

LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE'S LAGRIME DI SAN PIETRO

Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 7:30pm Foellinger Great Hall

PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE'S LAGRIME DI SAN PIETRO (THE TEARS OF ST. PETER)

Grant Gershon, Artistic Director Jenny Wong, Associate Artistic Director

Grant Gershon, Conductor Peter Sellars, Director James F. Ingalls, Lighting Designer

Lagrime di San Pietro (Tears of St. Peter) Orlando di Lasso (1530–1594) Danielle Domingue Sumi, Costume Designer Pamela Salling, Stage Manager

- I. II. Magnanimo Pietro (The magnanimous Peter)
 - II. Ma gli archi (But the bows)
 - III. Tre volte haveva (Three times already)
 - IV. Qual a l'incontro (No one should boast)
 - V. Giovane donna (Never did a young lady)
 - VI. Cosi talhor (As it happens)
- VII. Ogni occhio del Signor (The eyes of the Lord)
- VIII. Nessun fedel trovai (I found none faithful)
- IX. Chi ad una ad una (If one could retell one by one)
- X. Come falda di neve (Like a snowflake)
- XI. E non fu il pianot suo (And his weeping)
- XII. Quel volto (That face)
- XIII. Veduto il miser (Realizing that he felt)
- XIV. E vago d'incontrar (Longing to meet someone)
- XV. Vattene vita va (Go away, life)
- XVI. O vita troppo rea (O life, so vicious)
- XVII. A quanti giàfelici (How many)
- XVIII. Non trovava mia fé (My faith would have not failed)
- XIX. Queste opre e più (All these works and more)
- XX. Negando il mio Signor (By denying my Lord)
- XXI. Vide homo (See, O man)

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PROGRAM NOTES

A SAINT'S REMORSE

Lasso's High Renaissance Masterpiece

by Thomas May

What's the correct way to refer to one of the most extraordinary musical minds in history: Orlande/ Orlando/Roland de Lassus/di Lasso? There's a Franco-Flemish form and an Italianized one; sometimes the two get mixed together. There's even a Latin option intended to standardize the situation. The very profusion of variants points to the internationalism and cross-pollination across borders that marked the era of the High Renaissance in Europe.

This was a time in which a young musician born in the Netherlandish part of the Habsburg Empire (in what is nowadays Belgium) could find himself posted to positions at major courts and churches in Italy while still in his early twenties, travel back north for a brief spell (possibly in France and even England), and then be lured at around age 26 to join the ambitious court of an aristocrat in Munich (the Duke of Bavaria), where he happily settled for almost four decades until his death in 1594—while still undertaking trips to Vienna and Italy and picking up on the latest developments in musical style.

Such, in brief outline, is the life story of Lasso. (Let's simplify and stick to the Italian spelling, the one used on the title page of many of his published works, including the first edition of *Lagrime di San Pietro*.) During his long, productive years in Munich, he became an international celebrity. Lasso was born at just the right time to benefit from the new technology of printing, which disseminated his prolific output at an astonishing rate (about two publications of his music a year). Hopeful young composers traveled far and wide to learn from him—the Gabrielis from Venice may have been among them—and Lasso was honored by emperor and pope alike.

"What you have is the iTunes of the High Renaissance: Everyone is hearing each other's releases, in different languages, some in pirate versions, and mixing them together," says director Peter Sellars. "All these versions of Orlando's name evolved because he was active in different music centers. It feels like today, when there isn't a single way music has to happen, and everyone is listening to everyone else."

Lasso was particularly revered for the variety and extent of his output across vocal genres (curiously, instrumental music is missing from his vast extant oeuvre), as well as for the depth of his knowledge of the grand tradition of Renaissance polyphony that was just about to reach its end. In the century that dawned a few years after Lasso's death, the new genre of opera would flourish, and its champion Claudio Monteverdi would pioneer a dramatically different musical language—a language from which modern Western music emerged.

