

## HALL OF FAME 2017



**2017**



Anne Gaddis Cross, our 2017 inductee into the Summer Scholars On Stage Hall of Fame, is a native of Ripley and a retired English professor and Director of Foreign Study at Northeast Mississippi Community College. Former Board President of the Ripley Arts Council and 2016 Volunteer of the Year, she has directed and acted in many productions, her latest being the role of Bloody Mary in South Pacific. Her lifelong love of drama and of working with students of all ages led her to volunteer, and camp has become a part of her life for the past sixteen years.

As Joe Ray's assistant, office manager, historian, and archivist, her job description is too lengthy to mention. Her children, both MSU graduates, were also drawn in, with her son Britt taking Dur's summer workshop and her daughter Caitlin serving as a dance assistant for Deb. They continue to support the program financially.

Anne is humbled by her selection and the strong friendships that have continued over the years. She says that the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, in their song "Partners, Brothers, and Friends," may just have said it best: "It's great to be a part of something so good that's lasted so long."

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# TRIANGLE & Tribulations



FRIDAY, JUNE 30 ★ 7:00 PM SATURDAY, JULY 1 ★ 1:00 PM  
MCCOMAS HALL ★ MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY  
ADMISSION FREE ★ DONATIONS ACCEPTED

A note from the Camp Director

WELCOME!

Summer Scholars is excited to present a new 3-act musical comedy in its 37th production! If this is your first experience, we are happy to have you! If you are returning, then we are STILL happy to have you!

Summer Scholars On Stage is a 3-week theatre camp (including writers' camp) for grades 7-12. This year, 54 campers (including 20 writing campers) from Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas have written, rehearsed, and rehearsed again for the performance you are about to experience.

Dance, music, lines, set: these enthusiastic minds have tried it all, with the help from our wonderful camp staff. Sit back, enjoy, and watch the story unfold!

Joe Ray Underwood  
Camp Director

Have you ever wondered the REAL STORY of...

- ... Easter Island?
- ... the Lost Colony of Roanoke?
- ... or the Bermuda Triangle?

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If you believe the Internet...
<p>... the Moai of Easter Island are the living faces of deified ancestors. It has been argued that their transportation and erection may have led to the deforestation of the island and the collapse of the island’s culture.</p> <p>... the Lost Colony of Roanoke, founded by Sir Walter Raleigh, was an effort by Queen Elizabeth I to establish a permanent settlement. The colony vanished three years after the last shipment of supplies from England.</p> <p>... the Bermuda Triangle, although heavily traveled, is the site where a number of aircraft and ships have disappeared. Others claim the stories are fake or exaggerated.</p>
Or maybe those are simply... <i>ALTERNATIVE FACTS</i> ...
<p>Perhaps the story of an ancient king, his family, and a tribe of invaders will shed a little light on the giant stones of Easter Island facing the sea.</p> <p>What happened to Sir Walter Raleigh’s colony on Roanoke Island? Did they merge with a First Nation? Starve? Or did something mysterious wash ashore that determined their fate?</p> <p>And what about the Bermuda Triangle? Why have planes and boats vanished? Where do they go? A shipwrecked family discovers the mysteriously ageless inhabitants of Tres Picos... and the reason they can’t leave.</p> <p><i>Triangle &amp; Tribulations</i> resolves these questions with the untold stories of three islands that may have something... unusual... in common.</p>

Act I

"Southeast Pacific"

Easter Island. Centuries ago.

Cast, in order of appearance:

ORO (ancestor spirit / Moai).....Mabry Patrick

PELE (ancestor spirit / Moai).....Clara Williams

RANGI (ancestor spirit / Moai).....Avery Reid

HOKULANI (second daughter of King Ariki Mau).....Meg Gousset

TAMA (youngest child and son of King Ariki Mau).....Zayne Vance

ANAHERA (eldest daughter of King Ariki Mau).....Mahaley Olson

KAIPO (royal family guard).....Noah Knox

ALAKA (underwater basket weaver).....Dani Janus

KOHALA (fisherman).....Joel Rutherford

FUIFUI (pineapple merchant).....Jasper Gray

King ARIKI MAU (King of Rapa Nui).....Alander Neal

HEIRANI (shaman and old friend of King Ariki Mau).....John Alex Nunnery

HEIMANU (commander of the invaders).....Rianna Smith

WULEKULA (invader).....Oscar Rezek

KANOA (invader).....Rebekah Carruth

OKELE (invader).....Kenzie Claire Burchfield

KAIMANA (invader).....Allyn Hackman

IAWALAI (invader).....Kyrán Williams

Featuring the songs:

