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# The Light in the Piazza

March 21-23 at 7:30 PM and March 24 at 2 PM  
Harrison Theater, Performing Arts Center  
Director: Marc Reynolds  
Conductor: Jacob Harrison

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Book by CRAIG LUCAS  
Music & Lyrics by ADAM GUETTEL  
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Owner of the original motion  
picture "Light In The Piazza"  
Based on the Novel by  
Elizabeth Spencer

## Director's Note

The composer shared some thoughts that I would like to share with you.

**"As this plot opens our audience is in the same position as our two protagonists Margaret and Clara. They come to a country where they do not speak the language and they have to make their way and glean from behavior, circumstance, and even pitch if you will what's going on and how to make their way and how to succeed."**

**"I think The Light in the Piazza is...at its core about the nature of love and every song is a love song. The word love - there's only really one word for that in our language in English but in music, there are an infinite number of ways of saying that word."**

**"The Light in the Piazza really means the experience of love in the air - the oxygen of love - that everything is love when you're falling in love when you're in love. So it's like light. It's just photons flying radically all over."**

**- Adam Guetell from the Live at the Lincoln Center production of The Light of the Piazza during the Intermission Interview.**

Working on The Light in the Piazza has turned into a deeply personal journey for many of the cast and crew. The process of working with this group of talented performers has brought tremendous light into my life. We look forward to sharing that same light and love with you!

**- Dr. Marc Reynolds, Director of Texas State Opera Theater**

## Voice Faculty

Daveda Karanas: Voice Area Coordinator & Assistant Professor of Voice

Christopher Besch: Assistant Professor of Voice

Natalie Cummings: Lecturer of Voice

Giuseppe Filianoti: Lecturer of Voice

Tim O'Brien: Lecturer of Voice

Suzanne Ramo: Associate Professor of Voice

Ron Ulen: Professor of Voice

Myra Vassian: Senior Lecturer of Voice

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Original Broadway Production by Lincoln Center Theater, New York City, 2005  
The World Premiere of The Light In The Piazza was produced by the Intiman Theatre  
Seattle, Washington

Opening Night: June 14, 2023

Bartlett Sher, Artistic Director

Laura Penn, Managing Director  
and

The Goodman Theater, Chicago, Illinois

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Robert Falls, Artistic Director

Roche Schulfer, Executive Director

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# Cast

Margaret Johnson	Jordan Brockwell^ Cora Winstead*~
Clara Johnson	Maria Killian^ Mikayla Wallis*
Fabrizio Naccarelli	Raúl Romero^ Victor Briseño*
Signor Naccarelli	Mason Asberry^ Zachary Nelson*
Signora Naccarelli	Megan Magill^ Gentry Wessman*
Giuseppe Naccarelli	Bryan Lawrenz^ Ayden Crocker*
Franca Naccarelli	Sara Barringer^ Charlie Lovaas-Haynes*
Priest	Grayson Schaefer^ Ryan Kelly*
Tour Guide	Maria St. Clair
Chorus	Jenna Barrera Olivia Garcia Lucas Landry AJ Montes Maria St. Clair

^Performs Thursday & Saturday

\*Performs Friday & Sunday

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# Instrumentalists

Violin:	Bass:	Basson/Contrabasson:
Cristal Martinez Perez	Evan Foor	Lilian Vo
Adriana Carrillo Ramirez	Jack O'Neal	
Vastian Sitrler		Percussion:
Grace Geunyeong An	Oboe/English Horn:	Gabriella Gonzalez
Abigail Rios	Bobby Harris	
Kate Salinas		Guitar: Austin Lytle
	Clarinet:	
Cello:	Will Moore	Piano:
Kelsey Sexton		Michael Leavitt
Zoey Jackson		

# Artistic Team

Jacob Harrison: Conductor  
Michael Leavitt: Music Director of Texas State Opera Theater  
Marc Reynolds: Director of Texas State Opera Theater  
Scott Vandenberg: Lighting Designer  
Kelly Connaughton: Costume Designer  
Trad Burns: Scenic Designer  
Chuck Harris: Scenic Construction  
Tessa Blizinski: Properties Designer and Master  
Finley Hagan: Hair and Makeup Designer

# Production Team

Candice Mongellow: Performing Arts Center Operations Manager  
Robert Styers: Box Office Manager  
Eaton Saylor : Audio/Video Lighting Supervisor  
Guillermo Sanchez: Production Stage Manager  
Addison Kaye: Assistant Director  
Andrew Keeler: Choreographer and Intimacy/Fight Coordinator  
Savannah Marshall: Assistant Stage Manager  
Lizzie Brock: Production Assistant  
Zanyla Marshall: Production Assistant  
Finley Hagan: Wardrobe Assistant  
Jordan Armstrong - Programmer and Light Board Operator  
Danthony Simmons - Audio Engineer  
Briana Castillo: Follow Spot Operator  
Jacob Jones: Follow Spot Operator

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