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Music, Book & Story: Steve Martin  
Music, Lyrics & Story: Edie Brickell

April 20-23rd | 7:30 pm  
Sunday | 3:00 pm



BRIGHT  
STAR

Bright Star: The Musical  
Inspired by a True Story

Music, Story, and Lyrics by  
Eddie Brickell and Steve Martin

Directors Credits:

Director: Brandi Harvey  
Music Director: Robert Cottle  
Choreographer: Danielle Adams  
Stage Manager: Annika Simpson  
Costumer: Melinda Roell

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# The Stars of the Show

Alice Murphy- **Rachel Elkins**

Mayor Dobbs-  
**Jamey Saunders**

Billy Cane- **Ryan Wolfe**

Jimmy Ray Dobbs -  
**Patrick Vereen**

Daddy Cane -  
**Todd Williford**

Dr. Norquist -**John Parcels**

Florence -**Macy Tankersley**

Government Clerk-  
**Christie McLendon**

Stanford -  
**Benjamin Tankersley**

Station Master-  
**Alex Harper**

Margo - **Sarah DeProspero**

Edna - **Sara Andrews**

Well Dressed Woman -  
**Tara Jeffers**

Daryl- **Eddie Frazier**

Attorney- **Matt Spence**

Lucy- **Elisabeth O'Quinn**

Spirits- **Tate Miller,**  
**Liz Harvey, Kenz Harvey**

Mama Murphy - **Pam Baggett**

Daddy Murphy- **Alan Tyson**

Max - **John Shaw**



## Adult Ensemble

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Thom Mortimore

Bishop Harper

John Shaw

Amy Boatright

Felicia Dunn

Tara Jeffers

Elizabeth Camiscioli

Julia Curiel

Heather Mims

Tate Miller

Liz Harvey

Kenz Harvey

Laural Boyles

Matt Spence

Alex Harper

Christie McLendon

John Parcels

Ben Tankersley

Pam Baggett

Alan Tyson

Macy Tankersley

Sara Andrews

Madison Harvey

Mike McLendon

## Star-Crossed Synopsis

**Inspired** by a true story and featuring the Tony-nominated score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Broadway's *Bright Star* tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and 1940s. When literary editor Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their unique connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past, and what she finds has the power to transform both of their lives. With beautiful melodies and powerfully moving characters, *Bright Star* is an uplifting theatrical journey that will hold you tightly in its grasp.

## Song List

If You Knew My Story	Please, Don't Take Him
She's Gone	A Man's Gotta Do (Reprise)
Bright Star	Entr'acte
Way Back in the Day	Sun's Gonna Shine
Whoa, Mama	Heart breaker
Firmer Hand/Do Right	I Had a Vision
A Man's Gotta Do	Always Will
Asheville	I Can't Wait (Reprise)
*Picnic Dance	So Familiar
What Could Be Better	At Long Last
I Can't Wait	Finale- Ensemble

# Biographies

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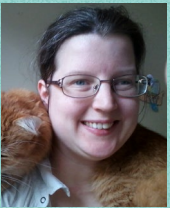
Pam Baggett lives in the small town of Garfield, Ga in Emanuel County and has been there her whole life (60 years). She is married to Jason Baggett and mother of 3 adult children (two are teachers and one is a Georgia State trooper). Pam is Nanny to ten perfect grandchildren. She is currently in her 31st year of teaching public school at Emanuel County Institute and plans to retire at the end of this school year. Pam played the part of Claire in Steel Magnolias with the Emanuel Arts Council in 2020.



Alan Tyson is a Statesboro native, who has been performing on stage, since 1992. Since playing multiple characters in “Place to Call Home”, the first production in the Emma Kelly Theatre, Alan has had the opportunity to bring many characters to life on stage. Alan would very much like to Thank Brandi and Robert for casting him as Daddy Murphy in “Bright star”! It is always an honor to be able to work with both these talented folks. It is also a great honor to be a part of such a wonderful and talented cast and crew!! As always, Alan would like to thank his BEAUTIFUL wife Debbie for her willingness to let him continue to do this thing he loves!!!! Enjoy, Y’all!!!!



