

Failure: A Love Story Program Notes

Run Time: 2 hours, including a 15-minute intermission

Please note, because of the nature of the space, if you leave during an act, you will not be able to reenter until intermission or the end of the show.

Content Warning: This play touches on sensitive subjects including still birth, the loss of an animal, and death. Please reach out to the house manager if you have any questions.

Director's Note:

"Just because something ends doesn't mean it wasn't a great success."

A story about life going on, *Failure: A Love Story* celebrates the lives and loves of the three Fail sisters. This ensemble-driven play by Philip Dawkins mixes whimsy and humor to capture the unexpected twists and turns of life - twists a contemporary audience is all too familiar with after the events of the past few years. Much like the Chicago River, time flows on. Survivors are left to collectively mourn, but then continue with their lives, encountering new challenges and different kinds of love.

CAST

Jenny June Fail – Nina Arbogast

Counter Clock, December – Star Eakle

Grandfather Clock, Dog – Harley Dragone

John N – Roger Gabbert III

Nelly Fail – Maggie Gunning

Cocoo Clock, Dodd – Heather Humphrey

Moses, Front Door – Natasha Mackey

Marietta Fail, Mae, Mantle Clock – Kyia McGill

Gerty Fail – Becca Thacker

Mortimer Mortimer – Quinn Staunton

Henry Fail, Wall Clock, Grantland Rice – Giovanni Romero

Director – Aubrey Helene Neumann

Assistant Director – Emma Lynn Watson

Costume Design – Misti Igo and Sophia Van Nederveen

Lighting Design - Eric Armstrong

Light Board Operator - Emily Reeves

Sound Design – Jonathan Sheilds

Props Design – Andrew Jones

Props Master – Kacey Shiflett

Poster Design – Emily Reeves

Publicity Lead – Maggie Gunning

Costume Shop Supervisor – Aubrey Helene Neumann

Costume Shop Assistants – Nina Arbogast, Misti Igo, Kyia McGill, and Sophia Van Nederveen

Set Shop Supervisor – Lonnie Martin

Set Shop Assistants – Kiandre Brown, Xaiver Brown, Thomas Butler, Roger Gabbert III, Giovanni Romero, and Luke Stables.

Special Thanks: (alphabetize)

Dr. Andrew Jones

David Pomeroy & the D&E Men's Lacrosse Team

Dean Johnson & the D&E Men & Women's Soccer Team

John and Mary Neumann

Julianne Kay Nogar

Mary Ann Deluca

Mary Jo DeJoice & the Booth Library

Missy McCollam & her team at the Old Brick Playhouse

Public Safety