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by **Anthony King and Scott Brown**

Directed by **Jen Uphoff Gray**

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Shannon Heibler

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Brian Cowing

Music Director
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How We Work

Forward Theater's unique, three branch organizational structure reflects our commitments to transparent communication and preserving the balance between the artistic choices and financial health of the company.

The first branch is the administrative staff, executing the daily operations of our theater. The second branch is the Board of Directors, responsible for financial and operational oversight. The third branch is the Advisory Company, made up of local professional theater artists, overseeing FTC's short- and long-term artistic plans.

Our bylaws have mandated paths of communication between these three branches and a system of checks and balances to keep FTC strong, focused on our artistic role in the community, and fiscally responsible.

FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR...JEN UPHOFF GRAY

Welcome to Forward Theater Company's production of *Gutenberg! The Musical!*

In some ways, this is not your typical Forward show – it's a musical (we have only produced a couple of those in our 17 seasons); and I don't think it's going to send you home thinking deeply about some profound issue confronting our community.

And yet...in many aspects, this show is exactly what you should expect from us – a piece of theater that is professionally executed by Wisconsin's best theater artists; and one that delivers something essential to our audience (in this case, the opportunity to spend a couple hours in a room laughing together in a time when we crave both personal connection and a respite from the worries of the outside world). We pride ourselves on the wide variety of theatrical experiences we provide each season and *Gutenberg!* is a prime example of that diversity in programming.

So sit back, relax, and prepare yourselves for the firehose of optimism that our characters Bud and Doug are about to let loose (however misguided it may be)! We all deserve some inspiration to pursue our dreams.

As always, we look forward to hearing from you through your questions at our nightly talkbacks, your social media posts (we're so grateful when you help spread the word about our productions!), and your emails to us about your experience here in the Playhouse. We do this for you.

And to everyone here right now, we thank you for choosing to spend this time with us. Enjoy the show!



IN LOVING MEMORY

Jack Forbes Wilson

1956 - 2025

Jack Forbes Wilson was one of Forward Theater's Founders. His contributions to this company and this community cannot be overstated.

From his personal artistry in crafting our inaugural production of *All About Eve*, to his musical direction of many of our Feast Forward fundraisers, to his personal advocacy for our mission, he helped build the foundation on which we now stand.

Beyond that, he was the embodiment of joy, kindness, and the ability of each human being to positively impact another. We join with our colleagues all across Wisconsin in mourning Jack's passing and celebrating everything he gave to this world.

ACCESSIBILITY AT FORWARD THEATER

Forward Theater's mission is to expand the cultural life for Madison-area audiences, which means inviting *all* of our community in to access and enjoy live, professional theater. Forward is proud to provide:

- Assistive Listening Devices, which amplify sound through either a receiver and headphones, or a T-coil/Induction Loop (for those with compatible hearing aids or cochlear implants).
 - Tip: Come early to sit and test your device, and keep your phone away from the device to avoid interference.
- ASL-interpreted performances, offered on the third Saturday matinee of each production. Designated seating that offers an unobstructed view of the ASL interpreter is available as a ticket option.
- Audio Description – Audio Description is offered on the third Saturday matinee of each production. A Tactile Tour is available upon request.
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FTC'S 2025-2026 SEASON BUDGET

Thank you for purchasing a ticket to this production!

We are grateful to everyone who supports our work through ticket sales and other financial gifts. Key among our founding values is transparency. To that end, we share with you our annual budget, as an organization's budget is its clearest expression of its priorities. Producing professional theater is not inexpensive, but we consider carefully how we spend each dollar. And we are proud that such a significant amount of our spending is done locally, in support of local artists and local businesses. Thank you for your part in making it all possible!

People

Artistic personnel & benefits <i>(actors, directors, designers)</i>	\$301,461
Production personnel <i>(crew and technical support)</i>	\$164,990
Staff, benefits, payroll taxes	\$583,494
Accounting staff & consultants	\$33,805
Community Connections <i>(La Follette HS teaching artists; Engagement & Accessibility; other Engagement Programming)</i>	\$16,750
Playwright Royalties	\$104,471

Productions

Sets	\$18,500
Costumes	\$10,250
Lighting	\$3,250
Props	\$10,450
Sound	\$1,410
Playbills	\$12,200
Storage space	\$4,440
Miscellaneous <i>(scripts, auditions, transportation)</i>	\$13,950

Venue

Theater rental	\$73,508
Rehearsal space rental	\$16,375
Venue equipment rental	\$5,100
Security fees	\$8,400
Box office fees <i>(includes sales taxes)</i>	\$158,648

