

MERCER UNIVERSITY THEATRE

Defying Gravity

by
Jane Anderson

Directed by Paul Oppy

Set and Lighting Design by Marian Zielinski

Costume Design by Ashley Whitten

Sound Design by Nathan Bishop

CAST

Teacher	Monica Stevens
Donna	Crystal Williams
Elizabeth	Erin Sullivan
Monet	Adam Gsegner
C.B.	Bert Hopkins
Ed	Ben McCumber
Betty	Ashley Whitten

The Play takes place at various times and places in the 1980s

THERE WILL BE NO INTERMISSION

Who's Who

Candace Flatt (Assistant Stage Manager) is a Freshman double majoring in Political Science and Communication and Theatre Arts. This is her first production here at Mercer. She was heavily involved in high school theatre, both in performance and technical theatre. She is looking forward to being involved in Mercer's theatre department in her next four years. Thanks to the cast and crew for being so awesome! Break a leg! To her friends and family much love!

Adam Gsegner (Monet) is a Junior Communication and Theater Arts major with a minor in English. He hopes to get his masters in Dramaturgy. Adam has worked in Mercer Theatre extensively, including Stage Managing *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. He is honored to work with such a great cast and crew.

Bert Hopkins (C.B.) is a Sophomore with a major in Political Science and a Drama/Theatre Concentration. Bert was last seen in the Mercer productions of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *An Inspector Calls*. Also, he spends many wonderful hours working at Theatre Macon. In his spare time Bert enjoys sleep and sleep. He would like to dedicate his performance to Milton and St. Thomas. He was a great man.

Sean Johnson (Technical Director) earned his BA in Theatre Arts from Marian College in Indiana and has been working in technical theatre for the last 16 years. He is a freelance scenic designer. Most recently he has designed for Marian College's *Cobb* and Mercer's *A Funny Thing Happened*

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, *Peter Pan*, and *The Good Doctor*, which
Mom, Dad, Molly, Chris, Grandparents, Joe,
and Marian: Thanks for blessing my life incredibly!"

Erin M. Sullivan (Elizabeth) is a Freshman here at Mercer majoring in Communication and Theatre Arts and Music. This is Erin's first Mercer production. She was very active in high school and is looking forward to being active in Mercer's Theatre department. Erin dedicates her performance to her parents.

Ashley Whitten (Betty/Costume Designer) is a Senior who is designing costumes for her first mainstage production. She is graduating with a double major in Drama Theatre and Art. Ashley was Assistant Stage Manager for *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* last year. She wants to dedicate this performance to her father, mother, and brother. "I love y'all, Thanks for your support and the eighties clothes, Mom!"

The pianist for this evening's
Performance is Dr. Jean Roberts
Program Correction
Dr. John N. Roberts
Denver Pickard
Gary Blackburn
Dr. Martha Malone
Additional Special Thanks

Crystal P. Williams (Donna) is a Junior majoring in Early Childhood Education. She has found teaching and theatre to be her passions. This is her second appearance in a Mercer production. Last fall, she played Terry in William Mastro Simone's *Extremities*. Her sister inspired her to pursue her love of the arts.

Marian Zielinski (Set and Lighting Design) is an Associate Professor of Theatre at Mercer University where she has designed sets, costumes, and/or lighting for over fifty productions. Marian has also designed for the professional stage, including the Illinois Shakespeare Festival, the Shawnee Theatre, and Music Theatre Louisville. She earned her BA in Theatre from the State University of New York at Buffalo and her MFA from Illinois State University.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Technical DirectorSean Johnson
 Stage ManagerPatrick Sinclair
 Assistant Stage ManagersNicole Benson & Candace Flatt
 Stage CrewDiana Davidson, Milton Hardy, Nathan Thomas
 Set CrewRob Belloir, Romedro Bennett, Nikeisha Bollers,
David Cofield, Rebecca Drummond, Candace Flatt,
Dustin Fuller, Greer Garren, Bert Hopkins, Milton Hardy,
Ashleigh McDaniel, Courtney O'Neill, Derrick Robinson,
Marlene Silva, Patrick Sinclair, Monica Stevens,
Ashley Whitten, Chad Willingham
 Costume Shop SupervisorShelley Kuhen
 Master ElectricianCourtney O'Neill
 Light Board OperatorCourtney O'Neill
 Sound Board OperatorNathan Bishop
 PropsCandace Flatt, Patrick Sinclair

Special Thanks

John Peavy, Baconsfield Kroger, Sam Hutto, Penni Hartley,
 Dr. Anna Weaver, Randy Harshbarger, Terry Bickley

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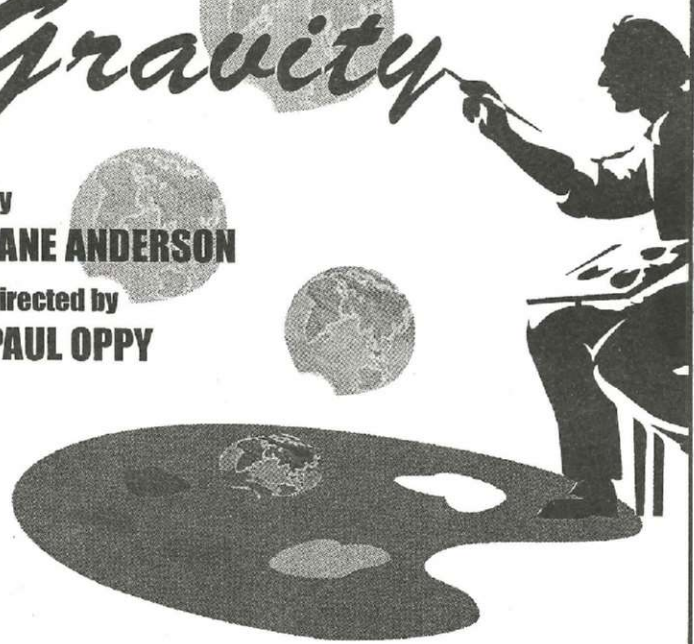
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Featuring Mercer University Theatre faculty and students!

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THE BACKDOOR THEATRE

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