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THE STORY OF NANCY WARD

NANYEHI

A MUSICAL BY BECKY HOBBS AND NICK SWEET

NANYEHI

Music and Lyrics by Becky Hobbs

Book by Nick Sweet and Becky Hobbs

Executive Producer – David Webb

Producer – Sammye Walton

Director – Nick Sweet

Music Director – Becky Hobbs

Musical Conductor/Arranger – Duane Sciacqua

Stage Manager – Beverly Boyer

Choreographer – Angelina Villegas-Cummings

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ACT I

From Nanyehi's Birth in 1738 Until the French and Indian War

Overture

- I. White Wolf on the Horizon – Tenia & Chotans
- II. Song of the Nunnehi^{*} – Young Nanyehi & the Nunnehi
- III. Stickball Song – Chotans
- IV. O Great Spirit – Nanyehi & Kingfisher
- V. Battle of Taliwa – Chotans & Warriors
- VI. Donadagohvi (Until We Meet Again) – Nanyehi
- VII. Little Fellow, My Son – Kingfisher
- VIII. Pass the Whiskey^{***} – Bryant Ward & Traders
- IX. By the Fire – Nancy & Bryant Ward
- X. Love Doesn't Come in Colors – Attakullakulla & Dragging Canoe
- XI. This Land is Not Our Land^{**} – Dragging Canoe & warriors

INTERMISSION

ACT II

On the Verge of the Revolutionary War Until Nanyehi's Death in 1822

- XII. Nanyehi – Chotans
- XIII. Long Way Over – Nancy & Bryant Ward
- XIV. The Same Thing^{*} – Nancy, Lydia Bean & Women
- XV. There Will Be Blood – Dragging Canoe & Warriors
- XVI. Pale Moon – Nancy
- XVII. War or Peace^{***} – Nancy & Dragging Canoe
- XVIII. Let There Be Peace – Nancy & Cast

All songs written or co-written by Becky Hobbs

^{*}with Duane Sciacqua

^{**}with James Nihan

^{***}with Nick Sweet

^{****}with Nick & Peggy Sweet

CAST

Nanyehi (called Wild Rose in childhood, Nancy Ward by whites)	Michelle Honaker
Dragging Canoe (Attakullakulla's son, War Chief of the Chickamauga)	Travis Fite
Attakullakulla (Nanyehi's uncle, Peace Chief of the Cherokee)	Andy Sánchez
Tenia (Nanyehi's mother)	Amanda Yarberry
Oconastota (War Chief of the Overhill Cherokees)	Tommy Cummings
Kingfisher (Nanyehi's first husband)	Seth Arnold
Bryant Ward (Nanyehi's second husband)	Steven Lambie
Katie (daughter of Nanyehi and Kingfisher)	Amayah Anguano
Fivekiller (son of Nanyehi and Kingfisher; called Little Fellow in childhood)	Ryker Sixkiller
Betsy (Nancy and Bryant Ward's daughter)	Chloe Smith
Lydia Bean	Tabitha Littlefield
Sequina	Chrissy Lewis Thomson
Elder Nanyehi	Winnie Guess Perdue
Young Nanyehi, Ensemble	Kyra Burrup
Teenage Dragging Canoe, Warrior	Kaden Burrup
Young Sequina, Ensemble	Ashley McCrone
Young Katie, Ensemble	Ella Raper
Sali, Ensemble	Gayle Campbell
Tooka, Ensemble	Monica Taylor
Virginia, Ensemble	Peggy Sweet
Gov. William Lyttelton, Gov. Thomas Jefferson	Jimmy Finnerty
John Moreland	Derek Wooldridge
Longfellow (Nanyehi's brother), Warrior	Tommy Woodburn
Isaac Thomas, Col. Arthur Campbell, Warrior	Mark Brant
William Peyton, Warrior	Eli Burrup
Ensemble	Lucy Gonzalez
Ensemble	Pam Musgrove
Ensemble	Martha McSherry
Ensemble	Jane Lyon
Warrior #1	Richard Grounds
Warrior #2	Mitchell Rabbit
Warrior	Ed Castro
Warrior	Mallory Lindsay
Nunnehi	Angelina Villegas-Cummings
Nunnehi, Ensemble	Andrea Ellis
Nunnehi, Ensemble	Hadley Brown
Nunnehi, Ensemble	Elizabeth Boyd
Nunnehi, Ensemble, Dance Captain	Brittany Moore
Little Fellow, Ensemble	Joseph Kidwell
Young Dragging Canoe	Jonathan Kidwell
American Settler	Brett Bowker

ORCHESTRA

Piano, Keys	Becky Hobbs
Electric, Acoustic & Synthesized Guitars.....	Duane Sciacqua
Mandolin, Acoustic Guitar & Percussion	Patrick Savage
Synthesizer, additional keys	Farren Mayfield
Bass	Jim Loftin
Percussion.....	Ricky González
Drums.....	Rick Gomez

CREW AND OTHERS

Executive Producer	David Webb
Director	Nick Sweet
Music Director	Becky Hobbs
Musical Conductor/Arranger	Duane Sciacqua
Producer	Sammye Walton
Stage Manager	Beverly Boyer
Choreographer	Angelina Villegas-Cummings
Fight Choreographer.....	Tommy Cummings
Technical Director	Sterling Spinks
Properties Manager	Peggy Sweet
Costume Designer.....	Cherokee National Treasure Tonia Weavel
Hair and Makeup.....	George Miller
Assistant Stage Manager	Melissa Burrup
Dance Captain.....	Brittany Moore

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This production is dedicated to Ron Boren and Jim Paul Blair, our previous musicians and forever friends.

