

ARTSTREAM'S SILVER SPRING THEATRE COMPANIES PRESENT:

# GARDENERS OF THE GALAXY: A SUPERFOODS MUSICAL! & FOOTBALL! FINALS! FINANCES!

**JUNE 9-11 AND 16-18, 2023 FRIDAY AT 7:30PM  
AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30PM**

SILVER SPRING BLACK BOX, 8641 COLESVILLE ROAD, SILVER SPRING, MD 20910

**VIDEO PREMIERE: THURSDAY, JULY 6 AT 7:30PM**  
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# About ArtStream

ArtStream's classes, workshops, and performing companies fuel each student's imagination, creativity, and focus. And that's not all. Students improve communication and social skills and develop friendships. Newly discovered talents and capabilities improve self-esteem, poise, and confidence that extend into their daily lives. All ArtStreamers are valued for their creative contributions. ArtStream's demanding and very entertaining process encourages students to discover their creativity and strengths and perform with confidence!

*"My son has many challenges with social situations, and making new friends is very difficult. I see a really positive change in him since he began this ArtStream class! He looks forward to the class and feels comfortable with the teachers. They are fabulous."*  
— Parent of a 20-year-old ArtStream student

## Take a Performing Class

ArtStream offers performing arts classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) — including autism. You do not need to have any acting experience to take a class.

Learn about our current classes or register for an upcoming class today.

Classes: [www.art-stream.org/take-a-class](http://www.art-stream.org/take-a-class)

## Join Our Monthly Super Social Saturdays

Practice being your best self in a group event setting. Show your skills, be silly, express yourself, practice positive social experiences, and dance!

# Attend a Show





# Looking Ahead...

## Don't Miss 2023's Performances

### **ALEXANDRIA IN-PERSON THEATRE COMPANY**

Friday-Sunday, March 17-19 and 24-26  
Friday at 7:30pm and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30pm  
Video Premiere: April 6, 7:30 p.m.

### **ALEXANDRIA VIRTUAL THEATRE COMPANY**

March 26, 3:30 p.m.  
Video Premiere: April 6, 7:30 p.m.

### **GAITHERSBURG THEATRE COMPANIES**

Friday-Sunday, May 12-14 and 19-21  
Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 pm  
Video Premiere: June 2, 7:30 p.m.

### **SILVER SPRING THEATRE COMPANIES**

Friday-Sunday, June 9-11 and 16-18, 2023  
Friday at 7:30pm and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30pm  
Video Premiere: July 6, 7:30 p.m.

### **MARYLAND CABARET FALL AND SPRING**

Monday, January 23 (fall).  
Monday, May 15 (spring) at 7:30pm.  
Video Premiere: Fall: February 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Video Premiere: Spring: June 1, 7:30 p.m.

### **VIRGINIA CABARET SPRING**

Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:30pm.  
Video Premiere: June 1, 7:30 p.m.

## **Tickets**

[www.art-stream.org](http://www.art-stream.org)  
(301) 565-4567



Get Involved  
with ArtStream

# Perform with **ArtStream**

Auditions for the Theatre Companies occur in the fall for shows the following spring. Cabaret Companies hold auditions in the fall and winter.

## **Theatre Companies**

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Actors develop and perform an original musical. The company votes on a theme, creates original characters, and improvises scenes. Scenes are then scripted to become an original one-act musical. Each performance presents two of these musicals in a double bill before a live audience.

## **Cabaret Companies**

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Actors agree on a theme for ensemble music and dance performances, and then each actor works with the choreographer and music director to develop solo and small-group music, dance, or drama performances.



### **Requirements to perform**

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have participated in at least eight weeks of ArtStream classes in the past two years

### **Reserve your spot**

on the audition list by calling ArtStream at 301-830-5896.

When there is space in the company, we will invite you to join us for an audition.



Bring ArtStream  
to Your Community

# CLASSES FOR YOUR Community

ArtStream's talented Teaching Artists lead a variety of workshops and classes for groups, schools, and private organizations. Classes are designed for people of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs), including autism. Learning through the arts is empowering. Classes/programs build upon entertaining and demanding games that encourage participants to be creative, to pay attention to others, to listen, to respond, and to engage with others. Classes/programs foster social connections as participants practice communication skills like eye contact, listening, and self-awareness. In the process, participants build their confidence, discover their creativity and strengths, and expand their capabilities and self-awareness. All of this, and more, while having fun!

