

EASTERN UNIVERSITY THEATRE PRESENTS:



LET OUR VOICES RISE

a crescendo of resilience

Director and Producer - Lais Abdelmalek
Music Director - Matthew Jones | Choreographer - Emilee Carey

Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 7:30pm
Virtual Performance

For More Information: Eastern.edu/Theatre
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easternarts.ticketleap.com/lovr
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Director's Note

Resilience is "the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or significant sources of stress..."

This season has been wrought with many stressors. From the new COVID pandemic to the ongoing pandemic of racism, it's been traumatic. One thing I wholeheartedly believe is that Art is Activism. It's resistance. It responds to our culture, challenges the culture, dreams of a different world, and forges on.

As theatre-makers, we do not just want to create, but we want to innovate. When we could not stage our annual in-person musical in the auditorium, I dreamed up the Theatre Department's first fully-filmed socially-distanced musical production. With an amazing production team and an incredibly gifted cast of performers, we created an ensemble in the midst of strange and uncertain times.

As Jesus-lovers we are invited to create with Creator God and are called to extend love and hope to others in the process. We hope this lifts you up and out. We stand against hate, and stand together for unity, creativity, kindness, justice, peace, love, and joy. Our hope is built on Christ and the story that he invites us into. And now we need to link arms, stand together, and lift our collective voices.

With love, we present to you *Let Our Voices Rise: A Crescendo of Resilience*.
Professor Lois Abdelmalek

Musical Numbers

"Seasons of Love" Prelude.....	Matthew Jones
"I'm Not Afraid of Anything" from Songs for a New World.....	Reagan Mindte
"Defying Gravity" from Wicked.....	Megan Odland
"Maybe This Time" from Cabaret.....	Christine Carey
"Don't Rain on My Parade" from Funny Girl.....	Abigail Pardocchi
"When You've Got Trouble" by Liz Longley.....	Maggie Rafidi
"Somewhere Over The Rainbow" from The Wizard of Oz.....	Payge Shaw
"Found/Tonight" by Ben Platt & Lin-Manuel Miranda.....	Zachary Wilson and Ben McGovern
"Corner of the Sky" from Pippin.....	Jacob Craig
"For Good" from Wicked.....	Caitlin Casey and Kaitlyn Arrow
"Times Are Hard for Dreamers" from Amélie.....	Olivia Ruth
"Watch What Happens" from Newsies.....	Anna Davis
"I'm Here" from The Color Purple.....	Sashaine Clarke
"Lift Every Voice and Sing" Outro.....	Matthew Jones

Production Team:

Director and Producer.....Lois Abdelmalek
Music Director and Accompanist.....Matthew Jones
Choreographer.....Emilee Carey
Assistant Director and Headshot Photographer..... Curt Himmelberger
Audio Engineer and Guitar.....Joshua Guenther
Videographer and Editor.....Aidan Guynes
Camera Operators.....Justin Swallow and Lukas Huber
Student Stage Manager.....Abigail Pardocchi
Assistant Student Stage Managers/Crew.....Kayla Madden and Melanie Andrade Moya
Student Sound Assistant/Crew.....Brian Lines
CrewAleeyah Hawkins, Christine Carey, and Brianna Federico

Who's Who



Abigail Pardocchi (Singer/Dancer)- has been performing since she was 9 years old, participating in dance classes and theatre programs throughout the years. Abigail is a third year at Eastern University with a plan to graduate Spring 2021 with a theatre major.



Ali Angelettie (Dancer) - Ali is a Sophomore at Eastern University. She loves dancing, drawing, playing outside, & surfing the internet. She is extremely excited to participate in *LOVR* with her friends. She would like to thank Professor Abdelmalek & Emilee Carey for their support.



Anna Davis (Singer/Dancer)- is a Sophomore music major. She has previously performed on the Eastern stage in *Antigone* as Koryphaios and in *Little Women* as the troll. She has also participated in shows at Archbishop Carroll and Upper Darby Summer Stage.



Ben McGovern (Singer)- is a part of the EU-Nova Engineering Track, and is a sophomore this year. He has been singing since the 4th grade, and this will be his first theatre experience.



Caitlin Casey (Singer/Dancer)- is a sophomore studying Social Work. She has performed in many theatre and film productions, including Eastern's *Antigone*. When not performing, Cait can be found studying, playing ultimate frisbee with the Eastern Exiles, or watching movies with friends.



Christine Carey (Singer/Dancer)- is a junior Contemporary Music Major at Eastern University. She has been singing her whole life, and has been studying voice since she was 13. She enjoys experimenting with different genres and writing her own music.



Jacob Craig (Singer/Dancer)- is a junior at Eastern and started acting in his high school's theater program. Jake has previously been seen in Eastern's *Into The Woods* as Rapunzel's Prince and *Little Women* as Rodrigo.



Kaitlyn Arrow (Singer/Dancer)- is a sophomore Psychology and Anthropology from York, PA. Kaitlyn was last seen as Clarissa in *Little Women* in the spring and is very grateful to have this opportunity to continue pursuing her passion for theatre this semester.



Kaitlyn Blankley (Dancer)- has been dancing for 15 years. She had danced competitively, in a ministry setting, and just because she loves to dance. Kaitlyn is a Sophomore at Eastern University with a major in biology and a minor in biblical studies.



Laura Schoenhals (Dancer)- has been dancing since she was seven years old, both in studios and theater performances. She is a junior dance major and loves using her talents to honor Jesus.



Maggie Rafidi (Singer/Dancer)- is a junior pursuing a Social Work major and a Psychology Minor. Having participated in theater since age 10, she loves being a part of Eastern's theater community and productions the past three years. Enjoy the show!



Marissa Crouse (Dancer)- is a missionary kid who has a passion for dancing and for Jesus. Marissa has been dancing since she was 5 but nothing professional at all really. Some fun facts about Marissa, she has a younger sister and can speak fluent Spanish!



Megan Odland (Singer/Dancer)- has been involved in theatre since she was 10 years old and is a current freshman with a major in music education and a minor in theatre. She is very excited to kick off her first theatre experience at Eastern being a part of this great production!



Olivia Ruth (Singer/Dancer)- has been performing, singing, dancing, and acting since the third grade. She is a senior music education student planning to teach and graduate in the spring. She is delighted to be a part of this show!



Payge Shaw (Singer/Dancer)- is overly exuberant to be a part of this amazing production with such awesome people. Payge is a freshman here at Eastern University and is studying Pre-medicine and Psychology.



Reagan Mindte (Singer/Dancer)- has been performing in dance and music from a young age and is excited to be participating in her first theatre production. Reagan is a senior music education major and can't wait to begin teaching choral and instrumental music.



Sashaine Clarke (Singer/Dancer)- has been in theater for all of her life and is excited to be sharing her light again on stage. She prays that God is glorified in this performance and that you may feel her exuberance.



Zack Wilson (Singer/Dancer)- likes to frequent the theatre department and pretend like he knows what he's doing. Apparently he's got somebody fooled, because they've let him into another one of these shows ͡_ (ツ) _/

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The incredible production team!

The Theatre Department followed COVID-19 safety protocols for this production, including filming students individually after they were tested. The students who sing side-by-side are currently roommates at Eastern. We hope you enjoy these recorded musical performances in *Let Our Voices Rise: A Crescendo of Resilience*.