

Mrs Bennet – Joanna Holden

Joanna had worked for: The London Performance Studio, Hull Truck, Polka, Told by an Idiot, Clowns without Borders, Bamboozle Theatre,, Creation Theatre, Lyceum Edinburgh, Bristol Old Vic, York Theatre Royal, The British Library , Manchester Royal Exchange, Live Theatre, Northern Stage , Svenska Theatre, Soho Theatre, Keswick Theatre, Bush Theatre, The Royal Court, Bolton Octagon, RNT, Sheffield Crucible, Perth Rep, The Gate, The Tricycle, The Gilded Balloon, Vamos, Kneehigh, Cirque Du Soleil, Cartoon de Salvo,RSC,The Ding Foundation.

Mary / Mr Bingley – Eve Pereira

Eve Pereira is a British/American actor from Cumbria and a graduate of Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

Theatre credits include: Alice In Wonderland (The Dukes, Lancaster), A Little Princess (Theatre By The Lake), Run To The Nuns (Riverside Studios), Saturnalia (regional tour).

Whilst training: Catastrophe Bay (Bristol Old Vic), Pride and Prejudice (The Mount Without), Macbeth(Bristol Old Vic).

Charlotte / Miss Bingley – Kiara Nicole Pillai

Kiara Nicole Pillai is a Chinese-Indian actor from Singapore. She moved to the UK in 2019, and graduated from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire with a BA (Hons) in Acting.

Theatre credits include: The Jungle Book (Bolton Octagon), Anya and the Potter (Greenhouse Theatre Project), Romeo and Juliet (Petersfield Shakespeare Festival), Beauty and the Beast (Stephen Joseph Theatre), Romeo and Juliet (Box Clever Theatre Company), Peter Pan (Tread the Boards Theatre Company) and Along the Silk Road (Big Brum Theatre Company).

Other film/audiobook credits include: Maliha Anderson Books 1-6 by Steve Turnbull (Audible), AuroraLily's Big Day Out (Tyler Gaucheron-Land), Someone Else (Jamal Chong), Zero Day Ghost by Scott Olson (Audible) Only Grans (Chezdan Mills Films), The Love of His Life Books 1-3 by Molly Garcia (Audible).

Kiara is hugely grateful to her family and her team at Amber Personal Management for all their support.

Off-Stage Swing – Emily Kathryn

Emily was born and raised in Chorley and graduated from The Oxford School of Drama in 2023. This marks her debut theatre production. Television Credits include: Vera (ITV). Theatre Credits whilst training include: Our Town, The Laramie Project, Richard III, The Rover, Agamemnon's Return, Three Sisters, Chicken Soup with Barley. Workshop Credits include: Stage Write (Liverpool Royal Court), Henrietta (National Youth Music Theatre). Winner of the Laurence Olivier Bursary Award & finalist of the BBC Radio Carleton Hobbs Competition.

Lydia / Lady Catherine – Jessica Ellis

Jessica Ellis is best known for playing the role of Tegan Lomax on Chanel four's soap Hollyoaks for five years. Other TV credits include, Doctors, Eastenders, The Bay and most recently Coronation Street.

Jessica was thrilled to star in Lena Dunham's film for Amazon- Catherine called Birdy.

Jessica has many theatre credits under her belt but most recently she played Michelle in the UK tour of Rita, Sue and Bob too.

This will be the second time she has worked with the Bolton octagon, the first was playing Alice in the UK premier of The Book Of Will. She is excited to return with pride and prejudice and looking forward to performing in all of the venues.

Mr Bennet – Dyfrig Morris

DYFRIG MORRIS is a Welsh speaker originally from Machen in South Wales. He studied English literature at U.W.Cardiff before embarking on a career as a performer and musician. A strong singer, voice artist and professional drummer. Dyfrig has appeared in many stage and screen productions including

The Baddies (Edinburgh Lyceum and Freckle Productions), Santa's Wish (Cardiff Festival), Around the World in 80 Days (Theatre by the Lake/Hull Truck), The Comedy of Errors, The Winter's Tale (RSC) The Last Noel (Attic Theatre Co./Tour); The Jungle Book (Royal & Derngate/Fiery Angel/CTP); Henry V (Regent's Park Open Air Theatre); Candy Lion, The Misanthrope (National Theatre Wales); Richard III, James and the Giant Peach, Of Mice and Men (West Yorkshire Playhouse);

