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DIRECTION: Jeffery Allen
LIGHTING DESIGN: Justin Bennett
SOUND DESIGN: Snehel Kasal
COSTUME DESIGN: Scott Jones
MUSIC DIRECTION: Lee Cromwell

Cast:

FATHER: Billy Gilliam               FIONA: Emily Scott
MOTHER: Rhianna C Jones            CHIEF ELDER: Rachel Harding
LILY: Gina DeCristo                THE GIVER: Derek Kaellner
JONAS: Heidi Mikac                 ROSEMARY: Valerie Dittemore
ASHER: Jarrid Redden

Production Staff:

STAGE MANAGER: Tyler Hinojosa     PRODUCTION MANAGER: Eric Reynolds

Special Thanks:

Janis Stockhouse; Bloomington North High School Music department; Carol Parkinson
PLACE: In and around The Community
TIME: Soon

BILLY GILLIAM (FATHER)
Billy Gilliam lives in Bloomington with his wife, Laurien and their two sons, Joel and Gabriel. No, not the newborn child in this production, that’s just a coincidence. Billy is a six-year U.S. Navy veteran and this is his final semester at Ivy Tech as he’ll be graduating with an Associate’s degree in General Studies. He plans to continue his education with Grand Canyon University where he will work on attaining a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature degree. He was in Ivy Tech’s previous productions, Waiting for Lefty (as the Gunman) and The Rimer’s of Eldritch (as the Trucker).

RHIANNA C JONES (MOTHER)
Rhianna C Jones is 24 years old and currently an Ivy Tech student in the Early Childhood Education Program. She began acting at age 15, and has been in productions since then (Robin Hood, Peter Pan, Five Women Wearing the Same Dress). Last year she had the pleasure of directing The Masqued Crafters of Edgewood High School (All Because of Agatha, A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court). Currently, her main focus is being a loving mother to her soon-to-be one year old daughter Adara Rose, finishing school, building her handmade jewelry business, and remaining involved in theatre whenever she can.

GINA DI CRISTO (LILY)
Gina is thrilled to participate in a production of one of her favorite books, that “transports you to another world”. She is a student at both Ivy Tech and New Tech High School. She will appear in Deliver us from Evil and The Corner of Longview, two original plays written by students at New Tech in May right here at the Ivy Tech Waldron.
HEIDI MIKAC (JONAS)
Heidi was born in Reykjavik, Iceland. She previously appeared as Reilly in Waiting for Lefty and Nelly in The Rimers of Eldritch. She is thrilled to return to the Ivy Tech stage as Jonas in The Giver.

JARRID REDDEN (ASHER)
Jarrid Redden is awesome. He’s going to be in The Giver as Asher, and is joining the marines after this semester of college. After the military he’s going to be a big time actor. It’s said that he’ll be in the new Star Wars movies.

EMILY SCOTT (FIONA)
Emily Scott is a junior Theatre and Drama major at Indiana University. She was most recently seen as Martha Truitt in Ivy Tech’s The Rimers of Eldritch and as Mayella Ewell in Cardinal Stage Company’s To Kill A Mockingbird. Other favorite roles include Nina in The Nina Variations, Bad Bunny in Coward Land, and Van’s Sister in Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead, which she also directed and produced. Emily is a member of Chaos, Inc., an award-winning artistic group that produces both theatre and film, and she portrays Rhodia Hyacinth in the upcoming independent feature

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film *Distorted Transfection*. *The Giver* was one of Emily’s favorite books as a child and she is more than excited to be playing Fiona this production. She would like thank Jeffery, Tyler, Scott, the cast, and everyone else who helped bring to life this incredible story of hope and humanity.

**RACHEL HARDING (CHIEF ELDER)**
Rachel is an Ivy Tech student, who plans to transfer this fall to pursue music education degree. Her interests include music, theatre, art, video games and choreography. Rachel has a list of things she wants to do in life, some of which include mountain climbing, traveling the world, skydiving and riding her bicycle on the Pacific highway. Her favorite season is autumn, and she loves chocolate with peanut butter.

**DEREK KAELLNER (THE GIVER)**
Derek is a senior at Indiana University, double majoring in Geography and Theatre. *The Giver* is his debut production for Ivy Tech. He was recently seen in *Almost Maine* and in Cardinal Stage Company’s *To Kill a Mockingbird*. He has performed, written, and directed three shows for Indy Fringe Festival. Derek would like to thank the IU Bloomington theatre community for four years of creativity, inspiration, and family.

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VALERIE DITTEMORE (ROSEMARY)
Valerie Dittemore is studying culinary arts at Ivy Tech Community College. This is her second performance with Ivy Tech and looks forward to acting more in the future. When Valerie is not doing homework or, running lines for this play she is reading, knitting or dreaming about the spinning wheel that she plans on making. Valerie loves being outside and dreams about someday having a small sheep farm to feed her fiber addiction.

THE ROSE FIREBAY Dedicated April 24, 1993
In the early 1990s, the Bloomington Area Arts Council renovated the old City Hall into the John Waldron Arts Center. The performance space in the former fire station bay area of the building was restored with the generous support of Textillery Weavers, owned by Judith and A John Rose of Bloomington. In recognition of their support the space was named “The Rose Firebay.” When Ivy Tech acquired the building in 2010, it sought and received permission from Judith and A John to keep the Rose name for the performance space. Ivy Tech-Bloomington is proud to have their entire first season of student productions held in the Rose Firebay.
Ivy Tech Community College provides space at the Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center for academic courses, Center for Lifelong Learning personal enrichment classes, gallery exhibits and performances. Opening receptions for gallery exhibits take place on First Fridays of the month from 5-8 p.m. Check our calendar online for exhibit and event dates at ivytech.edu/waldron.

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