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BERNIE TELSEY and **WILL CANTLER** / artistic directors **BLAKE WEST** / executive director

presents

ONLY GOLD

music and lyrics by **KATE NASH**

book by ANDY BLANKENBUEHLER and TED MALAWER

with JACOB BURNS, PHIL COLGAN, HANNAH CRUZ, BRADLEY DEAN, GABY DIAZ, VICTORIA FIORE, HALEY FISH, JENNIFER FLORENTINO, JACOB GUZMAN, TYLER HANES, THAYNE JASPERSON, REED LUPLAU, TERRENCE MANN, MORGAN MARCELL, KATE NASH, KARINE PLANTADIT, SAMANTHA POLLINO, XIMONE ROSE, IDA SAKI, AHMAD SIMMONS, RYAN STEELE, DEANNE STEWART, RYAN VANDENBOOM, VOLTAIRE WADE-GREENE, ELERI WARD, KATIE WEBBER

D	ic design AVID DRINS	costume design ANITA YAVICH	lighting design JEFF CROITER	sound desigr NEVIN STEINBER(ТОМ	
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music director CYNTHIA MENG	music coordina MICHA AAROI	Ator KATE EL WILSON	manag	ger TH RAC	casting IE TELSEY OFFICE HEL HOFFMAN, CSA .INDSAY LEVINE	N

directed and choreographed by **ANDY BLANKENBUEHLER**



Presented in the **NEWMAN MILLS THEATER**

ONLY GOLD is supported by the Gary Platt Initiative for New Musicals and the Burton A. Zipser and Sandra D. Zipser Foundation.

CAST

in order of speaking

Narrator	
King Belenus	TERRENCE MANN
Princess Tooba	GABY DIAZ
Queen RoksanaKA	
Camille	HANNAH CRUZ
Henri	N VANDENBOOM
Jacques	
Count	TYLER HANES
EnsembleHALEY FISH, JENNII	FER FLORENTINO,
JACOB GUZMA	N, TYLER HANES,
THAYNE JASPERSO	ON, REED LUPLAU,
MORGAN MARCELL, XIMON	E ROSE, IDA SAKI,
AHMAD SIMMONS, DE	EANNE STEWART,
VOLTAIRE WADE-GREEN	E, KATIE WEBBER

SWINGS:

JACOB BURNS, PHIL COLGAN, VICTORIA FIORE, SAMANTHA POLLINO, ELERI WARD

UNDERSTUDIES:

For Narrator—XIMONE ROSE, ELERI WARD; for King Belenus—BRADLEY DEAN, TYLER HANES; for Princess Tooba—VICTORIA FIORE, HALEY FISH; for Queen Roksana—KATIE WEBBER; for Camille—DEANNE STEWART, ELERI WARD; for Henri—PHIL COLGAN, VOLTAIRE WADE-GREENE; for Jacques—JACOB BURNS, JACOB GUZMAN; for Count—PHIL COLGAN, THAYNE JASPERSON

DANCE CAPTAINS: PHIL COLGAN, VICTORIA FIORE

PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER: PAT SOSNOW

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS: MATTHEW HENAO, LAUREN NICOLE JACKSON

MUSICIANS

YNTHIA MENG
JACOB YATES
B REINHARDT
MATT BECK
ROB JOST
JORDAN ROSE
IKU ENOMOTO
NAITO-GOTAY
LLY GOLDMAN
LY PECORARO
ANDY COHEN,
N KEYBOARDS
ICO DE TRIZIO
ELENA KASER
TIM CROOK,
AM STAROBIN

The 10-piece ONLY GOLD band accompanies all performances LIVE from our Susan & Ronald Frankel Theater across the lobby.

TIME AND PLACE: Paris, 1928

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

Prologue Paris Merry Happy Pixie Stix Change Work Paris Allure The Interpreter Mouthwash Forbidden Attraction Skin

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

ACT TWO

Nicest Thing D*****d Bones and Dust Lullaby for an Insomniac Role of a Lifetime Day Zero Random

Misery I Possess the Power Passing You By Split In Half Camille Truly Plays Finale

Additional Music and Production on "Misery," "Random" and "I Possess the Power" by Frederik Thaae.

Additional Arrangements on "Change" by Frederik Thaae. Additional Music and Production on "Skin" by Jennifer Decilveo. Additional Music and Production on "Work" by Tom Biller. Additional Music and Production on "Pixie Stix" by Yonatan Ayal & Pierre-Luc Rioux.

Additional Guitar on original recording of "Nicest Thing" by Jay Malhotra. Violinist on original recording of "Nicest Thing" by Mei-Ling Wong.



