



PRESENTED BY WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY THEATRE

November 4-6, 10-13, 2016 | The Tedford Stage | Directed by Cindy Gendrich

Performances nightly 7:30 PM, except Sundays at 2:00 PM



Honk! Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI ([www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)).

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Welcome! It's so nice to have kids and families in the audience! We have been talking about doing children's theatre here at the WFU theatre for quite a while, and in *Honk!* I think we have found a sparkling little play for young audiences that also speaks to college students and adults.

I first heard about *Honk!* from one of my critical theory professors, a rather imposing man who saw the show at the National in London and declared it one of the best things he'd seen in a decade. I had expected him to recommend an edgy new West End production or a dazzling new production of a classic, but I underestimated the breadth of his taste. As a theatre lover and someone with a special needs daughter, he was, I think, delighted to find something that spoke to both of them with such humor and charm.

I finally encountered *Honk!* years later when former student Matt Gutschick, now Artistic Director at the Rose theatre in Omaha, asked me to direct it there. I loved it just as much as my old professor did, and I've been struck by its refusal to talk down to kids--as well as by how much the conflicts in the play stay with us in our adult lives. Questions of courage, resilience and authenticity, embracing difference, finding who you connect with, and the importance of loyalty to the ones you love all seem as relatable to me at 54 as they would have when I was 10. Plus there's enough fun singing and dancing to keep everyone happy! There's also the great pleasure for adults of sitting in the theatre with kids who may be seeing live theatre for the first time. I want them/you to know we made every aspect of this play, from sets and costumes to choreography and characterization, with young people in mind. Thank you for coming to the Tedford stage to share it with us, whether you're young in age or just young in spirit.

A special thank you to everyone who has worked on this show with me. You have been legion and I could spend an entire director's note chronicling the contributions of choreographers, designers, music directors, actors, shop workers, stage management, producing, artistic, and box office staff, IPLACe collaborators in Education, Theatre & Dance, and more. Know that I appreciate you and feel enormous gratitude for the kind and giving communities, both here and in Omaha, that I have been privileged to direct this show in. *Honk!*'s spirit has been everywhere in our work together, and I can't thank you all enough.

## SEASON DEDICATION

Wake Forest University Theatre dedicates the 2016-17 season in fond remembrance of our colleague Darwin Reid Payne. From 1983 to 2000, Darwin was Resident Visiting Scene Designer in the department. During that time he designed 21 productions, directed 2 productions, authored several books and taught many students. Darwin was an international leader in using computer technology in theatrical design. Nationally, he was known for his beautiful design work and his publications, influencing several generations of scenographers, including our own. We were lucky to have him as a colleague, and we sorely miss his artistry, his quirky personality and wry sense of humor, his passion, and his curiosity. Here's hoping this season of plays honors him and serves to remind us of Darwin's life and contributions.

Wake Forest University Theatre presents



A part of THE BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION™

Music by George Stiles  
Book and Lyrics by Anthony Drewe

**November 4-6 & 10-13, 2016**

Director  
**Cindy Gendrich**

Scenic Designer  
**Jeffrey Stander**  
**Dahlia Al-Habieli**

Lighting & Sound Designer  
**Kevin Frazier**

Choreographers  
**Nina Lucas**  
**Angela Fuller**  
**Cindy Gendrich**  
**Jessie Laurita-Spanglet**  
**Christina Soriano**

