

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS

# ROMEO *and* JULIET

*William Shakespeare's  
classic love story  
reimagined for the 1980's*



**JUNE 16-18 & 23-25, 2023**

*Friday & Saturday at 7:30 pm · Sunday at 2:30 pm*  
at the JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL PAC · 575 WASHINGTON STREET, JEFFERSON, GA

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# WELCOME

Welcome to our production of *Romeo & Juliet*. We are excited to bring you this reimagined version of Shakespeare's classic love story.

Whether you are a long time supporter of Jefferson Community Theatre, or this is your first time joining us, we thank you. Putting together a production takes many hands, and we are grateful for every one. There are those that you will see performing today, those that greeted you at the door, those that worked behind the scenes, and those of you holding this program right now. You are part of this show as much as any of the others, and we are humbled that you are here with us today.

Jefferson Community Theatre started in 2009 as a vision from a group of local citizens. Over the years we have put on a variety of productions involving a multitude of people. We would be honored to have you share your time and talents with us, on or off stage. We have volunteer opportunities to fit an array of time availability and interests. From selling ads to local businesses (please support those businesses that support us), acting on stage, building, painting, directing, and so much more! Please take a moment to speak to a board member to help you get involved.

We look forward to seeing you again this fall and for many more years to come; bringing quality entertainment for and by our community. Again, we thank you for joining us and hope you enjoy the show!

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## **FROM THE DIRECTOR**

*Romeo and Juliet* is arguably the most famous love story of all time. It is certainly one of the most well-known and most often quoted of William Shakespeare's plays. I've always loved the tale of star-crossed lovers who will stop at nothing to be together. "Violent Delights have Violent Ends" as the character Friar Laurence says.

In Shakespeare's play, Romeo and Juliet live in a world that is very different from ours, but as we have seen through multiple retellings, their story is timeless. It can play out in Renaissance Italy or the streets of New York. In our version, it plays out in a 1980s era shopping mall.

When I decided to write a modern adaptation of one of William Shakespeare's most beloved works, I knew it was ambitious and a bit risky. I am grateful for the opportunity to bring it to life here with Jefferson Community Theatre. I want to thank the JCT Board of Directors for allowing me to do that and I also want to thank the City of Jefferson for continued support of the arts.

Most of all, I'd like to thank the cast. It has been a privilege to work with such a talented and enthusiastic group of people. I am continuously in awe of what they bring to the stage, and I'm honored that they have trusted me enough to take part in this show. I am excited for you to see this classic tale in action.

Thank you for joining us at the Verona Mall. We hope that you will enjoy our performance and continue to support Jefferson Community Theatre.

*Jamie Allen*

# Romeo and Juliet

William Shakespeare's classic love story reimagined for the 1980's  
Adapted & Directed by Jamie Allen

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*Prelude*

## **ACT 1**

- Scene 1: Old feud reignited, Benvolio consoles heartbroken Romeo
- Scene 2: Paris likes Juliet, Mr. Capulet likes Paris
- Scene 3: Ms. Capulet speaks to Juliet about Paris
- Scene 4: Romeo had a dream, but so did Mercutio
- Scene 5: Party crashers at the Capulet bash

## **ACT 2**

- Scene 1: Mercutio summons Romeo
- Scene 2: It is the east and Juliet is the sun
- Scene 3: It's a nice day for a wedding
- Scene 4: Romeo and his rude friends
- Scene 5: Nurse has good news for Juliet
- Scene 6: Romeo and Juliet are married
- Scene 7: Tybalt's revenge, Romeo's nightmare

*There will be a 15 minute intermission between ACT 2 and ACT 3*

## **ACT 3**

- Scene 1: Nurse has bad news for Juliet
- Scene 2: Father Laurence tells Romeo of his fate
- Scene 3: The Capulets' plan a joyous day for Juliet
- Scene 4: It's not a lark, it's a nightingale
- Scene 5: Juliet seeks Father Laurence's help
- Scene 6: The wedding is tomorrow
- Scene 7: She's ready to go to the church, but not return
- Scene 8: Romeo leaves Mantua
- Scene 9: The letter never made it
- Scene 10: The Old Feud ends \*\*

