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#OutFrontMammaDearest







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#### A Note from Paul

Welcome to the Holiday Season at Out Front! If you have been here before, welcome back! (You know exactly what you are in for here.) If you are new to our oneof-a-kind style of wacky winter wonderfulness, you are in for a treat like you probably have never seen before on stage.



This year marks the third time the iconic Joan Crawford has graced our theater in December, so she can now officially be put right next to Santa, Rudolph and Frosty as a quintessential holiday character; granted you may not want her visiting you in the middle of the night or hanging around the children in your life, but she is our own unique tradition.

Traditions are the things that make getting together with loved ones and community so special, and those traditions don't have to fit into any specific box or societal norms. As gueer people, and allies of the gueer community, we have been creating our own traditions for generations that span all year. It can be anything from hosting a brunch every year before the Pride parade, or gathering friends in costume to watch the Tony Awards. Maybe it's an annual trip with a group from across the country to your favorite vacation destination, or it could be something more regular - like getting a group together to see the shows at your favorite, local gueer centered theatre company. Whatever traditions you have, we are glad you are here with us tonight and hope our holiday show (or any/all of our shows) will make it onto your list of traditions.

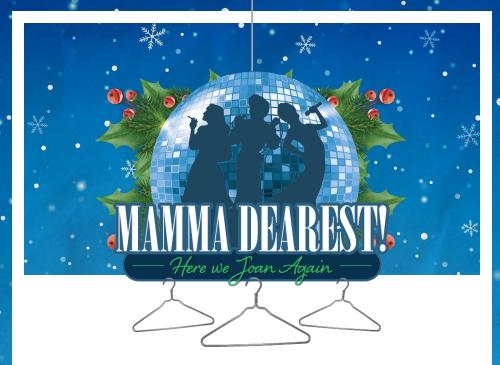
The new year is almost here and that always gives us hope of starting new. I don't know how new we will get in 2026, but I do know that we are going to be here to make you smile and laugh all year long and for years past that.

My hope for each of you is that you stay safe, healthy and truly fabulous this holiday season and for the rest of time.

Making the Yuletide as Gay as Humanly Possible,



Paul Conroy (He/Him/His) Founder & Producing Artistic Director Out Front Theatre Company



#### WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY

Blake Fountain

#### STARRING

Emily Nedvidek, Anna Dvorak, Bekah Medford, Hope Clayborne, Jack Caron, Erica Lloyd, Rafael Sochakov, Hayden Rowe, Will Cole, Spencer Perdeck, Leah Thomas, TJ Ruth

MUSIC DIRECTOR

CHOREORAPHER

**PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER** 

Devin Porter

**Atarius Armstrong** 

Lily Mayfield

LIGHTING DESIGNER **Lindsey Sharpless** 

COSTUME DESIGNER Berkeley Pillay

WIG DESIGNER Brian Jordan

**SCENIC** DESIGNER Cody Russell

PROPS DESIGNER Charlie Edwards

SOUND DESIGNER John Michael Hoke

**DRAMATURG** Elliott Folds

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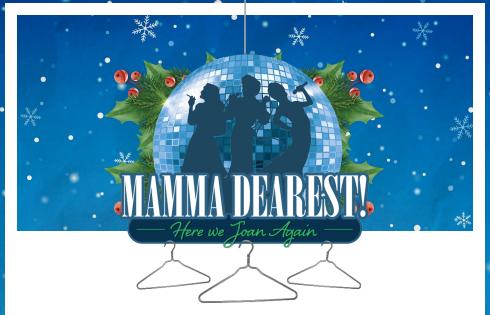




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#### **SETTING:**

Dean Martin's Catalina Island Beach Home

#### TIME:

1967

#### THERE WILL BE ONE 15-MINUTE INTERMISSION.

#### **CAST**

Joan Crawford	Emily Nedvidek
Christina Crawford	Anna Dvorak
Judy Garland	Bekah Medford
Eartha Kitt	Hope Clayborne
Bette Davis	Jack Caron
Liza Minnelli	Erica Lloyd
Fernando	Rafael Sochakov
Chiquitita	Hayden Rowe
Visitor	Will Cole
Understudies	Spencer Perdeck,
	Leah Thomas, TJ Ruth

#### **CREATIVE TEAM**

Director & PlaywrightBlake Fountain
Music DirectorDevin Porter
Choreographer Atarius Armstrong
Production Stage ManagerLily Mayfield
Lighting DesignerLindsey Sharpless
Costume Designer Berkeley Pillay
Wig Designer Brian Jordan
Scenic DesignerCody Russell
Props Designer/
Asst. Stage ManagerCharlie Edwards
Sound DesignerJohn Michael Hoke
DramaturgElliott Folds
Asst. Sound Engineer Adjoa Farr
Master Carpenter Delaney Hill
Carpenter De'Janna Scales-Hand
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**SPECIAL THANKS TO** Aurora Theatre, Nancy Byrd, Peter Bjerkerot.

