

Starkville Area Arts Council
and Starkville Community Theatre present

Thomas Gibbons'
Permanent Collection



Directed by Jo Durst

May 14-May 18, 2019

Permanent Collection

The Cast

in order of appearance

Sterling North Corey Martin Fitzgerald *
Ella Franklin MJ Etua
Paul Barrow Gabe Smith
Kanika Weaver Justine Edwards
Alfred Morris Warren Nybo
Gillian Crane..... DeeDee Baldwin

* SCT debut

The Setting

TIME

The present

PLACE

The Morris Foundation, situated in a suburb of a large
Northeastern city — the main gallery and Sterling North's office.

There will be a 10-minute intermission between Acts I and II.

Originally produced by InterAct Theatre company in association
with the National New Play Network.

Starkville Community Theatre would like to acknowledge the passing of
two longtime supporters of our theatre - Frank Bonner and Leota Cardwell.
Their contributions, along with so many wonderful supporters,
made productions like the one you are seeing tonight possible.

The Production Team

Director	Jo Durst
Assistant Director	Jonathan Reeves
Stage Manager.....	Jonathan Reeves
Set Design	Wayne Durst
Costume Design	Jo Durst & cast
Lighting Design	Wayne Durst
Sound Design	Thomas La Foe & Michele Crescenzo
Lighting & Sound Operator	Louie P. Gallo
Photography	Dianna Janus Photography
House Manager Coordinator	Gabe Smith
Box Office	Cam McMillen, Marsha Williams & Gabe Smith
Opening Night Party Host.....	Gabe Smith & Marsha Williams
Opening Night Party Caterer.....	Chicken Salad Chick
Opening Night Party Decorations	Brian Hawkins

Set Construction

Wayne Durst
Gabe Smith
Jonathan Reeves

Special Thanks

Sullivan's
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The cast of Permanent Collection

Cast Bios

DEEDEE BALDWIN

DeeDee is running on the assumption that you guys aren't tired of her yet, but she's addicted and can't help herself. At least you won't have to see her try to dance tonight. Since starting at SCT in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, she has appeared in several shows, sometimes in more than one scene. DeeDee is the history librarian at MSU, the world's best aunt, and totally single. Shout-out to Rita Skeeter.

JUSTINE EDWARDS

Justine has enjoyed becoming a part of the SCT family. She appeared as "Calpurnia" in *To Kill a Mockingbird* and as an ensemble member in *The Drowsy Chaperone* at SCT, and, in her hometown, *Dearly Beloved* at Columbus Community Theatre. While a caregiver for her late mother (who passed away in 2017) and late older brother (2018), she spotted an opportunity to become a movie extra on the film *Get on Up* in 2014. Since that time she has been in several others and can next be seen in *Godzilla: King of the Monsters* (opening later this month). She now focuses on acting techniques at Indie Acting Studio in Memphis.

MJ ETUA

MJ has been involved with Starkville Community Theatre since 1995. She has appeared in numerous plays, including *Proposals*, *Deathtrap*, *Not Now, Darling*, *Doubt*, and *The Cemetery Club*, and in musicals, including *Company*, *The Fantasticks*, *Nunsense*, *Urinetown*, and *The Addams Family*. In 2017 she appeared in the Tennessee Williams Festival's production of *Orpheus Descending*. Besides performing, MJ loves sitting in the director's chair, having directed *Smoke & Mirrors*, *Communicating Doors*, *Art*, and *Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks*. In 2013 she directed *Kingdom of Earth* for the Tennessee Williams Festival. "I would like to dedicate this performance to our director Jo and thank her for her hard work and vision."



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COREY MARTIN FITZGERALD

Corey makes his acting debut as “Sterling North” in *Permanent Collection*. Though this is Corey’s first acting role, he has an extensive history of choral and marching band experience dating back to his time in the children’s choir when he was just 5 years old. Corey is a native of Louisiana where he received a BA in Sociology at Louisiana Tech University and an MEd in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Louisiana State University. Corey currently works at Mississippi State University’s Student Counseling Service as a Mental Health Therapist where he also leads a Mindfulness Meditation Group. As an openly gay, black, Christian, Corey is passionate about supporting the LGBTQ+ community as well as being an advocate and ally to other marginalized identities. When he’s not at work, you can find him at home baking, or belting out musical theatre/indie-folk tunes in his car.

WARREN NYBO

Warren always enjoys appearing on the SCT stage. And as well as being entertaining, this play has a message for everyone! “Please enjoy the show while we - the cast - let OUR ART ‘speak for itself!’”

GABE SMITH

Gabe is Chief Administrative Officer for SCT. A veteran of nearly 40 SCT productions since 2002, as a performer, director, or backstage crew member, Gabe currently serves as chair for the Adult Playwriting competition for the Mississippi Theatre (MTA) and as a newly-active adjudicator for festivals under AACT (The American Association of Community Theatre). As a performer at MTA’s annual community theatre competitions, Gabe has two All-Star Cast Awards, two Best Actor wins (in 2005 and 2008), and a Best Supporting Actor win in 2016 for *Social Security*.



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