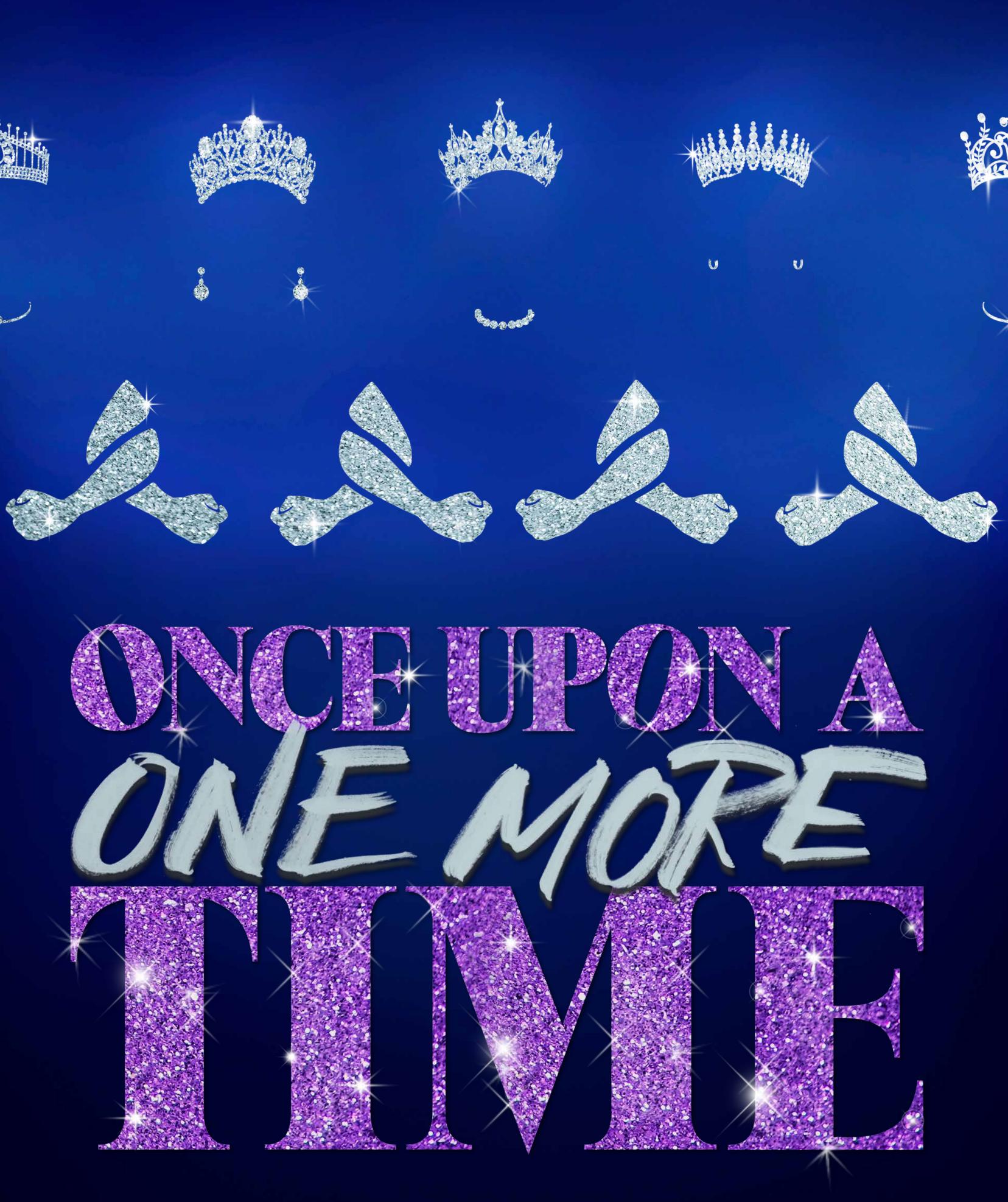
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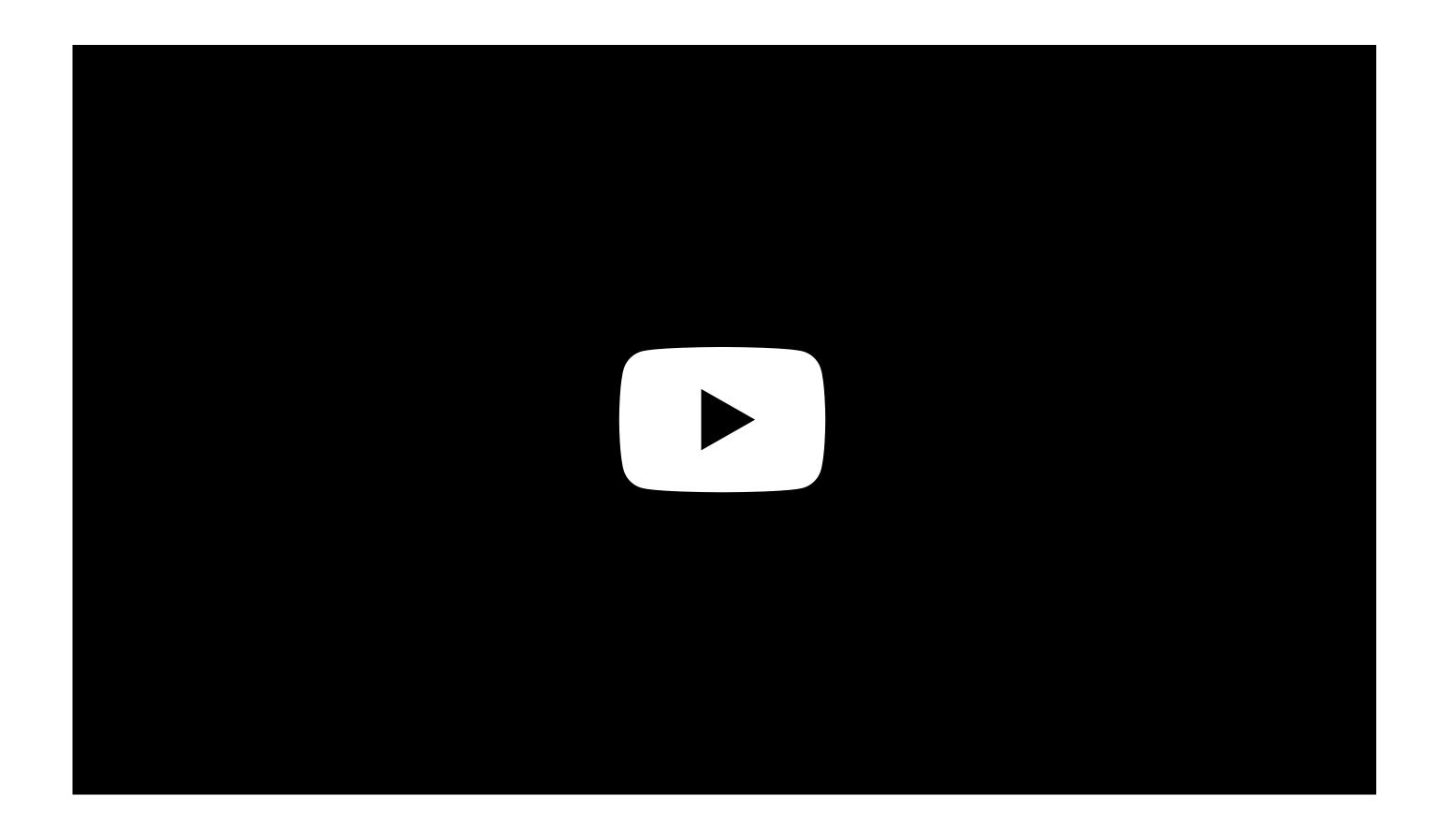


