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**2025**

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# PARALLEL LIVES

by Mo Gaffney and Kathy Najimy

“...a romp with a feminist sensibility; it’s a humor for a post-Lily Tomlin generation... Above all, PARALLEL LIVES is a smart, provocative show.”

—Variety

This play contains mature themes and language.

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# ***Parallel Lives***

**Written by Mo Gaffney and Kathy Najimy**

## **Crew:**

Steve Vernon.....Director

Riley Farmer.....Stage Manager

Nicholas Fenner.....Light Design

Stephanie Schue Aman-Cape Fear Costume.....Costume  
Designer

Terry Collins.....Set Design

Riley Farmer, Jace Carlyle Berry.....Light and Sound Board  
Operators

Riley Farmer.....Projection Design

Sound Design.....Steve Vernon

## **Cast:**

Susan Auten

Jaimie Harwood

Eleanor Stafford

Gina Gambony

## **Setting**

Multiple Places, Multiple Characters, Multiple Periods

## **Act One**

Supreme Beings Create the World- Susan Auten, Eleanor  
Stafford, Jaimie Harwood,

Gina Gambony

Kris and Jeff- Jaimie Harwood, Gina Gambony

Period Piece- Eleanor Stafford, Susan Auten, Jaimie Harwood,  
Gina Gambony

Annete and Gina- Jaimie Harwood, Gina Gambony

Three Sisters- Susan Auten, Jaimie Harwood, Gina Gambony

Las Hermanas- Eleanor Stafford, Gina Gambony, Susan Auten,  
Jaimie Harwood

## **INTERMISSION**

## **Act Two**

Supreme Beings (A Good Many Years Later)- Susan Auten,  
Eleanor Stafford, Jaimie Harwood

God- Susan Auten, Jaimie Harwood

Silent Torture- Eleanor Stafford, Gina Gambony  
Mrs. Kenny Rogers- Eleanor Stafford, Gina Gambony  
Futon Talk- Jaimie Harwood, Susan Auten  
Clinic Shooting- Susan Auten  
Beverly Hills/Face- Gina Gambony, Jaimie Harwood  
Hank and Karen Sue- Eleanor Stafford, Susan Auten

## BIOS

Steve Vernon (Director) dabbles in theatre, and would like to thank the cast and crew of this production.

Riley Farmer (Stage Manager) successfully parallel parks about 50% of the time. This is her fifth production with Big Dawg.

Susan Auten (Being Two, Kathy, Buck, Lizzie, Holly, Tina, Bill, Betsy, Karen Sue) is very excited to be back with Big Dawg and sharing the stage with this wonderful group of women. Thanks to Riley for being a rockstar, Steve for putting up with our estrogen fest, and YOU for supporting local theatre!!

Jaimie Harwood (Woman, Kris, Barb, Gina, Marla, Molly, Teri, Kay) was last seen as a tempestuous student in *The Thanksgiving Play*. She is thrilled a theatre wish of hers came true, for the opportunity to be in *Parallel Lives* again! Jaimie is very grateful to the cast, crew, Steve, and Riley for making this such a truly amazing time on stage!

Eleanor Stafford (Supreme Being One, Farmer, Mo, Nick, Mad, Precious, Hank) has never played tennis. She learned to apply makeup at age 11 for her first stage role: an opera in which she played a pageboy, thus beginning her unexpected but truly gratifying trend of performing as cross-gender characters. Here's



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to all the humans who are just trying to figure things out as we go.

Gina Gambony (Jeff, Betty, Annette, Karen, Sivvy, Candida, Melinda) is delighted to celebrate Big Dawg's Pearl Anniversary onstage! Her last Big Dawg endeavor was directing *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*. Special thanks to her husband, Cole Marquis, Director Steve Vernon, and her glorious castmates for rebooting *Parallel Lives*. Find out about Gina's day job at [theatreforall.org](http://theatreforall.org).

### Special Thanks

Ed Wagenseller, Jeff Loy, Nicole Porreco Horton, Corrie Slay, Jason Aycock and Opera House Theatre Company, Steve Rassin, Richard Trubia, The Staff and Volunteers of Thalian Hall, and YOU!



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## **History of Big Dawg**

Founded in 1995, Big Dawg Productions initially performed in rented spaces like Thalian Hall's Studio Theater, the company established its first permanent home in 2008 at the historic Cape Fear Playhouse on Castle Street, opening in 2009 with *A Thousand Clowns*. Following the pandemic, the company returned to Thalian Hall's Studio Theatre, where the company reopened with the acclaimed *The Lifespan of a Fact*, delighting sold-out audiences with one of the first live post-pandemic productions in the area.

## **Big Dawg's Mission**

To produce entertaining, thought provoking, and socially responsible theater, with an emphasis on involving youth and the community in the performing arts.

## **Board Of Directors**

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## **AND**

Our small, but dedicated group, of community advisors and volunteers who work in the community to support the company in fundraising, and outreach.

## **Get Involved**

If you are interested in becoming a board member of Big Dawg Productions send a message to [BigDawgPro@gmail.com](mailto:BigDawgPro@gmail.com)

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## **DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE (\$500+)**

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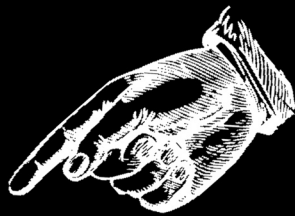
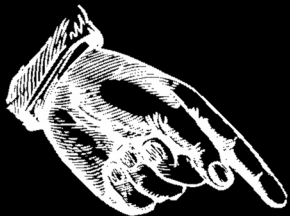
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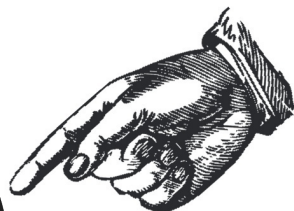
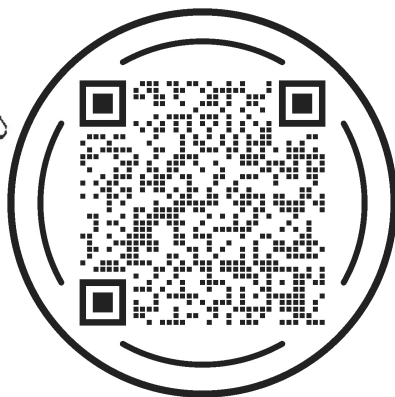
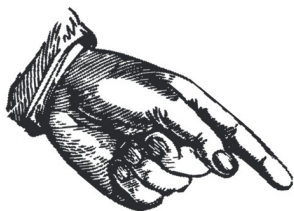


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