Costume Designer  
**Mary Wayne-Thomas**

Vocal Director  
**Natalie Cordone**

Rehearsal Accompanists  
**Carmine Mann**  
**Greg Walter**

Stage Manager  
**Lily Wieland\***

HONK! JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

[www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

# CAST

UGLY.....	Philip Kayser*
IDA.....	Ashton Smalling* <sup>§</sup>
DRAKE, VOICE OF FARMER.....	Branden Cook* <sup>§</sup>
MAUREEN, DOT, MOTHER SWAN.....	Valerie Medoff*
GRACE, PINKFOOT.....	Hayleigh Carroll* <sup>§</sup>
CAT.....	Connor Sagerman
HENRIETTA.....	Madeline Jones*
BLIZZARD SOLO, SNOWY.....	Tori Spong*
PENNY, GIRL.....	Anna Hibbert*
TURKEY, GREYLAG, FATHER SWAN.....	Caleb Cabiness
BULLFROG.....	Matt Crawford
JAY BIRD, BOY.....	Luke Clellan Dellorso
BEAKY.....	Daria Matheson
BILLY.....	Kathryn Milian
DOWNY, BARNACLES.....	Alex Kratochwill
FLUFF.....	Hannah Menaker*
GEESE.....	Madeline Jones*, Anna Hibbert*
	Daria Matheson, Kathryn Milian, Hannah Menaker*
FROGLETS.....	Madeline Jones*, Luke Clellan Dellorso
	Tori Spong*, Daria Matheson, Kathryn Milian
	Alex Kratochwill, Hannah Menaker*
BLIZZARD ENSEMBLE.....	Branden Cook* <sup>§</sup> , Valerie Medoff*, Hayleigh Carroll* <sup>§</sup>
	Madeline Jones*, Anna Hibbert*, Caleb Cabiness
	Matt Crawford, Luke Clellan Dellorso, Daria Matheson
	Kathryn Milian, Alex Kratochwill, Hannah Menaker*

\*Anthony Aston Players member

\*Presidential Scholar in Dance

\*Presidential Scholar in Theatre

## SPECIAL THANKS

Twin City Stage  
Sue Gillespie Booton  
Jerry Brabec  
Erin Solemsaas

Matt Gutschick, the designers, cast, and crew of the Rose Theatre's production of *Honk!*

## BIOGRAPHIES



**Caleb Cabiness** (Turkey, Greylag, Father Swan) is thrilled to be involved in his fourth show at WFU; previous shows include *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. He would like to thank God, his family, and his girlfriend for always supporting him and the director, Cindy Gendrich, for giving him a chance to grow. He would also like to thank Lily Wieland, who never once complained about all of his scheduling issues.



**Hayleigh Carroll** (Grace, Pinkfoot) is a senior Theatre and Sociology double major from Greensboro, North Carolina. She is so blessed to be returning to the WFU stage after a semester abroad in London. Past credits include: *Wake World*, *Love's Labor's Lost*, *Our Town*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Peter Pan*. Hayleigh is also the Artistic Director for the Living Parables Christian Drama Troupe on campus. Hayleigh would like to thank her parents, sisters, family, and friends for supporting her and encouraging her to always follow her dreams. She would also like to thank Gregory for showing her that she is a swan and encouraging her to face her biggest fear and sing on stage. A huge thank you to Cindy for giving her this incredible opportunity and thank YOU for taking the time to come see *HONK!* Enjoy the show! As always, Nana, this one is for you. Soli Deo Gloria.



**Branden Cook** (Drake) is a senior Presidential Scholar Theater major from Charlotte, North Carolina. He is very excited to be back on the stage. His theatre credits include: *Hairspray*, *Our Country's Good*, *Clybourne Park*, *SPARK* as well as numerous other outside productions. He would like to thank God and his mom for always being there and supporting his dreams.



**Matt Crawford** (Bullfrog) is a freshman at Wake and began his theatre and singing career in high school. Matt hopes to continue with these passions during his time at Wake and is honored to be a part of a college production as a first-year student.



**Luke Clellan Dellorso** (Jay Bird) is performing in his first show with Wake Forest University's Theatre and his first non-film production. He is so blessed to have this opportunity and is forever grateful! He wants to thank everyone involved with Honk for becoming a second family - he loves you all! He would like to thank his family for fostering a crazy atmosphere and his sister Erin for teaching him how to chase his dreams! I'll never forget "Wednesday Night Live"! Honk!!



**Anna Hibbert** (Penny) is a sophomore from Asheville, North Carolina. This is her third performance on the Tedford Stage as her prior two appearances were in *Our Town* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. When she is not performing, she can still be found in Scales as the treasurer of Anthony Aston Players, Wake's theatre organization. She would like to thank Cindy, Natalie, Lily, and the rest of the cast and crew who made this experience so enjoyable!



