

BALTIMORE ROCK OPERA SOCIETY PRESENTS

The Orb of Pondering

A BROS Tabletopera



OCTOBER 30, 31
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Written by Daniel Ciarrocchi

Directed by Adrienne Black

Music by Tenacious DnD (Gabe Shatkin, Jeff Mosco, Joe DePasquale)

Concept and Original Pitch by Bardic Compass



Production Team

Director Adrienne Black
BROS Production & Operations Director Mace Morningstar
Stage Manager R. Tyler Schroder
Assistant Stage Managers Benni Rose, Lynn Shambles,
Jacqueline Brown
Music Co-Directors Gabe Shatkin & Jeff Mosco
Dance Co-Choreographers Milo Docher & Thann Tolley
Fight Consultant Matthew Lindsay Payne

Writer's Note

Few things inspire me more than seeing authentic people in their elements, and celebrating their peers doing the same--and not in spite of being over the top, but because of it.

I began writing *The Orb of Pondering* with this in the back of my mind, because it is one of many common threads between theatre, tabletop games, and this particular community of whimsical dipshits (myself included).

But today, as the show approaches its debut, I understand these sentiments at levels I hadn't bargained for. *Orb's* production reminded me that whether you're on a stage, at a tabletop, or in a gladiatorial arena versus an extremely rad cube-monster, people can grow and bond while exploring parts of themselves that don't always come out in the real world. We fear what we don't know, and playing through scenarios--even ridiculous ones--takes the power away from that fear. Even more, it offers a valuable exercise in trusting people to come through for you.

Candidly--I needed that reinforced, and this cast and crew is doing exactly that.

I'm honored to share this show with everyone, and alongside *BROS*, whose herculean efforts have added real meaning to an otherwise silly story. Everyone who has been part of this show--including you, the audience--already has my sincerest gratitude for reminding me that even the absolute dumbest scenes imaginable can offer meaningful and invigorating experiences.

So tonight, I both welcome and implore you to enjoy yourselves, bask in whimsy, embrace uncertainties, wildly cheer (or boo!), and responsibly house some jello shots if you partake.

In Panton Redondo.

Daniel Ciarrocchi

Director's Note

I cannot express enough my gratitude at having found this community and been given the opportunity to shape the world of this show. It turned out a decade of training in medieval history, art, culture, and manuscripts was useful after all.

Nearly a hundred volunteers acted, designed and built everything you see and hear, stage managed, canvassed the city to post up flyers, and loaded the trucks and transformed this room into a theater. Volunteers checked everyone in at box office, poured drinks at the bar, made popcorn, and sold merchandise. Their passion and creativity is infused into every corner of this space.

The Baltimore Rock Opera Society is a company that realizes gigantic theater dreams, and I have trouble imagining it existing in any other city. It is a home for people who need one, a community that sees beauty in trash and ingenuity, and a place where many of us get to be our whole selves for the first time.

I hope you enjoy tonight's experience. There's a little piece of all of us woven into this raw, stupid, earnest, and vulnerable show. We are so happy to welcome you as the final and integral part.

Adrianne Black

Cast

DM	Jennifer McKenzie
Tim	Chris V Phillips
Delfina	Meg Williams
Bocalupo	Jacob Zeranko
Venglorio	Bowen Gregory
Pübert	Atticus Emerson
Astrid/Tym/Tym2	Betse Lyons
Cake	Alissa Suser
Thunder	Ayla Dior
Cube	Alex "Moby" Melville
KORVID/Mangionians	Finnigan Keane, Erik Vandegriff, Sami Boyd, Thann Tolley, Coco Ertel

Dragons N' Rosecork (The Band)

Dual Clubs of Bashing (Drums).....	Gabe Shatkin
D6 Axe of Shredding (Guitar).....	Jeff Mosco
D12 Axes of Mashing (Guitar).....	Aaron Smith
D4 Axe of Thunder (Bass).....	Joshua Zarbo
Wand of Tooting [+1 Octave] (Flute/Piccolo).....	Mary Beck
D34 Bow of Arcana (Harp).....	Olivia "Rat" Cypull

Mimies (Band Understudies)

D4 Axe of Rumbling (Bass).....	Joe DePasquale
Dual Clubs of Smashing (Drums).....	Zack Kochanski

Design Team

Props Designer.....	Kate Smith-Morse
Vice Props Designer.....	Trish McMillan
Weapons Design.....	CADAVER
Shadows & Tabletop Mage.....	Cyan Skye Jackson
Creatures Wrangler.....	Max Sobolik
Cube & Horse Designer.....	Andrea Burk
Sound Designer.....	Julia Willis
Costume Designer.....	Ava Ertel
Costume Stitcher.....	Christina McAlpine
WHaM Designer.....	Lindsey Landolfi
Set Designer.....	Emmett Springer
LIT Designer.....	Esther Whang
Front of House Designer	Theo Toomey
Poster & Merch Artist	Alaska Kellum