## Programs include:

- ✓ Dance and movement
- ✓ Drama and storytelling
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Musical theatre
- ✓ Self-advocacy
- ✓ Workplace communication
- ✓ Public speaking

Contact ArtStream for more information and to design a class to fit your organization's needs. You can reach Program Manager Rachael Sutherland at [r.sutherland@art-stream.org](mailto:r.sutherland@art-stream.org) or 301-830-4588

*"As a parent and professional in the field of developmental disabilities, ArtStream is one of my favorite programs to witness and collaborate with. Attendees are more comfortable with a variety of communication partners across all settings. Even our nonverbal friends benefit from ArtStream programming, as I've heard two young adults speak for the first time during an ArtStream class. My face hurt from smiling!! Thank you, ArtStream."*  
— Jenn Lynn, Executive Director, Upcounty Resources (UCR)



# Support ArtStream



# Donate

Tuition and ticket sales cover less than half of the cost of ArtStream's programs. Your donations make it possible for actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) — including autism — to perform on stage, feel empowered and respected, and actively engage in our communities.

- ✓ \$75 funds a full costume for one Theatre Company actor.
- ✓ \$300 underwrites a public speaking workshop for self-advocacy and pre-employment skills.
- ✓ \$1,000 sponsors an eight-week class such as Broadway Song & Dance, Shakespeare, Directing & Design.

Donate: [www.art-stream.org/donate](http://www.art-stream.org/donate) or mail a check to:  
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# Volunteer

Volunteers ages 13+ are needed to help in classes, backstage, and onstage.

Volunteers are eligible for Student Service Learning (SSL) hours, and ArtStream looks great on college applications!

Groups and families are welcome.

Volunteer: [www.art-stream.org/who-we-serve/volunteer/](http://www.art-stream.org/who-we-serve/volunteer/)

Questions? Reach out to Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator Katie Mraz at [k.mraz@art-stream.org](mailto:k.mraz@art-stream.org) or 703-483-5209 for more information.

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SILVER SPRING A

# FOOTBALL! FINALS! FINANCES!

## Director's Note

Last June we talked about how our mentors, Norah and Sylvia, would be going off to college this year. Some of the company suggested we explore this brave new world of Academia. The idea of taking a new class can be exciting and sometimes scary. What if you don't like the professor? What if you change your mind about what you want to learn? Our fictional college "Anyway University" is set in Four Corners, USA. Literally. It's smack dab on top of the four corners of four states! *Anyway University* has so many programs, you're sure to find something interesting to study. Come on, register for a class! I'll see you on campus. I'll be the one with the rainbow sunglasses and an armadillo! Thank you to the Parents and Caregivers of our cast. You make this possible every week and I appreciate you all. Thank you to my husband Mike for constant support and son Cole for inspiring me to try new things. Thank you to Diana Metzger for exceptional academic support. Thank you to Norah Juzenas for yet another year of top-notch work. I'm crying as I write this- We will miss you so much next Fall!! Thank you to our great choreographer Sandy for being our president and for these spirited dances. Thank you to Andy Stainer for these fabulous songs that move our school spirit. Thank you to Charlie for being our SAM!! Thank you to our fabulous mentors Ian, Alice, Sid, Norah, Sylvia, and Sandy. We could not graduate this class without you!! Thank you to Sylvia for filming her Sylvia Selfies!! We will miss you in the Fall. Thank you to Stefany for our school wear! Thank you to Axel for matriculating to Anyway.

Special Thank you to Kristen Meier and Ace Gray for Sign Interpretation support. Thanks to Karin Chambliss for the Desert Images. Thank you to Anna Carleton for volunteering and the Skeleton! Thanks to Jake Foley Keene for our opening voiceover and a bow tie!

