

IN PIECES

a new musical by joey contreras

Can we only love in pieces?



2025 - 2026 SEASON

The **REAL**
Inspector Hound
by **TOM STOPPARD**



The Real Inspector Hound by Tom Stoppard is a multi-layered spoof of typical English country house murder-mystery, where two theatre critics in the audience become incorporated into the whodunit on stage. The performance aspirations of literary critics, and the thin line between the actor and the role are all in play in this with this hilarious and illuminating meta-theatrical comedy.

SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2025

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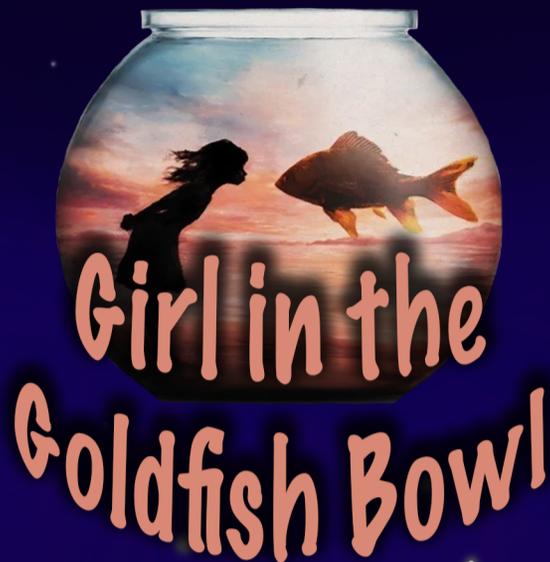
In Pieces is a contemporary song cycle by Joey Contreras that weaves together the lives of six individuals as they navigate love, self-discovery and pivotal moments that define them. With a vibrant and pop-driven score, the musical captures the highs and lows of relationships—past, present and future—revealing how every experience shapes who we become. Authentic, heartfelt, and deeply relatable, In Pieces is a moving exploration of identity, growth, and acceptance, resonating with anyone who has ever faced a turning point in their life.

Produced in collaboration with the Stetson School of Music

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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by Morris Panych



Girl in the Goldfish Bowl by Morris Panych tells the story of a young girl named Iris who believes that the whole world has been held together by her pet goldfish and that his death has led to the disintegration of her parents' marriage and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Almost immediately after her pet's death, Iris finds a man washed up on the beach and thinks that he is the reincarnation of the goldfish. She brings the stranger back to her home, pinning all her messianic hopes on his well-being.

FEBRUARY 19-22, 2026

THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES: A DEVISED PRODUCTION

In collaboration with our community partners, Stetson Theatre Arts students will devise an original production highlighting some of the important issues impacting our cultural environment. The production will be toured throughout the Spring season to local area schools and will culminate in a special exhibition performance at Stetson's Second Stage Theatre.

APRIL 16-19, 2026

ABOUT OUR SHOW

"In Pieces explores the moments that define us; the forks in the road where we must choose who we are, who we love, and who we want to become. Joey Contreras's music captures the uncertainty, joy, and ache of growing up. It's a story about connection, reflection, and the courage it takes to keep moving forward, even when we're unsure of where the next path leads.

This production has been a heartfelt collaboration between Stetson Theatre and Stetson Opera Theatre. Together, our students have created something personal and honest. Each song is a window into the human experience; a reminder that our choices, even the small ones, shape the people we are becoming."

- Olivia Yokers, Director

Synopsis: *In Pieces* is a contemporary, pop-infused song cycle. A song cycle is a series of songs connected through a series of vignettes rather than a traditional narrative.

What to Expect: The production runs approximately 80 minutes with no intermission.



Content Advisory: *This performance contains strobe lighting effects, brief references to drug and alcohol use, and adult language.*

FROM OUR ALUMNI

"The Stetson Opera Theatre was my favorite part of my Stetson experience. Opera is an art form that requires you to have context. Our full-staged productions of standard operas contextualized myself with the operatic canon and tradition, while feeling safe enough to explore, at times, emotionally vulnerable scenarios."

