





**Outskirts Theatre Co. Proudly Presents**

The  
**Amish Project**  
by Jessica Dickey

Directed by  
**Ryan Albrechtson**

Starring  
**Abbi Hess**

Stage Managed by  
**Katelynne Rosera**

April 28-30, 2017  
The Underground Collaborative  
161 W Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53203

*The Amish Project* was originally presented in the New York International Fringe Festival in association with Nora Productions, and further developed and produced by Cherry Lane Theater, Angelina Fiordellisi, Artistic Director. World premiere produced by Rattlestick Playwrights Theater in association with Nora Productions.

#### THE CHARACTERS

**ANNA** ..... Amish girl, age 14. Victim of the shooting  
**CAROL STUCKEY** ..... Widow of the gunman  
**VELDA** ..... Amish girl, age 6. Victim of the shooting  
**BILL NORTH** ..... Scholar and professor on Amish culture  
**EDDIE STUCKEY** ..... The gunman of schoolhouse shooting  
**SHERRY LOCAL** ..... Age 53. Resident of Nickel Mines, PA

## BIOGRAPHIES

**ABBI HESS** (Velda/Anna/et al.) is a fourth year History and Theatre & Arts Management double major at Carroll University. This will be her sixth production with Outskirts, but she is taking to the stage this time. She would like to thank everyone at Outskirts for this opportunity. She hopes that you enjoy the show and keep those affected by tragedies such as this in your prayers.

**RYAN ALBRECHTSON** (Director) is thrilled to finally be tackling this challenging, inspiring show that he's wanted to put on the Outskirts stage since our inception. Directing credits for Outskirts include *Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead*, *And Baby Makes Seven*, *Rabbit Hole*, and *Wonderland*. He'll end our third season directing *Bare: A Pop Opera*, in which he'll also find his way on stage. Ryan is a graduate from Carroll University with a degree in Theatre & Arts Management.

Outside of Outskirts, he works for Marcus Promotions. Inc./Footlights in Theatre and Venue Relations. Huge thanks to Abbi and Katelynne for their hard work in this quick turnaround.

**KATELYNNE ROSERA** (Stage Manager) is delighted to work again with Outskirts Theatre Co. She's previously worked as a Stage Manager for their production of *Rabbit Hole* in 2015. Katelynne is very active in the performing arts both on-stage and off. She worked most recently an Assistant Stage Manager for her alma mater's production of *Legally Blonde: The Musical* at Carroll University. Katelynne currently is a Graphic Design and Web Developer for Marcus Promotions, Inc./Footlights and loves each opportunity she has to connect with the performing arts community. She'd like to thank her friends and family, as well as Abbi and Ryan for allowing her to be part of this fantastic trio!

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I've written a lot of director's notes in my career, and to be honest, I struggled with this one quite a bit. While Jessica Dickey's incredible story features fictional characters... the real story they tell is all too true. And absolutely heartbreaking. I thought about spending time mentioning the hundreds of school shootings that have happened in the last few years. This is something we talked about as a marketing team as well. But who are we to use that kind of pain and suffering to fill our seats? That wasn't something that I felt comfortable with.

I feel so incredibly honored to have gotten to work on this piece, especially with such a fantastic team. Katelynne is known for keeping my head on straight in the many, many positions and projects we've worked on together. I could not have done this without her. And Abbi, as you'll see tonight, is phenomenal. I could not, and would not, have dared touched this project without her in these roles. She does such wonderful justice to this story, to these characters, and to this art form.

I'll leave you with this. We live in a scary world. You never know what is going to happen. I attended a funeral service for a friend a few years ago, and the title of the sermon given was "Tomorrow is Not a Promise." That's really stuck with me. Tell the people you love them that you love them. Today. Right now. This very moment. Because, well, you never know.

I truly believe you are in for a night of thought-provoking, meaningful theatre. I hope it means as much to you as it has to all of us. Thanks for the continued support.

Ryan Albrechtson  
Director

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