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# PROM'S THE WORD & I'LL SEE YOU SOMEWHERE IN DREAMLAND

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Theatre for an  
Inclusive World

# About ArtStream

ArtStream's classes, workshops, and performing companies fuel each student's imagination, creativity, and focus. And that's not all. Students improve communication and social skills and develop friendships. Newly discovered talents and capabilities improve self-esteem, poise, and confidence that extends into their daily lives. All ArtStreamers are valued for their creative contributions. ArtStream's demanding and very entertaining process encourages ArtStreamers to find their voices, discover their creativity and strengths, and perform with confidence!

*"My son has many challenges with social situations, and making new friends is very difficult. I see a really positive change in him since he began this ArtStream class! He looks forward to the class and feels comfortable with the teachers. They are fabulous."*  
— Parent of a 20-year-old ArtStream student

## Take a Performing Class

ArtStream offers performing arts classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) — including autism. You do not need to have any acting experience to take a class.

Learn about our current classes or register for an upcoming class today.

Classes: [www.art-stream.org/take-a-class](http://www.art-stream.org/take-a-class)

## Join Our Monthly Super Social Saturdays

Practice being your best self in a group event setting. Show your skills, be silly, express yourself, practice positive social experiences, and dance!

# Attend a Show



# 2021 PERFORMANCES

## Winter 2021

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### Maryland Cabaret – Winter Company

📅 Monday, Jan. 25, 2021

🕒 7:30 pm

📍 Zoom

## Spring 2021

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### Alexandria Inclusive Theatre Companies

📅 Friday, April 8, 2021

🕒 7:30 pm

📍 Alexandria Drive-In

### Gaithersburg Inclusive Theatre Companies

📅 Friday, May 7, 2021

🕒 7:30 pm

📍 Zoom

📅 Wednesday, May 12 & 19, 2021

🕒 7:00 pm

📍 DC Party Box Drive-In

### Maryland Cabaret – Spring Company

📅 Monday, May 17, 2021

🕒 7:30 pm

📍 Zoom

### Virginia Cabaret – Spring Company

📅 Monday, April 5, 2021

🕒 7:30 pm

📍 Zoom

### Silver Spring Inclusive Theatre Companies

📅 Friday, June 18, 2021

🕒 7:30 pm

📍 Zoom

📅 Monday, June 21, 2021 &  
Wednesday, June 23, 2021

🕒 7:00 pm

📍 DC Party Box Drive-In

Get tickets by going to “Buy Tickets” at  
[www.art-stream.org](http://www.art-stream.org)



Get Involved  
with ArtStream



# Perform with **ArtStream**

Auditions for the Inclusive Theatre Companies occur in the fall for shows the following spring. Cabaret Companies hold auditions in the fall and winter.

## **Inclusive Theatre Companies**

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Actors develop and perform an original musical. The company votes on a theme, creates original characters, and improvises scenes. Scenes are then scripted to become an original one-act musical. Each performance presents two of these musicals in a double bill before a live audience.

## **Cabaret Companies**

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Actors agree on a theme for ensemble music and dance performances, and then each actor works with the choreographer and music director to develop solo and small-group music, dance, or drama performances.



### **Requirements to perform**

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have participated in at least 8 weeks of ArtStream classes in the past 2 years

### **Reserve your spot**

on the audition list by calling ArtStream at (301) 565-4567.

When there is space in the company, we will invite you to join us for an audition.



Bring ArtStream  
to Your Community



# WORKSHOPS & Classes

ArtStream's talented teaching artists lead a variety of workshops and classes for groups, schools, and private organizations. Classes are designed for people of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs), including autism. Participation fosters social connections and allows participants to practice communication skills like eye contact, listening, and self-awareness. Through these classes, participants increase engagement and build confidence by making their own choices.

## Programs include:

- ✓ Dance and movement
- ✓ Drama and storytelling
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Musical theatre
- ✓ Self-advocacy
- ✓ Workplace communication
- ✓ Public speaking

Contact ArtStream for more information and to design a class to fit your organization's needs.

*"Thank you for a wonderful evening of music and rhythmic movement. It was a blast! It was so gratifying watching individuals perform and the audience engage. Your classes really make a difference."*

— Jan Miller-Vogel, The Treatment and Learning Centers



# Support ArtStream



# Donate

Tuition and ticket sales cover less than half (46%) of the cost of ArtStream's programs. Your donations make it possible for actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) – including autism – to perform on stage, feel empowered and respected, and actively engage in our communities.

- ✓ \$75 funds a full costume for one actor in an Inclusive Theatre Company show.
- ✓ \$300 underwrites a public speaking workshop for self-advocacy and pre-employment skills.
- ✓ \$1,000 sponsors an eight-week class in Broadway Song & Dance, Shakespeare, or Directing & Design.

Donate: [www.art-stream.org/donate](http://www.art-stream.org/donate) or mail a check to:  
**ArtStream | PO Box 75090 | Chicago, IL 60675-5090**

# Volunteer

Volunteers ages 13+ are needed to help in classes, backstage, and onstage.