Company Expenses

Artist housing	\$26,700
Hospitality	\$6,670
COVID-19 Safety expenses	\$760

Operations

Office space rental	\$49,526
Operational expenses <i>(copier, internet, phone, database, supplies)</i>	\$20,320
Insurance	\$15,600
Payroll & Audit services	\$20,700
Banking <i>(incl. credit card processing fees)</i>	\$9,825
Organizational memberships	\$5,165

Marketing/Development

Marketing <i>(advertising, graphic design, etc.)</i>	\$89,355
Development/Donor Engagement	\$41,000

Total 2025-2026 Operating Budget: \$1,827,374

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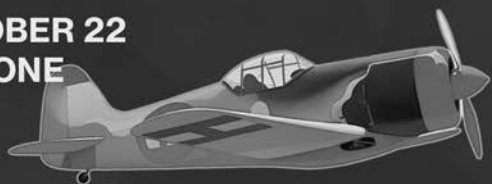
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CAST

Bud.....Greg Prager*
Doug Doug Clemons

MUSICIANS

Charles/Keyboard..... William Preston
Keyboard Joy Bauman
Percussion Laura Schram

Understudies:

Andrew Linden (Doug), Jack Porubsky (Bud), Mark Wurzelbacher (Piano)

*Performers appear courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers in the United States.

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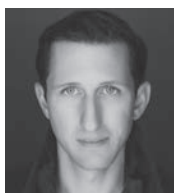
ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

Joy Bauman (Musician/Keyboard) has been active in the local theater community since 1995 and is excited to be working with Forward Theater for the first time! She has served as accompanist for productions with Four Seasons Theatre, Middleton Players Theatre, Capital City Theatre, and Madison Theatre Guild, as well as several area high schools. Favorite productions include *Ragtime*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Evita*, and *Les Misérables*. In addition to her musical work, Joy is Director of Pastoral Care at Queen of Apostles Parish in Madison.



Doug Clemons (Doug) has been a proud sassy n' brassy Wisconsin actor/director/writer at Forward Theater (*Airness*), Children's Theater of Madison (*Young Playwrights*

Festival), Renaissance Theaterworks (*Buyer & Cellar*), First Stage (*James and the Giant Peach*, *Spongebob*), Skylight Music Theatre (*Hair*, *Wizard of Oz*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Hairspray*, *Xanadu*), Milwaukee Opera Theatre (*Story of My Life*, *Ruddigore*, *Iolanthe*), Florentine Opera (*L'Enfant et les sortilèges*, *Scalia/Ginsgurg*), Fireside Theatre (*Joseph...Dreamcoat*), Northern Sky Theater (*Dairy Heirs*, *Love Stings*, *Reality Trip*), Third Avenue PlayWorks (*Candide*, *The Last 5 Years*, *Birds of North America*, *Buyer & Cellar*), and Purse String Productions (*Golden Girls Drag Holiday Special*). Regional/concert credits: NY Musical Theater Festival, NYC's Cherry Lane Theater, Chicago Musical Theater Festival, Utah Light Opera, Racine Symphony Orchestra, Norwegian Cruise Line and backup vocals for Michael Bublé. Love and thanks to Matt for making everything possible. DougClemons.com



Greg Pragel (Bud) is honored to be back at Forward! **Acting:** *King James*, *The Wanderers*, Forward Theater; *Every Brilliant Thing*, Weidner Downtown; *Boeing, Boeing*, Third Avenue

Playworks; *Next to Normal*, *Baby: the musical*, *Play-By-Play*; *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Orlando Shakes; *Fiddler on the Roof*, Nat. Tour. **TV/Film:** *Chicago Fire*, NBC; *Left on Red*, TUBI; **Directing/Fight Directing:** *36 Juniper* (Off B'Way World Premiere & NYIT Nom.). Niagara U & the Stella Adler Studio of Acting, NY grad. AEA / SAG-E actor. Rep: Dreamteam Talent. Lecturer in Acting at UWSP. All Love to Liz, Maddie, & Harrison. Eat your Dreams every day! IG: @greg.pragel | greg-pragel.com.



William Preston (Music Director/ Charles/Keyboard) is an active pianist pursuing his doctorate in collaborative piano at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Gutenberg! The Musical! is Preston's first show with Forward Theater and his third role as music director. Previously, Preston music directed Children's Theater of Madison's *Taste of Broadway* in 2025 and Middleton Players Theatre's production of *Big Fish* in 2024. More recently, Preston worked as conductor/key 1 for CTM's production of *Matilda*. He's also played keys for CTM's *Cinderella*, MPT's *Avenue Q* and *Sondheim on Sondheim*, and several of UW's operas. Preston continues to work with Madison's happy hour choir, Cheers Madison. Preston's doctoral work is centered on Irish pianist and composer Joan Trimble, primarily transcribing her 1954 television opera, *Blind Raftery*, and preparing a future performance of the work. Preston is grateful for the endless support from his partner Mike and fur children Peaches and Axel.