Another contemporary artist, the French poet Pierre de Ronsard, raved: "The more-than-divine Orlando ... like a bee has sipped all the most beautiful flowers of the ancients and moreover seems alone to have stolen the harmony of the heavens to delight us with it on earth, surpassing the ancients and making himself the unique wonder of our time."

VISUALIZING THE POLYPHONY—Into his swan song, *Lagrime di San Pietro*, Lasso distilled all of that wisdom, experience, and complexity.

"Polyphony of this kind of depth and detail is totally sculptural," observes Sellars. He notes that Lagrime was composed only 30 years after the death of another towering artist of the High Renaissance: Michelangelo.

"You also get this muscular intensity in Lasso's writing that is reminiscent of this expressive language we know so well, visually, from Michelangelo." Both artists convey visions of an "embodied spirituality: the muscle of spiritual energy and striving against pain to achieve selftransformation."

"The genesis of this project began in 2011 when Peter and I were working together on Vivaldi's *Griselda* at the Santa Fe Opera," recalls Los Angeles Master Chorale's Kiki & David Gindler Artistic Director Grant Gershon. "I've always been especially moved by the way that he guides singers to connect their deepest and most complex emotions to the music." Gershon imagined the potential that could be tapped by having Sellars stage an entirely a cappella work, "where there is no buffer between the singers and the audience. The pure sound of the human voice would convey all of the structure, the colors, the textures, and the feeling of a major work."

And Lagrime di San Pietro presented "the perfect piece" with which to try out this approach—but also a set of formidable challenges. Explains Gershon: "The problem that the piece has had over the years is that this highly emotional, even anguished music has historically been performed in a very buttoned down, extremely reverential style. (Frankly, there are several perfectly lovely recordings of the work that are also unbelievably dull.) Peter and I felt that the truth of this music could be unlocked with movement and with an intense focus on the poetry." Lasso's creation of this complex vocal cycle clearly stands apart within his oeuvre with regard to chronology and purpose. Widely admired and imitated by his contemporaries, that oeuvre encompasses on one side sacred works that are both traditional (masses) and wildly original (the celebrated motet cycle *Prophetiae Sibyllarum*) and, on the other, heartily profane compositions in multiple languages.

Lagrime di San Pietro comes at the very end—he completed the score with a dedication to Pope Clement VIII on May 24, 1594, and died in Munich on June 14. In that dedication, Lasso remarks that "these tears of Saint Peter ... have been clothed in harmony by me for my personal devotion in my burdensome old age."

A SPECIAL KIND OF MADRIGAL—In terms of genre, the numbers comprising Lagrime are classified not as motets but as madrigale spirituali-a term that straddles the usual distinction between vocal compositions for the sacred (motet) and secular (madrigal) spheres. Motets, composed in Latin, were suitable for use in liturgy; madrigals set words in the vernacular language, frequently involving erotic and pastoral topics, and were intended for private courtly or academic gatherings (much as the first, court-produced operas) or, when the topic related to a public figure or occasion, for ceremonial contexts. Yet while taking advantage of the innovations (and lack of restrictions) of the secular madrigal, "spiritual madrigals" were devoted to religious topics. They were not suitable for liturgical usage, howeverby definition, such madrigals set vernacular rather than Latin texts.

For *Lagrime*, Lasso found his text in a devotional epic by the Italian Renaissance poet Luigi Tansillo (1510–1568), who came out of the great Petrarchan tradition. (Like Lasso, incidentally, the humanist Petrarch devoted his art to secular and sacred causes—his poetry praising the Virgin Mary inspired Lasso's contemporary Palestrina to write a famous set of madrigale spirituali.) Tansillo, curiously, had been on the Vatican's Forbidden Index. His *Lagrime* obtained an official pardon from the Pope. Although Tansillo died before managing to complete the epic, the published *Lagrime* is a lengthy collection of eightline stanzas in ottava rima (the rhyming scheme ABABABCC), from which Lasso chose 20 for his madrigal cycle.