- Nicholas Dieux, Baritone, BMp '25

"At Stetson I was able to explore all realms of theatre and find what I truly wanted to pursue in life. Costuming and set design became my focus and during my time at the school I was able to expand on my capacities in those areas. Through Stetson I was able to attend events that led to my first professional job in the industry as well as a place in the Disney College Program."

**- Ashley Hew, BA '23
Disney College Program, Costume Shop**

"Reflecting on my time at Stetson fills me with both a sense of accomplishment and nostalgia. The theater department served as my creative haven, where I found genuine acceptance and a community that loved each other but could, and often would, give out tough love when it was needed. During my four years at Stetson I got to play a wide variety of roles- more so than I'd ever had in the eight years I'd been doing theater prior. Working as an actress professionally isn't easy, but I truly believe that this department gave me the tools and the confidence in myself to do so."

**- Liza Tannanbaum, BA '22
Actress, Boston Metro Area**

"The time I spent with the Theatre Arts program at Stetson University has set me up to be more well-rounded in the theatre industry. The program's focus on exploring all aspects of theatrical practices, from it's history, to theory, and practical application, has led to a better and deeper appreciation of my fellow designers and artists, and the collaborative environments we work in. Furthermore, the passion of the faculty and of my peers within the program continues to inspire me and influence my creativity, years after graduating."

**- Preston Foss, BA '20
Lighting Designer, Central Florida Area**

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DIRECTOR

Olivia Yokers

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Kristie Born

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Patrick Pieri

STAGE MANAGER

Maddie Peacock

CHOREOGRAPHER

Katy Tareco

COSTUME DESIGNER

Cheryl Orr

SCENIC DESIGNER

Krista Franco

LIGHTING DESIGNER

Preston Foss

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST

Maria Pikoula

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST

Angela Weber

PERCUSSIONIST

Ari Richardson

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PRODUCTION STAFF

Asst. Director	Grace Wieckowski
Assistant Stage Managers	Tanisha Cepeda Reagan Swayze
Lightboard Operator	Cody Desrosiers
Spotlight Operators	Claudia Rubio Isiah McMillon Domenic Roach Hannah Judge Erin Cassidy
Audio Engineer	Isaac Vicente Gomez & Assoc.
Hair & Makeup	Jamie McClure
Wardrobe Supervisors	Nav Wallace Belle Lee
Properties Coordinator	Krista Franco
Scenic Charge Artist	Krista Franco
Production Manager	Krista Franco
Publicity Manager	Joshua Dennis
Opera Theatre Social Media	Sophia Martiz Arianna Pollack
Box Office Manager	Patrick Pieri
Archival Photography	And You Films
Production Crew	Students of THEA 210 & 214

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PRINCIPAL CAST

OCT 30 & NOV 1

OCT 31 & NOV 2

Alex

Sophia Martiz

Alex Fisher

Jael

Natalie Dixon

Emma Floyd

River

Emy Acosta

Arianna Pollack

Sam

Lis Lundstrom**

Robin Sherwood**

Grey

Davis Brown

Joshua Dennis

Charlie

Alex Morrow

Trenton Wilks

Hunter

Caleb Moser

Caleb Moser

Hunter U/S

Carlin Schoenfish

Carlin Schoenfish

Austyn

Madiann Rivera-Velez

Gracie Holland

Ensemble Soloist

Adamelia Arredono

Mikayla Johns

Ensemble Soloist

Ayanna Cabrera

Nix Lugo

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FEATURED ENSEMBLE

OCT 30 & NOV 1

Ada Arredondo ·

Grace Wieckowski ·

Haven Birket

Claudia Rubio ·

Charlotte Kierstead

Diana Rubio ·

Brooke Billings

Eloisy Goncalves* ·

Lilyadny De Leon**

Ayanna Cabrera

OCT 31 & NOV 2

Mikayla Johns** ·

Julianna Simmons ·

Kyla Twarkins

Nicole Van Esselstyn ·

Mariah Whyms

Erin Cassidy ·

Navyah Wallace

Myra Charles* ·

Nix Lugo ·

Krystal Gonzalez ·

Adriana Rivera-Maldonado

FEATURED DANCERS:

