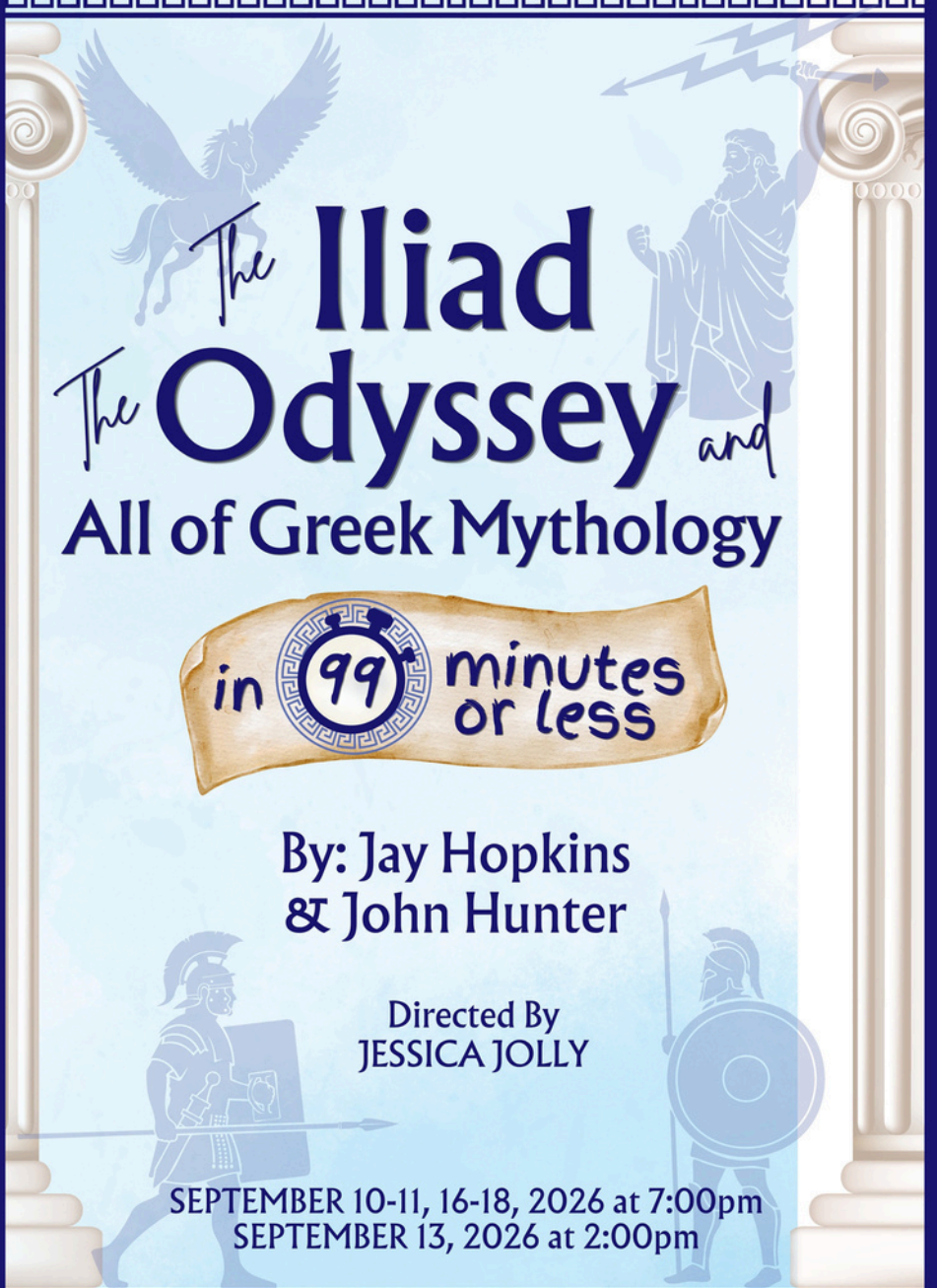




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AND STARKVILLE COMMUNITY THEATRE
PRESENTS



The Iliad *The* Odyssey *and* All of Greek Mythology

in  minutes
or less

By: Jay Hopkins
& John Hunter

Directed By
JESSICA JOLLY

SEPTEMBER 10-11, 16-18, 2026 at 7:00pm
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 at 2:00pm



