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TIME & PLACE

The Hogan’s Connecticut farmhouse. Early September, 1923.

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WHEN most people think of Eugene O’Neill, great monologues of pain and woe pop up. Long diatribes of discontent and dark secrets unfurl. So often overlooked are his massive waves of humor and riotous jubilation.

The ability to join the outcasts, the people he admired the most in the world, and connect them in a way that goes beyond the average. Even the unlikeliest of folks. They need one another. They commune and knock one another about, joke and laugh from deep within as they try to buoy themselves amidst their pain and struggle. He gives voice to the treading, the longing, the hope, the love, the passion, the humor and the pain all mixed into a delicious workout of an evening. *Moon for the Misbegotten*, has it all and then some. It was his last play. Maybe he needed to write this play to finally rest?

Moon is an homage to his brother, Jamie, as seen through the journey of the character Jim Tyrone. A last attempt to understand Jamie’s pain, his lack of acceptance in a world he so wanted entrance into and his need to continually pay a price for the past. It’s a tribute to all the souls that carry that weight and then some. For our production, we dove into the life and times of Paul Robeson and several other Black actors who gained great notoriety as far as the bigotry of the American stage and screen would allow but were also still subjected to the violence of white supremacy and laws that denied them some of the most basic human rights. How did these add to the weight already carried by our Jim Tyrone?

Along with Jim, O’Neill gives us the Hogans, a bold representation of all the outcasts, literally and figuratively. Especially all the women, embodied in the wild strength and compassion of Josie. All the forgotten people from all the forgotten places where O’Neill, like Jim, felt more at home than anywhere. These unlikely three seek one another on the rocky and rural land that Jim rents to the Hogans; a place completely detached from the everyday world in so many ways. Vigorous banter and deep confessions ensue leaving them forever changed, even if the daily grind stays the same.

As Jim Tyrone waxes poetic in *Moon*, “There is no present or future – only the past, happening over and over again – now.”

What happens when we carry the past with us? When we continue to pump past mistakes, worn down stories and negative dialogue through our hearts and minds? What happens when we finally choose to put those stories down? Even if it’s just one, even if it’s a tiny one?

After moving through the pain, what happens when we finally let go?

TARA FALK
DIRECTOR
In Eugene O’Neill’s bittersweet elegy, Jim and Josie share a bootlegged bottle of her father’s bonded bourbon in the moonlight. But what exactly is the big deal with a bourbon “bottled in bond?”

The play is set 100 years ago when Prohibition was in effect for three years. And while many people could get their hands on homemade moonshine (like Phil’s “rotgut”), a bonded bourbon was a rare occasion.

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CCT’s new-play initiative is taking off in big ways — 2023 will mark our first-ever world premiere, The Headliners by Jeffrey Neuman, which was a finalist for the 2021 Eugene O’Neill playwriting award.

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EMILY PATON DAVIES

Josie Hogan

Emily Paton Davies has acted on stages across Colorado for more than 20 years, eight of those as a proud member of Denver’s critically acclaimed (and now shuttered) Paragon Theatre. Favorite shows include Love Song (Paragon Theatre); This is How it Goes (Paragon Theatre); Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche (Avenue Theater); The Beauty Queen of Leenane (The Edge); and Outside Mullingar (BETC). A four-time Colorado Theatre Guild Henry Award nominee, Emily received the 2007 Henry Award for Outstanding Actress in a Play for her work in Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune (Paragon Theatre).

CHRISTOPHER ROBIN DONALDSON

MIKE HOGAN, T. STEDMAN HARDER

Christopher Robin is honored and excited to be making his first appearance at Cherry Creek Theatre. He is a singer/songwriter, guitarist, and filmmaker, and produced his own musical for the 2020 Denver Fringe Festival. Previous roles include Arpad in Parfumerie (Benchmark Theatre Company), Toby Kirby Jr. in You Can’t Take It With You (Platte Valley Players), and multiple master class performances with DCPA Education, including King Ferdinand in Love’s Labor’s Lost, Mr. Lies/Prior I in Angels in America: Part I, Roger Doremus/Dusty in Summer and Smoke, and in 2017 was awarded their Lewis E. Myers Scholarship. He is a young men’s leader in the SGI Buddhist community, works as a teaching artist with the DCPA, and will complete his associate’s degree in Philosophy from the Community College of Denver this May.