**Laura Schram
(Musician/Percussion)**

is a music educator in the Monona Grove School District. She previously worked as a program manager for

Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) before recently returning to the classroom. A National Board Certified Teacher (in progress), her teaching spans elementary through collegiate levels; as well as private piano, guitar and percussion

instruction. She is an avid performer with various groups throughout the greater Madison area and a Madison Area Music Association (MAMA) and Wisconsin Area Music Industry (WAMI) awards multi-nominated musician. Laura holds a Bachelor of Music degree with certification in both general and instrumental music from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and a Masters in Education with an emphasis in Interdisciplinary Studies in Curriculum and Instruction from National-Louis University.

UNDERSTUDY BIOGRAPHIES

Andrew Linden (US/Doug) is thrilled to be working with Forward for the first time! Favorite recent Madison productions include *Great Comet* and *Tick... Tick... Boom*, Capital City Theatre; *Cinderella*, Children's Theater of Madison; and *Spring Awakening*, University Theatre. He would like to thank his friends, family, and partner Tess for all of their love and support.

Jack Porubsky (US/Bud) has performed both locally and regionally, with favorite credits including *How to Draw Frankenstein* (Theater Now, Lincoln Center Performing Arts Complex); Prince Christopher in CTM's *Cinderella*; Matterson in Four Seasons Theatre's *The Hello Girls*; and Rudolpho in CTM's *Matilda*. This marks his first production with Forward Theater Company. When not performing, Jack oversees Overture Center's The Jerry's having earned his Master of Arts in

Business Administration at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Instagram: @jack_porubsky

Mark Wurzelbacher (US/Keyboard) is a Madison-based music director, accompanist, teacher, arranger, and composer. He has worked with numerous Madison-area organizations as a pianist and music director, including Forward Theater, Music Theatre of Madison, Children's Theater of Madison, Madison Opera, Bower City Theatre, Capital City Theatre, UW-Madison University Theater, Madison Savoyards, and Fresco Opera. Mark holds Bachelor's Degrees in Organ Performance and Electrical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's Degree in Music Theory from UW-Madison. He teaches private piano lessons, and also teaches 6th-8th grade music at EAGLE School in Fitchburg.

PRODUCTION ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

Brian Cowing (Choreographer) is delighted to be back with Forward after directing *The Flying Lovers of Vitebsk* in 2024. Brian is the Artistic Director of Children's Theater of Madison, he has also directed and choreographed for American Players Theatre, Madison Opera, Four Seasons Theatre, University Theatre, Clinton Showboat, and Capital City Theatre. He has performed around the country and the world with the national tours of *Annie & Something Rotten!* He is a proud graduate of Oklahoma City University and the Bolz Center for Arts Administration at UW-Madison.

Colin Gawronski (Lighting Designer) is a lighting designer native to Milwaukee who has worked extensively with Danceworks, Inc, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Sunstone Studios and Black Arts MKE/Bronzeville. They have worked with other local companies such as Renaissance Theaterworks, Milwaukee Ballet, Wildspace, Milwaukee Opera Theatre, Studio K Flamenco, Aarambh Khatak, and In Tandem Theatre. Colin has also worked with Theatre LILA, Third Avenue PlayWorks and Forward Theater. Favorite productions include: *Three Other Sisters*, *Stew*, *Out of Many One*, *Rusalka*, *'Neath the Hills of Bastogne*, */ maskàràd/*, *Dutchman*, *Black Nativity*, *Secrets from the Wide Sky*, *The Nether*, *A Room Shaped Story*, *Daddy Long Legs*, *Spalding Grey: Stories Left to Tell*, *Stories From a Life*, *The Glass Menagerie*, *Serendipity*, *Birds of North America*, *Romeo and Juliet: A Theatre Lila Invention*, *Lamps For My Family*, and *Vagabondare*. Give Love Always.