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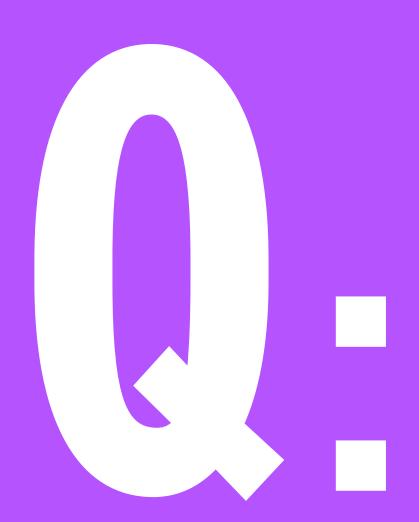
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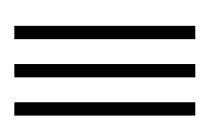
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Although princesses and Disney go hand-in-hand, what non-princess Disney institution did Britney Spears get her start with?

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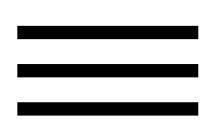


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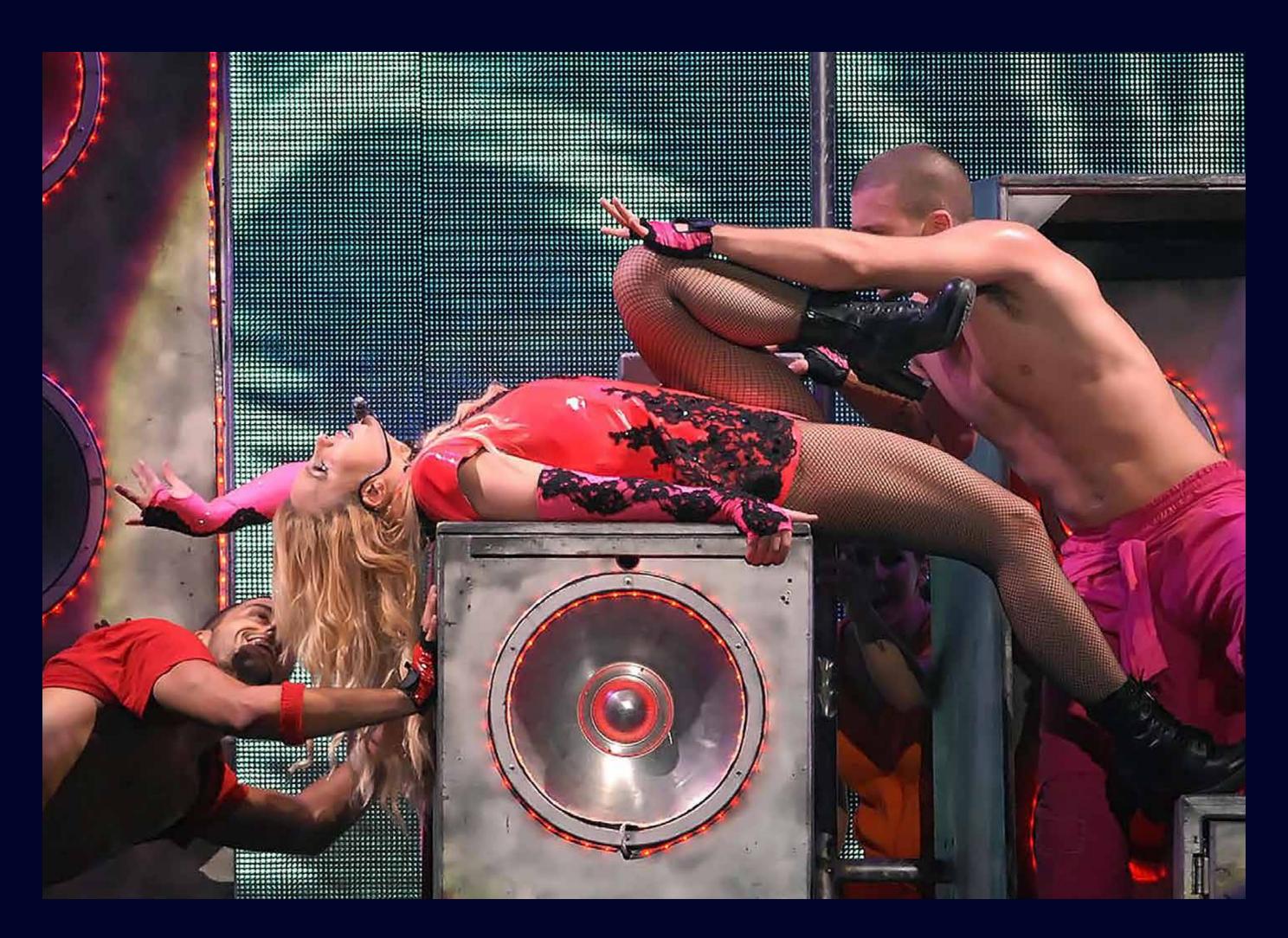


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ritney Jean Spears—singer, dancer, icon. From the small town of Kentwood, Louisiana, this southern girl had one dream in mind—to bring joy to all those around her through music and dance. She got her start performing in the '90s revival of *The Mickey Mouse Club*. There, she was able to break into the music industry and work with iconic



Her first album, ...Baby One More Time, was released in 1999 and was a critical and commercial success, certified double platinum in just one month. Even though she was just 17 years old, it was clear from the start she was destined for greatness. With six number one albums, six MTV Video Music Awards, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Britney has proven herself to be a living legend in the pop music industry. She has often been cited as a trendsetter in pop music. Her debut in 1999 catalyzed the successes of other pop princesses such as Christina Aguilera and Mandy Moore. Her fifth studio album, *Blackout*, which was also produced by Spears, became a major influence for 2010s pop music. With its innovative electropop and dubstep sound, critics often refer to it



BRITNEY SPEARS PERFORMING IN CONCERT IN 2011. PHOTO: ALAMY.

as some of her best work. Beyond her music, Britney is also known for her heavily choreographed dancing in her music videos and stage productions. Her elaborate stage productions and music videos were a staple in the MTV era, with kids and teens of all backgrounds staying up all night to learn her signature choreography.