Volunteers are eligible for Student Service Learning hours, and ArtStream looks great on college applications!

Groups and families are welcome.

Volunteer: [www.art-stream.org/who-we-serve/volunteer/](http://www.art-stream.org/who-we-serve/volunteer/)

# Advertise

To include your ad in our programs, please contact ArtStream.

Advertise: [www.art-stream.org/advertise-with-artstream](http://www.art-stream.org/advertise-with-artstream)

# PROM'S THE WORD!

## Director's Note

Thank you so much for attending our show! When we started dreaming up *Prom's the Word!* last year, our vision for what it would look like was vastly different! We were disappointed that we couldn't perform in person last May. But the actors valiantly rallied. We created a trailer to get everyone pumped for *Prom's the Word 2.0*, as we've been calling it. And we're so excited to present our movie version of our show to you! Company A is back, shining bigger and brighter than before! I hope you're ready to have your socks knocked off! This is not another teen movie. We have spies, undercover detectives, powerful scientific devices invented by nerds, a competition to be prom queen, and all the high school drama and shenanigans you could ask for! I have been incredibly impressed and inspired by our actors' and creative team's resilience and creativity. Creating a movie on zoom was a new and challenging experience. Acting for the camera is a different skill than most of us were used to. And it often felt like we were reinventing the wheel to do even the most basic tasks. But the joy and camaraderie that I have seen from everyone throughout this process has made it all totally worth it. I hope you have as much fun watching our movie as we had creating it. Sit back, relax, and take a trip back to your high school days. After all, Prom IS the word!

*Kristen Pilgrim, Director*

# Tonight's Performance

Scene 1: Cafeteria  
"High School"

Scene 2: After Lunch  
"Mum's the Word I"

Scene 3: After School  
"Mum's the Word II"

Scene 4: At the Mall  
"I Love Prom"

Scene 5: The Mission

Scene 6: Decorating for Prom

Scene 7: Hatching the Plan

Scene 8: Gym Class

Scene 9: Preparations

Scene 10: Promposal

Scene 11: Infiltration

Scene 12: Finishing Touches  
"Mum's the Word III"

Scene 13: Getting Ready

Scene 14: At the Dance  
"Check it Out"  
"At the Prom"  
"Our Moment to Shine"  
"Reprise: At the Prom"

## Production Team

**Director:** Kristen Pilgrim

**Assistant Directors:** Tonnia Boykins  
and Nicolette Stearns

**Music Director, Composer, Lyricist,**  
**Audio Editor:** Wendy Lanxner

**Choreographer:** Shelley Fisher

**Mentors:** Savannah Dennison,  
Phyllis Kay, and Kolby Wasnick

**Stage Manager:** Heather Newhouse

**Video Editors:** Robert Lodge,  
Sarah Sandifer

**Theatre and Events Manager:**  
Sarah Sandifer

## Cast

Tonnia Boykins\* as Willow Ann  
Tyler Brown as Toribio Carmichael  
Benjamin Collins as Wendell  
Megan Cooper as Buffy  
Savannah Dennison\* as Principal Powell  
Shelley Fisher\* as Tiffany  
Adrian Forsythe y Korzeniewicz as Dean  
Melanie Gross as Stephanie  
Jessica Grossman as Christy  
Peter Han as Barney the EMT  
Lindsay Howard as Sassy Sally  
Phyllis Kay\* as Lavern  
Mike Krempasky as Detective Stone  
Matthew McMeekin as Uncle Albert  
Joe Myers as Sgt. Chaplin  
Javier Requejo as Jamas Bound  
Cynthia Ring as Ruth  
Andrea Soltesz as Ashley  
Nicolette Stearns\* as Gwendolyn  
Adam Tepper as Jordan Michael  
Kolby Wasnick\* as Corp. Huffinpuff

*\*Indicates Mentor*

# I'LL SEE YOU SOMEWHERE IN DREAMLAND

## Director's Note

And with this, we come to the end of a two-year artistic process. Life has taken so many unexpected turns since we began creating this show. But out of everything I could say in this moment, I want to lift something up that has been the most important to me.

*Not once was the creative spirit of this ensemble shaken.*

If ever there was a testament to the power of theatre, this would be it. Side by side we have faced numerous difficult transitions and each person in this ensemble has shown up with grace and perseverance every step of the way. They taught me that, together, we can do hard things. I am in awe of these performers who have given their playfulness, their ingenuity, and their creativity to this production.

And so, as an ensemble, we offer you this. Even in the darkest of situations, even when things seem to be at their most bleak, believe in the power of dreams. When you trust in the power of imagination there will always be hope for a brighter tomorrow. As we say in the show "one good dream always sparks another." May your dreams be joyful, sweet, and move you to share your soul with the world.

I would like to thank the production team with all the sincerity in my heart. There were so many extra outside hours put in to this project and I could not have asked for a better team of artists to take on the task.

