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# CAST

Abigail Bengson	Amy Shephard
Shaun Bengson/Lead Guitar	Denim Protégé
Band Coordinator/Keys	Brent Pendleton
Drums	Andy Garness
Guitar	Dave Broyles
Bass	Rick Jarvela
Cello	Jen Grady
Accordion	Heather Matthews

Hundred Days runs 80 minutes with no intermission



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# **PRODUCTION TEAM**

Stage Manager	Jackie Gray
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Wardrobe Manager	Sue Woods

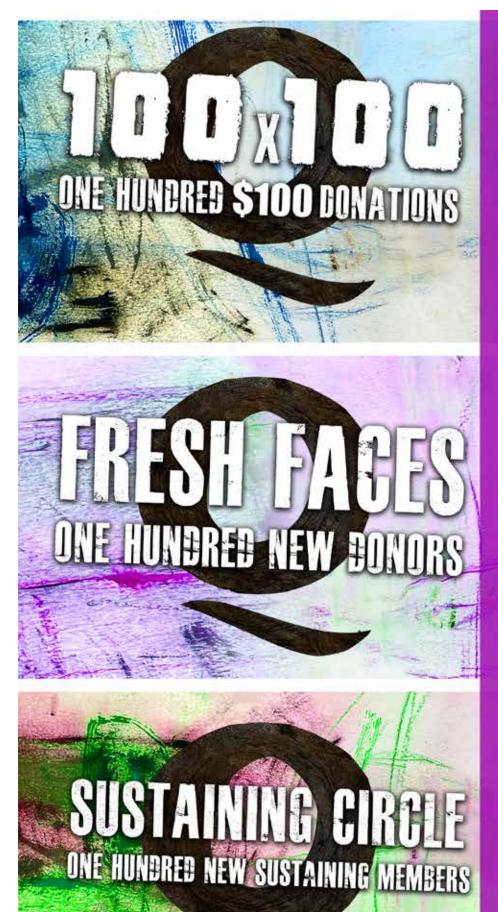
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#### Sarah Gancher

Ms. Gancher's writing has been seen on such stages as London's National Theatre, Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre, The Public Theater, New York Theatre Workshop, Steppenwolf, Seattle Rep. Hartford Stage, RoundHouse, Ars Nova and The Flea. Honors include New York Stage and Film Founder's Award,

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## CAST



#### **Amy Shephard** (she/her) - Abigail Bengson

Amy is overjoyed to return to the Harlequin Stage. A long time performer in the Pacific Northwest, Amy holds a BA in Performance from The Evergreen State College and a Masters Degree in Applied Drama at The University of Exeter. Favorite roles include Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web* (Olympia Family Theater), Maria in *Twelfth Night or What You Will* (Animal Fire Theater), The

Mouse in *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (Olympia Family Theater and Nell Gwyn in *Or*, (Harlequin Productions). Amy would like to thank everyone on the production team for being such wonderful people to share this experience with. Thanks finally to her family, friends, Andy & Alex, and Olympia community for the continued support of the arts.



#### Denim Protégé (they/them)

- Shaun Bengson/Guitar

Denim Protege is delighted to be performing in their first show at Harlequin! Denim has been performing in the Pacific Northwest for 19 years, writing and performing with various acts including local favorites, DBST/Form Destroyer, AoTITy. When they're not performing you can find them in their home studio recording music, and experimenting with sound design. They'd like to thank their friends and

family, Jessica, Maggie, and Oliver, and everyone in the band and the Harlequin team. This one's for you!



