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A Play by Moisés Kaufman and Members of Tectonic Theater Project Directed by Stuart Bousel

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### THE CAST

Erica Andracchio Terry Maloney Haley
Megan Briggs Steve Mallers

Andrew Calabrese Laylah Muran de Assereto

Ellen Dunphy Alejandro Torres Tim Garcia Wera von Wulfen

#### THE CREW

# DIRECTOR STUART BOUSEL

Rodney Rhoda Taylor Producer Artistic Director David Rice **Production Manager** Erica Andracchio Stage Manager Michelle Chesley Lighting Designer Alexia Staniotes Light & Sound Engineer Michelle Chesley Sound Designer Stuart Bousel Chris Maltby PR Manager

Set Designer Christian Heppenstall

Set Design and Construction May Young
Costumes Hal Dubiel
Props Neil Hlagins

There will be a 15-minute intermission between Act 1 and Act 2 and a 10-minute stretch break between Act 2 and Act 3.

Concessions will only be available during the 15-minute intermission

The US West Work Premiere was produced by The Denver Center Theatre Company Donovan Marley, Artistic Director in association with Techtonic Theatre Project Moisés Kaufman. Artistic Director Originally produced in New York City at the
Union Square Theatre
by Roy Gabay and Techtonic Theatre Project
in association with Gayle Francis and
the Araca Group
Associate Producers Mara Isaacs and
Hart Sharp Entertainment

The Laramie Project was developed in part with the support of The Sundance Theatre Laboratory.

#### WHO IS LCTC?

Left Coast Theatre Co. was formed in the Spring of 2012 to focus on producing original queer-themed plays written by local and national playwrights. LCTC aims to foster the works of all writers interested in producing the best queer-themed works possible. We have thus far been nominated for 4 TBA Awards for BEST ANTHOLOGY: *Twisted Fairy Tales*, #WTFamily\*, Screaming Queens & San Francisco, Here I Come! The company has also expanded our productions from one show per year to two anthology shows and one full-length show, while also continuing to grow and develop new and creative original works from Bay Area and national queer and allied writers.

\* 2015 TBA Award Winner

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#### **CAST BIOGRAPHIES**

**ERICA ANDRACCHIO\*** (Rebecca Hilliker, Zubaida Ula, Tiffany Edwards, April Silva, Alison Mears, Friend of Aaron McKinney, Foreperson, Juror /Production Manager) has been a San Francisco based theater and film actress for nearly a decade. She has trained at A.C.T. and been a student of Meisner Technique at the Waterfront Conservatory and Playhouse. As a member of LCTC, she is an actor, writer, stage manager, director, and production manager. Past credits with the company include San Francisco, Here I Come!, Left Coast News and Twisted Hitchcock. She is thrilled to a part of The Laramie Project, a show that shaped her love of this craft 12 years ago, and never let go. www.ericaandracchio.com

**MEGAN BRIGGS** (*Reggie Fluty, Catherine Connolly, Eileen Engen, Jen, Waitress, Juror*) is thrilled to be making her LCTC debut with such a meaningful and profound play. Recent theatre credits include the world premiere of Vonnegut's *Mother Night* with Custom Made Theatre, and *Music/Scene* with PianoFight. This summer, you can catch her in *Sense and Sensibility* at Town Hall Theatre. She is very grateful to her friends, coworkers, and especially her family for all their love and support.

ANDREW CALABRESE (Greg Pierotti, Rulon Stacey, Russell Henderson, Stephen Mead Johnson, Murdock Cooper, Shannon, Phil Labrie, Newsperson, Priest, Bailiff) is proud to make his LCTC debut in The Laramie Project. As an actor, he's worked with Theatre Rhino, Second Wind Productions, New Conservatory, Impact Theatre, Shotgun Players, Custom Made, the Breadbox and No Nude Men. Andrew is one half of the comedy quartet, Shandyland. He was a founding member of Precarious Theatre Ensemble which developed new works and created the popular Kitchen Series at Brava Theater. When not in the theater he can be found cooking up a storm or just chilling on the couch with his husband Aaron in Oakland.