We apologize for anyone who may have been accidentally omitted from this program.



## **Musical Numbers**

#### **ACT ONE**

"Mamma Dearest"	
"Dear Christina"	Houseboys and Christina
"The Liquor Takes It All"	Judy
"Super Cougar"	Eartha, Houseboys, Christina, and Judy
"Mommy, Mommy, Mommy"	
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	Houseboys
"Blowing Me, Blowing You"	Houseboys

"Mega Mix" ...... Company

### Director/Playwright's

When I first started writing Mamma Dearest! Here We Joan Again, I thought I was just writing a campy holiday parody. Something loud, messy, and fun: part Mamma Mia, part



Mommy Dearest, and all chaos. But somewhere between Joan's shoulder pads and Christina's quiet heartbreak, I realized I was actually writing about something deeper: how blood doesn't define us, and how sometimes survival means building the family we deserved long before we ever found it.

I grew up with complicated family dynamics (to put it mildly). For a long time, I thought survival meant pretending everything was fine. But the older I got, the more I understood that humor is its own kind of armor, and sometimes, it's the only language that makes sense of pain. Mamma Dearest became a way to laugh at the darkness, to take the melodrama I inherited and turn it into something glittering and alive.

At its core, this show isn't about Joan Crawford, or ABBA, or even Christmas. It's about chosen family: the beautiful, chaotic people we gather around us when the ones who were supposed to love us didn't know how. It's about reclaiming the narrative, finding joy after survival, and realizing that sometimes healing looks like a chaotic little family of legends, houseboys, and gueer weirdos who absolutely should not work together on paper but somehow do.

If you leave the show a little lighter, a little gayer, or a little more convinced that your own trauma can turn into art, you've already found the spirit of Mamma Dearest.

With love and a touch of madness,

**Blake Fountain** (He/Him/His) Director and Playwright

## **COMMITMENTS & VALUES**

#### **MISSION**

Out Front Theatre Company's mission is to tell LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intergender, Asexual) stories.

#### **VISION**

Out Front Theatre Company's vision is to strengthen the LGBTQIA+ community in Georgia by exploring and celebrating the universal human experience through the lens of gender and sexuality.

#### **EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION COMMITMENT**

The staff and board of Out Front Theatre Company want to put the following metrics in place so that we can track them to completion. We want our stakeholders and our patrons to see real results.

- We want to have representative board members from black and brown communities, as well as gender nonconforming representatives and increase that representation by at least 10% every year until we reach a goal of above 50%.
- We want to produce, support, or promote at least 2 shows/events from creatives of color every year and increase that number by at least 20% every year.
- We want to increase our presence in communities of color and in women's communities through intentional outreach. We can do this by creating a communication strategy to expand our patronage. To that end, we will recruit a community outreach intern or staff member to help achieve this goal.
- We want to increase our intersectional involvement by partnering with other socially progressive nonprofit organizations to collaborate on community events. The goal is to have at least one partner event per year with an ultimate goal of three per year.

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•to learn more.



## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We are gathered on the unceded land of the Myskoke (Muscogee/Creek) peoples. We ask you to join us in acknowledging the Myskoke community, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations. Out Front Theatre Company also acknowledges that it was founded upon exclusions and erasures of many Indigenous peoples, including those on whose land this institution is located.

This acknowledgment demonstrates a commitment to beginning the process of working to dismantle the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism.