Once Upon a One More Time serves as a testament to Britney's hard work

and influence. As the reigning "Pop Princess," it's fitting that Once Upon a One More Time would draw on the influence of princesses who have had their stories written for them instead of by them. The musical is a homage to the talent that inspired not only a generation, but a whole industry—all on her own creativity.



BRITNEY SPEARS PERFORMING IN CONCERT IN 2014. PHOTO: FLICKR.

### ABOUT KEONE AND MARI MADRID



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s directors and choreographers, Keone and Mari Madrid are known for their narrative lyrical hip-hop dance style. They have become sought-after creatives in the dance community after first coming to prominence for their viral video dance routine to "Is This Love" by Bob Marley, in which they performed a hip-hop routine as an elderly couple in love.

They then went on to choreograph for the reality television competition series So You Think You Can Dance and were participants on the reality competition series World of Dance. Most recently, Keone and Mari cocreated, directed, and choreographed their first full length nominated Off-Broadway theater dance show, Beyond Babel which was a New York Times Critic's Pick and nominated for two Drama Desk Awards. They have also choreographed music videos and stage shows for many of today's top music artists including BTS, Justin Bieber, Billie Eilish, Ed Sheeran, Flying Lotus, and Kendrick Lamar. They show no signs of slowing down, having recently been named the choreographers for the pre-Broadway run of *The Karate Kid-The* Musical, premiering in St. Louis in spring of 2022.

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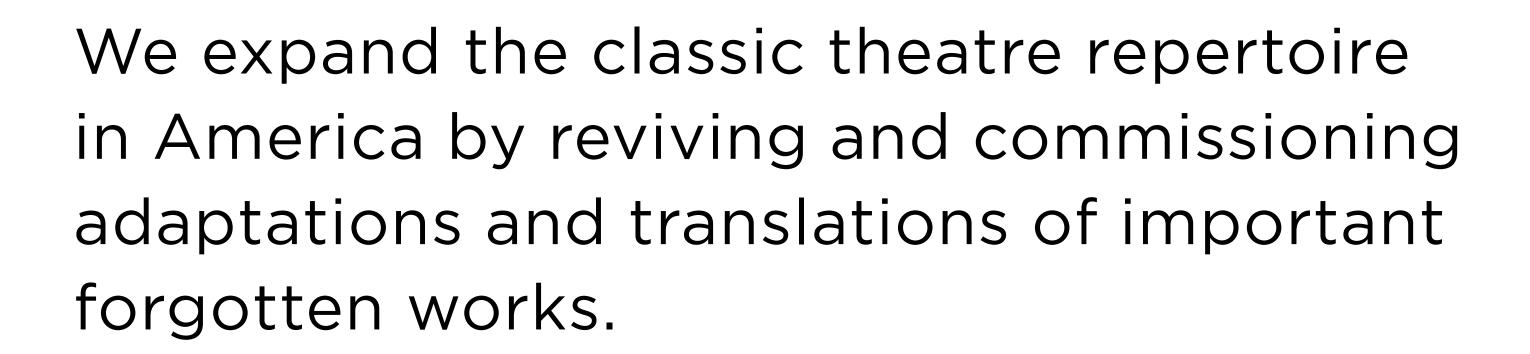
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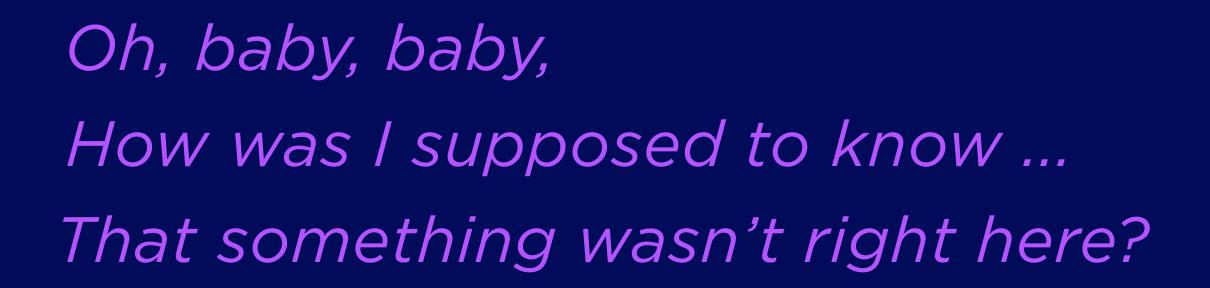
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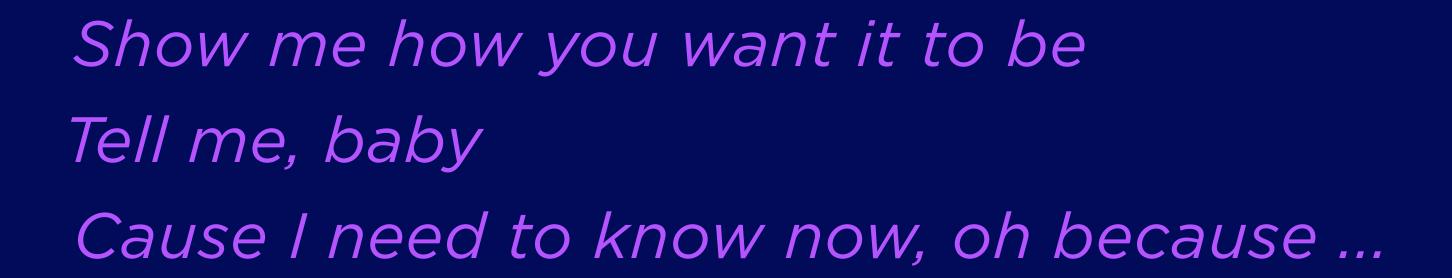




ome works of art—song lyrics, perhaps, or stories—are so instantly recognizable, it seems they have always existed. Did someone actually compose them, one might ask, or have they always existed, waiting to be written down?

Oh, baby, baby I shouldn't have let you go ... And now you're out of sight, yeah.

