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Matron	Valerie C. Kilmer
Holmes 1	David Sheehan
Holmes 2	Bobby Ayala Perez
Holmes 3	Gavin W. Douglas

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Costume Designer	Guy Clark
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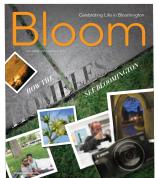


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JOHN ROBERT ARMSTRONG Orderly/Dialect Coach

John (he/him) is an actor, producer, and instructor with over 20 years of diverse experience in the entertainment industry. John is the co-founder of Indiana film company Pigasus Pictures and produced several feature films including The Good Catholic (Danny Glover, John C. McGinley) and So Cold the River. John's acting credits include As You Like It (New York Classical Theatre), The Piper (NYMF and Irish Repertory, NYC), Seussical (National Tour), Macbeth (Indiana Repertory), and Hamlet (title character, Freed PAC). John also performed locally in Santaland Diaries, Rounding Third, and Tuning In for Constellation, where he also serves as Director of Development. John began his training in vocal performance at the Jacob's School of Music at Indiana University and earned a bachelor's degree in musical theatre and an MFA in acting in the Department of Theatre & Drama. John is also a proud member of Actor's Equity Association, Bloomington Rotary, and the National Society of Arts & Letters.



DAVID ARROW Dr. Evans

David (he/him) has appeared on the New York stage and in regional theatres across the country. His most recent credits include: Torvald in *A Doll's House, Part 2*, Alan Turring in *Breaking the Code* and Bobby Kennedy in his own play, *Kennedy: Bobby's Last Crusade*. Film credits include: Joseph's Gift, Igby Goes Down, Hostage, The Dot Man, Rules of Love and Deadly Secrets of a Cam Girl. Television credits include: Days of Our Lives, Growing Pains, Passions, Broad City, the HBO series 12 Miles of Bad Road and, as Captain Andrew Sutherland on TURN. David's favorite actress is Amber Paul, who he is fortunate enough to be married to. David starred with Amber opposite Harry Styles in Harry's music video: Music for a Sushi Restaurant. Amber plays the lead role in David's first film as writer/ director called Five Questions.



GAVIN DOUGLAS Holmes #3

Gavin (he/him) is a recent graduate of Indiana University's MFA acting program. Some of his favorite roles there were Leontes in *The Winter's Tale*, Sir Edward Clarke in *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, Clown in *39 Steps*, and Narrator/Mysterious Man in *Into the Woods*. He is originally from the Pacific Northwest, where he received his BFA in acting from Southern Oregon University.



RONNIE JOHNSTONE Watson

Born and raised in sunny Southern California, Ronnie (he/him) studied and worked the LA theatre circuit until 1991, when he moved to New York to pursue graduate studies. In 1993 Ronnie began teaching, finally ending up as a university Theatre Chair for nearly 20 years. Ronnie is currently the Producing Artistic Director of Indianabased Wisdom Tooth Theatre Project. Known mostly as an actor/director, he occasionally moonlights as a lighting designer—because moonlight is often the best light.



VALERIE C. KILMER Matron

Valerie C. Kilmer is thrilled to be back at Constellation where she was seen in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Previously she has worked with Off Night Productions (*Proof*), Indiana University (*On the Line*), Maelstrom Collaborative Arts (*Broken Codes, Tall Skinny Cruel Cruel Boys, TingleTangle, Code: Preludes*), Ohio City Theatre Project (*Incendiaries*), Cleveland Public Theatre (*Cuyahoga, Briefly; Fire on the Water*), The Lantern Theatre (*Johnny Appleseed, Huck Finn*), Talespinner Children's Theater (*Rosalynde and the Falcon, Adventures in Slumberland*), Cleveland Shakespeare Festival (*As You Like It, Henry III*), and Karamu House. This month, Valerie is celebrating 13 years with her partner.