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CHRIS KENDALL
PHIL HOGAN

Chris Kendall is delighted to be back on stage with the Cherry Creek Theatre, where he last appeared in Jest A Second! (2021), and earlier in Tuesdays With Morrie (2019; Henry Award – Supporting Actor). Other recent work includes Benchmark Theater’s Our American Cousin (2022); The Catamounts’ Land of Milk and Honey (2021); Telluride Theater Company’s The Tempest (2019); and for Miners Alley Playhouse, District Merchants (2018; Henry Award – Lead Actor).

CAJARDO LINDSEY
JIM TYRONE

Cajardo Lindsey is an actor, screenwriter, and director. Some of his theatre credits include: Cherry Creek Theatre: Visiting Mr. Greene, Driving Miss Daisy; Denver Center Theatre Company: All the Way, Just Like Us, A Raisin in the Sun; Arvada Center: To Kill a Mockingbird, Wait Until Dark, A Raisin in the Sun; Curious Theatre Company: Fireflies, Hillary and Clinton (zoom), Skeleton Crew, Detroit ‘67, The Brother Sister Plays, Fences; The Whipping Man; Local Theatre Company: The Rape of the Sabine Women; The Aurora Fox: Crumbs from the Table of Joy; Shadow Theatre Company: Joe Turner’s Come and Gone, Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf, Blood Knot; Miner’s Alley Playhouse: The Night of the Iguana, Lobby Hero and Misery. He is a multiple Colorado Theatre Guild Henry Award and Marlowe Award-winning actor. He is also a Denver Post Ovation, Best of Westword, and Nation Society of Arts and Letters Awards winner. Social media @cajardo

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LAUREN BAHLMAN
JOSIE HOGAN (U/S)

Lauren is happy to return to CCT to witness the work of this amazing cast! You may have seen her on stage here last season as Doris in Same Time, Next Year. A resident of Colorado for over a decade, Lauren’s Denver credits include: Bull in a China Shop (Benchmark Theatre), August: Osage County (Vintage Theatre), the Mumblings (Wide Eyed West), Hysteria (BETC), Boeing-Boeing (Town Hall Arts Center), After the Revolution (Curious Theatre), Noises Off! (Lone Tree Arts Center), and reasons to be pretty (Paragon Theatre). While not saying words already written, Lauren improvises with the duo BAUS, and co-hosts the literary-comedy podcast Required Readcast. Thank you for supporting live theater. Enjoy the show!

TARA FALK
DIRECTOR

Tara is so thrilled to be back at Cherry Creek Theatre after directing Steel Magnolias in the 2021 Season. For over 25 years, Tara has been a professional actor in NYC, and across the country. Broadway: Metamorphoses, The Constant Wife (with Lynn Redgrave) and Enchanted April (with Elizabeth Ashley and Jane Atkinson). Off-Broadway: This Is Our Youth (with Mark Ruffalo) and There’s The Story at Blue Heron Theater. Regionally: Most recently seen in You Lost Me and Sweat at The Denver Center, McCarter Theater, Long Wharf Theater, Hartford Stage, Eugene O’Neill, Curious Theater Company, Cleveland Playhouse, Rep. Theater of St. Louis, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, and more. TV: “The Black Donnellys,” “As The World Turns,” “Guiding Light,” and numerous commercials and voice overs. Training: Boston University College of Fine Arts and British American Dramatic Academy. Teaching: Girls’ Write with Athena Project Teaching Artist at The Denver Center and a Responder with Denver University Prison Arts Initiative. Tara is also an acting coach and a life coach at A Path Forward with Tara Falk, www.apathforwardwithtarafalk.com. Thank you to anyone and everyone who gave a piece of their heart during the creation of this production.

TINA ANDERSON
SCENIC DESIGN

Tina Anderson is originally from Boulder. Her most recent set designs for CCT are Peter and the Starcatcher, Ann, Steel Magnolias, Tenderly, My Way, A Little Night Music and Respect. Other designs are A Christmas Carol, Tiny Beautiful Things, Curious Incident of the Dog at Night Time, The Rembrandt, Going to a Place You Have Already Been (Henry Award nomination for best set design), Birds of North America, The Revolutionists, Violet. Tina is always grateful for design opportunities and is excited for theatre to start opening up!

NICOLE M. HARRISON
COSTUME DESIGN

Nicole is pleased to be a part of this awesome production team, working with so many talented artists. She is a freelance costume designer in Denver, working with Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater, the Colorado Shakespeare Festival,
Performance Now, Aurora Fox, Phamaly, Lonetree Arts Center, Theatre Aspen, and Lake Dillon Theatre Company, among others. She has designed professionally in Denver for over 30 years and has received the Denver Drama Critics Circle Award, a Henry Award, and a Denver Post Ovation Award for her designs. Nicole is a guest artist and the costume shop manager at Denver School of the Arts and an affiliate professor at Metropolitan State University, where she teaches stage makeup. When Nicole isn’t designing or teaching, she runs her growing rental business, Nikki’s Costume Closet.