Benjamin Tankersley (Stanford Adams/Ensemble) is excited to be part of Bright Star! He previously played Mr. Bucket in Willy Wonka at the Averitt Center. Other past roles include Mal Beineke (The Addams Family, Onstage Walton) and the voice of Papa Ogre/Bishop (Shrek the Musical, UGA Baptist Collegiate Ministries). Enjoy the show!



Felicia Dunn (Ensemble) is a local girl, who is no stranger to the Averitt Center. She’s worked on and off the stage on shows like Annie, Mary Poppins, Steel Magnolias, Dearly Beloved, Southern Hospitality, Young Frankenstein, and Christmas Belles. It’s a pleasure to work with this amazing team of cast & crew members. Special thanks to my family for all their love and support. And Thank you Hobby Lobby for their support as well.



Laural Boyles is a veteran teacher on the Averitt Center staff, as well as an apprentice with Savannah Ballet Theatre, a professional ballet company in Savannah, GA. She has been dancing since she was 4 yrs old, and has been trained in ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, and modern dance. She has danced with Statesboro Youth ballet for 5 years, and graduated from the student program in May 2020. She began her teaching career the following fall, and since then has taught creative movement, ballet, pointe, pre-pointe, modern dance, and tap.



Mike cant believe how man of these productions Christie has dragged him into at this point, but he has loved every minute of it! Most recently as a citizen of Oz and an angry villager in young Frankenstein. Mike and Christie have 2 kids and 5, yes 5 dogs!



Elizabeth Camiscioli is starring in her very first production with Bright Star. A native of Puerto Rico, Elizabeth was exposed to the theater through her daughter Siena's work at Averitt Center for the Arts. However, she is no stranger to entertainment as she worked for Walt Disney World a few years, where she met her husband of now 18 years. She is humbled to join this exceptional cast on stage and thankful to my husband, Chris, and her children, Siena and Matteo, for their love and support.



Tara was immediately inspired at a very young age by the energy and talent showcased in the Performing Arts from her fist visit to see The Fantasticks! at 9 years old. She is honored to play a part in the talented cast of Bright Star, her 3rd show with the Averitt Center for the Arts. Tara sends much love and appreciation to her family and friends, and a special thanks to the directors and volunteers who continue to do amazing work in addition to coordinating, coaching, and developing the talent in our community. Please enjoy this wonderful story, and remember to always follow YOUR Bright Star!



Matt Spence is very excited to be a part of Bright star. He has been in several plays at the Averitt Center including The Wizard of Oz and Matilda the Musical as the Trunchbull. Matt is a Bulloch County native and enjoys spending time with his lovely wife Nancy and their 5 daughters.



Amy Boatright is excited to be a part of this production and if you “knew her story”, you would understand why! Amy is a published author of the children’s prayer book “Poems to God” and spends time traveling to share it with children all over Georgia at schools, festivals, and book signings. After a push from a friend a few years ago she joined the Silk Hope Praise Band as a soloist where her first love and true passion for singing was reignited after several years off. Amy works as a Mammographer in Savannah. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Brian and they have 3 children and one granddaughter.



Danielle Adams has been involved in the arts since her debut performance at age 4. Once Danielle graduated from Georgia Southern, she spent 11 years as an art teacher and coached 2 One-Act teams, judged 7 Literary competitions and has worked as a photographer. After several productions over a 4-year span as the Averitt Center’s photographer, Danielle decided to take the stage again after an almost 20-year hiatus. Danielle loves the challenge of interpreting music and lyrics and using movement to help cast members convey the story and further engage audience members.