For more information on this nation, as well as how to support to them, please visit www.muscogeenation.com

## **CAST & CREW BIOS**

#### **CAST**

**EMILY NEDVIDEK** She/Her (Joan Crawford) is reprising her role as Joan Crawford for the third time, and is thrilled to be terrorizing audiences at Out Front once again! You may have previously seen her as Mrs. Cratchit in Murder on the Polar Express, Female Authority Figure in *Hairspray*, or Bettina Barnes in Psycho Beach Party. Select Atlanta credits include: Mac|Beth and Legacy of Light (Synchronicity), Alabama Story and Bullets Over Broadway (Georgia Ensemble Theatre), and Wizard of Oz (Atlanta Lyric). She holds a Masters in Classical Acting from LAMDA, but you'd never know it with the choices she's making in this show. Thanks to Mark and her family for their neverending love, the cast for putting up with her shenanigans, and Blake and Paul for keeping her employed!

ANNA DVORAK She/Her (Christina Crawford) is thrilled to be back at Out Front for the holidays. She's spent previous holiday shows here as Elsa in Murder on the Polar Express, Young Joan in Christmas Dearest, and Judy Garland in Christmas with the Crawfords. You may also recognize her as Judy Denmark in Ruthless!, or as Kira/Clio in Xanadu. Other select credits include: Amelie in Amelie (Horizon Theatre Company), Sonya in Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812 (Horizon Theatre Company), Marie Baker in The Pretty Pants Bandit (Georgia Ensemble). Anna holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Florida. When she is not on stage, she serves as the Director of Education at Ztunes Music. Thank you for spending your holiday supporting local, live, queer theatre! We're so happy you're here!

**BEKAH MEDFORD** She/Her (Judy Garland) thinks there is no place like Out Front for the holidays! Out Front Credits: Murder on the Polar Express (Match Girl) & SnowGirls (Ice Crystal). Previous credits: Spelling Bee (StageDoor): Housewives of Marietta. Charlie Brown, Lucky Stiff (MTC); Junie B. Jones, One Slight Hitch (GET); Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare on Draught;) The Student Body (Destination); Character performance at Disney World. She is represented by Heyman Talent, Follow her adventures @bekmedford

**HOPE CLAYBORNE** She/Her (Eartha Kitt) Is elated to grace the Out Front stage for a fifth time! Previous Out Front credits include: Kathy/Violet U/S (performed) in 9 to 5, Berdine in Psycho Beach Party, Lorraine/ Dynamites U/S in Hairspray, and Suzy Snowflake in Murder on the Polar Express. Previous Atlanta credits include Cassie in Rhythm & Thread (Alliance Theatre), Abilene in The Melvin Invention (Alliance Theatre), and Cleo in *The Game* (Horizon Theatre Co.). She is extremely grateful for this opportunity and hopes you enjoy the show. Thank you for supporting live theatre!

JACK CARON He/Him (Bette Davis) is thrilled to be back on the Out Front stage! Previous Out Front Theatre credits include: Psycho Beach Party and Murder on the Polar Express. Jack loves poop, fart, and cum jokes! His favorite word is GOON. Have a merry Halloween, gays! Instagram: @jackcaron

ERICA LLOYD She/Her (Liza Minnelli) is ecstatic to make her Out Front debut! Years of being told there's a resemblance to Ms. Minnelli and one viral Halloween costume of Liza trying to turn off a lamp has led her to this moment... Erica has recently been seen as Miss Scarlet in Clue: Onstage (Marietta Theatre Company), June in Smoke on the

## CAST & CREW BIOS (CONTINUED)

Mountain (Strand Theatre), and the female swing for The Cottage (Stagedoor Theatre). Before moving to Atlanta, she played several iconic villains and princesses at Disney World and sang in Diagon Alley at Universal Studios Orlando. She loves life here with her wonderful boyfriend Shane, found family, and the two sweetest cats in the world! IG: @ericajlloyd

RAFAEL SOCHAKOV He/Him (Fernando) is beyond ecstatic and deeply grateful to make his Out Front Theatre: Debut-and his firstever show in ATL! New York credits include Teen Angel (Off-Broadway), RENT, Ragtime, and Footloose. Endless love to his Stella Adler family, the Robertson and Sochakov clans, and his beautiful chosen family for over a decade of unwavering support, guidance, and growth. I love you all! Instagram: @rafael sochakov

**HAYDEN ROWE** He/Him (Chiquitita) is so excited to be making his Out Front Theatre debut!! Other Atlanta credits include Cabaret (Actor's Express), Natasha, Pierre, & The Great Comet of 1812, Once (Horizon Theatre), Bullets Over Broadway (GET), Tarzan, Jekyll & Hvde (Atlanta Lvric). Thank so much to his Mom & Dad who he told not to come see this show! Enjoy!!