JACOB BURNS



PHIL COLGAN



HANNAH CRUZ



BRADLEY DEAN



GABY DIAZ



VICTORIA FIORE



HALEY FISH





JACOB GUZMAN



TYLER HANES



THAYNE JASPERSON





TERRENCE MANN



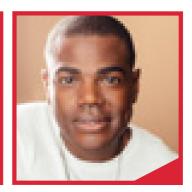
MORGAN MARCELL



KATE NASH













SAMANTHA POLLINO

XIMONE ROSE

IDA SAKI





RYAN STEELE



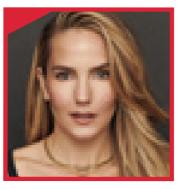
DEANNE STEWART



RYAN VANDENBOOM







VOLTAIRE WADE-GREENE

ELERI WARD

KATIE WEBBER

JACOB BURNS (*Swing; u/s Jacques*) Off-Broadway debut! Detroit native. Really happy to be here. National tours: HAMILTON. Other recent credits: Riff in Rua's WEST SIDE STORY at Milwaukee Rep; HAIRSPRAY at Dallas Theater Center; PHISH at MSG. Training: BFA Texas State. Much love to the family, besties, and Hybrid for their support. @jacob_burns

PHIL COLGAN (*Dance Captain; Swing; u/s Henri; u/s Count*) is a dancer, choreographer and dance instructor born and raised in New York. Broadway and Tour: HAMILTON. Regional: Paper Mill, Pittsburgh CLO, Ogunquit, Fulton, Maine State, Gateway, The REV. Phil is a graduate of NYU Gallatin and a faculty member at Broadway Dance Center and Steps on Broadway. Huge thanks to Andy, Telsey, Marc & Daniel Hoff Agency, and family! @philcolgan

HANNAH CRUZ (*Camille*) is thrilled to be making her MCC debut with ONLY GOLD. She garnered critical praise as Ruza in SUFFS at The Public. Hannah also appeared as Eliza in HAMILTON (tour) for which she won a best actress IRNE award and Ellen in BULLETS OVER BROADWAY (tour). Love and light to her agents at KMR, her managers at Brillstein, and her family. Edred, this and everything else is for you. Insta: @thisishannahcruz Twitter: @heyhannahcruz

BRADLEY DEAN (u/s *King Belenus*) has appeared on Broadway as Count Carl-Magnus in A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC, Sir Galahad in MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT, and Monsieur Andre in THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA. Other Broadway credits include DEAR EVAN HANSEN, THE LAST SHIP, COMPANY, DOCTOR ZHIVAGO, EVITA, THE STORY OF MY LIFE, JANE EYRE, and MAN OF LA MANCHA. Bradley starred in BAT OUT OF HELL at NYC's City Center where he was also seen in the Encores! productions of A NEW BRAIN and THE MOST HAPPY FELLA. Regional highlights: World premieres of A COMEDY OF TENORS (McCarter Theater), FLY (Dallas Theater Center), and LIFE AFTER (The Old Globe).

GABY DIAZ (*Princess Tooba*) Born and raised in Miami, FL, Gaby Diaz started dancing at the age of 3 and trained in various styles growing up. In 2015, she was crowned America's Favorite Dancer for season 12 of Fox's "SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE" and went on to perform on tour alongside Season 12's Top Ten. Gaby has performed in Jennifer Lopez's Las Vegas show, ALL I HAVE, as an All Star on Seasons 13, 14, and 16 of "SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE", on tour with Travis Wall's Shaping Sound Company, and as a guest artist with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. Her work on film includes Netflix's musical, TICK TICK... BOOM!, and Steven Spielberg's adaptation of WEST SIDE STORY.

VICTORIA FIORE (*Dance Captain; Swing; u/s Princess Tooba*) Off-Broadway debut! Regional: FLY (La Jolla Playhouse). TV: "FOSSE/ VERDON" (FX). Proud grad of Pace University & Fiorello H. LaGuardia HS. Big s/o to everyone at The Telsey Office, my team at CESD, Justin, Steven and the man, Andy B. Big love always to Mom, Dad, and G. @ victoriaannfiore

HALEY FISH (*Ensemble; u/s Princess Tooba*) is thrilled to be making her MCC debut. Haley is a grad of NYU Tisch 2017. Broadway: CATS; HELLO,

DOLLY!; KISS ME, KATE; THE MUSIC MAN. Off-Broadway: MACK & MABEL at NYCC. TV: "FOSSE/VERDON" on FX. All the love to Mom, Rob, Luke, Will, and my agent, Katie @panteramurphy. Follow me @oh_hayfish!

JENNIFER FLORENTINO (*Ensemble*) born in Paterson, NJ, is a storyteller with a multidisciplinary career in dance, theater, and film. She received her BFA in Dance from Point Park University. Recent credits include Steven Spielberg's WEST SIDE STORY, and the international tour of Kidd Pivot's REVISOR by Crystal Pite. Jennifer's artistic career has allowed her to perform across the country in musicals such as ON YOUR FEET (1st National Tour), MOULIN ROUGE: THE MUSICAL, EVITA (Encores), and ONCE UPON A ONE MORE TIME. TV/Film: "UP HERE," "MODERN LOVE," "THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL," ISN'T IT ROMANTIC, Kennedy Center Honors, "SNL," Concert Dance: Deeply Rooted Dance Theater, Sonya Tayeh's "YOU'LL STILL CALL ME BY NAME," and worked with Aszure Barton at the LA Opera. Jennifer feels delighted to join ONLY GOLD and be a part of the MCC family. @jenniferflorentino

