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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

"She's my person. If I murdered someone, she's the person I'd call to help me drag the corpse across the living room floor." -Cristina Yang, *Grey's Anatomy*.

Lovers may come and go with the seasons, careers may wax and wane, but a true friend is a fixture for all times. Whether dancing until dawn, splurging on that Beyoncé concert, nursing a 2 am. heartbreak - or, yes, hiding the body - we can count on our platonic soulmates to meet the moment with a love and an understanding that's tailor-made for us. They see us at our wittiest and our worst without reaching for the escape hatch. They lift us towards our destiny, with the assurance they'll be rooting us to solid ground all the while. Simply put, they're our people.

Being a vessel for Joshua Harmon's love letter to those unsung soulmates, alongside this entire team of wise and willing artists, has been the joy of a lifetime. Together, we wrung out every crevice of this play for all the comedy and truth we could find, and then some. We hope that you leave the doors of this building with a newfound and unshakable appreciation for each branch of your family tree - especially the ones you grafted on yourself.

Elijah Green





Act One

Kiki's bachelorette party

Jordan's office kitchen

Museum of Modern Art

Jordan's apartment

Helene's apartment

Kiki's wedding

Movie theater

Bar

Vanessa's bachelorette party

One 15-minute intermission

Act Two

Jordan's apartment

Vanessa's wedding

Jordan's office kitchen

Gym

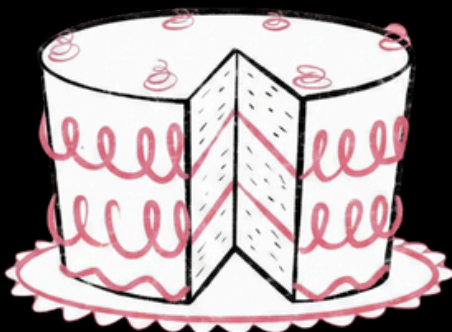
Helene's apartment

Laura's bachelorette party

Bar

Hotel, North Carolina

Laura's wedding



CAST

(ALPHABETIC BY ACTOR'S LAST NAME)

Laura

Helene Berman

Kiki

Zach/Evan/Roger

Will/Conrad/Tony

Laura U/S

Vanessa

Kiki U/S

Jordan Berman

Felicia

Gail Bernardi

Lily Chimenti

Deion Dillahunt

Wally James

Joie Mitchell

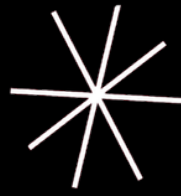
Autumn Renae

Rebecca Wade

Taylor Wesselman



MEET THE CAST



Felicia (she/her) – Laura

Felicia is thrilled to reprise the role of Laura in this production of *Significant Other*, having first played the part during the pandemic. Originally from Delaware, Felicia moved to New York City to study at The American Academy of Dramatic Arts, where she deepened her love of storytelling and performance. Felicia practices fluency in French and wants to travel the world while continuing to share complex, meaningful messages through art. She is grateful to the cast, crew, and creative team for the chance to return to this role, and to her family and friends for their continued support.



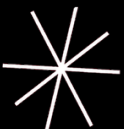
Gail Bernardi (she/her) – Helene Berman

Gail Bernardi is a longtime member of Kentwood Players and a veteran director and actor throughout Southern California. Over her many years onstage, she has brought both comedy and drama to life, though she will happily admit—echoing the old actor's famous quip—that while “dying is easy,” comedy is the true challenge. Gail has a deep affection for theatre and for well-constructed plays such as *Significant Other*. Throughout her long and storied career, she has appeared in numerous productions and continues to find joy in the collaborative artistry that live performance demands. She is delighted to be working with Elijah and this wonderful cast on such a beautifully crafted play. Gail thanks you for supporting live theatre and hopes you enjoy the show.



Lily Chimenti (she/her) – Kiki

Lily is a Los Angeles-based actress and improviser. You may have most recently seen her originating the role of Weena in *The Time Machine* at the Hollywood Fringe Festival, as Madison in the web series *The Hobbyist* on YouTube, or hosting LA's new hit man-on-the-street series *What's in your Trunk?* on Instagram/TikTok. Film credits include *Hold 'Em* and *Fender*. Previous stage credits also include *Godspell*, *The Wolves*, and *Loves Labours Lost*. When not on stage, you can find Lily baking sourdough in her kitchen, on the soccer field, or cuddling with her orange cat/gremlin, Tiki. Peace, presence, and positivity to all. Instagram: @lilychimiz



MEET THE CAST



Deion Dillahunty (he/they) – Zach/Evan/Roger

Deion is a fresh new face, rekindling his theatrical passions in the roles of Zach, Evan, and Roger in *Significant Other*. Though it has been a long hiatus, he is excited to be back on stage pursuing one of the many art forms he loves. As a singer, songwriter, and model, Deion is an active participant in the entertainment industry. His debut single '*Lonely Girl*' was released on May 14th, 2025. Since debuting, he has had the pleasure of performing for FOMO Stage, Ice Cream Social, and the well-known Breaking Sound LA. He is excited to continue growing as a creative and to meld his passions together to become an even more well-rounded artist.