"The Iliad, The Odyssey, and All of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.
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THE CAST

In order of appearance

Narrator/Oracle.....	DeeDee Baldwin
Hera/Demeter/Thetis/Others.....	Melanie Tubbs
Apollo/Hermes/Paris/Others.....	Virgil Simpson*
Aphrodite/Artemis/Helen/Others.....	Reagan Hawkins Lagg
Athena/Penelope/Eurydice/Others.....	Katie Sales
Zeus/Achilles/Menelaos/Others.....	Shane Tubbs
Hades/Odysseus/Jason/Others.....	Jake King
Poseidon/Agamemnon/Hercules/Other.....	Tyler Marsh*

* SCT Debut

THE CREW

Director	Jessica Jolly
Assistant Director/Stage Manager	Emily Shand
Assistant Stage Manager	Riyaz Mathews
Scenic Design	Jessica Jolly
Costume Design	Emily Shand
Lighting Design	Jake King
Sound Design	Riyaz Mathews
Prop Design	Emily Shand
Mural Painting	Katie Sales
Lighting Operator	Levi Massey
Sound Operator	Gabbi Morelli
Lighting Operator	Levi Massey
Props Manager/ Run Crew	Alicia Young
Run Crew	Kaela Carino and Savannah Kirk
Publicity and Photography	Caroline Court
Poster Design	Jessica Jolly
Box Office	Stephen Cunetto, Cam McMillan and Marsha Williams
Opening Night Party.....	Pam Jones

There will be a 15-minute intermission between Act I and Act II.

SET CONSTRUCTION

The cast and crew, and Tony Jolly

SPECIAL THANKS

Quinn Bethea, Tony Jolly, and Theatre MSU

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come From Away

November 11-20, 2026

A Merry Little Auction

An Evening of Holiday Music, Merriment & Giving

Early December – Stay Tuned

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February 11-19, 2027

The Great Gatsby

March 25-April 4, 2027

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May 5-9, 2027

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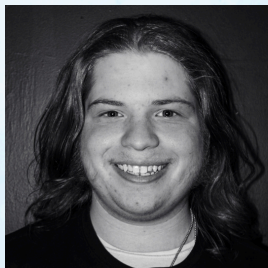
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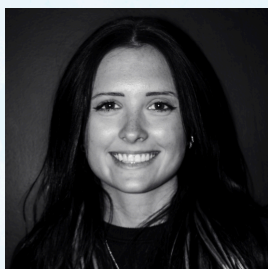
DeeDee Baldwin: DeeDee is the engagement librarian at Mississippi State. When not spending time with husband Pedro Pascal, she loves cats, audiobooks, her coloring app, and walking around town. The world's leading experts have named her the Best A(u)nt Ever. She has been involved with SCT for almost ten years in past shows including

To Kill a Mockingbird, The Laramie Project, Permanent Collection, The Addams Family, Suite Surrender, Radium Girls, and the recent MTA festival entry, On the Verge. Tonight's performance is dedicated to Jimothy, without whom none of this would be possible..



Jake King: Jake is a theatre major at state and plan a career in acting. He has a variety experience throughout the Golden triangle and in central Mississippi. Some of what he would consider to be his most notable roles include Tom from SCT's very own Radium Girls, Chuck from MSU

Theatre's She Kills Monsters, and of course Sweeney Todd from MSU's Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barbor of Fleet Street. This is his first time doing a strict comedy and it has been a blast. He is so excited to show all of you!



Rea Lagg: Rea is a lifelong theatre enthusiast and is excited to return to the SCT stage. Her recent roles include Greta in Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express, Hunyak in Chicago and Grace Fryer in Radium Girls. Outside the theatre, she works as an audio engineer and radio host.

She sends her love and gratitude to her husband, Noah, and her cat, Gizmo, for their constant support.

ABOUT THE CAST



Tyler Marsh: Tyler is a musician, songwriter, and performer driven by a desire to connect with people through music and art. He is committed to growing creatively, personally, and professionally while staying true to himself, which is what inspired him to take a leap and audition for this production. Family, meaningful relationships, and a desire to make a positive impact continue to drive him forward. He is incredibly thankful for the opportunity Starkville Community Theatre has given him! Tyler is the Fitness and Sports Center Director at Columbus AFB, where he is passionate about helping service members, families, and the broader community stay active, healthy, and connected. Outside of work, Tyler enjoys spending time with his family and finding new ways to challenge himself. He enjoys making handmade cards, origami, and a variety of other crafts, as well as writing songs and traveling. This is Tyler's first production in over two decades, and he is excited to return to the stage! He has always had a love for theatre, movies, and storytelling and is grateful to be part of this production.



