC MAN, MAMMA MIA, FOREVER PLAID, THE FANTASTICKS, SWEENEY TODD, SONDHEIM ON SONDHEIM, GUYS & DOLLS, CABARET, BAT BOY, THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD, INTO THE WOODS, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM. As sound designer and composer for GLT/ISF/LTSF: THE TEMPEST, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, JULIUS CAESAR, TAMING OF THE SHREW, MACBETH, HAMLET. Many thanks to Scott, Vicky, and his parents, Jerry & Carol.
GREGORY DANIELS (Choreographer) has been the head of the Dance Program at Baldwin Wallace University since 2010. At BW he has choreographed RENT, FOLLIES, A CHORUS LINE, WEST SIDE STORY, ANYTHING GOES and the collegiate premiere of KINKY BOOTS to name a few. Regional choreographic credits include LES MISÉRABLES, FOIREVER PLAID, CABARET, MY FAIR LADY, THE SECRET GARDEN and BEEHIVE (all at Great Lakes Theater, ISF and Lake Tahoe Shakespeare), ANYTHING GOES (TUTS starring Tony Nominee Dee Hoty), PUTTING IT TOGETHER (Syracuse Stage starring Tony Award winners Lillias White and Chuck Cooper), MY OWN SONG (Flatrock Playhouse starring Clint Holmes), the regional premieres of SONDHEIM ON SONDHEIM (Playhouse Square), IN THE HEIGHTS, DOGFIGHT, SPRINK AWAKENING (2012 Cleveland Critics Circle award for Best Choreography) and CARRIE (2014 Cleveland Critics Circle award for Best Choreography all at the Beck Center). He has had the rare honor of creating and choreographing a brand-new number for The Rockettes for The Commerce Bank Wow Awards. Proud SDC member. For more info, please visit www.gregorydaniels.net

IMANI ROBINSON (Production Stage Manager) recent credits include INTO THE WOODS (Baldwin Wallace University), JERSEY BOYS STREAMING (Playhouse Square), GREENWOOD: AN AMERICAN DREAM DESTROYED (Karamu House), IF/THEN (Lakeland Civic Theatre), and THE MUSIC MAN (Great Lakes Theatre). She would like to thank her mentors for the amazing opportunities and guidance. She would also love to thank her family and friends for the endless support!

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SAVANNAH COOPER (Bridget US/Dance Captain) is a third year Music Theatre major and Dance minor at Baldwin Wallace University. Savannah was recently seen in Beck Center’s THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS (Willie/Swing/Dance Captain), and BWMT’s productions of INTO THE WOODS (Florinda) and KINKY BOOTS (Factory Worker). Savannah wrapped filming for an upcoming Netflix feature film as a featured dancer, and will be choreographing the Playhouse Square / BWMT production of THE LIGHTNING THIEF. Savannah would like to thank BWMT, Vicky, Greg, Sandy, Matt, her family, & friends for their love and support. #SavSTRONG @savvy_sc

AUDREY HARE (Alice) is a senior music theatre major at Baldwin Wallace. Previous credits include Baker’s Wife in INTO THE WOODS, Wendla in SPRING AWAKENING, Manager Man in PERPETUAL SUNSHINE...GIRLS, Milan Stage Manager in KINKY BOOTS, and Texas/ Sally u/s in CABARET. After helping behind-the-scenes on Victoria Bussert’s production of LIZZIE in Chicago when she was in high school, she is overjoyed to have come full circle with this fearless cast of women. She’d like to thank Vicky, Sandy, Greg, Matt, and her family and friends for their continued love and support. @audrey_hare

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AUTUMN KEY (Emma) is a Senior Music Theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University. She is from Cleveland, Ohio, and is officially making her Beck Center debut! Previous credits include the Witch (INTO THE WOODS) at Baldwin Wallace University, as well as Fastrada (PIPPIN), King Herod (JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR), and Nell (AIN’T MISBEHAVIN’) at Timber Lake Playhouse. You might have also seen Autumn in the virtual production of SPRING AWAKENING at Baldwin Wallace University as Martha Bessell. Autumn is beyond grateful to work with this INCREDIBLE cast and crew and would like to give a special thank you to Vicky, Matt, and Greg! @_autumnkey

JESSI KIRTLEY (Lizzie) is a sophomore Music Theatre major from Atlanta, Georgia. She was previously seen in the Beck Center’s 5 X 15: FIVE WORLD PREMIERE FIFTEEN-MINUTE MUSICALS as a Ghost Girl in PERPETUAL SUNSHINE AND THE GHOST GIRLS. Most recently, she was seen in Baldwin Wallace University’s INTO THE WOODS as Rapunzel. She would like to extend a special thank you to Sandy Simon for her constant support, as well Victoria Bussert, Matt Webb, Greg Daniels, and Danny B6 for their combined brilliance in bringing LIZZIE to life.