## Brent Pendleton (he/him) - Band Coordinator/Keys

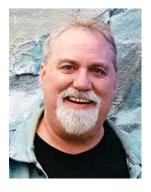
A native of Texas, the focus of Brent's life and career has been on music. He was writing songs on his grandfather's piano at the age of four. He has toured the country with bands playing fairs and opening for such acts as the Beach Boys, Shelly West, and Louise Mandrel. Brent was also active in the recording circuit, producing over 150 sessions in Dallas recording studios. In 1994, he

was the bandleader for 12-year-old LeAnn Rimes and returned to work for her in 1998, performing in all her concerts and television appearances, including The Tonight Show, Late Night with David Letterman, the CMA Awards, and Good Morning America. Brent composed and recorded three pieces of music for and appeared in the movie "*What the Bleep Do We Know*". He was nominated for an Emmy award in 2007 for a musical interview show he produced and hosted titled "Northwest Notes." This is Brent's seventh show with Harlequin. He lives in Olympia with his wife Mary and is a fan of peace, love and understanding.



Andy Garness (he/him) - Drums Andy is delighted to return to the Harlequin stage for Hundred Days! Past credits include Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Man of La Mancha, Ruthless!, Little Shop of Horrors, Jesus Christ Superstar, A Christmas Survival Guide, and many musical revues since 2012. You can find him working with other artists in and around the region, to include

subbing for Seattle's Outshined, as well as providing session work and audio production. Andy also performs alongside cast members Amy, Brent, David, and Rick in Sugar & The Spitfires, and with David in Olympia's own 90's band, Smelly Cat. Needless to say he is particularly excited to work with this group of amazing performers, both as friends and colleagues. He would like to thank Jen, Denim, and Heather for taking part in this amazing lineup, and his friends in black (you know who you are). Extra thanks to Helen, Aaron, and both sound and stage design teams. Very special thanks to Gina and sweet Aubrey Louise - "You are my heart."



**David Broyles** (he/him) - *Guitar* David is a self-taught axeman who excels in a wide variety of styles and has been applying his craft in the Northwest music scene for over 35 years. He has played with funk groups Bump Kitchen, Sweatband, and Mother's Friends; the improv jazz-rock group Jam Camp; and the swing group The Hot Five. Currently, he plays in the classic

rock/country band Sugar and the Spitfires and Pontiac Alley, a diverse Americana outfit, Past Harlequin shows include Fun Home, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, First Date, Little Shop of Horrors, Sixties Chicks Too, Dancin' in the Streets, Pump Boys & Dinettes, Pippin, Assassins, Tapestry, A Rock 'N Roll Twelfth Night, Magical Mystery Midsummer Musical and four Stardust shows. Many thanks to you, the audience, for supporting live theater and live music. We can't do it without you.

## CAST (Continued)



Rick Jarvela (he/him) - Bass

Rick has been an active bass player in the Puget Sound area since 1978. He has performed with the Tacoma Symphony, Olympia Symphony, Olympia Chamber Orchestra, Sweatband, Mood Swing, Size 3, and The Hot Five. His Harlequin credits include Fun Home, Tenderly, Man of La Mancha, First Date, Little Shop of Horrors, Pippin, Assassins, A Rock N'

Roll Twelfth Night, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Dancin' In The Streets, The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Sixties Chicks, Sixties Kicks! and so many Stardust shows that he has lost count! Rick currently performs with the Jazz Senators, teaches private lessons, and performs as a freelance bassist. Rick wishes to thank his wife Kay, and kids Nicole and Aaron for their continued support.



#### Jen Grady (she/her) - Cello

Jen is a local Olympian who has been a recording and touring cellist/vocalist for the past twenty years. She has been involved with many albums and artists worldwide and was fortunate to have been supported by mentors who encouraged her to become a teacher. She now shares her love for creating music with her Orchestra students at Nisqually

Middle School and Meadows Elementary. Spontaneous dance parties in her living room and baking with her daughter Via refuel her joy. Jen is grateful to be invited to the Harlequin stage alongside this incredible cast for *Hundred Days*.