*Natalie Zanin – Director*

# Tonight's Performance

## Production Team

**Director:** Natalie Zanin

**Assistant Directors:** Diana Metzger and Norah Juzenas

**Scriptwriters:** Natalie Zanin, Norah Juzenas, and Diana Metzger

**Music Director/ Composer/ Lyricist/ Projection Designer:** Andrew Stainer

**Choreographer:** Sandra Roachford

**Mentors:** Ian Bannon, Alice Anne English, Norah Juzenas, Sidhartha Hamulkar, Sylvia Pittman, and Sandra Roachford

**Costume Design:** Stefany Thomas

**Videography:** Natalie Zanin

**Lighting Design:** Stephen Deming

**Stage Manager:** Charlie Van Kirk

**Stage Crew:** Maren Gibb

**Theater and Events Manager:** Axel Cruz

## Cast

**Ian Bannon:**  
TA Ian

**Katy Donahue:**  
Prof Juniper

**Eric Edwards:**  
Prof Dumblespeare

**Zeev Gilat:**  
Mr J. Bersahr

**Jason Hartt:**  
DJ Sonic Scholar

**JP Illarramendi:**  
Prof Kinss

**Norah Juzenas:**  
TA Norah/  
Student Norah

**Michael Lautenberger:**  
Dr. Martin

**Russell Lefurgy:**  
Prof Wilson C. Wool

**Eli Lewis:**  
Dean Buster

**Alex Lightfoot:**  
Alec Buffett

**Robin Porter:**  
Prof Allegro

**TR Richeson:**  
Student Melable Potter

**Sylvia Pittman:**  
Sorority Sylvia

**Sandra Roachford:**  
President Ivie Leeg

**SteveSabia:**  
Prof Steve Damon

**Vu Tran:**  
Dr. Tran

**Zak Weinstein:**  
Coach Z

**Siddhartha Harmalkar:**  
TA Sid/Athlete

**Alice Anne English:**  
Miss Finance/TA Alice  
Anne/Cheerleader

**Diana Metzger:**  
Student in audience

SILVER SPRING B

# GARDENERS OF THE GALAXY: A SUPER-FOODS MUSICAL!

## Director's Note

*Gardeners of the Galaxy: A Superfoods Musical!* is a show about embracing change and working together in the face of adversity, something we are all experts on in Silver Spring B. After overcoming many obstacles over the course of the pandemic, the actors rose to the challenge of working with an almost entirely new team this season. They were quick to welcome our new team with open arms, and we have been soaring to new heights together ever since. We discovered what amazing things can blossom from the unexpected. We bonded through improv and theater games, shared our knowledge of the "ArtStream classics," and learned new games along the way. We found ourselves saying "Wow, we've never tried that before!" and developed new traditions as a company, some of which are highlighted in our show.

Our story takes place on Planet Holiday, where every day is our favorite holiday. Everyone gets their powers from superfoods who are at the heart of every celebration. On Planet Holiday we learn there is even greater power in togetherness and that even the smallest gesture can make a huge impact on our world.

I have been incredibly inspired and grateful as a director to have had the opportunity to work with these talented, compassionate, and dedicated artists. It has been such a joy to learn and grow with Silver Spring B for another season and I can't wait to see what we come up with together next. Thank you to the amazing Silver Spring B staff, mentors, cast, crew, families, and aides for all you have done to make this season successful. I hope you enjoy the show!

Rye Ellis - Director



# Tonight's Performance

## Production Team

Directed by:  
RYE ELLIS and KATHRYN  
LODGE

Scripted by:  
RYE ELLIS and KATHRYN  
LODGE

Original Music and Lyrics  
by: MARK MUMM

Music Director: MARK  
MUMM

Projection Designer:  
RYE ELLIS

Set Design: ZOE HALL

Lighting Design:  
STEPHEN DEMING

Costume Design:  
STEFANY THOMAS

Assistant Director:  
JENNIFER POLLARD and  
ELLE SULLIVAN

Stage Manager:  
ELLE SULLIVAN and  
BECKY WEBB

Choreographer: MAGGIE  
CAMMAROTO

Mentors:  
ANN BRADY,  
MARCO ONEL,  
ANISA ZAMAN

Production Manager:  
AXEL CRUZ

Stage Crew:  
Ellary Barrett Toman,  
Andrew Cohen-Gross,  
David Gross,  
Haley Hubbard, Alia  
Mortensen-Richards,  
Grace Rosales

## Cast

Nadia Abouraya  
Shazama, hero of electricity

Sabrini Babu  
Wonder Possible, hero of  
conservation

\*Ann Brady  
Super Gardener, hero of  
kindness

Langston Caldwell  
Black Mantis, hero of  
perception

Maggie Cammaroto  
Essence, hero of nature

\*Rye Ellis  
Ensemble/ Ice Flame Storm

\*David Gross  
Ensemble, a meteor

\*Pam Freedy  
Essence, hero of nature  
(June 9-11)

Ivy Gilat  
Spyvy, villain from Planet  
Goldfish

Ben Glantz  
Peter, commander of The Surprise

Caroline Grabow  
Scarlet Evermore, comic book  
artist

\*Haley Hubbard  
Scarlet Evermore, comic book  
artist (June 17)

Ravi Jesrani  
Mr. Cole E. Flowers, a superfood

Patrick Jones  
Captain Marvelous, hero of  
charisma

Jeffrey Keyser  
George, helmsman of The  
Surprise

Faith McLuckie  
Big Mama, CEO of Villains, Inc

\*Mark Mumm  
Stefon Deux-Trois, executive  
assistant

Alia Mortensen-Richards  
Ensemble, a weather element

\*Marco Onel  
Mr. Russell Sprouts, a  
superfood

Chris Pagonis  
Ice Flame Storm, villain  
from Planet Hockey

Michael Piccone  
Power Red Man,  
The Surprise musician

\*Jennifer Pollard Phoenix  
Blayke, moody henchwoman

Christopher "Kit" Sudbrink  
Tempest, hero of weather/  
Opening Narrator

\*Elle Sullivan  
Deputy Susan Susanson/  
Spirulina

Steven Wabik  
Stanley Olemar,  
comic book author

Jamie Veerhoff  
Mr. Brock O. Sprouts, a  
superfood

\*Anisa Zaman  
The Zamboni, mischievous  
henchwoman

# MEET THE CAST AND CREW OF **Football! Finals! Finances!**



## **Ian Bannon (Mentor)**

Ian began as a mentor at ArtStream in 2017. He is a Senior Docent at the Folger Shakespeare Library and works in various Folger education programs including Shakespeare School Festivals, Shakespeare Family Programs, and Shakespeare-in-Action Workshops. He received the 2019 Scottish Rite – Valley of Washington's Knights of St. Andrew Outstanding Community Service Award for his work at ArtStream. "Here we go again with our talented and fun group of actors!"