PETER'S THREEFOLD DENIAL—The dramatic content centers around a topic that will be familiar to anyone who knows J.S. Bach's Passions, where it occurs as just one episode within the long sequence of the Passion story (though it inspires one of the most moving moments in the St. Matthew Passion—the alto aria "Erbarme dich"). It's the topic of several masterpieces in painting as well, by such artists as Rembrandt and Caravaggio. The Gospel narratives of the Passion recount the Apostle Peter's fearful reaction to the terror of the night of Jesus' arrest. Three times he denies knowing the accused—exactly as Jesus during the Last Supper had predicted Peter would do, "this very night, before the rooster crows." This is of course the very Peter who would be claimed as the founder of the Catholic Church, the first in its succession of popes. Tansillo's poem unfolds as a highly wrought, emotional sequence of self-accusation and remorse for what cannot be undone, as the elderly Peter attempts to come to terms with his anguish. The imagery is elaborate, its references to mirrors and reflections revealing a characteristic Renaissance preoccupation, and boldly figures what transpires in the central image -the communication through Jesus' transfixing glance on the Cross-to the unspoken knowledge shared by lovers.

The cycle Lasso fashions from this resembles a psychodrama, a kind of psychological Stations of the Cross Peter endures internally: the eternally present moment of betrayal and the recollections of a man approaching and longing for death intersect as he seeks reconciliation, realizing he can never forgive himself but can rely only on divine grace. Lasso gives Peter-and us-no easy answers, and no easy way out. He concludes the cycle of 20 stanzas from Tansillo's poem with a 21st number [madrigal] from another source: a Latin motet by the 13th-century French poet Philippe de Greve representing the final word from Jesus himself ("Vide Homo, quae pro te patior"—"See, O man, how I suffer for you"). Here Jesus only reaffirms what has been tormenting Peter: the knowledge that his betrayal has caused more "inner agony" for the savior than his outward suffering on the cross. Even the repetitive rhyme scheme for all eight lines enhances the sense of recursive entrapment. Through his overall tonal scheme using the old church (i.e., Gregorian) modes, Lasso further underscores the sense of irresolution by omitting some of those eight modes as he progressively cycles through them; for this final motet he shifts to a mode outside the normal system. You don't have to understand the musicological jargon to hear the remarkably austere impact of the final number.

Structurally, *Lagrime* also reflects the kind of theological numerological symbolism that is so all-pervasive in Bach's masterpieces. Each stanza is written for seven separate parts. (Some performers opt to complement the voices with instruments, citing performance practice of Lasso's era.) Seven is the number of perfection and creation, but also a number with a dark side, as in the Seven Deadly Sins. Three is the number of the Trinity, but it, too, has a negative shadow in the three times Peter denies Jesus. Lasso's overall cycle comprises three times seven stanzas (yielding 168 lines of poetry, a sum evenly divisible by seven).

PARED DOWN SIMPLICITY—For this staging, Gershon and Sellars decided to perform with three singers on a part resulting in an ensemble of 21. "We wanted the size of the ensemble to balance the need for clarity and transparency of the individual voices with the idea of this also being a community coming together," explains Gershon. "We also talked about keeping a real simplicity to the whole look and feel, without any set or props or extra performers. Peter's work with the singers would be complemented by Jim Ingalls' lighting and some chairs onstage; the wardrobe is basically shades of grey—clothes that look like they could come out of anyone's closet."

"This is music that has a real austerity," Gershon adds. "Lagrime is old composer's music, like the late Beethoven string quartets or the Adagio from Mahler's Ninth or Tenth. Things are stripped away, until there is nothing extraneous: there are very few melismatic passages." For Sellars, Lagrime is composed "with an incredible concision, with sheer essence and focus. There's a harmonic density but at the same time it's stated as simply as possible, without a single extra note."

We know that in his final years Lasso had been ailing, seeking relief for a condition described as "melancholy," and he even dedicated one set of his madrigals to the court physician who took care of him.

"At this point in his life," according to Sellars, Lasso "does not need to prove anything to anyone. He is [composing *Lagrime*] because this is something he has to get off his chest to purify his own soul as he leaves the world. It's a private, devotional act of writing, but these thoughts are now shared by a community—by people singing to and for each other."

