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Starkville Community Theatre present:

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by Lauren Gunderson

Directed by Jo Durst

February 9-12  
February 14-18, 2017



Silent Sky is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.  
The 2016–2017 season is funded in part by grants from the Mississippi Arts Commission  
and the National Endowment for the Arts.

# SILENT SKY

## The Cast

Henrietta Leavitt ..... Beth Accardy  
Margaret Leavitt ..... Rylee Burchfield  
Peter Shaw ..... Bucky Clements \*  
Williamina Fleming ..... Michele Crescenzo  
Annie Cannon ..... Joy Cariño \*

\* SCT Debut

## The Setting

### PLACE

Leavitt home in rural Wisconsin  
The offices of the Harvard Observatory  
Henrietta's home in Cambridge

### TIME

1900-1920

*There will be a 10-minute intermission between acts.*

[www.sct-online.org](http://www.sct-online.org)

*Silent Sky* - Commissioned and first produced by South Coast Repertory with support from the Elizabeth George Foundation.

# The Production Crew

Director .....Jo Durst  
Assistant Director .....Chase McCoy  
Stage Manager.....Chase McCoy  
Set Design .....Jo and Wayne Durst  
Lighting Design.....Jo and Wayne Durst  
Costume Design .....Michele Crescenzo & Jo Durst  
Lighting Operator.....Derrell Staten  
Sound Operator .....Chase McCoy  
Poster Design .....Chase McCoy  
Photographs.....Dianna Janus-Design & Photography  
House Manager Coordinator .....Cindy Brown  
Box Office .....Cam McMillen & Marsha Williams  
Opening Night Party ..... Starkville Area Arts Council

# The Construction Crew

Wayne Durst, Construction Crew Chief  
Edwin Ellis, MJ Etua, Wes Gorman,  
Thomas La Foe, Jonathan Reeves,  
Gabe Smith, Marsha Williams,  
Beth Accardy, Rylee Burchfield,  
Joy Cariño, Bucky Clements,  
Michele Crescenzo and Chase McCoy

# Special Thanks

Edwin Ellis  
Theatre MSU  
Melanie Harris  
Cody Stockstill

# About The Cast

## BETH ACCARDY

This is Beth's third show with SCT. She has previously been seen in SCT's productions of *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* (Nina) and *Fox on the Fairway* (Louise). She has also played various roles over at the Mississippi State University Theatre Department. Additionally, she is a math major at MSU, and she is also involved in RUF. Beth is so thrilled to be playing "Henrietta Leavitt" in *Silent Sky*. She would love to thank Jo for this amazing opportunity. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone. She would also like to thank her family and friends for their support and for coming to see this show.



## RYLEE BURCHFIELD

Rylee is so excited to be a part of her second SCT show. She has acted in *Urinetown*, *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella*, *Legally Blonde: The Musical*, *Spamalot*, and *Anything Goes*. Rylee is a freshman at Mississippi State University and is studying child life. She cannot wait for you to see *Silent Sky*, and she hopes you enjoy it!



## JOY CARIÑO

Joy is a Starkville native and freshman at Mississippi State University, double majoring in English and mathematics. She's been involved with SCT since her childhood, participating in Saturday morning theatre activities and Project P.L.A.Y. summer shows, but this is her first in-season show. Joy has been active in theatre, at Starkville High School and Mississippi State's Summer Scholars and was recently in Theatre MSU's production *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Joy also loves playing piano, playing violin for her church, and reading. Joy hopes to someday become a cool 'n' quirky high school teacher.



## BUCKY CLEMENTS

Bucky is thrilled to be making his SCT debut in the role of Peter Shaw. He holds a BA in Theatre from the University of Alabama, and has been involved with several theatre companies in Tuscaloosa, Alabama both onstage and backstage. Other credits over the past year include “Jim” in *The Glass Menagerie* and “Young Scrooge” in *A Christmas Carol* on the Theatre Tuscaloosa stage and “Lucentio” in *Taming of the Shrew* and “Messenger” in *Love's Labours Lost* with the Rude Mechanicals.



## MICHELE CRESCENZO

Michele has performed at SCT in *Urinetown*, *The Cemetery Club*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, and *A Catered Affair*. She is grateful to the wonderful women and men in Silent Sky's cast and crew, and to the pioneering women astronomers who refused to do as they were told or stay in their place.





# *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* wi

SCT's *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* swept the competition at the Mississippi Theatre Association festival, winning six awards and advancing to represent our city and state at the next level - at the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) regional competition in Lexington, Kentucky, March 1-5.

The comedy about three siblings won the J. Warren McDaniel Best Production Award, Best Actress (Madeline Golden), Best Supporting Actor (Kris Lee), All Star Cast (Kat Hester), Best Costumes (Mary Ann Jones and Cast) and Best Director (Patty Archer).

Now SCT and the cast and crew need your help to raise funds to compete at SETC. There are several ways you can contribute and we hope you will consider giving one (or more) ways!

First, you can make a contribution. Second, you can purchase a raffle ticket. Third, you can attend one of two upcoming special events. And fourth, you can attend an encore performance of the show!