## **Katy Donahue (Professor Juniper)**

Katy is a 35-year-old actor from Silver Spring, MD. She has been acting with ArtStream for seven years. She graduated from the University of Maryland in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in studio art. Katy works as an archivist aide for the Archives of American Art. She enjoys painting, horseback riding, reading, and spending time with her cat, Leo. "Special thanks to my family and friends for all their love and support."



## **Eric Edwards (Professor Dumblespeare)**

Eric is a 30-year-old actor from Takoma Park, Maryland. This is his eighth performance with ArtStream! Eric also performed and assistant directed with Lumina Studio Theatre, was an actor in the Blair High School Theatre Program, and was stage manager for *The Nether* and *The Burn* at Montgomery College. In addition to acting, Eric plays the guitar. Eric is also going to Montgomery College for his Associates of Arts. "Thank you for your support! Glad to be performing on-stage in front of all of you!!"



## **Zeev Gilat (Mr. J Bersahr)**

Zeev is a 29-year-old actor who makes his home in a Rockville, MD apartment, part of Makom. This is Zeev's seventh year performing with ArtStream. His favorite roles so far include playing a Lion in *The Great Dames Game* and Zeevoid in *Once Upon a Time in Egypt*. Zeev works at The Villages at Rockville and enjoys the History Channel, Sci-Fi TV, listening to classical music, collecting airplanes, and walking the treadmill.



### **Jason Hartt (DJ Sonic Scholar)**

Jason is a 39-year-old actor from Silver Spring, MD. He joined ArtStream in 2016, this is his fourth performance with Silver Spring Company A. Jason works a maintenance job at Planet Fitness. He enjoys comic-cons, sports, music, and movies. "Thanks to all my family and friends for your support!"



### **JP Illarramendi (Professor Kinss)**

JP is a 48-year-old actor originally from New York City, living in Bethesda, MD. JP started acting with ArtStream in 2007, one of the very first Theatre Company shows! JP began his acting career while in elementary school, playing various parts in productions by the Bethesda Academy for the Performing Arts (BAPA). When he's not on stage, JP is an usher at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. "Thanks to my family and friends."



### **Norah Juzenas (Mentor)**

Norah Juzenas is an assistant director from Silver Spring, Maryland. She just graduated from Sandy Spring Friends School and will attend Macalester College this fall. She plans to major in Psychology and Spanish and is on the Varsity cross country and track team at Macalester.



### **Michael Lautenberger (Dr. Martin)**

Michael is a 32-year-old actor from Silver Spring, MD. He has been with ArtStream since 2015. In addition to ArtStream, Michael also plays percussion instruments with the InterPLAY Orchestra. Michael enjoys hiking, playing Monopoly and checkers, and helping with trail maintenance at Woodend Nature Center. He also attends classes at Montgomery College. Michael is an accomplished sailor and is looking forward to getting back out on the water this summer. The Lautenberger family is very grateful that Michael has been able to continue his connections with his ArtStream friends.



### **Russell LeFurgy (Professor Wilson C. Wool)**

Russell is an actor who lives in Germantown, MD in his own apartment. He is a veteran of the ArtStream stage for over 12 years. He also acted at Imagination Stage, Montgomery College, and in high school. During the day, he does accounting. Russell loves to cross-stitch, do jigsaw puzzles, and watch TV. "I always look forward to seeing what the ArtStream world has in store for me next year."



### **Eli Lewis (Dean Buster)**

Eli is a 32-year-old actor living in Rockville, MD. He grew up in North Chevy Chase, MD. Eli has been acting with ArtStream for thirteen years and served as the client representative on the ArtStream Board of Directors from 2016 to 2017. Eli also performed with Imagination Stage and at summer camp. He works at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a supply clerk. Eli enjoys collecting movie tickets and Special Olympics medals. "Thank you to mom, dad, Natalie, and all my friends from ArtStream."



### **Alex Lightfoot (Alec Buffett)**

Alex is a 35-year-old actor from Washington, DC. Alex has been acting with ArtStream since 2009. He also performs with the InterPLAY Orchestra, where he plays harmonica, percussion, and sings. "I love acting and getting ready to perform. I love performing for all our audiences, too."



