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James and the Giant Peach!*



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A colorful poster for the play 'James and the Giant Peach'. It features a large, stylized peach with the title 'JAMES and the Giant Peach' written on it in yellow. A silhouette of a boy is climbing the peach, holding onto strings that lead to several white birds flying in the sky. The background is a bright blue sky with a blue wavy line at the bottom representing water. Text on the poster includes 'Mercer Theatre Presents' and 'Roald Dahl's'. At the bottom, it lists the dates and times for the performances: 'November 1st - 4th 7:30, 5th 2:30 at Tattall Square Center for the Arts' and 'November 12th 3:00 at the Monroe County Fine Arts Center'. It also provides the address 'TATTNALL SQUARE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1096 COLLEGE STREET' and contact information 'INFORMATION: 478.301.2974, TICKETS.MERCER.EDU'.

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Director's Notes

Dahl's masterfully-crafted story was first published in 1961. James' journey from being alone and unloved to becoming a hero, finding unexpected strength, resilience, and friendship in the company of the most unusual of characters remains a timeless tale. Mercer Theatre does not often produce musicals, however, when we do, it requires a hundred percent effort by everyone in the cast, crew, and our production staff. I want to personally thank all of the students, staff, and faculty who sacrifice and pour their love and dedication into the important artistic work Mercer Theatre brings to Mercer and the Macon community.

Artistic Staff

Director.....	Scot Mann
Music Director.....	Katie Trotter
Choreographer.....	Brenna McNulty
Scenic Designer.....	Frani Geiger Rollins
Lighting/Projections Designer.....	Frani Geiger Rollins
Costume Designer.....	Shelley Kuhen
Technical Director.....	Todd Wilson
Assistant Technical Director.....	Reid Brown
Sound Designer.....	Noel Hullfish
Stage Manager.....	Annie Fair
Assistant Stage Managers.....	Nicole Lutch, Brenna McNulty, & Jules Tollett
Prop Master.....	Collin Schumacher
Assistant Prop Masters.....	Charleston Eatmon and Kimberly Gessner
Puppet Master.....	Monica Stephenson
Assistant Puppet Master.....	Greer Weed
Master Electrician.....	Rosie Cooper
Tour Manager.....	Annie Fair
Sound Board Operator.....	Noel Hullfish
Light Board Operator.....	Travis Meeks
Projections Operator.....	Rosie Cooper
Run Crew.....	Nicole Lutch, Brenna McNulty, and Jules Tollett

Dance Captain.....	Chas Pridgen
Graphics Designer.....	Marianna Bacallao
House Manager.....	Andre Boyd
Student Marketing Director.....	Jules Tollett
Tattnall Arts Center Coordinator.....	Amy Watson

The Cast

James.....	Declan C. Myers
Ladahlord/Madame Guild President.....	Charles Pickett
Aunt Spiker.....	Marianna Bacallao
Aunt Sponge.....	Lauren Baxter
Earthworm/Bitsy Botana.....	Chas Pridgen
Centipede.....	Conner Best
Ladybug.....	Geena Denton
Grasshopper.....	Joey Mitchell
Spider.....	Avery Davis
Cop/Buzz.....	Chase Moore
Matron Nurse.....	Ashley Greene
Reporter 1.....	Lauren Ward
Reporter 2.....	Briá Smith
Puppeteers.....	Baylor Elliott, Chase Moore, and CeVonn Williams
Chorus/Ensemble.....	Kaylah Fritho, Ashley Greene, Chase Moore, Briá Smith, and Lauren Ward

Marianna Bacallao (Aunt Spiker) is a Journalism and English major at Mercer University. You may have seen her previously as Elizabeth in *Presumption; or the Fate of Frankenstein*, or Gabby in *She Kills Monsters*. She is excited to be performing her first musical with Mercer Players, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Lauren Baxter (Sponge) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach*! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Conner Best (Centipede) is a freshman at Mercer University and a psychology major from Hopkinton, Massachusetts. As a musician and actor, this is not Conner's first time being on stage.

