

# NEW STAGE *Theatre*

Presents

## ***Chickens in Texas***

**by Lawson Marchetti**

A Play Reading for The Mississippi Plays Series

**Directed by Claire Porter**

**Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **CAST**

*In order of appearance*

Stage Directions read by Thomas McBride

Carol Joy Perryman read by Jessica Wilkinson

Amaryllis Johnson read by Annika Burley

Henry Augustus Cavett III read by Oliver Roberson

Colonel Winston Carroll Bluester VI / Contractor /  
Dr. Beetle Toboggan / Superintendent read by John Howell

Reginald Perryman read by Chris Roebuck

Rhiannon McIntosh read by Rakaela Thompson

Marquise Flewellyn read by Gregor Patti

LadyMargaret Redd read by Jo Ann Robinson\*

Charlie Redd read by Austin Russell

Paxton Nimrod read by Drew Braswell

***Chickens in Texas*** is 90 minutes.

There will be no intermission

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