### **Diana Metzger (Assistant Director)**

Diana is a playwright, screenwriter, essayist, theatre critic, and creative writer from Silver Spring, Maryland. Diana has been a teaching artist with Round House Theatre since high school. Round House commissioned and produced Diana's play "Beach Week" with their teen performance company. Diana wrote for the MTV scripted series "Faking It" and worked on the ABC Family show "Greek." Diana was a finalist for the Humanitas New Voices writing award two years in a row for both comedy and drama writing. Diana received her MFA in Creative Writing at American University and her BS in Communication (Theatre Major with a certificate in Creative Writing for the Media) from Northwestern University.



### **Sylvia Pittman (Mentor)**

This is Sylvia's second show with ArtStream. She is 17 years old. She became interested in acting through working behind the scenes in many middle and high school productions. ArtStream helped her with that final push to get onto the stage. This is only her second time performing in a show. Outside of ArtStream, she enjoys drawing, painting, and all things visual arts. She is one of the shows volunteer mentor. "Thank you to my friends for coming to my show. Thank you to my parents for encouraging me to go out of my comfort zone and join new activities that were truly life changing."



## **Robin Porter (Professor Allegro)**

Robin is a 22-year-old actor from Silver Spring, MD. He is thrilled to be in his second ArtStream production, having acted in *Munch Abo* last year. Robin also acted previously with the Pegasus Ensemble at Imagination Stage, Prospero in *The Tempest* and Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Robin is in Kennedy Krieger's Meaningful Community Services program, loves jokes, and loves all kinds of music. He is having a great time using his musical skills in *Football! Finals! Finances!* He also likes to share his love of music on his radio show on Takoma Radio, and he has had a great time getting to know all his new ArtStream friends!



## **Torrence "TR" Richeson (Student Melable Potter)**

TR is a 36-year-old actor from Silver Spring, MD. This is his twelfth year with ArtStream! TR performed in the productions of *Tom Sawyer* and *The Wizard of Oz* at Rock Terrace High School, Rockville, MD. He loves to play video games on just about every platform imaginable. TR is also a sports junkie, keeping up with numerous teams all the time. TR has always enjoyed dancing and is a third-degree Taekwondo Black Belt. He works in the Supported Employment division of CHI Centers, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland, as a custodian on municipal, state, and federal government contracts. "Looking forward to seeing all my family and friends who come every year to see me perform! Thank you for your support!"



## **Sandra Oasin Roachford (Choreographer)**

Sandra is a choreographer and dancer and has been working and teaching dance to older adults and special needs populations in the Greater Washington D.C. area for more than 25 years. She has worked with Artstream since 2010 and is a Master Teacher for dance/choreography. Sandy performs with Nancy Havlik's Dance Performance Group and works with The Atonement Project, a group of performers from Philadelphia, PA (Go Birds!) She has a BFA in dance from The Boston Conservatory of Music and a MA in dance from The American University. "I am excited to continue working with Silver Spring Co A for another AMAZING Season."





### **Steve Sabia (Professor Steve Damon)**

Steve is a 31-year-old actor, originally from Silver Spring, MD. He now lives in his own apartment in Rockville, MD. Steve has performed with ArtStream for 12 years. Steve has a lot of interests, including listening to music, watching movies, singing, dancing, and writing speeches. He also works at a medical office in Silver Spring. "I want to give a shout out to my family and other fans."



### **Andrew Stainer (Music Director, Composer, Lyricist)**

Andrew is a guitarist and composer from Crownsville, Maryland. He has been the Music Director with Silver Spring Company A for many years! He enjoys composing music, traveling, and performing live with his theatrical musical group, Night Watch Paradox.



### **Vu Tran (Dr. Tran)**

Vu is a 37-year-old actor from Syracuse, NY, currently living in Silver Spring, MD. Vu has acted with ArtStream since 2017. He also volunteered as the ArtStream Board Client Liaison in 2021. Vu works in the Floral Department at Safeway making flower arrangements, flower wraps, and balloons. He enjoys half-marathons, cross country, track and field, and soccer. Vu has a second-degree black belt in Okinawan Goju-Ryu karate. He loves listening and DJing R&B, pop, and rock & roll music. He can spin some moves on the dance floor!



### **Charlie Van Kirk (Stage Manager)**

This is Charlie's first show with ArtStream. She is 23 years old and got interested in acting in high school doing musicals and plays and got into the tech side of theatre while studying at Knox College. She directed *Jimmy's Space Drama* (Knox College, 2020), stage managed *Sorry, Wrong Number* (Knox College, 2019), *The Last Nickel* (Silver Spring Community Theatre, 2022), *Shakespeare in Love* (2022) and acted in *The Laramie Project* (Knox College, 2019), *Almost Neverland* (Knox College, 2018), *Top Girls* (Knox College, 2017) When she isn't or stage managing, she's enjoy playing DND or embroidering while listening to one of the many podcasts they follow. When she's not stage managing for ArtStream, Charlie teaches at imagination stage, works as a standardized patient at GWU, and works in audience services at STC. "Thank you to my friends and family who came to see the show."