WILL COLE He/Him (Visitor) See creative team bio.

**SPENCER PERDECK** He/Him (Understudy) Out Front Theatre: Debut. Previous Atlanta credits include Third Act Dating (Impact Theatre), Clue (The Academy), The Dybbuk (ATL Fringe), Cabaret (Renegade), An Evening with the Fitzgeralds (ATL Original Works). Additional credits include *Elegies* (Edinburgh Fringe Festival), The Golem, Meet Me in St. Louis, and Gross Indecency (NYU). Spencer is

endlessly grateful to his family and friends for being his constant support system, and sends immense gratitude to Blake, the cast, and the Out Front team for all the laughter and joy creating this piece together. IG: @spencerperdeck

**LEAH THOMAS** She/Her (Christina/Liza Understudy) is elated to be making her Out Front Theatre debut! Leah is an Actress, Teaching Artist, and Atlanta native. Previous Atlanta Theatre Credits Include: Birthday of the World (Alliance Theatre). The Humans (Theatrical Outfit), And Then They Came for Me (Georgia Ensemble Theatre), and Rooted (Horizon Theatre). Leah is excited to be joining the cast of Out Front's next production, BLKS, as That Bitch on the Couch. Theatre Education and Performance BFA, Emerson College. As always, love and gratitude to her wonderful family and friends, C, and Sammy. IG: @lleahthomass / www.leahthomas.net

TJ RUTH He/Him (Understudy) is thrilled to be back on the Out Front stage! Previous Out Front Theatre credits include: Psycho Beach Party, Kinky Boots, and Boys in the Buff. TJ would like to thank Out Front Theatre for continuously providing a space for him to play and perform. TJ would also like to thank all his family and friends for all of their love and support!

### **CREATIVE TEAM**

BLAKE FOUNTAIN He/Him (Director and Playwright) is tickled senseless to debut the world premiere of his first original show, Mamma Dearest! Here We Joan Again, at his favorite theatre. What began as a campy, irreverent holiday romp unfolded into a deeply personal story about healing, humor, and chosen family. Sharing this chaotic,

# CAST & CREW BIOS (CONTINUED)

heartfelt, ABBA-infused fever dream with this extraordinary cast, team, and audience is truly one of the greatest joys of his career. Blake is also an actor and has appeared on Out Front's stage in several productions, including Hairspray, Trick!, and Ruthless!, as well as at many other Atlanta-area theatres. In his dwindling free time, he also makes waves as his drag persona, Tugboat. She is the current reigning Georgia Entertainer of the Year FI and can be found flouncing hither and thither, singing her campy heart out. Love to Nana, Sam, Butter and Bean. IG: @nonsmokingpartyoftwo

**DEVIN PORTER** He/Him (Music Director) is delighted to be back at Out Front! Previously at Out Front Theatre: 9 to 5 (Tinsworthy), Trick! The Musical (Keys 2). Select Atlanta credits include: Keys 1 for The Producers and The Color Purple (City Springs Theatre Company), Keys 2 for Sweeney Todd and Falsettos (Actor's Express), Keys 2 for Mamma Mia! and Beautiful (Aurora Theatre), Piano/Conductor for 1776 (The Legacy Theatre) and The World Goes 'Round (LaGrange College). Follow him @p.devinshire on Instagram.

#### ATARIUS ARMSTRONG He/Him

& @tugboatthequeen

(Choreographer) Out Front Theatre: Hairspray, Kinky Boots, The Prom. Atlanta: Actor's Express, Act 3 Theatre, Atlanta Lyric Theatre, Aurora Theatre, City Springs Theatre, Fuerta Dance, Admix Project. Regional: Tulane Summer Lyric Theatre (New Orleans), Dixon Place (NYC) Other: Artistic Director and Founder of ALA Dance. His choreography has also been presented regionally in partnership with Dance Canvas, Fly on a Wall, CDC Fest, and White Wave Dance. Education: BFA in Musical Theatre Performance from the University of Mississippi. Follow him on Instagram @atariusarmstrong | atariusarmstrong.com

**LILY MAYFIELD** She/Her (Production Stage Manager) is delighted to spend her first Out Front Christmas working on Mamma Dearest! Here We Joan Again. Previous Out Front Theatre credits include: 9 to 5 The Musical, Trick! The Musical, and At the Wedding. Previous Atlanta credits: A Christmas Story (Theatrical Outfit), The Game (Horizon Theatre), Passing Strange (Theatrical Outfit), The Humans (Theatrical Outfit), Tiny Beautiful Things (Theatrical Outfit), The White Chip (Theatrical Outfit and Dad's Garage). She also participated in the Theatrical Outfit Tom Key Arts Leadership Apprenticeship Program with a focus in directing the 22/23 season.

