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FIU Theatre presents

the
Birds

A free-flying musical adaptation of the play by Aristophanes!

Adapted by Len Jenkin
Directed by Michael Yawney
Original Music by Armando Tranquilino

Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, Main Stage
February 12–15 and February 19–21

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DIRECTOR’S NOTE

Len Jenkin is one of America’s foremost living playwrights, but one who has never compromised to fit into the mainstream. The combination of his unique contemporary vision with a classic Aristophanes ancient Greek comedy, mixed with Armando Tranquilino’s eclectic musical score is something extravagantly silly. The resulting play is not like anything any of these artists would have created on his own. It is a true collaboration.

The collaboration did not end with the script and score—collaboration permeates every aspect of what you will see tonight. The greatest pleasure of working on “The Birds” has been the openness of this collaboration. The choreographer finds a way to make a dialog scene play better, an actress discovers a way to end a number, and the designers invent gags. It sounds like chaos (and it often was) but the generous spirit of everyone involved made it all work.

Enjoy the show.

Michael Yawney

ARTISTIC STAFF

Director Michael Yawney
Assistant Director Angelica Reyes
Music Armando Tranquilino
Choreographer Giovanni Velazquez
Singing Coach Ann Anello
Vocal Coach Jennifer Smith

DESIGN STAFF

Scenic Design Gregory Contreras
Assistant Scenic Designer Ruthmarie Tenorio
Lighting Design Tony Galaska
Assistant Lighting Design Harold Trenhs
Make-up Design Jason Torres
Costume Design Patricia Almodóvar
Assistant Costume Designer Marlissa Mendoza
Assistant Costume Designer Giovanni Velazquez
Sound Design Celso Peruyera

PRODUCTION STAFF

Production Manager Marilyn Skow
Stage Manager Lily Pérez
Assistant Stage Manager Marina Catalán
Assistant Stage Manager Brian Espinoza
Production Assistant Carolina Pozo
Sound Engineer Robert Alter
Props Master Jaime Hartwell
Assistant Props Master Michael Engelmann
Master Electrician Adam Ramos
Electric Crew Fernando Lamberty
Electric Crew Sarai Heria
Electric Crew Sarah Bartels
Sound Board Operator Celso Peruyera
Sound 2 Robert Alter
Sound 3 Nayla Mehchi
Fly Operator Cairo Cangas
Fly Operator Luis Beheit
Fly Operator Daniel Nieves
Set Construction Crew David Solomón
Set Construction Crew Zee García
Set Construction Crew Alexander Moreno
Set Construction Crew Michael Fernández
Set Construction Crew Ashton Pina
Set Construction Crew Remín Ozbay
Set Construction Crew Shani Gaines Benard
Paint Susana Pérez
Paint Karla Solarte
Paint Douglas Reilly
Paint Marina Catalán
Paint Mary Grillo
Paint Gerald Young
Costume Crew Head Witney Bressil
Costume Crew Krystal Joseph
House Manager Natalie Cebállos
Usher Michelle Antelo
Usher Karla Correa
Usher Sarah Bartels
Box Office Giovanni Velazquez
Marketing, Publicity, Concessions and Will-Call
Liz Crespo
Dixon Gutierrez
Lali Navarro-Watts
Juan Martinez
Courtney McDonald
Special thanks to Tech Lab Classes!
CAST
Enrico/Albatross
Venable Smoke
Arnold Sand
Ms. Heckyl
Ms. Jeckyl
Buddy Barracas/Computer Man
Birdseller/Iris/Computer Woman
Rudolph the Dodo
Queen Popsy
Nightingale Irma
Owl
The Finches
Frenchie
Dixie
Rosie
Annie
Mitch/Politician
Melanie
Rev. Salacious/Poseidon
Real Estate Developer/Isis
Assistant/Buddha

Jennifer Jean-Louis
Ryan Rodriguez
Dixon Gutierrez
Alex Moreno
Lali Navarro-Watts
DeAnna Drayton
Alain Mesa
Ashley Alvarez
Peter Mir
Morgan Howland-Cook
Nathalie Nodarse
Michael A. Mena
Denise Schwartz
Michelle Fraioli
Andrea Bovino
Michelle Moreno
Douglas Reilly
Sonia Sheron
Scott Hinz
Susana Pérez
Juan Carlos Madriz

BAND
Music composed by Armando Tranquilino

Armando Tranquilino

Armando Tranquilino

Juan "Sapo" González

Brandon McClaskey

Ryan Russo

Mathew Ashley

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE
Enrico's Song
Queen Popsy's Song
Song for the High Council of the Sky
Cocktail Time
Construction Dance
Bang the Drum

ACT TWO
The Albatross Song
The Wall Song
The Owl Song
The Love Song
The Goodbye Song
Enrico's Song

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12 FEB The Birds - Opening Night 8PM
   Performances Feb 13–15, 19–21
12 FEB FIU Symphony Orchestra 8PM
15 FEB Concerto Competition 3PM
24 FEB FIU Symphony Band 8PM
27 FEB Jazz Night 8PM
28 FEB FIU Concert Band Invitational TBA

04 MAR MFA Exhibition–Runs through Apr 4 TBA
04 MAR Pericles - Opening Night 8PM
   Performances Mar 6–8, 12–15
07 MAR FIU Symphony Orchestra + Master Chorale, Choruses, Concerto
   Competition Winners 8PM
08 MAR Solo Piano Concert 8PM
12 MAR Amernet String Quartet 8PM
21 MAR The Deep Seascape: The Sonic Sea 8PM
22 MAR Salute to American Music
   Benefit Concert Presented by
   The Footlighter’s Club 2PM
24 MAR FIU Big Band + Arturo Sandoval 8PM

05 APR Student Piano Recital 8PM
07 APR Opera Gala 8PM
13 APR Wind Ensemble 8PM
15 APR FIU Symphony Band 8PM
16 APR Battaglia d’Amore 8PM
17 APR MFA Exhibition– Runs through May 8 TBA
17 APR VH100 Artist Series 8PM
24 APR FIU Faculty + Student Dance Concert 8PM

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