JACOB GUZMAN (*Ensemble; u/s Jacques*) grew up dancing at The Gold School under the direction of Rennie Gold. He began his career at 17 years old dancing in the ensemble of NEWSIES on Broadway. Additional Broadway credits include FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (2015 revival). And he played Chino in WEST SIDE STORY (2020 revival). Jacob was the dance captain/swing and covered John Laurens/Phillip Hamilton on the first national tour of HAMILTON. He and his twin brother, David, played the twin lost boys in NBC's "PETER PAN LIVE!". You can also catch both of them in Steven Spielberg's WEST SIDE STORY, and BETTER NATE THAN EVER on Disney Plus. Most recently, he worked at The Old Globe doing BOB FOSSE'S DANCIN'. Training: Deric Rosenblatt (Vocal), Brian Carter (Acting). He is super excited to be joining this cast. Much thanks to CTG and much love to my family. @j_dawg87

TYLER HANES—he/him (*Count; Ensemble; u/s King Belenus*) 10 Broadway shows including A CHORUS LINE, ON THE TOWN, HAIRSPRAY, SWEET CHARITY, THE BOY FROM OZ, OKLAHOMA!, and as Rum Tum Tugger in the recent revival of CATS. Off-Broadway: Stephen Sondheim's A BED AND A CHAIR: A NEW YORK LOVE AFFAIR, JUNO, AMERICAN DANCE MACHINE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. Tours: FOSSE (first national). Some regional credits include The Old Globe, The Kennedy Center, Hartford Stage, Barrington Stage, Signature Theatre, Paper Mill, and MSMT. TV/Film: "POSE," "THE GOOD FIGHT," "ELEMENTARY," the Coen Brothers' HAIL, CAESAR!, "THE BLACKLIST," "30 ROCK," "MS. GUIDANCE," "SCENARIO," and as Jerry Orbach in the Emmy Award winning "FOSSE/VERDON" on FX. For Van. @thetylerhanes

THAYNE JASPERSON (*Ensemble; u/s Count*) Original Broadway cast: HAMILTON (Samuel Seabury/King(us)/John Laurens(us)), NEWSIES (Astaire Award Nominee), MATILDA, FINDING NEVERLAND (A.R.T). National Tours: WEST SIDE STORY, OZ (Scarecrow), SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE. Film: HAMILTON, HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 1 & 2, MTV's AMERICAN MALL. TV: "SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE," "SMASH." I'm very merry happy to be livin' my life like IT'S GOLDEN! @thaynejasperson

REED LUPLAU (*Ensemble*) Broadway: MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL, GREAT COMET OF 1812, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. Off-Broadway: KUNG FU. Born in Perth, Australia, graduate of The Australian Ballet School. FILM/ TV: HALSTON, "MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL," "FOSSE/VERDON," FIVE DANCES, A VERY MURRAY CHRISTMAS, "MOZART IN THE JUNGLE," MAO'S LAST DANCER. Dance: Lar Lubovitch, Aszure Barton & Artists, Stephen Petronio Company, Sydney Dance Company, The Australian Ballet, West Australian Ballet. Opera: 'Puck' in MSND, 'Bosie' in OSCAR Santa Fe Opera and Opera Philadelphia. @reedluplau

TERRENCE MANN (*King Belenus*) Broadway: TUCK EVERLASTING (Man in the Yellow Suit, Outer Critics Circle Nomination). PIPPIN (King Charlemagne, Tony & Outer Critics Circle Nominations), BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (Beast, Tony Award Nomination), LES MISERABLES (Javert, Tony Award Nomination), FINDING NEVERLAND (Captain Hook/Frohman), CATS (Rum Tum Tugger), THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL (Chauvelin), THE ADDAMS FAMILY (Mal Beinekie), THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW (Frank 'N' Furter), A CHRISTMAS CAROL (Scrooge); Off-Broadway: JERRY SPRINGER: THE OPERA (Jerry Springer, Lucille Lortel Nomination), ASSASSINS (Leon Czolgosz), Television/Film: "FOUNDATION," "SENSE8," "THE DRESDEN FILES," MRS. SANTA CLAUS, "AS THE WORLD TURNS" (Emmy Award Nomination), A CHORUS LINE, CRITTERS. @terrencemann_www.terrencemann.com.

MORGAN MARCELL (*Ensemble*) comes straight from starring as 'The Wife' in Duncan Sheik's newest musical, NOIR! She made her Broadway debut in HAMILTON (OBC) and went on to originate roles in BANDSTAND and MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL. She was Associate Choreographer/Cast for both NBC's "ANNIE LIVE!" and FX's "FOSSE/ VERDON." Impassioned by education, Morgan founded The Eliza Project, a philanthropic organization linking professional artists to the students of Graham Windham, the orphanage Eliza Hamilton started. Her first documentary about the project, called SHARING OUR STORIES: THE ELIZA PROJECT, went to the Napa Valley Film Festival and Smithsonian Archives. Other Credits: "LAW & ORDER: SVU," "BETTER NATE THAN EVER," "UP HERE," "SDRR," "LIMITLESS," "RENT LIVE!" Check out her website for more upcoming projects—morganmarcell.com