LINDSEY SHARPLESS She/Her (Lighting Designer) It's the most wonderful time of the year! Lindsey is so excited to be back for her 3rd holiday show at Out Front! Previous Out Front Theatre credits include: Immediate Family, Murder on the Polar Express, SnowGirls, and warplay. She worked professionally as a touring stage manager until 2016 and has since worked as a freelance lighting designer and stage manager around the city.

**CHARLIE EDWARDS** She/Her (Props Designer/Assistant Stage Manager) is back at Out Front Theatre! Past shenanigans here include 9 to 5 (ASM), Hairspray! (Tammy), Trick! (ASM), The Prom (ASM), and Psycho Beach Party (ASM/Gorilla Double... yes, really). Outside of Out Front, she was recently seen in **Blood Wedding** with Atlanta City Theatre. Charlie served two terms as the president of Atlanta City Theatre Players at Georgia State University, where she produced and directed shows such as Mythos, ACTP Holiday Spectacular, and more. She is a senior at Georgia State University, majoring in interdisciplinary studies concentration in acting. When not at school, she can be found teaching musical theatre at the Alliance

## CAST & CREW BIOS (CONTINUED)

Theatre. Catch her on Instagram @char.renee04.

JOHN MICHAEL HOKE He/Him (Sound Designer) Out Front Theatre: Debut! Select sound design credits include West Side Story, The Wizard of Oz (San Pedro Playhouse), A Raisin in the Sun, The Boys in the Band (The Classic Theatre of San Antonio), Maddi's Fridge, Eddie & Vinnie, The Big Friendly Giant, The Velveteen Rabbit (The Magik Theatre), Speech and Debate, The Crucible (Texas State University). John Michael is a multidisciplinary theatre artist and a recent transplant from Austin, Texas. He is an actor, sound designer, composer, photographer, and audio engineer, and is constantly looking for new opportunities to create theatre. Johnmichaelhoke.com.

ELLIOTT FOLDS He/Him (Dramaturg) is an Atlanta-based dramaturg, actor, and educator who is always delighted to be back at Out Front. He has worked as a dramaturg on multiple Out Front productions, including 9 to 5, Hairspray, The Prom, Psycho Beach Party, Ruthless!, All the Natalie Portmans, and Xanadu. As dramaturg and actor, he has worked at Alliance Theatre, Actor's Express. Stage Door Theatre, Synchronicity Theatre, and Woodstock Arts. Thanks to the Mamma Dearest crew, especially Blake and his sick. sick mind. ILY CB!

WILL COLE He/Him (Assistant Director) is so excited to assistant direct alongside Blake Fountain, as well as be back on the Out Front stage! Out Front Theatre: Hairspray, The Prom. Previous credits: Deliverer (Jennie T. Anderson Theater), Wilderness (The Breathe Project, Miami), The Comeback Cabaret (The Drama Company, NYC), The Wild Party (Next Act), Fly By Night (Little Blue Playhouse) & 9 to 5 (Thespian Troupe 3670). Film/TV: The Happiness Playbook (Lifetime), A Man In

Full (Netflix, Regina King, Dir.) 6888 (Tyler Perry Studios), & Oddsmaker (Nashville Film Festival). Will thanks his agent Carol Shaqinaw, his representation Six O'Clock Studios, his voice coach of 11 years Carrie Madsen, as well as his chosen family for always showing up, loving him fully, and cheering him on! Instagram: @willrcole



# **Make the Yuletide**



# Celebrating the Chaos of the Holidays at Out Front Theatre Company

Out Front Theatre Company may be the only place in Atlanta where you can see a holiday musical featuring Judy Garland, Eartha Kitt, and Bette Davis, but founding and producing artistic director Paul Conroy is quick to clarify that in the national theatre landscape, they are not alone. Theaters across the country produce campy, crass comedies this time of year. Call it counterprogramming, if you like, against the more traditional productions that dominate stages in December, like *A Christmas Carol* or *The Nutcracker*.

