

# Inheritance: A Work In Progress

Conceived by Eliza Kelley

Directed by Andy Paris

Written by Murphy Applin, Acadia Barrengos, Reagan Carstens,  
Luke Klein, Deandre Savon and Mimi Viglietti

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*Presented By*

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# DIRECTOR'S NOTES

When I first heard of Eliza Kelley's idea in which an audience views a performance from outside an apartment building, I was immediately intrigued. Having lived in New York for many years and peered through many a window, and noticed--well, lots of things--I wondered what worlds could be created and if we were to look inside, who would we find, and what could we learn?

These first conversations were pre-pandemic, so the idea of isolation was not as palpable, though it was certainly discussed. When the world was swept by COVID-19, this theatrical form of characters inside their living spaces, reacting to world events increased in intensity, and the drive to investigate theatrically what stories might exist inside and outside our private spaces became more immediate. Just this past August, Deans Michael Kelley and Scott Zigler paved the way for the work to begin.

In gathering students assigned to this production, I asked them all, "What stories are the most important to you right now to share with your community? When feeling confined and isolated in your living spaces, the world outside distant but no less volatile, what goes through your mind, and what do you feel in your gut? What do you want to say?"

A multitude of designers and technicians and six performers from the UNCSA Schools of Design and Production and Drama took up the challenge and worked in collaborative cohorts, developing work, from scratch, only a small sample of which you will witness tonight. Which moments to include in this evening, was a product not so much of how we felt about them (good or bad), but rather by the metrics of how best to learn about the work we are making. So many plays could be made out of the material that has been generated. These metrics were based on asking, "What are the essential questions that intersect and pulse through all of the cohorts' work? Which of these questions do we feel most strongly about?" And then once identified, we followed that trail to discover how we could most dramatically and effectively ask these questions of our community, in a short presentation.

Whether there will be future iterations of "Inheritance: A Work in Progress" remains to be seen. I hope so. Seeing a project like this develop over time would be a wonderful addition to the growth of these artists.

As the apparent first professor of devised theatre at UNCSA, I am thrilled to have this project as my first realized in-progress showing of devised work at this institution. This group of incredibly talented, hard-working artists have invested two months of their lives to asking tough questions, while learning about the power of all the Elements of the Stage and sharpening their artistic voices. They are an inspiring group of artists, all, and I cannot wait to see what they do next.

But for now, as one of our characters, Sarah, so poignantly states: "We're here. We're here."

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"Red Flags" and "New Moon" Composed by Ash Paris-Carter\*

## CAST LIST

(in alphabetic order)

MURPHY .....	Murphy Applin
SARAH .....	Acadia Barrengos
WOMAN .....	Reagan Carstens
MAC .....	Luke Klein
IRIS .....	Deandre Sevon
JONESY .....	Mimi Viglietti

"Inheritance: A Work In Progress" is a Studio 3 Production

\*UNCSA High School composition student

# PRODUCTION STAFF

Scenic Designer

**Romello Huins**

Lighting Designer

**Jake Frizelle**

Sound Designer

**John Schirillo**

Costume Designer

**Melissa Thurn**

Wig & Makeup Designer

**Abby Eubanks**

Vocal Coach

**Robin Christian-McNair**

Properties Director

**Adia Matousek**

Production Manager

**Joel Magill**

Production Stage  
Manager

**Carson Roxanne Gantt**

Assistant Production Manager ..... John Poindexter  
Assistant Stage Manager ..... Lindsey Cope, Quinn Mishra  
Assistant Sound Designer ..... Kelsie Grigg  
Costume Designer Assistants ..... Molly Klemm, Maureen Wynne  
Assistant Wig and Makeup Designer ..... Cheyenne Hart  
Production Assistants ..... Alex Magallanes, Omar Sosa  
Production Electrician ..... George Meltzer  
Head Electrician ..... Haley Burdette  
Assistant Head Electrician ..... Jacob Gerber  
Programming Assistant ..... Jacob Rodgers  
Electricians ..... Izzy Fores, Taylor Gordon  
..... Sara Green, Abigail Hall  
..... Grey Nicholson, Harrison Reid  
..... Stephen Smart  
Costume Shop Manager ..... Rebecca Eckes  
Draper ..... Lily Mateus, Maggie Tennant  
First Hand ..... Chloe Walters  
Stitchers ..... Marquita Horton  
..... Abbey Maruyama, Megan Peck  
Wardrobe Supervisor ..... Jenna Travis  
Wardrobe Assistant ..... Molly Klemm  
Wardrobe ..... Abbey Maruyama, Will Wharton  
Wig & Makeup Shop Manager ..... Cassie Richardson  
Assistant Wig & Makeup Shop Manager ..... Abby Eubanks  
Wig & Makeup Build Crew ..... JoAnn Battat, Dustin Kirby  
..... Nic See, Madison Skinner  
Wig & Makeup Run Crew ..... Abby Eubanks, Cheyenne Hart  
..... Dustin Kirby  
Assistant Properties Director ..... Amy Laliberty  
Lead Artisan ..... Tatum Eyre