This will mark Jamey Saunder’s seventh production at the Averitt Center. He has previously appeared as John Curtis Buntner in the southern comedy trilogy set in Fayro, Texas, as well as Harold the hermit in Young Frankenstein and most recently as Mr. Salt in Willy Wonka. He is very proud to be part of such a marvelous and talented cast. He would also like to thank his always understanding and supportive wife for allowing him the time to attend rehearsals. Oh, and he would like to remind the audience that he is NOTHING like the character he portrays...really.





Madison Harvey is a Sophomore at Statesboro High School. She loves the arts, and enjoys participating in as much as she can. She has been in the theatre community her whole life, performing in many shows from church plays to community theater productions. She has enjoyed being a part of this show, and hopes you like it so much you come back for another round!



Kenzie Harvey has been active in the theatre community her whole life. Kenzie spends most of her free time at the enjoying the downtown atmosphere or improving her art. She's enjoyed working this show with so many familiar faces, along with some new ones, and is excited to tell this story alongside her talented cast-mates and hard working crew. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Liz Harvey is happy to return for another show here at the Averitt Center! She is a Georgia Southern student where she is majoring in Civil Engineering. She has been in many shows such as Mary Poppins, Taming of the Shrew, A Christmas Carol, Annie, and Beauty and the Beast. Liz would like to thank the cast and crew for their hard work and determination!



Tate Miller is a high school senior attending classes at Georgia Southern. She has been involved in many shows at the Averitt, most recently as Gina Jo in Christmas Belles. She would like to thank Brandi and Robert for the wonderful opportunity!



Rachel Elkins is so excited to be a part of this lovely show and is especially proud to share the stage with her daughter Tate. She has been involved in several Averitt productions including Annie, The Little Mermaid, Mary Poppins, The Rocky Horror Show, The Marvelous Wonderettes, The Marvelous Wonderettes: Caps and Gowns, Dearly Beloved, and The Lady Legends of Country Music. Rachel would like to thank Brandi Harvey and Robert Cottle for this fantastic opportunity.



Elisabeth O'Quinn (Lucy Grant) is excited to return for her fourth show at the Averitt Center! She was the Acrobat in Matilda, a Singing Tree in the Wizard of Oz, and Ms. Teavee in Willy Wonka. In this show, she and Lucy might not have much in common, but they both work as editors by day and love cute outfits. Elisabeth is passionate about the local theater and musicals, especially this emotional story with beautiful melodies. Her favorite part about being involved with the Averitt Center is the close sense of community with the directors, cast, and crew. Elisabeth hopes you enjoy the show (and reminds you to pull out your tissues!).”



Todd Williford is happy to be back on stage at the Averitt Center! He is currently the Director of Exceptional Student Services with Bryan County Schools. He has been in several shows at the Averitt Center with one of his favorites being the “tenor” in The Music Man. His most recent roles have been “Tinman” in the Wizard of Oz and Uncle George in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Bright Star was a new musical to me, and I have fallen in love with it! The cast is amazingly talented, and it has been so much fun preparing for the show. Our area is truly blessed with such talented people...and The Averitt Center for the Arts!!



Christie is thrilled to be in this fantastic show. She recently was Glinda ( Wizard of Oz) and Frau Blucher (Young Frankenstein). She performs across the southeast in Mayberry themed shows as Charlene Darling (the Andy Griffith show) and annually on Carnival cruises “A Cruise to Mayberry”. She played 3 roles in the big screen release “Mayberry Man”(amazon), if you look closely you may see her in the back ground in movies and TV and singing locally with ladies trio “One Voice”. She attends Trinity Baptist church in Nevils and sings in the choir. She and husband of 32 years (Mike) reside in Metter.

Melinda Roell is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Administration, Nonprofit Mgmt, at GSU. She has a long history of costuming theatre and ballet productions at the Averitt Center, including “Always, Patsy Cline” and the SYB’s “Christmas Carol”, and the Averitt Center’s holiday production of “The Nutcracker”. “Bright Star” is her first new production after being diagnosed (and surviving) stage IV cancer. Glad to be back!



