# **CAST INFORMATION**

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## Life Doesn't Frighten Me: I Am Fearless Royalty Cast Information



Lydia Williamson

#### Lydia Williamson (ONE)

Lydia Williamson raised in Wadesboro North Carolina has had the pleasure of debuting her professional career at Cape Fear Regional Theater as "Grace" in August Wilson's The Piano Lesson. She's then been thrilled to begin her Children's Theatre experience as "Peter" in Snowy Day at Children's Theatre of Charlotte. Now, is extremely grateful to grace 1 of 4 stages premiering Life Doesn't Frighten Me during her 10 year professional career anniversary.



Leo Merrick

#### Leo Merrick (TWO)

Leo Merrick is a New York-based actor, director, and writer specializing in Shakespeare and new works. He trained at Northwestern University and the British American Drama Academy. His recent theatrical credits include playing Ferdinand in The Tempest (Arachne Theater) and directing Macbeth at The Flea Theater in New York. He helped to launch Grass Studio Theatre in the summer of 2020, and is a founding member of the sketch comedy group Pre-Haste Authority. He is honored and excited to make his Rose premiere.

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Lakeetha Blakeney

#### Lakeetha Blakeney (THREE)

Lakeetha Blakeney is an actress, playwright, director, and author from Concord North Carolina. She received her BA in Theatre and African American Studies from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her MA in English and Creative Writing from Southern New Hampshire University. Her debut children's book Princess Fearless, adapted into a stage of the same name made it's Midwestern debut this past September. Her recent theatrical credits include directing "Danny King of the Basement" (Children's Theatre of Charlotte) directing "Matilda" (Lycoming College) She is very grateful to work with this cast and director. She is so excited to be at the Rose.



Ron Lee McGill

#### Ron Lee McGill (FOUR)

Ron Lee McGill is an Actor, Writer, Musician, Comic, and Graphic Artist born and raised in Durham, NC. Ron was formally taught the dramatic arts as a graduate of Hillside High School's Theater program under the guidance of Mr. Wendell Tabb and earned his bachelor's degree in Media Studies and Production at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Ron's stage and television credits include: Meals on Wheels national campaign, Grey's Anatomy, Fatal Attraction, "Just Listen": What Men Don't Say Vol.2, and The Miraculous and Mundane. Ron can currently be seen touring the nation with his Cocreated production of "GRIMMZ Fairy Tales" with Experiential Theater. Ron is very blessed to be a part of this world premiere and thanks all those involved at the Rose Theater.