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Hannah Funderburke

UNRECONCILED received its first workshop production at Chester Theatre Company in Chester, Massachusetts on July 20, 2023, under the artistic leadership of James Barry and Tara Franklin. It was directed by James Barry.

The world premiere of *UNRECONCILED* was produced at Chester Theatre Company in Chester, Massachusetts. It opened on July 5, 2024, under the artistic leadership of James Barry and Tara Franklin. It was directed by James Barry. The scenic design and projections were by Nicholas Hussong, lighting design was by James McNamara, the sound design was by Nathan Leigh. The production stage manager was Mark Johnson. The cast was: Jay Sefton.

Jay Sefton [he/him] (Playwright/Performer) is an actor and licensed mental health counselor, originally from Philadelphia, and currently based in Easthampton, Massachusetts. **Selected theatre credits:** *Unreconciled* (Writer/Performer, Chester Theatre Company), *What the Constitution Means to Me* (WAM Theatre/Berkshire Theatre Group and Capital Rep, Albany), *Honor Killing, Paradise* (WAM Theatre, Fresh Takes Reading Series), *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, *The Lady Slipper*, *Million Dollar Quartet*, *Outside Mullingar* (The Majestic Theater), *Two Rooms* (Silverthorne Theatre Company), *The Most Mediocre Story Never Told* (Writer/Performer), *A Life in the Theatre*, *Dark Rapture* (Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theatre), *King Lear* (Theatricum Botanicum, Los Angeles). Jay is the recipient of the LA WEEKLY Award for Best Solo Performance for *The Most Mediocre Story Never Told*. **Film/TV credits:** *The Wire*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *The Shield*, *Summerland*,

Providence. He is a member of Actors' Equity and SAG-AFTRA. Jay would like to thank his wife Melenie for her fierce love, sharp eyes and ears, and unwavering support.

Mark Basquill [he/him] (Playwright) was raised in South Philadelphia and practices clinical psychology in Wilmington, NC, where he helps veterans recover from the wounds of war, often using writing to promote healing. Recent essays, stories, and poems can be found in *Cirque: A Literary Journal for the North Pacific Rim*; *Consequence Forum*; and *Snapdragon: A Journal of Art and Healing*. Mark has also written two full-length dramas about his own family's unfinished struggles to heal from impact of childhood clergy abuse. Big Dawg's Steve Vernon helped bring *Christmas Vigil* and *A Waltz with Flowers* to the stage, and each show was well-received in Wilmington.

Geraldine Hughes [she/her] (Director) received the Los Angeles Ovation, Garland and Drama Critics Circle Awards and a Drama League Award Nomination for Outstanding Performance for her solo play *Belfast Blues*, which she also wrote and performed. **Theatre acting credits:** *Harry Potter And The Cursed Child*, as Professor McGonagall, *Jerusalem*, (Broadway and West End), *Particle Of Dread* (opposite Stephen Rea), *Cyrano De Bergerac* (Broadway), *Translations* (Broadway), *Molly Sweeney* (Irish Repertory Theatre), *Pumpgirl* (MTC), *Orson's Shadow*, *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, and *The Weir*. **TV acting credits:** *Tokyo Vice*, *Your Honor*, *Kevin Can Wait*, *Law and Order OC* and *SVU*, *The Blacklist*, *Blue Bloods*, *Nurse Jackie*, *Mercy*, *The Good Wife*, *Law and Order CI*, *Law & Order*, *Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle* and *ER*. **Film acting credits:** *Rocky Balboa*, *Gran Torino*, *Nine Days*, *The Book Of Henry*, *Time Out Of Mind* and *Killing Lincoln*. Geraldine is a Producer on the film *In The Land Of Saints And Sinners*, starring Liam Neeson and Ciarán Hinds, and is an Executive Producer on the film *The Last Rifleman*, starring



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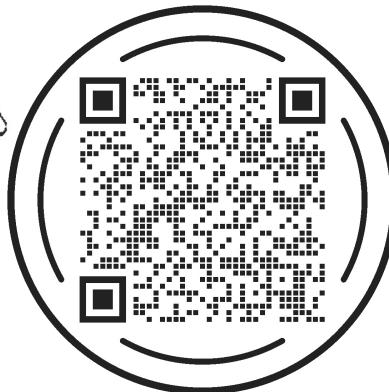


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