**Madeline Jones** (Henrietta) is delighted to be performing in Wake Forest University's production of *Honk!* Recent credits include *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Panacea), *Mary Poppins* (Mary Poppins), and *The Little Mermaid* (Scuttle). She is a sophomore and plans to major in Health and Exercise Science with minors in Dance and Theatre. On campus, she is a member of Momentum Hip Hop Crew, Settin' the Groove tap club, Anthony Aston Players, and Dance Company. Enjoy the show!



**Philip Kayser** (Ugly) is a senior from Apex, North Carolina and an Economics major. He was recently accepted to his first choice of medical school, the Wake Forest School of Medicine, and plans to become an orthopedic surgeon. This is his tenth show at Wake Forest and twenty-first show in total, with recent credits including *SPARK*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and *Our Town*. He would like to thank Cindy for the privilege of working with and learning from her throughout his college career.



**Alexandra Kratochwill** (Downy, Barnacles) is thrilled to be in the cast of *Honk!* She is a freshman from Boston, Massachusetts and has always loved performing. Her most recent productions include *Grease* and *Cinderella*. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support and Cindy for this incredible opportunity! She would also like to thank the other members of *Honk!* for making her feel so welcome in the theatre department and for working so hard on this heartwarming show!



**Daria Matheson** (Beaky) is a freshman from Midlothian, Virginia and is excited to be working with such an amazing cast and crew. This is her first Tedford Stage production, and her seventh musical in total. She hopes to continue working on shows at Wake in the future, and would like to thank Cindy for giving her this wonderful opportunity.



**Valerie Medoff** (Maureen, Dot, Mother Swan), a senior from Delaware, is thrilled to be acting in *Honk!* A double major in Theatre and Communication and a Film Studies minor, Valerie has most recently been seen on the Tedford Stage in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *These Shining Lives*. Additionally, Valerie has stage managed *SPARK*, *The Waiting Room*, and *The Problem* at Wake. She also spent this summer assistant stage managing *The Music Man* (The Candlelight Theatre). She would like to thank Cindy, Natalie, Lily, and the rest of the cast and crew for making this a wonderful experience.



**Hannah Menaker** (Fluff) is a freshman with an intended major in Psychology and a minor in Dance. She began dancing at the age of three and is now a part of the Wake Forest Dance Company as a Presidential Scholar. This is her first time performing musical theater. She would like to thank Cindy for giving her the opportunity to shake her tail feathers.



**Kathryn Juliet Milian** (Billy) is a freshman from Miami, Florida and feels very blessed to be a part of the talented cast of *Honk!* This is her first show at Wake Forest and her fourteenth production in total. Her most recent role was Adelaide in *Guys & Dolls*. Katy is also a member of Wake Forest University's coed accapella group, Innuendo, as well as The Collegium Vocal Ensemble. She would like to thank the cast for being so welcoming, her family for always believing in her, and Cindy for this amazing opportunity.



**Connor Sagerman** (Turkey, Greylag) returns to the Tedford Stage as a senior from Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He has performed here in such shows as *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *This is Our Youth*, and *Sylvia*. Additionally, he has sound designed the AAP productions of *Cagebirds* and *Closer* as well as the Tedford Stage production of *SPARK*. He would like to thank everyone who has worked on this show to give it the wonderful and uplifting energy and made his day that much brighter. Enjoy the show!



**Ashton Smalling** (Ida) is a senior English major with a Theatre and Creative Writing double minor. She is happy to be back on stage playing something she identifies with, a mamma duck. Previously, she performed in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *Hairspray* at Wake Forest, *Gypsy* at Lyric Stage, and was a Featured Artist with Marvin Hamlisch at the Dallas Symphony Center. She would like to thank Cindy, Natalie, and the cast for making this show so incredible and such an enjoyable experience!



**Tori Spong** (Blizzard Solo, Snowy) is a sophomore from Lewisville, North Carolina. *Honk! Jr* is her second performance on the Tedford Stage. Tori is an intended Theatre major. She would like to thank Cindy for letting her join this amazing cast and all of you for coming out to support the show. Congratulations to the rest of the cast and crew for putting on an amazing production!