## **Zak Weinstein (chef Z)**

Zak is a 36-year-old actor from Takoma Park, Maryland. Zak has been in twelve ArtStream plays! When he's not acting, he is volunteering at Sligo Genesis nursing home, working at Mark's Kitchen Restaurant, playing softball and basketball, or playing in the InterPlay Orchestra. "I enjoy ArtStream a lot. Thanks, Natalie, and everybody!"



## **Natalie Zanin (Director)**

Natalie is a writer, director, and actor. She is thrilled to be the director of ArtStream Silver Spring Theatre Company A since 2010. She began teaching classes for ArtStream in 2006. In 2009, Natalie created an original inclusive show for the Glebe Elementary S.M.A.R.T. program based on a classic children's story. She developed the Cabaret Program for ArtStream in 2017 and directed the first Maryland Cabaret in 2018. In 2011, Natalie performed in the original ArtStream touring show "Pursuing the Runes" which toured area hospitals and bereavement camps. Outside of ArtStream she is a licensed tour guide and a tour developer and in 2001 she launched Historic Strolls, a company that combines historical walking tours with theatre to create a unique experience. She is the author and director of The Ghost Story Tour of Washington. She has been a guest expert for C-SPAN3 American History TV, The History Channel, Travel Channel and Canadian and French television, WAMU The Kojo Nnamdi Show, WUSA9 and NPR, CNN Radio and in The Washington Post, Washingtonian Magazine, Politico, Roll Call, DCist and others. Natalie researches and writes original historical theater pieces. She trains and costumes actors for museum events such as: The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and for the National Archives Sleepover at the Archives. She created an historical three-character drama for the hip-hop theatre artist, Holly Bass.

# MEET THE CAST AND CREW OF **Gardeners of the Galaxy: A Superfoods Musical!**



## **Nadia Abouraya (Shazama, hero of electricity)**

Nadia lives in Rockville in her own apartment and works for the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disability. Her childhood friend, Josie Campbell, gave her the idea for her character. Josie is a screenwriter in Los Angeles who wrote the miniseries *The New Champion of Shazam*. Nadia was selected for The Arc of Maryland Partners in Policymaking 2020. She joined ArtStream in 2013, first backstage, then onstage, with both Cabaret and Theatre Companies, and also volunteers with Silver Spring Stage. Nadia worked as a Production Assistant in the MD Cabaret.



## **Sabrini Babu (Wonder Possible, hero of conservation)**

Sabrini is a 31-year-old actor from Potomac, MD. This is her fourth show with ArtStream! Sabrini began performing in high school, where she worked with other students on the Daily Morning Show. During her junior year, Sabrini also performed in a talent show. Sabrini is active with Spirit Club and ArtStream. Her hobbies include scrapbooking, watching movies, dancing, and cooking. "Thanks to my family for supporting my dreams!"



## **Ann Brady (Super Gardener, hero of kindness and Mentor)**

This is Ann's first-year volunteering with ArtStream. She recently moved to the area after retiring to be near her children and grandchildren. Over the course of her counseling career, Ann worked in community mental health centers, and was a case manager and supervisor for a disability management company. For the last 15 years, prior to her retirement, she worked in the school system in Pennsylvania, teaching students with disabilities, socialization and work skills, out in the community. Ann wants to give a shout out to all her new friends at Art Stream and her family for supporting her in my first acting debut.



## **Langston Caldwell (Black Mantis, hero of perception)**

Langston is a 30-year-old actor who lives in Gaithersburg, MD with his mom. This is his sixth year performing with ArtStream. He was born in New York City and moved to Maryland at only two months old. Langston loves to dance, go out to dinner with his family and friends, travel, and watch movies with his buddies! "Congratulations to all my friends at ArtStream! You guys rock!"



## **Maggie Cammaroto (Choreographer)**

Maggie is a DC-based actress, choreographer, and theatre educator. She is also a recent graduate of Georgetown University where she studied psychology, theatre, and theology. Ultimately, she hopes to pursue a career in the healing modalities of performance, movement, and herbalism.



