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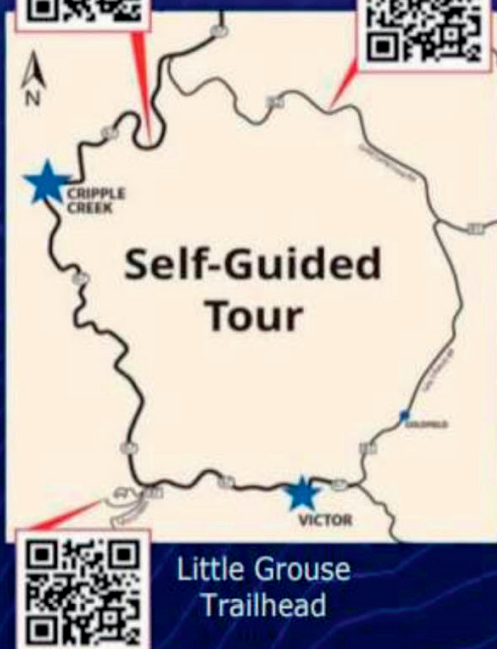
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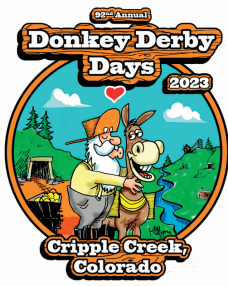


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Solomon Abell

THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST as "Jack Rance"

WE WILL ROCK YOU as Ensemble

Solomon is so excited to be making his debut for Funky Little Theater Company in The Girl of the Golden West/We Will Rock You! Most recently, he appeared as Jeff in Loveland Opera Theatre's production of BRIGADOON. In 2020, Solomon graduated from NYU Tisch with a BFA in Drama. In his free time, he enjoys drawing, taking long, hot showers, and cuddling with his two marauding cats, Fish and Sasha, who enjoy eating his things. He would like to thank his family for always being supportive, and the many mentors he has had the pleasure and privilege of learning from over the years. Enjoy!



Shea Allen

THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST as "Nicki"

WE WILL ROCK YOU as Ensemble

Shea Michelle Allen is taking the stage for the first time in Colorado after moving to Canon City from Atlanta, GA in 2023. Shea spent the first decade of her career as a TV news reporter before founding her content creation business- Rage and Crow Productions. Her resume includes professional runs of PIPPIN, ADDAMS FAMILY, and FOOTLOOSE. Shea says her favorite element of performing is the confidence and authenticity it develops. During the summer season, Shea also runs the campground at the famous Royal Gorge. She is especially grateful to her husband and sons for their support and encouragement during this production.



Margaret Brophy

THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST as "The Girl"

WE WILL ROCK YOU as Ensemble

Margaret is from Colorado Springs, however, this has been her first time in Cripple Creek. In the Springs, she has been involved with theatre companies such as Funky Little Theater Company, Sunrise Players, and Opera Theatre of the Rockies. She recently graduated with a BFA in Music Theatre from Colorado Mesa University. Some of her favorite roles have been Jean in AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY, Nat in RABBIT HOLE, Chava in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, and Nellie in FLOYD COLLINS. She plans to move to Los Angeles within the next year to see what opportunities she may find there.

Jaime Brown
WE WILL ROCK YOU as "Killer Queen"

Jaime is making her professional debut in WE WILL ROCK YOU! Jaime by day, and sometimes night works in the gaming industry, and has lived near Cripple Creek since 1983. She has performed in past productions of STEEL MAGNOLIAS, THE EFFECT OF GAMMA RAYS ON MAN IN THE MOON MARIGOLDS, SYMPATHY JONES, and THE ODD COUPLE to name a few. Jaime is unbelievably honored to share her love of music and stage with the incredible people who all love the Butte Theater. Jaime wishes to thank her family for supporting her in her passion and Funky Little Theater Company for taking a chance on blowing everyone's mind with this production. Rock On!



True Chin-Parker
THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST as "Hap"
WE WILL ROCK YOU as "Scaramouche"

True is excited to make her Funky debut! From Granville, Ohio, she is a recent graduate of Western Michigan University with a BFA in Musical Theater Performance. Recent credits include Annabeth Chase (THE LIGHTNING THIEF), Lady Anne/Lord Collins (EMILIA), and Marcy Park (25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE). She would like to thank Chris and this Funky Little family, her cats back home, and the town of Cripple Creek for the warm welcome.



