

**Citrus Summer Theatre 2025  
presents**

# **Play ON!**

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**July 18, 19, 26, 2025 at 7 PM  
July 20, 27, 2025 at 2 PM**



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## **Cast**

*in Order of Appearance*

Aggie Manville .....	Sofia Mathews
Gerry Dunbar .....	Drew Aguila
Henry Benish .....	Christopher Grushka
Polly Benish .....	Krystalin Sanchez
Marla "Smitty" Smith .....	Nicole Gallivan
Saul Watson .....	Christopher Alejo
Billy Carewe .....	Jacob Lopez
Violet Imbry .....	Ayva Todd
Louise Peary .....	Blake Gutierrez
Phyllis Montague .....	Lyniel Castro

## **Time and Setting**

Present day on the stage of a community theatre

**There will be one 15-minute Intermission**

*Content Warning - Gunshots*

# Cast

## **Drew Aguila (Gerry Dunbar)**

Drew Aguila is completing his third and final year here at Citrus College, and will be completing his Bachelors in Theatre Arts at Cal State Long Beach. This will be Drew's fifth production in the Little Theatre, with his past credits consisting of Buster Baker (*Naughty vs Nice*), Tom Snout (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*), Sanchez' Gang (*Rio Hondo*), and Detective 2 (*Bellwether*). Drew would like to thank and dedicate this performance to everyone in his life who made his experiences at Citrus unforgettable.

## **Christopher Alejo (Saul Watson)**

Christopher Alejo will be attending his 3rd year at Citrus College this coming Fall. *Play On!*, will mark his second production for the Citrus Little Theater with his first being, *Naughty V Nice*, *The Case of The Missing List*. Chris is thankful for the support of his family and friends, and is grateful to be working with such an amazing cast and crew.

## **Lyniel Castro (Phyllis Montague)**

Lyniel Castro recently received her Theatre Arts degree for transfer at Citrus College. This is her second show at the college, previously playing "Cherry" in *Tommy Humbug and the Christmas Runaways* in the Little Theatre and three characters for three one acts in high school. Lyniel would like to thank her family, friends, and mentors for their unwavering love, support, and guidance.

## **Nicole Gallivan (Marla "Smitty" Smith)**

Nicole Gallivan is a current student at Citrus College, going into her third year, majoring in Theater Arts and Child Development, and an alumni from Centre Stage and CSArts. She spent 6 years at CSArts and was part of the Musical Theatre conservatory. Her past credits at Citrus College include Fairy in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Spring 2024), Tommy Christmas in *Tommy Humbug and the Christmas Runaways* (Winter 2024), and the *Stage Acting Showcase* (Winter 2024 and Spring 2025, Citrus TheatreWorks). Nicole would like to thank all her teachers, mentors, parents, friends, cast mates, crew, and her boyfriend Adrian for all their support, encouragement, and love.

## **Christopher Grushka (Henry Benish)**

Christopher Grushka has just completed his second year at Citrus College and his AA-T in Theatre Arts and will be transferring to Cal State Long Beach in the fall. He has done numerous productions in the Little Theatre and his past credits include Attendant in *Dracula* (Fall 2023), Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Spring 2024), Billy James Sundance in *Rio Hondo* (Summer 2024) and Acaste in *The School for Lies* (Spring 2025). Although this is his final bow on the Little Theatre stage, Chris would like to thank Jason Francescon, Gahren Markarian, Cherie Brown, Jeremy Lewis, Rachel Sorteberg, Frank Ramirez, his parents, grandparents, family, friends, coworkers and partner for always challenging him and pushing him to be his best. I love you all and please enjoy the show!

**Blake Gutierrez (Louise Peary)**

Blake Gutierrez is completing their ADT in Theatre Arts at Citrus College this summer and plans on transferring to a four-year university to continue their education. Blake would like to thank their friends, family, partners, and their fellow *Play On!* cast and crew, and most importantly, their dog Taco for rooting for them and supporting them in the Arts.

**Jacob Lopez (Billy Carewe)**

This is Jacob's ninth production overall, and third production at Citrus College and will be returning in the fall for his third year. He plans for this to be his last year at Citrus College and is currently looking into schools to transfer, double majoring in Theatre, and Film/Television. He will continue to audition for productions wherever he ends up, and writing/directing for short films or any other project that comes his way.

**Sofia Mathews (Aggie Manville)**

This fall will mark the start of Sofia's second year at Citrus, where she is majoring in Theatre Arts. Her past credits in the Little Theatre include Oronte in *The School For Lies* and Amy Draft in *Bellwether*. Other past credits include *Head Over Heels*, *Of Thee I Sing*, and *Twelfth Night*. Sofia is endlessly grateful to the wonderful cast and crew of *Play On!*, as well as Jason for giving her the opportunity to be a part of this incredible experience. She would also like to thank her friends and family for their constant love and support.