Katie Sales: Katie is a senior Political Science major at Mississippi State University. Over the past few years, she has procured 3 minors in psychology, philosophy, and pre-law. At school, Katie is the president of the Model UN team at MSU. In her free time, Katie loves to paint, sing, and take care of her two cats, Charlie and French Fry.

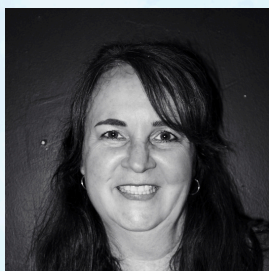


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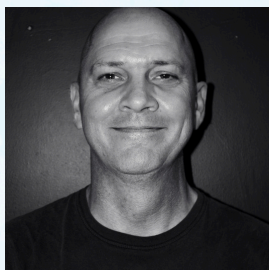


Virgil Simpson: Virgil plays characters such as Hermes, Apollo, Paris, and Diomedes in *The Iliad*, *The Odyssey*, and *All of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less*. He is currently a Sophomore honors student at the Mississippi University for Women, studying theatre and english. After graduation, they hope to pursue an

Masters of Fine Arts degree in stage direction and become a director and playwright. This will be their first show with SCT, but they have appeared recently in productions with GTT and MUW's Theatre Department. His recent roles include various positions in the Tennessee Williams playwriting contest with MUW, and Pawn in GTT's January production of a farce comedy with such a long and hard to remember name that it's become colloquially known simply as "Farndale." They have also taken on various positions in tech crew with theaters across Mississippi, including hair and makeup, costuming, set building, and lighting operator.



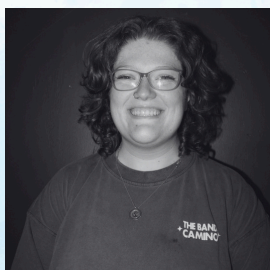
Melanie Tubbs: Melanie has been acting and directing for over 30 years in the Golden Triangle Area. She is excited to share the stage with such talented actors and the amazing Shane Tubbs. Thanks to Jessy and Emily for all the details in making these stories come to life.



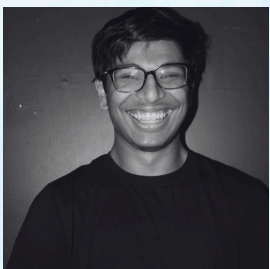
Shane Tubbs: Shane began his theatre journey in 2010 with Tennessee Williams' *Sweet Bird of Youth*, in which he played Tom Jr. Since then, he has appeared in seven Tennessee Williams Tribute productions in nearby Columbus, as well as a gaggle of shows with the Columbus Arts Council, MUW and GTT. This is his fifth production with SCT, and

he hopes there will be many, many more. When he is not "acting like an actor," Shane enjoys aggravating his beloved wife and children, dabbling in one of his dozen or so hobbies and performing his dream role - "PeePaw" to his grandson, Clark.

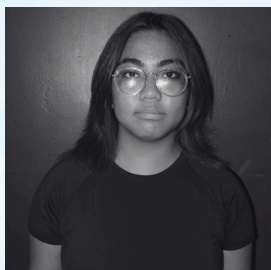
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Emily Shand: Emily has been doing theatre for as long as she can remember and is excited to be participating in her 7th show here at SCT! Emily has participated both onstage and backstage for a variety of shows this year, but some recent highlights include Hairspray (stage manager), Radium Girls (Markley and others), and Chicago (assistant director). While most of her time is spent working toward her PhD, doing reserach at the Athlete Engineering Institute, or working at the theatre, any extra time she has is spent watching Dr. Who, reading fantasy novels, and geeking out about Greek Mythology! Emily would like to shout out her cat, Jesper, for putting up with her late nights and long days away from the house. Hail State and enjoy the show!!