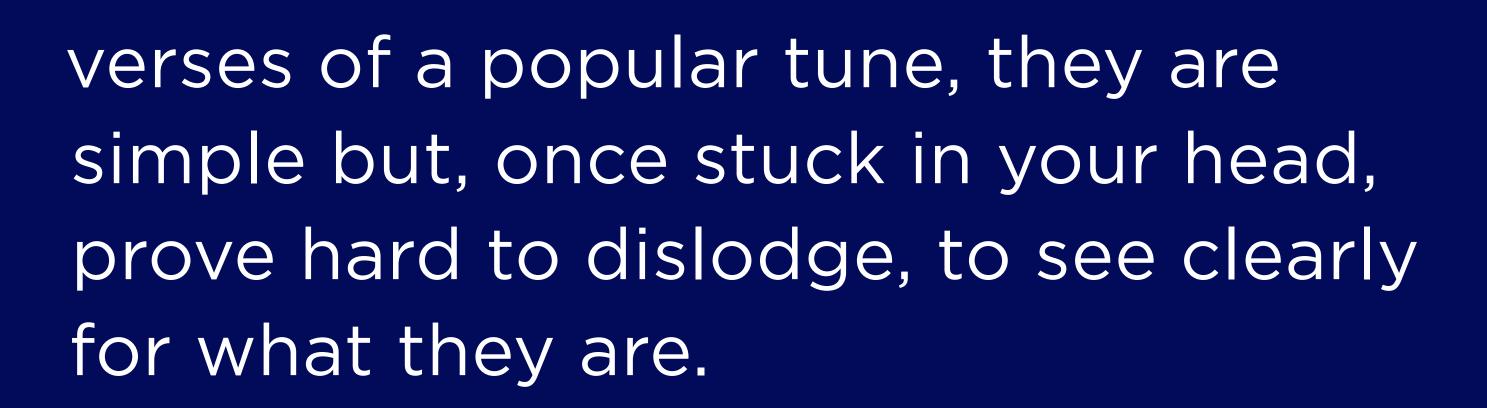
This is arguably the case with the songs of Britney Spears. So, too, with the group of stories, called many things over hundreds of years, that we know now as fairy tales. Both may seem like they have always been there, waiting to be discovered. But, to paraphrase one of Britney's hits, they're not that innocent.



Shakespeare, no stranger to fairies, called them other things. Lady Macbeth, upbraiding her husband, speaks of "A woman's story at a winter's fire, authorized by her grandam."

And in another play, "A sad tale's best for winter," says Prince Mamillius to his mother, Hermione, "one of sprites and goblins." The title of that play? The Winter's Tale.

If we believe Shakespeare, then, these tales originated around a winter's fire. These stories keep us warm, but they also have the power to leave lasting impressions. They are stories of love and loss, need and desire, handed down from one generation to the next. The details change; the essentials remain the same. Like



My loneliness
Is killing me
And I
I must confess
I still believe, still believe ...

And they are women's stories—as Lady Macbeth says, "authorized" or authored by one's "grandam" or grandmother. In the four centuries since Shakespeare, however, these stories have been told predominantly by men. Not coincidentally, these stories contain gender stereotypes that remain with us, either to be accepted or challenged.

When I'm not with you I lose my mind Give me a sign ...

Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, and Little Red Riding Hood were first set down in Charles Perrault's Histoires ou contes du temps passé (1697), translated into English in 1729 as Tales of Mother Goose. Elected to the Académie Française by Louis XIV, the aristocratic Perrault could not be further from Shakespeare's garrulous grandam. He capitalized on a French vogue for fairy tales (contes de fees) popularized by one Madame d'Aulnoy, his contemporary and a far more popular writer at the time. Perrault's are the stories remembered most widely today.

Oh, baby, baby, The reason I breathe is you Boy you got me blinded ...

More familiar to today's audiences are the Brothers Grimm, whose two-volume *Kinder-und Hausmärchen* (children's and household tales) were first published in 1812 and 1815. Highly educated, like Perrault, the

Grimms' role was primarily editorial. Scholar Jack Zipes estimates that over 100 of their stories derived from conversations with women. Dorothea Viehmann, a tailor's wife and mother of six, visited the Grimms' house after selling vegetables in the town market, regaling them with dozens. Was she the true "authorizer" of stories such as Snow White, Rapunzel, and Hansel and Gretel? We may never know.

# Hit me baby one more time!

This legacy of telling and retelling forms the plot and overarching theme of the new musical, *Once Upon a One More Time*. When approached about the possibility of developing a work out of the music that made her famous, Britney Spears herself suggested the outlines of the project, a re-telling of the stories popularized by Perrault, the Grimms, and others (looking at you, Hans Christian Andersen).

As conceived and choreographed by husband-and-wife team Keone and Mari Madrid, from a script by Jon Hartmere, the stage in Once Upon a One More Time is a landscape of dreams, a place where a Godmother tells stories to a sleepy Child, and where we see them acted out for our amusement. But those iconic female characters are also an extorted labor force, paid less than their male counterparts. The "Narrator," who runs them on a demanding schedule, bears more than a slight resemblance to a highly-strung, supercilious Stage Manager or Director. We are in a backstage meta-musical, Noises Off by way of Mamma Mia!.

It's also a world badly in need of women's liberation, which begins to arrive by way of other, 20<sup>th</sup>-century women's stories, namely those of Betty Friedan and Simone de Beauvoir.

Yoking together these worlds, feminist and fairytale, are those songs, still possessing their ambiguously emancipatory power. Deriving from the musical canon of a modern-day pop music princess, Britney Spears, they reappear in this context as something rich and strange, often boasting reworked lyrics.

Shakespeare pulled the same trick, inserting popular airs into *Much Ado About Nothing* and other plays. John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera*, the first "ballad opera" in 1726, was also one of the first jukebox musicals, replacing the lyrics to "Greensleeves" and folk tunes with thinly veiled political satire. Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill rode this formula (and much of the plot) all the way to the bank in 1928 with their *The Threepenny Opera*. "Die Morität von Mackie Messer," with its poisonpill lyrics about the ills of modern society, was the definitive pop song

of the Weimar Republic, an inspiration to Bobby Darin and, more indirectly, Bob Dylan. In *Once Upon a One More* Time, "Toxic" or "Piece of Me" play the role of similarly acid-spiked cocktails. As you watch Cinderella dealing with an oblivious Prince Charming, the false allyship of her Stepmother, and a panopticon where she is under constant surveillance, it's worth asking: how can we win our freedoms from our own oppressive dreamworlds? What does it mean to be Cinderella in a world where one's desires and actions are out of one's control?

The answer may surprise you.

# CAST BIOGRAPHIES



MATT ALLEN\*
Swing

NEW YORK: Broadway: *Escape* to Margaritaville, Something Rotten!, Honeymoon in Vegas, The Wedding Singer, Oklahoma!,

Annie Get Your Gun. Off-Broadway: Newsical.

NATIONAL TOURS: Billy Elliot, Spamalot, The

Producers, Annie Get Your Gun, Jolson: The Musical.