I want to say thank you to the families and caregivers of our actors. You have been equal partners in helping rehearsals happen, and wrestling with technology and timing so that we could get the best film shots possible.

Lastly, I want to thank my fiancé, Adam. You are the most supportive person in the world and I can't wait for you to see what all the noise on Tuesday nights has been leading up to!

Dream on my friends!

*Madeleine Regina, Director*

# Tonight's Performance

Scene 1: Who's There?

Scene 2: Welcome to the Factory  
"For Tomorrow's Sake"

Scene 3A: Sweet Dreams  
"How You Make a Dream"

Scene 3B: The Evil Laugh  
"Painted Grey"

Scene 4: Day Dreams  
"Dreamcatcher's Chant"

Scene 5: Big Dreams  
"Hand in Hand"

Scene 6: Three Comes  
After Two

Scene 7A: Wild Dreams

Scene 7B: Your Dream  
"Let Yourself Try"  
"Finale"

## Production Team

**Director:** Madeleine Regina

**Assistant Directors:** Luke Scaros  
and Pam Wasnick

**Music Director, Composer, Lyricist:**  
Jason Schoenfeld

**Mentors/Dance Captains:**  
Lexi Dressman and Amanda Radko

**Choreographer:** Hannah Kauffman

**Stage Manager/Props and Costume  
Designer:** McKenna Kelly

**Zoom Technician:** Joe Rogers

**Video Editors:** Robert Lodge,  
Sarah Sandifer

**Theatre and Events Manager:**  
Sarah Sandifer

## Cast

Kirsten Davidson as Carla, a Detective  
Matt DiGilio as Erebus, the Temp Head  
of Wildest Dreams

Lexi Dressman\* as Diana, the Detectives'  
Trainee

Justin Hunsinger as Melias, the  
Nightmare Maker

McKenna Kelly\* as Celeste, the Dream  
Ballerina

Nader Khalaf as Chaos, a Nightmare  
Creature

Joey Kitchelt as Puck, the Head of Sweet  
Dreams

Terrel Limerick as Sandy, a Lead Dream  
Weaver

Shannon Lyons as Kali, the Head of the  
Daydream Department

Kathleen Maloney as Selene, the Co-  
Head of the Big Dream Department

Faith McLuckie as Latona, the Dream  
Catcher

Conor O'Shaughnessy as Joseph, a  
Detective

Cecelia Pauley as Asteria, the Co-Head  
of the Big Dream Department

Amanda Radko\* as Ira, the Dream  
Catcher's Protégé

Alexander Richardson as Apep, the  
Wildest Dream Maker

Luke Scaros\* as Confusion, a Nightmare  
Creature

Jason Schoenfeld\* as Jacob, the Janitor  
Nmandi Thompson as Morphia, a Lead  
Dream Weaver

Pam Wasnick\* as Nuala, the assistant to  
the Dream Weavers

*\*Indicates Mentor*



# MEET THE CAST AND CREW OF Prom's the Word



## **Tonnia Boykins (Assistant Director; Willow Ann)**

Tonnia is a 27-year-old graduate from Rose Bruford College, and she lives in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her Associates degree (ATCL) and LTCL for Musical Theatre from Trinity College in London. Tonnia has done shows such as: *The Sound of Music*, *The King and I*, *The Music Man*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Babes in Toyland*, *Annie*, *South Pacific*, *Motown*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Dreamgirls*, *Cinderella*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Lion King*, and *The Wiz*. She has also modeled in Baltimore Fashion week, DC Fashion week, Maryland Fashion awards, Mount Vernon Fashion show, Harrisburg Fashion week, New York Fashion week, and Maryland Fashion week. In the summer of 2012, she studied abroad at Cambridge College and it was there that she sang for the Queen of England and attended the 2012 Olympics. At 17-years-old, Tonnia started her own magazine called "Iceware" and has recently launched her own "Iceware" brand. She has recently released her first EP "Love Letters". She is also a teaching artist at Baltimore Center Stage.



## **Tyler Brown (Toribio Carmichael)**

Tyler Brown is a 29-year-old actor from Germantown, Maryland. He auditioned with ArtStream after graduating high school and has had the "theatre bug" ever since. Tyler has worked at Wegmans since 2016 and enjoys his job as a grocery assistant/stock person very much. His hobbies include Lego building, traveling, golf, and swimming. "I'd like to thank ArtStream, my friends and family for always being supportive."



## **Benjamin Collins (Wendell)**

Benjamin Collins is a 54-year-old actor from Rockville, Maryland. This is his fifteenth show with ArtStream! Before ArtStream, Benjamin acted at Rock Terrace High School and Imagination Stage. In a production of *The Big Friendly Giant* at Imagination Stage, he met ArtStream co-founder Nicolette Stearns. Benjamin works as an operations specialist at Special Olympics International in Washington, D.C. He is also a Special Olympics athlete in bocce and powerlifting, and he loves to participate in the annual Super Polar Bear Plunge with the organization. Benjamin has a great memory and loves trivia. "I love being with everyone in the company. Congrats to the cast!"