## **Rye Ellis (Director, Scriptwriter)**

Rye is a 27-year-old currently residing in Olney, MD with his partner, Haley, his dog, Kiko, and his two cats, Gretl and Stevie. Rye is thrilled to be returning to the Black Box for his ninth season with Silver Spring B and fourth year as a director or co-director. Rye began volunteering in ArtStream classes in summer of 2014 after seeing the Gaithersburg productions of *Great Scott! The Scottish Musical* and *My Big Fat Greek Myth* at Olney Theatre Center. Rye was delighted to be invited to join Silver Spring B as a mentor that fall and has been busy on Tuesday nights ever since. Rye has always been deeply involved in the arts and passionate about promoting inclusivity and self-expression in everything he does. He credits his family and the ArtStream community for inspiring him to pursue his work as a teaching artist and direct support professional. Rye is looking forward to many more magical years with ArtStream. "I would like to give a huge thanks and congratulations to the amazing cast and crew for all of your hard work, dedication, and creativity this season. *Gardeners of the Galaxy: A Superfoods Musical!* truly would not be possible without you and I am incredibly proud of all we have accomplished together. A special shout out to the Silver Spring B families, friends, and staff for all that you do behind the scenes. I hope you enjoy the show!"



### **Ivy Gilat (Spyvy, villain from Planet Goldfish)**

Ivy is a 24-year-old actor, who hails from sunny Rockville, Maryland. This is her fifth year with the company. Her favorite character to play so far was Anna Seattle, and her favorite ArtStream class was Comedy. Her other credits include acting and set crew for *The Addams Family Musical* at Damascus High School. She loves to act, dance, and sing. Ivy plays soccer and enjoys meeting new friends. She currently works at the Aspen Wood Senior Center.



### **Benjamin Glantz (Peter, commander of The Surprise)**

Benjamin is a 32-year-old Rockville resident. This is his seventh year performing with ArtStream's Silver Spring Company B. Ben is proud to be back with ArtStream and excited to be in Company B's latest play. He thanks his family and friends for supporting him and says, "ArtStream and my fellow actors and mentors are the best!"



### **Caroline Grabow (Scarlet Evermore, comic book artist)**

Caroline is a 26-year-old actor from Darnestown, MD. This is her sixth year acting on the ArtStream stage! Caroline previously performed in ArtStream's Shakespeare for All class. Caroline is creative offstage too. She does artwork and art sketching. She enjoys cooking and often prepares meals for her family. Caroline also enjoys reading.



### **Ravi Jesrani (Mr. Cole E. Flowers, a superfood)**

Ravi is a 42-year-old actor from Burtonsville, MD. This is his eleventh year acting with ArtStream! Ravi can't wait to go back to volunteering at Hebrew Home of Greater Washington in Bethesda, MD. He loves to watch sports and movies from India.



### **Patrick Jones (Captain Marvelous, hero of charisma)**

Patrick is a 32-year-old actor from Rockville, MD. He is one of the original members of Silver Spring B. This is his twelfth year performing. Patrick works for Sodexo and is an administrative member of the Rockville VFD. For 22 years he has been a Special Olympic athlete in basketball, soccer, and track and field. He loves music, movies, dancing, and is looking forward to getting back to all these activities! He is a wonderful uncle to Jamison and Olivia. He is proud to be living in his own apartment at Main Street.





### **Jeffrey Keyser (George, helmsman of The Surprise)**

Jeffrey is a 32-year-old actor who recently moved into a townhouse in Germantown with a roommate. He is very excited about this! He joined ArtStream in 2013. Prior to performing with ArtStream, Jeffrey was part of the Pegasus cast at Imagination Stage. Jeffrey enjoys working at his job. He does data entry and filing at a financial services company. He also volunteers at a nursing home a few days a week. In his spare time, Jeffrey enjoys watching sports, swimming, music, surfing the web on the computer, and ArtStream classes. "Thank you to the ArtStream staff and cast members for making this a great show! I love being part of this group! Thanks to my family and friends for watching the show and for always supporting me!"



### **Kathryn Lodge (Co-Director)**

Kathryn is a Montgomery County native who is also a beloved Teaching Artist at ArtStream. Most recently she was the Assistant Director in Silver Spring B Theatre Company's production of "Game Overboard," which was her fifth production with ArtStream!



### **Faith McLuckie (Big Mama, CEO of Villains, Inc.)**

Faith is a 27-year-old Washington, D.C. native. She performed with ArtStream since 2019, after many years as a member of the Imagination Stage Pegasus Ensemble. Faith is an artist at the VisAbility Art Lab in Rockville, an active member and part-time employee at Main Street, a Special Olympics athlete, and avid dancer. Faith says, "Thank you to all the staff and mentors for making ArtStream so much fun!"



### **Mark Mumm (Music Director, Stefon Deux-Trois)**

Mark is originally from Buffalo, NY. He started at ArtStream in 2018 as a volunteer mentor with the Gaithersburg Theatre Company. Mark recently directed the Alexandria Theatre Company. He is also served as Music Director for the Virginia Cabaret Company. Mark enjoys writing, performing, and experiencing live music. He loves writing everything from screenplays to inspirational text messages. Mark wishes "The biggest of leg-breaks to the cast and fellow creative team!"