KATE NASH—she/her (*Narrator, Music & Lyrics*) multi-hyphenate Lyricist/Composer/Singer/Actress/Director and platinum-selling recording artist, Kate Nash won the BRIT Award for "Best Female" at age 20, and has four Studio Solo Albums produced. She has established an international career with acting credits including 3 seasons as an Ensemble lead in the Netflix hit series "GLOW," as well as playing her favorite historical figure Boudicca in "HORRIBLE HISTORIES," a killer doll in Simon Pegg's "TRUTH SEEKERS." She co-wrote, directed and stars in WILD BITCH (SWSX 2022) with her "GLOW" co-star Rebekka Johnson, as well as the NOW STREAMING Hulu Halloween short film BAD RABBIT. ONLY GOLD marks her NY Theatrical debut as both an onstage actor, composer, and lyricist. Special thanks to my always supportive family Mama Nash, Stevie boy, Clare and Helen Nash, Thomas Silverman, Max, Molly, Fluffy, Stella and Vladimir. And shout out to my generous musical collaborators and touring partners over the years; Linda Buratto, Emma Hughes, Paula Trounce, Jay Malhotra, Alicia Warrington, Brett Lomas, Bernard Butler, and Sam

Duckworth. She is represented by Margrit Polak Management, attorney Gregory P. Cimino II, Esq., and United Agents. @katenash

KARINE PLANTADIT (Queen Roksana) received a Tony Award and Drama League Award nominations for her role in COME FLY AWAY. She is a former principal dancer of Alvin Ailey American Dance and a recipient of an ASTAIRE Award for her performance in AFTER MIDNIGHT. Original cast of Broadway: COME FLY AWAY (Kate); MOVIN' OUT (Brenda/ Jessica); THE LION KING (Cheetah/Lioness); SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER (S. Charles). Television: "SEX AND THE CITY", "MOZART IN THE JUNGLE", featured guest star "SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE". Film: FRIDA (Josephine Baker), CHICAGO, ACROSS THE UNIVERSE, ISN'T IT ROMANTIC? and IN THE HEIGHTS. She is a yogi and an advocate for Peace. Creator of THE CONSCIOUS COME BACK and THE CONSCIOUS YOU, curriculum supporting Broadway shows and dance companies to reopen steadily post-Covid, Karine leads guided meditation in corporation, public and personal events to bring humans together again. Karine is thrilled to be part of ONLY GOLD.

SAMANTHA POLLINO (*Swing*) is extremely honored to be here. Broadway: HAMILTON, HEAD OVER HEELS, HOT FEET. Tour: HAMILTON (Philip Tour, Original Chicago cast), Nickelodeon's LAZYTOWN. TV/Film: "FOSSE/VERDON," "GIRLS5EVA." Regional: 5th Avenue Theatre, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Cincinnati Pops. Graduate of the University of Cincinnati (CCM) and the Baltimore School for the Arts. Love to my parents, Alex, Henderson Hogan, Andy B, and the rest of the ONLY GOLD team. @peanutpollino

XIMONE ROSE (*Ensemble; u/s Narrator*) New Orleans native. University of Michigan Musical Theatre Program. (GO BLUE!) Broadway: ONCE ON THIS ISLAND (Storyteller). Off-Broadway: WE'RE GONNA DIE (Keys/singer/dance captain). 1st National Tour: BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL (Lucille). Regional: LEMPICKA (La Jolla Playhouse), SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD (Tulane Summer Lyric), LIFE AFTER (Old Globe), INTO THE WOODS (Arkansas Rep), INTO THE WOODS (Writers Theatre), BIG FISH (Music Theatre Wichita), LEGALLY BLONDE (Fulton Theatre). CGF Talent. Stream my music on all platforms! Instagram: @SimoneWithAnX

IDA SAKI (*Ensemble*) Film/television: IN THE HEIGHTS, CATS, BIRDS OF PARADISE, "ZIWE", "HALSTON", "UP HERE". Off-Broadway: SLEEP NO MORE (The McKittrick Hotel), THE LUCKY ONES (Ars Nova), YOU'LL STILL CALL ME BY NAME (Jacob's Pillow). Regional: BOB FOSSE'S DANCIN' (The Old Globe), THE SCARLET STONE (La Jolla Playhouse). Music Videos: "Cry, Cry, Cry" (Coldplay), "Win It" (Lola Kirke), "Stop Making This Hurt" (The Bleachers). Companies: Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet. Honors: Presidential Scholar in the Arts, Dance Magazine's Top 25 to Watch, NFAA YoungArts Modern Dance Winner. Education: Booker T. Washington HSPVA, Dance Industry, NYU Tisch School of the Arts.

AHMAD SIMMONS (Ensemble) Happy to be welcomed into the MCC family! Broadway: WEST SIDE STORY, HADESTOWN (OBC), CAROUSEL, CATS. TV/Film: "FOSSE/VERDON," MAESTRO, BETTER NATE THAN EVER, ABC's DIRTY DANCING. Concert: Parsons Dance Company, River North Dance Chicago, Eisenhower Dance Detroit.