You can find her on Instagram at @truechinparker

Jim Conklin
THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST as "Ashby"
WE WILL ROCK YOU as "Galileo"

Jim is thrilled to be back in Cripple Creek! He was previously seen at the Butte as the Tin Tinsmith in THE WIZARD OF OZ COLORADO! Other roles include Tater Calhoun (FORBIDDEN FRONTIER ON ADVENTURE ISLAND), Judas (THE LAST DAYS OF JUDAS ISCARIOT), and the Preacher/Bus Driver (VIOLET). You can check him out as Conner in the musical audio drama (the musical) Memoirs of a Murder on Spotify, and as a founding member of the RPG entertainment group Yes Yay Roleplay on YouTube. Thanks for coming, and enjoy the show!





Isabella Falber

THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST as "Nina"

WE WILL ROCK YOU as "Oz"/Ensemble

Isabella is thrilled and honored to be making her professional debut with Funky Little Theatre Co. in beautiful Cripple Creek, CO. From Tampa, FL, Isabella is a recent alum of Florida Southern College where she received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre. At school, Isabella was a resident advisor, tour guide, and the President of Studio Box (FSC's Improv Comedy Troupe). Some of her credits include Carla in IN THE HEIGHTS at Spanish Lyric Theatre, King Claudius/King Hamlet's Ghost in HAMLET, Woman I in SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD, and Phoebe in AS YOU LIKE IT - all at Florida Southern. She would like to thank Chris, the "Funky Little family", her friend Stephanie, her family, and God for supporting her through this experience. You can follow her on Instagram at @bella_falber.



Mike Green

WE WILL ROCK YOU as "Khashoggi"

A native of Cripple Creek for over five years, and a lover of Queen music, Michael is thrilled to be back on the Butte stage for this show! This is his fourth production with Funky (LEND ME A TENOR, THE KITCHEN WITCHES and THE STINKY CHEESE MAN & OTHER FAIRLY STUPID TALES), and his fifth total at the Butte (A MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY and LOVE LETTERS). He feels lucky to work with such talented artists, and extra lucky to get out from behind the box office counter for you all!



Wyatt King Lysenko

THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST as "Dick Johnson"

WE WILL ROCK YOU as "Britney"/Ensemble

Wyatt is so thrilled to be a part of the Funky Little Theater Co's summer season at the historic Butte Theater. Originally from New Canaan, Connecticut, Wyatt graduated with his BFA in musical theatre from Missouri State University. Previous roles he's played include Terpsichore in XANADU at Tent Theatre, Pony in SUBURBIA through Missouri State University and Emmett Forrest in LEGALLY BLONDE at New Canaan High School. He'd love to thank Chris, Sonja, friends of the Butte, the cast, and the crew of Funky Little Theater Co for their time, energy, and commitment to making some kick-ass theater!

Colton Mayhue

THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST as Ensemble

WE WILL ROCK YOU as Ensemble

This is Colton's first professional show, and he is super excited about the opportunity! Colton has only recently gotten into acting and has been part of five productions including THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS (Charis).

He loves acting, dancing, songwriting, singing and theatre! Colton says thank you to everyone who played a part and gave him his start, and other big thanks to Funky @ the Butte for taking a chance on a fairly new actor and giving him a place in all this.



F. Estin Novak

THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST as "Slim"

WE WILL ROCK YOU as Ensemble

Estin is downright electrified to be joining these Funky productions! Estin is sure these summer stories shall see you shout and sing and shed a tear throughout a viewing, if not all at once. He wants to thank all involved in the process as he's found it quite a joy to be a part of, and the audience who makes it possible to bring these stories to life by seeing them. Part of that audience is also Estin's family, who he'd like to thank for supporting him. He has previously appeared at the Butte in productions of WIZARD OF OZ COLORADO (TATC), and BUTTE-I-FUL LOVE STORIES.



Jordon Thomas

THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST as "Joe"

WE WILL ROCK YOU as "Buddy"

My name is Jordon Sei Thomas. I am from Baton Rouge, LA. I grew up closer to New Orleans where I went to Dutchtown High School. I was about 14 years old when I discovered my passion for performing. I then graduated and went on to college at Northwestern State University where I received a degree in Performance and Directing. "CO 2022". My mother died unexpectedly in 2021, so since then I've been putting my mind on my craft and moving around to experience life and art. Favorite roles include Seaweed in HAIRSPRAY, Billy in CARRIE, Antonio in TWELFTH NIGHT.

