


OHIO UNIVERSITY LANCASTER THEATRE

A TIMELY PLAY ABOUT RACE, IDENTITY & RELATIONSHIPS

AMERICAN

By Christopher Demos-Brown

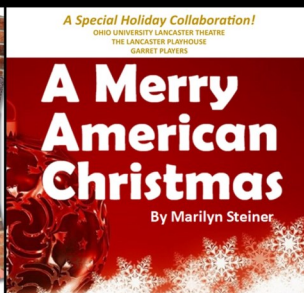
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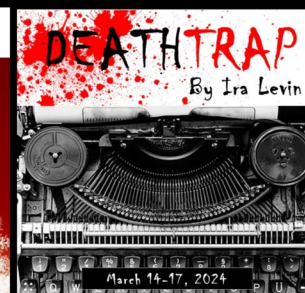
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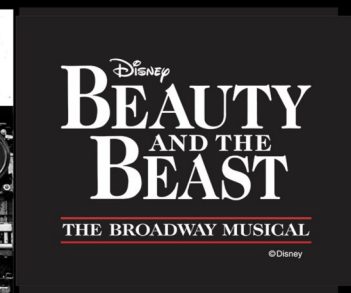
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Ohio University Lancaster Theatre - Limited engagement
Friday, September 22 - Sunday, September 24, 2023
Friday, September 22, 7 PM, Saturday, September 23, 7 PM
Preshow Performance, OU Athens's Black Contemporary Dancers
Sunday, September 24, 2 PM, Reception in library to follow.

This show includes themes of race and social justice.
Rated PG13, strong language and themes.

Ohio University has ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC Licenses

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Costumes provided by COSTUME Holiday House, Columbus, Ohio

***Special production assistance provided by
Undergraduate Experiential Learning Stewardship Grant***

This show includes the use of recorded gun shots, theatrical flashes
and other theatrical special effects.

Cast & Crew

Kendra Ellis-Connor...Shauna Marie, *Special Guest Artist*

Officer Paul Larkin...Aiden Nicholson

Scott Connor...Austin Ream, *Guest Artist*

Lieutenant John Stokes...Elijah Boggs, *Guest Artist*

Producer, Director, Set Designer...A. Victor Jones

Lighting Design...Dale Harris

Stage Manager, Lighting and Sound Effects...Emma Clement,
Anna Donahue

Backstage Support...OHIO Lancaster students: Preston Cattran,
Emma Clement, Anna Donahue, Aiden Nicholson, Aidan Rich

Special Production Assistance provided by OHIO University School of Theater

“American Son” is presented by arrangement with
Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

SETTING: 4:00 A.M., Miami, Florida - Dade County Police Department, The play unfolds in real time today.

A one-act play performed without an intermission

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

SHAUNA MARIE, she/her, (*Kendra Ellis-Connor*)

Shauna has appeared on stages throughout central Ohio. Recently, she was in *9 to 5 (Judy)* at The Contemporary Theatre of Ohio, *Sister Act (Deloris)* at MTVarts. Spring 2024, you can see her in *Ride The Cyclone* with The Contemporary Theatre of Ohio. Thank you to Director Victor Jones for this amazing opportunity! Shauna thanks her family, friends, and amazing boyfriend, Noah, for their support.

AIDEN NICHOLSON, he/him, (*Officer Paul Larkin*)

Aiden was last seen on the OHIO Lancaster Theatre stage in *Into the Woods (Wolf, Steward)*. Other roles include *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown (Featured Actor/Ensemble, u.s. Linus & Schroeder)* and in *RENT (Featured Actor/Ensemble)*. Aiden is a frequent participant in many aspects of performing arts in Portsmouth, including Shawnee State Musical Theatre, Shawnee State Performing Arts Academy, Shawnee State Dance Academy, and University Choir. Recently, he has been featured in shows such as *Disaster! The Musical (Scott)*, *9 to 5, The Musical (Dwayne)*, and *Altar Boyz (Abraham)*.

AUSTIN REAM, he/him, (*Scott Connor*)

Austin is excited to be back on the stage at OHIO Lancaster for this production. Austin was last seen in *The Shadow Box (Joe)*, *Moon Over Buffalo (Paul Singer)* where he was an Irene Ryan nominee for those roles. Other credits include: *HELLO, DOLLY (Ensemble)*, *The Fantasticks (Hucklebee)*, *Grease (Eugene Florczyk)*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas (Pig-Pen)*, and *The Wizard of OZ (Nikko)*. He graduated from Lancaster High School, where he was involved with choir and the theatre/drama club.

ELIJAH BOGGS, he/him, (*Lt. John Stokes*)

American Son is Elijah's third production at Ohio University Lancaster. Previously he worked backstage for [title of show] and appeared last Christmas in *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play (Mr. Welch, Foley Artist)*. Elijah is a graduate of Hamilton Township High School where he was involved in Symphonic and Chamber Choir, theatre, and many clubs.

EMMA CLEMENT, she/her, (*Stage Manager*)

Emma is a junior at OHIO Lancaster majoring in Middle Childhood Education. This past summer, she was the stage manager for *Into the Woods*. She appeared in the Ohio University Lancaster Theatre's production of *A Comedy of Tenors (Mimi)*, *The Shadow Box (Maggie)* and *ALMOST, MAINE (Marvalyn, Waitress)*. Emma attended Logan High School where she was in *Mort (Landlord)*, *Footloose (Ensemble)* and *The Idiot (Ensemble)*. She is a theatre assistant to Mr. Jones. Emma also enjoys singing, dancing and reading.

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ANNA DONAHUE, she/her, (*Backstage Crew*)

Anna made her OHIO Lancaster Theatre debut last spring in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* (Linus). For this show, Anna is a leader backstage and has enjoyed learning more behind-the-scenes skills. She is from Pleasantville, Ohio and attended Lancaster High School. One of her favorite childhood memories is when she appeared in *Alice in Wonderland* as the Cheshire Cat.

PRESTON CATTRAN, he/him, (*Backstage Crew*)

Preston is a freshman at Ohio University Lancaster. He will be making his OHIO Lancaster Theatre debut in *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Max/Cecil) November 2-5, 2024. He was last seen on The Lancaster Playhouse stage in *The Three Musketeers* (D'artagnan).

AIDEN RICH, he/him, (*Backstage Crew*)

Aidan is a College Credit Plus student who will be making his OHIO Lancaster Theatre debut in *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Trevor). His other credits include *Little Women* (Man, Tour Guide) and *Is He Dead* (Phelim O'Shaughnessy). He also attends Amanda Clearcreek High School and is the boys soccer team announcer. Aidan is involved in soccer and track & field.

We want to know what you thought about "American Son." Please scan the QR code to give us feedback.

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