

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

PRESENTS:





AN AUDIO ORAMA

NOVEMBER 20 & 21, 2020

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WHAT IS STUDIOXP?

StudioXP is a production program affording undergraduate, theatre alumni, and faculty directors the opportunity to direct works beyond limitations of classroom presentations. Works can be longer than those possible for classroom scenes, adding to the director's tasks of penetrating the work and preparing a production plan capable of translating the author's vision from page to stage.

Most vital of all in StudioXP is the creative interface between director and performers. At the very heart of the production should be the director's work with the comprehension, communication, time, energy and ensemble artistry essential to the full realization of a work.

In addition, StudioXP provides technical theatre students with an opportunity to design under challenging circumstances. Working within the framework of the Black Box Studio Theatre and its limitations of scenic investiture provides a student designer with unique learning experiences.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

When you detangle the layers of magic and mythology, *Unraveling Magicians* is a story that celebrates the power of collaboration and friendship. When looked at through this lens, it is almost ironic to debut the show during a time when we are all encouraged to limit social interactions.

The decision to present *Unraveling Magicians* as an audio drama was a natural solution after our inperson performances were canceled in March 2020. Not only does audio drama allow us to socially distance, but it is also an art form that embraces the absence of theatrical elements we knew we would have to go without. Performers recorded their parts in isolation, and those recordings were later strategically stitched together to create the audio drama.

Throughout the process of recording and editing, many people asked me how the audio drama would sound. My go-to answer to this question has been, "it sounds like togetherness." You needn't try hard to physically hear the passion, joy, and comradery we all infused into this project. I feel lucky to have experienced that magic and to have recorded it.

I must extend my gratitude to the many people who made *Unraveling Magicians* possible. Tommy Wedge for his thoughtful mentorship. Kylee Monahan for her tireless work as both stage manager and assistant director. Our fabulous cast for bringing this story to life. And most importantly, I would like to thank the crew for our canceled production in March. They did beautiful work in set design, lighting, props, costumes, hair and makeup, choreography, and generally, created all the magic we hoped to share both on and off stage. If I have one regret in creating this audio drama, it is that your work cannot be celebrated the way it deserves.

Ryan Sequin

Playwright/Composer/Director

CAST & CREW

Arianrhod: Hannah Ducolon Bard: Seth Bearden Blodeuwedd: Holly Greif **Brady Katshor** Dylan: Goewin: Olivia Greanias Gwydion: Ryan Sequin **Austin Butterfield** Llwellyn: Math: Adam Coggins Rhiannon: Felicity Soares-Chabot

Playwright/Composer/Director: Ryan Sequin

Stage Manager/Assistant Director: Kylee Monahan

Technical Liaison: Amber Tanner

Sound Recording/Editing: Ryan Sequin & Kylee Monahan

Sound Editing Assistant: Lucas Inman

Illustrator: Mia Berlanga

Faculty Directing Advisor: Tommy Wedge

Faculty Technical Advisor: Peggy Mead-Finizio

^{*}All rehearsals and recordings were conducted in strict adherence to SVSU's NEST guidelines for safety and success during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SETTING

The Kingdom of Gwynedd, Wales, 1349

SHOW ORDER

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Scene 1 - A Forest in Gwynedd

"Unraveling Magicians

Scene 2 - A Forest in Gwynedd

"The Curse"

Scene 3 - The Same Forest, 20 years later

"Map of the Stars"

Scene 4 - A Room in Math's Castle

"Rhiannon's Lament"

Scene 5 - Arianrhod's Manor

Scene 6 - Math's Courtyard

"A Little Light"

Scene 7 - The Forest/Arianrhod's Manor

"Mari Lwyd"

"The Salmon of Knowledge"

Scene 8 - Math's Courtyard

Scene 9 - A Room in Math's Castle

"Woman of Flowers"

Scene 10 - Arianrhod's Manor

Scene 11 - A Forest in Gwynedd Daytime/Maths Castle

"Out of the Woods"

ACT II

Scene 1 - Arianrhod's Manor

"Witch to Blame"

Scene 2 - Math's Courtyard

"A King Can't Take His Throne"

"Now You Know"

Scene 3 - A Room in Math's Castle

Scene 4 - Math's Courtyard/Nighttime

"There's More to Life"

"The Battle of the Trees"

Scene 5 - Math's Courtyard

Scene 6 - Forest Nighttime

"Call Me Home"

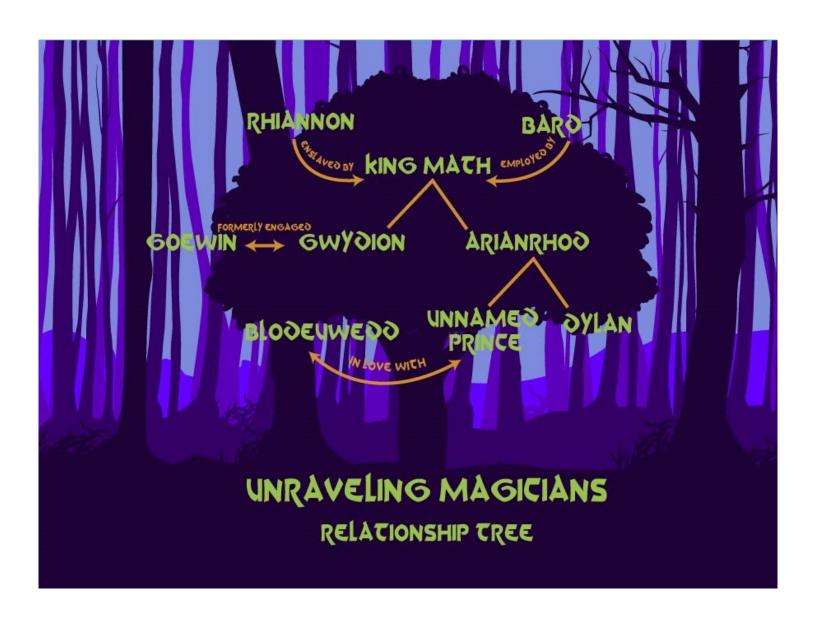
Scene 7 - Forest Nighttime

Scene 8 - Math's Courtyard

"Gwaredu'r tir o'r hyd i gyd"

Scene 9 - A Room in Math's Castle/ A Forest in Gwynedd

"Magic/Finale"



DESIGN TEAM

This production was intended to be shared with audiences live on March 27 & 28, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the transition to an audio drama. However, we would still like to recognize those artists that were in the process of creating something truly magical.

Technical Liaison: Jessica Burke

Assistant Stage Managers: Ayrion Abraham & Trinity Caldwell

Dramaturg: Quinn Nichols

Choreographer: Karla Kash

Fight Directors: Abby Burgess & Conner Wieland

Scenic & Properties Designer: Scott LaMont

Assistant Scenic Designer: Ayrion Abraham

Lighting Designer: Morgan Gradowski

Sound Designer: Brielle Myles-Williams

Costume Designer: Dani Durst

Assistant to the Costumer Designer: Angela Burton

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS



Home for the Holidays: Stay at Home Edition

December 2-5 @ 7:30 PM and Dec. 6 at 3 PM

A heartwarming, family friendly show highlighting the historical, traditional, and true meaning of our holidays.

Come celebrate and learn from our traditions together, while we are apart.

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