Andre Boyd (House Manager) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach*! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Reid Brown (Assistant Technical Director) is an MBA student at Mercer University. Reid previously ran sound for the Mercer Players as an undergraduate student, and his glorious return to Mercer Theatre comes after graduating last spring with a degree in IST from Mercer. Reid enjoys hockey, puppies, and making Annie Fair's life difficult.

Rosie Cooper (Master Electrician/Projections Operator) is a junior Theatre major and Chemistry minor at Mercer University. You may have recently seen her as Johnna in *August: Osage County* or as the Narrator in *She Kills Monsters*. Rosie would like to thank all her friends and family for supporting her through her journey here, especially the lovely Annie Fair.

Avery Davis (Spider) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach*! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Geena Denton (Ladybug) is in her junior year at Mercer University. She is pursuing a double major in Music and Biology. Her favorite past productions include *Sweeney Todd* and the *Wizard of Oz*. Geena is excited to be sharing her passion for theatre with such an amazing cast and crew.

Charleston Eatmon (Assistant Prop Master) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach*! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Baylor Elliott (Puppeteer) is a sophomore Theatre and History double major at Mercer University. He would like to thank his family and friends for their love and support.

Annie Fair (Stage Manager/Tour Manager) is a senior Theatre Major at Mercer University. Last year she was the stage manager for *August: Osage County* and *She Kills Monsters*. This past summer she worked as a lighting designer for Theatre Macon and Macon Little Theatre. Annie is thankful to work with such wonderful people!

Kaylah Fritho (Chorus/Ensemble) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach*! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Ashley Greene (Matron Nurse/Chorus/Ensemble) is a senior Theatre major at Mercer University. You may have seen her most recently on the Mercer stage playing Agnes Evans in *She Kills Monsters* or Jean Fordham in *August: Osage County*. She has loved bringing this show together and hopes you enjoy it!

Kimberly Gessner (Assistant Props Master) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach*! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Noel Hullfish (Sound Designer/Sound Board Operator) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach*! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Shelley Kuhlen (Costume Designer) is in her twenty-first season as Mercer Theatre's Costume Director. Her designs have most recently been seen in our productions of *August: Osage County*, *She Kills Monsters*, *Hedda Gabler*, *Fiction*, *A Flea in Her Ear*, and *The Tempest*. As Costume Designer for Mercer Opera, her creations were seen in their latest productions of *The Trial of Goldilocks* and *The Gondoliers*. Also employed by Theatre Macon, Shelley's work was last seen in *Rumors* and *Auntie Mame*. 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.

Nicole Lutch (Assistant Stage Manager) is a freshman at Mercer University. She is an education major from Buford, Georgia. This is her first show with Mercer. She is excited to be here and hopes you enjoy the show!

Scot J. Mann (Director) is an award winning and internationally recognized Fight Master through the Society of American Fight Directors, the British Academy of Stage and Screen Combat, and Director of Theatre at Mercer University. He has choreographed, performed and coached theatrical violence in the US, England, and Germany with such companies as The Steppenwolf Theatre, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Alliance Theatre, and the Georgia Shakespeare Festival. As a director, he received a Meritorious Achievement Award for his direction of *Scapin*, by the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival in 2005.

Brenna McNulty (Assistant Stage Manager/Choreographer) is a sophomore at Mercer University. Her most recent works include playing Josephine in *The Tale of Josephine "Devil" Bloodhound*, Lawyer in *Tracks*, Woman and director of "The Baby War" in *1x10!*, and Evil Tina in *She Kills Monsters*. She would like to thank her friends, family, cast, and crew for being just amazing!

Travis Meeks (Light Board Operator) is a sophomore chemistry major at Mercer. This is his second time working with Mercer Theatre, and he would like to extend a big thank-you to all of its members for being so welcoming!

