

IN SEARCH OF
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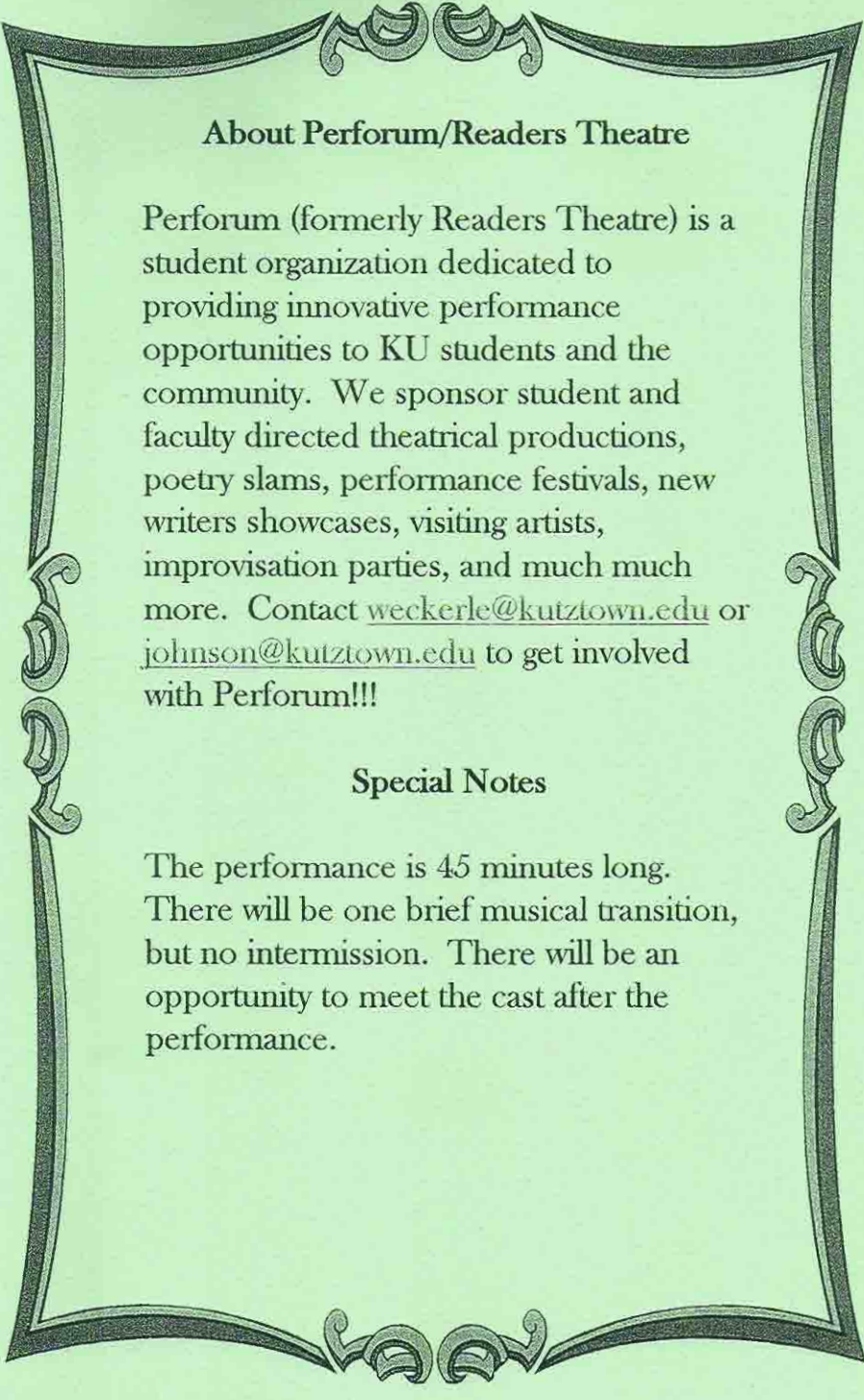
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We wish to thank our dedicated casts of KU Perforum students for their sharing their creativity, talent, and energy—this was truly a collaborative production.

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About Perforum/Readers Theatre

Perforum (formerly Readers Theatre) is a student organization dedicated to providing innovative performance opportunities to KU students and the community. We sponsor student and faculty directed theatrical productions, poetry slams, performance festivals, new writers showcases, visiting artists, improvisation parties, and much much more. Contact weckerle@kutztown.edu or johnson@kutztown.edu to get involved with Perforum!!!

Special Notes

The performance is 45 minutes long. There will be one brief musical transition, but no intermission. There will be an opportunity to meet the cast after the performance.



