Much Ado About DINOSAURS!

A Theatre for Young Audiences Show

October 15 — 25

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By acknowledging these Five Fingered Beings, we also acknowledge the injustices and profess to continually work to be at better service to Indigenous Peoples. We recognize our presence in a Sacred Space held sacred and holy by these 13 Nations.

In the arms of this Mountain, we declare ourselves as instruments of healing and reconciliation as we work towards justice and equity for all Peoples of all walks of life, as the Stewards of the land had first demonstrated.

Crafted in collaboration with FlagShakes by Makauis, 19 year old Diné male

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CAST LIST FOR Much Ado About DINOSAURS!



Kelsey Hontz

Actor



Vicki Thompson

Actor



Matthew Windham*

Actor

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CREATIVE TEAM FOR Much Ado About DINOSAURS!



Karla Burkitt

Costume Designer



John Propster

Rehearsal Stage Manger



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Rehearsal Assistant Stage Manager / Run-of-Show Stage Manager



Essie Windham

Director / Choreographer



Lilyia May

Props Designer



Matthew Windham*

Playwright / Music Director

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Karla Burkitt

Costume Designer



Karla is the co-founder and artistic director of Laark Productions in Prescott Valley, AZ. She earned her BA in Theater from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa and completed a summer course of study at the Abbey Theater in Dublin, Ireland. In the early 2000s she served as an artistic associate and costumer for the Arizona Classical Theatre in Prescott, AZ, creating hundreds of costumes for their fall repertory season as well as performing multiple roles with the company. Recently, Karla designed costumes for FlagShakes' production of *Emma,* and directed and costumed Laark Productions' *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She has been a primary and secondary theater teacher in the Prescott area for over 25 years.

Kelsey Hontz

Actor



Kelsey Hontz has been working with FlagShakes since 2022 and mostly lurks backstage as a stage manager, so she is extremely excited to appear onstage in her first real role! She has puppeteered Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors* and Mrs. T in *Avenue Q* and can't wait to bring those skills to the world of dinosaurs. You may recognize Kelsey’s voice as an Audio Description narrator on select Netflix and Discovery channel programs. Thank you so much for supporting real human art! Rawr!

Lilyia May

Props Designer



Lilyia is an engineering student with a passion for theater. This is her second rep season with FlagShakes after joining in summer of 2026, and she is excited to continue her work for *A Room in the Castle* and *The Taming*.

John Propster

Rehearsal Stage Manager



Much Ado About DInosaurs! is the 10th production John has served as Stage Manager for with FlagShakes. He is currently on the Board. In his FlagShakes career he has co-directed and been Aesthetic Director. He is proud of his association with this outstanding theater company.

Vicki Thompson

Actor



Vicki Thompson now hails from Flagstaff Arizona, and she loves the high desert. After stints in Minneapolis, Seattle, New Orleans, and Santa Fe, she feels somewhat settled. She studied at CalArts before her traveling spirit lifted her to seek acting work throughout the U.S. Some of her favorite roles include Shelly in *Buried Child*, Dr. Vivian Bearing in *Wit*, and Margie in *Good People* - for which she received a Viola Award. Favorite FlagShakes roles include Titus in *Titus Andronicus* and Lorraine in *A Lie of the Mind*.

She also likes to hang out with her sister, two dogs, and Raoul - the cat. Thank you for your support.

Matthew Windham

Actor / Playwright / Music Director



Matthew Windham has been seen onstage in a more than a dozen FlagShakes plays, including the 2026 Viola Award winning *Shakespeare on Pluto*, which he also wrote. He directed FlagShakes' 2025 production of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] [again],* wrote the adaptation of Jane Austen's *Emma*, and has been a leading force in the development of FlagShakes' touring programs for young audiences and senior citizens. He recently directed FlagShakes' production of *Every Brilliant Thing*, and Theatrikos Theatre Company's production of *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. He is also a private chef. Learn more at chefwindham.com.