For example, if you find yourself in Provincetown this holiday season, you can treat yourself to the Gold Dust Orphans' production of *Sweeney Claus: The Demon Father of Sleet Street*. In Chicago, Hell in a Handbag Productions is staging *The Real Housewives of the North Pole*. In other words, the chaotic and irreverent *Mamma Dearest! Here We Joan Again* isn't just a big gay Christmas party: it's part of a grand theatrical tradition.

"As queer people, we need to make our own traditions," Conroy says about Out Front's holiday programming.
"These traditions just tend to run a little counterculture." Citing the work of queer theatre pioneers Charles Ludlam and Charles Busch and highlighting Gold Dust Orphans founder Ryan Landry, Conroy likens these shows – silly and raunchy as they are – to a relay race. "We're another company keeping the flame lit. Atlanta doesn't really have anything else like it."

It's a rock-solid recipe: take a known property or two, then mash it together with some Christmas iconography. Of course, it helps if your ingredients are already beloved by the queer community, as is the case with *Mamma Dearest!*, which sees Joan Crawford belting out ABBA tunes like her studio contract depends on it. "If you know Mommie Dearest at all coming into the show, you're 70% of the way there," Conroy says. "If you know *Mamma Mia!*, there's another 20%. The last 10% is the chaos onstage."

### **Dramaturgy**

Chaos is an apt word to describe Out Front's holiday shows, which have become a regular haunt for fearless actors with a penchant for improv. Adaptability is necessary for shows like these, which rely heavily on physical comedy, impossibly quick costume changes, and dozens of props. "Our holiday shows feel like the island of misfit toys," Conroy says. It feels especially fitting that Mamma Dearest! was written and directed by Blake Fountain, an audience favorite and veteran of Out Front's December slot. "We would not have let anyone other than Blake write and direct this one," says Conroy. "He's the Baron of Christmas, or something."

Mamma Dearest! marks Out Front's first original holiday show since 2018, when Conroy wrote and directed The Ethel Merman Disco Christmas

Spectacular! And while Mamma Dearest! may have first occurred to Fountain as the setup of a joke, the comfort and joy this musical is sure to bring to audiences is serious business. Out Front continues its dedication to centering and highlighting queer joy and resilience all year long, but that feels especially important during the holidays. After a long, exhausting year, it's a time for community, for found families, and for celebration, It's also a time for divas from Hollywood's golden age, alarmingly sincere Swedish pop songs, and dirty jokes. Whether they're riffing on **Showgirls** or **The Golden** Girls, whether they star Joan Crawford or Ethel Merman, productions like Mamma Dearest! are part of a beautiful, necessary tradition. Thanks for being here to share it with us.

Elliott Folds, dramaturg



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As a non-profit organization with a dedicated focus to better the LGBTQIA+ population, we strive to:

- Produce established works and premiere productions created by members of the LGBTQIA+ society,
- Generate productions with universal themes which are important to the LGBTQIA+ community,
- Educate the populous to LGBTQIA+ history,
- Work with local and national LGBTQIA+ organizations to bring awareness of issues facing the LGBTQIA+ to the greater Atlanta area,
- Create artistic and educational opportunities for at-risk LGBTQIA+ youths by collaborating with local educational institutions and organizations,
- Expand the number of theatrical opportunities for artists who are members of or who support the LGBTQIA+ community.

Out Front hopes to create a narrative that will reach beyond the stage, into the

conversations and minds our audiences and artists. Theatre's power as a catalyst to spur dialogues goes back thousands of years. Out Front lives to continue that grand tradition of bringing the stories of the LGBTQIA+ people into the spotlight.

### **LGBTQIA+ Definitions**

L stands for Lesbian: Term used to describe female identified people attracted romantically, erotically, and/or emotionally to other female identified people.

G stands for Gay: Term used in some cultural settings to represent male identified people who are attracted to other male identified people in a romantic, erotic and/or emotional sense. Also, a term used to refer to the LGBTQIA+ community as a whole or as an individual identity label for anyone who does not identify as heterosexual.

B stands for Bisexual: A person emotionally, physically, and/or sexually attracted to people of more than one sex and/or gender. This attraction does not have to be equally split between genders and there may be a preference for one gender over others.