## **Megan Cooper (Buffy)**

Megan Cooper is a 37-year-old actor from Rockville, Maryland. She has been acting with ArtStream since the first Inclusive Theatre Companies - this is her fifteenth show! Megan's love for dancing and acting blossomed through performances at Imagination Stage many years ago. In addition to performing, Megan is also an author. She co-authored the children's book *The Colorful Adventures of Pauline and Tiff* with ArtStream co-founder Nicolette Stearns. Megan lives independently and works at the National Capital Area YMCA. She is very active in community activities, including Special Olympics. She competes in cross-country skiing, sailing, swimming, basketball, and track, earning medals at the Special Olympics World Games in China (sailing), Austria (cross-country skiing), and Idaho (cross-country skiing). "I have enjoyed the Zoom classes and rehearsals, but can't wait to see my ArtStream friends in person again!"



## **Savannah Dennison (Mentor; Principal Powell)**

Savannah is a senior at George Mason University pursuing a career in special education. This her first year with ArtStream with the Alexandria B and Gaithersburg A Companies. She is thankful for the ability to learn from outstanding teachers and talented actors. She looks forwards to continuing with ArtStream in the future.



### **Shelley Fisher (Choreographer; Tiffany)**

Shelley has a heart for the performing arts! She currently is a dance and drama instructor at a private academy and teaches dance classes and serves as a choreographer at Imagination Stage. Some of her most rewarding moments come from serving as the choreographer for Gaithersburg Company A. "Now everyone put your hands to your mouth and yell out loud, 'Go Gaithersburg Company A!!'"



### **Adrian Forsythe & Korzeniewicz (Dean)**

Adrian is currently leading a hangout for middle school kids. His ambitions are to be an advocate for people with disabilities, create his own business, and to be an actor. He graduated from the George Mason LIFE Program with concentrations in theater and communications. At George Mason, Adrian appeared in plays, worked backstage, and joined several student theater groups. Adrian has extensive work experience, ranging from interning at the Smithsonian Institution with Project Search to a Congressional internship on Capitol Hill. Adrian is a trained peer mentor with Project STIR. With ArtStream, Adrian was a client liaison on the Board, participates in the Gaithersburg Inclusive Theater Company A, and leads communication and community workshops.



### **Melanie Gross (Stephanie)**

Melanie is a 30-year-old actor who lives in Potomac, Maryland, and works at Spring Valley Montessori School. In spring 2019, she participated in the ArtStream Musical Theater class. Prior to that, she had been active with the Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts, and was in several productions, including *Once on this Island* and *Into the Woods*. Melanie enjoyed performing in the Summer Theater Arts for Youth over two summers. Melanie also enjoys her dog Bailey and shopping and volunteering at a nonprofit bridal boutique. Melanie wants to thank her family and two very special friends Erika and Cherrika, who have supported her and been there for her throughout her theater experience.



### **Jessica Laura Grossman (Christy)**

Jessica Grossman is an ArtStream actor living in North Bethesda, Maryland. In addition to ArtStream, Jessica has appeared onstage at Rock Terrace High School in *The Secret Garden* (Mary), *The Wizard of Oz* (Ms. Gulch, the Wicked Witch), *A Christmas Carol* (Ghost of Christmas Past), and *Annie* (Miss Hannigan). This is Jessica's seventh ArtStream show! Her experience with ArtStream has been very good. She learns a lot about herself while having fun. "I want to thank Mom, Amy, Andrew, and Liz for their support and encouragement throughout my ArtStream experience."



### **Peter Han (Barney)**

Peter Han is from Rockville, Maryland. He joined the Gaithersburg A Inclusive Theatre Company in 2018. In addition to Peter's ArtStream experiences, he served as a Party Guest for four seasons in Chamberlain Performing Arts' Nutcracker in Richardson, Texas, plus has been thrilled to present skits in various talent shows. During the day, Peter is proud to be working part-time at TopGolf in Germantown, and participates in the Supported Employment program at the Kennedy Institute of Catholic Charities in Rockville. In his spare time, he enjoys neighborhood walks, puzzles, SPIRIT Club classes, Special Olympics bowling, and movie watch parties with his sister. Peter is excited for his third season with ArtStream's Inclusive Theatre Companies, and is very grateful for the support of his fellow cast members, ArtStream staff and volunteers, plus his family and friends!



### **Lindsay Howard (Sassy Sally)**

Lindsay grew up in Bethesda but now lives in Rockville. While in Bethesda, she performed with BAPA (now Imagination Stage) and has been in ArtStream from the beginning. She loves singing and dancing and all the friends she has made through the years there. She went to Walter Johnson High School and then to the Vocational Independence Program at New York Tech in Long Island. During the day, Lindsay works in the Day Care Center at NIH. Lindsay is a huge sports fan. She is active in karate, both in taking classes and teaching. She now has earned a blue-belt. Her two favorite sports teams are the Nationals and the Caps.