While the *Lagrime* project represents his first time staging an entirely a cappella performance, Sellars considers it a continuation of themes he has been recently revisiting in his collaborations with conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen involving choral works by Igor Stravinsky. For the conclusion of Salonen's tenure with the Los Angeles Philharmonic in 2009, Sellars staged Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms and Oedipus *Rex* as a double-bill, and the conductor and director reprised it in February 2018 to crown a Stravinsky series with the Philharmonia Orchestra in London.

As in the Stravinsky double-bill, in *Lagrime* the chorus "carries the drama forward" — drama according to the ancient Greek understanding of tragedy, says Sellars, "which I could also call an African understanding, where an individual crisis is also a crisis of the community. Even though we hear one man's thoughts, it is the community that absorbs them and has to take responsibility: a collective takes on this weight of longing and hope."

INNER DIALOGUE, LIGHT, AND DARKNESS

—That interplay between the individual and the collective has suggested thrilling possibilities for staging. For Sellars, "the voice is not something disembodied but is part of the body which is testifying. The sheer physical intensity of the singing joins with this collective dawning through the inner dialogue of the composition, as these voices have their moments of revelation."

And beyond the Stravinsky, Lagrime can be viewed as a continuation of Sellars' engagements with the Passion story, from his acclaimed stagings of the classic Bach Passions to his work on contemporary variants by John Adams (*The Gospel According to the Other Mary*, in whose world premiere the Master Chorale and Gershon took part) and Kaija Saariaho (*La Passion de Simone*, recently reintroduced in a chamber version as part of the 2016 Ojai Festival).

"Lagrime has one foot in this world and one foot in the next world—it's music written by somebody who is in pain," says Sellars. "It shares the giant discovery of lighting in Renaissance painting that was echoed in poetry and music: this understanding that light and darkness are deeply intertwined in God's creation and are necessary for each other. Taken together, they create chiaroscuro. That's how we perceive depth."

Through all of its pain, says Sellars, the challenge in *Lagrime* "is directed towards oneself. Instead of challenging the world, you challenge yourself —that is the real meaning of jihad in Islam, the war within yourself. In an analogous act to Michelangelo's and Rembrandt's self-portraits, Lasso has created this host of recording angels who can detail the fluctuations and razor-edge refinements of his art, his moral quandaries, and lifelong regret for failed moments. That crystal clear, relentlessly honest moment is a crisis known to every human being on earth. In the case of Lasso, he can't forgive himself, but the music is suffused with a divine compassion and illumination that reaches the very heart of hell."

The result of this powerful collaboration turned out to make a milestone in the history of the Master Chorale. "What neither Peter nor I could fully anticipate was the overwhelming emotional vulnerability that our singers would bring to this project," says Gershon. "Ostensibly this piece is about Peter the Apostle and his lifelong sense of remorse over denying Jesus before the crucifixion. What we came to realize as we all worked together is that Lasso was delving into much more universal themes surrounding growing old, losing the things and people that we care about, experiencing extreme shame and regret but also some possibility of benediction. We all came away from the initial performances of this work convinced of two things: that *Lagrime di San Pietro* is one of the towering masterpieces of Western music, and that this project represents for each of us some of the most important work that we have ever embarked upon. This is a piece that people need to hear, to see, and to experience."

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PROFILES

LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE is the

"the finest-by-far major chorus in America" (Los Angeles Times) that turns "precision into wonder" (New Yorker). Hailed for its powerful performances, technical precision, and artistic daring, the Chorale is led by Grant Gershon, Kiki & David Gindler Artistic Director; Associate Artistic Director Jenny Wong; and President & CEO Jean Davidson. Its Swan Family Artist-in-Residence is Reena Esmail.

Created by legendary conductor Roger Wagner in 1964, the Chorale is a founding resident company of The Music Center and choir-in-residence at Walt Disney Concert Hall. The fully professional choir is a diverse and vocally dynamic group that reaches over 175,000 people a year through its concert series at Walt Disney Concert Hall, its international touring of innovative works, and its performances with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and others.