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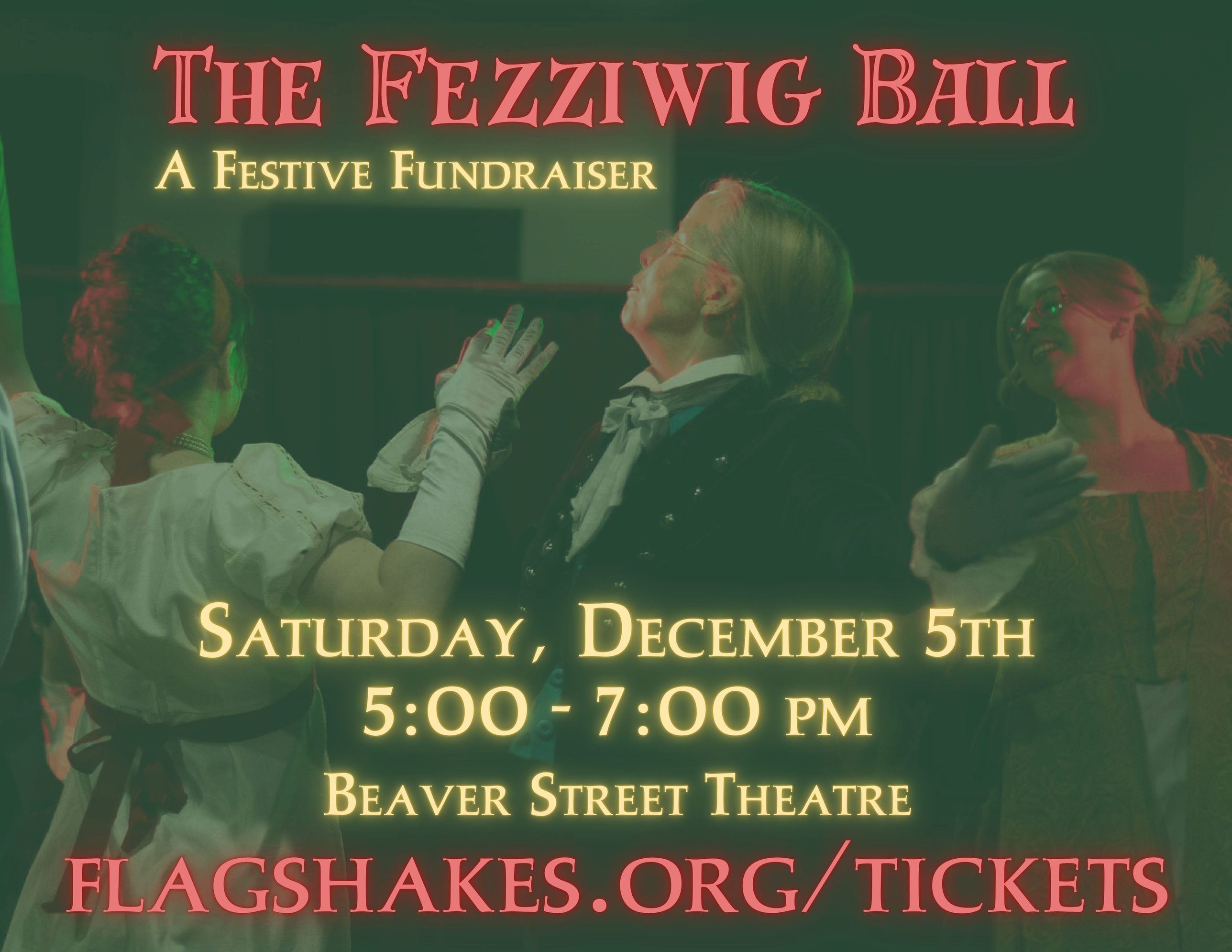
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Spring Fest: A collection of One-Person Plays & Staged Readings