"Bad Moon Rising" (written by John Fogarty)(sung by Rianna Smith)(with FULL CAST)

"Pate Pate" (based on song written by Te Vaka)(sung by CAST of ACT I)

"With a Little Help From My Friends" (written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney)(sung by Alander Neal, Chakira Clark, Asia Ellis, and Eden Bedsaul)

"Drifting Away" (original song written by Sean Mackin, Sawyer Gray, Vinny Brocato, Chance Ragsdale)(sung by Allyn Hackman and Noah Knox)

"Be Prepared" (written by Tim Rice)(sung by Zayne Vance)

Camp Staff

Camp Director.....Joe Ray Underwood

Associate Directors.....Sean Richmond

Joel Rutherford

Director of Camp Operations.....Leah Wright

Head Counselor.....Kathleen Ritter

Girls' Counselor.....Elizabeth Jones

Meredith McLaurin

Boys' Counselors.....Louis Codling

Jacob Jordan

Chance Ragsdale

Junior Counselor.....Noah Knox

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Meredith McLaurin



**SOFTBALL MATCH:**  
**STAFF-CAMPERS**  
**5-2**  
(maybe next year, campers)



Production Staff

Co-Directors.....Paula Mabry  
Kris Lee

Assistant Director.....Kellie Olson

Production Coordinator.....Joe Evans

Production Assistant.....Louis Codling

Set Design/Theatre Workshop.....Wayne Durst

Sound Engineer.....Lane Godwin

Props Master.....Will Wills

Choreographer.....Debby Funderburk

Dance Assistants.....Kayla Marie Gilmore  
Sarah Norris

Costumer.....Amy Fortenberry-Jackson


Assistant Costumer/Production Stage Manager.....Shelby LeFors

Director’s Assistant.....Barnes Locke

Drama Assistants.....Louis Codling  
Brannon Godwin  
Allison Price  
Karen Thread

Technical Director/Lighting Designer.....Patrick McFadyen

Technical Assistants.....Walker Harris  
Zak Mayo  
Mary Bess Nicholson



Act II

“Witchery, Trigonometry, and the Lost Colony”  
*Roanoke Colony. 1588. Also centuries ago.*

**Cast, in order of appearance:**  
CONNOR (farmer).....Grant Morrow  
TINY THOMAS (member of Roan-Woke).....Kellen Harrison  
ELIZABETH (Arden’s sister; member of Roan-Woke).....Kennedy Hardaway  
LIP PERKINS (farmer).....Ansley Preston  
LORD BROADBOTTOM (ineffective town leader).....Brendan Dobbs  
LADY ADA BROADBOTTOM (wife to Lord B.; real leader).....Elizabeth Balzli  
HEIDI LOU (farmer).....Sally Stafford  
ARDEN (teenager; member of Roan-Woke).....Sicily Brocato  
ELEANOR (dreamer; member of Roan-Woke).....Sydney Thurston  
PRUDENCE SEYMOUR HOFFMAN (town gossip).....Erin Belle Harrison  
ALOIS (herbalist).....Emma Gousset  
ARLENE (herbalist).....Annabeth Elston  
MARIE (leader of the French spies).....Chakira Clark  
SEAN-JACQUE (French spy).....Sean Mackin  
PIERRE (French spy).....Grant Peterson  
ELVINA (herbalist).....Brooklin Jamison  
CLYDE (self-appointed “Army Man”).....Elliot Rezek  
ROSEMARY (witch).....Jasmin Warnock  
PATIENCE CONSTANCE (Rosemary’s sister).....Sarah Rendon

**Featuring the songs:**  
“Welcome to Paradise” (written by Billie Joe Armstrong, Mike Dirnt, Tré Cool)(sung by Sicily Brocato)  
“Evil” (written by Paul Banks, Carlos Dengler, Sam Fogarino, Daniel Kessler)(sung by Annabeth Elston, Sydney Thurston, and Erin Belle Harrison)  
“You and Me (But Mostly Me)” (written by Robert Lopez, Trey Parker, Matt Stone)(sung by Elizabeth Balzli)  
“Life is Hard” (written by John Mellencamp)(sung by Kyran Williams and Eden Bedsaul)(with FULL CAST)

