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MERCER THEATRE
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EVIL DEAD

THE MUSICAL

DIRECTED BY CHAS PRIDGEN
TATTNALL SQUARE CENTER FOR THE ARTS
OCT 24-26, NOV 1-NOV 2 AT 7:30 PM
OCT 31 AT MIDNIGHT
OCT 27, NOV 3 AT 2:30 PM

BOOK AND LYRICS BY GEORGE REINBLATT
MUSIC BY FRANK CIPOLLA, CHRISTOPHER BOND,
MELISSA MORRIS AND GEORGE REINBLATT
MUSIC SUPERVISION BY FRANK CIPOLLA
ADDITIONAL LYRICS BY CHRISTOPHER BOND
ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY ROB DALEMAN

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Director's Notes

My senior project pitch was to direct and choreograph a musical, and I said that *Evil Dead* would be a great fit for our program. I was astounded when my pitch was approved: I expected the theatrical equivalent of a "bless your heart." We hit the ground running just a few short weeks before opening night, and it truly took a village to get this behemoth ready for public viewing. I would like to genuinely, sincerely thank Scot, Fran, Shelley, Amy, JP, Abby, and McKinley for putting in 110% and dealing with all of my weird requests, and Laura Ashlyn and Kyra for dealing with my insanity at home. Watching me choreograph in our living room at 2 a.m. definitely changes a person. Of course, I have to mention Brenna, my assistant choreographer and first Mercer friend. We really somehow made it all the way through this four-year experience together. Also, a shout out to the 1708 crew -- Marianna, Emily, Elizabeth, and Mahima -- who let me use their rooms as a home base and ears as a soundboard. I would also like to thank the entire cast and crew for being so open and willing to create art with me, even through all of the ups and downs we've faced. Finally, thank you to the person reading this. Thank you for supporting local art, theatrical education, and the rising generation of entertainers. We couldn't do this without you.



The Cast

Ash.....J.T. Bloodworth
 ScottTripp Kennon
 Cheryl.....Joey Kene
 AnnieElizabeth Tammi
 LindaAnna Peerbolte
 Shelley.....Celinna Riordan
 EdCeVonn Williams
 JakeLaura Ashlyn Pridgen

McKinley Starks (Music Director, Musician) is excited to be part of the crew for *Evil Dead*. She thanks all of the cast and crew, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Collin Schumacher (Co-Props) is a senior theatre major at Mercer. This is his second time acting with the Mercer Players and about his thousandth playing D&D and he is excited to be a part of the show.

Emma Steinhaus (Assistant Stage Manager) is a sophomore Theatre and Psychology double major at Mercer University. She was most recently ASM for *The Blessed Demon*. She would like to thank her friends and family for their love and support and the cast and crew for their hard work!

Elizabeth Tammi (Annie) is a senior journalism and creative writing double-major at Mercer. Before college, she performed in shows and commercials in central Florida, including a five-summer stint with "The Young Company" at Orlando Shakespeare Theater. She's also the news editor of "The Cluster" and author of two YA novels.

Jules Tollett (Ensemble: Annoying Airport Lady/Ensemble/Assistant Master Electrician/Fight Captain) is a senior English and Theatre major. She is a stage manager, and this is the second time she has been on stage instead of behind the scenes at Tattnall. Jules is so glad to be in *Evil Dead*, and would like to thank her friends for being so supportive!

CeVonn Williams (Ed) is excited to be part of the crew for *Evil Dead*. He thanks all of the cast and crew, and hopes you enjoy the show!



Madelyn Majewski (Ensemble: Leafy The Tree & Demon) is a freshman studying on the pre-occupational therapy track. This is her first show with Mercer University's theatre. She would like to thank her cast family and her actual family for embracing her quirks & always giving her love and support.

Brenna McNulty (Assistant Choreographer) is a senior French and Theatre Major. This will be her last show with Mercer Theatre. She wants to thank everyone in this program for never letting her forget that she kicked someone in the face during a live performance. Congrats to her first Mercer friend Chas on this bloody spectacular show!

Abigail Patterson (Stage Manager) is a Sophomore Marketing and Spanish double major and this is her fourth show at Mercer. Abby would like to thank her family and friends for their abounding love and support. Welcome to our cabin in the woods!

Anna Peerbolte (Linda) is a freshman at Mercer University. She most recently played Uzo in *Godspell* and Amneris in *Aida*, though *Evil Dead* is her first college production. Anna would like to thank her friends and family for their endless support, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Briana Perez (Run Crew) is excited to be part of the crew for *Evil Dead*. She thanks all of the cast and crew, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Chas Pridgen (Director) is a senior theatre and journalism major. You may recognize him from his adventures onstage in various Mercer and Theatre Macon performances. He would like to unconvincingly apologize for this production he has created. Chas thanks his parents, friends, mentors, and enemies for helping him get through this process.

Laura Ashlyn Pridgen (Jake) is a sophomore Biology major and Theatre minor at Mercer University. You may have seen her most recently as Nurse in *Romeo and Juliet* or Valten-tay in *The Blessed Demon*. Laura Ashlyn would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her no matter the role.

Celinna Riordan (Shelley) is thrilled to be involved with the wonderful cast and crew she's gotten to work with the past few weeks. She hopes you all have a bloody good time and enjoy the killer performance. It's to die for.

Frani Geiger Rollins (Scenic Designer) is the Assistant Professor of Design and Technology with the Mercer Theatre Program. She earned her M.F.A. from the University of Oregon, and her B.A. in Theatre at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. Congratulations and thank-you's to the entire cast, crew, and support team for Mercer Theatre.