Graduate of Point Park University. Big love to LW+Co, A3, Andy, David, and family (blood and chosen). Creative spaces should always be safe spaces. Let's let our thirst for invention lead us down paths to discover new ways to connect with one another! @ahmadsimmons

RYAN STEELE (*Jacques*) Honored to be a part of this company in this absolute dream show. Broadway: CAROUSEL, NEWSIES (Astaire nom), MATILDA, WEST SIDE STORY (Baby John), BILLY ELLIOT. Tour/ Regional: AN AMERICAN IN PARIS (Jerry Mulligan), ONCE UPON A ONE MORE TIME (Prince Erudite). Film/TV: Netflix's I'M THINKING OF ENDING THINGS, BETTER NATE THAN EVER on Disney+, FX's "FOSSE/ VERDON," "GIRLS5EVA," TED 2, FIVE DANCES, Hulu's "UP HERE" and Netflix's MAESTRO. Thanks to Dustin and Marc, the fam and the chosen fam, Andy and the entire ONLY GOLD team. And, as always, my Char. @RySteele

DEANNE STEWART—she/her (*Ensemble; u/s Camille*) is a multihyphenate creative and proud member of the Black, LGBTQ+, and natural hair communities. Broadway: JAGGED LITTLE PILL. 1st National: BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL. Off-Broadway / NYC: MIGHTY REAL, SEPH, WARP SPEED (best actress in a musical, MITF). TV: "GOOD MORNING AMERICA," "DANCING WITH THE STARS," PBS' "A CAPITOL FOURTH". DeAnne's artistry expands beyond performing as the Owner and Creative Director of Dear September Events, a wedding and event design and planning company committed to creative and authentic storytelling. Endless thanks to the ONLY GOLD team, the Telsey Office, Ellie, and Cynthia. Love and gratitude to my anchors, especially my wife, Emily. For The Joan. 1 Peter 4:10. Instagram: @deannestewart @dearseptemberevents DeAnne-Stewart.com

RYAN VANDENBOOM (*Henri*) recently returned to Broadway in the new Michael Jackson musical, MJ, at the Neil Simon Theater. Other Broadway credits include BANDSTAND, SOMETHING ROTTEN!, and the Broadway revival of ANNIE. Other theatre credits include the Chicago company of HAMILTON and EXIT STAGE LEFT with the physical comedy initiative, Parallel Exit. On film, Ryan can be seen in the Coen Brother's HAIL, CAESAR! and the FX series, "FOSSE/VERDON." Ryan enjoys sharing his work with collaborators and students, alike, and finds endless inspiration from telling stories live, in a theatre. @ryanvandenboom

VOLTAIRE WADE-GREENE (*Ensemble; u/s Henri*) is a California native now residing in NY living his best artist life! Broadway credits: HAMILTON (OBC Dance Captain, Mulligan/Madison u/s). Out of Town Runs: NOIR. Regional: IN THE HEIGHTS (Kennedy Center, WBT), JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, THE WIZ (The Muny), HAIRSPRAY (Dallas Theater Center), A CHORUS LINE, ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, SOME LIKE IT HOT (BDT). He served as the Resident Choreographer for the 1st National Tour of HAMILTON and Supervisor for HAMILTON Chicago. TV: "SMASH," "THE SPOT." Opera: FIRE SHUT UP IN MY BONES, THE MAGIC FLUTE (The Metropolitan Opera and Chicago Lyric Theatre). Concert dance: Contrast Dance Theater, Charlottesville Ballet and Alison Chase Performance. Voltaire is also the Music Producer / Co-Songwriter for the new R&B/Jazz fusion group, Saffron Lips @saffronlips. Endless love and gratitude to my mom, brother, and sister for your continuous love and support, and to No Reverse Records for your belief in us!

IG: @tisvoltaire

ELERI WARD (*Swing; u/s Narrator; u/s Camille*) put herself on the map when she recorded and produced her full-length indie-folk Sondheim album, "A Perfect Little Death," in her closet. After gaining a viral TikTok following, it was released by Ghostlight Records and has been hailed as "a harmonious marriage of musical theater and indie folk music, with hauntingly beautiful arrangements" by Forbes and "an incandescent new record, something genuinely new" from American Theater Magazine. Eleri has been singing and acting since she was eight years old and has always strived to carve out her own space with the uniqueness she brings to the theater. She studied songwriting at Berklee College of Music before transferring and graduating from The Boston Conservatory with a BFA in Musical Theater. www.eleriward.com

KATIE WEBBER (*Ensemble; u/s Queen Roksana*) is coming from her eighth Broadway show, TINA, where she played the role of Rhonda Graam. Other previous Broadway credits include WICKED, MEMPHIS, ROCK OF AGES, JERSEY BOYS, CATCH ME..., HONEYMOON IN VEGAS, and CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY. Katie is also a best-selling plant-based cookbook author with titles FALL FOR YOU, SUMMERSET, and THE RESET. When she's not working, Katie can be found in France, living her best life with her husband and daughter. Wrapping love and gratitude around loved ones, especially Mom, Dad, Aurélien, and Oli. @katiewebbernyc

ANDY BLANKENBUEHLER—he/him (Co-Author, Director, *Choreographer*) is a three-time Tony Award winner for his choreography in the Broadway productions of BANDSTAND, IN THE HEIGHTS, and HAMILTON, for which he also received London's Olivier Award. Other Broadway credits include BRING IT ON, 9 TO 5, THE PEOPLE IN THE PICTURE, THE APPLE TREE, ANNIE, and the revival of CATS. Upcoming theatre projects include THE SECRET OF SANTA VITTORIA with writer John Weidman and the new musical FIVE POINTS. Recently, Mr. Blankenbuehler's work has been seen on the Emmy Award winning FX series "FOSSE/VERDON," as well as the Universal Studio film of the musical CATS. He made his concert debut with a piece entitled "Remember Our Song" for the Tulsa Ballet Company. As a performer, Mr. Blankenbuehler has danced on Broadway in FOSSE, CONTACT, MAN OF LA MANCHA, SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER, STELL PIER, BIG, and GUYS AND DOLLS. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Blankenbuehler resides in New York City, with his wife Elly and two children, Luca and Sofia. Mr. Blankenbuehler has received Dance Magazine and Drama Desk Awards for his achievement in the theatre, as well as the 2018 Kennedy Center Honors for his work on the musical HAMILTON.

