The School of Theatre and Dance
2023 - 2024 Season

Directed by
Amy Fritsche

Music Director
Jonathan Swoboda

RENT was originally produced in New York by New York Theatre Workshop and on Broadway by Jeffrey Seller, Kevin McCollum, Allan S. Gordon and New York Theatre Workshop.

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February 16 – 25, 2024

E. Turner Stump Theatre

**Rent**

Book, Music and Lyrics by
Jonathan Larson

Musical Arrangements and Stories
Steve Skinner

Original Concept/Additional Lyrics
Billy Aronson

Music Supervision and Additional Arrangements
Tim Weil

Dramaturg
Lynn Thomson

February 16 – 25, 2024

*E. Turner Stump Theatre*

Co-Choreographers
Amy Fritsche
Jocelyn Trimmer

Assistant Director
Adam Newborn

Lighting Designer
Nick Eberts

Sound Designer
Katie Rowland^*

Production Manager
Karl Erdmann

Scenic Designer
Gennie Neuman-Lambert

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*Please note this production makes use of fog/haze, strobe, loud noises.
Content Warning: use of strong and suggestive language, references to drug and alcohol abuse, mentions of suicide, discussion of AIDs.
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Act 1

“Tune Up A” ................................................................. Mark, Roger
“Voice Mail #1” .................................................................. Mrs. Cohen
“Tune Up B” ........................................................................... Mark, Roger, Collins, Benny
“Rent” ........................................................................... Mark, Roger, Company
“Christmas Bells #1” ......................................................... Homeless Man
“You Okay, Honey” .............................................................. Angel, Collins
“Tune Up – Reprise” ............................................................ Mark, Roger
“One Song Glory” ................................................................. Roger
“Light My Candle” ................................................................ Mimi, Roger
“Voice Mail #2” ................................................................. Mr. Jefferson, Mrs. Jefferson
“Today For You A” ............................................................. Collins, Mark, Roger
“Today For You B” ............................................................. Angel, Collins, Mark, Roger
“You’ll See” ........................................................................ Angel, Collins, Mark, Roger
“Tango: Maureen” ............................................................... Mark, Joanne
“Support Group” .............................................................. Angel, Collins, Mark, Roger, Company
“Out Tonight” ........................................................................ Mimi
“Another Day” ...................................................................... Mimi, Roger, Company
“Will I” .................................................................................. Company
“On The Street” ..................................................................... Angel, Roger
“Santa Fe” ................................................................. Collins, Angel, Mark, Ensemble
“I’ll Cover You” ................................................................. Angel, Collins
“We’re Okay” ................................................................. Joanne, Angel
“Christmas Bells” ................................................................ Company
“Over The Moon” ............................................................... Maureen, Ensemble
“La Vie Boheme / I Should Tell You” ....................................... Mark, Roger, Mimi, Company

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Act 2

“Seasons of Love” .............................................................. Company
“Happy New Year A” .......................................................... Roger, Mark, Mimi, Collins, Angel, Maureen, Joanne
“Voice Mail #3” ................................................................... Mrs. Cohen
“Voice Mail #4” ................................................................. Alexi Darling
“Happy New Year B” .......................................................... Roger, Mark, Mimi, Collins, Angel, Maureen, Joanne, Benny
“Take Me or Leave Me” ......................................................... Maureen, Joanne
“Seasons of Love B” ............................................................. Company
“Without You” ...................................................................... Roger, Mimi
“Voice Mail #5” ................................................................. Alexi Darling
“Contact” ........................................................................... Mark, Roger, Mimi, Collins, Maureen, Joanne, Angel
“I’ll Cover You – Reprise” ...................................................... Collins, Company
“Halloween” ........................................................................ Mark
“Goodbye Love” ............................................................... Mark, Roger, Mimi, Collins, Maureen, Joanne, Benny
“What You Own” .................................................................. Roger, Mark
“Voice Mail #6” ................................................................. Roger’s Mother, Mimi’s Mother, Mark’s Mother, Mr. Jefferson
“Finale A” ................................................................................ Mark, Roger, Collins, Maureen, Joanne, Mimi
“Your Eyes” ........................................................................... Roger
“Finale B” ............................................................................. Company
Cast of Characters

