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Director

Saturday, June 7    Sunday, June 8    Friday, June 13    Saturday, June 14

**Scaffolding Theatre Company**  
and the  
**New Mexico State University Department of Theatre Arts**  
present

**NINE**

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Original Broadway Production Directed by **TOMMY TUNE**

**Directed by JUSTIN LUCERO**

Musical Director / Producing Co-Artistic Director of Scaffolding .....Megan McQueen  
Director / Co-Artistic Director of Scaffolding .....Justin Lucero  
Co-Producer .....Tom Smith  
Piano Accompanist.....David Cuniff  
Stage Manager / Production Photographer .....Erica Krauel  
Assistant Stage Manager / Child Wrangler / Swing .....Micaela de la Rosa  
Choreographer .....Karlos Saucedo  
Lighting Designer / Sound Designer / Light Board Operator ..... Sam Tyson  
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Costume Designer .....Shay Harris  
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## CAST BIOGRAPHIES



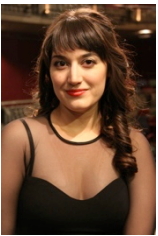
**LaSasha Aldredge (Sarraghina)** has sung in church since childhood, and began performing in theatrical productions here at NMSU. For American Southwest Theatre Company she has performed the Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical*, a phantom in *The Rocky Horror Show*, and in two productions of *A Christmas Carol*.



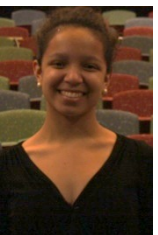
**Veronica Bissell (Renata)** studies Theatre Arts and General Business at NMSU. Previous roles include Clovia/Fred's Wife in *A Christmas Carol* for ASTC, Ginger in *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* for Las Cruces Community Theatre, and Queen Victoria / Chorus in *Annie Get Your Gun*. Student projects at NMSU include playing Katherine in *Karl*, *Katherine*, and *Kelly* and voicing The Goddess in the animation *The Warrior Within*.



**Amanda Bradford (Guido's Mother)** is a news writer at NMSU. Prior to her 10-year journalism career at the Las Cruces Sun-News, Amanda studied music at NMSU, frequently performing with the Doña Ana Lyric Opera in roles ranging from Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* to the Queen of the Night in *The Magic Flute*. She has performed with LCCT and No Strings Theatre Company, and appeared as a soloist with NMSU Choirs and St. Paul's United Methodist Church.



**Denise Castañeda (Carla Albanese)** received her Bachelor of Theatre Arts from NMSU in 2009 and has since appeared in many local productions, most recently as Lady Capulet in Shakespeare on the Rocks' bilingual production of *Romeo and Juliet*, Casilda in *The Gondoliers* with the Gilbert and Sullivan Company of El Paso, and Angelina in *Trial by Jury* for DALO.



**Noelia de la Rosa (Dancer)** has been dancing and performing for 11 years. She has participated in multiple productions of various dance styles, including hip-hop lyrical in DIVAS 2013 and classical ballet in Verdi Academy's *Hansel and Gretel*. She is going to be a junior at Centennial High School where she has previously worked with Megan McQueen and Karlos Saucedo.



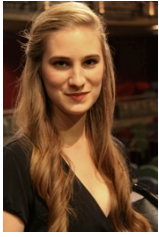
**Marianna Gallegos (Sofia)** will be a senior at NMSU in the fall. She has appeared as Belle in *A Christmas Carol*, Rebecca Gibbs in *Our Town*, and Laurie in *Brighton Beach Memoirs* with ASTC. She is an active Member of Creative Student Theatre Company. On June 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, CTSC will present the debut of a family-friendly musical *Cindersmella* for which she has written the book and will direct.



**Alyssa Gose (Our Lady of the Spa)**, 16 years old, will be a senior at Las Cruces High School this fall. She has participated in multiple plays and musicals, both with the school and in community theater, including Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* and Mabel in *Pirates of Penzance*. Her ultimate goal is to perform professionally and continue to do what she loves. "Thanks to my parents for being my constant supporters."



**Meagan Higgins (Stephanie Necrophorus)** is a Las Cruces native and graduate of NMSU, with an English degree and music minor. Though she's not been in a theatrical production for several years, in 2012 she travelled with NMSU to perform the Bach B Minor Mass with the Nova Amadeus Chamber Orchestra in Italy. "I am thrilled to make my return to the stage with NINE."



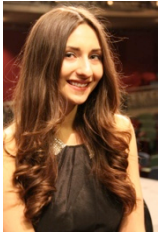
**Claire Koleske (Annabella)** is a recent graduate of the NMSU Theatre Arts Department and the most recent recipient of the Hershel Zohn Award for Outstanding Senior. Her previous roles include Hamlet in *Hamlet* (CSTC), Katherine in *Aunt Raini* and Old Green Grasshopper in *James and the Giant Peach* (ASTC), Desdemona in a Shakespeare Scene Showcase in London, and Kathleen Scott in *Terra Nova* (NSTC).