Ensemble:

Jules Tollett Nico Fox Derrick Buie,
 Angelina Christine Madelyn Majewski

Artistic Staff

Director.....Chas Pridgen
 Stage Manager.....Abigail Patterson
 Assistant Stage Managers.....Jackson Crean and Emma Steinhaus
 Music Director.....MckKinley Starks
 Musicians.....McKinley Starks, Melody Cooper, & Logan Best
 Sound Design/Operator.....Noel Hullfish
 Assistant Props.....Kyra Davis
 Co-Props.....Collin Schumacher and Kimberly Gessner
 Dance Captain.....Joey Kene
 Assistant Choreographer.....Brenna McNulty
 Fight Captain.....Jules Tollett
 Blood Man.....Ty Carter
 Costume Designer.....Shelley Kuhlen
 Technical Director.....JP Haynie
 Technical Assistant.....Jackson Crean
 Lighting.....Logan Best
 Light Board Operator.....Baylor Elliott
 Scenic Designer.....Frani Geiger Rollins
 Scenic Artist.....Bethany Brandon and Fate Amos
 Graphic Designer.....Julia Rubens
 Student Marketing Assistant.....Ashley Barrett
 Center Coordinator.....Amy Watson

Run Crew

Julia Stuckey David Walker Taylor Crenshaw Briana Perez

Fate Amos (Scenic Artist) is a senior Communications major and Theatre minor at Mercer University. He previously served as a member of the run crew for *The Christians*. Fate would like to thank his family for their support and the crew for all their hard work on this "groovy" production

Logan Best (Lighting Designer, Musician) is a junior psychology and theatre double major from Hopkinton, Massachusetts. He was recently the light board operator for *Blessed Demon* and the master electrician for *Proof*. Halloween is his favorite holiday, so he hopes your spooky season is as radical as this show.

J.T. Bloodworth (Ash) is a senior majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He's performed in Mercer productions each year he's been here and had a blast with every one. He's proud of each of his fellow crew and cast for helping him make the best of his senior year.

Bethany Brandon (Scenic Artist) is excited to be part of the crew for *Evil Dead*. She thanks all of the cast and crew, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Derrick Buie (Ensemble) is excited to be part of the crew for *Evil Dead*. He thanks all of the cast and crew, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Ty Carter (Blood Man) is a Sophomore Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major. He was most recently "The Judge" in *Blessed Demon*. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support. He would also like to thank Chas for slathering himself in (fake) blood for science.

Angelina Christine (Ensemble) is a freshman who is unsure of what her major will be—stay tuned to find out! She is very excited to be a part of her first show with the Mercer Players. Angelina would like to thank her family and friends for their love, specifically her roommate Mattie.

Jackson Crean (Assistant Stage Manager, Tech Assistant) is a History Major at Mercer University. This is his second production with Mercer Players. He hopes that you all enjoy looking at the old rickety cabin for which he is partly responsible.

Taylor Crenshaw (Run Crew) is a Junior Computer Engineering Student. This is her first time being involved in anything theatre related, and she looks forward to participating. She'd like to thank her family and friends for their support and encouraging her to explore new things.

Kyra Davis (Assistant Props) is excited to be part of the crew for *Evil Dead*. She thanks all of the cast and crew, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Baylor Elliott (Light Board Operator) is a senior Theatre and History double major at Mercer University. He would like to thank his family and his girlfriend for all of their love and support, and energy drinks for helping him balance a senior project, a show and 16 hours of class.

Nico Fox (Ensemble: Knowby) is a freshman Fine Art and History major. His favorite role was in high school when he played Ebenezer Scrooge, as he got to fulfill his dream of being a crotchety old man. He would like to thank God, his dog, and the angels of wish.com retail therapy for getting him through the year.

Kimberly Gessner (Co-Prop) is a senior at Mercer University. You may have recently seen her as Dargara in *Vengeance and Veritas* or her props work in a past show. Kimberly would like to thank her friends and fish for their support and the cast and crew for being all around great human beings.

JP Haynie (Technical Director) is happy to be joining Mercer Theatre for his first show as Technical Director. He graduated from Mercer with a BA in Theatre, and received his MFA in Musical Theatre from UCF. JP also directed *Sherlock Holmes: the Final Adventure* this fall at Macon Little Theatre.

Noel Hullfish (Sound Design/Operator) is a senior IST and Theatre Major at Mercer University. Some of her favorite shows have been *She Kills Monsters* and *Vengeance & Veritas*. She'd like to thank her friends and family for their support.

Joey Kene (Cheryl, Dance Captain) is excited to be part of the crew for *Evil Dead*. She thanks all of the cast and crew, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Tripp Kennon (Scott) is a sophomore PPE major at Mercer University. He likes long walks on the beach, the color purple, and almost anything French. Tripp would like to thank his friends and family, for supporting him in everything he does and watching him pursue his passion of entertaining others.

Shelley Kuhen (Costume Designer) is in her 24th season as Mercer Theatre's Costume Director. Her designs have most recently been seen in our productions of *Rhinoceros*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *She Kills Monsters*. She also designs for Mercer Opera as well as Theatre Macon. Shelley thanks her wonderful family for their continued love and support and for enduring years of her crazy schedules, mood swings and enlisting their help behind the scenes. She also thanks her amazing costume crew for their countless hours of hard work and for their encouragement, love and laughter.