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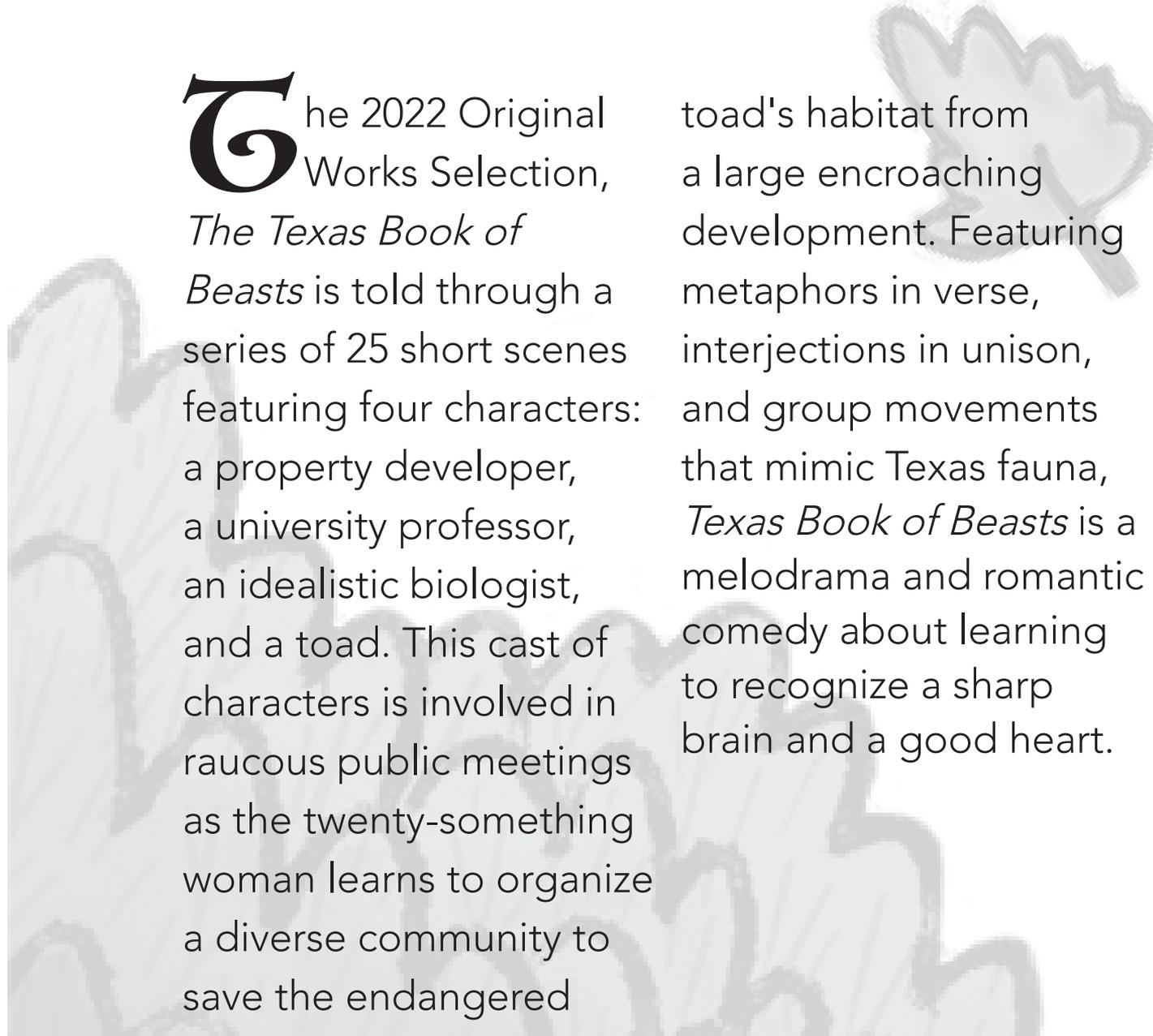
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# THE TEXAS BOOK of BEASTS

