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Lizzie Bracken- Scenic Designer • Natasha Davison- Choreographer Barney Hammond- Voice and Text Consultant • William Henry - Sound Designer Halena Kays- Director • Lyn Koenning- Musical Director • Ana Lozano- Stage Manager Eleanor Owicki- Dramaturg • Dorian Robison- Technical Director Cheng-Wei Teng- Lighting Designer • Proletina Veltchev- Costume Designer

Orchestra

Piano/ Conductor	Lyn Koenning
DoodI	Mark Gurgel
Dood II	David Dox
Trumpet	.Make Piccione
Tromhone	Jen Fleeman
Cuitar/Bania	Bob Overton
Percussion	Mike Koenning

Cast

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Mack the Knife	Kyle Schnack
Dolly Deachum	Liz MinDan
Mr Peachum	Unristopher Recoe
Mrs. Peachum.	Jennifer Adams
Tiger Brown	Dan Lendzian
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Lucy Brown.	Amenda Marish
Ionny	Amanda Monsh
Money Matthew	
Twisted Finger Jacob	Alexis Scott
Robby Saw Boy	Wlaki Dolucii
Jimmy	Travis Tate
Little Weeping Wally	Sam Gorena
Little weeping wany	Will Douglas
Ned/ Beggar	Vall: Schultz
Filch	Kem benunz
Boggggr #112/Smith	Denjammi Dazan
Borgar/ Constable	Stephen Namion
Regrar/Rev Kimball	
Batty	Chrissy Shackenord
Dolly	Sarah Konkel
Nelly	Isaac Gomez
Nelly	Kimberley Wilson
Tilly	D 1 1 Hanger Butler
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*Appears Courtesy Actors' Equity Association	

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Letter from the Chair

Welcome!

This year, the Department of Theatre and Dance has launched our 'Texas Talent' campaign in order to recruit, support, educate and promote emerging Texas-based artists. From developing new works to our ground-breaking Musical Theatre Initiative, Texas Talent will work to connect UT artists to the community as never before.

Our connection to community, to share what we love with an audience, is what drives us in the performing arts. You are the reason we continue to produce new and exciting work. As an audience member, your enthusiasm and empathy are half of the performance experience. Thank you for taking the time to join us tonight. We hope you have been inspired by our future leaders, stars and collaborators: our Talented Texans.

At The University of Texas, we believe our students will be innovators in the shifting performing arts landscape of tomorrow and we feel collaboration is at the heart of that innovation. Collaboration breeds professional dexterity and a greater respect for every member of a creative team. When *The Threepenny Opera* opened in 1928, Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht's collaboration became a milestone of musical theatre, changing the art form forever. From *The Threepenny Opera* to The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New Works Festival, our students are paying homage to cultural masterpieces while creating new and exciting worlds, redefining performance with a true collaborative spirit.

As we say at UT, 'What Starts Here Changes the World'. By offering students a variety of venues throughout the season to stretch their creative wings and with mentorship from some of the top professionals in the field we are cultivating new and exciting voices in theatre and dance.

Enjoy.

Brant Pope Chair, Department of Theatre and Dance Z.T. Scott Family Chair in Drama



Note from the Dramaturg

ertolt Brecht was one of the most influential theatre theorists of the twentieth century, and his writings have shaped our contemporary theatre. He believed that theatre should inspire social change, but that it could only truly do so by encouraging audiences to critically engage with what they saw. Too often, he argued, audiences would sit complacently, never questioning the characters or events set before them. Brecht never wanted his audiences to get so caught up in a story that they forgot they were watching a play. For Brecht, the ideal spectator was always asking questions: what caused a particular injustice? How did the characters actions contribute to it? How could it be stopped? In a Brecht play, nothing is inevitable, and any tragic consequences are always a result of the choices the characters make.

To encourage audiences in this critical thinking, Brecht developed the verfremdungseffekt (usually translated as the "distancing" or "alienating effect"). He used a number of tools to create this intellectual distance between audience and story, many of which are present in The Threepenny Opera. Brecht frequently began scenes with titles summarizing the upcoming plot points. He hoped audiences wouldn't spend the scene in suspense wondering what was going to happen, but instead thinking about how and why it was going to happen. Similarly, Brecht believed that setting plays in times and locations other than the present would prevent audiences from identifying too much with the characters. In these cases, Brecht was less concerned with creating accurate visions of the locations (such as Victorian London in Threepenny and China in The Good Woman of Setzuan) than he was in having the location be somewhere foreign and somehow unfamiliar.