## Heather Matthews (she/they) - Accordion

Heather is delighted to return to Harlequin Productions! Other favorite roles in this area include Alison in both the SPSCC and Centralia College productions of *Fun Home*, Theresa in Theater Artists Olympia's *Boy Gets Girl* and The Witch in Centralia College's *Into the Woods*. Heather gets her regular musical fix by performing

with Capital City Chorus and her band SpareCrow, teaching music at McKenny Elementary, and playing her piano, guitar, drums, clarinet, sax, and harp. Always up for more musical collabs! Web: www.heathermatthews.com Instagram: @hedderschmidt\_arts

## **DESIGN TEAM**

#### Aaron Lamb (he/him) - Director

Aaron is the Producing Artistic Director of Harlequin Productions. As Artistic Director, he has directed A Christmas Carol (2021, 2022), This Flat Earth, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, The Highest Tide, Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol, Man of La Mancha, A Doll's House, Love and Information, and The 1940s Radio Hour. In eleven seasons as an actor and guest director with Harlequin he also directed I Am My Own Wife, Three Days of Rain, Ruthless!, August: Osage County, Hedda Gabler, Time Stands Still, Middletown, and Five Women Wearing the Same Dress. As an actor, he most recently appeared in the 2021-2022 season, as Jacob Marley in A Christmas Carol. Lamb has worked in Seattle for Village Theatre, Taproot Theatre, Book-It Repertory Theatre, and Seattle Shakespeare Company, and has worked regionally throughout the country. He holds an MFA in Acting from California State University, Fullerton, a BA from Washington State University, and is a member of the Actor's Equity Association.

#### Jeannie Beirne (she/her) - Resident Scenic Designer

Jeannie has worked with Harlequin since 2014 and is delighted to be returning this season. Past favorites: Fun Home, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, 2021 Fall Repertory Season including A Christmas Carol, Noises Off, Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol, Man of La Mancha, A Doll's House, August: Osage County, Little Shop of Horrors, Hedda Gabler, and First Date. Jeannie has also enjoyed working with The Olympia Family Theatre, Saint Martin's University and South Puget Sound Community College. In Missouri, she has designed Urinetown and The Music Man with Missouri Western State University, and The Drowsy Chaperone, She Loves Me and Damn Yankees for Tent Theater. In Arizona, Jeannie designed Mama and Jack Carew and the world premiere of Suocera by Hal Corley at the Theatre Artists Studio and Big Love with Kim Weild at Arizona State University. Jeannie holds an MFA in performance design from Arizona State University and a BA in set design from Western Washington University.

#### Melanie Ransom (she/her) - Costume Design

This is Melanie's fifth season doing costumes with Harlequin. Favorite shows with her costume work include *Building Madness, The Women, Noises Off, Tenderly, Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill, Sovereignty, Hedwig and the Angry Inch* and *Fun Home*. She has also worked on costumes with the Spokane Theater Ensemble, South Puget Sound Community College, Centralia College, Creative Theatre Experience, and Tumwater High School. She holds a BFA in Theater from Ohio University and an MBA from Pacific Lutheran University. When she's not dreaming about textiles, Melanie hosts an interview talk show called *After Church with Melanie Ransom* with the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

# **DESIGN TEAM** (Continued)

**Olivia Burlingame** (she/her) - *Resident Lighting Designer* Olivia is grateful to be designing for Harlequin once again. Olivia has designed in Olympia for the last ten years. Some favorites include *Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Man of La Mancha, Little Shop of Horrors, Equivocation, and On the Verge.* Olivia graduated from Central Washington University with a BFA in Theater Design and Technology. She has also worked with Tacoma Opera, Theater Artists Olympia, Olympia Family Theater, Tacoma Arts Live, SMU, SPSCC, and Seattle Children's Theater. Olivia is a proud member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. Thank you to all her friends and family!

#### John Serembe (he/him) - Projection Design

John designed projection for Harlequin for Ken Ludwig's Baskerville. A Christmas Carol (2022), Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Until the Flood, A Christmas Carol, The Highest Tide, Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol and Love and Information. John is also the Harlequin graphic designer, and has appeared onstage at the State Theater in Ken Ludwig's Baskerville, The 39 Steps, Hedda Gabler, The Art of Racing In The Rain, The Highest Tide, Little Shop of Horrors, and two of the Stardust series. He has appeared on Los Angeles stages, and on the tube. John is a member of SAG/AFTRA and Actor's Equity Association.

