



Newton Theatre Company Presents

The World Premiere of

# Mansfield Park

A Comedy Adapted by Jon Jory  
From the Novel by Jane Austen

Union Church in Waban

Friday, February 1st at 7:30pm

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# About NTC



Founded in 2013, NTC is a theater company based in Newton whose mission is to create excellent works of art in new ways by using talent from around the Greater Boston area. Our productions, performed in and around Newton, include original stagings of contemporary and classical literature, new plays and devised pieces. Our goal is to promote community through artistic expression. Eager to partner with other local non-profit organizations, we choose meaningful material that fosters civically-engaged audiences. We strive to promote accessibility; at least one production every year is free of charge.

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# Cast

Fanny Price: Veronica Aviles  
Mr. Rushworth: Matt Crawford  
Lady Bertram: Linda Goetz  
Julia Bertram: Dani Johnson  
Edmund Bertram: Elliott Purcell\*  
Maria Bertram: Hannah Rosenberg  
Lord Bertram: Chuck Schwager  
Mary Crawford: Sarah Brooke Vanaman  
Henry Crawford: Meaghan Downes-Berry

\*Denotes member of the Actors Equity Association

# Creative Team

Director: Melissa Bernstein  
Sound Designer: Bernie Bernstein  
Light Designer: Dave Beckman  
Stage Manager/Assistant Director: Anna Stenberg

# NTC Staff

Melissa Bernstein, Artistic Director  
and Board President  
Paul Walsh, Board Director  
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# Who's Who



Veronica Aviles (Fanny Price) is proud to be making her NTC debut. Having recently moved to Newton from Geneva, she is now a senior at Newton North High School. Recent credits: Sandy (Grease), Curley's Wife (Of Mice and Men). She is profoundly grateful for the opportunity to bring one of her favorite Austen stories to life and hopes to study English and Theatre at university.

Matt Crawford (Mr. Rushworth) is a Newton resident and professional software engineer. He got his start in acting at Olin College, and has also participated in theatre at Wellesley College and with the Babson Players Alumni. He has extensive tech theater experience, and co-wrote the original play *Dialysis*. This is his first show with NTC and he is thrilled to be part of it.

Linda Goetz (Lady Bertram) has appeared in numerous NTC shows including *The Bourgeois Gentlemen* and last fall's *Living in Exile*. Linda also has performed with Newton Nomadic Theater in *Doubt*, *Beauty Queen of Leenane*, *A Picasso*, *God of Carnage* and the U.S. Premiere of *Dracula the Bloody Truth*.

Dani Johnson (Julia Bertram) is excited to be returning to NTC for her third production, having previously appeared in *The Bourgeois Gentlemen* and *Ethan Frome*. Her work with NTC marks a return to the stage following a long absence. Early credits include *Twelfth Night*, *Footloose*, *The Who's Tommy*, and *The Crucible*, among others. Dani teaches high school English in Newton.

Elliott Purcell\* (Edmund Bertram) is delighted to be returning to NTC for the seventh time. Recent Credits: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Hand to God* (Elliot Norton Nomination Outstanding Actor) [SpeakEasy Stage Company]; *Old Money*, *Romeo and Juliet* [Commonwealth Shakespeare Company]; *The Weird* [Off the Grid]. Education: Boston College.

Hannah Rosenberg (Maria Bertram) is thrilled to join the cast of *Mansfield Park*. Recent NTC Credits: *Mother/Mrs. in Junie B. Jones Smells Something Fishy*, *Zeena* in *Ethan Frome* and *Chorus Member* in *Iphigenia at Aulis*. Hannah would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her love of drama, on (and sometimes off of) the stage.

Chuck Schwager (Lord Bertram) is pleased to be working with NTC for the first time. He has performed in the Boston/Berkshire areas for 20 years. In addition to stage work he has appeared in films and commercials. Please check out his website at [www.chuckschwager.com](http://www.chuckschwager.com).

Sarah Brooke Vanaman (Mary Crawford) is thrilled to be performing in her first NTC production. Sarah graduated with honors from New York University. Past productions: *As Bees in Honey Drown* (JCITY Theatre), *Nickel and Dime* (The Theatre Project), *All's Well that Ends Well* (RADA). Sarah would like to thank her family for providing her with constant inspiration and support.

Meaghan Downes-Berry (Henry Crawford) is thrilled to be making her NTC debut after a decade-long hiatus from the stage. She would like to thank the entire *Mansfield Park* cast and crew for so warmly welcoming her into the fold, her husband, Dan, for warm dinners after late rehearsals and her younger brother, Joe, for being the first Downes-Berry to find and perform with NTC.

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