Shannon Heibler (Costume Designer) Shannon's comin' out of her retirement and she's been doin' just fine but gotta admit it's nice to be back. If you really think about it, Gutenberg is responsible for this very program you're reading and she thinks that's neat. Good job, Joh! Shannon is responsible for the costumes in your

favorite Forward shows, provided those shows are *I & You*, *Heisenberg*, *46 Plays for America's First Ladies*, and/or *Airness*. She is also a very proud Advisory Company member. She's done other things in other places and she's grateful but running out of space. She wants to thank you for supporting the arts, specifically live, local, professional theater. The world is A Lot but she hopes tonight you laugh and leave smiling and that for a brief moment, your load is lightened. Love and thanks to Ben whom she likes even more than Vertical Limit.

Abbi Hess (Stage Manager) is grateful to be back for a sixth season with Forward Theater Company and as the season's stage manager! Past favorite credits include: *Bare & The Amish Project*, Outskirts Theatre Co.; *Mamma Mia*, Lake Country Playhouse; *Next to Normal & Hamlet: A Cover*, Carroll University; *2 Pianos 4 Hands & The Legend of Georgia McBride*, Milwaukee Rep; *Every Brilliant Thing*, *Imbroglia*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Comedy of Errors*, Great River Shakespeare Festival; *Airness*, *Artemisia*, *The Flying Lovers of Vitebsk*, *King James*, Forward Theater. Thank you to family, friends, and the supportive people at Forward Theater!

Mike Lawler (Scenic Designer) recently completed his Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and now maintains a private practice, Surefoot Psychotherapy (surefoot-therapy.com), where he helps individuals, couples, and families navigate life's challenges. He is the author of *Careers in Technical Theater* (Allworth Press/Skyhorse Publishing, 2007) and has written for *American Theatre*, *Dramatics*, *Stage Directions*, and *TYA Today*, where he was also a staff writer. From 2007–2019, Mike served as Associate Artistic Director of Children's Theater of Madison, and he co-founded the Wisconsin Story Project, creating original documentary plays including *Cancer Stories* and *Uncivil*

Disobedience. He was Co-Artistic Director of Theatre LILA from 2013–2015. His scene design credits for Forward Theater include *Life Sucks*, *Silent Sky*, *Learning to Stay*, and *King James*. Across all his work—as therapist, writer, and theater maker—Mike remains committed to stories that illuminate resilience, empathy, and the human experience.

Laura McMillan (Assistant Director) is thrilled to make her directing debut with Forward and to be a part of this amazing production. Most recent credits include: *Cinderella*, Children's Theater of Madison; *A Christmas Carol*, Children's Theater of Madison; *Clyde's u/s*, Forward Theater; *Peter Pan*, Children's Theater of Madison; *The Revolutionists*, Mercury Players Theatre. Laura would like to thank her family and friends, especially her girlfriend, Cassie, and best friend, Lewis, who have always given nothing but their love and support throughout her career.

Jolie Sarajian (Props Director) is excited for their second season with Forward Theater Company. Their recent properties credits include Props Designer with Madison Opera and Props Supervisor with the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Jolie also enjoys working in other avenues of theater, such as lighting design for *Hamlet*, Mercury Players Theatre; costume and lighting design for *Da Classroom Aint Enuf*, Broom Street Theater, and costume design for *Peter and the Starcatcher*, University Theatre at UW-Madison.

Mackenzie Smith (Assistant Stage Manager)

James Uphoff (Sound Designer) (I.A.T.S.E.-Local 1) is a Madison native who returned to his hometown after working on Broadway for 7 years. Since then he has been working at ETC in Middleton while continuing to work with local theater

groups. James is thrilled to be working with Forward Theater Company again on this production. Love to KO, Maddie and Alex.

Jen Uphoff Gray (Director) is the artistic director of Forward Theater Company - this is the 32nd show she has directed for FTC. Recent productions include *A Case for the Existence of God*, *Murder Girl*, *What the Constitution Means to Me*, *The Garbologists*, and *Artemisia*. She directed the National Tour of Michael Frayn's *Copenhagen*, and during twelve years working On- and Off-Broadway Jen served as Associate Director for *Copenhagen*, *Cabaret*, *The Blue Room*, and *The Life*. She is the founder of both World Premiere Wisconsin and FTC's new Wisconsin Directors Lab. Jen grew up in the Madison area and holds a degree in Dramatic Literature & Stage History from Harvard College. *This one is dedicated to the memory of my mother Louise Uphoff, who loved musical theater even more than Bud and Doug do. Sing out, Louise!*

Actors' Equity Association – AEA, or "Equity," founded in 1913, is the U.S. labor union that represents more than 51,000 professional Actors and Stage Managers. Equity fosters the art of live theatre as an essential component of society and advances the careers of its members by negotiating wages, improving working conditions and providing a wide range of benefits, including health and pension plans. Actors' Equity is a member of the AFL-CIO and is affiliated with FIA, an international organization of performing arts unions. Equity is governed by its own members through an elected Council, representing principal actors, chorus actors and stage managers living in three regions: Eastern, Central and Western. Members at-large participate in Equity's governance through a system of regional Boards and Committees. Equity has 28 designated area liaison cities with over 100 members each.