Ken Browning

Mikayla Johns

Evan Martinez

*Ensemble Captain

**Dance Captain

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



SPECIAL THANKS

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STETSON THEATRE HISTORY

Stetson University hosts the longest-running theater in the state of any kind- educational, community, and professional - with over 750 productions in its time. Stetson's chapter of the National Theater Honorary, Theta Alpha Phi, was one of the original five, founded in March of 1930 by Dr. Irving Stover. Stetson's Theater Arts program typically hosts over 20 theater majors and over 80 student participants in theater productions every academic year. Stetson theater students are regularly offered the opportunity to assume various leadership roles in theater productions and all Stetson students are eligible for casting and backstage work from the first semester of their first year.

Many Stetson theatre students go on to pursue successful careers in such areas as law, teaching, and business. Many also pursue successful careers in the entertainment industry onstage and off-stage, such as:

Delicia Bent, BA '24, Professional Actress/Stagehand, The Studio Theatre Tierra Del Sol

Joshua Dennis, BA '23, Professional Actor, Athens Theatre, Central Florida Area

Ashley Hew, BA '23, Disney College Program, Costume Shop Attendant

Liza Tannanbaum, BA '22, Professional Actress, Boston Metro Area

Preston Foss, BA '20 Lighting Designer, Central Florida Area

Katie Pulling, BA '19, Art Department Manager, Global Scenic Services

Junior Nyong'o, BA '17, Profession Stage Actor, The Public Theater NYC

Luis Garcia, BA '17, Lighting/Video Designer, honoree for Live Design's 30 Under 30 list for rising young artists

Megan Vaughn, BA '16, Properties Artisan at the North Shore Music Theatre

Drew Neitzey, BA '15, Assistant Production Manager, Crossroads Live

Cassie Kris, BA '14, Company Manager, Theatre Lab at FAU, Boca Raton

Brendan Rogers, BA '07, director of the independent films, Flashback and Bubba the Redneck Werewolf

Heidi Howard, BA '99, Artistic director for 7 Stage Theater in Atlanta, GA

Paris Benjamin, BA '99, professional TV/film actress with roles in Extant, Scandal, NCIS, Grey's Anatomy, and Star Trek: Into Darkness

Renee Lawless, BA '99, professional actress playing Midwife and Madame Morrible in the national tour of Wicked (2008-2013), Katheryn Cryer in Tyler Perry's The Haves and Have Nots (2012-2021) on the Oprah Winfrey Network

Jeff Bowen, BA '93, professional actor and Obie award-winning composer of the Broadway musical, [Title of Show]

NOTABLE STETSON OPERA ALUMNI:

Justice Yates, BM Performance '23 – MM, Yale School of Music 2025, Merola Young Artist

Adam Partridge, BM Performance '21 – MM, Shepherd School of Music, Artist at Wolf Trap Opera; Emerging Artist at Virginia Opera; District Winner, Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition

Allison Fahey, BM Performance '21 – MM, Yale School of Music; Apprentice Artist, Des Moines Metro Opera; Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Artist, 2025

WANT TO SUPPORT THE STETSON THEATRE ARTS PROGRAM?

Stover Theatre Arts Supporting Cast is a membership group of patrons comprising alumni, parents, students, and neighbors who recognize that financial support is the key to the success of Stetson's Theatre Arts Program. Financial assistance enables the faculty, students and overall program to remain competitive with theatre departments of other universities. This fund is named to honor the legacy of Irving B. Stover, a Stetson theatre arts faculty member for more than 50 years. By all accounts, Dr. Stover was a much-beloved teacher, devoted to the achievement of the theatre program and production season. For more information about making a contribution to this fund, please contact Dr. Ken McCoy, Chair of the Department of Creative Arts.



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ARTS**



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Technical Director
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