TED MALAWER—he/him (*Co-Author*) is a playwright and singer from Long Island. He has published five novels with Penguin Random House, and his theatrical work has been commissioned and developed by T Magazine, Atlantic Theater Company, The Public, NYTW, Magic Theatre, Pioneer Theatre Company, and others. A former Lila Acheson Wallace Fellow, Ted has been honored by The Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, and YoungArts. He has also written for television and received a WGA nomination for "HALSTON." Ted is a graduate of Columbia University and studied in both the Playwriting and Vocal Arts divisions at Juilliard.

DAVID KORINS (Scenic Design) Thrilled to be returning to MCC for the 5th time. Broadway: HAMILTON (Tony nom), BEETLEJUICE (Tony nom), DEAR EVAN HANSEN, WAR PAINT (Tony nom), BANDSTAND, MISERY, THE GREAT SOCIETY, MOTOWN, VANYA, SONIA, MASHA AND SPIKE, ANNIE, BRING IT ON, MAGIC/BIRD, AN EVENING WITH PATTI LUPONE AND MANDY PATINKIN, GODSPELL, CHINGLISH, THE PEE-WEE HERMAN SHOW, LOMBARDI, PASSING STRANGE, BRIDGE AND TUNNEL, MRS DOUBTFIRE. TV: "GREASE: LIVE!" (Emmy Award), 91ST & 94TH ACADEMY AWARDS (Emmy noms), "THE BIG BRUNCH," "ELTON JOHN: A GRAMMY SALUTE," HBO'S "LAST WEEK TONIGHT WITH JOHN OLIVER," "HEISMAN TROPHY CEREMONY." Creative Director: "Immersive Van Gogh," "Hamilton: The Exhibition," "DiscoOasis," The Shoah Foundation and collaborations with Sotheby's and the Gagosian Gallery. Designer in residence for the TED conferences. Concert: Lady Gaga, Kanye West, Bruno Mars, Mariah Carey, Andrea Bocelli and Sia. Extensive Off-Broadway/regional theater, hospitality, event & experience design. Dad: Stella & Vivian.

ANITA YAVICH (*Costume Design*) Anita Yavich designed costumes for Broadway: FOOL FOR LOVE, VENUS IN FUR, CHINGLISH, and ANNA IN THE TROPICS. Her New York design credits include THE LIFE at Encores!, SOFT POWER, OEDIPUS EL REY at the Public; THE MOTHER at the Atlantic Theatre Company, THE VIEW UPSTAIRS at the Lynn Redgrave Theatre, NATHAN THE WISE, CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE, ORLANDO, VENUS IN FUR, NEW JERUSALEM and TEXTS FOR NOTHING at Classic Stage; THOM PAIN, BIG LOVE, KUNG FU, GOLDEN CHILD and IPHIGENIA 2.0 at Signature Theater; THE OLDEST BOY at Lincoln Center Theater; THE EXPLORER'S CLUB at Manhattan Theatre Club; THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE, THE SUBMISSION, CORALINE THE MUSICAL, THE WOODEN BREEKS at MCC. Opera credits: CYRANO DE BERGERAC at La Scala, and Metropolitan Opera; LES TROYENS at Metropolitan Opera. Current projects: DER RING DES NIBELUNGEN at Opera Australia, Brisbane; LEMPICKA at La Jolla Playhouse. She has received Obie, Lucille Lortel, Drama Desk, and the Irene Shariff Young Master Award.

JEFF CROITER (*Lighting Design*) Broadway productions include: COST

OF LIVING, FREESTYLE LOVE SUPREME 2019 and 2021; BANDSTAND, FALSETTOS, HOLIDAY INN, SOMETHING ROTTEN!, PENN & TELLER, NEWSIES, PETER AND THE STARCATCHER, JEKYLL AND HYDE, THE PEE-WEE HERMAN SHOW, NEXT FALL, among others. Off-Broadway includes BLACK NO MORE, BEYOND BABEL, MAC BETH, THE OTHER JOSH COHEN, SMOKEY JOE'S CAFÉ, JERRY SPRINGER THE OPERA, HEAD OF PASSES, TINY BEAUTIFUL THINGS, and THE LAST FIVE YEARS. Jeff has received Tony, Hewes, Bass, and Tina awards and has been nominated for Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, Lortel, Ovation, NAACP, Irne and Audelco awards. He is a producer of "SUBMISSIONS ONLY," 4Wall Roundtable and the animated series "LIGHT HUMOR."

