PRIDE & PREJUDICE

DIRECTED BY Gavin Cameron-Webb

DRAMATURG Christina Gutierrez VOICE, TEXT AND DIALECT COACHES Sydney Andrews, Kate deBuys, Tom Truss

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CAST

	MR. BENNET	Tom Truss
	MRS. BENNET	La Tasha Stephens
	JANE BENNET	Ashley Hayes
	ELIZABETH BENNET	Melissa Recalde
	LYDIA BENNET	Jena Kirmse
	KITTY BENNET	
	MARY BENNET	
	SIR WILLIAM LUCAS	
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	CHARLES BINGLEY	Harrison Butler
•	CAROLINE BINGLEY	Jessica Webb
	FITZWILLIAM DARCY	
	MR. DENNY	
	MR. WICKHAM.	Michael Sullivan
	MR. COLLINS	
-	LADY CATHERINE	Sydney Andrews
	REYNOLDS.	Nicole Barnes
	ANNE DE BOURGH	Michelle Flanagan
	MRS. JENKINSON	
	FOOTMAN	Stephen Naimoli
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There will be one 15-minute intermission.

LETTER FROM THE INTERIM CHAIR

Welcome!

What you're seeing in this production is a reflection of what we value most in the Department of Theatre and Dance – our students. These young artists and scholars design, write, act, direct, choreograph, stage manage and produce nearly every aspect of our shows.

Yes, their work is guided and mentored by notable professional faculty and guest artists who believe deeply in the power of theatre. But the work, ultimately, is theirs. And it will be theirs to take into the world when they have graduated from the University of Texas.

We are a large and complex department that places great faith in our diversity, our ability to collaborate and our common purpose to make a difference through theatrical performance.

We do hope you leave the theatre talking about what you've just seen, having enjoyed as much as we have the talent and efforts of these future leaders and stars.

Holly Williams

Holly Williams Professor, Department of Theatre & Dance Interim Chair

DRAMATURGY NOTE

Pride, Prejudice and... Economics? The Practicalities of Jane Austen's England

Although Jane Austen is often hailed as the champion of love overcoming social, economic, and political values, Pride and Prejudice takes a decidedly anti-romantic stance on the practicalities of marriage. Mrs. Bennet's chief concern is seeing her five daughters well married, because, through a complex system of English inheritance laws, the family estate has been entailed upon the nearest male heir of the Bennet line. This means that, since Mr. and Mrs. Bennet have no sons, the odious Mr. Collins, a cousin of Mr. Bennet, will inherit the estate. Unless they marry well, the girls will be left essentially destitute. Mr. Bingley's arrival in town excites Mrs. Bennet not because she thinks he and Jane (the eldest) will be well matched in love, but because his £ 4,000 a year (roughly \$353,000 in today's terms), will save Jane from a life of poverty and hopefully provide for her younger sisters until they find husbands of their own.

Austen's world is one of strict social divisions largely based on such economic concerns. Classes were defined by strict codes of behavior, and boundaries were rarely crossed. The Bennet family belongs to the landed gentry, meaning that Mr. Bennet owns his family's land, at least until he dies, and draws income (the equivalent of about \$177,000 a year) from tenants' rent and the farm that makes up part of his estate. He leaves the management of the business to advisors and assistants, however, and never actually works in the fields or on the books himself. Mr. Darcy, on the other hand, is an aristocrat, and his £10,000 (nearly \$1 million today), represents old family money drawn from numerous properties and estates across England. Elizabeth's initial refusal of his proposal shocks him because the marriage, socially unorthodox as it would have been, would have solved the entirety of her family's economic worries. David Shapard notes, in fact, that Darcy's income would have made him one of the 200 richest men in England. Charles Bingley, although he holds a considerable fortune, is nouveau riche. His money would have been less respectable than Darcy's because the it comes from his father's success in trade: Old Mr. Bingley had to work for his money. Caroline Bingley's socially climbing ambitions represent her efforts to forget her common origins.