# PRODUCTION STAFF

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Properties Artisans ..... Nat Carreiro, Brooke Downing  
..... Praveer Gangwani, Audrey Harms  
..... Sarah Hayes, Mak Jordan  
..... Becca Morgan, Cas O'Neal  
..... Mackenzie Potter, Emma Thomas  
..... Gabe Weis  
Props Run Crew ..... Mahalet Andrachew  
..... Megan DeVolder, Cayman Raff  
Head Sound Engineer(A1) ..... Nora Cuthbertson  
Deck Sound Engineer (A2) ..... Dylan Schoolfield  
Deck Sound Engineer (A3) ..... Talia Whitehead

# BIOGRAPHY

**Eliza Kelley** (she/her/hers) is studying devised theatre at the Boston Conservatory at Berklee and is currently on a gap year ahead of her senior year. Kelley, a graduate of the UNCSA high school drama program in 2017, was inspired to make this show after doing research on zoochosis— psychosis caused by animals in confinement. The current COVID-19 pandemic revealed the need for connectivity in a world of “zoomchosis.” Kelley hopes that the audience finds some relatability in these raw heartfelt stories that the performers have developed with this in mind.

**Andy Paris** has made a career of developing new works for the stage and screen, including: “The Laramie Project” (for which he received an Emmy nomination), “The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later” and “Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wild” by Moisés Kaufman; “Uncommon Sense,” co-written with Anushka Paris-Carter; Lucie Tiberghien’s “The Quiet Room”; Ripe Time’s “Innocents,” directed by Rachel Dickstein; The Talking Band’s “The Necklace”; Matthew Maguire’s “Phaedre”; and Deb Margolin’s “Indelible Flesh.”

As a writer/director, Paris’s projects include: “Laramie: 10”; “The American Family” at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival; “The Fanmaker’s Inquisition,” co-adapted with Anushka Paris-Carter from the novel by Rikki Ducornet; “Goldstar Ohio” at The Cleveland Public Theatre; “Migration” at the Experimental Theatre Wing at NYU; Faith Pilger’s “The Stages of Burning”; “Going Public” at Amherst College; “Momentum” at the Western Australia Academy for the Performing Arts; and “The Corporate Carnival,” for The Women’s Project in which he also performed at the Winter Garden in the World Financial Center.

Paris has performed in countless other plays in New York, regionally, and in Europe. Regionally, he has been seen at Denver Center, The Huntington, Playmaker’s Rep, Cincinnati Playhouse, Rep. Theatre of St. Louis, Hartford Stage, Theatre Virginia, Berkeley Rep and La Jolla Playhouse. Favorite roles include Berowne in “Love’s Labours Lost”; Keppler in Richard Goodwin’s “Two Men of Florence,” directed by Edward Hall; and all of the male roles in “A Sleepy Country,” by Melanie Marnich, directed by Mark Rucker. Film and TV credits include “Laramie” (HBO) and “Law & Order” (NBC). He has also been the recipient of two Audie Awards and a Voice Arts Award for his audiobook narrations. Paris is currently the Assistant Professor of Devised Theatre at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

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# UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

## **Robert Young in Concert**

Saturday, November 7, 2020 | 7:30 p.m.

Livestream from Watson Chamber Music Hall

Faculty artists Robert Young saxophone, and Polina Khatsko piano, perform an eclectic program of 21st century compositions that celebrate the saxophone.

The recital will open with "Picnic on the Marne," a seven-movement work of colorful waltzes by the Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Ned Rorem. Also on the program are compositions by the iconic African-American composer William Grant Still, Stacy Garrop, UNCSA alumnus Tyson Davis (High School '19) and an exuberant work that pays homage to Paquito D'Rivera, the award-winning Cuban jazz clarinetist, saxophonist and composer. This program and performance is dedicated to Gianni Young.

## **Fletcher Opera Scenes: An Evening at the Opera**

Monday, November 9, 2020 | 7:30 p.m.

Livestream from Agnes de Mille Theatre

Fletcher Fellows perform scenes from operas by Rossini, Donizetti, Verdi, Gounod, Massenet, Mozart and Strauss, directed by Steven LaCosse, artistic director of the A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute, with musical direction by James Allbritten and music preparation by Angela Vanstory Ward.

## **UNCSA Chamber Winds in Concert**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 | 7:30 p.m.

Livestream from Stevens Center for Performing Arts

Igor Stravinsky's virtuosity is brilliantly displayed in his Octet for Winds, the opening work of his neoclassical period, performed on this concert by the UNCSA Chamber Winds.

The concert continues with Henri Tomasi's wind quintet, which adds alto saxophone and exploits the diverse sounds, articulations and range of the ensemble to provide the imagery of birds in springtime who awaken and move into a frenzied dance in his energetic Printemps.

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