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Steep Theatre Company

proudly presents the U.S. Premiere of

Mosquitoes

by Lucy Kirkwood

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Jenny	Julia Siple^
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Karen	g Thalken*
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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

January 2009 was the first time I saw a play at Steep. It was *In Arabia We'd All Be Kings*. Ever since then, I've admired this company of talented artists who treat those of us that walk through their doors like family. In a city of so many moving bodies traveling through time and space, I never feel alone when I'm at Steep.

Lucy Kirkwood's *Mosquitoes* reminds us that we are all particles on our own disparate paths. It's a play that fuses science with the nuclear family, addressing the dynamics of our world — both the cosmic macro and micro reality of our relationships with each other. Some of these characters, like us, are driven by a need to know how the universe fits together and our place in it. Others need to be able to pick up a phone and connect when we are the most scared or alone — to know that we have someone on the other end who listens to our greatest fears and the songs we create. Who stands alongside us in birthing the moments and miracles that we know are rare, but possible.

For the science community, locating the existence of the Higgs Boson in 2008 was one of those rare births. Its existence validated life-long careers and explained how we are all connected through time and space — our past, present and our future. This God's particle is responsible — as the 16-year old Luke tells us — for giving us mass. In the same way that our relationships — whether it be with a fellow artist, a sibling, a lover or a parent — are what give us mass and our lives meaning. The truth about this spectacular long-awaited particle is the discovery that it, like us, is capable of decay. It can split. When we enter the ATLAS control room with these scientists, we stand with them at the brink of what is next in our ability to achieve, to theorize, to wonder?

It's this portentous moment that Lucy Kirkwood seems interested in. The possibility of the miracle but also our own capacity for self-destruction. What I love about this play is that it asks us to consider what could split us? What could split a marriage or a country? Because the matriarch of this play is right, the world is held together by fundamental forces, but our model of existence also includes the Weak Force. Things and people can and do fall apart.

The Boson knows these forces too well. He is our guide through the past, equipped with the knowledge of its impacts on our future. We, like the play's characters, are indeed a fractured people and public. Occasionally in our families, certainly in our countries. As we stand at this fork in the road, a part of the chain reaction of human existence, Lucy Kirkwood's *Mosquitoes* asks us to consider the impact of the individual's life choices on us all.

Jaclynn Jutting Director, *Mosquitoes*

CAST



Julia Siple (Jenny) Julia is fortunate to be back on stage at Steep where she is an ensemble member. Previous Steep credits include The Life and Sort of Death of Eric

Argyle, Motortown, A Small Fire, Under the Blue Sky, Love and Money, Moment, Festen, and Harper Regan as well as many others (this is show #20!). She is a holds a BFA in Theatre Performance from the University of Michigan. Julia can't imagine life without her Steep family. Deepest gratitude to her parents for making this possible. And especially to Carp and her babycakes Olive, the centers of her little universe.



Cindy Marker (Alice) Cindy most recently appeared in Zürich, Linda, and Birdland and is happy to be part of this production. Many congratulations to the

immensely talented cast and crew!



Richard Costes (The Boson / Lyn Evans) Richard is thrilled to be returning to Steep Theatre after appearing in Wastwater in 2016. Chicago credits include Reverend D/

Baby in In the Blood (Red Tape Theatre), Snout in A Midsummer Night's Dream (Chicago Shakespeare Theatre), Arjun in the Opportunities of Extinction (Broken Nose Theatre), the Stage Manager in Our Town (Redtwist Theatre), and Astrov in VANYA (or, "That's Life!") at Rasaka Theatre. He has been fortunate to perform in many other shows throughout Chicago, Ohio, and New York. He is a graduate of Kent State University and is represented by Gray Talent.



Alexander Stuart (Luke)
Alexander is ecstatic to h

Alexander is ecstatic to be making his Steep debut this season! Within the past year, Alex could be seen playing Christopher in *The Curious*

Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time at both the Actors Theatre of Louisville and Florida Studio Theatre. Before that, he worked with such Chicago theaters as Interrobang Theatre Project, Citadel Theatre Company, and Prop Thtr. He is a proud alumnus of the Columbia College Chicago acting program, from which he also received training as a stage combatant and fight choreographer. Love and thanks to the family, friends, roommates, and you! Stay golden. www.alexanderjstuart.com



Upasna Barath (Natalie)
Upasna is ecstatic to be
making her professional
debut with Steep Theatre.
She recently graduated from
North Central College in

Naperville, IL with double majors in Economics and Theatre. Her previous work includes NCC productions of *The Opportunities of Extinction* (dir. Kristen Osborn) and *The Laramie Project* (dir. Carin Silkaitis). She is also a playwright; her one-act play *The Choice is Yours* was the runner-up for the 2019 Judith Barlow Prize. Upasna is now pursuing a Masters of Science in Leadership for Creative Enterprises at Northwestern School of Communication. She would like to thank her family and friends for their constant love and support.