BOBBY AYALA PEREZ Homes #2

Bobby (he/him) is a multidisciplinary artist and a recent graduate of the MFA Acting program at Indiana University. He has worked with various theatres in Northeastern Ohio and Los Angeles, including Cleveland Public Theatre (This is Not the Play, Love in a Time of Media), convergencecontinuum (Isaac's Eye, Based on a Totally True Story), Cleveland Shakespeare Festival (As You Like It), Coeurage Theatre Company (Emilie: La Marguise du Châtelet Defends Her Life Tonight), and Cleveland State University (Dangerous Liaisons, Ubu Roi, Angels in America). In Bloomington, he has worked at Indiana University (The Winter's Tale, Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde, Sueño, Jump, Twelfth Night), Jewish Theatre of Bloomington (The Wanderers), and IU Summer Theatre (The 39 Steps). Bobby is an adjunct professor of Acting at Indiana University. In addition to acting, he enjoys illustrating, writing, filmmaking, and carpentry. This month, Bobby is celebrating 13 years with his partner.



DAVID SHEEHAN Holmes #1

David (he/him) is thrilled to be returning to Constellation for Holmes & Watson. He was last seen as Dr. Chasuble in The Importance of Being Earnest. David is an actor, director, composer, and theatre educator based in Bloomington, Indiana. For over a decade, he made his artistic home at the Bloomington Playwrights Project. At the BPP David served as Associate Artistic Director for two seasons. He directed the Woodward Newman Drama Award winning plays Out of Orbit by Jennifer Maisel, You Remind Me of You by Matthew Capodicasa and co-directed with Chad Rabinovitz Home by Christy Hall and Scott Allan; and Make Me Bad by Alex Brightman and Drew Gasparini. On the other side of the curtain, David originated the roles of Marvin in Fortunato Heist, Jesse in Spun, Christof in The Truman Show: The Musical, and Stevie in Ugly Lies the Bone. David also appeared as Darren in Happily After Ever and The Kid in Jedi Handbook. David is from Bozeman, MT and a graduate of Indiana University.



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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



When asked about my interest in directing *Holmes & Watson* by Jeffrey Hatcher, I was immediately interested. I had done quite a bit of research on Sherlock Holmes and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle for another job several years back and loved the idea of directing a show that involved the famous sleuth. I was not familiar with the script but was pretty sure that it would be the good old Holmes and Watson who-dunnit, with its clues and red herrings. But most of the stories were at times rather predictable, at least I thought. However, after reading this play, I could not have been more surprised.

Jeffrey Hatcher has devised an intricate game of cat and mouse, with twists and turns on every page. The detective in me thought several times that I had solved the mystery only to be foiled and kept guessing right up to the end. Mr. Hatcher has written not only an homage to the stories of Conan Doyle, but a veritable love letter to the venerable master of mysteries.

For those fans of Sherlock Holmes, you should find enough references to several of the stories (*Sign of Four, The Study in Scarlet* and *A Scandal in Bohemia*) to satiate your palate, but Mr. Hatcher has woven a delightful web of deception that I hope, as it did me, will keep you guessing right up to the bitter end! I hope you enjoy the show!