REGIONAL: Arkansas Rep: Chicago (Amos Hart)

| Casa Mañana/NCT/Ogunquit Playhouse: Buddy

Holly (Hipockets Duncan) | Paper Mill Playhouse:

Honeymoon in Vegas, The Little Mermaid (Scuttle),

Pippin | North Shore Music Theatre: A Christmas

Carol (Jacob Marley, IRNE Award nomination),

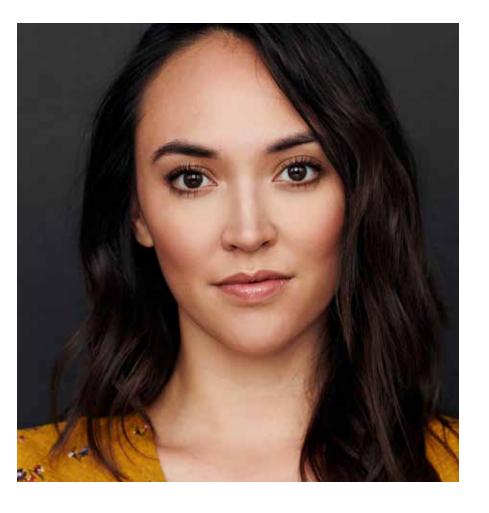
All Shook Up. FILM: The Producers. TV: Gotham

(Arkham Guard), Law & Order: Organized Crime

(M.E. Charles Gray). PERSONAL: he/him/his |

Training: Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville:

BA in Jazz Performance Trumpet | MattAllen.xyz



BELINDA ALLYN\*

Belle

NEW YORK: Broadway:

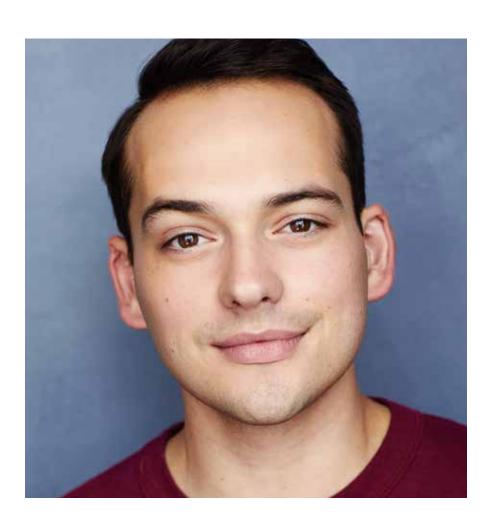
Allegiance | Radio City Music

Hall: The Christmas Spectacular

Starring the Radio City Rockettes

(Mrs. Claus, singer). REGIONAL: Paper Mill

Playhouse: Beauty and the Beast (Belle), West Side Story (Maria) | Seattle Repertory Theatre: Here Lies Love (Imelda u/s). PERSONAL: she/her/hers. Proud FilAm! Belinda recently debuted her solo show at Forestburgh Playhouse's first ever In the Works in the Woods festival. She will be performing the show at Green Room 42 in NYC February 2022. Follow her on social media for updates! | Teaching: Hello Broadway with The Broadway Collective. | Training: Oklahoma City University: Bachelor of Music in Music Theatre. For Mr. Patrick. | Instagram: @belinda\_allyn | TikTok: @belinda\_allyn | BelindaAllyn.com.



# **STEPHEN BROWER\***

Prince Suave

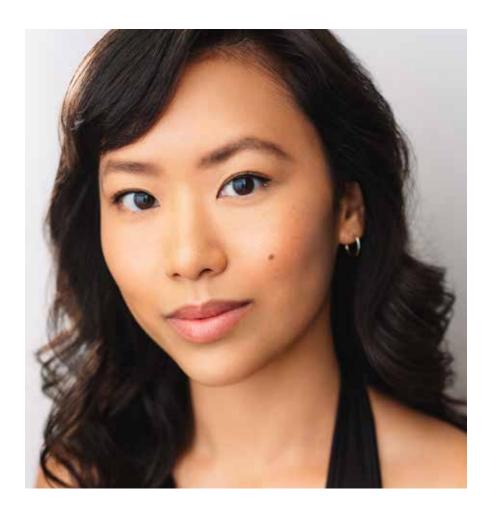
NEW YORK: Broadway: Anastasia.

TOURS: Anastasia (Dmitry),

An American in Paris (Adam),

Pippin. REGIONAL: Ogunquit

Playhouse, Connecticut Repertory Theatre, Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma, The Muny. PERSONAL: he/him/his. Stephen is an actor and writer, who is occasionally funny. | Training: Texas State University: BFA in Musical Theatre | Instagram: @stephenbrower | TikTok: @stephen\_brower.



**ASHLEY CHIU\*** 

Sleeping Beauty

NEW YORK: Off-Broadway:

KPOP. TOURS: A Chorus Line.

**REGIONAL: North Carolina** 

Theatre: *Annie* | Proctors Theatre:

Kris Kringle. TELEVISION: FBI: Most Wanted (CBS), Madam Secretary (CBS), Jimmy Kimmel Live! (ABC). Feature film debut coming Fall 2022! PERSONAL: she/her/hers. For all the kids who didn't see themselves in fairy tales. Endless love to my family. | Training: New York University's Tisch School of the Arts: BFA Drama and Minor in Law and Society | Social Media: @ashleychiuchiu | AshleyChiu.com.



### **BROOKE DILLMAN\***

The Original Fairy Godmother

FILM: Superbad, 4<sup>th</sup> Man Out,
Dismissed. TELEVISION: Bob's
Burgers, The Great North,
Central Park, Wrecked,

Chad, Marvel's MODOK, Superstore, Kickin'
It, The Big Bang Theory, The Middle, Good
Luck Charlie, Con Man, Blue Collar TV, Six Feet
Under. | Instagram: @therealreviewrevue.



## JENNIFER FLORENTINO\*

Little Red Riding Hood

NATIONAL TOUR: On Your

Feet. REGIONAL: Emerson

Colonial Theatre: Moulin

Rouge! The Musical | New York

City Center Encores!: Evita. TELEVISION/FILM:
Steven Spielberg's West Side Story, Starling,
Modern Love, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, Isn't It
Romantic, The Kennedy Center Honors (Gloria
Estefan), SNL. OTHER: Concert Dance: Deeply
Rooted Dance Theater, Sonya Tayeh's You'll
Still Call Me By Name. Jennifer feels delighted
to rejoin the cast of Once Upon a One More
Time. TRAINING: Point Park University: BFA in
Dance | Social Media: @jenniferflorentino.

