

CRY IT OUT

A hilarious comedy about the absurdities of motherhood.

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This November, **The Studio Theatre™ Tierra del Sol** (806 San Marino Drive, The Villages, FL) opens the second show of the 2023/2024 Season, with *Cry It Out*, by Molly Smith Metzler.

Jessie is Ivy League-educated and a prestigious lawyer; Lina has a night-school nursing degree and terrible credit - but they have one huge thing in common: they've been cracked open by the love they feel for their newborns. The two new moms have agreed to meet for a naptime coffee in their adjoining yards where both their baby monitors get reception. A fast unlikely friendship is born over the trials and tribulations of new motherhood. Reluctantly, the duo becomes a trio when an ultra-wealthy neighbor asks if his wife, Adrienne, can join them. Afterall, she is another new mom who is "having a hard time." But how could a woman from Sands Point, one of the most expensive Great Gatsby-esque neighborhoods in the whole country, possibly be "having a hard time"? In this laugh out loud comedy with dark edges, *Cry It Out* takes an honest look at the complexities of parenthood, the power of female friendship, the dilemma of going back to work, and the effects of class disparity on motherhood in America.



ASHLEIGH ANN GARDNER (Jessie) is an Orlando-based actor, playwright, dramaturge, photographer, sewist, prop/scenic artist, and musician. Recently, Ashleigh performed her one-person play *The Not, a Midwestern gothic horror* at the Timucua Arts Foundation in February 2023. Selected credits: Jen (*The Cake*), Ada Byron Lovelace (*Ada and the Engine*), Lydia (*Spike Heels*), and U/S Sabrina Daldry/Annie (*In the Next Room*) at The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol; Nora (*A Doll's House*), Alais (*The Lion in Winter*), and Belinda Blair/Flavia Brent (*Noises Off*) at CFCArts Theatre; Second Solicitor/Undertaker/Fred's Sister-in-Law (*A Christmas Carol*) at The Garden Theatre; Waitress/Kit/Shona (*Top Girls*) at Mad Cow Theatre. Musical Director and Maenad (*The Bacchae*) with Jeremy Seghers Presents. Member of the Dramatists Guild of America.

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MEGAN MISTRETTA (Lina) is excited to be making her debut at The Studio Theatre. Her Regional credits include: *Bright Star* (The Majestic Theatre), *Songs For a New World*, *Dracula*, and *Seascape* (Berkshire Theatre Group), *Mamma Mia!* (Maples Repertory Theatre), *The Producers* (The Barnstormers Theatre), *West Side Story* (Priscilla Beach Theatre), *Merrily We Roll Along* and *My Fair Lady* (Sharon Playhouse). Touring: *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. TV: *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. Emerson College BFA Musical Theatre. A huge thank you to Bobby and Annie at Bright Artist Management, friends and family for the constant love and support.

The complete cast includes: ***Roberta Emerson** (Adrienne), **David Goodloe** (Mitchell), **Jada Griffin** (U/S Adrienne), **Marc Lucia** (U/S Mitchell).

The Theatre Management and Creative Teams are composed of Producer **Jason Goedken** and Artistic Director **Whitney Morse**; Associate Artistic Director, **Angel Creeks**; Director, **Reiko Ho**; Set Designer/ Props Designer/ Set Dressing, **Joshua E. Gallagher**; Costume Designer, **Kat Henwood**; Sound Designer, **Sean-Joseph Choo**; Lighting Designer, **Colleen Doherty**; Director of Production, **Danielle Paccione**; Technical Director, **Clayton Becker**; Company Manager/ Videographer, **Ryan Loeckel**; Production Manager, **Leslie Becker**; Audiovisual Supervisor, **Kimber King**; Lighting Supervisor/ Lead Electrician, **Collin Hall**; Production Stage Manager, **Madison Youngblood**; Deck Stage Manager, **Stephanie Bezio**; Swing Stage Manager, **Jess Mahoney**; Dutches of Carpentry, **Alison Scharvella**; Scenic Carpenters, **Verna McIntyre** and **Chad Pavlovich**; Literary and Casting Associate, **Jordan Gregson**; Senior Marketing Coordinator, **Taylor Adkins**; Marketing Associate, **Olivia Williamson**; The Studio Theatre House Manager, **Alec Speers**; Assistant House Managers, **Nichole Pollack** and **Mark Kirschenbaum**.

- **What:** *Cry It Out*
- **Where:** The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol, 806 San Marino Drive, The Villages, FL
- **When:** Nov 14 – Dec 16, 2023
- **For tickets:** www.TheSharonStudio.com | (352) 751-7799
- **Price:** \$20 previews | \$35 performances | **NEW Student Discount \$10 Off**
- **Sign Language Interpretation Show:** Dec 5, 2023

The Studio Theatre's Mission is to inspire the residents of Central Florida to examine relevant issues by elevating them through innovative and intimate storytelling. ***Think outside the box, inside the box.***

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