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TOM WATSON (*Hair Design*) Originally from N. Ireland headed the wig/makeup department at the Metropolitan Opera for 17 years. He has designed more than 80 Broadway productions. WICKED, ROCK OF AGES, THE KING & I, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, OSLO, FALSETTOS, THE LITTLE FOXES, JUNK, MY FAIR LADY, KING KONG, ALL MY SONS, THE GREAT SOCIETY and PLAZA SUITE.

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TOM KITT (*Vocal Arrangements*) is a Tony, Emmy, Grammy and Pulitzer Prize Award-winning composer, arranger, orchestrator, and music supervisor. He is the composer of NEXT TO NORMAL (2010 Pulitzer Prize; two Tony Awards); IF/THEN (Tony nomination); FLYING OVER SUNSET (Tony nomination); THE VISITOR; HIGH FIDELITY; BRING IT ON, THE MUSICAL (with co-composer Lin-Manuel Miranda); SUPERHERO; Disney's FREAKY FRIDAY, among others. As a music supervisor, arranger, and orchestrator, credits include JAGGED LITTLE PILL (Grammy Award, Tony nomination), THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL (Tony nomination), AMERICAN IDIOT, HEAD OVER HEELS, "GREASE LIVE!," "RISE" (NBC); the PITCH PERFECT franchise. Tom is a founding member of Musicians United for Social Equity (MUSE) and NYCNext, with whom he co-produced the Emmy Award nominated "New York State of Mind" music video. His debut album, REFLECT, was released in 2021 on Sony Music Masterwork. @tomkittmusic

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CYNTHIA MENG (*Music Director*) Cynthia is a New York-based music director and pianist. Broadway: COMPANY (2020 revival) and HADESTOWN. Other recent favorites: 1776 (American Repertory Theater), SUFFS (Public Theater), THE LAST FIVE YEARS (Out of the Box Theatrics), WE'RE GONNA DIE (Second Stage), RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR, FROZEN (1st National Tour), MOULIN ROUGE! (Emerson Colonial), IN THE GREEN (Lincoln Center Theater), LEMPICKA (developmental lab), WITNESS UGANDA (Wallis Annenberg Center). Film: Associate Vocal Supervisor on SPIRITED, a Christmas movie from Apple TV+ featuring Will Ferrell, Ryan Reynolds, and Octavia Spencer, set to release in winter 2022. She also moonlights as a software engineer.

MICHAEL AARONS (*Music Coordinator*) Broadway: & JULIET, MOULIN ROUGE!, HAMILTON, DEAR EVAN HANSEN. Upcoming Broadway: DEVIL WEARS PRADA. Off-Broadway: KINKY BOOTS, LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE. Current tours: MOULIN ROUGE!, HAMILTON, DEAR EVAN HANSEN, JAGGED LITTLE PILL, PRETTY WOMAN, FROZEN. Aarons is a partner of M² Music with Michael Keller.

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LAUREN NICOLE JACKSON (*Assistant Stage Manager*) is an AEA Stage Manager based in New York. Most recently, Lauren was the Assistant Stage Manager on the off-Broadway shows: A KID LIKE RISHI produced by Origin Theatre and WHAT ARE YOU NOW produced by Ensemble Studio Theatre. Other favorite past credits include: PSM: LITTLE WOMEN (Hedgepig Ensemble), CHRISTMAS CAROL (First & South Restaurant), PA: ROMEO AND BERNADETTE (ART NY). Child Supervisor: BECAUSE OF WINN DIXIE (Goodspeed Musicals). laurennicolejackson.com

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CINDY WELIK-SALGADO (*Associate Choreographer*) is thrilled to be Andy Blankenbuehler's Associate Choreographer on ONLY GOLD after generating in pre-production on everything from IN THE HEIGHTS to HAMILTON. She was Andy's Assistant Choreographer for REMEMBER OUR SONG at Tulsa Ballet and the Assistant Choreographer for Crystal Pite's pieces in KUNSTKAMER at NDT. Cindy was a member of Crystal's two-time Olivier Award winning company Kidd Pivot from 2009-2020. She is on faculty with NYCDA and has worked with NDT, Geneva Ballet, Cedar Lake and Ballets Jazz. Cindy co-founded Arts Ignite after graduating from the Juilliard School with the Princess Grace Award. She co-created and performed in SORRY at LPAC in NYC and CCOV in Montreal. For her choreography with Daniel Watts: www.hadsheneveraskedme.com

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF BOB LUPONE (1946 - 2022)

MCC Theater's founding Co-Artistic Director Bob LuPone passed away Saturday, August 27, 2022 after a three year battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife Virginia, his son Orlando, sister Patti, and brother William. He is also survived by the profound impact he had on us.

When Bernie Telsey and Bob LuPone met in the early 1980's they struck a creative spark called Manhattan Class Company, and, joined by Will Cantler not long after, formed a unique artistic leadership trio that has burned ever since. While the company was ostensibly formed to create new work for the American stage, it was always Bob's fierce need for engagement with the art, the artists, and the audience that influenced and inspired us.

Whenever we considered a play, Bob always made us ask ourselves if it had a "third act"? Would we walk out of the theater anxious to go to the bar or restaurant and spend the rest of the night hashing over what we had seen? That perspective has animated every decision we've ever made.