The Grand Gesture (Northern Broadsides); Rape of the Fair Country, As You Like It, A Small Family Business, Arden of Faversham, Festen, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Jack and the Beanstalk, Beauty and the Beast, The Grapes of Wrath, Troilus and Cressida, Hobson's Choice, Waiting for Godot; One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest; Aladdin; The Crucible; Silas Marner and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (Clwyd Theatr Cymru); The Wizard of Oz (Hull Truck); Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Aladdin (Leeds City Varieties); The Constant Wife (Salisbury Playhouse); Edward II, Dr Faustus (Manchester Royal Exchange); The Nutcracker (Theatre Royal Bath); Crackers Christmas (Sherman Theatres Co.); The Twits (Coventry Belgrade); Y Madogwys (Dalier Sylw); Bully for You (Roundabout); Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (Equinox).

TELEVISION INCLUDES: The Crown, Hinterland/Y Gwyll, Gwaith Cartref, Y Pris, Spilt Milk/Cara Fi, Desperate Romantics, Dau Dy A Ni, Tightrope Pictures, Treflan, Pobl-y-Cwm, Glan Hafren.

FILM INCLUDES: The Big I Am, Lois.

RADIO INCLUDES: Like the First Dewfall, The Great Chocolate Murders.

Lizzie – Rosa Hesmondhalgh

Rosa Hesmondhalgh is an actor and writer from Yorkshire. She graduated from LAMDA in 2017 and has since written and acted in theatre and TV. Her award winning one-woman show Madame Ovary about her experience with ovarian cancer toured nationally after a sell out run at the Edinburgh Fringe. She was recently nominated for a SAG Award for her work in Bridgerton.

Theatre credits include: The King's Speech (Watermill Theatre), We Could All Be Perfect (Sheffield Crucible), Children of the Night (Cast Doncaster), Madame Ovary (UK tour), Madame Ovary (Edinburgh Fringe), The Snow Queen (Yvonne Arnaud Theatre), Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde (Storyhouse). Audio credits include: Requiem (BBC Radio 4), Sour Hall (Audible) and Just a Woman (BBC Radio 4). TV credits include: The Long Shadow (ITV), Bridgerton S3 (Netflix).

Mr Darcy – James Sheldon

TV credits:

Sherwood, Shakespeare and Hathaway, Father Brown, Sister Boniface, Grantchester, Casualty, Hollyoaks, Doctors (BBC).

Films: Everybody Dies Sometimes, Painter and the Poet

Theatre:

Gangs of New York, The Importance of Being Ernest, Pressure, Murder Trial Tonight, Busman's Honeymoon, Girl on The Train, As You Like It, She Stoops To Conquer, Macbeth, Thy Eternal Summer, Wuthering Heights, Creditors, Miss Julie, Loves Labour's Lost, Robing Hood, After the Dance, Align, The Dover Road, Eigengrau, The Glass Menagerie, Strangers on a Train, Tis Pity She's A Whore, Rocket to the Moon, Anne Boleyn, The Perfect Boy, Rise Up, Richard III.

Training: Rose Bruford College

Mr Whickham / Mr Collins – Ben Fensome

TV credits include: The Stand Up Sketch Show (ITV2)

Theatre Credits include: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Pleasure Dome Theatre), Collide (White Bear Theatre), Feel More (Proforca Theatre), Every Seven Years (New Wimbledon Theatre)

Playwriting includes: Buff (Vault Festival, Edinburgh Fringe, National Tour) Every Seven Years (New Wimbledon Theatre).

Lip-sync shenanigans can be found on Tiktok/Instagram: @somebenfen

Jane / As Cast – Aamira Challenger

Aamira studied History at The University of Manchester before crossing the Atlantic to train at The American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York. On returning to the UK, she continued training at The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, London.

Theatre includes: Providers (Brixton House), The King's Speech (Watermill Theatre), Agatha Christie's Witness for the Prosecution (London County Hall), The Comedy of Errors (Shakespeare's Globe), Breeding (King's Head Theatre); The Lavender Hill Mob (UK Tour); Macbeth (US Tour);

The Great Gatsby (US Tour); Blithe Spirit (Theatre Royal Bath / UK Tour & West End), Romeo and Juliet (Wales Millennium Centre); Macbeth (The Shakespeare Project); The Case of the Frightened Lady (UK Tour); The Bacchanals (Etcetera Theatre).

Screen includes: Paper Straws (Roundhouse), Circle Triangle (Bambira), and Panorama (BBC).



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