An original play by Jeff Irvin

Friday - Sunday  
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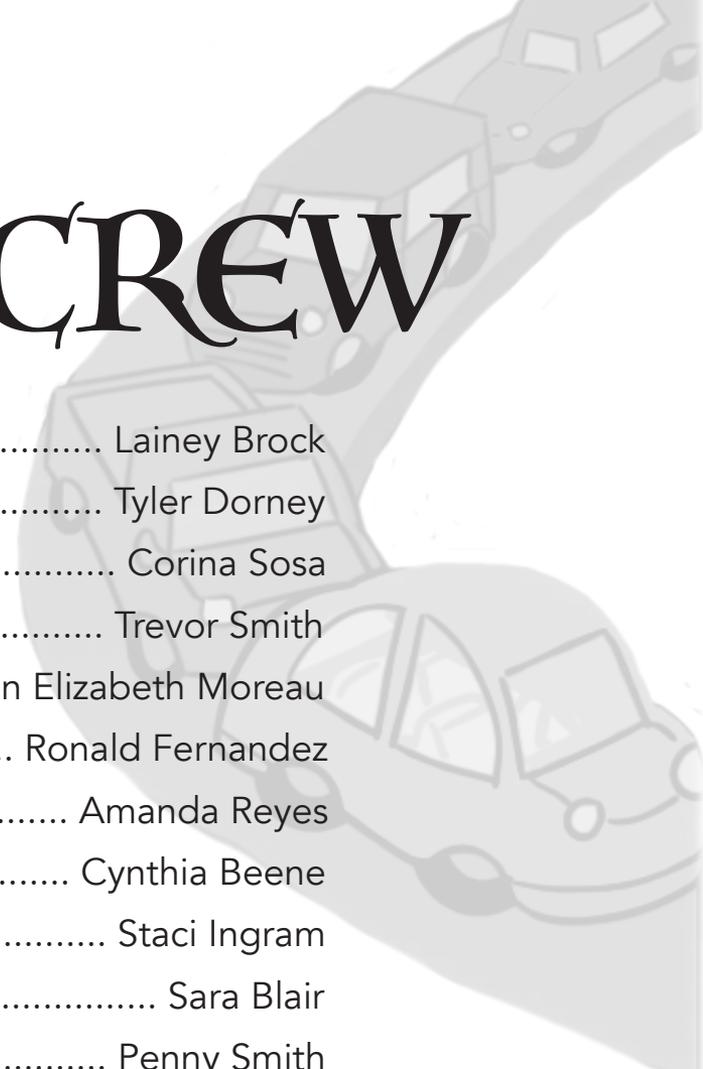


The 2022 Original Works Selection, *The Texas Book of Beasts* is told through a series of 25 short scenes featuring four characters: a property developer, a university professor, an idealistic biologist, and a toad. This cast of characters is involved in raucous public meetings as the twenty-something woman learns to organize a diverse community to save the endangered

toad's habitat from a large encroaching development. Featuring metaphors in verse, interjections in unison, and group movements that mimic Texas fauna, *Texas Book of Beasts* is a melodrama and romantic comedy about learning to recognize a sharp brain and a good heart.

# CAST & CREW

Actor 1: Developer..... Lainey Brock  
Actor 2: Professor..... Tyler Dorney  
Actor 3: Toad..... Corina Sosa  
Actor 4: Toad, Gar..... Trevor Smith  
Actor 5: Hero..... Lauren Elizabeth Moreau  
Actor 6: Lead Clerk..... Ronald Fernandez  
Actor 7: Drop Clerk..... Amanda Reyes  
Actor 8: Theatre Teacher..... Cynthia Beene  
Director..... Staci Ingram  
Stage Manager..... Sara Blair  
Lights..... Penny Smith  
Video Projection..... Tim Fetters  
Set Design..... Jason Leyva  
Scenic Painting..... Lily Stapp-Courtney  
Costumes & Props..... Cast & Crew  
Crew/Board Op.....Damion Skaggs  
Playwright.....Jeff Irving



# WHO'S WHO?



**Lainey Brock**  
*the Developer*

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**L**ainey Brock is thrilled to be in this year's Original Works Selection! She is a BFA graduate from the Dobbins Conservatory at Southeast Missouri University. Lainey wants to thank the cast & crew for this experience!