One of the pleasures of working on this production has been discovering which of Brecht's tools helped us tell our particular version of Threepenny to our particular audience. Throughout the process, we have sought to remain true to Brecht's goals without attempting to reproduce the specific choices that were right for the first productions of the play.

Eleanor Owicki











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Will Douglas

Mark Barnes

Benjamin Bazán



Rachel Haney-Butler

Sam Gorena

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Haley Hussey

Liz Kimball

Sarah Konkel

Dan Lendzian







Kyle Schnack

Kelli Schultz









Chrissy Shackelford

John Smiley





Travis Tate

Kimberley Wilson













Amanda Morish



Alexis Scott







Who's Who

Jennifer Adams (Mrs. Peachum) Jennifer is a senior at UT Austin pursuing a BA in Theatre. She has been seen as "Mrs. Williamson" in *The Difficulty of Crossing a Field* and cast in last semester's premiere of *Trying to Remember*. Jennifer would like to thank her husband and family for their love and support.

Mark Barnes (Beggar/Rev. Kimball) Mark Barnes is a sophomore at the University of Texas and is excited to be a part of *The Threepenny Opera*. He will be seen in the upcoming production of *Swimming Upstream* in The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New Works Festival. He would like to thank Halena, the cast, and crew for an amazing time.

Benjamin Bazán (Beggar #112/Smith) Benjamin is a third year student in the UT Department of Theatre and Dance. He was last seen as "Caro" in UT's world premiere production of Fight and as "Robbie" in There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom. Benjamin would like to thank his friends and his family for their ongoing love and support.

Lizzie Bracken (Scenic Designer) Lizzie is a third year MFA candidate in scenic design. She received a Bachelor's of Architecture from the University of Notre Dame and subsequently worked in England and New York. While at UT Austin Lizzie designed sets for Pride and Prejudice, Yours, Rivers of January, The Death of Beth, and 101 Ways to...

Maki Borden (Bobby Saw Boy) This is Maki's first performance in the Theatre and Dance program at UT Austin. He is excited to collaborate with so many hard working and talented artists and is fully prepared to deliver a transformative performance to the audience as one part of a beautiful ensemble.

Natasha Davison (Choreographer) Natasha has worked such luminaries as Andrew Lloyd Webber and Dee Dee Woods. Performance highlights include national tour of Cats, "Victoria", German premiere and cast recordings of Disney's Beauty & the Beast, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Fame. Recent choreography credits: Into the Woods, Seussical, Once Upon a Mattress, Cabaret, West Side Story, Radio Days (an original musical she co-wrote). Natasha currently choreographs and teaches dance at UT.

Will Douglas (Ned, Beggar) Will is currently in his first year studying theatre at the University of Texas. He is thrilled to be working with this cast in crew in *The Threepenny Opera*, his first production with the department. Will would like to thank his family and friends for their endless love and support.

Barney Hammond (Voice and Text Consultant) Barney has worked with such Tony Award winning actors and directors as Michael Langham, Brian Bedford, Ron Silver, and Vivian Matalon. Barney trained at London's Central School of Speech and Drama and Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He is Director of Voice of the UT MFA Acting Program.

Isaac Gomez (Nelly) Isaac is a second year undergrad at UT Austin, pursuing a dual degree in Acting/Playwriting and Journalism. The Threepenny Opera marks his third departmental production. He is honored to be part of this unique show. Recent appearances include the role of "Jose" in Junie B. Jones at The Paramount Theatre.

Sam Gorena (Little Weeping Wally) Sam comes from San Antonio, Texas. This is his second departmental production at UT Austin. Sam was last seen as "Sam Craig" in *Our Town*. He would like to thank his family and friends for continually inspiring and supporting him. Rachel Haney-Butler (Vixen) Rachel is a fourth year student in the Department of Theatre and Dance. She was seen previously at UT in the world premiere of Trying to Remember. Favorite roles include "Laura" in The Glass Menagerie and "Belle" in Beauty and the Beast. Rachel sends love to her husband, Dustin, and their two daughters.