Eddie Frazier (Director) Eddie has been teaching at Statesboro High School since 2001, and he has been the theatre director since 2004. He's directed dramatic pieces such as *Wit* (2008 Region 2-AAAA one-act winner & 2016 Region 2-AAAAA one-act winner); *Suddenly, Last Summer* (2009 Region 2-AAAA one-act winner & 2018 Region 2-AAAAA one-act winner); 'night, Mother, *The Whales of August*, and *A Kind of Alaska* as well as large musical theatre productions such as *The Jungle Book*; *101 Dalmatians*; *Aladdin*; *The Aristocats*; *Alice Through the Looking Glass*; *The Aladdin*; *Cinderella*; *Charlotte's Web*; *Peter Pan*; *Mary Poppins*; *Mulan*; *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, & *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, and most recently *Mamma Mia!* He is excited to be portraying "Daryl Ames" in *Bright Star!*



Brandi Harvey has taken the stage as Patsy Cline (*Always, Patsy Cline*), Olive Madison (*The Odd Couple, Female Version*), *The Witch (Into the Woods)*, and even directed the Averitt's 2019 production of *Annie*. She performs regularly with Micah Bonne as part of the musical duo *The May Belles*, and she has produced several shows including the *Rising Creek Music Series* and *Lady Legends of Country Music*. However, taking on directing this show has been one of her most rewarding experiences. "I know the audience will be drawn in by this remarkable story and the incredibly talented cast." She continues, "I am so thankful for everyone who has been a part of making this show a success and the folks of Statesboro for supporting the Arts in our community."



A retired faculty member from Georgia Southern, John Parcels has appeared on the Averitt stage previously in *The Nutcracker*; *Coppelia*; *The Music Man*; *Miracle on 34th Street*; *Zombie Macbeth*; *Boarding House Reach*; *Calendar Girls*; *South Pacific*; *The Last Supper, the Musical*; *The Miracle Worker*; *Honk*; *Arsenic and Old Lace*; *Little Women*; *A Christmas Carol Ballet*; *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; *Guys and Dolls*; *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*; *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*; *The Adams Family*; *An Averitt Christmas Carol*; *Smoke on the Mountain*; *Mary Poppins*; *Annie*; *Into the Woods*; *Snow White*; *Sunshine Boys*; *Newsies*; *Wizard of Oz*; *Young Frankenstein*; and *Willie Wonka*.



Patrick Vereen is a small-town fellow from Camilla, Ga who is discovering his love for theatre. In playing Jimmy Ray, he portrays the intimacy comes with a bond and commitment that should be honored with faithful love, despite the cost. Even in trying circumstances. I hope that y'all will be blessed by our performance!



Heather Mims is a newbie to the theater world, but no stranger to the stage. She first appeared in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory as Grandma Georgina in last year's play here at the Averitt and has also recently ventured into some local movie work. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Nevils, where she sings in the choir as well as with a local group, One Voice Trio. Heather also plays several musical instruments, including saxophone, clarinet, and flute. In her "spare" time, Heather enjoys raising goats and chickens, sewing, embroidery, and many other crafts. She also serves as a board member for the Bulloch County Board of Education. This June, Heather and her high school sweetheart, Greg, will celebrate 28 years of marriage.

John Shaw, Statesboro local, is a student at the University, and moved from Brunswick Ga, about two years ago. The Lord has also blessed Shaw with an avid interest in the weather, and all things meteorology, and is currently at WSAV in Savannah as an intern in the weather department. Shaw hopes to serve the community even more over the summer, and also hopes to be in the next play here at the Averitt Center.



This is Sarah Deprospero's first production with the Averitt Center and she is so excited to bring Margo's story to life! The cast has been working so hard and she so happy everyone gets to see this amazing show!



Macy's love for theater grows and grows with every production she sees or is in. This go round, she's happy to be dancing and singing with the best of the best. Keep an eye out for her tall & handsome red headed husband, who is in the play with her!



Sara Andrews is very excited to be a part of this show! This is her first show at the Averitt Center and is thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful company. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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