Class.

Meg Thalken (Karen) Meg has worked at Steppenwolf Theatre Co, Goodman Theatre, The Den, Actors' Theater of Louisville, Route 66, Detroit Public Theater,

Victory Gardens, Next Theater, Northlight Theater, Chicago Dramatists, Travel Light, Wisdom Bridge, Pheasant Run, and The Playhouse, among others.

TV credits: The Haven, Shameless, Easy Abby, Empire, Chicago Fire, Detroit 187,ER (recurring), Joan Cusack Show, Turks, Chicago Hope, Early Edition, EZ Streets, The Untouchables, Chicago Story, Jack & Mike, Justice: Greylord Style, The Richard Speck Case and Through Naked Eyes.
Film credits: Henry Gamble's Birthday Party, This Day Forward, Bad Johnson, Hannah Free, Check Please, The Company, U.S. Marshals,

Poltergeist III, A Family Thing, The Babe, and

CAST, continued



Peter Moore (Henri) Pete is a founding member and the Artistic Director of Steep. His Steep credits include Pomona, Linda, Birdland, Hinter, Earthquakes in

London, The Cheats, The Few, Wastwater, Motortown, Pornography, Harper Regan, Brilliant Adventures, Love & Money, strangers, babies, Festen, The Life and Sort of Death of Eric Argyle, If There is I Haven't Found it Yet, A Brief History of Helen of Troy, and a few other impossibly long titles. Outside credits include Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (Writers Theatre); In the Canyon (Jackalope Theatre); The Crucible (Steppenwolf Theatre); and The Downpour (Route 66 Theatre), among others. TV/Film credits include The Red Line (CBS); Chicago Justice, Chicago Fire, and Chicago PD (NBC); the television pilot Convergence; and the Bollywood blockbuster Dhoom 3. Pete is a graduate of Bowdoin College and The School at Steppenwolf and is represented in India and the states by Paonessa Talent.



Elle Walker (Gavriella) Elle is thrilled to work alongside the amazing artists at Steep for the first time. Her favorite Chicago credits include Madge in *Picnic* (American

Theater Company), Cinderella at the Theatre of Potatoes (The Den), Dracula (The Hypocrites), The Addams Family (Mercury Theater), and three summers as a featured artist with The Fly Honey Show (the Inconvenience). TV/Film: Kappa Force, Two in the Bush. She is represented by Paonessa Talent. Instagram: @malortandsavior.



Amber Sallis (Journalist)
Amber is beyond excited to
be a new ensemble member
and a part of such an
amazing cast. Amber's
theatrical credits include

Pomona, Earthquakes in London, Hinter, Zürich and Birdland (Steep Theatre), The Last Days of Judas Iscariot (Eclectic Full Contact Theatre), Covenant (Creating Justice Conference), and A Snowy Day and Other Stories (Emerald City Theatre). Amber was named one of the *Chicago Tribune*'s Hot New Faces of 2017. She is a 2016 Graduate of Northern Illinois University with a BFA in Acting and studied at MXAT theatre school in Moscow, Russia. Amber would like to give a huge thank you to her loving and forever supportive family.



Liz Sharpe (U/S Jenny) Liz is thrilled to be working with Steep for the first time, on this beautiful play with such an incredible group of artists. Her latest credits

include *In the Canyon* (Hope) at Jackalope Theatre, *Byhalia MS* (Laurel) at the Den Theatre and Steppenwolf's 1700 Space, and *SLICE* (A24) as Dana. She is represented by NV Talent.



Amy Johnson (U/S Alice)
Amy's first full Chicago
production was with Steep
Theatre in their 2nd full
production, many moons
ago. As a big fan of Lucy

Kirkwood, she is delighted to be working with Steep on this thrilling play. Most recently, she was seen in *Bechdel Fest 7* with Broken Nose Theatre at Steppenwolf 1700. She was honored with a Jeff Award for Best Actress in a Play for her work in *Falling* with !nterrobang Theatre Project and has had the privilege to work with several Chicago theatres. She received her MFA from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. amyleanjohnson.com.