Mark Cohen ................................................................................................................ Jake Kleve
Roger Davis .......................................................................................................... Dominic Young
Mimi Marquez .................................................................................................... Kristiana Corona
Tom Collins ............................................................................................................ Dante Murray*
Angel Dumott Schunard ............................................................................................ Felix Albino
Maureen Johnson ................................................................................................ Shea Suffoletta
Joanne Jefferson ................................................................................................... Hannah Hall^ 
Benjamin “Benny” Coffin III ....................................................................................... Collin Geter
Ensemble ................................... Valeria Aedo, Nick Bradley, Noah Christopher, Anthony Ghali, 
Chloe Hall, De’Ontae Murray, Julia Ruggirello, Jocelyn Trimmer, 
Jeremy Szymanski, Megan Uline 

U/S Mark, U/S Roger ................................................................................................. Nick Bradley
U/S Mimi ................................................................................................................. Valeria Aedo^ 
U/S Collins ......................................................................................................... De’Ontae Murray
U/S Angel ............................................................................................................. Noah Christopher
U/S Maureen ........................................................................................................ Julia Ruggirello
U/S Joanne ............................................................................................................ Jocelyn Trimmer
U/S Benny ................................................................. Anthony Ghali 
Swings ................................................ Thomas Anstine, Peyton Burnor, Nate Frison, Judah Nicole Lyles

Orchestra

Conductor/Keyboard .................................................................................... Jonathan Swoboda
Guitar I ............................................................................................................... Ryan McDermott
Guitar II/Keyboard .................................................................................................... Andy Dyet
Bass ......................................................................................................................... Don T. Day
Drums/Percussion ................................................................................................. Mell Csicsila

April 5-7, 2024
Faculty Director
Catherine Meredith
Congratulations

To Marti Coles, assistant costume shop supervisor of the School of Theatre and Porthouse Theatre, on her upcoming retirement from Kent State University. Her dedication and contributions to the School of Theatre and Dance over the years is immeasurable.

We love and will miss you, Marti!

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Production Staff

Director ................................................................. Amy Fritsche
Assistant Director ........................................................... Adam Newborn
Co-Choreographers ................................................... Amy Fritsche, Jocelyn Trimmer
Dance Captain ............................................................. Jocelyn Trimmer
Music Director ............................................................. Jonathan Swoboda
Assistant Music Director ................................................ Ian Stewart
Costume Designer ........................................................ Vicki Mearini
Lighting Designer .......................................................... Nick Eberts
Scenic Designer Faculty/Scenic Designer ............................. Gennie Neuman Lambert
Sound Designer ............................................................ Katie Rowland^
Technical Director ........................................................ Adam Craft^
Assistant Technical Director .......................................... Jenna Conley^
Carpenters .............................................................. Quentin Ball, Jordan Campbell^, Jake Koneval
Props Manager .............................................................. Frankie Teuber
Assistant Props Manager ................................................ Jim Walther
Stage Management Faculty ........................................... Tom Humes
Stage Manager .............................................................. Lauren Downey^
Assistant Stage Managers ............................... Scott Carver, Noah Johnson, Reilly Masi^, Austin Scott^,
School of Theatre and Dance Director and Producer .......................... Tony Hardin
Managing Director ....................................................... Rebecca Gates
Production Manager ..................................................... Karl Erdmann
Performing Arts Box Office Manager ................................. Alex Swiger
Marketing, Communications and PR Director .................................... Jen Crabtree
Marketing Associate .................................................... Madi Getz
Marketing and Communication Specialist ........................... Nicole Hagen
Costume Design Faculty ............................................... Michelle Hunt Souza
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Costume Shop Supervisor ................................................................. Aimee Johnson
Costume Technology Faculty .......................................................... Grace Cochran Keenan
Assistant Costume Shop Supervisor ..................................................... Marti Coles^
Assistant Costume Designer/ Wardrobe Supervisor ............................ Keely Rutledge
Assistant Costume Designer/Asst. Wardrobe Supervisor ..................... Mercedes Hill
Drapers ............................................................................................. Amy Ballew^
Wardrobe Crew .............................................................. Emily Bolton, Tori Collins, Addison DeSanto^, Christine Gallo,
Lauren Hankins, Abigail Horak, Kadijah Kamara, Carmen Phillips,
Abigail Rowlett, Audrey Warren, Michael Welsh

