

GOLD TREASURE

MAY 21-23

CROSSING THE RIVER

JUNE 4-6

THE JOURNEY

JUNE 18-20

BACK

JULY 2-4

THE BOOKSTORE OF DOOM

JULY 9-11

THE DINNER PARTY

JULY 16-18

THE CASE OF THE MISSING JEWELRY

JULY 30-AUGUST 1

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

AUGUST 13-15

CROSSING THE RIVER

Three children meet up with an elephant and a monkey as they try to cross a river in India.

PLAYWRIGHT

Sherin Mary Zacharia

DIRECTOR

Cary Johnston

Creative Director/Founder of Shopworks Theatre

CAST

Elizabeth Rao
Oliver Rao
Ruth Jones
Nancy Choina
Katie Anderson
Bernard Mensah



PERFORMANCE AVAILABILITY

June 4-6, 2021

SHERIN MARY ZACHARIA

Playwright

Sherin Mary Zacharia is a non-verbal person on the autism spectrum. A self-learner and blogger, Sherin writes poems in English and mother tongue Malayalam and is a regular contributor to various English Anthologies published in India. Sherin is the recipient of several awards and a certificate for participating in National Poetry Writing Month (2020) conducted by the poets' group, The Significant League. Sherin published a collection of poems and short prose in 2018, entitled "Moonlight." Sherin loves nature, traveling, film songs and good food.



CARY JOHNSTON Director

Cary Johnston is the Creative Director and founder of the Shopworks Theatre Company. Shopworks is an adult day habilitation program based in Columbus Ohio that serves the DD community through the theater arts. Over 8 years, Shopworks has produced over 50 original adaptations of existing and original plays generated from the actors themselves. Shopworks has served thousands of patrons with a strong nod towards serving inclusive audiences with its weekly matinee programs.

Cary has led the troupe to be actors for hire, employed by The Autism Society of Central Ohio, Ohio History Center, OSU, and the King Arts Center. She has combined over 12 years of clinical service to the DD community with her fine arts skills to pioneer this groundbreaking method of service.

Cary has presented clinically on "Reducing the Use of Physical Interventions through Skill Building" with the OSU Nisonger Center at the NAAD conference in 2009. She has worked with the VSA to develop the "Autism and Ambassadorship" program that taught public institutions how to better serve a diverse client base. This led to a formal presentation in Austin for the LEADS conference in 2016. Cary is the 2018 Franklin County Star Award for exceptional service in 2018. Her program has received a governors and mayor's certificate of recognition.

ELIZABETH RAO

Elizabeth Rao is three years old and lives in Columbus, Ohio. She enjoys fruit snacks, cats, going birding with her grandmother, and playing Hide and Seek. She currently has no plans for future employment. This is her first film!





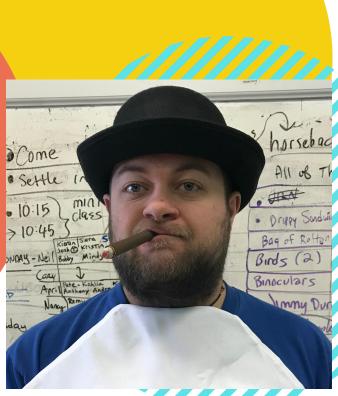
Oliver Rao is six and half years old and lives in Columbus, Ohio. He enjoys pizza, outer space, dinosaurs, and Super Mario games. Oliver wants to be an astronaut when he grows up. This is his first film!

Krishna
OLIVER RAO

RUTH JONES

Ruth is an eight-year-old girl from Pataskala, Ohio. Ruth has studied tap, hip-hop, ballet, and jazz over a three-year period. Ruth loves nature, art, and video games. Shopworks Theatre Company considers Ruth "our resident daring young girl."





Josh Miller is a member of the Shopworks Theatre Company. He has performed for hundreds of people in over 30 shows. Josh is an exceptional singer and his favorite composers include the Sherman Brothers. Josh resides in Galloway with his very talented musical family.