Looming in the background of this story of marriage, class and economics are the Napoleonic Wars, which begun in 1799. At the time of Austen's story, England had been continually at war for twelve years. Napoleon was an immensely successful general, and the threat of invasion was constant; leading to the installation of standing militias like the one at Meryton. The wars grew out of the French Revolution, which had idealized the notions of "liberty, equality and brotherhood" that were an anathema to members of Austen's English gentry whose very existence was threatened by the shadow of the guillotine. The militia plays into the economic structures of Austen's world as well, as the majority of the militiamen, like Mr. Denny, would have been the second sons of the gentry. They stood to inherit nothing of their families' estates, and thus turned to the military for income hoping, perhaps, while stationed to meet girls who would make them wealthy wives.

The society of the play is one in which notions of pride (in one's position) and prejudice (in choosing who to associate with) were necessary for the upkeep of these structures and customs. Despite our modern expectations of a love story, then, the Jane Austen brand of romance is a thoroughly practical one.

Christina Gutierrez Oramatura



WHO'S WHO







Harrison Butler

Nora Davidson

Sydney Andrews



Michelle Flanagan



Isaac Gomez

Jena Kirmse

Nicole Barnes

Clair Gose

Alycia Bowling

John Harmon



Haley Hussey



Mark Scheibmein



Justin Solomon

Tim Stafford



La Tasha Stephens Michael Sullivan



Tom Truss

Shaun Patrick Tubbs

Jessica Webb



Melissa Recalde







WHO'S WHO (cont)

GAVIN CAMERON-WEBB (Director) Gavin Cameron-Webb is delighted to make his UT debut. Gavin served as artistic director of the Studio Arena Theatre. in Buffalo, NY for 13 seasons, he has also taught at the Juilliard School and SUNY Purchase. He left New York in 2005, and has returned to freelance directing with productions in Cairo and Vienna as well as his native Colorado. Memorable productions include Hamlet (Val Kilmer), I Hate Hamlet (European premiere with Horst and Christopher Buchholz), and the world premiere of While We Were Bowling.

KATHRYN FLOWERS (Stage Manager) Kathryn's credits as a SM Intern include: Honest (Steppenwolf Theatre) and An Ideal Husband (California Shakespeare Theatre). As a Stage Manager: Funky Snowman, The Idiot, and Still Life with Iris (UT Department of Theatre & Dance); Spring's Awakening (UT Department of Gérmanic Studies); Red Light Winter (Displaced Theatre).

SYDNEY ANDREWS (Lady Catherine) Sydney is in her final year of earning her MFA at UT-Austin. Other shows include: Doubt (Zach Scott Theatre), An Ideal Husband (Austin Shakespeare in collaboration with UT), A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Big Love. She was most recently seen in Love, Janis as "Janis Joplin" at Zach Scott Theatre.

NICOLE BARNES (Mrs. Reynolds) Nicole is a fourth year student studying Theatre and Dance and Advertising at UT. She has appeared in UT productions: Slaughter City, Lily Plants a Garden. The Vagina Monologues, and The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New Works Festival ENCORE Featuring The Psyche Project. Nicole studied mask and physical theatre at the Accademia dell'Arte in Arezzo, Italy. She thanks all the amazingly supportive people in her life!

ALYCIA BOWLING (Mary Bennet) Alycia is a sophomore at UT Austin where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Dance with a minor focus in English History. Alycia would like to thank her parents, her family, friends; and boyfriend, Steven, for all their love and support.

LIZZIE BRACKEN (Scenic Designer) Lizzie is a second year MFA Candidate in Scenic Design. She received her BA from the University of Notre Dame in 2003 and worked as an architect in England and New York. For last year's The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New Works Festival, Lizzie was co-designer for *101 ways to...* and set designer for *The Roaming Bassoonist.*

HARRISON BUTLER (Charles Bingley) Harrison is a third year MFA student. Past credits at the University of Texas include "Constantine" in Big Love, "Lysander" in A Midsummer Night's Dream, "Ganya" in The Idiot, and "Eros" in The University Co-op. Presents the Cohen New Works Festival ENCORE Featuring The Psyche Project. Other most recent roles include "Davis" in Red Light Winter, and "Ben" in The Sunshine Boys. Thank you to my parents for their support and love, always.

