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THE CAST

Juliana	Karen Konzen
Ian	Kevin Bodge
The Man	Kyle Geary
The Woman	Kristen Walsh
Special Appearance	Cyndi Barnes

THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Michael Lipp
Stage Manager	Susan Roche
Assistant Stage Manager	Jennifer O'Brien
Lighting Design	Ben Sparenberg
Costumes	Cathy Dooley & Cast
Sound & Projection Design	Michael Lipp
Props	Cathy Dooley
Set Design	Michael Lipp
Set Dressing	Lee Hsmby
Production Manager	Lee Hamby
Production Assistance	Tom Barr, Baron Tetzlaff, Kyle Geary
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House Manager	Holly Gutshall
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ABOUT THE CAST & CREW



KAREN KOZEN (Juliana) Karen is happy to find a new use for her biology degrees playing a scientist. Karen was last seen with ABET as Artie in *Eleemosynary*. She has appeared in many productions in the North Florida area including as Banquo in *Macbeth*, Inspector Hubbard in *Dial M for Murder*, and Rosalind Franklin in *Photograph 51*. In addition to her work on stage she also performs on film and is a painter.



KEVIN BODGE (Ian) Kevin returns to stage after being last seen in *The Vandal* (2019) at ABET, and *Grey Gardens* (2017) at Theatre Jacksonville (where he learned a thing or two about musical theatre from today's director, Michael Lipp). This is Kevin's fourth appearance with Karen Konzen, following *MacBeth* (2016, ABET), *Conversations after a Burial*, and *Gross Indecencies* (2013, 2014, PBTS) -- and he is excited to support her in this complex show and to work with talented new friends Kyle & Kristen. He's been in Jacksonville theatre since 1990, including regular appearances with Swamp Radio and performance art events around town. Offstage, Kevin plays with very

large piles of sand as a consulting coastal engineer. Kevin especially thanks his wife Nancy and family for their love & support of 'Dad, a theatre person'.



KRISTEN WALSH (Dr. Teller, Lauren, The Woman) Kristen is excited to be back on the ABET stage once again. You may have seen her as Jodie in *The Opposite of Normal* (PBTS), Charlotte Corday in *The Revolutionists* (Actors Collective), Ada in *The Harvest* (5 & Dime), *Alice in Alice in Wonderland* (ABET), Talia in *Women's Work* (Phase 8), and many other shows, short films, and staged readings over the years. She also recently directed *The Lifespan of a Fact* at ABET and *Clyde's* at the 5 & Dime. She is thrilled to be working with such an incredibly talented cast and crew to bring this story to life.

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KYLE GEARY (Richard, The Man, Bobby) Kyle is so grateful to be a part of *The Other Place*. An Atlantic Beach native, Kyle has been involved in North Florida's theatre community since he was 5 years old, debuting in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Christ United Methodist Church under the direction of Gloria Bennett. From there, Kyle also attended summer theatre camps and began learning music and playing the tuba and sousaphone in middle and high school. He also auditioned and was accepted into FMEA's Men's All State Honor Choir in his senior year of high school. Kyle resumed his involvement with Jacksonville

community theatre in 2014 with Theatre Jacksonville's production of *Les Miserables* as Combeferre and other Ensemble roles. Since then, he's been an active volunteer, supporter, and performer in North Florida's theatre community. In addition to his love for all things performance arts, Kyle also enjoys volunteering with Scouting America, formerly known as The Boy Scouts of America, coaching and mentoring in his full time sales position with Cellular Sales, bartending locally, staffing musical festivals across the country, and being an advocate for mental health and wellness to everyone he comes in contact with. He would like to thank Lee Hamby, his friends and family, and his therapist Gina for all the help and support he graciously receives.



MICHAEL LIPP (Director) has directed 60 productions for most of the Jacksonville area's community, educational, and professional companies since his first production at Players by the Sea in 1986. He directed three previous productions for ABET – *The Rainmaker*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and *Violet* – and most recently directed *Silent Sky* for A Classic Theatre and *First Date* for Limelight Theatre, both in St. Augustine. Michael has directed numerous other acclaimed productions, such as *Parade*, *Les Misérables*, *Grey Gardens*, *The Light in the Piazza*, *The Secret Garden*, *Newsies*, and *City of Angels*. He has also acted over 40 times on local stages, including recognized leading

roles in *Seussical*, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, *The Little Foxes*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Doubt*, and *Rabbit Hole*. Michael received his Master's Degree in Molecular Biology from Vanderbilt University and recently retired after 39 years of service as a secondary Physics and Math teacher for both Duval County Public Schools and as a proud member of the Upper School faculty at The Bolles School.

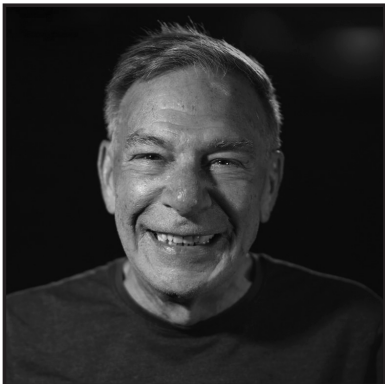
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SUSAN ROCHE (Stage Manager) Susan has been volunteering at ABET since 2008 as an actor, singer, musician, photographer, videographer, board member, tech, stage manager, house manager and assistant director. You've undoubtedly seen her running around the theatre these past couple seasons. Away from the theatre, Susan raises her 2 dogs, Dakotah and Kiera, and works as Lead Technical Analyst III for a world wide travel management company. Susan wants to thank Michael for letting me come on this ride with him. Bravo to the cast of *The Other Place*!



JENNIFER O'BRIEN (Assistant Stage Manager/ Booth) Jennifer is thrilled to be working backstage at ABET again! She previously stage managed *James and the Giant Peach* (ABET) and *The Bridges of Madison County* (PBTS.) Some of her favorite roles on stage include *Silence! the Musical* (5 & Dime,) *The Laramie Project* (5 & Dime,) *Company* (5 & Dime,) *Avenue Q* (Amelia Community Theatre,) and *Xanadu* (ABET.) She wishes to thank the entire cast, crew, and creative team of this show for this wonderful experience! Thanks and love to my biggest supporters - James, Aaron, and Jordan!



BEN SPARENBERG (Lighting Designer) is excited to be working with ABET again on *The Other Place*. Working with this production team and talented cast has been wonderful. Ben relocated to Jacksonville in December 2018 from Charlotte NC where he had a long career as an architectural lighting designer. His love of theater brought him to Theater Charlotte where he worked on and designed a number of productions. Since moving to JAX that same love of theater brought him to ABET and PBTS.

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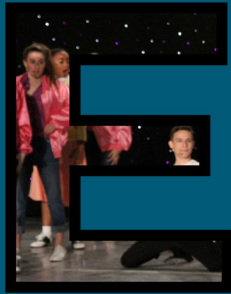
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