\*THIS SCENE DEPICTS VIOLENCE

\*\*THIS SCENE DEPICTS VIOLENCE AND SUICIDE

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# Romeo and Juliet

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## CAST

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Romeo

Lane Seahorn

Benvolio

Avery Hammond

Mercutio

Brandon Pendley

Tybalt

Jonathan Diaz

Juliet

Katelyn Anderson

Paris

Rhett Hamby

Capulet

Paul Hammond

Lady Capulet

Jennifer Kolodsick

Montague

Daniel Wofford

Mayor Prince

Tim Venable

Nurse

Raye Lynn Fuller

Father Laurence

Jonathan Rariden

Sister Joan

Damayanti Johnson

Chorus/Pop Star

Sydney Martin

Sam

Jessie Adams

Peter

Carter Fuller

Amber

Addison Bennett

Balthazar

Carter Anderson

Verona Citizen

Amelia Kolodsick

Verona Citizen

Sabrina Hammond

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# Romeo and Juliet

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## CREW

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DIRECTOR Jamie Allen

PRODUCERS Amy Howard, David Sullivan

STAGE MANAGER Laura Prince

PROP MASTER Rhett Hamby

SET DESIGN Jamie Allen

COSTUMES Cindy Davis, Amy Howard,  
Jamie Allen

SOUND DESIGN/OPERATION Tom Kimmel

LIGHT DESIGN Avery Hammond,  
Addison Bennett

LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR Savannah Walker

POSTER DESIGN Jamie Allen

PLAYBILL DESIGN Diana Norton

CONCESSIONS Adventure Bags

### SET CONSTRUCTION

Derrick Allen, Tim Venable, Daniel Wofford, Brandon Pendley,  
Paul Hammond, Jamie Allen, Jonathan Diaz

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### *Jessie Adams (Sam)*

Jessie is making her Jefferson Community Theatre debut in *Romeo and Juliet*. She recently celebrated her birthday, but it didn't turn out the way she planned. Her birthday fell on the day of her older sister's wedding, so her entire family forgot! Lucky for her, the biggest hunk in school remembered and they enjoyed a delicious birthday cake while sitting on her dining room table.



### *Carter Anderson (Balthazar)*

Carter is thirteen years old and is in the 8th grade at Jefferson Middle School. He is in band and plays the clarinet and bassoon. He has been in two other JCT productions, *A Midsummer Musical* and *Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus*. He also does school musicals occasionally and was Augustus Gloop in JMS Drama's production of *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*.



### *Katelyn Anderson (Juliet)*

Katie has been involved in theatre since her freshman year. She attends Jefferson High School and is one of the officers of Thespian Troupe 7998. She participates each year in JHS's one act play and spring musical, most recently *The Addams Family Musical*. This is her first Jefferson Community Theatre production in many years. When she isn't acting, she loves to paint, read and spend time with friends.



### *Addison Bennett (Amber)*

Addison is making her Jefferson Community Theatre debut in *Romeo and Juliet*. Addison is looking forward to the rest of the summer. She will be spending the next two months in New Jersey as a counselor at Camp Crystal Lake. She is excited for this opportunity and can't wait to see what adventures await.



### *Jonathan Diaz (Tybalt)*

Jonathan has been in a variety of plays and musicals. Most recently he was in *The Addams Family Musical* playing one of his first leads as Fester Addams. Jonathan loves his chihuahua and weiner dog mix, Daisy. He enjoys planting and caring for animals, along with his other hobbies of art and design. He has plans to go to college in New York to act, preferably on scholarship. Jonathan has plans to room with his friends and to enjoy the college and New York life.



### *Carter Fuller (Peter)*

Carter is a 16-year-old rising junior in high school, and lives in Jefferson with their parents and older sibling. They have participated in several previous productions with JCT, such as *Night of the Living Dead*; *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*; *Alice in Wonderland*; and *A Midsummer Musical*. Outside of drama, Carter enjoys spending time with friends, making art and trying new things. Oh, and before you ask-yes, their nails are real.



### *Raye Lynn Fuller (Nurse)*

Raye Lynn is a 40 something year old connoisseur of the theatre. This is her sixth performance with JCT. She dabbled in theatre over thirty years ago then took several decades off. Given her history, she is definitely an expert actress with a passion for sarcasm, judgmental looks, and underdramaticizing. She is a mother of two amazing children who are more mature than her and a husband who is definitely less mature than her. However, the Fuller family does still all agree that potty humor is funny, so maturity level is not a high bar with them. She gets along best with the elderly and with animals. If you are reading this and are not either of those... sorry for your luck.



### *Rhett Hamby (Paris)*

Rhett is a 14-year-old rising freshman at Jefferson High School. He is portraying the role of Paris, but this isn't his first JCT show. He has been in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus*. He has also been in many other musicals and plays including *Clue*, *Willy Wonka, Jr.* and *Shrek the Musical, Jr.* What Rhett enjoys most about being in the cast is getting to spend time with his friends and make new friends. In Rhett's free time, he is in the Jefferson Men's Ensemble, he plays tennis and is in the marching band. He hopes you all enjoy seeing Romeo and Juliet in the 1980s!



### *Avery Hammond (Benvolio)*

Avery is happy to be in his second JCT production. You may have seen him in the winter as Frank Church in *Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus*. He has been involved in theatre since he was four and has been in over sixty shows. In his spare time, Avery sings in his school's chorus. Avery is also an officer for Jefferson High School's Beta Club. Avery would like to say thank you for coming to see our production and he hopes you enjoy the show!