NORA DAVIDSON (Charlotte Lucas) Nora is a senior at UT Austin. She has dramaturged for the UT Theatre and Dance department productions of *The Shadow Box, 410[GONE]*, and *The Idiot*. While living in Austin MICHELLE FLANAGAN (Anne De Bourgh) Michelle is a junior acting major at UT Austin and was thrilled to participate this year in The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New Works Festival's Nomadic Dream Project. Other Austin credits include Rubber Repertory's Casket of Passing Fancy and Vortex Repertory's Hamlet (for which she won a B. Iden Payne Award).

ISAAC GOMEZ (*Mr. Denny*) Isaac is a freshman at UT Austin, and is currently starting his journey as a Theatre and Dance major with a focus in Acting. He has been involved in numerous shows in the past, however *Pride* and *Prejudice* marks his first production with the UT Department of Theatre and Dance.

CLAIR GOSE (*Mrs. Jenkinson*) Clair is a senior in the UT Department of Theatre and Dance and is very excited to debut on the UT main stage in *Pride and Prejudice*. Clair is an active member of the RoundAbout Players and has worked on several projects both on stage and behind the scenes.

CHRISTINA GUTIERREZ (Dramaturg) Christina is a PhD student in Performance as Public Practice. She has dramaturged both academically and professionally, most recently for Austin Shakespeare's Measure for Measure. Other dramaturgy credits include UT's A Midsummer Night's Dream, Portrait, 101 Ways to... and The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New Works Festival ENCORE Featuring The Psyche Project, along with work with the Rude Mechs, Austin Shakespeare's Young Shakespeare Company, Salvage Vangard Theatre, the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, and CU Boulder.

JIM R. HANCOCK (Period Movement) Jim R. Hancock, PhD, is a nationally known movement specialist and director. He is recently retired from the University of Texas at Austin, where he developed the movement for actors program and specialized in Period Styles and the Alexander Technique. In 2005, Heinemann Press published, Spaces of Creation, a mind/body approach to the creative process of playwriting that he co-authored with Suzan Zeder. He is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement award from the Association of Theatre Movement Educators.

JOHN HARMON (Sir William Lucas) John is a fourth year BA student at the UT Department of Theatre and Dance. John has participated in UT productions such as Lily Plants a Garden, Still Life with Iris, and Br'er Wood. He would like to thank his family for constant support and encouragement especially that of his mother and father.

ASHLEY HAYES (Jane Bennet) Ashley is excited to spend her last fall semester as "Jane" in Pride and Prejudice. She recently co-wrote/co-directed Autopilot for The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New. Works Festival and has appeared in Fefu and Her Friends and Still Life with Iris. Love and thanks to her family and friends.

GRACE HOLMES (Choreographer) Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, she began her ballet training with Audrey Maduell, Lelia Haller and Harvey Hysell. She was a soloist with New Orleans Ballet, San Francisco Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet, England. Her repertoire includes over 100 ballets spanning both classical and modern genres. She has worked in

WHO'S WHO (cont)

is currently Academy Director for Tapestry Dance Company Academy where she also teaches ballet, is an Adjunct Professor at UT, and is Guest Teacher and Choreographer at McCallum High School and St. Stephen's Academy. She Is Director of Education and Outreach and Rehearsal Assistant for American Repertory Ensemble, Austin's newest dance and music company.

HALEY HUSSEY (*Kitty Bennet*). Haley is a sophomore at UT Austin pursuing Bachelor degrees in Acting and Public Relations. She has appeared in RAP's *into the Woods* and The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New Works Festival *Funky Snowman*. Haley is beyond thrilled to be making her main stage debut and wants to acknowledge her amazing family, boyfriend, and friends! I love you all fiercely!

JENA KIRMSE (Lydia Bennet) Jena is a senior BA in UT's Department of Theatre and Dance. She previously attended The School for Film and Television (NYC), Broadway Artist's Alliance(NYC), NYU's CAP 21 Musical theatre conservatory, College credits include *First Year Players*, The University Coop Presents the Cohen New Works Festival Ashes, Ashes, All in the Timing, Summer People, Lidless, The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New Works Festival ENCORE Featuring The Psyche Project and I've Never Been So Happy.

