

# PLAYBILL

Evolution Theatre Company  
&  
The Abbey Theater of Dublin  
Present:



**Navigation**  
Written and Performed by Monty Almero

**The Sissy Chronicles**  
Written and Performed by Mark Phillips Schwamberge

October 21-23, 2022



# Production Team

## Director

Joe Bishara

## Producers

Mark Phillips Schwamberger and Joe Bishara

## Tech Staff

Jim Ziolkowski

David Crone

# Synopsis

Evolution Theatre Company and the Abbey Theater of Dublin proudly present the in-person premieres of two one-man productions that received their virtual premieres during the pandemic:

## Navigation

*Written and performed by Monty Almore*

A poignant coming-of-age story, "Navigation" explores what it means to be a gay immigrant youth in America.

## The Sissy Chronicles

*Written and performed by Mark Phillips Schwamberger*

A highly relatable exploration of the life experiences of a gay man, "The Sissy Chronicles" is filled with pathos, humor and heart-warming first-hand accounts of the societal structures and patterns which confront, shape and ultimately define the lives of those deemed "other" or "different."

# Scenes

## Act One

### *Navigation*

Written and performed by Monty Almore

## Ten Minute Intermission

### Act Two

### *The Sissy Chronicles*

Written and performed by Mark Phillips Schwamberger

## Bios

**Monty Almoro** (Playwright/Performer) is a stage and screen actor based in the Columbus area and a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University. His notable roles onstage include FROM WHITE PLAINS (Dennis), VERILY, A NEW HOPE (Han Solo), HAMLET (Guildenstern), and CORPUS CHRISTI (Bartholomew). Onscreen, he has had roles in commercials for the Hoosier and Ohio lottery and has recently worked on the Netflix TV show "The Chair." He would like to thank his family and friends for their endless gorgeous support. Find him on IG @montyalmoro and on [www.montyalmoro.com](http://www.montyalmoro.com).

**Mark Phillips Schwamberger\*** (Playwright/Performer) After over twenty years in the corporate world Mark returned to The Ohio State University in 2007 to complete his degree majoring in Theatre graduating in 2008. Being no stranger to the struggles of "life in the theatre" Mark spent years in NYC, seasons in summer stock and traveling with various companies in the East, South and Midwest. He is the Executive / Artistic Director for Evolution Theatre Company, a 501 (3) C non-profit corporation and Central Ohio's only LGBTQQIA theatre company, dedicated exclusively to presenting works that celebrate the Community's past, present and future as well as presenting works that strive to bring dignity to and tolerance and acceptance for LGBTQQIA individuals. Mark is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association and the Dramatist Guild.

**Joe Bishara\*** (Director/Stage Manger) has collaborated on over 200 theatrical productions across the United States as an award-winning actor, director, educator and producer. He is the Theater Supervisor for the City of Dublin, Ohio's Abbey Theater of Dublin, Founder and Managing Director of New Albany Youth Theatre and a Creative Consultant for both Broadway2LA Acting Studio and Evolution Theatre Company. Joe is a passionate advocate for new theatrical works. He is the creator of the Abbey Theater of Dublin's Virtual Theatre Project and served for 6 years as the Program Coordinator for the Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) playwriting fellowship program. He is the President of Theatre Roundtable, a member of Actors' Equity Association (AEA), a member of the Musical Theatre Educators' Alliance (MTEA) and an associate member of the Stage Directors and Choreographer Society (SDC).

## About the Abbey Theater of Dublin

Located in the Dublin Community Recreation Center (5600 Post Rd.), the 200-seat Abbey Theater of Dublin offers a wide variety of theatrical and musical performances, movies and lectures at community prices. The intimate venue is perfect for Central Ohio-based performing arts groups to produce outstanding entertainment. Under the direction of Joe Bishara, the Abbey Theater of Dublin has become a destination for theater companies and artists to premiere diverse and inclusive productions featuring artists of all ages for patrons of all ages. Thank you for supporting the arts in your community.

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