<div>Act III<div>“Bermuda, Bahama, C’mon Lonely Mama” <i>Tres Picos, an island in the Bermuda Triangle. Current day.</i></div></div>	
<div><div>Cast, in order of appearance:</div><div><div>BERNICE JONES (daughter of Cathy &amp; Brock).....Hallie Ashley</div><div>CATHY JONES (head of the Jones family).....Taylor Clark</div><div>MARY KATE JONES (youngest daughter of Cathy &amp; Brock).....Gabby Bass</div><div>BROCK JONES (stay at home dad of Bernice &amp; Mary Kate).....Daniel Nicholson</div><div>GRANDPA JONES (Brock’s dad).....Glen Fisher</div><div>BIFFY MULLIGAN (folksy singer; presumed dead).....Chris Hillhouse</div><div>DOCTOR REVOLUTION (inventor, circa 1920?).....Eden Bedsaul</div><div>SASHA (Russian Night Witch from WWII).....Abigayle Green</div><div>ANASTASIA (Russian Night Witch from WWII).....Abby Johnson</div><div>PATIENCE CONSTANCE (only survivor of the Lost Colony).....Sarah Rendon</div><div>BLACKSTACHE (pirate).....Sam Turner</div><div>BUCKETS (pirate).....Emma Crumpton</div><div>LAID BACK JACK (unenthusiastic pirate).....Sawyer Gray</div><div>BUZZ (greaser).....Josh Martin</div><div>SLICK (greaser).....Will Norris</div><div>SCOOTER (greaser).....Asia Ellis</div><div>MARGE SMITH (mother of Rhode Island).....Breland Lucious</div><div>RHODE ISLAND SMITH (explorer).....Anna Pierce</div></div></div>	
<div><div>Featuring the songs:</div><div><div>“Bermuda Triangle” (written by Bob Welch)(sung by Emma Gousset)(with FULL CAST)</div><div>“Six String Music” (written by Jimmy Buffet, G.E.Smith)(sung by Daniel Nicholson)</div><div>“Beyond the Sea” (written by Charles Trenet, Albert Lasry)(sung by Josh Martin, Asia Ellis, and Will Norris)</div><div>“Captain Battle” (original song written by Sean Mackin, Sawyer Gray, Vinny Brocato, and Chance Ragsdale)(sung by Sam Turner, Emma Crumpton, Sawyer Gray, feat. Chance Ragsdale)</div><div>“Message in a Bottle” (Sting)(sung by FULL CAST)</div></div></div>	

<div>Writers’ Camp Playwrights</div>	
<div><div>Script Coordinator - John W. Bateman</div><div>Act I - Louis Codling (lead) and Barnes Locke (assistant)</div><div><div>Vinny Brocato*</div><div>Emma Gousset</div><div>Allyn Hackman*</div></div><div><div>Josh Martin</div><div>Mabry Patrick</div><div>Avery Reid</div></div><div>Act II - Colin Damms (lead) and Brannon Godwin (assistant)</div><div><div>Brendan Dobbs*</div><div>Meg Gousset</div><div>Chris Hillhouse*</div></div><div><div>Sean Mackin*</div><div>Anna Pierce</div><div>Elliot Rezek</div></div><div>Clara Williams</div><div>Act III - Will Wills and Allison Price (co-leads)</div><div><div>Taylor Clark*</div><div>Jasper Gray</div><div>Sawyer Gray*</div></div><div><div>Breland Lucious</div><div>John Alex Nunnery*</div><div>Grant Peterson**</div></div><div>Sam Turner</div><div>*Summer Theatre Workshop participant. The Workshop is a college credit class on set design and construction, taken at the same time as Writers’ Camp.</div><div>**Recipient of the 2017 Robert Crispino Memorial Scholarship.</div></div>	
<div>Music Staff &amp; Pit</div>	
<div><div>Music Director.....Callie Ellis</div><div>Accompanist, Pitt Manager.....Shirley Taylor</div><div>Music Assistant.....Liz Jones, Jacob Jordan</div><div>Keyboard.....Sean MacKin, Jasper Gray, Change Ragsdale</div><div>Guitar.....Chris Hillhouse, Mabry Patrick</div><div>Bass Guitar.....Walker Harris, Jacob Jordan</div><div>Violin.....Emma Gousset</div><div>Percussionist.....Vinny Brocato</div><div>Songwriters.....Vinny Brocato, Sawyer Gray, Sean Mackin, Chance Ragsdale</div><div>Arr. featuring The Girl Skouts, Underworld Orchestra</div></div>	