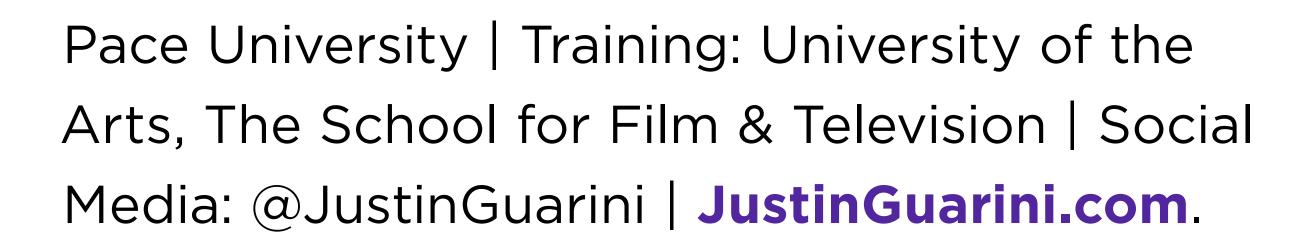


**JUSTIN GUARINI\*** 

Prince Charming

NEW YORK: Broadway: *In Transit* (dir. Kathleen Marshall), *Wicked* (dir. Joe Mantello), *Paint Your Wagon* (dir. Marc Bruni), *Romeo* 

& Juliet (dir. David Leveaux), American Idiot (dir. Michael Mayer), Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown (dir. Bartlett Sher). PERSONAL: he/him/his. Justin Guarini is a sought-after performer, coach, author, and speaker. Author of Audition Secrets Vol. 1 (available on Amazon) | Teaching:





**SELENE HARO\*** *Gretel* 

NEW YORK: Off-Broadway: Beyond Babel (2x Drama Desk Award nomination). TOURS: Billie Eilish: When We All Fall Asleep

Tour, Paula Abdul: Total Package Tour. TELEVISION: Cirque Du Soleil: One Night for One Drop, Beats by Dre: Serena Williams Queen of Queens. PERSONAL: she/her/hers. Selene is an artist motivated to uplift and guide people's introspections towards a direction that's self-healing, progressive, and empowering to take on the life they choose to create. She is dedicated to being this spark within people through her intentional performances, profound mentorship, and applicable education on what bringing synergy into all compartments in our lives can do. | Teaching: Taught at dance camps in countries around the world including Indonesia, Switzerland, Canada, New Zealand, Russia, China, and Spain. | Training: Choreo Cookies Dance Team, Keone & Mari Madrid, Motus The Company | Instagram: @SeleneHaro | Selidro.com.

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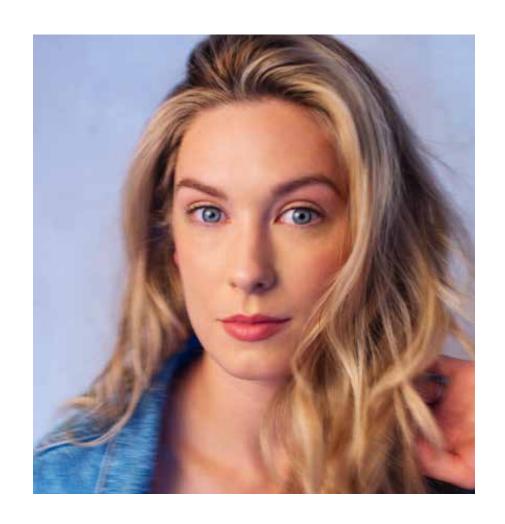
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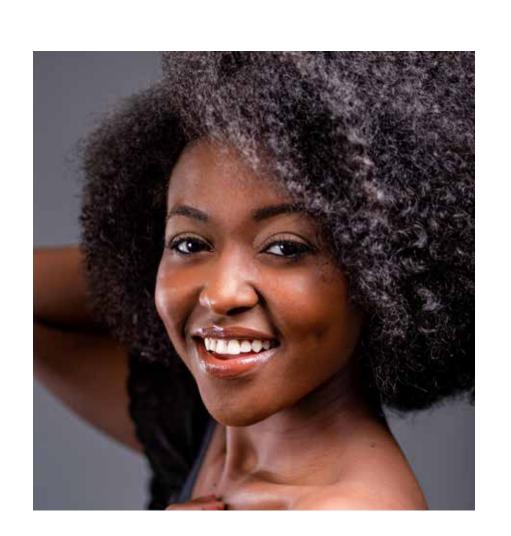


BRIGA HEELAN\*

Cinderella

FILM: *Dean* (Tribeca Film Festival Winner). TELEVISION: *Great News* (prod. Tina Fey), *Love* (prod. Judd Apatow), *Ground Floor* 

(prod. Bill Lawrence), Cougar Town, Undateable, B Positive, Jane by Design, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend, Happy Endings, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Modern Family, Brooklyn Nine-Nine, Truth Be Told, and lots of pilots in TV heaven. PERSONAL: she/her/hers | Training: Walnut Hill School of the Arts, University of Southern California: BA in Theater | Dedicating this one to my Grandmothers, Anne and Judy.

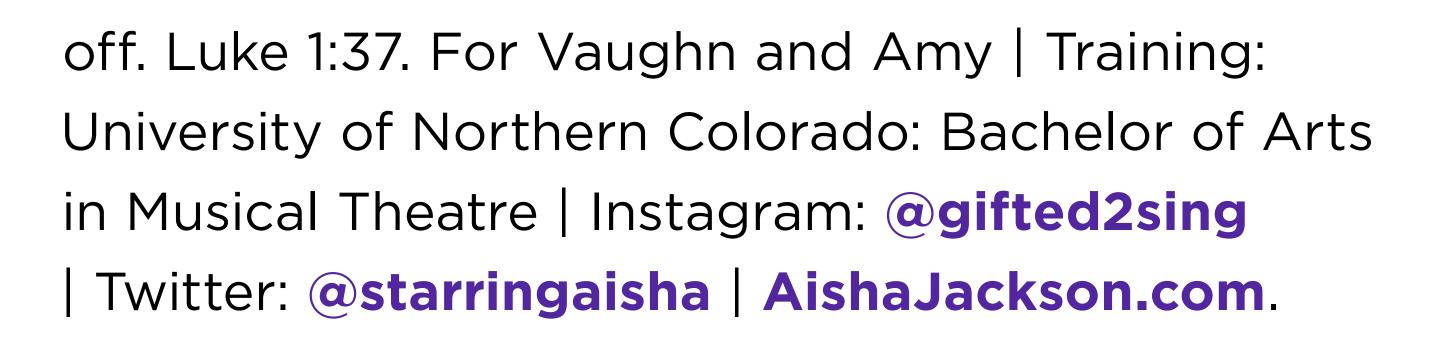


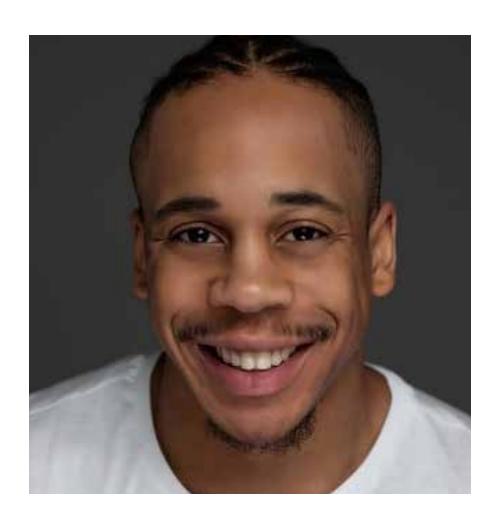
**AISHA JACKSON\*** 

Snow White

NEW YORK: Broadway: *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Waitress*(OBC), *Frozen* (OBC). OffBroadway: *Invisible Thread*.