Lighting Design Faculty ................................................................. Jakyung C. Seo
Sound Design Faculty /Lighting and Sound Supervisor ......................... Jeff Polunas
Associate Sound Designer ................................................................... Andrew Wilson^
A1/Mixing Engineer ............................................................................ Jack Drinan^
A2 ........................................................................................................ Jude Hartman, Ines Verdugo
Lightboard Operator .............................................................................. Benjamin Welch
Spot Coordinator .................................................................................... Joe Malovasic
Spotlight Operators ............................................................................ Isabella Perrotta, Brandi Thomas
Scene Shop Supervisor ........................................................................ Jason Gates
Paint Shop Supervisor .......................................................................... Frankie Teuber
Charge Scenic Artist .............................................................................. Mel Amigo, Kordell Harr
Scenic Graduate Assistant ...................................................................... Kordell Harr
Craft and Dye Head .............................................................................. Abbie Hagen^
Technical Director Faculty ................................................................. Steve Pauna^
Dramaturgy Faculty ............................................................................. Caitlin Kane
Run Crew ............................................................................................ Kyleigh Reeves, Sarah Schmidt, AT Sanders, Micah White
Assistant Intimacy Choreographer ......................................................... Noah Christopher
Dramaturg .............................................................................................. Reilly Masi

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Leslie Bell, Adjunct Dance Instructor
Tricia Bestic, Adjunct Theatre Faculty
Jennifer Black, Assistant Professor of Dance
Gaye Blair, Administrative Clerk
Hannah Blake, Adjunct Dance Faculty
Dre Borders, Adjunct Dance Instructor
Courtney Brown, Associate Professor of Voice and Acting
Marti Coles, Assistant Costume Shop Supervisor
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Terence Cranendonk, Adjunct Theatre Faculty
Ambre Emory-Maier, Assistant Professor of Dance
Karl Erdmann, Production Manager
Paul Floriano, Adjunct Theatre Faculty
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Jason Gates, Scene Shop Supervisor
Madi Getz, Marketing Associate
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Tony Hardin, Professor and School Director
Tom Humes, Assistant Professor of Stage Management

Paul Hurley, Assistant Professor of Acting and Movement
Natalie Huya, Theatre Faculty at Kent State Ashtabula
Aimee Johnson, Costume Shop Supervisor
Caitlin Kane, Assistant Professor of Theatre History
Grace Cochran Keenan, Assistant Professor of Costume Technology
Terri Kent, Musical Theatre Coordinator and Professor of Musical Theatre and Acting
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Jennifer Korecki, Associate Professor of Musical Theatre
Yuko Kurahashi, Ph.D., Graduate Coordinator and Professor of Theatre
Gennie Neuman Lambert, Assistant Professor of Scenic Design
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Kyle Lovell, Academic Advisor
Matt Marquis, Manager of Information Technology
Catherine Meredith, Artistic Director of Kent Dance Ensemble and Assistant Professor of Dance
Donna Miller, Administrative Assistant
Dylan Moffitt, Accompanist
Natasha Musaelyan, Accompanist
Mark Nathanson, Accompanist
School of Theatre and Dance Faculty and Staff

**Michael Oatman**, Adjunct Theatre Faculty  
**Steve Pauna**, Technical Director and Professor of Theatre  
**Beverly Petersen-Fitts**, Adjunct Dance Faculty  
**Dean Diane Petrella**, Dean of the College of the Arts  
**DeAnn Petruschke**, Adjunct Professor of Dance  
**Fabio Polanco**, Associate Professor of Acting and Directing  
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**Robert Russell**, Adjunct Professor of Theatre  
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**Mark Smith**, Adjunct Dance Faculty  
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**Madeline Barber**, Graduate Assistant  
**David Bruns**, Graduate Assistant  
**Wesley Carney**, Graduate Assistant  
**Alex Funk**, Graduate Assistant  
**Abbie Hagen**, Graduate Assistant  
**Kordell Harr**, Graduate Assistant  
**Jack Libengood**, Graduate Assistant  
**Victoria Mearini**, Graduate Assistant  
**Adam Newborn**, Graduate Assistant  
**Rebecca Poole**, Graduate Assistant  
**Tomya Pryor**, Graduate Assistant  
**John Rawlings**, Graduate Assistant
Jan. 19 - Mar. 16
The Truth Is Out There (No, Really…) by Christine Zuercher
This show consists of fifteen cyanotypes as well as a video projection.
KSU Downtown Gallery

Jan. 26 - Mar. 1
Still/Moving: Framing New Media curated by Jamie Hahn
CVA Gallery
This show features work by Jason Bernagozzi, Jamie Hahn, Evelyne Leblanc-Roberge, Kristin Reeves and Eric Souther.
Performance: Mar. 1 at 1 p.m.