**Lily Wieland** (Stage Manager), a sophomore from North Carolina, is delighted to be a part of such a fun production! A prospective Theater major, Lily most recently stage managed the *2016 Spring Student Choreographic Concert* and worked backstage for *Our Town*, *The Waiting Room* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. She also spent the summer stage managing a production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* (Rhinoleap Productions). Lily looks forward to being a part of many more shows at Wake Forest. She would like to thank all of the cast, crew, and production team for being supportive and making this experience so enjoyable!

## PRODUCTION STAFF

Assistant Stage Managers.....	Madeleine Ash <sup>§</sup> , Price Dawson*, Sanaa Jain
Properties Master.....	Christopher Dills, Branden Cook* <sup>§</sup>
Assistant Costume Designer.....	Cat Mizzi <sup>§</sup>
Assistant Sound Designer.....	Cheyenne Zuck* <sup>§</sup>
Scenic Charge Artist.....	Lauren Crabtree
Master Electrician.....	Jyles Rodgers
Electricians.....	Courtney Geiger, Tracy Wegner, Hope Peterson Christian Ricci, Price Dawson*, Monty King
Scene Shop Assistants.....	Price Dawson*, Jonathan Dixon, Courtney Geiger Monty King, Hope Peterson*, Christian Ricci Jyles Rodgers, Jocelyn Segura, Tracy Wegner*, Cheyenne Zuck* <sup>§</sup>
Milliner.....	Tyler Wilson
Costume Shop Assistants.....	Emma Kennett, Megan Nigro, Bree Patsy H'Chiem Siu, Lily Wieland*
Grips.....	Jonathan Dixon, Yunchen Gan, Yiwen Tang, Yuan Zehui
Flys.....	Evangeline Chen, Rob Oswald
Hair/Makeup/Wardrobe Assistants.....	Eli Bradley* <sup>§</sup> , Ashley Laughlin, Shane Lutz, Cat Mizzi <sup>§</sup> , Charlotte Wu*
Light Board Operator.....	Charles Cicchino*
Sound Board Operator.....	Wubetu Shimalesh
A1.....	Cheyenne Zuck* <sup>§</sup>
A2.....	Evie Luo
Followspot Operators.....	Haley Sawyer, Habby Olusesi
Photographers.....	Bill Ray III, Ken Bennett, Leslie Spencer
Box Office Staff.....	Eli Bradley* <sup>§</sup> , Branden Cook* <sup>§</sup> , Ben Diehl, Anna Hibbert* Shane Lutz, Habby Olesesi, Jayson Pugh*
Ushers.....	APO Fraternity, Anthony Aston Players, WFU Dance Company

## DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

Director of Theatre/Associate Teaching Professor.....	J. E. R. Friedenberg
Administrative Coordinator.....	Carol Lavis
Staff Assistant.....	Richard Williams
Technical Director.....	R. Trevor Anderson
Collections Manager.....	Alice Barsony
Costume Shop Supervisor.....	Tyler Wilson
Audience Services Coordinator.....	Leslie Spencer
Instructional Technology Specialist.....	Ryan McCollum
Social Media Manager.....	Justice von Maur* <sup>§</sup>
Office Assistant.....	Lily Wieland*
Department Chair/Associate Professor.....	Nina Maria Lucas
Director of Dance/Associate Professor.....	Christina Tsoules Soriano
Associate Chair/Associate Professor.....	Rob Eastman-Mullins
Professors.....	Dr. Cindy Gendrich, Mary Wayne-Thomas
Associate Professors.....	Sharon Andrews, Dr. J.K. Curry, Dr. Brook Davis
Assistant Professor.....	Kevin Frazier
Associate Teaching Professors.....	Lynn Book, Leah Roy
Assistant Teaching Professors.....	Brantly Shapiro, Chris Martin
Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor.....	Michael Kamtman
Part-Time Instructors.....	Michael Huie, Debra Sayles, Robert Simpson Tina Yarborough-Liggins
Teaching Fellows.....	Dahlia Al-Habieli, Jessie Laurita-Spanglet
Accompanists.....	Ray Ebert, Randy Hawkins, Dan Knight, Hashim Saleh

\*Anthony Aston Players member

<sup>§</sup>Presidential Scholar in Theatre



**ORIGINAL PRODUCTION STAFF  
THE ROSE THEATRE IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA**

In March, 2016, Cindy Gendrich directed *Honk!* for the Rose Theatre in Omaha. Ideas from the collaboration, as well as elements of the scenic design and choreography, have been woven through our WFU production. This is the team from that collaboration.