Some of our fondest memories are of the MCC Marathon Weekend retreats we did in the early days, where Bob would lead a group of actors, directors, and playwrights to a ramshackle retreat house on Long Island to read first drafts of new plays, eat, drink, and talk all weekend, as his mother Pat made food for us. For many of us, Bob created a sense of community that we had not yet found in New York, and which we have treasured ever since.

Bob was fiercely opinionated about plays, and just as fiercely unedited in his note sessions. If Bernie and Will sometimes paused about how or when to give a note, Bob always trusted that charging straight in with passion and candor would win the day, and we came to learn just how often he was right. Although we fought often, the unruly passion of those days ripened into a trust of talking and listening that we hope permeates the whole culture of MCC today.

After more than two decades of dreaming we opened the Robert W. Wilson MCC Theater Space in January of 2019 with a balloon drop from the Newman Mills Stage. Bob's joy at finally having a home for MCC lifted us all right up to the grid where those balloons came from.

Bob was a force, an advocate, complex in the richest ways, overflowing with a youthful enthusiasm, and deeply wise as he looked in to our souls. He was our best friend. It is hard to believe that we will never sit down with him again and say "Let's talk."



Bernie Telsey & Will Cantler, Artistic Directors



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provoke conversations that have never happened and otherwise never would.

MCC THEATER was founded in 1986 as MANHATTAN CLASS COMPANY by a collective of young actors, writers, and directors determined to steer their own artistic development—and shake things up! That initial group included Artistic Directors **Bernie Telsey**, **Bob LuPone** and **Will Cantler**, since joined by Executive Director **Blake West**. Our increasingly expansive work continues today.

- WE PRODUCE EXCITING THEATER. We produce seasons of BOLD new plays and musicals by exceptional ARTISTS.
- WE DEVELOP NEW WORK. We develop NEW WORK by emerging and established artists through a rigorous process that encourages CREATIVE RISK-TAKING.
- WE HONOR YOUNG VOICES. Each year our education programs use the power of theater to ROUSE the imaginations of over 1200 high school STUDENTS across ALL FIVE BOROUGHS.
- WE GET PEOPLE TALKING. COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY are at the core of everything we do.



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Since 1999, MCC THEATER has used the power of theater to excite minds, foster a collaborative and creative community for New York City high school students across all five boroughs, investing in the next generation of theatermakers. Every year, more than 1200 New York City students' lives are transformed through our programs, cultivating in them a deep appreciation for the arts and its power to engage and affect change.

Driven by our mission to provoke conversations, we are committed to using the power of theater to ask some of the essential questions of our times. Our **EDUCATION** programs break down barriers to embolden students and young audiences to deepen their CURIOSITY and find confidence in THEIR VOICES. Those voices are uplifted as their words are woven together to form the fabric of our UNCENSORED, BKYC UNCENSORED and FRESHPLAY performances.





After making a seamless transition to remote learning in March of 2020, MCC continues to adapt and innovate to meet the changing needs of our students and community; offering LIVE online performances of all our culminating productions and implementing hybrid after-school and in-school programs.

This year we were thrilled to host our first in-person performances of UNCENSORED and BKYC UNCENSORED in two years. Last July, our staged reading festival for FRESHPLAY returned home to the MCC Theater stage.

We continue the long and valued relationships with our four partner schools: Manhattan International High School, Baruch College Campus High School, The High School for Law and Public Service on the George Washington High School Campus in Manhattan, and The High School for Public Service in Brooklyn. We are committed to providing quality arts-based education because youth voices matter and creating an inclusive space where everyone's stories are heard can inspire change in ourselves and in society.

Throughout the pandemic MCC's Education Department virtually served from MAR 2020-JUN 2021:

- **103 STUDENTS** in our after school Youth Company programs
- 925 STUDENTS across our in-school partnerships within four high schools in NYC
- 199 STUDENTS were served through our Virtual Student Matinee program

MCC THEATER's Education Programs are supported by the Axe-Houghton Foundation, The Emily Davie and Joseph S. Kornfeld Foundation, Harold J. Newman⁺ & Ruth Newman, The Pinkerton Foundation, The Eric Rosedale Playwriting Fund, Tiger Baron Foundation, New York State Council on the Arts, and public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the city council.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Our **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT** programs invite audiences to delve deeper into our onstage work as well as build bridges across our community artistically and geographically. Connect with us and each other.

Audience members of all generations have emboldened our work with VIBRANT DISCUSSIONS, debates, and reflections that spill out of the theater and fill the streets and continue to reverberate throughout New York City and beyond.

LET'S TALK: We invite you to join our Audience Conversations taking place directly after select performances. We also host moderated TalkBacks with our cast and creative teams.

LET'S ENGAGE: Community Specific theater nights, panel discussions, and workshops open up the door to wider engagement with our work and our company.

LET'S WATCH: Open mic nights and invitations to student staged readings as well as film screenings bring audiences together in a new way to celebrate artists and artistry in a variety of formats.

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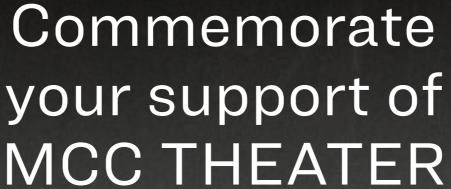
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