Rio Ragazzone (U/S The Boson / Lyn Evans / Henri) Rio is thrilled to be working with Steep Theatre Company for the first time. Other Chicago credits include

Much Ado About Nothing, You Can't Take It With You,* Taming of the Shrew (Oak Park Festival Theatre, *u/s); In the Canyon (Jackalope Theatre Company, u/s); and Armonica's: The Secret Gem of the Southwest Side (Jackalope Groundworks Series.) Rio holds his Bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from New Mexico State University and is a proud artistic associate of Oak Park Festival

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Alex Levy (U/S Luke) Alex is a graduate of the School of Theatre and Dance at Illinois State University with a B.A. in Acting. Chicago theatre credits: Next to Normal

(Writers Theatre), Phoebe in Winter (Facility Theatre), and HAIR (Metropolis Performing Arts Centre). Regional theatre credits: Hamlet, Twelfth Night, Peter and the Starcatcher, and Rodeo (Illinois Shakespeare Festival). TV credits include appearances on Chicago Fire (NBC) and Empire (FOX). Alex is proudly represented by Grossman & Jack Talent.



Menaka Deolekar (U/S Natalie) Menaka is comedian, actor, and dog Mom who would like to thank the team of Steep Theatre and Mosquitoes for

having her on this wonderful project! She is a proud recipient of the 2018 Bob Curry Fellowship and graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Human Resources and Acting. Menaka studied theatre in London, and is a graduate of The Second City Conservatory and Comedy Studies Program, and the iO Improv Program. Past credits include Teatro Vista's Romeo and Juliet (Nurse), 'Night Mother (Jessie Cates), Uncle Vanya (Yelena Andreyevna), Dog Sees God (Marcy). You can see her improvise with Stir Friday Night, and perform theatre, stand up, and sketch comedy around Chicago. Menaka is represented by Grossman & Jack Talent and would not be anywhere without God and her family's endless love and support. Instagram: MenakasDistressedGenes Twitter: HakunaMenakah



Judi Schindler (U/S Karen)
Judi is pleased to be part of
this brilliant Mosquitoes
production. Recent roles
include Roberta in the widely
acclaimed play Admissions

at Theater Wit and Dr. Toule in Women of 4G at Babes with Blades. Other favorite roles include Miriam Goldman in Beau Jest, Juanita Bartlett in Sordid Lives, and the drunk passenger in Hellcab. She also has understudied at such theaters as Steppenwolf, Northlight, Shattered Globe and Victory Gardens, where she went on as Hillary in Hillary and Clinton. In addition, Judi can also be seen in various local venues performing her one-woman show, Husbands: An Owner's Manual, based on 50+ years of marriage to Jack Schindler.



Lisa Troi Thomas (U/S Gavriella / Journalist) Lisa Troi is very excited that this is her first show with Steep; but she is not a stranger to Steep as she is also the

House and Programming Manager as well as Access Coordinator. You may have seen her most recently in *The Fly Honey Show* at The Den Theatre or in *The Ridiculous Darkness* at Sideshow Theatre. Lisa is very thankful for Steep and how much they have let her spread her wings and flourish. She is represented by Big Mouth Talent.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Lucy Kirkwood (Playwright) Lucy Kirkwood is an acclaimed playwright and screenwriter. In 2009, Lucy's play It Felt Empty When the Heart Went at First but it is Alright Now was produced by Clean Break Theatre Company at the Arcola Theatre. The play was nominated for an Evening Standard Award for Best Newcomer and made Lucy joint winner of the 2010 John Whiting Award. NSFW premiered at the Royal Court Theatre in 2012, starring Janie Dee and Julian Barratt, Chimerica premiered at the Almeida Theatre in 2013 and subsequently transferred to the West End, earning Best New Play at the 2014 Olivier and Evening Standard Awards, as well as the Critics Circle Award and the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize. Recent work includes Mosquitoes (presented by special arrangement with Manhattan Theatre Club), which opened at the National Theatre, London, in summer 2017; and The Children, which premiered at the Royal Court Theatre, London, in 2016. The Children opened on Broadway in December 2017. Lucy also writes for screen: She has written for Skins (Company Pictures); created and wrote The Smoke (Kudos/Sky 1); wrote and directed the short film The Briny; and is developing projects with Raw TV, Cowboy Films, Clio Barnard, and Lenny Abrahamson. Her new six-part season Adult Material (Tiger Aspect Productions) and the mini-series of her play Chimerica (Playground Productions) have both recently been greenlit.