Monkey

JOSH MILLER

NANCY CHOINA Puppeteer

Nancy is a Jill-of-all-trades. Her strong Cajun roots give her the power to problem solve any task she's given. Nancy currently is Manager of Day Programming for Step Up based in Columbus. Nancy manages a small herd of very spoiled cats.



KATIE ANDERSON

Puppeteer

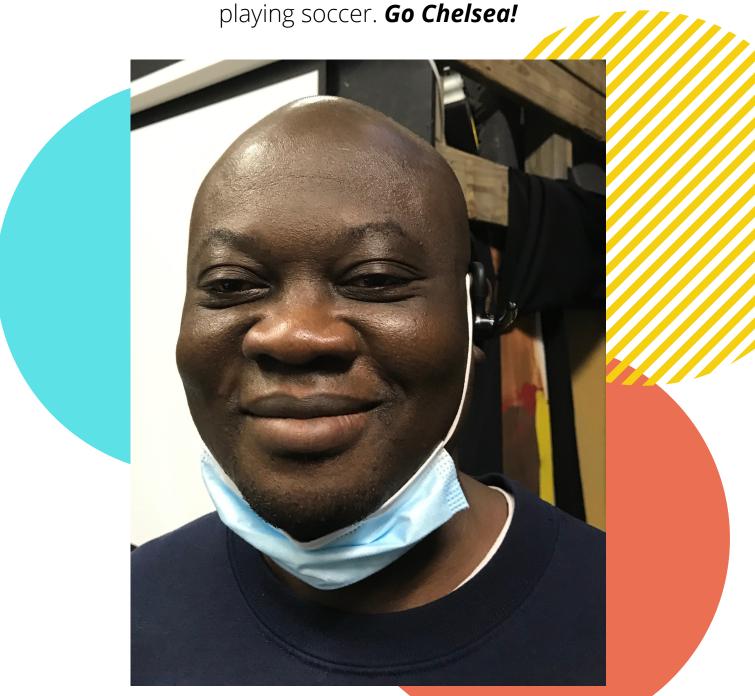
Katie Anderson is a writer based in Norfolk, Virginia. Katie's personal essays have been featured in Rabble Lit, Huffington Post and TMI Project. Her first short story fiction Pesthouse will be featured in Streetlight Magazine Summer, 2021. She interviewed comedians and authors to talk about their work and business for the long-gone AltDaily. Katie and her partner, Tim like listening to records and hanging out with their cats.



BERNARD MENSAH

Narrator

Bernard hails from Ghana West Africa. He is the proud father of a girl and a boy. Bernard is currently working as a community facilitator for Step Up. When not working, he enjoys music movies and watching and



THERI BRADY Camera/Editor

Theri is an Early Childhood Art Instructor for the Franklin County Dept of DD Early Childhood program. Theri is a multitalented artist who can install a new kitchen counter, quilt a blanket and edit a movie, with skill in all areas!







ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Festival Coordinator: Ruben Ryan **Video Producer:** Brandon Meeker

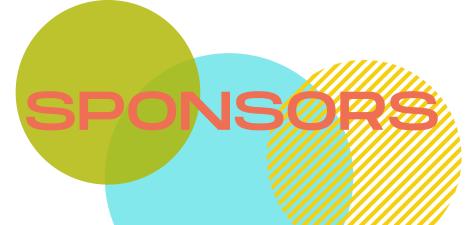
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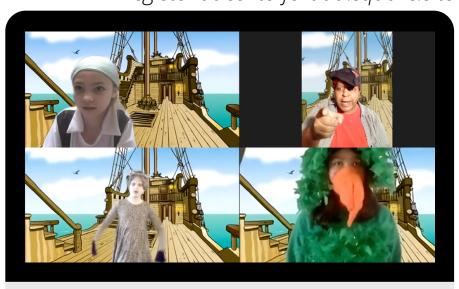
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