Since graduating I have performed in places like Cedar Point in Sandusky Ohio, and The Black Rep in St Louis. I'm super excited to get funky this summer and experience more life and make beautiful art with such talented peers. My mother would have been so happy to see me going after my dreams. :)



ANNIE DURHAM (Music Director, WE WILL ROCK YOU + THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST)
Annie is very excited to return to the Butte stage as Music Director for Funky Little Theater Company this summer! You may recognize her from the community season production of SEARCHING FOR PATSY CLINE this past Spring. She is the CTE Director for the Cripple Creek-Victor School District, where she is also the accompanist for the junior/senior high school choir. In her off time, Annie enjoys riding on the Harley and attending bike rallies with her husband, Beva. She is the proud pet mom of Rohnie the Rottweiler, Mocha the Chipin, and the devious evil Miss Princess Kitten Kittenz.

KIAH VON BOECK (STAGE MANAGEMENT)

Kiah is excited to be working with Funky Little Theater Co. this summer! She is from Colorado Springs and loves having the opportunity to create art in the beautiful town of Cripple Creek. She is currently a senior in college at Grand Canyon University and is excited to graduate this Fall. Some of her favorite productions that she has worked on include HAMLET, ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD, and BIG FISH. She would like to thank her dog Missy for being the best emotional support she could ever ask for!

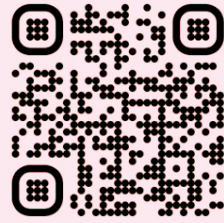
NANCY HANKIN (LIGHTING DESIGN & COSTUME DESIGN)

Nancy is celebrating her thirteenth season designing here at the Butte. She won a Henry Award for her costume design for the Great American Trailer Park Musical. Working as a set designer, costume designer, and/or lighting designer for various productions you may remember her work as seen in Singin' in the Rain, Guys and Dolls, The Andrews Brothers, Into the Woods, Pippin and Suite Surrender. Nancy designed numerous productions for Theatreworks, Fine Arts Center, and Star Bar in Colo Springs. Her career also includes scenic artistry for Ballet West (SLC) and Philadelphia Drama Guild, lighting for Pennsylvania Opera Theatre, Design for Elitch Theatre Company (Denver), and teaching Technical Theatre at Pikes Peak State College. BFA Boston University, Postgraduate courses at the Studio and Forum for Stage Design, NYC.



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SONJA OLIVER (Director, THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST)

Sonja Hedy Oliver graduated with a BA in Theater Arts, with Directing Emphasis from California State University San Diego. Starting out as a music major, her love of Shakespeare and Musical Theater changed her emphasis to Drama, with a minor in Voice and Dance.

She has directed Community Theater and Children's Theatrical Productions and has written and produced plays and skits for numerous venues. She has designed theater arts and music curricula and taught music, dance, and drama programs to reach all ages.

Sonja is a singer/songwriter and has produced several CDs containing her original music. Currently, she working on an original musical stage play based on the Book of Ruth.

"As Shakespeare wrote in "As You Like It", 'All the world's a stage.' That said, everyone has an opportunity, a choice to live their life as an extravagant musical play with a happy ending. I really believe that, and I know that everything I hold dear in life comes from the grace of God and my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

SYDNEY ROBERTS (STAGE MANAGEMENT, HAIR, MAKEUP + COSTUME DESIGN)

Sydney is delighted to work with Funky @ The Butte on these productions!

These are her first productions since the pandemic. Her favorite shows she has previously worked on have been: IN THE HEIGHTS, THE NORMAL HEART, 9 to 5, and CABARET. She would like to thank her parents for allowing her to do what she loves and her friends (old and new) for supporting her through tough times.

ZACK SZTANYO (The Butte Theater Manager)

Zack is originally from the great state of Michigan. After graduating from Michigan State University, he moved to Los Angeles to pursue his love of acting and entrepreneurship. He attended a 2 year Meisner acting conservatory in Santa Monica where he met his beautiful wife, Sarah. The two starred in a film together, shot in Cripple Creek and Victor in 2018, where they both fell in love with the town of Cripple Creek. They followed God's lead to manage the Butte Theater where Zack has been for just over a year. He feels blessed to be at the helm and deeply thankful to the amazing patrons for all of their love and support.

CHRIS MEDINA (Director, WE WILL ROCK YOU & Funky's Producing Artistic Director) is grateful to be here! He would like to show appreciation to his amazing wife and two beautiful daughters for letting him come play in the mountains! He is looking forward to bringing some incredible theatre to this beautiful venue and is very excited for what the future holds. Remember, theatre is not a luxury. Thank you for being here to share in the magic of theatre and witness the incredible talents of this cast and crew! Truly, thank you.



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