Jaclynn Jutting (Director) Jaclynn Jutting is an award-winning freelance director, working out of Nashville and Chicago. Directing credits include the The Wolves (Actors Bridge Ensemble). The Flick and The Whale (Verge Theater), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Nashville Shakespeare Festival), Sea Wall (OZ Arts), The Amish Project (Actors Bridge Ensemble/BU), the Jeff-nominated production of The Seagull (Eclectic), Love and Understanding (Redtwist), and Animals Out of Paper (Next Up/Steppenwolf Garage). She is the former Associate Artistic Director of Vitalist Theatre and previous head of the BFA-Directing program and Assistant Professor at Belmont University in Nashville, TN. She is the recipient of the First Night Outstanding Award

for Direction in 2019 & 2018 for her direction of *The Wolves, The Flick,* and *The Amish Project,* which also received a KCACTF citation for Outstanding Direction. She is a teaching artist, who received her M.F.A. in Directing from Northwestern University.

Lauren Lassus (Stage Manager) Lauren is a proud Steep Ensemble Member. Recent Steep credits include: Pomona, First Love is the Revolution, and Zürich. Thanks to Jackie, the cast, and crew!

Sotirios Livaditis (Scenic Designer) Sotirios is excited to be making his Steep Theatre debut. Recent projects include For Services Rendered. The Harvest (Griffin Theatre), Hans Christian Andersen, When She Had Wings (Northwestern University), Out of Love (Interrobang Theatre Project) Small World, Fun Harmless WarMachine (The New Colony), Language Rooms (Broken Nose Theatre) Hooded, or Being Black for Dummies (First Floor Theatre), The Light Fantastic, 1980 or Why I'm Voting for John Anderson (Jackalope Theatre). He was the associate scenic designer on A Midsummer Night's Dream (Chicago Shakespeare Theatre), Djembe! (Apollo Theatre) and Madama Butterfly (Irish National Opera) with Todd Rosenthal. MFA - Northwestern University. Please experience more of his work at www.sotiriosdesigns.com

Brandon Wardell (Lighting Designer) Brandon is a Lighting and Scenic Designer in Chicago, and an Artistic Associate at Steep. Recent designs include Pomona, Linda, Birdland, Lela & Co., Earthquakes in London, and Brilliant Adventures with Steep; The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time at Steppenwolf; A Number at Writers; The Father with Remy Bumppo; In The Next Room with TimeLine; Men On Boats at ATC: For Services Rendered. Titanic, London Wall, and Men Should Weep with Griffin; and The Game of Love and Chance at American Players. Brandon earned his MFA from Northwestern University and is Professor of Lighting Design at Northern Illinois University.

PRODUCTION STAFF, continued

Emily McConnell (Costume Designer) Emily is proud to be returning to Steep as an Artistic Associate for Mosquitoes, having designed Birdland, Wastwater, The Few, Luther, Lakeboat, Hollow Lands, and In Arabia.... In addition to being the Resident Costume Designer for Roosevelt University's Chicago College of the Performing Arts. She also freelances for such companies as Michigan Shakespeare Festival (The Two Gentlemen of Verona), The House (Hatfield & McCov - Jeff-nominated), American Blues (Side Man), Lifeline (3 Little Pigs, Monstrous Regiment), Northlight (Black Pearl Sings), Oak Park Festival Theatre (Fair Maid of the West, Amadeus, and others), Artistic Home (Interrogation, The American Plan), Dog & Pony (Roadkill Confidential), Gift Theatre (Suicide Incorporated), Theatre Mir, American Theatre Company, Remy Bumppo, Griffin Theatre and About Face. She received her MFA in Costume and Set Design from Northwestern University, and is a proud member of United Scenic Artists Local 829.

Kevin O'Donnell (Sound Designer & Composer) Kevin is happy to be back at Steep, where he last worked on Fallow. In Chicago his work has been nominated for 20 Jeff Awards (receiving 8). He has worked with Steppenwolf, Chicago Shakespeare, Court, Northlight, TimeLine, Lookingglass, Chicago Children's Theatre, and The House (company member), amongst many others. Regional credits: Kansas City Rep. Berkeley Rep. Pasadena Playhouse, Olney Center, Seattle Rep. In New Orleans: Southern Rep, The Shakespeare Festival at Tulane, and Le Petite Theatre (2 Big Easy Award nominations). New York: St Anne's, 59E59, Cherry Lane, and the Signature Theatre. He is also a drummer.