J. Barrett Cooper, Director



CREATIVE TEAM

J. Barrett Cooper

Director/Fight Director

J. Barrett Cooper (he/him) is an actor, director, and fight director who has worked with Actors Theatre of Louisville, Kentucky Opera, Kentucky Shakespeare Festival, Pioneer Playhouse (SLC), Wayside Theatre, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Arkansas Rep, Bunbury Theatre, Alley Theatre, CenterStage, and founded Savage Rose Classical Theatre Company where he was Founding/Producing Artistic Director for its first five seasons. Directing credits include The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (CenterStage), Greetings! (Bunbury Theatre) Coyote Ugly (Alley Theatre), King Lear, All's Well That Ends Well, 'Tis Pity She's a Whore, Cocaine, The Man With the Flower in His Mouth, Doctor Faustus, The Changeling, The Knight of the Burning Pestle (Savage Rose), Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf (Latent Muse) The Passion of Dracula (Wayside Theatre, Virginia), The Two Gentlemen of Verona (Manhattan Stage, NYC). As an actor: Film Credits: The Wise Guys (w/ Robert De Niro) White Noise (w/ Adam Driver), Queen of the Ring (w/Josh Lucas) Perception (w/ Wes Ramsey), Hometown Remedy (w/Galadriel Stineman), Mr. Manhattan (w/Carlos PenaVega) M30Oxy, The Good Daughter (w/Samantha Sloyan) Two Weeks to Slow the Spread (Award Winning Short) among others. TV Credits: The Resident (Fox) Chicago Fire (NBC) Murder Comes to Town (Investigation Discovery) and many commercials.

Guy Clark

Costume Designer

A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, Guy's (he/him) design work has appeared on the stages of Indiana Repertory Theatre, The Phoenix Theatre, Butler University, Park Tudor High School, and the Indianapolis Zoo. Guy is a member of Indianapolis Shakespeare Company, where has designed costumes for multiple productions. He has also designed costumes for several Dance Kaleidoscope concerts. In 2007, Aretha Franklin commissioned him to design and build a dress for her performance at that year's Grammy Awards ceremony, and the following year, he made the two gowns she wore to President Obama's inaugural balls.

Tab Burton

Stage Manager

Tab (she/her) is very excited to be back at Constellation Stage & Screen. She has a Masters Degree from Indiana University where she studied Arts Administration. Tab currently serves as the Business Teacher at Bloomfield High School. Tab has worked with BPP, Cardinal Stage, IU, and Shawnee Theatre as their Stage Manager. Some of her previous shows have included; *Mad Gravity, She Kills Monsters, Ugly Lies the Bone, The Bull, The Moon, and The Coronet of Stars, Billy Witch, The Life and Slimes of Marc Summers, Thirty Day Mourning Period, Home, Happily After Ever, Beating A Dead Horse, Painting for One, Manhunt 1 & 2, Heist* and most recently *American Fast* to name a few. Special thanks to Chad and the Constellation team for bringing her onboard this production.

Jennifer Fok

Lighting Designer

Jennifer (she/they) is a Chinese American lighting designer whose design collaborations center around reimagining classics, established plays, and exploring new work in theatre, dance, and music. Select designs have been seen at Spoleto Festival, Long Wharf Theatre, Lincoln Center Education, TheatreWorks Co Springs, Flint Repertory Theatre, Syracuse Stage, The Geva Theatre, Center Repertory Theatre, Brown /Trinity, Detroit Public Theatre, NCPA Beijing, Gala Hispanic, Ars Nova, Penobscot Theatre, The Theatre At Monmouth, among others. She received her BFA in Theatre Production and Design from Ithaca College. www.jenniferfok.com

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CREATIVE TEAM

Seth Howard

Scenic Designer

Seth (he/him) is a freelance scenic designer based out of Orlando, FL. He has designed many regional productions and themed experiences across the country and is excited to be back at Constellation Stage & Screen. Some of his design credits include *The Mountaintop* and *Deathtrap* (Constellation Stage & Screen); *Jersey Boys* (Theatre Aspen); *Once on This Island* (Charleston Stage); *Princess and Frog* and *The Wiz Jr.* (The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati); *Topdog/Underdog* (Palm Beach Dramaworks); *The Addams Family* and *Beautiful* (Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre). He received his BFA in stage design, props and scenic art from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM). Check out @sethhowarddesign on social media. *sethhowarddesigns.com*

Chelsea Pell

Assistant Stage Manager

After 15 years of Cardinal Stage, Chelsea (she/her) came to Constellation. This is her 4th show with them. Chelsea loves her role as an ASM as she gets to be backstage with the cast having fun and making memories. Her most favorite thing about working for Constellation is being a part of field trips for kids especially the littlest ones. Having theater be a part of kids' lives is good for everyone. When she's not at the theater you can find her at a local elementary school as a 1:1 aide. Much love to Blake and Sis for taking care of the squad while she's away.