Nanyehi's wild turkey feather cape designed and constructed by Cherokee National Treasure Shawna Morton Cain.



COMPOSER, CO-PLAYWRIGHT & MUSIC DIRECTOR



Becky Hobbs – Born and raised in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Becky is a fifth great-granddaughter of Nancy Ward (Nanyehi) and a Cherokee Nation citizen. Her song, "Angels Among Us," recorded by Alabama, Demi Lovato, Kristin Chenoweth, Scotty McCreery, and more, has been used to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and many other charities. Other songs of hers have been recorded by Conway Twitty, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Glen Campbell, Kiss, Emmylou Harris, John Anderson, Helen Reddy, Wanda Jackson, the Cherokee National Youth Choir and more. As a recording artist, she's

had over 20 Billboard chart singles, including "Jones on the Jukebox," and Top Ten Duet with Moe Bandy, "Let's Get Over Them Together." The "Beckaroo" has performed in more than 40 countries. She was inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame in 2015 and awarded Cherokee National Statesman in 2017. www.beckyhobbs.com

DIRECTOR & CO-PLAYWRIGHT



Nick Sweet – This is the 150th production Nick has directed, with all but 20 in Oklahoma. He has also directed in his home state of Texas as well as Alaska and Georgia. Directing the historical outdoor drama "Trial of Tears" at the Cherokee Heritage Center sparked his interest in tribal history. While teaching literature, English, communications and humanities at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, he received their Excellence in Teaching Award and directed the school's first five musicals. He has written and directed three Centennial productions: "Pride of the Prairie," "City of Legends"

(Bartlesville's city and statehood) and "In Our Own Words" (Oklahoma School for the Deaf). He conducted monthlong drama residencies at Oklahoma School for the Deaf from 1987-2008. Nick was named Senior Poet Laureate for Oklahoma (2010) and Texas (2013) by the Amy Kitchener Foundation. He is the only honorary descendant of the Association of the Descendants of Nancy Ward. He has been an Artist-in-Residence for the Oklahoma Arts Council since the mid-1980s.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



David Webb – David began his career as a teen in Independence, Kansas, working for Jim Halsey and his Artist Management Company. He soon founded his own talent agency, booking acts like Becky Hobbs. David merged with Mid-Continent Entertainment of Lawrence. Upon moving to Chicago he booked/managed Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon and Pine Top Perkins. He was a partner at Celebration Productions, VP of Ovation Records, VP at Churchill/MCA Records, where he worked with Roy Clark, Hank Thompson, Jimmy Dean and Ronnie Dunn. He later managed James Brown, served as VP of the GRAMMY organization

and worked as a GM at four radio stations, including a stint at KVOO in Tulsa. In 2013 he retired from IMG Sports Marketing. He is co-producer and line producer for the short film "Nanyehi," which was inducted into the Oklahoma Movie Hall of Fame in 2019.

MUSICAL CONDUCTOR/ARRANGER



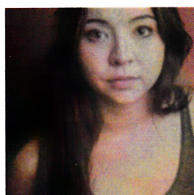
Duane Sciacqua – Duane is from Madera, California. He has been playing music professionally since the eighth grade. Duane moved to Los Angeles in 1978, where he became a noted “guitar slinger.” There, he played, recorded and toured with artists including Glenn Frey and Joe Walsh (The Eagles), Paul McCartney (Beatles), Vince Gill, Gary Morris, Rodney Atkins and many others. His recordings have been featured on numerous television and motion picture soundtracks, including “Airwolf,” “Hotshots,” “Cobra,” “Navy Seals,” “Stone Cold” and “Hardball,” just to name a few. He scored the award-winning short film “Nanyehi.” He and his wife, Becky Hobbs, reside in Nashville, Tennessee, where he owns Rough Edges Recording Studio, writes, produces and works as a session guitarist. www.duanesciacqua.com

PRODUCER



Sammye Walton – Sammye was born and raised in Coffeyville, Kansas. During her studies at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, she first met Becky Hobbs while working for her publishing company, Beckaroo Music. Since then, Sammye has gone on to work in technology, hospitality, and human resources. She is currently leading people and culture programs for a tech startup. Sammye resides in Tulsa and has two sons.