### **Phyllis Kay (Lavern)**

Phyllis Kay is a volunteer mentor. She spent more than 20 years performing with community theater groups in Maryland. Now retired, Phyllis enjoys volunteering, especially with this amazing group. "What a great group of actors and staff!!! I am so fortunate to be able to work with all of them."



### **Mike Krempasky (Detective Stone)**

Mike Krempasky is a 37-year-old actor from Olney, Maryland. This is his sixth show with ArtStream. Mike attended Sherwood High School where he sang in the chorus for three years and performed in Rock-n-Roll Revival for two. Mike attends Community Support Services, where he receives job support and training. He loves watching football and playing video games. Every year he plays on a basketball team. Mike also enjoys bowling, and is a second-degree brown belt in karate. "I have enjoyed acting with ArtStream, from the first day I started."



### **Wendy Lanxner (Music Director)**

Wendy Lanxner is a Washington area music teacher and arts in health practitioner. She is Musician in Residence at Johns Hopkins Children's Center and provides programming through several agencies including Arts for the Aging and Washington Performing Arts. Wendy plays bass with the band Wendy & the Lost Boys, is the program chair for the Takoma Park Folk Festival, and volunteers in hospital settings through Musicians on Call. She received a Master's in Music Education from the University of Florida. Wendy is thrilled to be working with Company A once again! "Go Gaithersburg Company A!"



## **Matthew McMeekin (Uncle Albert)**

Matthew McMeekin is a 42-year-old actor from Bethesda, Maryland. He started with ArtStream as Old Green Eyes in *Saving the Starlight*, performed at the Arts Barn in the 2006-2007 season. He has performed in ArtStream plays at Blackrock Center for the Arts, Rosborough Center Theatre, the Olney Theater, and Bender JCC of Greater Washington. Matthew starts each day with a 6 a.m. swim practice (butterfly is his favorite stroke) and then goes on Zoom for classes at Opportunities, Inc. Matthew loves all his hobbies, which include singing, whistling, acting, swimming, listening to music, and learning foreign languages (he speaks French, Spanish, and German fluently, and can order a meal in Chinese). He is anxious to do all his activities in-person rather than online. "Thanks for all the support I've gotten from the ArtStream directors, mentors, and fellow actors through the years."



## **Joe Myers (Sgt. Chaplin)**

Joe Myers is a 35-year-old actor from Kensington, Maryland, currently living in Rockville, Maryland. Joe has been an actor with ArtStream since the beginning, making this his fifteenth ArtStream show! Before that, Joe was an actor with Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts (now Imagination Stage). Joe is the front desk receptionist for Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children (CSAAC). He enjoys dancing Zumba at the Rendezvous Studio in Rockville.



## **Heather Newhouse (Stage Manager)**

Heather Newhouse has been stage managing with ArtStream for six years and loves the creative, collaborative atmosphere of Company A--as well as the interesting props she gets to make from year to year! She currently works at Folger Shakespeare Library as the Patron Services Manager. Heather would like to thank everyone in ArtStream for being so supportive and inspirational. "Break a (virtual) leg, friends!"



## **Kristen Pilgrim (Director)**

Kristen is a graduate of the College of William and Mary with a BA in theatre and psychology. She began teaching with ArtStream in 2012, directing the George Mason ArtStream group. Since then, she has also taught Shakespeare and improv classes at Oakton and is excited to be directing the Gaithersburg Company A for the second year! Kristen is a local director, actor, and fight choreographer in the DMV region and is an advanced actor combatant with the Society of American Fight Directors. She is a teaching artist with several other companies including Educational Theatre Company and Traveling Players Ensemble. She was inspired by her work in theatre education and by ArtStream to become a drama therapist; she is completing her master's degree in drama therapy at Lesley University. "Big thanks to everyone in Company A, GMU, and the whole ArtStream team!"



## **Javier Requejo (Jamas Bound)**

Javi the superstar has been performing for almost 15 years now! His interests include cars, trucks, motorcycles, and music, particularly punk, metal, hip hop, and rap. He also loves to play sports, and his favorites are hockey and wrestling! "I'd like to thank my parents, friends, family for everything they do. This would not have been possible without everyone's support. I hope everyone is ready because it is almost show time. Break a leg!"



## **Cynthia Ring (Ruth)**

Cynthia Ring is a 52-year-old actor from Rockville, Maryland. She originally hails from St. Louis, Missouri, and attended Rock Terrace High School. Cynthia has acted with ArtStream since the first year of Inclusive Theatre Companies. This is her 15th show! She is an avid Special Olympics athlete in track and bowling. She is also a proud part of the Best Buddies program, and she goes out with ACIDD two or three times a month. Cynthia loves attending social dances and going out with friends. She is grateful that her sister comes every year to watch the shows. "Thank you to my sister and her husband and my nieces."





## **Andrea Soltesz (Ashley)**

Andrea Soltesz is an ArtStream actor. This is her sixth show! Andrea works at Giant. She has been there for 16 years and loves her job. Andrea is a dedicated actor. She reads her script every day because she loves being in the play. Andrea also enjoys dancing and Zumba. "ArtStream helps make me feel proud of myself! It's fun to act on stage and screen!"