**Tyler Dorney**  
*the Professor*

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**T**yler Dorney is excited to be part of the premiere of this original work. This is his first appearance at Arts Fort Worth. He is currently pursuing a BFA in Acting at TCU (Go Frogs!).



**Ronald Fernandez**  
*the Drop/Clerk*

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**R**onald Fernandez grew up acting in the Rose Marine Theater. He has since been in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Taming of the Shrew*.



**Cynthia Beene**  
*the Theater Teacher*

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**C**ynthia Beene is a teaching artist currently teaching at the University of North Texas. Her recent acting credits include *Tallgrass Gothic* with the Pizza Chapel Theater Company.



**Corina Sosa**  
*the Toad*

**C**orina Sosa is excited to make their Arts Fort Worth debut! They are an up-and-coming performer, most recently being in Bridges: Texas and T. They want to thank their loved ones for their support.



**Lauren Moreau**  
*the Hero*

**L**auren Moreau is a theater artist with a BFA in Performance from the University of Texas at Arlington. She would like to thank the cast and crew for creating a fun and safe space for creative expression.



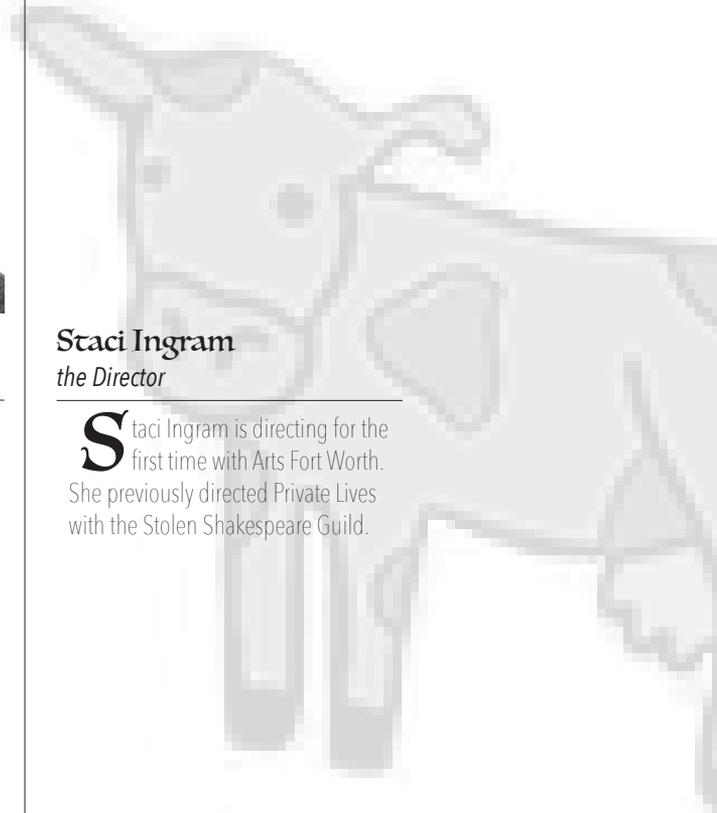
**Trevor Smith**  
*the Toad/Gar*

**T**revor Smith has spent the last 2 months living in a pond, eating only insects and small fish in preparation for his role as a toad and a gar. This is his first show with Arts Fort Worth.



**Amanda Reyes**  
*the Lead Clerk*

**A**manda Reyes is a Tejana actor with a B.A. in media arts from UNT and an M.F.A. from Fierstei Graduate Film School. She is beyond excited to be a part of this production.



**Staci Ingram**  
*the Director*

**S**taci Ingram is directing for the first time with Arts Fort Worth. She previously directed Private Lives with the Stolen Shakespeare Guild.

**Sara Blair**  
*the Stage Manager*

**S**ara Blair is entranced to be working with Arts Fort Worth. Most recently, she has stage managed The Producers, Urinetown and Aida.



## the **Developer**

**L**ainey Brock is thrilled to be performing in this year's Original Works Selection! Lainey is a recent BFA graduate from the Dobbins Conservatory at Southeast Missouri University. Lainey wants to thank Stacey, Sara, the cast, and crew for this experience!



## the **Professor**

**T**yler Dorney is excited to be part of this original work! This is his first appearance at Arts Fort Worth. He is currently pursuing a BFA in Acting at TCU.

