

**Black Box Theater**

# **THE EIGHT: REINDEER MONOLOGUES**

**By Jeff Goode**

**Directed by Shannon Peterson**



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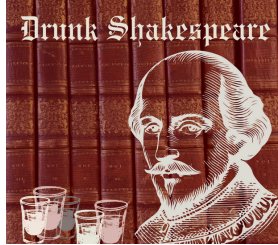
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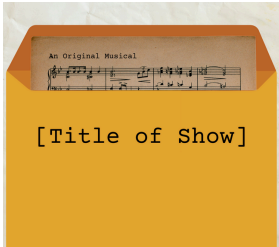


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<b>HOLLYWOOD</b>	<b>CAMERON ULI</b>
<b>BLITZEN</b>	<b>HANNAH JANE AUSTIN</b>
<b>COMET</b>	<b>NICK NIELSEN</b>
<b>DANCER</b>	<b>SHANNON PETERSON</b>
<b>DONNER</b>	<b>KEVIN NISSEN</b>
<b>VIXEN</b>	<b>SHEILA ANN</b>

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<b>DIRECTOR</b>	<b>SHANNON PETERSON</b>
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The cast of Reindeer Monologues and Boise Little Theater do not take domestic abuse or violence lightly. If you find yourself in a situation where you don't feel safe, here are a few local resources.

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Women and Children's Alliance  
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You can also talk to the director, Shannon.

# THE CAST

## MIKE MULLENS - DASHER

Mike has been working in Boise theater since the Earth cooled (roughly). This is the 6th time he's been directed by Shannon, and for some reason, she keeps casting him. It is also the 6th production of a Jeff Goode script he's been in. It's been a lot of fun working with such a talented cast, and working with Shannon again.

## BEN SZULANCZYK - CUPID

Hailing from the east coast and having lived in Boise for just over a year, Ben is thrilled to be back at BLT for "The Eight Reindeer Monologues". Last seen on the mainstage as Miles in "She Kills Monsters" and on your TV or social media in Scentsy's Holiday 2024 commercial, Ben has been performing since he was a kid. Some favorite credits include: "Reefer Madness" and "Red Herring" (Drexel University), "Midsummer Night's Dream" (Mauckingbird Theater Company), "PROM" (World Premier, New Paradise Labs). When not on stage, Ben can be found playing soccer, reading, or spending time with his husband Jeff and their dog Jack doing anything outside or adventurous—camping, hiking, traveling!

## CAMERON ULI - HOLLYWOOD

Cameron wants to first wish all of you a happy holidays. Cameron has been performing at BLT for a long time and recently debuted his play he wrote at Cornish College of the Arts, here in this very blackbox. Tonight he is performing as Hollywood, the most famous Reindeer. Cameron would like to thank you for coming tonight, but also like to thank his girlfriend Sarah and his mom, for all their support during this hectic time. He would also like for you to come visit him at Zales in the mall, to find excellent choices for gifts this holiday season.

## HANNAH JANE AUSTIN - BLITZEN

Hannah Jane is super excited to make you all deeply uncomfortable! This is her first time acting back here in the Black Box, but she's been doing weird stuff all over Boise stages for a while now. You might have seen her recently in Stage Coach's "Reefer Madness" (also directed by Shannon!) or "Gods of Comedy" at BLT. She hopes you've prepared yourself for this one, buckle up and enjoy the show!

## NICK NIELSEN - COMET

Nick is thrilled to be performing in the Boise Little Theater black box for the first time. He has been a lover of the theater most of his life and was most recently seen at Stage Coach theater as Hal in "Proof" and in the ensemble of "Reefer Madness". He also holds a BFA in acting from Shenandoah Conservatory. He hopes everyone enjoys this funny yet horrifying Christmas show!

## SHANNON PETERSON - DANCER

Shannon is a graduate of the South Orange County School of the Arts with emphasis in Theater and Sculptural Design and CSU Chico with a BA in Dramaturgy. A mistress of many trades, she loves to be on stage ("Putnam County Spelling Bee", "Noises Off", "Addams Family"), direct ("Un Xmas Story", "Christmas Two", "Reefer Madness"), build props ("She Kills Monsters", "Puffs"), and choreograph ("James and the Giant Peach Jr", "Reefer Madness", "Anything Goes"). She would like to thank Jordan and Oliver for keeping each other company and Oskar for being in charge while she's been in rehearsal. She would also like to thank the playwright, Jeff Goode, for writing so many plays that encapsulate just how much Shannon doesn't like Christmas :)

## KEVIN NISSEN - DONNER

Kevin Nissen has loved being part of this talented assembly of actors, crew, and directors. Since moving to Boise in the summer of 2022 this is Kevin's third BLT production. He was in "An Inspector Calls" and "A Christmas Carol". He was also in Stagecoach Theater's production of "Proof".

## SHEILA ANN - VIXEN

Sheila is excited to be performing in BLT's Black Box Theater for the first time and performing in this twisted show for your unsettled evening entertainment. Her most recent performance was in "The Butler Did It" at Stage Coach Theatre. She also has performed in Improv shows with Uproar Entertainment and been in a few local film and tv projects. In her "off" time she takes various dance classes, travels, Disneys, crafts, does parental stuff for her four kiddos and is raising her new puppy Mildred. Thanks for coming to the show!



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