Technical Team

Production Tech Capt. /QLab Designer/LIT Wizard	Peter Turnbull
Lighting Designer	Chris Allen
L2	Melanie Henson
Audio Technician	Val Smith
A2s	Lucien Valentine, Julia Willis
Network Technicians	Justin Sabe, Peter Turnbull
Supertitles Designer	Daniel Ciarrochi
QLab Operator	Benni Rose

Front of House & Volunteer Coordinators

Front Of House Manager	Kim Le
Virtual Box Office Manager	Leyla Mamedova
Bar Manager	J Pete Castro
Craft Services Coordinator	Becca Shillenn

Stage Crew

Crew Lead Lynn Shambles
Crew Emmett Springer, Kate Smith-Morse, Nathan Kane,
Winston Hargis, Max Sobolik, Sam "Goose" Gauss

Puppeteers

Mimic Max Sobolik
Cube Alex "Moby" Melville
Khevyn Jr. Winston Hargis
Shadow Puppeteer Cyan Skye Jackson

Collectible Character Sheet Creative Team

Project Lead/Arch Magus Lucas Gerace
Illustrative Scribe Trevor Dillian-Lynas
Master of Scroll Tanya Castelan
Cryptozoological Consultant Daniel Ciarrocchi

Volunteers

Costumes

CADAVER	Lucien Valentine
Corinne Ertel	Mariah Bethke
Donald Ertel	Molly Pruitt
Jacqueline Brown	Nex-Dimitri Fennec
Lily Ertel	Patrick McMichael
Lisa Hillring	Shelby Switzer

WHaM (Wigs, Hair, and Makeup)

Danielle Frekot	Lindsey Landolfi
Lily Ertel	

Volunteers

Props

Alex Melville	Kal King
Andrea Burk	Lear Laohoo
Ayla Dior	Lucien Valentine
Benni Rose	Lynn Shambles
Bex Vega	Malik Barr
Bjorn Dodge	monster
Bryn Merideath	Nathan Kane
Charlie Houk	Nex-Dimitri Fennec
Chris Reuther	Pete Castro
Donald Ertel	Peter Turnbull
Eirnin Mahoney	Raelle Leak
Eli Copperman	Shelby Switzer
Erin Whitt-Hilker	Timothy Dodge
Jacqueline Brown	Toni Jones
Jake Zeranko	Trevor Clifford
Julia Deeb-Swihart	Wren Tillery
Kairo Cooper	

Tabletop & Shadows

Avery Sim	Shelby Switzer
Ayla Dior	Toni Jones
Bex Vega	Winston Hargis
Chris Reuther	Wren Tillery
Eirnin Mahoney	Lucien Valentine
Eli Copperman	Meridith Donatto
Kairo Cooper	Nathan Kane
Kal King	Raelle Leak

Volunteers

Creatures

Alex Neville	Harper Craven
Avery Sim	Lucien Valentine
Bryn Merideath	Madison Miller
Chris Reuther	Molly Pruitt
Corinne Ertel	Olivia Cypull
Eirnin Mahoney	Sam "Goose" Gauss
Eli Copperman	

Sets

Alex Melville	Meredith Donatto
Bryn Merideath	monster
Carolyn Frost	Raelle Leak
Donald Ertel	Sam "Goose" Gauss
Eli Hoffman	Sophie Wagner
Ish Castelan	Tyler Schroder
Jacqueline Brown	Winston Hargis
Kirston	Zack Kochanski
Logan Avery	Zach Yarosz
Matthew Lindsay Payne	

LIT (Integrated Lights & Electronics)

Andrea Burk	Julia Deeb-Swihart
Benni Rose	Melanie Henson
Bex Vega	monster
Danielle Frekot	Sage Cohen-Rider
Esther Whang	Tevis Tsai
Garrett Wenger	Tim Deeb-Swihart
Ish Castelan	Trevor Clifford
Joy Emerson	Wren Melville

Volunteers

Front of House (Design & Staff)

Abby Cocke	Joe Martin
Aimee Freeman	Lana El-Khatib
Alex Neville	Lucas Gerace
Alexa Sciuto	Matthew Lindsay Payne
Andrea Burk	Meghan Rimelspach
Anna Platis	Michael Watts
Bjorn Dodge	Mike Bull
Caleb DeMario	Raelle Leak
Cat Litten	sam stone
Danielle Frekot	Violet Gray
Debi Bull	Zach Yarorsz
J Pete Castro	

Street Team

Adrianne Black	Emmett Springer
Alex Neville	Finnigan Keane
Benni Rose	Kim Le
Bryn Merideath	Patrick Staso
Cyan Skye Jackson	Sami Boyd
Daniel Ciarrochhi	Shelby Switzer

Craft Services

Becca Shillenn	Lauren Scott
Christina McApline	Logan Avery
Christine Sanders	

Tech

Daniel Banko	Justin Sabe
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Volunteers

Musele (Load In)

Aaron Smith	Mace Morningstar
Alex Mellville	Matthew Lindsay
Ava Ertel	Payne
CADAVER	Max Sobolik
Chris Reuther	J Pete Castro
Christina McAlpine	Peter Turnbull
Donald Ertel	Pluto Pingel
Emmett Springer	Sarah Min
Esther Whang	Tyler Schroder
Ish Castelan	Val Smith
Lisa Hillring	Zach Yarosz
Lucien Valentine	

Anyone can become a volunteer with the Baltimore Rock Opera Society

No experience required! Just a desire to make weird, cool,
impossible theater in a big, passionate, creative community

Learn more at

<https://www.baltimorerockopera.org/get-involved/join-bros>

Spring 2027 Production
Big Volunteer Kickoff Meeting
is coming in January 2027!



