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**DIRECTION:** Paul Daily
**ASSISTANT DIRECTION:** Brennen Edwards
**COSTUME DESIGN:** Hannah Decker
**LIGHTING DESIGN:** Joel Watson
**SCENIC DESIGN/SCENIC ARTIST:** Zoe Mantha
**SOUND DESIGN:** Eddis Cameron

Cast:

**BENJI:** Noel Patrick Koontz
**CHARITY:** Jacy Harper
**LUKE:** Felix Merback
**ELEANOR:** Tania Dimick
**MEG/CUSTOMER:** Kate Braun

Production Staff:

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR:** Scott Kaufman
**PROP MASTER:** Trina Sterling
**SETS:** Scott Kaufman, Eric “Reno” Reynolds, Bulent Bakkal,
Ivy Tech Facilities, Jennifer Daily-Mantha, Dean Mantha, Ava Mantha
**MARKETING:** Amanda Billings, Sarah DeWeese, Lucas Hatcher
**COFFEE BREAK LOGO BY:** Zoe Mantha

**SPECIAL THANKS:**
Trish Sterling, David Wade, Peter Gil-Sheridan, Michelle McCormick,
Culinary, Bloomington Playwrights Project, Thomas Tiggleman, Brad Schiesser, Jackie Lee King, Karina Cochran
Kate Braun (Meg) is a protégé of Howard Jensen, and holds a B.A. in Theatre and Drama from Indiana University. She has appeared in over 50 stage productions including *The Grapes of Wrath*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Inherit the Wind*, and *Our Town* at the Indiana Repertory Theatre; *Katydid, Handler* at the Phoenix Theatre; Edyvean Theatre’s *My Fair Lady*, *The Foreigner* at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, and numerous BPP productions including *Housewives of Mannheim*. Her film credits include *Sparks*, *Cornhole: The Movie*, *Nathan and the Luthier*, *The Good Catholic*, and *The Storyteller*. Thank you, Brennen and Paul, for this experience.

Tania Dimick (Eleanor), a Wisconsin native, is returning to the theater after 22 years studying the human condition at the University of Intensive Life Experience. Along the way, she picked up her Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Valparaiso University, called Alaska, Arizona and Texas home, and is now studying nursing at Ivy Tech in Bloomington. She plans someday to become a certified nurse midwife. As a wife and mother of 5 girls, she is well-versed in all things drama, and is incredibly excited to be up on stage toning it back down.

Jacy Harper (Charity) is extremely excited to be back in the Firebay for this year’s student production. Past productions since high school include: *The Tempest* - Costuming and *(Anon)ymous* - Helen Laius/Pet Bird. She enjoys spending her spare time being in plays, singing, sewing, and doing SFX makeup. She is currently enrolled at Ivy Tech for general education and will go on to pursue a degree in Theatre and Education.
Noel Patrick Koontz (Benji) is an English, film, and theatre teacher at The Academy of Science & Entrepreneurship, where he established The Academy Theatre Company to produce original student works. He has lived and worked in Bloomington with his family since 2006. He drinks lots of coffee. Rock and Roll!

Felix Merback (Luke) is a rising junior studying Theatre, Drama, and Acting at Indiana University. IU Theatre Credits: Duchess of Malfi (Officer/Pilgrim), Peter and the Starcatcher (Grempkin/Mack/Sanchez/Fighting Prawn), Machinal (Defence Lawyer/Man). Regional Theatre Credits: Last Night of Ballyhoo (Joe Farkas). Independent Credits: Julius Caeser (Julius Caesar), The Dumb Waiter (Gus). Felix is the most recent recipient of
the prestigious Featheringhill Theatre and Drama Scholarship, and is the past winner of the 2017 NSAL Bloomington Chapter Drama Competition. Felix is a native of Bloomington, Indiana.

**Brennen Edwards** (Playwright/Assistant Direction) is a new playwright, and Coffee Break is her first produced play. She would like to thank Ivy Tech Student Productions, Paul Daily, and the entire Coffee Break team for this amazing opportunity to grow. She has been a resident lighting designer with Ivy Tech Student Productions and the Waldron since Mass Appeal in 2014. She previously attended Ivy Tech, and is currently earning an undergraduate degree in media and theatre from Indiana University.

**Paul Daily** (Direction) received his MFA in Theatre from Indiana University in 2014. Previously he received a BA from Indiana University in 1998 where he double majored in Theatre and Drama and Sociology. After graduating, he moved to London, England and then to New York City. In New York, Paul served as Associate Artistic Director for two theatres, including Rabbit Hole.
Ensemble, a company he co-founded and helped run. As Artistic Director of the Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center, Paul established Ivy Tech Student Productions in 2012. Paul is an actor and director, and has been involved with over 100 productions in his lifetime.

**Hannah Decker** (Costume Design) is a student at Ivy Tech Community College pursuing an Associate of Fine Arts. She works with Ivy Tech John Waldron Art Center’s theater as a costume designer. Decker has worked as costume designer for this and other shows such as *All in the Timing* and *War of the Worlds*. Previously, other shows she has assisted with have been *Sweeney Todd* and *Spring Awakening*.

**Zoe Mantha** (Scenic Design) is a senior at Bloomington North, and an Ivy Tech dual credit student. This is her first time designing a set, and she is happy to have been part of the making of *Coffee Break*.

**Eddis Cameron** (Sound Design) is a Hoosier native that has been involved in theatre for over 40 years, and is thrilled to tackle sound for the first time. Eddis also enjoys painting and journaling.

**Joel Watson** (Lighting Design) is an actor and sound designer from Bloomington, IN. Joel is excited to debut his first lighting design for *Coffee Break* with Ivy Tech Student Productions.
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