**ELLEN DUNPH**□\* (Amanda Gronich, Romaine Patterson, Kristen Price, Newsperson, Email Writer) is delighted to return to LCTC, where she was last seen in *Dog Sees God* and *Twisted Hitchcock*. Other favorite credits include *In the Next Room, or the Vibrator Play* (Pear Theatre), *Descent* (SF Olympians Festival, No Nude Men), *Urania* (Hilton□&mus Contemporary), and *Hothouse* (Pink Banana Theatre Company). She is originally from an unincorporated, rural Wisconsin town and some of the characters in *The Laramie Project* are very familiar to her. www.ellendunphy.com

TIM GARCIA (Jedadiah Schultz, Aaron Kreifels, Philip Dubois, Doug Laws, Governor Jim Geringer, Reverend Fred Phelps, Cal Rerucha, Judge, Juror) is honored to be a part of The Laramie Project. His LCTC debut was in Twisted Hitchcock (Norman/Norma Bates, Arnie). Bay Area companies and credits include The Normal Heart (Mickey) at Theatre Rhinoceros, How the World Began at CMTC (award-nominee Principal Actor in a Play by SF Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle), Brava Theatre Center, Boxcar Theatre's The Speakeasy (Dick), Angels in America (Prior) at Foothill Conservatory, and an award-winning, one-man dramati⊡ation of 8 by Dustin Lance Black at S□SU. He studied acting at UCSC, S□SU, and holds a B.A. in Theatre. Next production: Good. Better. Best. Bested. at CMTC.

TERR□ MALONE□ HALE□\* (Doc O'Conner, Rob Debree, Matt Mickelson, Jeffrey Lockwood, Dr. Cantway, Bill McKinney, Baptist Minister, Harry Woods, Morman Home Teacher, Juror) performed as the poetic Host(ess) in LCTC\(\text{S}\) Screaming Queens. He has also written several short plays for LCTC, including the \( \Big| \) Bidsploitation\( \Big| \) hat was part of Twisted Hitchcock, and he has directed a bunch of stuff too. As an actor, Terry had a lot of fun as Sir Toby Belch in Twelfth Night over at Actors Ensemble of Berkeley. In addition, he has numerous television credits as a sitcom writer and producer.

STE□E MALLERS (Mois□s Kaufman, Jon Peacock, Aaron McKinney, Dennis Shepard, Conrad Miller, Judge, Bailiff) is thrilled and honored to be part of The Laramie Project. A San Francisco resident since 2014, he has also called Chicago and Minneapolis home. Previous roles include Harry in the immersive theatre piece, The Speakeasy, Carl Hanratty in Catch Me If □ou Can, □udFry in Oklahoma!, and Combeferre in Les Mis□ræbles. Steve graduated from Luther College, where he contributed to the creation and debut of multiple theatrical works, including S□uae Stories and Camille□sCamival. When not on stage, Steve enjoys playing Mario, cooking, traveling, and exploring the outdoors with his wife, Laura, and their dog, Ruby.

LA□LAH MURAN DE ASSERETO (Leigh Fondakowski, Trish Steger, Sherry Johnson, Lucy Thompson, Newperson) is a local director, playwright, actress. She is the Artistic Director at Spare Stage. Most recently she was Celia in Talking Heads by Alan Bennett directed by Stephen Drewes. Her short play □TheVisit□was included in the anthology production The Greatful Deadly with Playland Productions. She is thrilled to be working with LCTC. For full bio see http://laylahmuran.co/about/

ALEJANDRO TORRES (Matt Galloway, Sgt. Hing, Father Roger Schmit, Jonas Slonaker, Andrew Gomez, Juror) is a San Francisco native and theatre actor/director. He holds a BA in Dramatic Art and Film Studies from UC Davis and enjoys using theatre as a tool for discourse, experimentation, and exposing others to new experiences. Favorite roles include: Salvador Dali in I Like That and Orlando in As □ou Like It. In 201□ he directed the play All the Worlds Are Stages by Ruben Grijalva which won the audience-voted theatre competition Short□Lived VI hosted by PianoFight. The Laramie Project marks his first production with LCTC and he is excited to tell this important story.