Riyaz Mathews: This is Riyaz, and yes, he's the one laughing backstage because this show is hilarious! Riyaz has watched SCT shows his whole life and has always wanted the opportunity to work on a production. During his senior year of high school, he worked as a sound operator and designer, and now, after transferring to MSU, he gets to take on the role of Stage Manager during his sophomore year of college. He is incredibly excited for the opportunity, but gosh, there are a lot of props!



Kaela Cariño: Kaela is a longtime participant in Starkville Community Theatre productions. First starting with SCT's Project PLAY program, they have worked in various high school productions, shows by an independent theatre troupe, an SCT musical, and productions with TheatreMSU. They graduated from the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. Kaela is currently a student at State, studying Entertainment Technology (a single major combining theatre arts and industrial engineering). Their favorite type of production is smaller plays, but they have a deep love for music. A fun night out for Kaela often looks like enjoying live music shows by local bands with friends.

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Levi Massey: This production marks Levi's first time working in theatre! As someone who is obsessed with movies, or as his fiancée, Gabbi, would say, a "movie snob," Levi has always appreciated the energy of live productions and the way they connect with an audience in a way a screen can't quite match. He is excited to be part

of making that magic happen! Outside of the theatre, Levi is an application engineer for the steel mill in Columbus, where he serves as the middleman between large automotive customers and the operators at the mill. When he's not working, you can find Levi and Gabbi spending time with either his three cats or her bird, as they don't particularly enjoy family gatherings! Levi is thrilled to experience theatre from the other side instead of sitting in the audience this time around!



Gabriella Morelli: Gabriella is super excited to be a part of this production! This is her fifth show with SCT and her fourth working as a crew member. She loves helping bring the magic of a show to life from behind the scenes and is especially excited to work alongside her fiancé on the crew for his very first theatre production!

Outside of theatre, some of Gabriella's favorite hobbies include painting, crocheting, and watching bad movies.



ABOUT THE CREW



Alicia Young: Alicia has been performing in theatre since 2013, and in 2020, she discovered just how much fun the technical side of theatre can be. Since then, she has become a prop designer and builder, set builder, and scenic painter. Alicia is excited to bring her creativity and experience to this production and can't wait to work with this new community of theatre people!



Savannah Kirk: Savannah is a freshman at Mississippi State University majoring in Vocal Music Education. She has performed in several musicals and plays at Golden Triangle Theatre, and this production marks her first time working with Starkville Community Theatre! Savannah is excited to help bring the show to life backstage &

hopes this will be the first of many productions with SCT. At MSU, Savannah is a member of two choirs, Cantaré and Lyrica, and is also involved in the university's opera production. She has been dancing since the age of four and has always had a love for singing and performing. Savannah is very excited to be part of this production!





Jessica Jolly: Jessica is thrilled to be directing her second production at Starkville Community Theatre! She is typically on the stage, recently appearing in *Radium Girls* and *The Revolutionists*, but is excited to be back behind the scenes calling the shots. Her first time directing at SCT was *Murder on the Orient Express* in April 2025, and

she quickly discovered a new passion. Jessica has been involved with SCT for several years and has worn just about every hat imaginable, both onstage and off. When she isn't rehearsing, Jessica serves as the President of the SCT Board of Directors and enjoys finding new ways to keep the theatre running. She is incredibly grateful to the cast and crew for trusting her with this wonderfully absurd adventure and hopes you laugh, learn a little mythology, and leave the theatre wondering how on earth all of this was accomplished!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am so excited to be directing my second production at Starkville Community Theatre! Greek mythology is fascinating and full of dramatic characters, bad decisions, and confusing family trees, but it's a fun adventure nonetheless.

Thank you to my cast and crew for trusting me with this show and for giving so much of yourselves to it. Thank you to my dad for always supporting whatever crazy project I take on and for being willing to build sets every Saturday for a month. Thank you to my partner for listening to me talk endlessly about this show and taking care of my dog while I spend many long nights at the theatre. And finally, thank YOU for being here!

Outside of performing and directing, I am proud to serve as President of the SCT Board of Directors. Being involved in so many different parts of this theatre has given me an even greater appreciation for the people who keep SCT going, and I'm incredibly proud to be a part of it. We truly could not perform our amazing productions without your support, and I hope you have as much fun watching this show as we have had putting it together!

Jessica Jolly

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