REGIONAL: American Repertory Theater: Witness Uganda | Arvada Center: Memphis. TELEVISION: Central Park (animated series). PERSONAL: she/her/hers. Aisha is a Georgia native committed to being the change she wishes to see. She was the first Black woman to portray Anna in Frozen on Broadway, and she desires to continue making space for other performers and creatives of color to be represented equally, on stage and



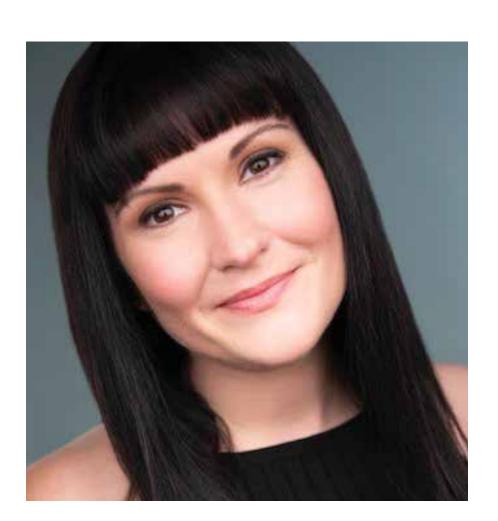


JOSHUA JOHNSON\*

Prince Brawny

FILM: In the Heights. TELEVISION: Saturday Night Live, The Get Down (Netflix), Vinyl (HBO), Helpsters (Apple TV), and others.

OTHER: Joshua is an accomplished professional dancer from NYC and has worked with artists such as Beyoncé, Jennifer Lopez, Ariana Grande, Camilla Cabello, and more. He enjoys training in martial arts such as Muay Thai and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.



AMY HILLNER LARSEN\*

Goldilocks

NEW YORK: Off-Broadway:

The Marvelous Wonderettes,

A Musical About Star Wars,

Newsical. NATIONAL TOURS:

Hairspray; Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. REGIONAL:
Oriental Theatre Chicago: First Wives Club |
Hollywood Bowl: Hairspray | Pittsburgh CLO:
Footloose | Rubicon Theater Company: Fiddler
on the Roof | First Stage Theater: Seussical.
INTERNATIONAL: Tokyo Philharmonic: Disney on

Classic. TELEVISION: 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Tony Awards
(Tracy in RCCL's Hairspray montage), Gigi: Almost
American (season 1 regular, Hulu). PERSONAL: she/
her/hers. Amy is the proud wife of writer/producer
Kevin Larsen and catmom to George. Repped by
Take 3 Talent. | Training: Wagner College: BA in
Theatre Performance | Instagram: @ahillarsen.



RAYMOND J. LEE\*

Clumsy/Prince Ebullient

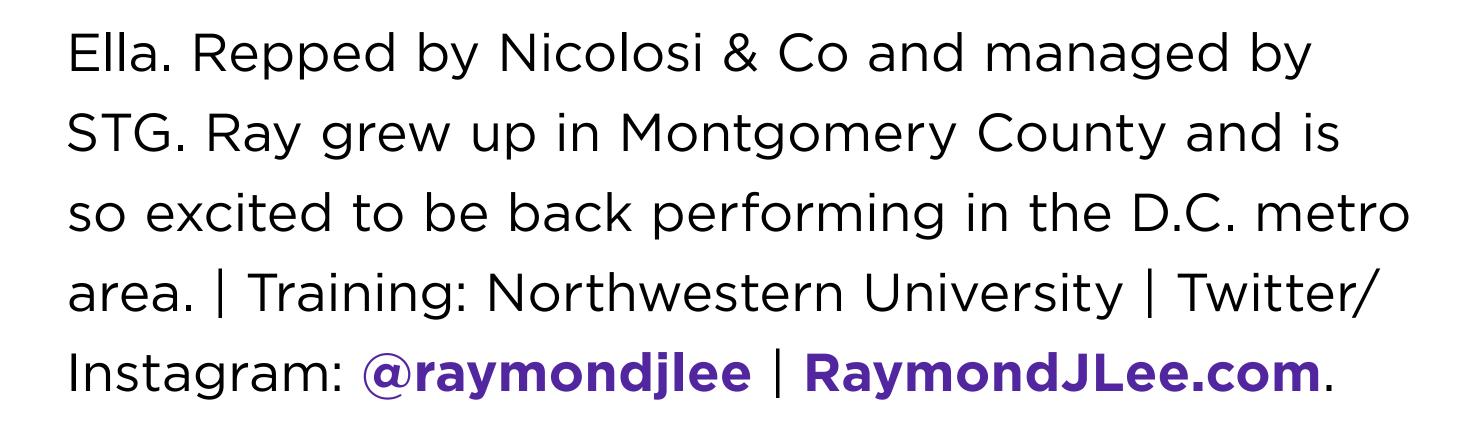
NEW YORK: Broadway: Aladdin,

Anything Goes, Groundhog Day,

Honeymoon in Vegas, Mamma

Mia!. Off-Broadway: The Public

Theater: Soft Power, Two Gentlemen of Verona New York City Center Encores!: Mack & Mabel, The Wild Party. REGIONAL: Center Theater Group: Soft Power | La Jolla Playhouse: Tiger Style! | American Conservatory Theater: Stuck Elevator Portland Center Stage: The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee | The Muny: Paint Your Wagon, Seussical. FILM: Marriage Story, Ghost Town, The Mikado Project. TELEVISION: Billions, Red Oaks, The First Lady, That Damn Michael Che, The Jim Gaffigan Show, Smash, Succession, Fame. VOICEOVER: DreamWorks, Netflix, Nickelodeon, and several audiobooks. PERSONAL: he/him/his. Ray told Britney she's the "Greatest Artist to ever walk the face of this Earth" on MTV on May 14, 2000. Feel free to YouTube it! Proud father to Princess





### **MICHAEL McGRATH\***

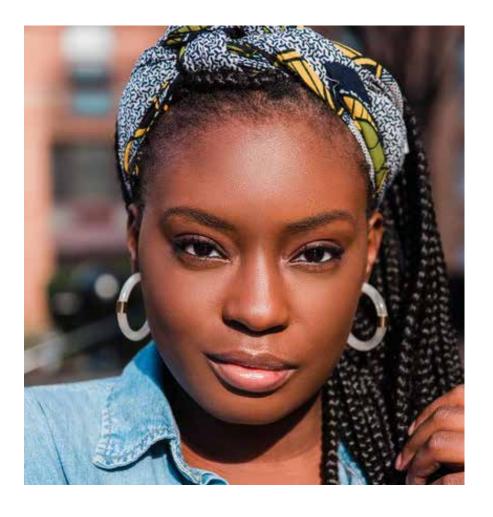
Narrator

NEW YORK: Broadway: *Nice Work If You Can Get It* (Tony,

Drama Desk, and Outer Critics

Circle Awards), *Tootsie*, *The* 

Front Page, On the Twentieth Century, She Loves
Me, Memphis, Is He Dead?, Spamalot (Tony Award
and Drama Desk Award nominations), Wonderful
Town, Little Me!, Swinging on a Star (Theatre World
Award), The Goodbye Girl, My Favorite Year, Plaza
Suite (upcoming). Off-Broadway: New York City
Center Encores!: Du Barry was a Lady, Follies.
OTHER: Off-Broadway, Regional, and Summer Stock
credits galore! Welcome back to the Theatre.