## **Nicolette Stearns (Assistant Director; Gwen)**

Nicolette is a theatre educator, social skills trainer, playwright, and director. With ArtStream, she designs curriculum for Leadership Programs which teach social and pre-employment skills using an arts model. Among these programs, she created the award-winning "Positively Speaking" workshops in partnership with Down Syndrome Network Montgomery County.

Nicolette has written two books: an interactive handbook, "ArtStream for Life: A Social Skills and Communication Handbook for Self Advocates," published by ArtStream, Inc. and Tilson & Diaz Solutions, Inc., and produced with a grant from the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council. The lessons in the handbook are presented by Nicolette and a self-advocate to help the audience understand that communication skills are for everyone. The children's book, "The Colorful Adventures of Pauline and Tiff" was co-authored by Nicolette and an ArtStream client with Down syndrome and features illustrations by Annie Dykstra. The book was self-published through a private grant.

Nicolette is the co-host/co-producer, along with Terrel Limerick, of "You Can Do It", a Zoom talk show powered by Special Olympics.

In 2017, Nicolette was awarded "Outstanding Technical Achievement" by the Ethan Saylor Memorial Film Festival. The award recognizes Nicolette's commitment to empowering individuals with disabilities, and, especially, her work preparing self-advocates with Down syndrome to speak in the halls of Congress.

Nicolette is a proud member of Leadership Montgomery 2010 Core Class and holds a Master of Education from George Mason University. She lives in Germantown, Maryland.



## **Adam Tepper (Jordan Michael)**

Adam Tepper is a 32-year-old actor from Gaithersburg, Maryland. He has performed with ArtStream since 2007. Adam also performed with the Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts (now Imagination Stage) and in the Summer Theater Arts for Youth Program at the Bender JCC of Greater Washington. Favorite roles include Jay Bird in *Honk* and Agwe in *Once on This Island*. In his spare time, Adam participates in Special Olympics in swimming (he is a gold medalist!), and basketball. Adam also enjoys watching the Washington Capitals and Nationals. "See you all on the court!"



## **Kolby Wasnick (Mentor; Corp. Huffinpuff)**

This is Kolby's first show with ArtStream. She is so excited that she got this chance. She is no stranger to theater having performed and worked back stage at many shows in the West Central Pennsylvania area. She would like to give a special shout out to Nic and Pam for guiding her through this process.

# MEET THE CAST AND CREW OF I'll See You Somewhere in Dreamland



## **Kirsten Davidson** (Carla, a Detective)

Kirsten Davidson is an ArtStream actor from Rockville, Maryland, who has been acting with ArtStream for 15 years. She has worked for the US Consumer Product Safety Commission for 29 years. She receives residential support services from the Jubilee Association of Maryland and employment support services from SEEC. She is active with Jubilee, SEEC and Spirit Club activities. Kirsten served on the ArtStream Board of Directors as Client Liaison from 2018-2019. She enjoys Zoom Sibling meetings with ArtStream and other Zoom activities with Jubilee and SEEC. She likes listening to music, dancing, traveling, eating out, and spending time with family and friends. "Thanks to my parents, sisters, and ArtStream directors and mentors for all their support. I LOVE ArtStream!"



## **Matt DiGilio** (Erebus, The Temp Head of Wildest Dreams)

Matt DiGilio is a 31-year-old actor from Rockville, Maryland. He joined ArtStream in the fall of 2019, and this is his second performance on the ArtStream stage/screen! Matt works for Montgomery County Government in Rockville as an Administrative Aid. He plays basketball, softball, soccer, and bowling. He also likes going to baseball games, listening to music, biking, and hanging out with friends. He is very grateful to be a part of ArtStream and appreciates all the support from his family and friends.



## **Lexi Dressman** (Mentor; Diana, the Detectives' Assistant)

Lexi Dressman is 18 years old and has lived in Germantown, Maryland, since she was born. She is a senior at Northwest High School and will be attending Northeastern University in the fall. She has been acting with ArtStream for almost 6 years and is excited for her last show before college! Her hobbies include reading, singing, writing, making sushi, and eating. She thanks her parents for supporting her in everything she does!



## **Justin Hunsinger (Melias, the Nightmare Maker)**

Justin Hunsinger is a 29-year-old actor from Rockville, Maryland. This is his fourth year with ArtStream and he loves the experience and is very passionate about acting. Justin works at Special Olympics International in Washington, D.C. as the Coordinator for Health Engagement. His hobbies include sports, karaoke, dancing, and hanging out with friends. "Thank you to my parents and sisters for supporting my dreams."