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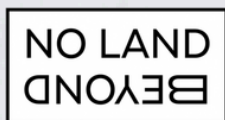
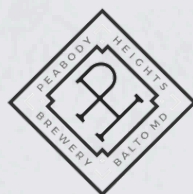
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Thanks to everyone at Half Shell for dealing with all the dust, noise, singing, and rat kings.

All praise Stinky.

Thank You BROS Members!

By becoming a Member you are pledging your support to a passionate community of artists enriching Baltimore's cultural landscape with wildly creative, large-scale collaborative art. All proceeds from the Supporting Membership Program contribute to the BROS general fund, benefiting year-round general operating expenses that keep our doors open, lights on, and programming affordable.

If you're interested in becoming a Supporting Member of the BROS, please visit the INFO table in the lobby to learn more about the various donor levels and rewards available!

Thank You to Our Current Supporting Members at Headliner Level and Above!

ROCK GOD

Bowen Gregory
Johanna Bachman
Matthew Payne
Naomi Davidoff

ROCK STAR

Aran Keating
Greg Chaprnka
Tyler Schroder

HEADLINER

Charles Green
Drew Alfgren
Emmett Springer
Garrett Wenger
Michael Bull
Morgan Moses-Allen
Susan Campbell
Veronica Durkin
Viki Keating

COMING SOON FROM BROS

Battle of the Bands

Application Deadline: November 8, 2026

BROS' fall concert opera shows combine local bands with a 45-minute performance and the band is decided by a live battle of the bands where the audience votes. Apply to be BROS' musical collaborator for Fall 2027!

Beneath the Bay BROS New Year's Eve @ Creative Alliance

December 31, 2026

Dive into the depths with BROS as we ring in the new year with an outlandish, wild, aquatic New Year's Eve fundraiser held at Creative Alliance.

Aquarius Dreaming @ Zion Luthern Church

Spring 2027

Robin Walser was a TV Star, an ecoterrorist, and is now slinging bagels and a chosen prophet of a psychedelic Assyrian river god. With help from friends, enemies, and the Chesapeake Bay, maybe they'll figure out the future.



UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

<https://www.bmoressmallstages.org/>

Spotlighters Theatre

Sweet Baby Jesus!

Nov. 13 - Dec. 6, 2026

Rapid Lemon Productions

White

Jan. 8-24, 2027

Fells Point Corner Theatre

August Wilson's Jitney

Nov. 13 - Dec. 13, 2027

Vagabond Players

She Kills Monsters

Jan. 8-31, 2027

Strand Theater Company

Mary: Before the Word Became Flesh

Jan. 8-31, 2027

Arena Players, Inc

Quincy

Feb. 19-21, 2027



BALTIMORE ROCK OPERA SOCIETY

In addition to the countless hours put in by our production team to make unforgettable masterpieces of rock theater, BROS relies on the year-round efforts of a dedicated group of part-time staff and volunteer captains.

STAFF

Production & Operations Director..... Mace Morningstar
Volunteer Experience Director sam stone
Marketing & Communications Director Cat Litten
Interim Finance Director Marvin Roxas
Grants Manager Kim Le
Interim Development Associate Lana El-Khatib

CAPTAINS

Shop Co-Captains Zach Yarosz & Max Sobolik
Production Tech Captain Peter Turnbull
Audio Captain Val Smith
Lighting Captain Chris Allen
Operations IT Captain Greg Chaprnka
Street Team Co-Captains Bryn Merideath,
Cyan Skye Jackson, Emmett Springer

ARTISTIC COUNCIL

Anna Platis	Derek Cooper	Nate Daley
Bowen Gregory	Gabe Shatkin	Sebastian Ochoa Arguijo
Carlos Guillen	Kim Le	Zach Yarosz
Chris Allen	Lincoln Goode	
Chris Reuther	Lucas Gerace	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Naomi Davidoff, Chair	Kerry Brady
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The Baltimore Rock Opera Society is a passionate community of artists who create unforgettable experiences through live original rock theater. BROS is a space where the Baltimore artistic community's wild performance ideas come to life, creating mind-blowing live performances.

BROS invites artists, musicians, designers, and technicians from all backgrounds to add their talent to productions.

GET INVOLVED! For more information please visit www.BaltimoreRockOpera.org

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from you!