In Search of a Happy Ending

Narrator.....Becky Aron

Ranza.....Brittany Fellenbaum

Magic Dove.....Marissa Williams

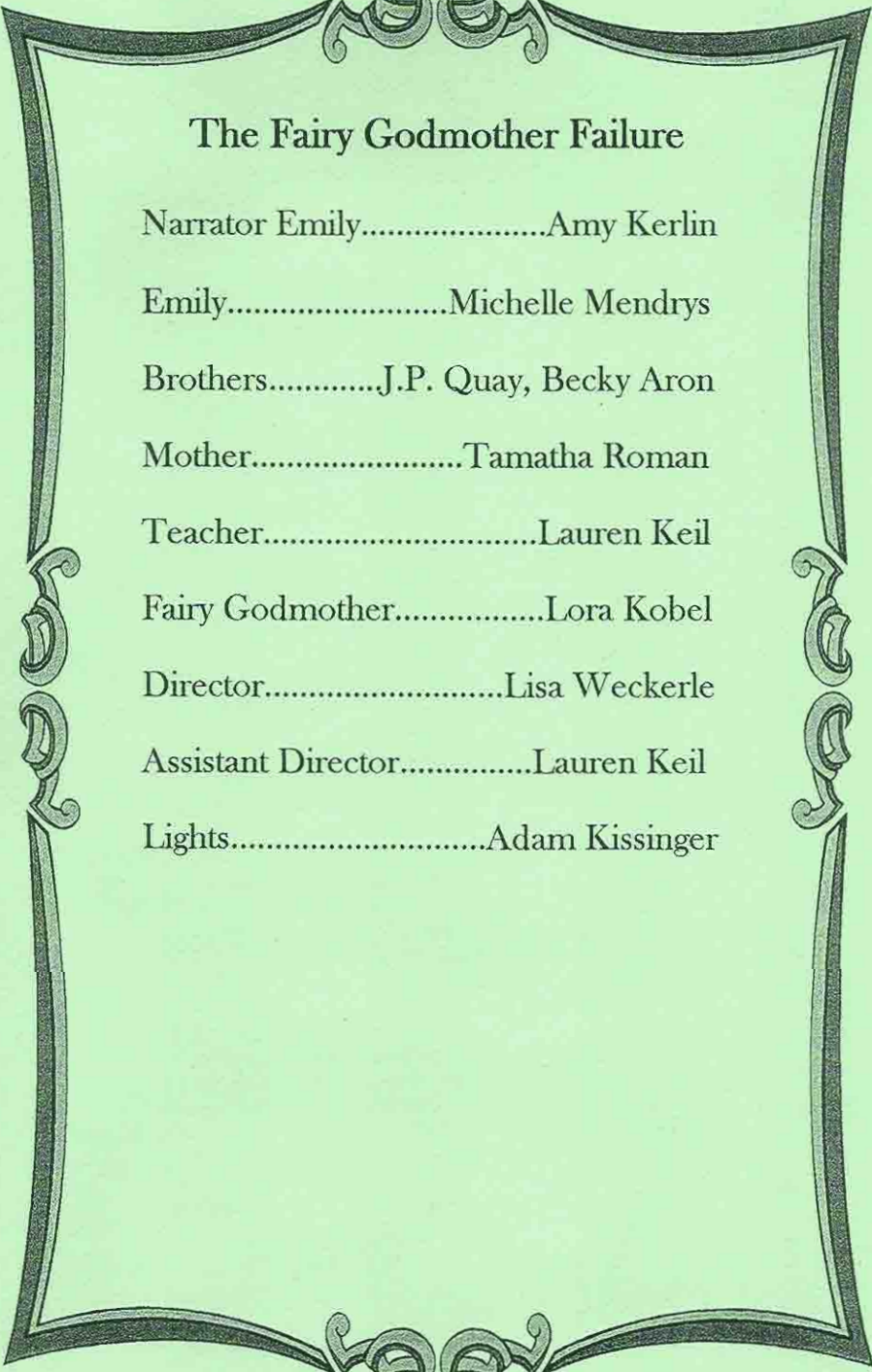
Lady in Waiting.....Jharna Nansi

Prince.....J.P. Quay

Director.....Destiny Manley

Stage Manager.....Jodi Cipolla

Lights.....Adam Kissinger



The Fairy Godmother Failure

Narrator Emily.....Amy Kerlin

Emily.....Michelle Mendrys

Brothers.....J.P. Quay, Becky Aron

Mother.....Tamatha Roman

Teacher.....Lauren Keil

Fairy Godmother.....Lora Kobel

Director.....Lisa Weckerle

Assistant Director.....Lauren Keil

Lights.....Adam Kissinger

Cast Bios

Brittany Jewel Fellenbaum (Ranza) is currently a freshman theatre major and musical theatre minor. "Happy Ending" will be her first KU production. Brittany has always been a believer in fairy tales, so her involvement in this show is truly a "wish come true". Aspiring to one day be on Broadway, Brittany thoroughly enjoys all the talented people she is able to meet at KU. She also appreciates the encouragement to grow from the faculty and other theatre majors.