## **Hannah Kauffman (Choreographer)**

Hannah Kauffman is very excited to be back working with her ArtStream family. She graduated in December 2019 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) with Dual Baccalaureate degrees in Musical Theatre & Speech-Language Pathology. She is just wrapping up her first year of her Master's program in Speech-Language Pathology from West Virginia University (WVU). Hannah was a mentor for Gaithersburg Co. B from 2010 to 2015. She loved working with ArtStream and the actors so much that they were the main inspiration for her pursuing her two degrees. She has loved all she has learned during her first year of graduate school and looks forward to the opportunities that continue to come her way!! Hannah would like to thank her amazing artistic team for supporting her and the cast through this process. Love always to her parents who are cheering her on every step of the way.



## **McKenna G. Kelly (Stage Manager)**

McKenna is a stage manager with ArtStream. This is her eighth ArtStream show, and she is no stranger to theatre. Since grade school, McKenna worked in some capacity of theatre — whether in acting, costume design, make-up design, properties, scenic painting, booking, front of house, backstage crew, or stage managing — for well over 50 productions. "I am very excited and thankful to be a part of this production!"



### **Nader Khalaf (Rahu, a Nightmare Creature)**

Nader Khalaf is a 27-year-old actor from Bethesda, Maryland. This is his fourth year acting in an ArtStream performance, and he has participated in several ArtStream classes. Nader also performs as a member of the InterPLAY Inclusive Orchestra. He is a student at Montgomery College enrolled in Challenge Program courses. He enjoys his volunteer position at Nourish Now and is actively looking for work. Nader enjoys going to the gym and competes in swimming, soccer, basketball, and tennis with Special Olympics. He is very sociable and enjoys talking about landscaping and politics. He spends a lot of time with his cat, Marble; surfing the internet and on Facebook; caring for his yard; and operating his outdoor equipment. "I enjoy acting and am so happy that I made new friends at ArtStream. I want to thank my family for their support."



### **Joey Kitchelt (Puck, the Head of Sweet Dreams)**

Joey is a 25-year-old who attended Rock Terrace School and lives in Olney, Maryland. He enjoys attending classes at Montgomery college and began his experience with ArtStream in 2020. He enjoys singing and dancing and has been loving musical theater since he was a child. His interests include cartoon drawing, acting (including impressions), and he has a fourth-degree black belt in taekwondo! Joey also plays a tuba in a rock band with Upcounty Community Resources called Neurodiversity. He is very excited about his debut performance with ArtStream!



### **Terrel Limerick (Sandy, a Lead Dream Weaver)**

Terrel Limerick is an actor from Bethesda, Maryland. He has been acting with ArtStream since the very beginning - this is his fifteenth show! Terrel began acting when he was 15 years old with Imagination Stage (formerly Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts) and believes acting is a great goal to pursue! Terrel has worked at Special Olympics International in Washington DC for 16 years. He is currently a special assistant in the business department. In July 2015, at the Special Olympics World Games in Long Beach, California, Terrel became a "World Champion," winning a bronze medal for being the first sailor from the USA to sail a boat solo at the World Games. He is also on the Special Olympics ski and track and field teams. "Special thanks to my family, friends, counselors, sports coaches, and ArtStream staff for always encouraging me to aim high!"



### **Shannon Lyons (Kali, the Head of the “Daydream” Department)**

Shannon Lyons is a 41-year-old actor from Rockville, Maryland. She was born in Lexington, Kentucky, and moved with her family to Olney, Maryland, in 1987. She has been an actor with ArtStream for fifteen years. Shannon's love of drama began at Imagination Stage (formerly Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts) where she performed for 10 years. Shannon works as a childcare assistant at The Children in the Shoe Child Care in Bethesda, Maryland. She has been employed there for over 13 years. Some of Shannon's favorite activities include karaoke, dancing, Zumba, going to the movies, and swimming. She also enjoys arts and crafts projects, photography, and scrapbooking. She loves to travel and spend time with her nieces and nephews. “Thanks to my parents for supporting me through the years with my love of acting.”



### **Kathleen Maloney (Selene, the Head of the “Big Dream” Department)**

Kathleen Maloney is an actor from Rockville, Maryland. This is her fifteenth show with ArtStream. Kathleen attended Elizabeth Seton High School, where she performed with the choir. She also attended Richard Montgomery High School and Montgomery College. Kathleen served on the Board of Directors at the Arc Montgomery County for several years and currently serves on their Public Policy Committee. She enjoys playing golf with Special Olympics. Kathleen is the youngest of five children and loves being the center of attention. She aspires to be a professional singer or actor in Hollywood. “Shout out to my mom and dad and my Maloney family, that gave me everything in life!”



### **Faith McLuckie (Latona, the Dream Catcher)**

Faith McLuckie is a 25-year-old actor, born and raised in Washington, D.C. Her previous performance experience includes the ArtStream performance, *Somewhere in Showtime*, two years at Metropolitan Ballet with yearly performances in *The Nutcracker*, and seven years at Imagination Stage in the Pegasus Ensemble. In addition to ArtStream, she enjoys dancing with friends at UCR and PCR events, karaoke, cheerleading, Devenio dance, ZamDance, VisArts, and Special Olympics. She thanks all the staff, volunteers, and her fellow actors for making her second year in ArtStream as fun as her first. She wants you to know, ArtStream is awesome. “Thank you for your support.”