Wally James (he/him) – Will/Conrad/Tony

Wallez James, aka Wally, was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He started acting with a local agency and, after some time, came out to Los Angeles for a visit, where he discovered The Beverly Hills Playhouse. After witnessing one night of classes, he realized that's where he needed to be to push himself to grow as an actor. He has appeared in films '*Going Up*' and '*Blackjack*,' as well as the miniseries '*Love's Got Me Blind*' and '*Onyx*,' which won a Telly Award for Best Online Scripted Series for season one and is currently under consideration for an Emmy Nomination for season two this year.



Joie Mitchell (they/them) – Will/Conrad/Tony

Joie Mitchell is an actor, writer, director, and singer-songwriter. They have written, directed, and performed in works supported by Chain Theatre, Circle X Theatre Company, Downtown Urban Arts Festival, and HERO Theatre. Joie also works at the Bob Baker Marionette Theater in Highland Park.





MEET THE CAST



Autumn Renea (she/her) Vanessa

Autumn Renae is honored to be a part of *Significant Other*, her first-ever production with Kentwood Players. As a SAG-AFTRA actress, singer, and dancer, her performance credits include work with Disney, Nickelodeon, HBO, NAACP, as well as much more. She has trained and developed her craft at Amazing Grace Conservatory, California State University, Northridge's Department of Theater, and The Robey Theater Company. All of these experiences have helped shape her passion for performance. Autumn is grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with such a talented team of artists and is excited to share this special moment of storytelling with audiences. Autumn would like to personally thank her family, as well as every instructor and director who has sustained her love and drive for theater over the years.



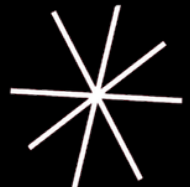
Rebecca Wade (she/her) – Kiki U/S

Rebecca is honored to return to the Kentwood stage, and in her very first straight play! A lifelong musician and lover of the arts, she has worn many hats on the stage, behind the curtain, and even in the pit. Outside the theater, Rebecca works in clinical research and is grateful to balance a career in healthcare with her passion for the arts. Favorite past credits include Miss Evangeline Barley in *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (Golden West College), *42nd Street* (Kentwood Players), *The Secret Garden* (Golden West College), and *The Producers* (Kentwood Players).



Taylor Wesselman (he/him) – Jordan Berman

Taylor Wesselman (Jordan) is extremely grateful to have caught the bouquet for one of his favorite plays. Previous credits include *The Last Five Years* (Jamie), *The Wizard of Oz* (Tin Man), *[title of show]* (Jeff), and *The Music Man* (Jacey Squires). He is also the Producing Artistic Director of Domino One Productions. This one's for the hopeless romantics!



MEET THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Elijah Green- Director

Elijah is a director, writer, performer, and teaching artist based in Compton. His artistic practice is all about honoring the marginalized, spreading joy, and fostering empathy the best way he knows how - one story at a time. *Significant Other* marks his second directorial outing at Kentwood Players, following *Once On This Island* in 2024, and he is immeasurably grateful for the continued trust and support of the Kentwood community. Elijah would like to thank this cast for their killer comic instincts and tireless hunger for the truth, and this crew for their commitment to excellence. He also extends his undying gratitude to his real-life significant others - familial, platonic, canine, and romantic - for shaping him into the person and artist he is today. Upcoming: *Into the Woods* (Morgan-Wixson Theatre), *Staged Reading Festival* (Eight Ball Theatre, Literary Associate).

Lori Marple Pereslete-Producer

Lori joined Kentwood in 2001. She has served on the Board of Directors as Production Manager 2x, House Manager, and was appointed Properties Mistress for over 15 years. She has produced over 22 plays throughout the years. Some of her credits include *Sister Act*, *Big Fish*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Mame*, *Into the Woods*, *39 Steps*, and *The Fantasticks*. Along with producing, Lori can also be found decorating sets and searching for props. She is excited to work with Elijah once again and honored to be working with such a talented Cast and Crew. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Ethan Trejo-Associate Producer

Ethan is thrilled to be serving as associate producer for this show. He has previously appeared on the Kentwood stage in *Our Town* and *Rent*.