**Krystalin Sanchez (Polly Benish)**

Krystalin Sanchez is entering her third year at Citrus College. This is her second full production and she is very excited for you to see it! She was previously seen as Ensemble in *Bellwether* and as Harper in *Angels in America* in Citrus TheatreWorks. She wants to thank her friends, family, and teachers for encouraging her to continue to pursue theatre. Enjoy the show!

**Ayva Todd (Violet Imbry)**

Ayva Todd is a recent graduate from Citrus and soon to be a Cal State Long Beach student. Previous roles on this stage include Vixen in *Dracula*, Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Eliante in *School for Lies*. Through the Citrus Theatre Program, she has delved deep into the intricate art of theatre and has gratefully met the most passionate fellow actors, inspiring instructors, and wonderful tech and crew members.

## Crew

**Jason Buuck (Director)**

Jason Buuck is an MFA graduate in Acting from California State University, Fullerton, and is a full-time instructor at Riverside City College specializing in the Michael Chekhov technique. He is excited to be directing this wonderful cast and production team here at Citrus College. Jason's recent directing credits include *Amadeus*, *She Kills Monsters* and *A View from the Bridge* to name a few. Jason has also been a company member of several theatre companies in Greater Los Angeles such as Footprints on the Sun and the International Classical Acting Program (ICAP).

**Kara Hill (Stage Manager)**

Kara is in her fourth semester at Citrus and this is her second time stage managing in the Little Theatre. She had the wonderful opportunity of stage managing *Rent*, last winter and has fallen in love with stage management all over again. She would like to thank her Dad and little brother along with her Grammy, Grampy and boyfriend for always supporting her. She has a deep appreciation for the cast and crew and is very thankful to be a part of this production. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Rachel Balma (Asst. Stage Manager and Asst. Sound Designer)**

This marks Rachel's 8th show in the Citrus Little Theatre. Rachel earned her Emerging Theater Technologies certificate in December 2024 and continues to work towards an ADT in Theatre Arts. Rachel is deeply grateful for the unwavering love and encouragement from her parents, friends and boyfriend. She also sends a special thank you to the *Play On!* cast and crew.

**Cristian Dorantes (Asst. Stage Manager)**

Cristian loves being part of the magic that happens backstage. From lights to sets to calling cues. He enjoys learning every part of the technical process and making sure the show runs smoothly. He's grateful to share this experience with such a supportive team.

**Nicole Riggs (Asst. Stage Manager)**

Nicole has been a Citrus College ETT student since the spring of 2022 and just recently gained her certificate. During her time at Citrus, she has gained valuable hands-on experience, stage managing productions such as *The Christmas Box*, *Naughty vs. Nice*, *Bellwether*, and *Escape to Margaritaville* at the Haugh Performing Arts Center. Additionally, Nicole contributed to the crew of *Rent* and served as the props crew lead for *The School for Lies*. She is deeply grateful for the unwavering support of her family and friends, who have always encouraged her passion for theatre.

**Ian Shaffer (Lighting Designer)**

This is Ian's Fifth show in the little theatre and second time being an LD in the little theatre. He also dedicates himself to technical theatre through ETT. He is very thankful for all the people he has met through this program, along with his girlfriend, and will continue to give and receive support for all his friends/classmates. He hopes you enjoy the show.

**Nathan Mendoza (Asst. Lighting Designer)**

Nathan Mendoza is a graduate of the ETT program at Citrus College. He served as the Sound Designer for *Bellwether* and *Tommy Humbug and the Christmas Runaways*, and is now beginning to explore lighting design. Nathan is incredibly grateful for the encouragement and support of his friends and family, who have been a constant source of inspiration throughout his journey.

**Julian Grigorian (Sound Designer)**

Julian Grigorian is an audio engineer and sound designer who has worked throughout Southern California. This is Julian's 4th semester at Citrus College. Julian wants to shout out to his cat Boba.

### Whitney Becker (Prop Lead)

Whitney just finished her second year at Citrus College and is excited to announce she will be transferring to Cal Poly Pomona in the fall! She previously worked on *Rio Hondo*, *Bellwether*, *Tommy Humberg* and *the Christmas Runaways*, *Rent*, and *The School for Lies*. She would like to thank Rachel, Kara, and Nicole for their friendship and support.

### Elijah Limon (Prop Lead)

Elijah Limon is quite a creative person and loves joking around. His passion is audio but sometimes he branches out. He wants to shout out to the team behind the scenes, especially Kara and Rachel.

## Production Staff

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