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About the PLAYVRIGHT WILL ENO Playwright ... is a Residency Five Fellow at t

... is a Residency Five Fellow at the Signature Theatre in New York, which presented *Title and Deed* in 2012 and *The Open House* in 2014. Following an acclaimed run at Yale Repertory Theatre, his play *The Realistic Joneses* was on Broadway in 2014, directed by Sam Gold and staring Toni Collette, Michael C. Hall, Tracy Letts, and Marisa Tomei. *The Realistic Jorieses* won a Drama Desk Award, was named USA Today's "Best Play on Broadway," topped the The Guardian's 2014 Iist of American plays, and was included in The N.Y. Times""Best Theatre of 2014."

The Open House won the 2014 Obie Award, the Lortel Award for Outstanding Play, and a Drama Desk Award, and was included in both the Time Out New York and Time Magazine Top 10 Plays of the Year. *Title and Deed* was on The N.Y. Times and The New Yorker magazine's Top Ten Plays of 2012. His play *Gnit*, a loving but aggressive adaptation of *Peer Gynt*, premiered at the Actor's Theatre of Louisville in 2013.

Middletown, winner of the Horton Foote Award, premiered at the Vineyard Theatre and subsequently at Steppenwolf Theater and many other American Theaters and universities. His internationally heralded play*Thom Pain (based on nothlng)* was a finalist for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize and has been translated into more than a dozen languages.

He was recently awarded the PEN/Laura Pels International Foundation Award. His plays are published by Samuel French, TCG, Dramatists Play Service, and Playscripts, in the U.S., and Oberon Books in London. To develop writers, designers, directors, and actors from within the Austin community.

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Special Thanks



THE REALISTIC JONESES

written by WILL ENO

directed by KEN WEBSTER

SET DESIGN MARK PICKELL LIGHT DESIGN DON DAY SOUND DESIGN ROBERT S. FISHER COSTUME DESIGN LEROY SAKOWITZ

February 25 - March 26, 2015 STAGE MANAGER BRIANNA VESELKA ASSISTANT DIRECTORS BRIANNA VESELKA MEGAN THORNTON MICHAEL RUSSO

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR ZAC THOMAS SET CREVV AL TAYLOR CAMERON ALLEN BILLY DRAGOO SARAH SPENCER ALAN HOLT

CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

JENNIFER JONES	REBECCA ROBINSON
BOB JONES	
PONY JONES	JESS HUGHES
JOHN JONES	BENJAMIN SUMMERS

There will be no intermission.

THE REALISTIC JONESES is produced by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

Original Broadway Production Produced by

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LIGHT DESIGN DON DAY

... has an MFA from UT and works in theatres throughout Austin. Some of the more recent shows he designed for HPT are *Circle Mirror Transformation; Vigil; A Behanding in Spokane; The Good Thief; Marion Bridge; The Aliens; Tigers Be Still; Middletown; Slowgirl; Thom Pain; Tragedy; a tragedy; The Drawer Boy; Port Authority; A Bright New Boise; The Christians; The Night Alive; and The Quarry.* Don has received four B. Iden Payne awards and a Critics' Table Award for his design work.

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SOUND DESIGN ROBERT S. FISHER

... has been an artist in Austin for eighteen years. His performances and sound designs have been experienced on stages across the country and at home. He is a Rude Mech and a member of Hyde Park Theatre's company of artists.

PONY JESS HUGHES

... is a company member at HPT and recently won Outstanding Featured Actor from the Austin Critics Table for her performance in HPT's *The Christians*. She also appeared in HPT's *The Quarry*, *The Night Alive* and *Middletown* and understudied *Tigers Be Still* for HPT. Other Austin credits include: Love's Labours Lost (Present Company); Deus Ex Machina (Whirligig Productions), Noises Off and *Time Stands Still* (Austin Playhouse), Violet Crown: Dog's Town (Theatre en Bloc), Liberty! Equality! and Fireworks! and The Family of Ree (Pollyanna), and Pride and Prejudice (Austin Shakespeare). Regional Credits include: Attic Play (Collaboraction's Sketchbook Festival). She graduated from Southwestern University with a B.A. in theatre and dance, interned at Actors Theatre of Louisville, participated in the Rhodopi International Theatre Laboratory, and attended the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center's National Theatre Institute.

SET DESIGN MARK PICKELL

... is the founder and artistic director of Capital T Theatre Company. He is a two-time winner of the B. Iden Payne Award and Austin Critics' Table Award for Outstanding Direction. He has also been nominated for his scenic and lighting designs and in 2011 won the Critics' Table Award for his set design for Bug. Mark designed the sets for HPT's The Quarry, The Night Alive, The Christians, A Bright New Boise, bombs in your mouth and Body Awareness. His other design credits include Killer Joe, There Is A Happiness That Morning Is, Sick, Exit Pursued By A Bear, and The Lieutenant Of Inishmore, among others.