WERA VON WULFEN (Marge Murray, Zackie Salmon, Sherry Aanenson, Baptist Minister's Wife, Newsperson, Shadow, Juror) is thrilled to make her San Francisco stage debut! After finishing her M.Sc. in Psychology at UC Berkeley and applying her passion for people and problem solving to the start-up & nonprofit world, she is taking the leap. She is part of TBA's ATLAS Program and working closely with Lauren English and Meryl Shaw. Previous roles include Doctor Huld in The Trial, Poppy in Noises Off, and The Waiter in Moira Buffini's Dinner. When not on stage, you can find her wearing many hats at the SF Playhouse. She thanks her family & friends for their unwavering support! www.weravonwulfen.com.

#### **CREW BIORAPHIES**

STUART BOUSEL (Director) is a resident artist at the EXIT Theatre, where his directing credits include the American premiere of Clive Barker's Paradise Street, and revivals of The Desk Set, Exit the King, and Love's Labor Lost. He was founding artistic director of San Francisco Theater Pub, where he directed Measure for Measure, Taming of the Shrew, and Dick 3, and he's the Director of New Work Development at Custom Made Theatre Company, where he directed M. Butterfly, The Merchant of Venice, Prelude to a Kiss, The Crucible, Grey Gardens, Six Degrees of Separation, The House of Yes, and The Lion in Winter. Also a playwright, his work includes Everybody Here Says Hello! (winner of the 2014 TBA Award for Outstanding World Premiere), Adventures in Tech, Twins, Gone Dark, Pastorella, and an adaptation of The Congresswomen that will be playing the MainStage at the EXIT in May. He's very honored to direct this play for Left Coast Theatre Co. Find out more about his work at www.stuartbousel.com

CHRISTIAN HEPPINSTALL (Set Design) is a director, actor and singer whose last work for LCTC was directing Neil Higgins' My Fairy Drag Mother Fall 2017. Christian both directed 16 episodes of ABFAB in SF and starred as Patsy Stone. He worked extensively with Thrillpeddlers and Cockettes as company stage manager and Wagnerian soprano. He has also appeared on-stage with Mojo Theatre and New Conservatory Theatre. Having directed The Laramie Project, he is thrilled to be involved in another production of it. He keeps busy with yoga, bodywork, meditation and non-profit management.

**NEIL HIGGINS\*** (*Props*) is a member of the Board of LCTC, and has acted, written, and directed with them. He has worked with several other companies in SF for the past decade and is thrilled to be part of this production

**DAVID RICE** (Artistic Director) has worked as an actor, singer, dancer and director across the country from New York to San Francisco. He has starred in productions of *Me and My Girl*, *Brigadoon* and *Pippin* and directed *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, The Miracle Worker* and *My Fairy Drag Mother* as well. David spent several years as Production Company Manager for Broadway and National Tour productions of *Grease* with Rosie O'Donnell, Megan Mulally, Sheena Easton, Joe Piscopo and a young chorus girl named Sutton Foster (You may have heard of her.), Hal Prince's *Show Boat, The Full Monty* and *Ragtime*.

**ALEXIA STANIOTES\*** (Light Design) is the light designer. Do you see the faces up on that stage there? Yup! That's her, making sure you can see them. You can thank her later.

**RODNEY RHODA TAYLOR\*** (*Producer*) founded Left Coast Theatre Co. to provide LGBT theatrical artists a means for their work to reach a broader audience and for their voices to be heard. He has written the short plays, *Baby Christina*, *P.S. I love you*, *Motherly Advice* and *My Fairy Godmothers*. He is also cofounder of Endeavor Foundation for The Arts.

**MAY YOUNG** (Set Design and Construction) is a homosexual Scorpio carpenter from the south. Her favorite things are biscuits and the writings of Zora Neal Hurston.

\*Denotes current LCTC Company Member

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