Russell Langdon (Props Designer) Russell is a Lighting/Scenic/Props designer based in Chicago IL. Originally from Kansas City, Russell is a production designer and manager for large scale corporate theatre and events. Russell is excited to be working with the Steep Theatre for the first time.

Stephan Mazurek (Projection Designer) The Public Theater: *Mojada*. Goodman Theatre:



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Festivall: Better Late.
www.stephanmazurek.com.

Almanya Narula (Violence Choreographer)

Almanya is a Jeff Nominated fight choreographer, actor, writer, and director. She recently received her M.A in New Arts Journalism from The Art Institute of Chicago. She is the founder/editor-in-chief of *Chicago Theatre Now* - a print publication featuring opinion articles from industry members discussion principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the rehearsal space. She is also the co-founder of Sizzling

Swashbuckling Sisters - a burlesque sword fighting act, created with the hopes of empowering women and countering the lack of fem representation within the combat world.

Cate Gillespie (Dialect Coach) Cate has a Music Theatre degree from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. She has worked on accents and dialects in recent productions with City Lit Theater, Haven Theatre, Red Theatre Chicago, Vitalist Theatre, Promethean Theatre Ensemble and Citadel Theatre. As a teaching artist, she has taught at Columbia College Chicago, Oakland University's Music Prep Division, Evanston's Young Artists Program, The Viola Project and more. She also works in nonprofit fundraising, and holds a certificate in grant writing from DePaul University. Much love to Russell, Quinn and wee Jamie.

Emily Antoff (Assistant Director) Emily is thrilled to be working with Steep Theatre for the first time. Previous directing projects include

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After (Barrens Theatre), Paragon
Festival (Otherworld Theatre Company),
Headline Theater Project, Face Value
(Chicago Theatre Marathon), La
Maestra (Chicago Danztheatre
Ensemble), assisting Steve Scott for The
Little Flower of East Orange (Eclipse),
and Liz Carlin Metz for Multitudes and
Merchant on Venice (Vitalist/Rasaka).
Originally from Minnesota, Emily holds a
BA in theatre from Knox College, and
has also studied theatre with the
Eugene O'Neill National Theatre
Institute and Complicite.

Lila Gilbert (Production Manager) Lila is a Chicago-based freelance production manager excited to make her Steep debut! She holds a BFA in Theatre Technology from The Theatre School at DePaul University and serves proudly as the General Manager for Cloudgate Theatre and as an ensemble member with The New Colony. She is also a Labor Coordinator with PRG North America, Recent production management credits include Strange Heart Beating (Cloudgate Theatre), Small World (The New Colony), and Second Skin (WildClaw Theatre). In her spare time, she advocates for mental health education and suicide prevention. practices yoga, and admires local birds. See more at lilagilbert.com.

Isaac Jay Pineda (Assistant Stage Manager) Isaac is a Chicano theatre artist, hailing from Southern California. He is a recent Columbia graduate where he studied Costume design and Stage Management. Some favorite credits include, Four Places (The Den), Marcus and the Secret of Sweet (Columbia Chicago) and Orlando (Columbia Chicago).

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Steep's ensemble is busy making theatre around Chicago and across the country.

Jonathan Berry is directing Lindiwe at Steppenwolf running November 7 through January 5.

George Cederquist is the Artistic Director at Chicago Fringe Opera, where he directs Tom Waits' alt-chamber opera adaptation of Georg Büchner's play Woyzeck in November. He continues to host Opera Box Score, America's Talk Radio Show About Opera, on Monday nights on WNUR 89.3 FM.

Alex Gillmor can be seen outside of Steep for the first time in many years in Rivendell Theatre's production of *Laura* and the Sea running October 25 through December 8.

Ashleigh LaThrop will appear in Gillian Flynn's new Amazon show *Utopia*.

Caroline Neff will appear in Linda Vista at 2nd Stage on Broadway through November 10 followed by Dance Nation at Steppenwolf In December.

Brandon Rivera can be heard wherever podcasts are available in Brava, an audio drama produced by Make-Believe Association.

Peter Moore will be appearing on *Chicago P.D.* this Fall.

Joanie Schultz is directing A Small Fire, which she originally directed at Steep Theatre in 2014, at Philadelphia Theatre Company with Bebe Neuwirth in the lead role.

Brandon Wardell is designing lights for *Midsummer* at the Greenhouse, directed by Randy White and *Rutherford and Sons* at TimeLine, directed by Mechelle Moe.



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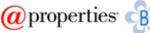
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