## **Make a Contribution**

You can contribute through our Go Fund Me account or here at the theatre. Your contribution will allow you to be a part of the show by sponsoring pieces of the set or one of the props. You can even have a photograph of your choosing in the photo album the cast looks at during the show.

## **Purchase a Raffle Ticket**

Raffle tickets are being sold in the lobby before each performance and from SCT volunteers and member of the cast and crew. Tickets are a \$1 donation and you may choose from one of five gift baskets you want to try and win:

- **Wrap it in Maroon and White** - all things MSU including tickets to the 3-game series with Tennessee, March 24-26; two t-shirts; a double cowbell; an MSU tote; gift cards to Moe's Original BBQ, Lost Pizza, Harvey's and much more
- **Pamper Yourself** - gift cards for free color enhancement, a life coaching session, and manicure and pedicure; makeup; professional hair products; books; candles; sunglasses; accessories; and much more

# ins top prize at MTA, advances to SETC

- **Let Us Entertain You** - 2 season tickets to SCT's 2017-2018 season, 2 tickets to the Starkville / MSU Symphony Gala, 2 movie tickets, 2 tickets to the Magnolia Film Festival; 2 tickets to the Ragtime Jazz Festival; gift cards to the Veranda and Cappe's; a bottle of wine; and much more
- **Cheers for Chick Fil A** - gift cards for free food, a rain jacket, a Starkville t-shirt, a mini cooler, a cow bobble head, three stuffed cows and more
- **Made in Mississippi** - wonderful handmade goodies including MSU Cheddar Cheese; two bowls made from old 45s; a carved spoon; gift cards from Strange Brew and the Veranda; a gift card to Deep South Pout; Capri Blue and Aspen Bay candles; a children's book from the Book Mart; a wooden sign that says "Be Different" and much more.

## Attend a Special Event

You can also support us and have some fun by attending one of our two special events.

- **Jams for Hams - Sunday, February 19**  
Dave's Dark Horse Tavern will host a concert benefitting SCT, with a suggested \$5 cover counting as a donation to the the SETC-bound production. Acts will include Brent Varner, Lee and Georgia Graham, The Bold O'Donaghues, Todd Rowan, and Cicadas, with a start time of 7 p.m.. Even if you can't make the concert in the evening, 15% of all food sales that Sunday will be donated to SCT if you mention the theater by name to a server.
- **A Taste of SCT And Restaurant Tyler - Tuesday, February 21**  
Restaurant Tyler hosts an hors d'oeuvres and cocktails benefit, in their beautiful upstairs venue, located above the main serving space. This ticketed event starts at 6 p.m. on February 21, with a door cost of \$25 for a spread of delicious food and entertainment from some of your favorite SCT performers.

## Attend a Performance of *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*

On Tuesday, February 28, SCT will perform *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* onstage at the Playhouse on Main. Showtime is 7 p.m., with suggested donations at the door of \$5 for students and \$10 for general admission. (Please note the show contains adult language.)

# A Night Under the Stars

Friday, February 24 at 6:30

A Night Under the Stars is a Musical Dinner Theatre featuring the songs of the great 20th century ladies and benefiting the Christian World Mission.

SCT is proud to partner with the Christian World Mission to help them raise funds for their outreach programs. For the past four years, CWM has allowed SCT to rehearse for its competition show in their space. This dinner theatre is our way of saying thank you.

Join some of your favorite SCT singers including Paul Ruff, MJ Etua, Noah Knox, Terry McDowell, Brian Hawkins, Madeline Golden, and Kris Lee as they team with singers from CWM for a night you will not forget. Songs include Stop in the Name of Love, Oh Baby Love, Summertime, I'll Never Fall in Love Again, It's Too Late, Mack the Knife, The Beat Goes On, Under the Boardwalk and so much more.

Tickets are \$35 and include dinner and the show. They are available by calling (662) 324-0390 or from Pattye Archer.



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# Important Dates

- Saturday, February 11 - Acting Troupe from 1-3 p.m. at the Playhouse
- Sunday, February 12 - Auditions for Incorruptibles at 6 p.m.
- Monday, February 13 - Auditions for Incorruptibles at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, February 19 - Jams for Hams from 7-10 at Dave's Dark Horse Tavern; a concert benefitting SCT, with a suggested \$5 cover and featuring several of your favorite local bands.
- Tuesday, February 21 - A Taste of SCT And Restaurant Tyler at 6 p.m. Join us for hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and some of your favorite SCT performers. Tickets \$25.
- Thursday, February 23 - General Meeting at 6 p.m. We will vote on the 2017-2018 slate of shows. Come help us choose our 40th Season.
- Friday, February 24 - A Night Under the Stars, a Musical Dinner Theatre featuring the Songs of the Great 20th Century Ladies, to benefit the Christian World Mission. Tickets are \$35.
- Saturday, February 25 - Writing Workshop at 7 p.m. Submit short fiction, poetry, short one-act plays or monologues, etc. to [sctwritingworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:sctwritingworkshop@gmail.com) by February 20.

## Tabor Management

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