FORWARD THEATER STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

Bri Collins (Audience & Donor Relations Manager)

manages audience services and donor relations for Forward Theater. She has been born and raised mostly in the Madison area. She graduated from UW Stevens Point with a BFA in Theater Design and Technology in Stage Management. After graduation she moved to the Twin Cities to work in the Regional Theater scene. Bri is excited to experience her second season here at Forward. She is passionate about making theater accessible to everyone with the high quality of work that Forward Theater produces.

Scott Haden (Director of Marketing)

has been Forward Theater's Director of Marketing since 2013. He previously served as Managing Director of the Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre in Grand Lake, CO, and has enjoyed acting at various regional theaters across the country, including American Players Theatre, Utah Shakespeare Festival, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Writers' Theatre, Madison Repertory Theatre, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, and Theatre at the Center. For FTC, Scott appeared in the *Two Steps Forward Monologue Festival* and *Russian Troll Farm*. Scott is a proud member of Actors' Equity, and holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from the Webster University Conservatory of Theatre Arts.

Marcella Kearns (Artistic Associate)

is a Milwaukee-based artist and administrator. A member of Actors' Equity Association and former Fulbright Fellow (Austria), she also serves on the faculty of First Stage's Young Company, Marquette University, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Her directing credits include the world premieres of *Fighting For Home: Stories of Women Who Serve* and Alice Austen's *Girls in the Boat*. As an actor, she has most often split her time between Madison and Milwaukee; at Forward, she appeared in 44

Plays for 44 Presidents, *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, *Life Sucks*, and Forward's inaugural Monologue Festival, *The Love That Changed My Life*, where she originated one of a pair of Christopher Durang pieces. She holds an MFA in Acting from the University of South Carolina and a BA in English from Canisius University, and she completed a TCG Observership in approaches to Shakespeare training.

Celia Klehr (Company Manager)

co-founded FTC by bringing together professional theater artists around her dining table when the Madison Repertory Theatre closed in 2009. Because she believes that theater is most relevant when it is for, by, and of a community, Celia has made Madison her home, both professionally and personally. She was a founding member of Madison Rep's Acting Company. During her 14 years with the Madison Rep she appeared in more than 20 productions, served as company manager for three years, and earned her Equity card. As the Company Manager for FTC, she hosts Advisory Company meetings, staff retreats, family picnics, and fundraising events at her home on Madison's east side. Along with finding homes for our visiting artists, Celia works to help all our artists feel at home and able to do their best work. You will find her in the lobby greeting our audience.

Sarah Milestone (Director of Development)

joined the Forward staff in 2021. She holds a degree in Art History and Women's Studies from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Sarah previously led development, strategic planning and special events for several arts organizations including the Guggenheim Museum, Whitney Museum, American Ballet Theatre, Wisconsin Historical Foundation, and Taliesin Preservation. In addition, she serves on the Board of Visitors of the UW Madison Art Department and

Briarpatch Youth Services. Sarah grew up on Madison's west side, and now lives just steps from Overture Center with her sweet pup, Pearl.

Alex Moskoff (Business Manager) has been Forward's Business Manager since 2012. He started as a part time employee, then continued to work with Forward through an outside accounting firm, and more recently continued his work with Forward through his own small accounting business, Counting On the Arts, in order to focus on non-profit arts organizations. Alex serves several other arts organizations in the area. He has a Bachelor's degree in legal studies (and studied film and television) at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. After college Alex worked as a production accountant at Warner Bros. Television in Los Angeles. A native Madisonian, Alex lives on the east side with his wife (a professional chef/baker), and their daughter Olivia.

Julie Swenson (Managing Director) joined Forward as Managing Director after 17 seasons as Producing Director for Renaissance Theaterworks in Milwaukee. Julie received a BA in theater from Illinois Wesleyan University and became a member of Actors' Equity Association while living in New York City. Julie fell in love with the Forward family when she worked as an actor in Forward's production of *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* in the role of Masha. Outside of theater she served on the Village of Nashotah board serving as President for two terms and was the host of *New Home Building Today* on WTMJ-4 in Milwaukee. She is a member of the Downtown Rotary Madison and Co-chair of the Mentor/Scholar committee.

Jen Uphoff Gray (Artistic Director)
(See production bios.)

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