Marissa Williams (Magic Dove) has been singing, dancing, and acting all her life. She was an alto choral singer on the Deliverance Evangelistic Choir and has choreographed and has performed praise dances throughout the Philadelphia area. Here at Kutztown, Marissa played the evil villain Halima in Sunshine Players' rendition of The Magical Lamp of Aladdin. Marissa would like to thank God, her family, friends, and professors for enabling her to nurture and share her talents with theatre audiences of all ages.

Becky Aron (Narrator, Brother) is a Speech Communication major with a minor in public relations. This is her first production at Kutztown University. Becky is the current Secretary of Peforum and is the Vice President for next semester. She wants to thank the cast and directors of both shows for a great time, and her family for coming to see her in her first college production!

J.P. Quay (Prince, Brother) is a junior Secondary Education/ English (but soon to be Art Ed.) major, originally from Pottstown. Although he was very involved in his high school theatre program, this is his first time performing on the KU stage. He thanks all his friends and family for supporting him and hopes that everyone enjoys the show!

Jharna Nansi (Lady in Waiting) is a 19 year old sophomore from Mumbai India. She is a Speech Communication major with a minor in Public Relations. Jharna also plays on the Kutztown University Women's Tennis Team and is captain of the Womens Tennis Team. "In search of an Happy Ending" is Jharna's first performance at Kutztown University.

Destiny Manley (Director) is a Speech Communication major and has been president of Perforum/Readers Theatre for two years. She has appeared in Centralia, PERSONAE, Little Gold Star, Moment, and The Vagina Monologues. This fall, Destiny will attend Hoffstra University to pursue a master's degree in Speech Communication/ Performance Studies. Her extended plans include acquiring a doctorate in Performance Studies, becoming a professor and marrying her boyfriend, Nick.

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Amy Kerlin (Narrator Emily) is a freshmen Speech Communication Major. Although no stranger to the stage, this her first production at KU. Other shows include: Peter Pan, Carousel, and Anything Goes. She'd like to thank her amazingly supportive parents, her wonderful friends, and her beautiful soulmate.

Michelle Mendrys (Emily) is a freshman Speech Language Pathology major. This is Michelle's second performance on the KU stage. She enjoys theatre and plans on continuing with it for the rest of her college career. Some of her favorite roles were "Renee" in The Female Version of the Odd Couple, "Chris" in Rumors, and a cheerleader/student in Good News! Michelle wishes to extend tremendous gratitude and good luck to those seniors, particularly Destiny who are moving on. Thanks for the great memories!

Lora Kobel (Fairy Godmother) This will be Lora's first acting performance on campus, but not her first time acting. She has been involved with the community theatre in her hometown since she was 11 and played the Fairy Godmother in her high school's production of Cinderella. She is happy to be on stage again and she hopes you enjoy the show.

Tamatha Roman (Mother) is a junior Electronic Media major. She's also involved in National Broadcasting Society, Newsbreak, Sigma Omicron Phi, and BBBS. She loves her boyfriend and plans to tech English in Japan after graduation.

Lauren Keil (Teacher, Asst. Director) is a junior majoring in Speech Language Pathology. At Kutztown, she previously appeared as the Narrator in Alice in Wonderland and Scheherazade in Aladdin. Some of her other favorite roles include Minnie Fay in Hello Dolly, Tzeitel in Fiddler on the Roof, Betty in The Threepenny Opera, and the title role in Cinderella. She would like to thank her family and friends for their never-ending support!

Lisa Weckerle (Director, Playwright) is a faculty member in the Department of Speech Communication and Theatre. She teaches courses in oral interpretation, group performance, and bilingual theatre. She earned her PhD. The University of Texas at Austin.

Adam Kissinger (Lighting) is a fourth year Theatre major who has appeared on the Kutztown Mainstage in *Comedy of Errors*, *The Threepenny Opera*, and *Arms and the Man*. He recently completed his first lighting design for Sunshine Players' *Snoopy! The Musical*. Adam was nominated by the ACTF for his roles in *Comedy of Errors* and *The Three Penny Opera*.

