

A landscape painting featuring a calm lake in the foreground with yellow and green foliage along the shore. In the middle ground, there are dark evergreen trees on the left and a range of mountains with snow-capped peaks in the background under a blue sky with wispy clouds.

Bob Ross

THE

Joy of Painting

A MUSICAL

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

I started writing this show in 2018. I first directed a production of it as my Honors Theatre project at Wake Forest University in Spring of 2019. When my producer, Natalie Cordone, suggested pitching my show to NCWU, I knew I wanted to refine the script. It went from a cast of 6 to a cast of 2. All of the scenes and songs are new or heavily reworked. Through the rehearsal process, the show has undergone even more iterations, but it has always maintained its heart: to showcase and celebrate Bob Ross' calm presence, his encouraging life lessons, and the joy that he instilled in us.

I think the most important lesson that Bob taught is that "everybody needs a friend." We need connection — whether it's through art, music, or a friendly voice reminding us that we're all capable of creating something beautiful. Our show celebrates and invites this connection.

Thank you to my family who have always supported me and my art. To our cast, crew, and audience — thank you for being part of this story. I hope it leaves you with a little more joy, a little more peace, and maybe even the courage to pick up a brush and make some happy little trees of your own.

Caleb Cabiness
Writer/Director
The Joy of Painting: A Musical

"THE SECRET TO DOING ANYTHING IS BELIEVING
THAT YOU CAN DO IT. ANYTHING THAT YOU
BELIEVE YOU CAN DO STRONG ENOUGH, YOU CAN
DO. ANYTHING. AS LONG AS YOU BELIEVE."

-BOB ROSS

RUN TIME



30 minutes, followed by a 15-minute Talkback/Q&A

MUSICAL NUMBERS

"When You're Painting" - Bob and Ellie

"Art Camp" - Ellie

"What am I Waiting For?" - Ellie

"Light and Dark" - Bob and Ellie

"The Joy of Painting" - Bob and Ellie

CAST BIOS

PARKER CABINESS (BOB ROSS)



PARKER IS AN ACTOR, SINGER, AND ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR FROM ARCHDALE, NC. HE IS CURRENTLY BASED IN WINSTON-SALEM. HE HOLDS A B.S. IN PHYSICS FROM WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY AND ALSO TRAINED IN THEATRE AND VOICE DURING HIS STUDIES.

HE IS MAKING HIS RETURN TO ACTING FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WFU'S PRODUCTION OF INTO THE WOODS WAS CANCELED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC IN THE SPRING 2020, AND IS EXCITED TO BE BACK ON STAGE. HE GIVES HIS LOVE TO HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE SUPPORTED HIM, AND HIS THANKS TO CALEB, MARYANNA, NATALIE CORDONE, AND NCWU FOR HELPING SHOW HIM THE JOY OF ACTING ONCE AGAIN.

MARYANNA BAILEY (ELLIE)

MARYANNA IS A SINGER/DANCER/ACTRESS FROM WILKESBORO, NC. SHE HAS SPENT THE PAST TWO SUMMERS WORKING AT LAKEWOOD CAMPING RESORT'S HIGH STEPPIN' COUNTRY!, A VARIETY SHOW INCLUDING COUNTRY, PATRIOTIC, GOSPEL, AND 80S MUSIC.

CURRENTLY A SENIOR AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, SOME OF HER FAVORITE SHOWS INCLUDE URINETOWN, LOVE AND INFORMATION, AND AN UNFORGETTABLE 24-HOUR PRODUCTION OF SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL. OUTSIDE OF THE THEATRE, MARYANNA IS A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN AND PARTICIPATES IN LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS SUCH AS CAMPUS WORSHIP NIGHTS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND CHURCH ON SUNDAYS. SHE IS THANKFUL TO HER FAMILY, THE WAKE FOREST TAD DEPARTMENT, STUDIO 68, AND DAVID BROOKS.