ALEXA LOPEZ (Lizzie) is a sophomore Music Theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University and hails from Miami, Florida. Regional credits include WEST SIDE STORY (Maria), PERPETUAL SUNSHINE AND THE GHOST GIRLS; 2021 ASCAP Award Winner (Mollie), B.A.R.S. HIP HOP/MUSIC THEATRE IMPROV (Rolex). Other favorite credits include INTO THE WOODS (Rapunzel), SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD (Woman 1), CHICAGO (Roxie Hart), ON THE TOWN (Claire). Alexa thanks her family, friends, and wonderful mentors from the bottom of her heart for not only believing in her, but for their immeasurable love and endless support throughout her artistic journey thus far. Enjoy the show! IG: @alexaelopez

KRSI LYONS (Emma) hails from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and is currently a sophomore in Baldwin Wallace’s Music Theatre program. She was most recently on stage at Clinton Area Showboat as Sylvia (All Shook Up) and BJ (Smokey Joe’s Cafe). Kris would like to thank the faculty, her family, and her furry little creatures for their continued support. IG: @justkrislyons

ZOë LEWIS (Lizzie US) (she/they) is a freshman at Baldwin Wallace University, and is originally from Albany, NY. Outside of creating theatre, Zoë runs Royally Radiant Princess Parties and Events in Berea, where she wields a party bag instead of an axe! Her favorite credits include HEATHERS (Heather Duke, u/s Veronica), PUFFS (Cedric/Mr. Voldy), and SPRING AWAKENING (Ilse). You can see Zoë as Abigail Williams in BW’s Mainstage production of THE CRUCIBLE in April ’22. Thanks to BWMT, Mom, Vanessa, and Black and Brown creatives in the 518 and beyond! #representationmatters IG: mrmoonie

ANDIE PETERSON (Alice) is a current junior music theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University. She was recently seen as the Stepmother in BW’s fall production of INTO THE WOODS. Other credits include Emmaline in the world premiere of PERPETUAL SUNSHINE AND THE GHOST GIRLS as part of BW’s virtual new works series (2021). She would like to thank her parents, Dana and Paula, sister Hallie and the best pups in the world, Maybel and Lucie for their unending love and support! Many thanks to Vicky, Matt, Greg and Sandy for abundant guidance and opportunity. Let’s rock and have a bloody
MAGGIE SOLIMINE (Lizzie Understudy) is a sophomore music theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University. She was most recently in INTO THE WOODS at Baldwin Wallace. In March Maggie will be playing Grace Fryer in RADIUM GIRLS at Baldwin Wallace. Some of her other recent roles include Queenie in THE WILD PARTY, Elle Woods in LEGALLY BLONDE and Annie Sullivan in THE MIRACLE WORKER.

MIA SORIANO (Emma US) is a junior music theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University. They have recently been in INTO THE WOODS (Baker's Wife u/s), SPRING AWAKENING (Ens./Martha u/s), and KINKY BOOTS (Ens.). She has also been seen regionally in B.A.R.S. (Swing) at Playhouse Square, and THE TEMPEST (Gonzalo u/s) and A CHRISTMAS CAROL (Swing) at Great Lakes Theater. Their first movie, WORMWOOD FALLING, is premiering in 2022 produced by Shreek Theater in Cleveland. She will be seen next in MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (Margaret) at Great Lakes Theatre. Thank you to G4, and BWMT for all the support and guidance!

GRACEE STREET (Bridget) is a senior MT major at Baldwin Wallace from Austin, Texas. This is her first production at The Beck Center! Recent performances include Seussical at Weston Playhouse, BW's performance of Cabaret as Fritzie and BW's virtual production of Spring Awakening as Anna. This past fall semester, Gracee attended the Danish National School of Performing Arts in Fredericia, Denmark. Here, she further studied her craft in musical theatre and was able to explore her creativity in Europe. She is looking forward to graduating and moving to NYC alongside her peers in the Spring. She would like to thank her family and her amazing mentors at BW for a wonderful four years. @graceestreet

HANAKO WALRATH (Alice US) is a junior music theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University. Most recent regional credits include A CHRISTMAS CAROL at Great Lakes CAROL, SOUTH PACIFIC (Liat) with the Cleveland Orchestra, KINKY BOOTS (collegiate premiere), and BE MORE CHILL (Christine) at 4 Chairs Theatre. Lots of love to parents, Gary and Yoko, and sister, Maiko. @hanakowalrath

MICHAELA HENRY (Assistant Stage Manager) is a junior Arts Management & Entrepreneurship and Theatre: Stage Management double major from Springfield, PA. She is overjoyed to be back working on live theatre! She recently served as an assistant stage manager on STUPID F#%KING BIRD and B.A.R.S. Most recently she served as an assistant stage manager on the BWMT production of INTO THE WOODS. She’d like to give an enormous thank you to her family and friends for always supporting her!