EMILY A. MADDOX
LIGHTING DESIGN

Emily A. Maddox attended the University of Oklahoma where she received her BFA in drama in 2014. She has had the privilege of working in 50 different theatres and performance spaces throughout Colorado in her time here. Her most recent designs include Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberly, Pride and Prejudice (Firehouse Theater Company), HeLa (Community College of Aurora), The Royale (Butterfly Effect Theatre of Colorado), The Noteworthy Life of Howard Barnes (Chadron State College), As One, The Three Feathers, Company, La Boheme (Opera Steamboat), The Piano Teacher, The Drowsy Chaperone, Annie Jr. (Vintage Theatre), Vox Vergere (Phamaly Theatre Company), & Puerto Rican Nocturne (The Bug Theatre). In addition to lighting design, Emily is a lighting technician for the University of Oklahoma and has designed for other theatre companies in the area.

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design, Emily also works as the master electrician for Town Hall Arts Center in Littleton and Vintage Theatre in Aurora.

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KORTNEY HANSON
PROP DESIGN

After an extended break from theatre to start a family, Kortney is excited to get involved again. Focusing mainly on props these days, she has held many design positions in the Denver Metro Area. She would like to thank her husband, her new son and Cherry Creek theatre for the opportunity to do what she loves.
LAUREN HERGENRETER
STAGE MANAGER
Lauren is thrilled to be returning to Cherry Creek Theatre where she last stage managed Same Time, Next Year. Previous shows she’s stage managed include: See What I Wanna See and Rent (Ignite Theatre); Other Desert Cities, Always a Bridesmaid, Curtains and Funny Girl (Vintage Theatre); The Blue Room (Lost & Found Productions); A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Little Shop of Horrors and The Wedding Singer (Northglenn Players); Bite Size: A Pocket Full of Dandelions (Denver Center); In the Trenches (19K Productions); Wakey Wakey, 1984, Bull in a China Shop, Airness & The Covid Wife (Benchmark Theatre); Tomfoolery (Aurora Fox); Plaid Tidings (Town Hall). She has also assistant stage managed: All My Sons and Driving Miss Daisy (Cherry Creek Theatre); Fuddy Meers and Pygmalion (Phamaly Theatre Company). She wishes to thank the cast and production team for all their hard work to make this show a success!

KATIE HOPWOOD
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER
Katie Hopwood is new to the Colorado theatre scene and excited for the opportunity to work with Cherry Creek Theatre. She recently stage-managed Amelia’s Big Idea for BETC’s touring theatre truck, as well as Dry Land at Benchmark Theatre. She also dabbles in prop design, recently designing for The Children and The Royale at BETC. She looks forward to working on more productions in the community.

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ERIN WILLIS
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Erin is honored to be a part of this production! Erin is an actor, singer, musician, and educator who has performed in NYC and across the country. National tour: My Fair Lady (Cameron Mackintosh, 1st National). DCPA: most recently in A Christmas Carol, Rattlesnake Kate, Oklahoma!, The Who’s Tommy, and The Wild Party. Regional: Travlin’, Memphis (Arvada Center); Ain’t Misbehavin’ (Milwaukee Repertory Theatre); Ragtime (Cohoes Music Hall); Dreamgirls (Asbury Park). NY/Regional Workshops: Affinity Lunch Minutes, Amazing Grace, Tender Mercies, Celia A Slave, and Discount Ghost Stories. Erin also provides vocals and keyboards for the Indie Rock band Kenji Urada. Training: The Boston Conservatory. Thanks to CCT and the phenomenal Tara Falk!

SUSIE SNODGRASS
ARTISTIC PRODUCER, CCT

As artistic producer, Susie is thrilled about the 2023 season and hopes to continue the amazing growth of Cherry Creek Theatre with quality, professional shows that represent thought-provoking content and relatable characters. She feels incredibly fortunate to have the chance to make a difference in the Denver theatre community by leading with compassion, professionalism and out-of-the-box thinking. She is able to wake up daily and truly say she loves what she does. Lastly, a huge, loving thank you to her family — Ross, Milo and Arlo — for their patience when Mom gets a bit batty and for their encouragement when Mom is trying to fly. Susie is a proud member of Actors’ Equity since 1998.
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