**Charles LeCocq (Guido Contini)** has appeared in several Las Cruces productions, including *When You Comin' Back Red Ryder*, *White Christmas* and *Shadowlands* for LCCT, *Terra Nova* for NSTC, and *Hamlet* for CSTC. "I'm thrilled to work with this terrific group. Thanks, Justin and Megan, for all your hard work. This performance is for my beautiful wife Lisa, who is a Luisa, Claudia, and Carla all in one."



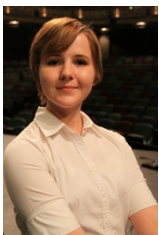
**Megan McQueen (Luisa Contini)** just finished her first year as part of the NMSU Theatre Arts faculty after a year at Centennial High School and seven years at Alma d'arte Charter High School. Whether she's directing, producing, or performing, Megan has contributed to sell-outs in almost every venue in town. "Infinite thanks to this amazing team, and always to my enthusiastic mother and wonderful husband (who walks around singing 'my wife makes musicals')."



**Taylor Rey (Francesca)**, a graduate of Las Cruces High School, just completed her freshman year in pursuit of a Bachelor of Music degree in Musical Theater from Oklahoma City University. She was last seen as Ruby in *Dames at Sea* at LCCT. "I am so happy to be back performing in my home for the summer!"



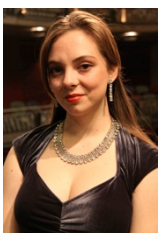
**Annabel Simpson (Young Guido)** is nine years old and has just completed 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade at Central Elementary. She has a broad range of performance interests including Aerial Dance with Project In Motion, piano, and becoming the next Megan McQueen. When not pursuing her true love: Entomology, she is quite content singing and playing with her dog Bubbles to Bubbles.



**Jamie Smith (Diana)** is a Theatre Arts student at NMSU. Before college she was in the choruses of *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Sweeney Todd*. Since joining the university, she has been a part of *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *Hamlet*, *A Christmas Carol*, and several smaller productions.



**Amy Lynn Whipple (Liliane LaFleur)** is a graduate of NMSU with a BAS in Creative Media and Geography. She has appeared in *Terminator Salvation*, the television show *Breaking Bad*, and in local theater productions including *Leading Ladies*, *Godspell*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Amy works for Las Cruces Public Schools. "Thanks for my family for their incredible support."



**Aylin White (Claudia Nardi)** just finished her sophomore year as an NMSU Theatre Arts major. Next year she will be on student exchange in New York to expand her education and career opportunities. She aspires to be accepted to a graduate school for musical theater. Previous roles include Alice in *Co-Ed Prison Sluts*, Mrs. Fezziwig/Charwoman in *A Christmas Carol*,

## PRODUCTION TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

**David Cunniff (Pianist)** has performed piano with nearly every musical group in nearly every venue in the community since 1980. Although he once considered majoring in piano, he chose instead to pursue a Bachelor and Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from NMSU. He, with his wife Jenny, founded Crossroads Church of Las Cruces in 2006. He is Senior Systems Engineer at the NASA White Sands Complex.

**Micaela de la Rosa (Assistant Stage Manager / Child Wrangler / Swing)**, having been enchanted by theatre since kindergarten, is entering NMSU's Theatre Arts program this fall. She has acted and/or assisted on Mesilla Valley Theatre Company's *Once on this Island*, numerous musicals for Vista Middle School and Missoula Children's Theatre, and several shows at Centennial High School under Megan McQueen. "I'm thrilled to be working with this phenomenal cast and crew."

**Shay Harris (Costume Designer)** is a senior NMSU Theatre Arts major who was born and raised in northern New Mexico. She is passionate about costume design as well as acting. In her time here, she has acted in shows including *Our Town* and *Carousel*, and designed for CSTC. In her remaining semesters, she looks forward to working more with Scaffolding Theatre Company, CSTC, and ASTC.

**Erica Krauel (Stage Manager)** has worked under the guidance of Megan McQueen consistently since being her student in high school six years ago. She has worked on numerous shows, most recently *Romance/Romance* for NSTC. "I appreciate the great learning opportunity of Scaffolding's first production with NMSU Theatre Arts, not only for myself, but for NMSU students and community members alike."

**Justin Lucero (Director)** trained in London, graduating with an MFA in Theatre Directing from East 15 Acting School in 2011. His experience as a professional freelancer includes such local companies as El Paso Opera, UTEP Dinner Theater, *Viva! El Paso*, and Opera UTEP, and London's Theatre 503, Jermyn Street Theatre, Blue Elephant Theatre and the West End's Regents Park Open Air Theatre.

**Karlos Saucedo (Choreographer)**, an Alma d' Arte graduate, has performed in numerous musicals including *Honk*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and *Man of La Mancha*. He choreographed for Centennial High School's 2012-2013 dance classes and NMSU's spring 2014 musical theatre revues. He performs mariachi music any chance he gets. "Thank you to my family, Megan McQueen, Chauncey, and my angel Omar."

**Sam Tyson (Lighting Designer)** was just 6 years old when he was found connecting lantern batteries to sundry assemblages of lights and standing in awe of the soft glow. After working tech for *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* in high school, Sam knew that rigging, lighting, and theatre would be a dearly-held passion for years to come. "It is an honor and pleasure to join the crew of NINE."

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