In 2022, the Chorale won a Best Choral Performance Grammy for the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Deutsche Grammophon recording of Mahler's Symphony No. 8 (with the National Children's Chorus, Los Angeles Children's Choir, and Pacific Chorale). Other recordings include The Sacred Veil by Eric Whitacre (Signum Records) and national anthems / the little match girl passion by David Lang (Cantaloupe Records). The Chorale is featured on the soundtracks of many major motion pictures, including Jungle Cruise, and the Star Wars films The Last Jedi and The Rise of Skywalker.

Throughout 2018 and 2019, the Chorale toured its production of *Lagrime di San Pietro*; directed by Peter Sellars, it earned rave reviews across the globe. *Süddeutsche Zeitung* called the 2019 Salzburg Festival performance "painfully beautiful," while the Sydney Morning Herald praised Lagrime di San Pietro as "stunning ... Their voices soared to the heavens." After the Chorale performed in London, The Stage called Lagrime a "balm for the soul." In the 2022–23 season, the Chorale will perform its second collaboration with Sellars, Music to Accompany a Departure.

Committed to increasing representation in the choral repertoire, the Chorale announced in 2020 that it will reserve at least 50% of each future season for works by composers from historically excluded groups. This commitment to inclusion runs through the entire organization, which recently ratified a five-year plan to improve representation at the staff and board levels, to build a more diverse roster of singers, and to reach a wider audience.

The Chorale's education programs include Voices Within residencies that encourage students to write and perform their own songs, and an expansive Oratorio Project for high school students. The Chorale also presents an annual High School Choir Festival, which brings teenagers from around the Southland to perform in Walt Disney Concert Hall. In May 2019, the High School Choir Festival celebrated 30 years as one of the longest-running and widest-reaching arts education programs in Southern California. The Chorale returned to Grand Park last July for the first time in three years to host Big Sing 2022, the cherished group-sing event enjoyed from people throughout Los Angeles.

GRANT GERSHON, hailed for his adventurous and bold artistic leadership and for eliciting technically precise and expressive performances from all musicians, is currently in his 21st season as the Kiki & David Gindler Artistic Director of the Los Angeles Master Chorale. The Los Angeles Times has said the Master Chorale "has become the most exciting chorus in the country under Grant Gershon," a reflection on both his programming and performances.

During his tenure, Gershon has led more than 200 performances at Walt Disney Concert Hall. A fervent champion of new music, he has led world premiere performances of works by Michael Abels, John Adams, Louis Andriessen, Eve Beglarian, Billy Childs, Reena Esmail, Gabriela Lena Frank, Ricky Ian Gordon, Shawn Kirchner, David Lang, Morten Lauridsen, Steve Reich, Ellen Reid, Christopher Rouse, Esa-Pekka Salonen, and Chinary Ung, among many others.

As Resident Conductor at LA Opera from 2009–2022, he made his acclaimed company debut with La Traviata and has subsequently conducted Il Postino, Madame Butterfly, Carmen, Florencia en el Amazonas, Wonderful Town, The Tales of Hoffmann, and The Pearl Fishers. He conducted the West Coast premiere of Philip Glass' Satyagraha for LA Opera in Fall 2018. In November 2017 he conducted the world premiere of John Adams' Girls of the Golden West (directed by Peter Sellars) for San Francisco Opera.In New York, Gershon has appeared at Carnegie Hall and at Trinity Wall Street, as well as on the Great Performers series at Lincoln Center. Other major appearances include performances at the Salzburg, Ravinia, Aspen, Edinburgh, Helsinki, Salzburg and Vienna Festivals. He has worked closely with numerous conductors, including Claudio Abbado, Pierre Boulez, James Conlon, Gustavo Dudamel, Lorin Maazel, Zubin Mehta, Simon Rattle, and his mentor, Esa-Pekka Salonen.

Gershon and the LA Master Chorale won the 2022 Grammy Award for Best Choral Performance. His discography includes six commercial recordings with the Master Chorale and two live performance albums, as well as two recent DVDs for Sony Classical. He has also led the Master Chorale in sessions for several major motion pictures soundtracks including *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* and *The Rise of Skywalker* at the request of composer John Williams.