Joey Mitchell (Grasshopper) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach*! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Chase Moore (Cop/Buzz/Puppeteer/Ensemble) is a junior, and this is his 9th production here at Mercer, so you may have seen him in last year's *11x10!*, or in *She Kills Monsters*. Most recently, Chase worked professionally this summer at *Tecumseh!* Outdoor Drama in Ohio, and got paid to say lines on stage.

Declan C. Myers (James) is in 6th Grade at Howard Middle School. A few of his favorite performances include Scut Farkus in *A Christmas Story* and Simba in *The Lion King, Jr.* This is Declan's first performance at Mercer and he is honored to be a part of the cast!

Charles Pickett (Ladahlord/Madame Guild President) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach!* Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Chas Pridgen (Earthworm/Bitsy Botana) is absolutely delighted to be a part of this fantastical show! This is Chas' first musical, and he is glad to be sharing the experience with this incredible cast. As always, Chas would like to thank his family and friends for their unwavering support.

Frani Geiger Rollins (Scenic Designer/Lighting Designer/Projections 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.

Collin Schumacher (Props Master) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach!* Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Briá Smith (Reporter 1/Chorus/Ensemble) is a junior Theatre and Creative Writing double major at Mercer University. She directed and choreographed the show "Zachary Zwillinger Eats People" last semester. This semester, she directed the show *The Tale of Josephine "Devil" Bloodhound*. She loves musicals and is super excited to take the stage!

Monica Stephenson (Puppet Master) is a sophomore at Mercer University. You might have seen her last year in *She Kills Monsters* (Tilly), *11x10!* (Bernice Snell), or *Tracks* (HS Girl). She would like to thank the amazing cast and crew for all their hard work. You guys rock!

Jules Tollett (Assistant Stage Manager) is a sophomore English major and Theatre minor. She was a stage manager for *11x10!* and an assistant stage manager for *August: Osage County*. Her favorite memory of the theatre was being a part of the *She Kills Monsters* cast. Jules would like to thank her friends for inspiring her.

Katie Trotter (Music Director) is excited to be a part of Mercer's production of *James and the Giant Peach!* Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

Lauren Ward (Reporter 2/Chorus/Ensemble) is a freshman at Mercer University. She is a political science major from Statenville, Georgia. This is her first major performance at Mercer.

Greer Weed (Assistant Puppet Master) is a sophomore triple major in Studio Art, Art therapy and Psychology. This is her first time being a part of a production and hopes you love the artistic touches she brought to the puppets.

CeVonn Williams (Puppeteer) is a Sophomore Theatre Major at Mercer University. He's returning to the Mercer stage after his first role as Orcus in *She Kills Monsters!* He was also a student director in the production *11x10!* He's enjoyed every opportunity working with the theatre and aims to act professionally.

Todd Wilson (Technical Director) is in his third year as TD and is a Mercer graduate, CLA '85. Todd is a former President and Board Member of Perry Players Theatre and was a founding member of Theatre Macon. He also does play by play for many of the Mercer University's sports programs on ESPN 3. Outside of theatre, Todd enjoys photography, music, camping, fishing and golf.

Costume Crew:

Shelley Kuhen
Kayla Astin
Laurel Astin
Sandy Dimon
Suzanne Doonan
Ashley Greene
Katie Trotter

Props Crew:

Collin Schumacher
Charleston Eatmon
Kimberly Gessner

Puppet Crew:

Monica Stephenson
Stephanie Daub
Geena Denton
Baylor Elliott
Charles Pickett
Abbie Ryon
Greer Weed

Lighting Crew:

Frani Geiger Rollins
Rosie Cooper
Travis Meeks

Set Crew:

Frani Geiger Rollins
Todd Wilson
Reid Brown
Stephanie Daub
David Doleman
Nathan Firkus
Nicholas Wade

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