### *Paul Hammond (Capulet)*

Paul lives in Jefferson with his wife Becci and their three kids. He is thrilled to be in his fourth JCT production, including previous productions of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*, and *Nunsense 2*. He was bitten by the theater bug after watching his son and daughter in many productions over the years. Paul would like to thank you for coming and he hopes you enjoy the amazing show!



### *Sabrina Hammond (Verona Citizen)*

Sabrina is happy to be in her third Jefferson Community Theatre production! She has not been in theater for that long but was recently in the JMS production of *Shrek The Musical, Jr.* and the JCT production of *Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus*. She was inspired to become an actress by watching her brother in musicals and plays over the years. In Sabrina's free time she loves to read, write and hang out with her friends and family.



### *Damayanti Johnson (Sister Joan)*

Damayanti is very excited and thrilled to participate in the *Romeo and Juliet* production as her debut on stage. She is a junior in college. Aside from performing, her interests include traveling, photography, listening to music, and spending time with animals. Damayanti thanks her family, crew, and director for being supportive. She hopes that you enjoy the show!



### *Amelia Kolodsick (Verona Citizen)*

Amelia is a seventh-grade student who loves to draw, read, sing, act, and much more. Amelia participates in her school's drama program and performed in *Willy Wonka Jr.* and *Shrek the Musical, Jr.* She also had a role in the JCT production of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*. She has been in chorus since sixth grade and hopes to continue in the future. She speaks a little bit of French and is trying to learn more. Amelia is very excited that her mom is a part of this production with her. The chorus teacher, Mrs. Christine Walker, who Amelia has known since she was a little girl, has always encouraged her as well as Amelia's mom has.



### *Jennifer Kolodsick (Ms. Capulet)*

Jennifer yields from Michigan but has made Jefferson her home for the past thirteen years. After retiring from the U. S. Coast Guard in 2009, life has been anything but boring! She became a mom, completed her bachelor's degree in healthcare administration, and now enjoys working part-time as a certified pharmacy technician. Supporting her daughter's love of drama, she dabbled as backstage manager in JCT's production of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and debuted as an "actress" in *Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus*. She is so excited to share the stage, once again, with her very talented fellow thespians.



### *Sydney Martin (Chorus/Pop Star)*

Sydney is making her Jefferson Community Theatre debut in *Romeo and Juliet*. In her spare time, Sydney loves to sing and dance. In fact, she is so passionate about dancing that she recently cut school to try out to be part of Dance TV's regular couple. She's been hard at work rehearsing for the big competition, but her parents don't know. They'll flip when they find out. Hopefully, her zany friend Lynne will have a plan.



### *Brandon Pendley (Mercutio)*

Brandon has been involved in local theatre since his days attending Jefferson High School. His previous Jefferson Community Theatre productions include *Alice in Wonderland* (2016) and *Almost, Maine* (2022). Brandon is very happy to have spent his summer working with this cast and crew and hopes that you will enjoy the show!



### *Jonathan Rariden (Father Laurence)*

Jon performed in JCT productions of *Show & Spell*, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, and *Night of the Living Dead*. He has been married for 36 years and enjoys both an empty nest with his wife and visits from adult children and grandchildren. Jon learned how to act like a different person by playing D&D.



### *Lane Seahorn (Romeo)*

Lane is sixteen-years-old and currently attends Banks County High School. This is his second performance with Jefferson Community Theatre. He began acting at eight years old and he's been a part of productions in Commerce and Athens. He would like to thank JCT for letting him be a part of *Romeo and Juliet*.



### *Tim Venable (Mayor Prince)*

Tim lives in South Jackson with his wife Kathy, son Joshua and two dogs: Little Fox, a Pomeranian, and Roscoe, a Pitbull mix. This is his third appearance in community theater, having performed in *The Sound of Music* and in JCT's production of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. He has enjoyed being part of this cast!



### *Daniel Wofford (Montague)*

Daniel lives in Banks County with his wife and two daughters. He loves to support his church and to hunt and hike. Daniel works at JEMC and has been there 25 years. This is his first production with Jefferson Community Theatre!!!

Break a leg Amelia and Jennifer!  
I'm so proud of you both! I love my girls!  
Love - Na-Na / Mom

We love you, Paul. I love seeing you up there with the kids.  
Love - Becci, Zane, Avery, Sabrina

Avery, we are proud of you and always enjoy watching  
you perform! Break a leg!  
Love - Mom, Dad, Zane, Sabrina

Sabrina, love watching you perform on stage,  
and we are very proud of you!  
Love - Mom, Dad, Zane, Avery

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