CREATIVE TEAM

CALEB CABINESS (WRITER/DIRECTOR)



CALEB CABINESS (WRITER/DIRECTOR) IS AN ACTOR/SINGER/WRITER FROM ARCHDALE, NC. HE IS CURRENTLY BASED IN MINNEAPOLIS, WHERE HE ACTS FOR A LIVING. HE HOLDS A B.A. IN THEATRE FROM WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY AND HAS TRAINED IN THEATRE AT NYC'S LA MAMA AND IN VOICE/ARRANGING AT PENTATONIX'S A CAPPELLA ACADEMY.

SO MUCH LOVE TO HIS WIFE, ALI, AND TO ALL THE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND MENTORS WHO SUPPORTED HIM ALONG THE WAY. SPECIAL THANKS TO NATALIE CORDONE AND NCWU FOR MAKING THIS PRODUCTION HAPPEN. CALEB WILL NEXT PLAY THE AUTHOR C.S. LEWIS IN OPEN WINDOW THEATRE'S BIOGRAPHICAL DRAMA, TOLKIEN.

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NATALIE CORDONE (PRODUCER)

NATALIE IS A CO-FOUNDER, PRODUCER AND PERFORMER WITH CORDONE & KILGORE PRODUCTIONS. SHE IS INCREDIBLY EXCITED TO REPRESENT THIS NEW PRODUCTION OF THE JOY OF PAINTING: A MUSICAL AND HOPES IT INSPIRES ARTISTS OF EVERY AGE!

A LEADING SOLOIST WITH ORCHESTRAS, NATALIE HAS HEADLINED WITH THE COLORADO SYMPHONY, ORLANDO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC, ORCHESTRA INDIANA, THE STOCKTON SYMPHONY AND THE GREENSBORO SYMPHONY, JUST TO NAME A FEW. ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED ACTRESS, MS. CORDONE RECENTLY WON THE CARBONELL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A LEAD FEMALE ROLE AND BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL. YOU CAN ALSO CATCH HER ON TV IN THE REBOOT OF DYNASTY ON NETFLIX.

ALONG WITH HER PARTNER, SHAWN KILGORE, SHE IS CURRENTLY TOURING THE COUNTRY WITH THEIR LATEST SHOW, VEGAS, BABY! HITS OF THE HEADLINERS, THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO THE BIGGEST STARS OF THE LAS VEGAS STRIP. HEAD TO CANDKPRODUCTIONS.COM TO CATCH SOME VIDEO AND GET THE LATEST NEWS.

IN HER SPARE TIME, SHE LOVES PLAYING CARDS WITH HER FAMILY AND DOTING ON HER WONDERFUL WHIPPET, WINTER! SHE AND HER PARTNER, CHRIS, ALSO ENJOY RENOVATING AND REMODELING HOMES. SHE'S A WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY ALUMNA, AND COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD OF HER FELLOW DEACS, CALEB, PARKER AND MARYANNA. A HUGE THANKS TO SHEILA MARTIN, JAN SULLIVAN, COURTNEY MOSS, ELIC GURGANUS, AMYA, MATIAS, AND ALL OF NCWU FOR THEIR SUPPORT. FIND HER AT NATALIECORDONE.COM, INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK: @CORDONEANDKILGORE AND @NATALIECORDONE.



CREATIVE TEAM

MAX NYGREN (ORCHESTRATION/INSTRUMENTALS PRODUCER)



MAX NYGREN (ORCHESTRATION/INSTRUMENTALS PRODUCER) IS A MUSICIAN FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MN. HE IS CURRENTLY ON STAFF AS THE WORSHIP/MEDIA PASTOR AT SUBSTANCE CHURCH. AFTER TRAINING IN CLASSICAL AND JAZZ THEORY FROM ALEX MEZERITSKI AS WELL AS ACTING AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCE THROUGH AMTC, HE MOVED ON TO PRODUCE LARGE EVENTS AT SUBSTANCE CHURCH, RANGING FROM CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS TO EDM CONCERTS, LIVE WORSHIP RECORDINGS TO INTERNATIONAL TOURS.

HE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HIS WIFE, RACHEL, AND 3 CHILDREN, AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO CALEB CABINESS FOR HIS INVITATION INTO THIS ADVENTURE.

LEAH CABINESS (PRODUCTION ASSISTANT)



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