Brandon Reed

Sound Designer/Original Music

Brandon (he/him) is a sound designer, composer, and audio engineer based in Chicago. Recently he was the assistant sound designer for the Broadway production of *Good Night, Oscar*. Regional credits include companies such as Goodman Theatre, Lookingglass Theatre Company, American Players Theatre, PlayMakers Repertory Company, Cape Fear Regional Theatre, Marriott Theatre, Arkansas Shakespeare, and much more. He's happy to be back at Constellation after previously working on *The Importance of Being Earnest, A Year With Frog & Toad, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe,* and *Sex With Strangers.* He's also worked on several Bloomington Playwrights Project productions such as *Painting for One, Manhunt 1 & 2, Living Room Cruise Lines,* and other misc events. He earned his MFA from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and his BS from Ball State University. He's a member of USA 829 and TSDCA. Keep up with his work at *www.brandonreedsounddesign.com*





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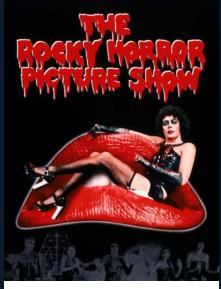
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Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was a writer and physician who published *A Study in Scarlet* in 1886, introducing the world to Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson, Moriarty, and the Woman. Without Doyle, fiction would look totally different. Doyle's creation captured the imagination of people from all walks of

life as they tried to understand how Holmes could make his fantastic deductions from such seemingly normal parts of life.

Holmes is arguably the most famous detective in literature and one of the great literary characters of all time. It surprises most people to learn that, despite everyone knowing his name, Holmes only appeared in four novels and 56 short stories. Throughout his time working with the London police, Holmes is called on time and time again to solve seemingly unsolvable crimes. In *The Adventure of the Final Problem*, Holmes and the reading world are introducted to James Moriarty, the criminal mastermind behind – well, maybe everything.

The relationship between Holmes and Moriarity is almost as well-known as the relationship between the dective and Watson. Moriarty was the one villain Holmes could never completely rid himself of, the only enemy that was as smart at Holmes and even more cunning. Moriarty appeared to be the detective's destroyer in *The Adventure of the Final Problem.* Holmes is ready to expose Moriarty for who he really is when the two meet at Reichenbach Falls, and both seem to fall to their deaths after a struggle.

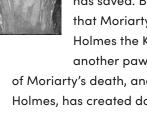
Readers of the day were shocked that their favorite drugaddled genius actually lost a battle, even one that also served to rid the world of Moriarty. Reichenbach Falls, a real waterfall located near Meiringen, Switzerland, was to to be the final resting place for both Holmes and Moriarity. In fact, there is now a commemorative plaque on the spot where it happened, such was the impact the story made.

Even though Arthur Conan Doyle was tired of writing Holmes and his adventures, he resurrected the detective

> due to public pressure and a large sum of money from his publisher. Doyle's Final Problem didn't turn out to be so final after all. In 1903, he published *The Adventure of the Empty House*, where Holmes reappears in Watson's life and upends everything once again. Holmes was alive, but Moriarty was most certainly dead at the bottom of the falls – or was he?