PRINCIPAL ACTORS



Michelle Honaker (Nanyehi) – After earning her bachelor's degree in musical theatre from Young Harris College, Michelle spent two seasons in the outdoor drama “Unto These Hills” and “Cherokee Family Reunion” in Cherokee, North Carolina. In 2012, she originated the role of Nanyehi for its premiere in Hartwell, Georgia. She performed in the National Playwright's Conference at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center and is trained in ‘Unarmed’ and ‘Knife’ Stage Combat. Recently she participated in several virtual play readings by Native playwrights with the American Indian Community House of NYC. Off-Broadway credits include “Miss Lead,” “The Winter's Tale,” “Macbeth,” “Daughters of Leda” and “Sliver of a Full Moon.”



Travis Fite (Dragging Canoe) – A Cherokee Nation citizen and musician, Travis studied literature at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. He has toured with bands such as Phat Thumb, What It Is (San Francisco), Leon Russell, Full Flava Kings, Waymon Tisdale Band, Eldridge Jackson and Toni Estes. He is often seen playing with his funk-fusion ensemble, The Oklahomies and his Reggae band, Rebel Soul. He also performs with other local musical artists including wife, singer-songwriter Monica Taylor-Fite. He currently runs SoulTree recording studio, writing, producing and recording music for local and national artists. He is reprising his role as Dragging Canoe for the ninth time.



Steven Lambie (Bryant Ward) – Steven was born in Scotland and is currently manager of Life Time in Tulsa, with an interest in fitness and soccer. He has performed in Muskogee Little Theatre's “Murder On The Orient Express” and recently as Wadsworth in “Clue.” He played Isaac Thomas in the 2019 production of “Nanyehi.”



Winnie Guess Purdue (Elder Nanyehi) - A Cherokee citizen and descendant of Sequoyah, at age 9 she began a career as a Traditional and Ceremonial Indian Dancer, performing on "The Today Show" and "The Ed Sullivan Show." She became the first female to perform the "Old school" Hoop Dance, a groundbreaking achievement. In 2016, the Cherokee Nation named her one of the five "Cherokee Women Who Changed the World." Recognized as a Culture Keeper by the Greater Tulsa Indian Affairs Commission, she portrayed the elder Nanyehi in the eponymous short film. She will soon be seen in the PBS documentary "Searching for Sequoyah" and in Martin Scorsese's film "Killers of the Flower Moon." She serves as Board Member Emeritus of the Cherokee National Historical Society.



Andres "Andy" Sánchez (Attakullakulla) – A native of Aurora, Illinois, and the youngest of nine children, Andy grew up in family of musicians and actors. Andy moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, at a young age and has been a proud Okie ever since. Performances in Muskogee Little Theatre productions include "Chicago" (Amos) and "The Buddy Holly Story" (Ritchie Valens). Andy resides in Muskogee, Oklahoma with his children Nicolas, Alyssa, Lara and Sara.

Chrissy Lewis Thomson (Sequina) – A Muskogee/Creek citizen, Chrissy has been performing for over 20 years, and has studied at the University of Texas and the University of Arizona. Some of her favorite roles include Ado Annie in "Oklahoma", Evelyn in "The Girl in the Frame", and Louise Peakes in "The Outsider," all at the Muskogee Little Theatre. She played Tenia in the 2019 production.

Tommy Cummings (Oconastota) – Tommy studied theater at Northeastern State University and has been performing for local audiences for more than 10 years. He has won several awards, including Best Actor for playing Gaston in "Beauty and the Beast." Favorite performances include "Grease," "The Buddy Holly Story," and "Spamalot."

Seth Arnold (Kingfisher) – Seth hails from small town Gore, Oklahoma. Seth graduated from NSU in 2012 and has since been involved in many productions with the Muskogee Little Theatre including Gomez in "Addams Family" and most recently as Professor Plum in "Clue." He has also performed with Tahlequah Community Playhouse and Tulsa Opera Chorus. Seth played Kingfisher in the 2019 production of Nanyehi.

Amanda Yarberry (Tenia) – A combat engineer in the National Guard, Amanda grew up in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and graduated from its high school. She began her stage career at a young age and has performed in "Grease" (Rizzo) and "The Addams Family" (Wednesday) with the Muskogee Little Theatre.

Tabitha Littlefield (Lydia Bean) – Tabitha is an actor, director and playwright living in Washington, D.C., originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, who played Lydia Bean in 2014 and 2019. They have been involved in theater for two decades and favorite roles include "Caberet" (Sally Bowles), "My Fair Lady" (Eliza Doolittle), and "Little Women" (Jo March). They want to thank their dad, Lane, and their Aunt Shelby for welcoming them home to their Chickasaw Heritage.

Ryker Sixkiller (Fivekiller) – Raised in Wauhillau, Oklahoma, Ryker is a Cherokee Nation citizen of the Long Hair clan. He has been acting and performing stunts on film and television for seven years.

Kyra Burrup (Young Nanyehi) – Kyra is nine years old and is homeschooled in the fourth grade. This is her seventh stage production. Since age seven, she has worked as a model, film and stage actress and is a first-degree black belt in Taekwondo. She enjoys singing, dancing and arts and crafts.

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