William Henry (Sound Designer) If you have watched TV in the last 15 years you have heard William's work. He has been playing, singing, writing and recording music for a plethora of genres including two movies, many commercials and tons of scores and sound design for plays. He is glad to be part of the Texas State faculty and pass on some of his experience to his students.

Haley Hussey (Lucy Brown) Haley is a junior majoring in Theatre and Broadcast. Haley was last seen as "Luisa" in *The Fantasticks*. Previously she played "Williamson Girl" in *The Difficulty of Crossing a Field*, for which she was nominated for an Austin Critics' Award (Best Vocalist). Much love to her beautiful family and friends!

Halena Kays (Director) Halena is a third year MFA directing student. At UT Austin she directed the world premieres of The Death of Beth, The Trojan Women and Lidless and co-wrote and directed 101 Ways to... A Northwestern grad, Halena cofounded Barrel of Monkeys in Chicago. She is a member of The Hypocrites and former member of the Big Apple Circus Clown Care unit. Chicago credits include: Mud and 4.48 Psychosis (The Hypocrites), The Children's Hour (Timeline), The Golden Truffle (Redmoon), Fair Use and Theatrical Essays (Steppenwolf), Daredevils, Daredevils Hamlet and Fake Lake (Neo-Futurists). In Austin, Halena was seen on stage in A Brief Narrative of the Extraordinary Birth of Rabbits (Salvage Vanguard). Thanks to her many mentors at UT- it has been a great three years.

Liz Kimball* (Polly Peachum) Liz is a first year MFA actor. New York credits include: The York, NYMF, La MaMa, Jackson Rep. Regional includes: Paper Mill Playhouse, McCarter Theatre, Walnut Street Theatre, Weston Playhouse, Florida Stage. Liz recently played the title role in Junie B. Jones at The Paramount Theatre in Austin. BS: Northwestern University. www.lizkimball.com. Namaste.

Lyn Koenning (Musical Director) Lyn is a member of the Department of Theatre and Dance faculty, teaching courses in musical theatre audition and performance practices, musical theatre history, and musical theatre acting and vocal technique. She has received multiple nominations as Austin's Best Musical Director from the B. Iden Payne and Austin Critics Table Awards, winning the Critic's Table Award in 2005 and again in 2010.

Sarah Konkel (Dolly) Sarah is a sophomore Theatre and Dance major at the University of Texas at Austin. This is Sarah's second department production. She was first cast as, "Mute," in last semester's production of *The Fantasticks*. She wants to thank her friends and family for all their love and support.

Dan Lendzian (Tiger Brown) Dan is a first year MFA Acting candidate. Austin credits: "Mr. Scary" in Junie B. Jones at the Paramount Theatre and as "Charlie" in a reading of Self Doubt: The Musical at the Salvage Vanguard Theatre. New York and international credits: Macheth and Dracula in Florence; also Much Ado About Nothing, Romeo and Juliet and King Lear, AMidsummer Night's Dream, As You Like It, Bathoy: The Musical, and Plain and Fancy. He graduated from the State University of New York at Fredonia with a BFA in Acting and a BA in English.

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Ana Lozano (Stage Manager) Ana is happy to make her final show at UT Austin *The Threepenny Opera*. Stage manager and ASM credits at UT: Queenie Pie, Blue Point, Junie B. Jones at the Paramount Theatre. Regional credits: Plaid Tidings, Speeding Motorcycle, Altar Boyz. She would like to thank to her professors, friends, family and wonderful boyfriend.

Taylor McCaslin (Assistant Stage Manager) Taylor is a freshman at UT Austin pursuing a BA with a concentration in Stage Management. He also is pursuing certificates in Digital Arts & Media and Business Foundations. He would like to thank Denise Martel, Jen Ash & Amy Clemens. www.haylormccaslin.com

Amanda Morish (Jenny) Amanda is a first year MFA Acting candidate at UT and received her BA degrees in Theatre and Psychology from California State University, Sacramento. Favorite roles include Meredith in *Bat Boy* and Lucy in Jekyll & *Hyde*. Love to Mom and Pete, whose belief in me inspires me daily! Amanda is represented by Heather Collier of Collier Talent Agency.

Stephen Naimoli (Constable, Beggar, Dance Captain) Stephen is excited to make another appearance on the UT stage. Recent shows include Br'er Wood, Trying to Remember, Sweet Charity, and The Difficulty of Crossing a Field. He would like to thank his family for their support and the cast, crew, and creative team for a great show.