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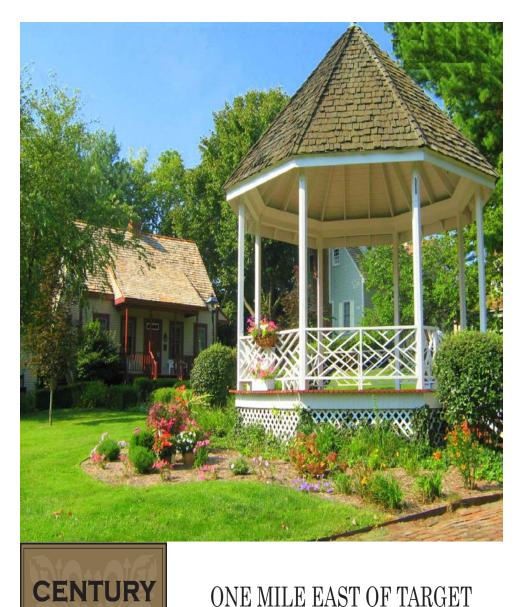




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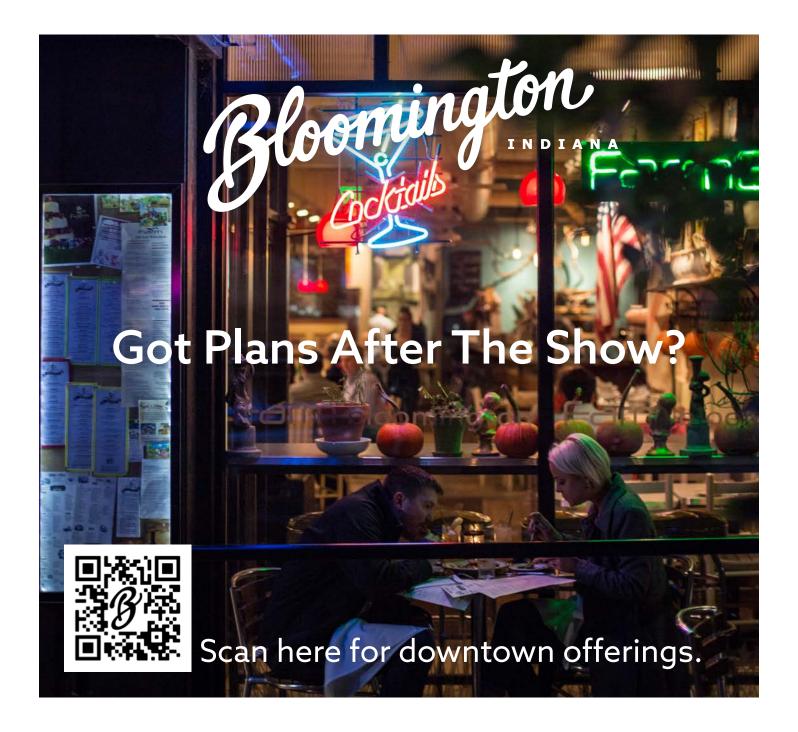
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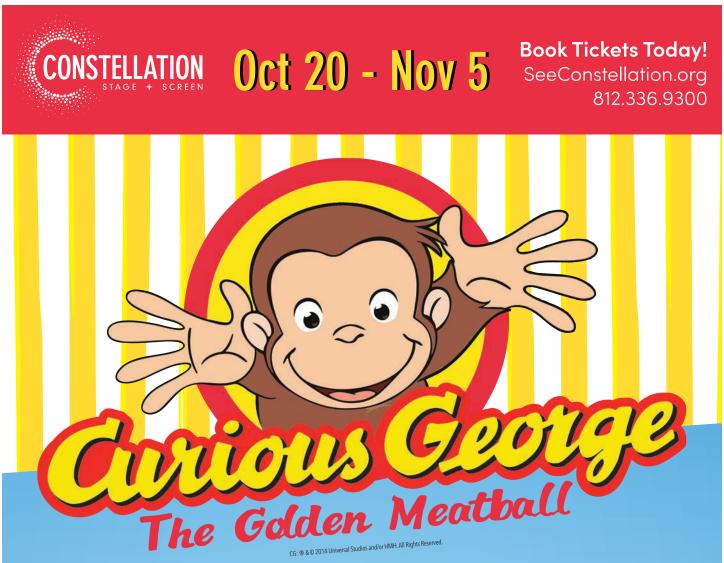
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