PETER SELLARS has gained international renown for his groundbreaking and transformative interpretations of classics, advocacy of 20th century and contemporary music, and collaborative projects with an extraordinary range of creative and performing artists. He has staged operas at the Dutch National Opera, English National Opera, Festival d'Aix-en-Provence, Opéra National de Paris, Salzburg Festival, and San Francisco Opera among others.

Sellars has collaborated on the creation of many works with composer John Adams, including Nixon in China, The Death of Klinghoffer, El Niño, Doctor Atomic, The Gospel According to the Other Mary, and Girls of the Golden West. Inspired by the compositions of Kaija Saariaho, he has guided the creation of productions of her work (L'Amour de loin, Adriana Mater, Only the Sound Remains) that have expanded the repertoire of modern opera.

Late in 2020, he conceived and directed "this body is so impermanent...," a film made in response to the global pandemic inspired by text from the Vimalakirti Sutra. Earlier this year, Sellars created a staging of the Roman de Fauvel at the Theatre du Chatelet in collaboration with musicologist and founder of the Sequentia Ensemble, Benjamin Bagby. Also in 2022, he staged composer Tyshawn Sorey's Monochromatic Light (Afterlife) for the Park Avenue Armory. A revival of Sellars' acclaimed production of *Tristan und Isolde*, with videography by artist Bill Viola, will be seen at the Opera de Paris early in 2023.

Sellars has led several major arts festivals, including the 1990 and 1993 Los Angeles Festivals and the 2002 Adelaide Arts Festival. In 2006, he was artistic director of New Crowned Hope, a festival in Vienna for which he invited emerging and established artists from diverse cultural backgrounds to create new work in the fields of music, theater, dance, film, the visual arts and architecture for the celebration of Mozart's 250th birth anniversary. He served as the music director of the 2016 Ojai Music Festival.

Sellars is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of World Arts and Cultures at UCLA, a resident curator of the Telluride Film Festival, and was a mentor for the Rolex Arts Initiative. He is the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, the Erasmus Prize for contributions to European culture, the Gish Prize, and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has been awarded the prestigious Polar Music Prize and been named Artist of the Year by Musical America. In the fall of 2021, he was honored with the EBU-IMZ Lifetime Achievement Award for his body of opera video recordings.

JAMES F. INGALLS made his LA Master Chorale debut with *Lagrime*. His work for the LA Philharmonic includes last season's *Fidelio* with Deaf West Theatre and previous season's *Canata Criolla, El Niño,* and *The Gospel According to the Other Mary.* Designs for Mark Taper Forum/ Center Theatre Group include *The Beauty Queen of Leenane, The Price,* and *A Parallelogram.* Most recently for Peter Sellars he designed *Monochromatic Light (Afterlife)* (Park Avenue Armory/NYC), Oedipus Rex/Symphony of Psalms (San Francisco Symphony) and Le Roman de Fauvel (Theatre du Chatelet/Paris).

Recent designs for dance include *Ibsen's House* (Singapore Ballet and Charlotte Ballet), *Raymonda* (Dutch National Ballet) and *Twyla Now!* (New York City Center). Recent theatre includes *Once Before I Go* (Gate Theatre/Dublin), and *The Seagull* and *Three O'Casey Comedies* (Druid Theatre/Galway).

He often collaborates with The Wooden Floor dancers in Santa Ana, California.

DANIELLE DOMINGUE SUMI (she-her-hers) is a visual artist inspired by culture, spirituality, and humility. Danielle is committed to promoting social well-being through costume design and expressive arts. Together with increased understanding, recognition, and response to multiethnic heritage; Danielle's creativity is explicated through diversity and social justice principles.