Eleanor Owicki (Dramaturg) Eleanor is a PhD candidate in the Department of Theatre and Dance's Performance as Public Practice program. Her dissertation research focuses on performances of memory and history in contemporary Northern Irish theatre. At UT Austin, she dramaturged shows including Big Love, Still Life with Iris, The Idiot, and The Trojan Women.

Christopher Reese (Mr. Peachum) Christopher has appeared in Lobby Hero, A Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Sweeney Todd, The Lilies of the Field, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, The Piano Lesson, Unheard Voices: The Slave Narratives and others. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in both theatre and communication studies.

Dorian Robison (Technical Director) Dorian received a BFA in Theatre with an emphasis in Technical Direction from Southern Oregon University. He has worked as Technical and Assistant Technical Director, Construction Production Assistant, and Scenic Designer. Credits include Metamorphoses, My Name is Bruce (film) Seussical the Musical, Pride & Prejudice, Our Town, Albert Herring and Fight. He will be a managing co-producer for UT Austin's performances in Central Italy this summer.

Alexis Scott (Twisted Finger Jake) Alexis is proud to be part of the 2013 UT Austin MFA Acting class. She received her BA at Brown University, after which she remained in Providence, RI, and performed with various dance and theatre troupes. She most recently relocated to Austin from Philadelphia where it is not always sunny.

Chrissy Shackelford (Betty/Dance Captain) Chrissy is a junior Theatre major at UT Austin. Favorite roles include: PROOF "Claire", UT's Trying to Remember "Ensemble" and The Difficulty of Crossing a Field "Juniper", The City Theatre's The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told (Mabel), SummerStock Austin's Cabaret "Helga/Dance Captain", and the co-writer/conspirator of MISCAST. Thanks WW/BB. Kyle Schnack (Mack the Knife) Kyle is an MFA Actor in the Department of Theatre and Dance. He is very grateful for the opportunity to perform in this production of *The Threepenny Opera*. He would like to thank his wife for her unwavering love and support. Endurance and Faith.

Kelli Schultz (Filch) Kelli is a third year Theatre and Dance/ Plan II major and is thrilled to wear her "Suze Orman" wig for the second time in a departmental production. Recent productions include Brer Wood, Proof, and Trojan.

John Smiley* (Money Matthew) John is a first-year MFA Acting candidate and is delighted to be a part of *The Threepenny Opera*. Most recently he appeared as "Nate" in *Rivers of January*. Other credits include: "Mudge" in *Henry and Mudge*, "Smudge" in *Forever Plaid*, "Dave" in *The Full Monty* and "Sipos" in *She Loves Me*. John holds a BA in Theatre from the State University of New York at Oswego.

Travis Tate (Jimmy) Travis is a third year BA Acting student with a double major in Journalism. He has worked on *Reefer* Madness, Common Ground, MISCAST, and The Difficulty of Crossing A Field. He directed Our Thanksgiving Pageant last semester. He would like to thank the cast, crew, directors, friends, and family for all their loving support.

Cheng-Wei Teng (Lighting Designer) Cheng-Wei is from Taipei City, Taiwan. He received his BFA from Taipei National University of the Arts in Lighting Design and was a lighting designer in Taiwan for 4 years. Cheng-Wei is a third year MFA student. Credits include: The Man With The Dancing Eyes, Canción del Cuerpo, The Idiot, The Trojan Women and Spring's Awakening, Love Letters, See You In Air, European Dinner, Die Zeit und das Zimmer.

Proletina Veltchev (Costume Designer) Proletina is a second year MFA candidate in Theatrical Design. Prior to joining the program, she worked in a costume shop in her home state of Wisconsin, working for the Met and Lyric Operas. Since joining UT Austin, she has designed for both theatre and film, collaborating with students and independent artists. Upcoming projects include Love's Labor Lost for the University of Texas.

Kimberley Wilson (*Tilly*) Kimberley is in her third year as a theatre major at UT Austin, and is thrilled to join such a talented group as her passion for musical theatre continues to grow. She has been seen in several UT pieces, including *Emergency Prom*, *Reefer Madness, Into the Woods*, and everyone's favorite politically incorrect hit, *MISCAST*. Eph 5:2

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