## **Chris Pagonis (Ice Flame Storm, villain from Planet Hockey)**

Chris is a 31-year-old actor from Rockville, Maryland. This is his sixth year acting with ArtStream. Chris is a supply clerk at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In his free time, he likes to hang out with his friends, watch movies via streaming, and play video games. He is a huge fan of the Washington Capitals and Formula 1 racing. "To my parents and friends, thank you for all your support. I could not have done it without you! And a big THANK YOU to ArtStream for making it possible for the show to go on!"



## **Michael Piccone (Power Red Man, The Surprise musician)**

Michael is a 42-year-old actor from Silver Spring, Maryland. His first ArtStream show was *The Wizard of Ooohs and Aaahs*. He also was in *Shops and Robbers*, *Til Death Do Us Part*, *Camp Tumblesteed*, *A Tempest Tale*, and *Once Upon a Time in Egypt* and *Game Overboard*. Michael appreciates being part of ArtStream. He loved working with Music Mike, and now loves working with Music Mark. In his spare time, he loves to play his electric bass guitar along with country and country gospel music. Every St Patrick's Day, he is part of a band called the Lucky Charms that plays for a neighborhood party. He also enjoys watching movies, going for walks, visiting with family and friends, and reading the Boxcar Children books. He is delighted to be a part of Forcey Bible Church. Michael is great at communicating with everyone by email.



## **Jennifer Pollard (Assistant Director; Phoenix Blayke)**

Jennifer is a 26-year-old teacher from Alexandria, Virginia. This is her third year & show with ArtStream, and first year as Assistant Director! She graduated from George Mason University in August 2021, and is currently working as a Lead Preschool Teacher in Springfield, VA. She is a fan of most genres in music, preferably pop. "I have been a huge fan of Michael Jackson since I was 12. He has been my idol ever since." She loves shopping, being with family, and just doing what she loves. She is a huge football fan, especially when it comes to the Baltimore Ravens! "Whenever I'm at a football game, I always feel like I'm home, and in my element." Being with ArtStream has given her a better understanding of what it's like to be an actress, maintain focus at rehearsals, and just having a fun time! This is her first official show as an actor on stage with the Silver Spring Company B at ArtStream, and has enjoyed every bit! "It has been such an honor working with everyone at ArtStream these past few years! Thank you to all the staff and actors for making every experience one for the books!"



## **Christopher "Kit" Sudbrink (Tempest, hero of weather)**

Kit is a 24-year-old actor from Silver Spring, MD. Kit joined ArtStream in 2014. He took classes at Imagination Stage and performed at the Ivymount School and the Katherine Thomas High School. Kit especially enjoys musicals and Shakespeare. He volunteers at the Smith Environmental Education Center, taking care of the animals and their exhibits. Kit organizes hikes with his high school alumni group and loves to be outdoors in nature, exploring, swimming, hiking, or running. Kit also loves museums, history, and getting friends together to play games (card, board or video). "Live long and prosper."



### **Elle Marie Sullivan (Stage Manager)**

Elle is an actor, teaching artist, director, and intimacy director based here in DC. She has performed with Washington National Opera, National Ballet of Canada, Smithsonian's Discovery Theatre, Stillpoint Theatre, and others. She is a Shakespeare in Schools company member with Educational Theatre Company. She also teaches with Round House Theatre, Arts on the Horizon, and Imagination Stage. Some directing credits include Round House, Best Medicine Rep, and George Mason University. Elle is also on the leadership team for Voices Unbarred, the primary programming for Ally Theatre, and is a registered yoga instructor.



### **Jamie Veerhoff (Mr. Brock O. Sprouts, a superfood)**

Jamie is a 32-year-old actor from Kensington, MD. He has acted with ArtStream for 13 seasons. Jamie performed on stage with St. Columba's Players at St. Columba's Church in Washington, DC. He also appeared in the 2017 short film *Doctor Who: Village of the Daleks* with J. Billian Productions. Jamie loves to read books about theatre and cinema history. He is also interested in politics and he volunteers with the campaigns of his favorite candidates. In January 2020, he was a member of Washington Revels' King's Court at their 12th Night celebration. Before the pandemic, he worked for Dogtopia. He looks forward to getting a job with dogs again sometime this year. "ArtStream is AWESOME!"



### **Steven Wabik (Stanley Olemar, comic book author)**

Steven is an actor from Montgomery County, MD. This is Steven's eleventh show with ArtStream. Steven works as a customer host at Walmart in Germantown, Maryland. He also provides computer support on a freelance basis to people in his neighborhood. In his free time, Steven enjoys working with computers, playing video games, constructing Lego sets, and practicing photography. He claims to have more cameras than he can count!



### **Anisa Zaman (Mentor and The Zamboni, mischievous henchwoman)**

Anisa is a 25-year-old mentor from Silver Spring, Maryland. She is trained as a user experience designer. She is a creative type who enjoys music, art, film, and literature. She is happy to mentor at ArtStream and is looking forward to many more shows in the future.



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