## the **Toad**

**C**orina Sosa is excited to make their Arts Fort Worth debut! They are an up-and-coming performer, having been most recently seen in Bridges: Texas and T with Flexible Grey Theatre Company. They would like to thank their loved ones for their support.

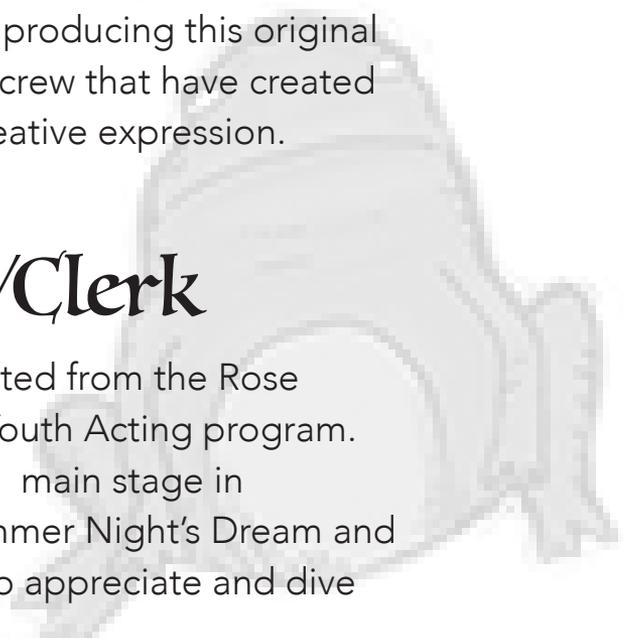


## the **Toad/Gar**

**T**revor Smith is a Texan originally from Van Vleck, and he is very fond of most of the beasts in the show. You might have seen him in *Kosher Lutherans* or *Stone Cold Murder* with Rover Dramaworks in Plano.

## the **Hero**

**L**auren Elizabeth Moreau is a theatre artist with a BFA in Performance from UT Arlington. She would like to thank Arts Fort Worth for producing this original work, and the director, cast and crew that have created such a fun and safe space for creative expression.



## the **Drop/Clerk**

**R**onald Fernandez graduated from the Rose Marine Theatre in their Youth Acting program. He continued to perform on the main stage in performances such as *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Taming of the Shrew*. He loves to appreciate and dive deep into all forms of art.

## the Theater Teacher

**C**ynthia Beene is a teaching artist based out of Fort Worth, currently teaching theatre as an adjunct at the University of North Texas. Her acting credits include Tallgrass Gothic with Pizza Chapel Theatre Company, and her directing credits include a reading of *Download* or *Z Copy of a Rose* with Imprint Theatreworks.

## the Lead Clerk

**A**manda Reyes is a Tejana actor and filmmaker based in Fort Worth, Texas. She has a B.A. in media arts from UNT and an M.F.A in directing narrative cinema from Fierstein Graduate Film School in Brooklyn, NY. She is beyond excited to be a part of *The Texas Book of Beasts* at Arts Fort Worth.

## the Director

**S**taci Ingram is directing for the first time with Fort Worth Arts Council. However, you may have seen her work last year when she directed *Private Lives* with Stolen Shakespeare Guild. She will be directing the next show in this venue, *Harvey*. By day she runs a high-tech company and is getting her pilot license.

## the Stage Manager

**S**ara Blair is entranced to be creating art alongside Arts Fort Worth on this original work. She has done technical theatre throughout DFW and Austin. Most recently she has stage managed *The Producers*, *Urinetown*, and *Aida*. "Thank you to my family and friends who encourage me to follow my dreams".



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**ARTS FORT WORTH**

**A**rts Fort Worth is here to support artists, celebrate artistic expression and engage the community. We are thrilled to present this year's Original Works Series Production - *Texas Book of Beasts* by Jeff Irvin and we are privileged to have this opportunity to showcase writers and their original scripts through this program. Led by the Arts Fort Worth Production Team, we are excited to bring this collaboration of professional artists along with community players together in an artistic venture to enhance and elevate our cultural events at the Arts Center. Thank you for joining us for this performance and supporting our arts community.

**Marla Fleischmann Owen**  
Director, Arts Fort Worth

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