CHARIS ELLET (Assistant Stage Manager) is currently a junior at Baldwin Wallace University, earning her degrees in Theatre: Stage Management and Creative Writing. She originally hails from Columbus, Ohio. Past BW credits include: TWELFTH NIGHT (PSM), NEIGHBORHOOD 3: REQUISITION OF DOOM (PSM), FYOO ZH EN ‘21: FLOODCITY (ASM), STUPID F%#KING BIRD (ASM), PELLEAS & MELISANDE (ASM). She would like to thank her parents, her roommate Emily, and her brother Caden, for all of their unwavering support. She would also like to give a special thanks to Imani Robinson and Michaela Henry for making up the best SM team ever. Lastly, thank you to Vicki for giving her such a wonderful opportunity to work on one of her dream shows. It’s been quite the ride! www.charislayne.com

DANNY BÓ (Assistant Director) is a Sophomore Music Theatre Major from Sarasota, FL. Danny was recently seen as Jack in INTO THE WOODS and is now excited to be making his assistant directorial debut. He would like to thank Victoria Bussert for trusting him with this project and taking him under her wings.
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JEFF HERRMANN (Lighting & Scenic Designer) is pleased to return to Beck Center for the Arts as the scene and lighting designer for LIZZIE. Previous Beck Center design works include THE LITTLE MERMAID, IN THE HEIGHTS, MARY POPPINS, SPRING AWAKENING and NEXT TO NORMAL. Other selected design credits include MAMMA MIA, THE MUSIC MAN, MY FAIR LADY, THE SECRET GARDEN, LES MISERABLES, Sweeney Todd, Cabaret, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, and INTO THE WOODS, all joint productions between Great Lakes Theater and Idaho Shakespeare Festival. Jeff is a professor of theatre at Baldwin Wallace University and is the resident scene designer. He holds an MFA in scene and lighting design from Southern Illinois University. Jeff is a resident of Lakewood where he lives with his husband, Bob.

CARLTON GUC (Sound Designer) design credits include Jane Eyre (Cleveland Musical Theatre); Ragtime (Cain Park 2019), Memphis (Cain Park 2018), Rock of Ages, Music Man (Cain Park 2017); An Act of God, Shrek - The Musical, Once, Lady Day (Beck Center); Into The Woods (CSU); Oliver, A New Brain (Hathaway Brown Theatre Institute); Rocky Horror (LCCC); Mix credits include The Singing Angels; Matilda (Beck Center). Between shows you’ll find Carlton playing guitar, writing computer software, or coaching skiing; www.carltonguc.com

CHARLOTTE M. YETMAN (Costume Designer) is Director of Costume Design at Baldwin Wallace University where she recently designed Cabaret, Lizzie, Intimate Apparel, Anything Goes, West Side Story, Carmen, Dark of the Moon, and Eurydice. Among her professional credits are designs for, My Fair Lady, Secret Garden, Sweeney Todd, Cabaret, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Arsenic and Old Lace, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) (Idaho Shakespeare Festival & Great Lake Theatre Festival); Comedy of Errors, Hound of the Baskervilles (Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival), Lady With All The Answers, Custody of the Eyes (Cleveland Play House); Frankenstein (Tennessee Repertory Theater); Silver Dollar, John & Jen, Das Barbecue, Heartbeats (Goodspeed Opera House); Conrack (Ford’s Theater); Super Sunday and Widows (Williamstown Theater Festival); and the American premiere of Ballenchine’s Mozart Violin Concerto No.5 with Tulsa Ballet Theater. Charlotte received her BFA from Pennsylvania State University and her MFA from New York University, Tisch School of the Arts. She has been an assistant scenic designer with Oregon Shakespeare Festival and is a member of USA 829.

BETTY PITCHER (Wardrobe Supervisor) is the Wardrobe Manager and Costume Rental Coordinator at the Beck Center. Her Beck Center credits include: MATILDA, SHREK, GYPSY, LITTLE MERMAID, TRIALS OF ROBIN HOOD, SEUSSICAL, CINDER-ELLA, LARAMIE PROJECT, ALL GREEK TO ME, SNOW WHITE’S ADVENTURES, and SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK LIVE. She has been a costume designer for more than 12 years and has created custom costume pieces for Beck Center for the Arts, Player’s Guild, Chagrin Valley Little Theatre and North Canton Playhouse. Betty would like to thank her son, Jeremy for “volunteering” her to “help” all those years ago. Betty’s Costume Creations & Rentals (BCCR)

ANGIE HAYES (Sound Mixer) has designed and mixed sound for productions at many area theaters, colleges, and high schools. She has also recorded and sound designed for several podcasts, including SIDEWALK, MUNCHEN, MN, and a radio play series for The Endangered Species Theatre Project of Frederick, MD. She has a Bachelor Degree in Music from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, with an emphasis in Recording Technology and Music Business.

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