ANDREW KOTRLA (Footman) Andrew is a UT Austin freshman who is excited to be acting in his first college performance. Andrew halls from Rogers, Texas where he led his cast to two consecutive state victories in the OAP state competition. Andrew hopes that his college career will be just as successful and would like to thank his family for their love and support.

DARREN E. LEVIN (*Lighting Designer*) Darren is a third year MFA Design candidate-Lighting emphasis. A 2007 graduate of Missouri State University, he was a Student/Lighting Manager for Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts, and with Cedar Point Live Entertainment as Lighting Designer of *Got Country*, Co-LD of *Country Unleashed*, Assistant LD of *Signed Sealed Delivered*.

STEPHEN NAIMOLI (*Footman*) Stephen is a junior at UT pursuing his Bachelor's in Theatre and Dance. He recently appeared as "Omar" in The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New Works Festival production of *Funky Snowman*. He would like to thank his family for all their support.

MELISSA RECALDE (Elizabeth Bennet) Melissa is in her final year of the MFA Acting program at UT. Austin credits include Killer, Joe (Capital T), The Bird and The Bee (Capital T), The Idiot, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The 7, The Shadow Box, and Rooms, as well as other productions in The Artspark Festival and HPT's Fronterafest.

MARK SCHEIBMEIR (*Fitz William Darcy*) Mark is a third-year graduate actor. His favorite roles include "Virgil" in *Artois the Goat* (film), "Ray X" in Mac Wellman's *Bad Penny* and "Matt" in *Red Light Winter*. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support ARIANA SCHWARTZ (Costume Designer) Ariana is a third year MFA student in costume design. Originally from Oregon, she received a BFA in fashion and textiles from the University of Oregon. So far at UT, Ariana designed costumes for The Shadow Box, Still Life with Iris, Brier Wood, Footprints: A Musical Eco-Tale and The Shape of White.

JUSTIN SOLOMON (Footman) Justin is a freshman at UT Austin and this will be his first production with the Department of Theatre and Dance. Justin would like to thank the eighth floor of Jester for everything and his family for paying through the nose to get him here.

TIM STAFFORD (*Footman*) *Pride and Prejudice* is Tim's debut performance at UT Austin and he is very excited. He would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him.

LA TASHA STEPHENS (Mrs. Bennet) La Tasha is presently working towards her M.F.A. in Acting at UT Austin. Her past productions include Orestes, The Idiot, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Seussical The Musical, and Big Love. Her future projects include a staged reading of Over The Garden Wall and a production of The 7. NS

MICHAEL SULLIVAN (Mr. Wickham) Michael is excited to be working on this project. With only two more semesters to go, he is walking on air to get back to the real world! As always he would like to thank his mother and family for their neverending support. Past credits include: "Rogozhin" in *The Idiot*, "Theseus" in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and "Joe" in *The Shadow Box*.

DAVID TOLIN (*Technical Director*) David is a third year MFA Candidate in Scenic Technology from Casper, Wyoming. He earned his BA Degree in Theatre Design/Technology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. At UT Austin David served as Technical Director for *Big Love, Fiber of Being, Still Life With Iris,* and *The Idiot*.

TOM TRUSS (*Mr. Bennet*) Before coming to UT, Tom Truss danced with the Liz Lerman/Dance Exchange, and ran his own dance company. He also obtained his certification as an Alexander Technique teacher, an MFA in dance from the University of Iowa and a Bachelor of Music degree in piano. Last year the Austin Critics Table awarded him best actor.

SHAUN PATRICK TUBBS* (Mr. Collins) is a graduate candidate in acting at UT Austin. While here, he's performed in Elephant's Graveyard, Bad Penny, The Shadow Box, A. Midsummer Night's Dream, and The University Co-op Presents the Cohen New Works Festival ENCORE Featuring The Psyche Project. Professional theatre credits include Crossing America, Jitney, Lobby, The Boys Next Door, Macbeth, and An Ideal Husband. Shaun is a member of the Actor's Equity Association and the Screen Actors Guild. "Appears courtesy of the Actor's Equity Association

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