#### Keith Jewell (they/them) - Sound Design

Sound is all around us, yet nearly always invisible. It contributes to a sense of place, sets mood, and provides valuable cues about the world we inhabit. Keith grew up on a diet of audio stories from NPR, ZBS, Jim Copp, Bergman and Proctor, and old time radio. This lead to a passion for using sound to tell stories. From a 1993 puppet show adaptation of King Lear in the Star Wars universe, through over a hundred and thirty other productions, Keith has had the pleasure of getting to work with the exceptional designers, actors, and directors here at Harleguin for seventeen seasons, as well as sixteen seasons at Saint Martin's University. You also may have seen their work in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not." Recent and favorite Sound Designer credits here include Fun Home, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Murder for Two, pieces throughout the 2021 Fall Repertory Season, August: Osage County, and The Art of Racing in the Rain.

# **PRODUCTION TEAM**

#### Jackie Gray (she/her) - Stage Manager

Jackie is returning to Harlequin, having served as Stage Manager for *Ken Ludwig's Baskerville*, Assistant Stage Manager for *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *Murder for Two*, *Tenderly, The Rosemary Clooney Musical*, and *Middletown*. Jackie has done everything from props, board operation, and stagehand work, to directing a one-act for TAO. Her number one theater love, however, will always be stage management in some form. Jackie dedicates her work on this show to David Hlavsa, beloved mentor and true lover of the theater.

#### Bonnie Reese (she/her) - Assistant Stage Manager

Hundred Days is the second production Bonnie has had the pleasure of working on at Harlequin, having served as Properties Intern for *Building Madness*. Bonnie has always loved live theatre and being on stage, along with assistant stage managing, she has enjoyed set building, performing, light board operator and properties designer. Some of her favorite shows she has assistant stage managed include *Title of Show* (SPSCC), *The Secret Garden*, and *The Girl Who Swallowed A Cactus* (Olympia Family Theater). She would like to thank those closest to her for encouraging her to do what she loves in the world of theater, and to those who gave her the opportunities to share her talents.

#### Gerald B. Browning (he/him) - Scenic Charge Artist

Gerald has served as Properties Designer for fifteen shows at Harlequin and recently designed for A Christmas Carol (2022), Fun Home, This Flat Earth, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Sovereignty, Murder for Two, and A Christmas Carol (2021). At Harlequin, he has appeared in Until the Flood, The Highest Tide, Love and Information, The 1940's Radio Hour, and The Love List. Local and regional acting credits: Seattle Shakespeare Company, Taproot Theatre, SecondStory Rep, Seattle Musical Theatre, Mt. Baker Theatre, Interplayers Theatre, Theater at Monmouth (ME), Seaside Repertory Theatre (FL), DC's Keegan Theatre (Helen Hayes Award nomination), the Smithsonian, and Kennedy Center. Gerald is also a director, scenic designer, dialect coach, and writer. He's written national commercials and videos for commercial clients, been the recipient of a multi-year playwriting grant, and has two screenplays in development with an Academy Award-nominated producer. He holds a Master's Degree (Directing) from the Chicago College of the Performing Arts at Roosevelt University.

# PRODUCTION TEAM (Continued)

#### Michael Gray

Michael is returning to Harlequin, having served as Sound Engineer for *Murder for Two, Tenderly,* and *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill.* He has run sound in Olympia for over a decade for local groups and organizations. Besides sound, Michael enjoys spreading pun jokes to all who can stand them. "I stopped at a little roadside shack that said "Lobster tails \$5". I gave the guy 5 bucks and he said "Once upon a time in a far off land, there was a lobster..."