Josh Harper - Stage Manager

Josh is thrilled to be working on his 8th show at Kentwood Players upon wrapping up his 41st overall production. He began as a crew member for Theatre Palisades Youth's production of *The Wind in the Willows* and became a stage manager soon after. In addition, Josh has made cameo appearances in *Has Anybody Here Seen Roy?* and *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure*. He was most recently Assistant Stage Manager for Kentwood's production of *Next to Normal!* "Break a leg!"

Konnor Syed- Sound Designer- Konnor, is a sound designer with a background in Linguistics. He hopes to use sound to help enhance an artist's vision; to aid in the amazing act of communication; to bring people together; and to understand each other better.



MEET THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Katie Cox- Assistant Stage Manager -Katie is delighted to join the *Significant Other* team for her fourth production with Kentwood Players! Originally from Canada (eh), she has spent the last 14 years in theater primarily as an actress, director, and writer. Her first experience as an ASM was on Kentwood's production of *42nd Street*, a fast-paced crash course in backstage chaos, quick changes, and learning exactly how much happens behind the curtain at any given moment. Katie thrives in organized chaos, so she decided to come back for another round! When not backstage or on stage, she can usually be found singing at the top of her lungs, playing with her dog (Raspberry) and cats (Merlin and Mim), or avoiding writing bios about herself.

Isabel Stallings – Intimacy Director

Bio

Daniel Michener – Lighting Design

Daniel is excited to be participating in his tenth production with Kentwood Players! It's a wonder he hasn't burnt out yet. Past productions with the company that he had the privilege of lighting include *42nd Street*, *An Inspector Calls*, and *Once on This Island*. Daniel would like to thank his Significant Other Lizzy, as well as Other Significants Elijah, Sri, and his uncle Rothgar.

Alejandro Lechuga-Costume Design

bio

Jon Sparks-Wig Design

Jon is a 25-year member of the Kentwood Players and is honored to work with this great team! For the past two decades, he has performed, directed, wigged, costumed, and produced shows all over Los Angeles and Orange County. Jon is a proud member of IATSE Local 706, the Make-Up Artist and Hair Stylist Guild. Jon is an accomplished wig creator/designer, having worked at Disneyland as well as many local theaters.

Tony Pereslete- Set Design

Tony enjoys designing sets. He has designed many sets through the years for Kentwood, the last one being *Once on This Island*. He finds it fulfilling to turn amorphous wood, paint, and fasteners into a magic space for our performers, and Significant Other is an especially fun show in this fun space. Enjoy.



PRODUCTION TEAM

Stage Manager	Josh Harper
Asst. Stage Manager	Katie Cox
Intimacy Director	Isabel Stallings
Scenic Designer	Tony Pereslete
Master Builder	Tony Pereslete
Set Builder	Doug Carlson
Set Builder	Tony Pereslete
Set Painter	Tony Pereslete
Set Painter	Lori Marple-Pereslete
Set Decoration	Lori Marple-Pereslete
Lighting Design	Daniel Mitchener
Properties	Lori Marple-Pereslete
Specialty Props	Janine Anderson
Costume Design	Alejandro Lechuga
Wig Design	Jon Sparks
Sound Design	Konner Syed
Poster Design	West Maatita
Booth Operator	Natalie Mann
Audition Desk	Colleen Okida
Audition Desk	Roy Okida
Casting Consultant	Michael Riskin
Publicity Photos	Gloria Ramirez-Plunkett

Special Thanks

**Jon Sparks, Gloria Ramirez-Plunkett, Janine Anderson,
Three Weavers Brewing Company, Shan Shaikh, Singles #1-2**

WORK SATURDAY/SUNDAY

Iris Avedon, Gail Bernardi, Christian Blair, Doug Carlson, Lily Chimenti, Sheldon Cohen, Jamie Dawley, Kathy Dershimer, Nico Fisher, Samuel Goldman, Elijah Green, Josh Harper, Margaret Harrington, Ben Hess, Melanie Hess, Laura Ivie, George Kondreck, Daniel Kruger, Kirk Larson, Ben Lupekis, Howard Male, Lori Maple-Pereslete, Tony Pereslete, Felicia Mayers, Melvin Miller, Roy Okida, Colleen Okida, Fiona Okida, Doug Pascale, Carrie Palmer, Kim Peterson, Elliott Plunkett, Shawn Plunkett, Julia Sison, Jon Sparks, Shawn Summerer, Michael Thorpe, Ethan Trejo, Doug Vasquez, Taylor Wesselman, and Rhona Yeager-Hutchinson



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Book by Joe Maseroff
Music by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick
Directed by Brian Pirnat

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by Nick Paine
Directed by James Rice

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