Mar. 8 –20
2024 Student Annual
CVA Gallery
Reception: Mar. 8 at 5 p.m.
Awards Presentation: at 6 p.m.

Apr. 2-5
MFA Week One
CVA Gallery
Reception: Apr. 5 at 5 p.m.

Apr. 9-12
MFA Week Two
CVA Gallery
Reception: Apr. 12 at 5 p.m.

Apr. 5 – May 11
Ling-lin Ku
KSU Downtown Gallery
Reception: Apr. 5 at 5 p.m.

Apr. 23–May 3
BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition
CVA Gallery
Reception: May 3 at 5 p.m.

Friday Lecture Series
March 1, 2024 | 12 p.m., CVA 165
Aaron Coleman, printmaking artist
In Plain Sight: Dark Histories Uncovered

April 5, 2024 | 12 p.m., CVA 165
Ling-lin Ku, sculptor
Play without Play

May 3, 2024 | 12 p.m., CVA 165
Ranee Henderson, painter
Resistance and Resilience
Kent State University
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Spring 2024 Season Highlights

Jan. 13, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
All-Star Band Festival
Cartwright Auditorium

Mar. 3, 2024 | 3 p.m.*
Orchestra Concert with Student
Concerto Winners
Cartwright Auditorium

Mar. 4, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
Aether Eos
Ludwig Recital Hall

Mar. 5, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
Wind Ensemble/
Symphony Band Concert
Cartwright Auditorium

Mar. 8, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
Spring Opera
Ludwig Recital Hall

Mar. 9, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
Spring Opera
Ludwig Recital Hall

Mar. 10, 2024 | 3 p.m.*
Spring Opera
Ludwig Recital Hall

Mar. 13, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
No Exit Concert
Ludwig Recital Hall

Mar. 16, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
New Music Ensemble
Concert #3
Ludwig Recital Hall

Mar. 16, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
Kent State Youth Winds
Concert
Cartwright Auditorium

Mar. 17, 2024 | 5 p.m.*
Kent Keyboard Series
Concert #4 - Donna Lee, Faculty
Artist
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 6, 2024 | 3 p.m.*
Chorale Spring Concert
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 11, 2024 | 7 p.m.
Percussion Ensemble Concert
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 12, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
Coro Cantare/
Cantique Concert
Cartwright Auditorium

Apr. 13, 2024 | 6 p.m.*
Evening with The Orchestra
Student Center Ballroom

Apr. 14, 2024 | 5 p.m.*
Kent Keyboard Series
Concert #5 - Andrew Le, Faculty
Artist
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 18, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
Gospel Choir Spring Concert
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 20, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
New Music Ensemble
Concert #4
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 21, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
Nova Jazz Concert
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 22, 2024 | 8 p.m.*
Jazz Large Ensemble Concert
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 23, 2024 | 8 p.m.*
Jazz Combo Concert
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 24, 2024 | 8 p.m.*
Asian World Music Concert
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 26, 2024 | 8 p.m.*
Steelpan Ensemble
Ludwig Recital Hall

Apr. 28, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
Wind Ensemble/
High School Concert
Cartwright Auditorium

Apr. 30, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
University Band/
Symphony Band Concert
Cartwright Auditorium

May 5, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.*
Orchestra/Choir Concert
Cartwright Auditorium

May 12, 2024 | 3 p.m.
Kent State Youth
Winds Concert
Cartwright Auditorium

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Sep. 28–Oct. 1
E. Turner Stump Theatre

**PASSAGE**

**by Christopher Chen**

Oct. 27–Nov. 9
Wright-Curtis Theatre

**CABARET**

Book by Joe Masteroff
Based on the play by John Van Druten and
Stories by Christopher Isherwood
Music by John Kander Lyrics by Fred Ebb

Dec. 1–3
E. Turner Stump Theatre

**DANCE ’23**

Feb. 16–25
E. Turner Stump Theatre

**EVERYBODY**

by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins

Apr. 5–7
E. Turner Stump Theatre

**KENT DANCE ENSEMBLE CONCERT**

Apr. 19–28
Wright-Curtis Theatre

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Wednesday, October 9, 2024
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*The day-long event will focus on arts entrepreneurship and developing an entrepreneurial mindset in the arts. Speakers and an itinerary for the day will be announced soon!*

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Speakers will share their experiences and interact with the attendees to hone skills and broaden networks. The event is free, and those in Northeast Ohio are encouraged to attend.

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