A graduate of Clark Atlanta University, FIDMLA and Loyola Marymount University; with degrees in both design and art psychotherapy, Danielle is treasured for ingenuity and leadership skills in theatrical, fashion, dance, and opera costume production. She has worked with directors Ned Canty, Fenlon Lamb, Summer L. Williams, Kumu Hula Nani Aiu-Quezada, Yuval Sharon, Alison De La Cruz, and Peter Sellars as well as designers Azzedine Alaïa, Hussein Chalayan, Dunya Ramicova, and Helene Siebrits.

Danielle has created for The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Theatre Forty, Los Angeles Opera Company, Kirk Douglas Theater, Music Academy of the West, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Perm Opera and Ballet Company, Teatro Real Madrid, English National Opera, Los Angeles Master Chorale, East West Players, Japanese American Community and Culture Center, Halau Hula Moani'a'ala Anuhea, Los Angeles County High School for the Arts and Company One Theatre. She worked recently as Resident Costume Designer with Nobles Theatre Collective. Danielle is currently Costume Director with New Orleans Opera Association.

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- Terri Anne Ciofalo, Associate Director for Production
- Maureen V. Reagan, Associate Director for Marketing

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- Andrew Almeter, Senior Production Coordinator for Events
- Bree Brock, Production Coordinator for Events
- Seth Wheeler, Technical Coordinator for Events

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- Ann-Marie Dittmann, Patron Services Assistant Director
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KRANNERT CENTER STAFF

PRODUCTION

Terri Anne Ciofalo, Associate Director for Production

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Rick Scholwin, Audio Director Alec LaBau, Associate Audio Director/ Video Director

Costume Shop

Andrea Bouck, Costume Director Richard Gregg, Costume Rentals Director/ Wardrobe Adviser April McKinnis, EB McTigue, Cutters/Drapers Julianna Steitz, Kari Little-McKinney, Theatrical Stitchers

Lighting Department

Lisa Kidd, Lighting Director David Krupla, Associate Lighting Director

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Scene Shop

Ryan Schultz, Technical Director Tatsuya Ito, Associate Technical Director Bill Kephart, Scene Shop Chief Clerk Bobby Reynolds, Theatrical Scene Shop Assistant Liam Romano, Theatrical Scene Shop Assistant

Stage Management

Cynthia Kocher, Production Stage Manager

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We work to create the best possible setting for the experiences you seek and find here.

NECESSARIES

Restrooms are located in the foyers of Foellinger Great Hall, Tryon Festival Theatre, and Colwell Playhouse; the east entrances on the Lobby level; and in each elevator lobby on Level 1 and Level 3. Lobby restrooms and one restroom in each elevator lobby are fully accessible and contain baby-changing stations.

Ushers will be happy to provide you cough drops courtesy of St. Joseph Apothecary, or disposable foam earplugs if the place starts rockin'.

If you or a companion needs medical assistance, contact an usher or other staff member.

Please take a moment before the performance to note the theatre exits nearest to you. If it becomes necessary to evacuate the theatre, please remain calm, follow the instructions of the house staff, and exit in an orderly fashion to the appropriate safe meeting location, which will be announced to you.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

The use of cell phones, cameras, and recording devices during performances is prohibited unless otherwise announced from the stage.

LATE ARRIVALS

As a courtesy to performers and audience members, latecomers will be seated only at times selected in advance by the artist. Should you find that you've arrived late to a performance, our Patron Services staff will keep you informed about the earliest seating opportunity.

LOST ITEMS

If you are in need of Lost and Found, please visit the Patron Services counter. We will do our best to reunite object and owner!

TICKET RETURNS

If you find you can't attend a performance, please contact the Ticket Office in advance, preferably by 6pm the day before the performance (kran-tix@illinois.edu or 217.333.6280). We never charge a handling fee on ticket transactions.

SERVICES

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts is committed to making experiences accessible for all patrons, and we are delighted to provide a number of services to assist you. Krannert Center is equipped with an assisted listening system, wheelchair-accessible and no-step/few-step seating, and large-print programs, Braille programs, and American Sign Language interpreters are available with three weeks' advance notice.

For assistance regarding your visit, please email: Para ayuda en relación con su visita, favor de enviar un email a:

Pour vous aider dans votre visite, prière de nous envoyer un courriel à:

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