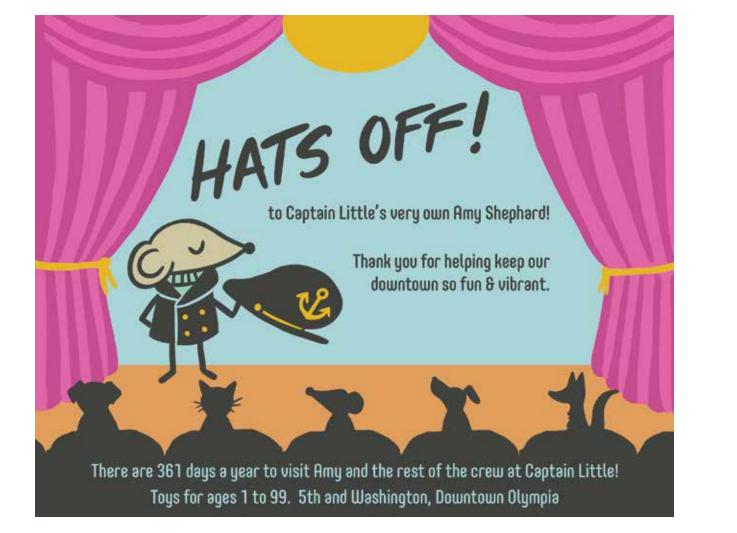
#### Richard Wheeler (he/him) - Lightboard Operator

Richard (Quinault Nation) studied theater at Grays Harbor Community College. He has played the title role in *The Miser* and George Spelvin in *The Actor's Nightmare*, by Christopher Durang. Richard has worked as Light Board Operator, Assistant Stage Manager and ensemble actor for Capital Playhouse, Stage Manager for Olympia Family Theater and TAO and Assistant Stage Manager for Animal Fire Theater. He is currently a theater technician (Lightboard Operator, Sound FX and Video Operator) for Harlequin, where he has also worked on props, and as an ASM, Stage Manager and Spotlight Operator. He is excited and proud to be a part of the technical crew for *Baskerville*.

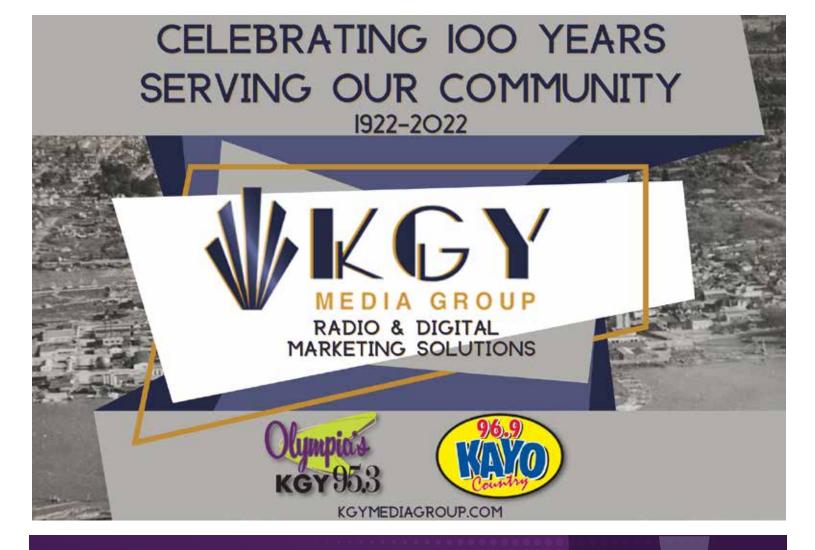
#### Sue Woods (she/her) - Wardrobe Manager

This is Sue's first season making costumes with Harlequin. Her most recent costume gig was with the Prime Time Players' production of *Hello Dolly.* With three other sewists, she helped create more than 60 costumes. Sue is active with Cosplay Pacific Northwest, a special interest chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Her chapter will be dressing as Viking Warrior Women at the upcoming Viking Fest in Poulsbo this year.









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