## **Conor O'Shaughnessy (Joseph, a Detective)**

Conor O'Shaughnessy is a 33-year-old actor from Rockville, Maryland. This is his eleventh show with ArtStream! Conor performed in plays while attending the Harbour School in Baltimore. He also performed with Dawn Productions at the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Eubie Blake Center, and Martin's West. Conor works delivering mail at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. His hobbies include ballroom dancing, karaoke, guitar, hiking, fishing, and bowling. "I appreciate my family and friends for their support."



## **Cecelia Ann Pauley (Asteria, the Big Dream Maker)**

Cecelia Ann Pauley is a 43-year-old actor. Born in Bangkok, Thailand, Cecelia now lives in Silver Spring, Maryland. She has been an ArtStream actor since the beginning - this is her fifteenth show with the Gaithersburg Inclusive Theatre Company! Cecelia has been a performer since fourth grade, performing at Cabin John Middle School, Churchill High School, Imagination Stage (formerly Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts), and Potomac Community Theatre. Professionally, Cecelia works with the Arc in vocational services. She enjoys singing, music, dance, theatre, and cooking. "Thanks to my parents and family for all their support."



## **Amanda Radko (Mentor; Ira, the Dream Catcher's Protégé)**

Amanda Radko is a senior at Northwest High School. She has been involved in theater since elementary school. Next year, she will be attending University of Maryland to pursue a double major in Spanish and Biology. She hopes to become a pediatric oncologist. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time at ArtStream and has loved getting to know everyone. She is grateful for all the wonderful memories and lessons she has learned.





## **Madeleine Regina (Director)**

Madeleine Regina is a DC Based Director, Performance Artist, and Creativity Coach whose work primarily focuses on issues of social equity. Her most recent projects include *Body*, a devised production about the stories our physical forms carry, which she directed for the DC Fringe Festival. In addition, she was an assistant director for Flying V's devised production, *Crystal Creek Motel*. She is currently working on producing a podcast called *Feminist Fairytales* which uses audio drama to reimagine the genre through an intersectionally feminist lens. She also teaches with Imagination Stage and Theatre Lab in addition to her directing work with ArtStream. She absolutely loves sharing a creative space with people of all backgrounds and abilities!



## **Alexander (Al) Richardson (Apep, the Wildest Dream Maker)**

Alexander (Al) Richardson has performed with ArtStream for fifteen years. Born in Washington, DC, in 1981, Al lived in Switzerland, Zambia, and Australia before eventually moving to Rockville, Maryland, where he now makes his home. Al works with St. Coletta. He maintains an active life away from work that includes music with the InterPLAY Orchestra, sports with Special Olympics (Alpine skiing, swimming, golf and tennis), fitness with SPIRIT Club, the Montgomery County Road Runners (MCRRC), and social activities with UCR.



## **Luke Scaros (Assistant Director; Chaos the Nightmare)**

Luke Scaros is so excited to be performing with the Gaithersburg B Company! Luke earned his B.A in Theatre from Ohio Wesleyan University, and a M.F.A. in Acting from Regent University. He would like to thank ArtStream for the many opportunities to grow as a teacher and an actor. "Thank you and enjoy the show!"



### **Jason Schoenfeld (Music Director; Jacob, the Janitor)**

Jason Schoenfeld is a composer and recording artist trained at New York University, though he works by day in data science. He has continued to love his experience at ArtStream, completing his second year as Music Director for Gaithersburg Company B. If you enjoyed the music you heard in our show, you might also enjoy his EP “The Butterfly and the Leaf”, released under the pseudonym Jason Reid, available on all music streaming/purchasing platforms.



### **Nmandi Thompson (Morphia, a Lead Dream Weaver)**

Nmandi Thompson is a 23-year-old actress from Laytonsville, Maryland. She has been involved with Imagination Stage during her high school years. She particularly enjoyed starring in the Broadway “Wicked” and Pegasus Ensemble. Her passion for acting took her to ArtStream. This is her second year performing with Gaithersburg Company B. Nmandi loves dancing and is active with the Devenio Dance Studios. She has been cheerleading with Special Olympics. She is currently writing her first book. She hopes to pursue a career in acting as well as writing. Her hobbies include shopping and travelling. She has travelled widely in America, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa.



### **Pam Wasnick (Assistant Director; Nuala, the assistant to the Dream Weavers)**

Pam Young is so excited to be back with ArtStream after way too long. She is a writer and actor, originally from the Washington, D.C area, now living in Pennsylvania. She recently graduated from Kansas State University with her Masters in Drama Therapy. She is currently working on becoming a Registered Drama Therapist. She’s excited to be working with a new and exciting team this year.



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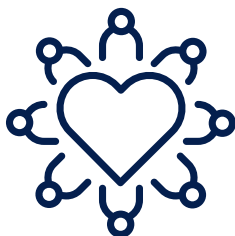
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