CHOREOGRAPHER.....	Sue Gillespie Booton
MUSICAL DIRECTOR.....	Jerry Brabec
SCENIC DESIGNER.....	Jeff Stander
COSTUME DESIGNER.....	Sherri Geerdes
LIGHTING DESIGNER.....	Bill Van Deest
DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTION.....	Erin Solemsaas
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.....	Christine Donaghy
STAGE MANAGER.....	Kallie Robinson
PROPS MASTER.....	Christopher Dills
SCENIC CHARGE ARTIST.....	Lauren Crabtree
MASTER CARPENTER.....	Robert Ortiz
MASTER ELECTRICIAN & SFX OPERATOR.....	Laura Hensley

**INFORMATION**

In consideration of performers and other patrons, please turn off any laptops, cell phones and electronic alarms. The use of cameras and video/audio recording devices are strictly prohibited. Please refrain from eating or drinking in the theatre. Smoking is prohibited in the building. Any audience member disturbing other patrons or causing a disruption may be asked to leave without a refund or exchange of ticket.

**This production is approximately 1 hour 20 minutes long with NO intermission.**

**Connect with us!**

**#HonkWFU**



**@WFUtheatre  
WFU Theatre and Dance**

# WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY THEATRE ASSOCIATION

2016-2017 Season

October 28, 2016

## BENEFACTORS

Barton & Brenda Baldwin\*  
Estate of John Arthur Collins III  
J.K. Curry & Dan Bradley  
Caroline Sandlin Fullerton  
Denise Koch\*  
James & Angela McNamara  
Allison McWilliams\*  
Harold & Josie Tedford  
Dr. James & Patricia Toole\*

John J. Casey  
Claire & John Friedenberg\*  
Mr. & Mrs. Henry H. Jordan II\*  
Joel Leander  
Sioban Nicole McNamara\*  
Margaret Henry Moore  
Mary Wayne-Thomas  
Don & Nancy Wolfe  
Estate of Robert Parker Wilson

Edwin\* & Emily Wilson\*

## CONTRIBUTORS

Monty King

## SUSTAINERS

Jill Carraway & Debora Horning

Dr. & Mrs. R. Byron Moore\*

Jane Bess Wooten\*

## PATRONS

Anne Boyle  
Anne Davenport  
Paul & Linda Edwards Early  
Ellen E. Kirkman  
Bethany Novak\*  
Elizabeth Rief\* & Shawn Hooper  
Meyressa Schoonmaker\* & John Carroll

Lynn Padgett-Brown & Douglas Brown  
Brook Davis\* & Michael Huie\*  
Louise Y. Gossett  
Bill & Marty Lamb  
Mary Lee Porterfield  
Sam Roy  
Emily Seelbinder

Lawrence & Sandra Webb

## SPONSORS

Sally Barbour  
David & Kathryn Levy

Christin Essin  
William H. Turkett, Jr.

## FRIENDS

Patsy Michel

Dennis Sykes

Margaret Wagstaff

## OTHER

Jodie Johnson

Steven Peterson

\* Wake Forest alumni

## AUTOGRAPH PAGE

Following the performance, cast members from *Honk! Jr.* will sign autographs in the lobby.

# Fall Faculty & Guest Artist Concert

Directed by Nina Maria Lucas

**December 1-3 at 7:30**  
**December 4 at 2:00 PM**  
Tedford Main Stage

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 senior  
citizens, \$7 students  
336.758.5295  
<http://college.wfu.edu/theatre>



## Collidescope 3.0

Adventures in  
Pre- and Post-  
Racial America

*by Ping Chong and Talvin Wilks*

Directed by Ping Chong

Feb. 10-11 & 16-18 at 7:30 PM  
Feb. 12 & 19 at 2:00 PM  
Tedford Main Stage

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 senior  
citizens, \$7 students  
336.758.5295  
<http://college.wfu.edu/theatre>