

## Family Theatre

### Director:

**West Side Story:** Kyle Geissler is ecstatic to return to The Duluth Playhouse Children's Theatre to direct *West Side Story*, having previously co-directed junior intensives *Charlotte's Web* (2011) and *Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen* (2010). Originally from Duluth, Kyle has enjoyed working around the country as an actor, director, and educator. Credits include: performing with Montana Shakespeare in the Parks (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*), Teatro Vista (*Romeo and Juliet*), Theater Unspeakable (*The American Revolution*), and Muse of Fire Theatre (*Two Gentlemen of Verona*); directing at The National High School Institute at Northwestern University, The Duluth Playhouse, and for The New York City Department of Education; and training with Lincoln Center Education, Improv Olympic, The Acting Studio NYC, and Roundabout Theatre Company. Kyle holds a BA in theatre from Loyola University Chicago and an MA in theatre education from The City University of New York at Hunter College.

**Romeo & Juliet:** Alex Goebel is a Minneapolis-based director, returning for a second year to the Summer Intensive. He has been an actor, director, and instructor for the Duluth Playhouse and its Children's Theatre since 2008. His most recent work in Duluth was directing *Hand To God* at Renegade Theatre and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for the Teen Intensive last summer. His work has been seen on the Duluth Playhouse stage, Renegade Theater, Cloquet High School, Stage of Fools, University of Minnesota Duluth, and the Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis. Alex holds a BFA in Theatre from the University of MN Duluth.

### Casting Ages 13-18

- Each Cast of approximately 35 - 45 actors to play a variety of roles.
- Students cast in West Side Story will Crew for Romeo & Juliet/ Students cast in Romeo & Juliet will Crew for West Side Story.

### Audition Dates and Times

<b>General Auditions</b>	Saturday, April 21, 2:00 – 5:00pm <b>-OR-</b> Sunday, April 22, 10:00 – 12:00pm
<b>CALLBACKS</b>	Sunday, April 22, 12:30 – 3:30pm
<b>Location</b>	<b>The NorShor Rehearsal Spaces – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the NorShor building</b> Take the skywalk from the Sheraton Ramp or take the elevator in the NorShor to N3 211 E. Superior St. Duluth, MN, 55802
<b>Audition Preparation</b>	<b>Audition Expectations:</b> All actors must sing. Please prepare 16-32 bars of an appropriate song, preferably from musical theater, and bring your sheet music; an accompanist will be provided. Actors will also be asked to read sides (scenes from the script) which will be provided at auditions.  <b>Audition Documents:</b> We request actors provide a resume and a current photo or headshot along with their completed audition form.  <b>Script perusal:</b> All are encouraged to read the play before auditioning. Scripts are available in the <b>NorShor office</b> for a \$5 refundable deposit, <b>maximum of 3 day check out.</b>
<b>Audition Sign Up Options</b>	A. Fill out the Audition Sign Up Form on the Duluth Playhouse website at: <a href="http://duluthplayhouse.org/auditions">duluthplayhouse.org/auditions</a> B. Email Amber Burns at <a href="mailto:aburns@duluthplayhouse.org">aburns@duluthplayhouse.org</a> to sign up for auditions. Please indicate which day your child would like to attend, or C. Sign up at auditions. You may show up 15 minutes before an audition slot to register for that audition time.

## Rehearsal and Performance Information

<b>Rehearsal Times:</b>	Mondays – Fridays, 9:00am – 4:00pm
<b>Rehearsal Dates:</b>	July 9 – August 10
<b>Where:</b>	NorShor Theatre Rehearsal Spaces

## Performance Dates & Times:

**West Side Story:** August 10, 12, 17 & 19, 2018 • Showtimes Fridays @ 7pm | Sundays @ 2pm

**Romeo & Juliet:** August 9, 11, 6 & 18, 2018 • Showtimes Thursdays & Saturdays @ 7pm

<b>Teen Intensive Cost</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
After casting registration will become available	

**Students cast in West Side Story will be the tech and crew team for Romeo & Juliet.**

**Any questions about the summer intensives can be directed to Amber Burns: [aburns@duluthplayhouse.org](mailto:aburns@duluthplayhouse.org)**

## West Side Story Character Breakdown

**Riff (Male Lead)** - A spritely, quick-tempered leader. He seeks to eliminate the Sharks and establish his own gang's dominance. Tony's best friend, he is eventually murdered by Bernardo.

**Tony (Male Lead)** - A romantic young man and former leader of the Jets, he has found a new lifestyle now. Tony finds himself violently torn between his friendships and love. Falls in love to Maria and meets an untimely death. Genuinely sweet and sincere.

**Bernardo (Male Lead)** - A proud, strong, handsome Puerto Rican man. Bernardo seeks to carve out territory as a sense of identity for he and his friends. Maria's brother and Anita's boyfriend. Leader of the Sharks.

**Maria (Female Lead)** - A hopeless romantic and innocent young girl. She falls in love with Tony and finds herself at the center of the violent conflict between the two gangs. Bernardo's sister. Puerto Rican.

**Anita (Female Lead)** - Feisty and assertive. She dispenses "older sister" advice to Maria and tries to shield her from the dangers of the gangs. Bernardo's girlfriend and Maria's friend. Puerto Rican.

**Chino (Male Supporting)** - An angry and, at times, naive Shark who turns murderous and vengeful. Suitor to Maria and friend of Bernardo's.

**Anybodys (Female Supporting)** - A spunky tomboy who is desperate to become a member of the Jets. The other Jets mock her for her ambitions, but generally appreciate her company. Full of energy and heart.

**Doc (Male/ Female Featured)** - The owner of the candy store where the Jets hang out. He tries to guide the Jets youthful angst and provides a safe haven for Tony. Old fashioned and wise in his ways.

**Schrank (Male/ Female Featured)** - A local police detective frustrated by the ongoing violence between the Jets and Sharks. Blunt, brash, and unapologetic.

**Krupke (Male/ Female Featured)** - The local beat cop. He has no patience for the gangs conflict and tries to keep tensions from erupting between them. Regularly mocked by the local gangs.

**Ensemble Roles:** Jets, Sharks, Jets Girls, Sharks Girls

## Romeo & Juliet Character Breakdown

### Capulets

**Lord Capulet**

**Lady Capulet** – Wife to Lord Capulet

**Juliet** – Lord Capulet's daughter, falls in love with Romeo

**Tybalt** – Nephew to Lady Capulet

**Nurse** – to Juliet

**Peter & Sampson** – Servants

### Montagues

**Lord Montague**

**Lady Montague** – Wife to Lord Montague

**Romeo** – Lord Montague's Son, falls in love with Juliet

**Benvolio** – Lord Montague's Nephew

**Balthasar** – Servant to Romeo

**Abraham** – Servant

### Other Citizens of Verona

**Prince Escalus** – Ruler of Verona

**Mercutio** – Friend to Romeo and kinsman of the Prince

**Paris** – Suitor to Juliet and kinsman of the Prince

**Friar Laurence** – Friend and spiritual father to all