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March 11—21

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Spring/Summer & Winter

much ado about nothing and Cyrano De Bergerac

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July 7—August 1

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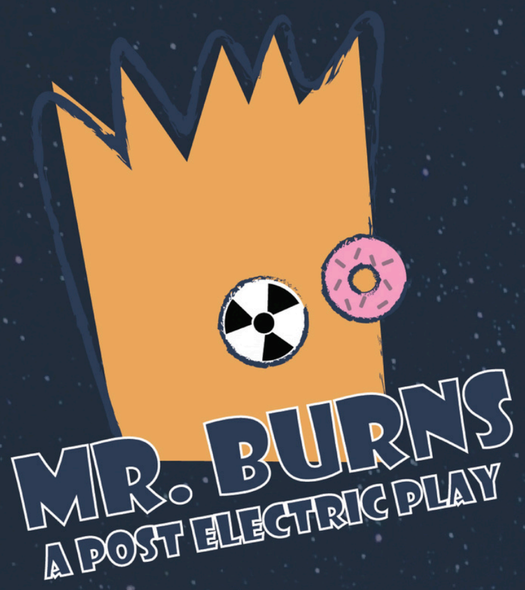
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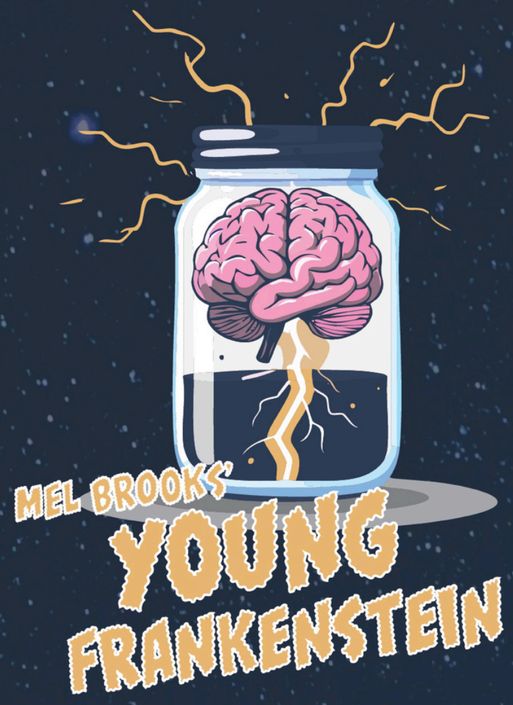
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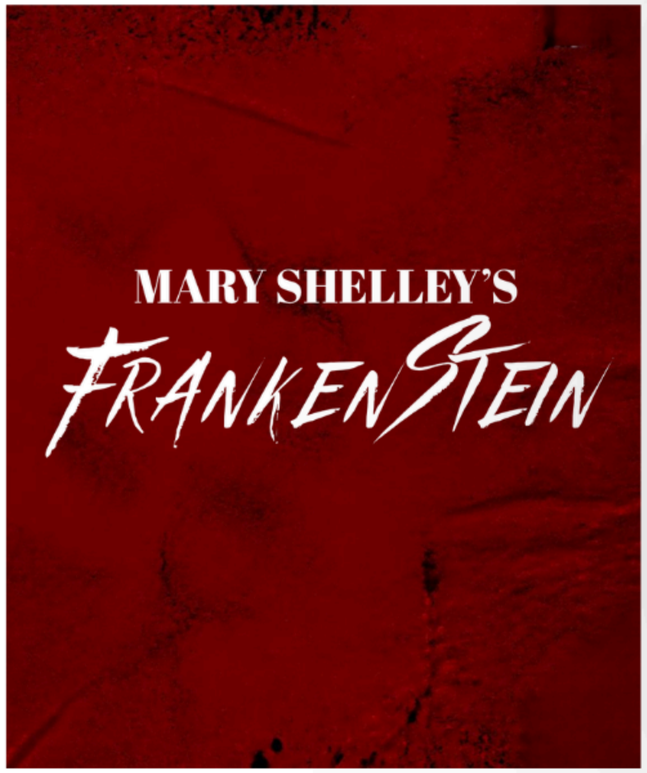
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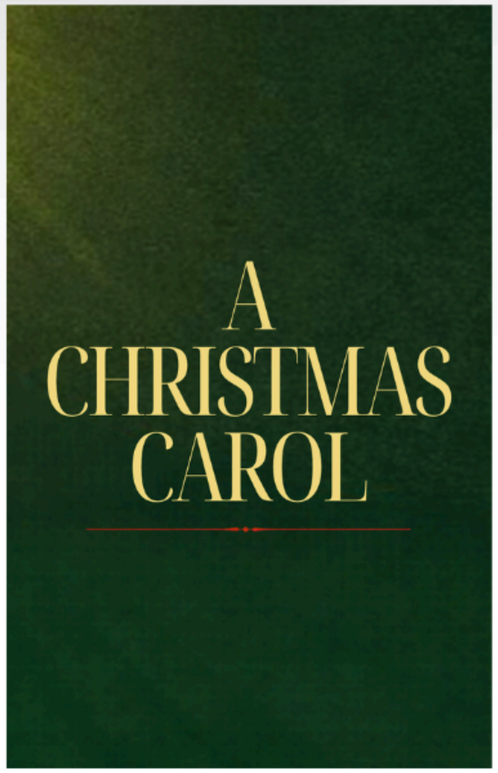
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