T stands for Transgender: A person who lives as a member of a gender other than that expected based on anatomical sex. Sexual orientation varies and is not dependent on gender identity. This term is sometimes used to refer to the gender variant community as a whole.

**Q stands for Queer:** An umbrella term, which embraces a matrix of sexual preferences, orientations, and habits of the not-exclusively-heterosexual-and-monogamous majority. Queer includes lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transpeople, intersex persons, and many other sexually transgressive explorers. The term is sometimes used as a sexual orientation label instead of 'bisexual' as a way of acknowledging that there are more than two genders to be attracted to, or as a way of stating a non-heterosexual orientation without having to state who they are attracted to.

I stands for Intergender: Intergender people have a gender identity that is in the middle between the binary genders of female and male, and may be a mix of both.

A stands for Asexual: A term describing individuals who do not experience sexual attraction or do not have interest in or desire for sex. Asexuality is different from celibacy, which means abstaining from sex. Asexuality is often viewed as a spectrum – meaning there are varying levels and identities regarding someone's emotional, spiritual and romantic attraction. The best way to refer to the asexual community is to use the umbrella term "ace" or "aces" as in the "ace community," which acknowledges that spectrum.

#### + stands for Many Other Identifications

including, but not limited to pansexual, genderqueer, polysexual, agender, androsexual, demisexual, and skoliosexual. We strive to be as inclusive as we can and know we can always improve.

Please visit outfronttheatre.com for a more expansive list of identities, sexualities, terms, resources and more

We welcome all humans, regardless of labels, and hope we celebrate and accept everyone regardless of how they identify.



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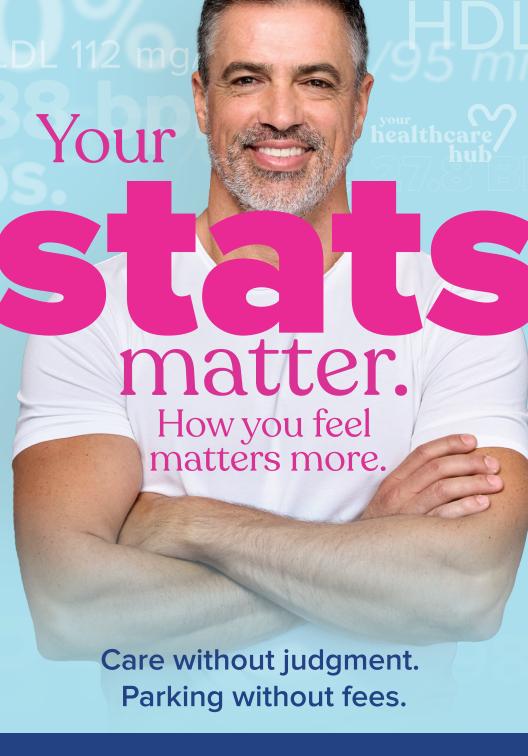
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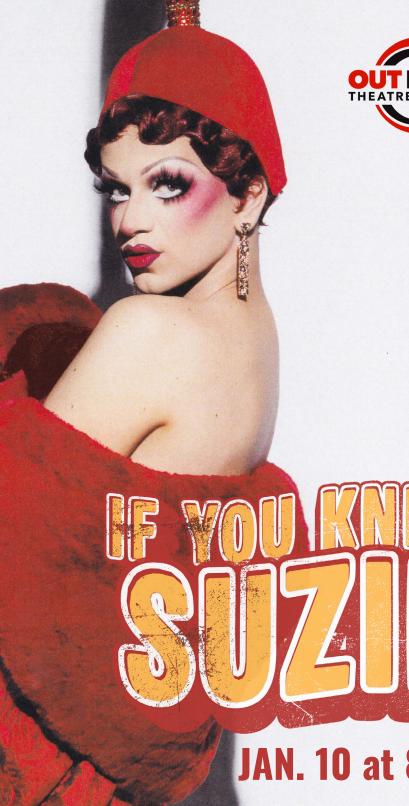
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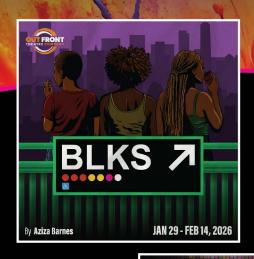
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