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IENNIFER REBECCA ROBINSON

... was last seen at HPT stage in Middletown, Marion Bridge and Circle Mirror Transformation. She was most recently seen as Julia in Fallen Angels with Different Stages and has appeared in the Capital T productions of Sick, Hunter Gatherers, and A Lie of the Mind, which garnered her the Austin Circle of Theatre's Outstanding Featured Actress award. Past highlights include the role of Agnes in Dancing at Lughnasa at Austin Playhouse, Sonata Escondida as part of HBMG Foundation's Love Sonatas at the Long Center, and the role of the volatile 'Stevie' in Different Stages' The Goat, or Who is Sylvia? by Edward Albee, which earned her an Austin Circle of Theatre's Best Actress award. Rebecca has a degree in Theatre from Hanover College and recently traveled back to her alma mater to appear in a special alumni production of You Can't Take it With You, directed by Tom Evans.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MICHAEL RUSSO'S

... first involvement in the theater was in the role of Kenickie in his kindergarten's performance of *Grease*. He later played Lucky in his high school's production of *Waiting for Godot*. He took a break for several years, until he was drawn back in during a stint in San Francisco. He appeared as Dr. Framingham in *Beyond Therapy* as well as participating in a few original productions and one short film. Michael's Kevin Bacon number is 3.

COSTUME DESIGN LEROY SAKOWITZ

..... was born in Port Arthur, Texas. The reclusive Mr. Sakowitz has collaborated with Ken Webster as a sound, set, and costume designer for over 30 years. He created sound designs for HPT's recent productions of *Port Authority, Thom Pain (based on nothing), The Aliens, Tigers Be Still, and Middletown, among many oth*ers, as well as set designs for *Port Authority* and *Tragedy: a tragedy* and costume design for *Port Authority.* He designed sound for James Loehlin's production of *Sexual Perversity in Chicago* at Oxford University.

JOHN BENJAMIN SUMMERS

... is a company member of Hyde Park Theatre as well as Austin Playhouse. Additionally, he is a founding artistic director of Street Corner Arts, where he recently directed *Waiting for Lefty* by Clifford Odets for which he received a B. Iden Payne nomination. Benjamin received his B.A. in Theatre from Davidson College in North Carolina. Other favorite credits include Will in A Bright New Boise (HPT), Dorante in The Liar (AP), John in Tragedy: A Tragedy (HPT), John Honeyman in A Walk in the Woods (Street Corner), Doug in Gruesome Playground Injuries (Street Corner), John Dodge in Middletown (HPT), Paul Verrall in Born Yesterday (AP), Richard Hannay in The 39 Steps (AP), George Bailey in It's A Wonderful Life (AP), Valene in The Lonesome West (HPT), and the title character in Hamlet (No Holds Bard). When he is not on the stage, Benjamin can be found teaching math to middle school students at Gorzycki Middle School. His next project will be directing and producing Bull by Mike Bartlett for Street Corner Arts in April at HPT.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEGAN THORNTON

... is a playwright and Literary Manager at HPT. She holds an MFA in Dramatic Writing from the University of Idaho. Megan served as Assistant Director for HPT's productions of *The Night Alive* and *Port Authority*.

ASSIST DIRECTOR/STAGE MGR BRIANNA VESELKA

... is an intern at Hyde Park Theatre who also stage managed The Quarry at HPT. She is a senior at Stephen F. Austin State University. Her most recent student acting work includes The Emperor's New Clothes and Blood Relations. She has also spent numerous hours doing costume construction, costume design, and writing. She graduates this May with a BFA in Theatre, emphasis in performance.

DIRECTOR KEN WEBSTER

... is the artistic director of HPT. Most recently, he directed and performed in HPT's productions of The Quarry, The Night Alive, The Christians, Port Authority, The Drawer Boy, Thom Pain (based on nothing), Tragedy: a tragedy, Slowgirl, Middletown, The Good Thief, A Behanding in Spokane, St. Nicholas, Vigil, Circle Mirror Transformation, and The Collection. He also directed A Bright New Boise, Tigers Be Still and The Aliens for HPT, and Confessions of a Mexpatriate for Teatro Vivo (a production that has toured to Chicago, Santa Fe, and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico). For The Aliens, he won Outstanding Director at the 2012 Austin Critics' Table Awards. In 2010, he was named Outstanding Director by the Austin Theatre Examiner and received Austin Critics' Table nominations for directing The Atheist and The Collection. Webster was also voted Best Theatre Director in the 2010, 2012, and 2013 Austin Chronicle Readers' Polls. His film and television credits include Waking Life, A Scanner Darkly, an episode of Friday Night Lights, and the Emmy-winning HBO film Temple Grandin. In total, Webster has been nominated for 46 B. Iden Payne Awards and 24 Critics' Table Awards for acting, directing, and producing. In 2006, the Austin Critics' Table inducted Webster into the Austin Arts Hall of Fame.

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