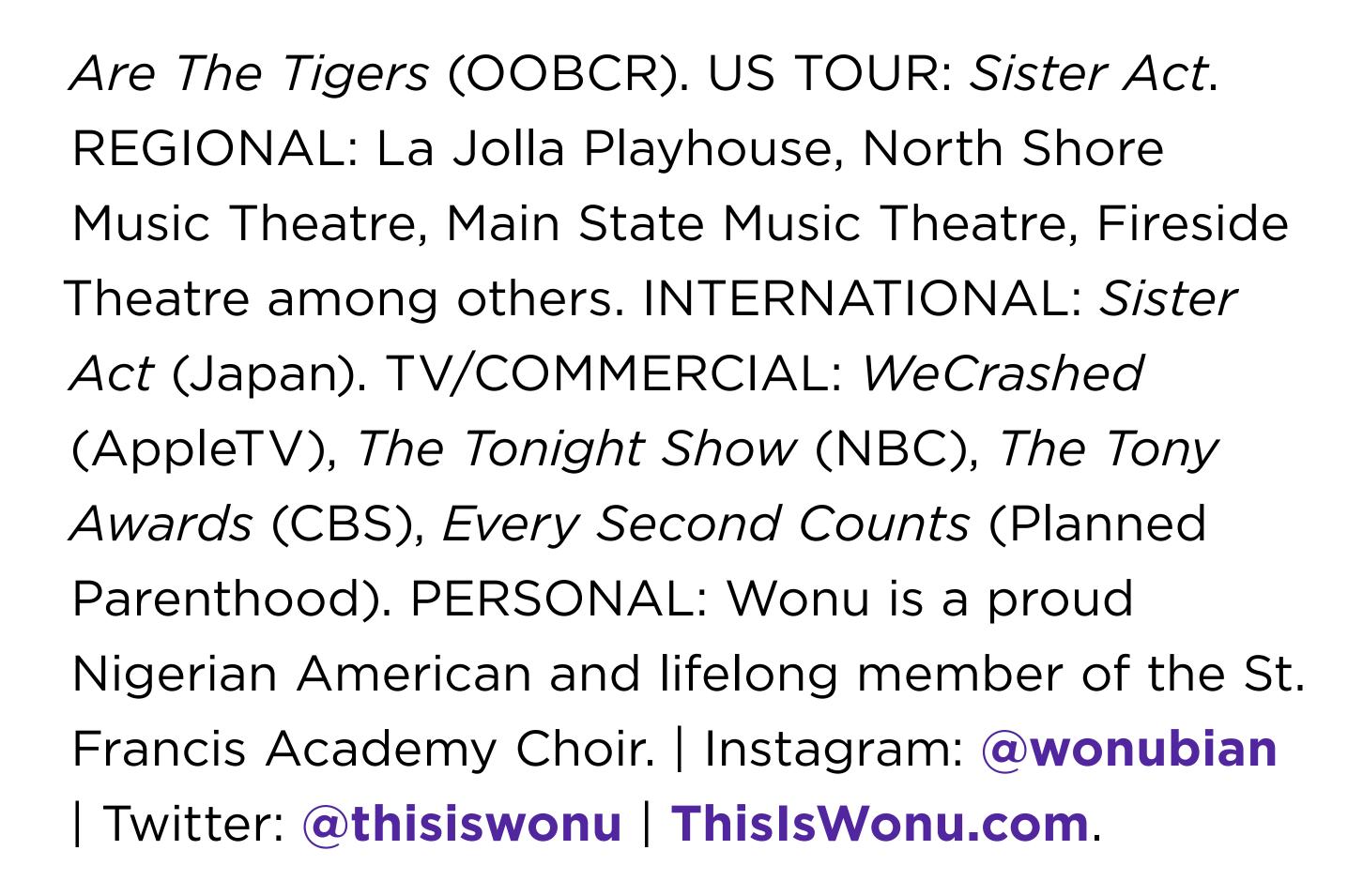
# **WONU OGUNFOWORA\***

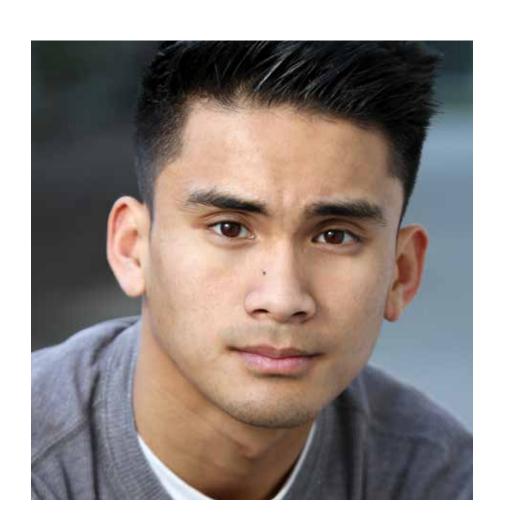
Rapunzel

NEW YORK: Broadway: *A Bronx Tale* (OBC), *Summer: The Donna Summer Musical* (OBC),

Off-Broadway: Roundabout

Theatre Company: Scotland, PA | Theatre 80: We





# **KEVIN TRINIO PERDIDO\***

Prince Mischievous

REGIONAL: East West Players:

Mamma Mia! | Main Street Theatre

Company: Frederick. AWARDS:

2003 San Fernando Valley

Academy Elementary Spelling Bee Champion.
OTHER: Disneyland Resort Dancer and Puppeteer:
Fantasmic!, Pixar Play! Parade, Paint the Night. |
Training: Groundlings: Improv Comedy, Second
City Hollywood: Improv Comedy, Studio 24 Seven:
Scene Study, Killian's Workshop: Commercial
Technique | Instagram: @perderder\_k.



MIMI SCARDULLA\*

Belinda

NEW YORK: Broadway: Kristin Chenoweth's *For the Girls*. Off-Broadway: *We Are The Tigers*, *Gigantic*. REGIONAL: The Old

Globe: Heart of Rock and Roll. PERSONAL: she/her/hers. MiMi is an Actor, Director, and Choreographer, the Associate Choreographer for Kristin Chenoweth, and is a fierce advocate for Size Diversity on stage. | Teaching: Broadway Dance Center and Broadway Dreams Foundation | Training: The Boston Conservatory | Social Media: @mimidulla.



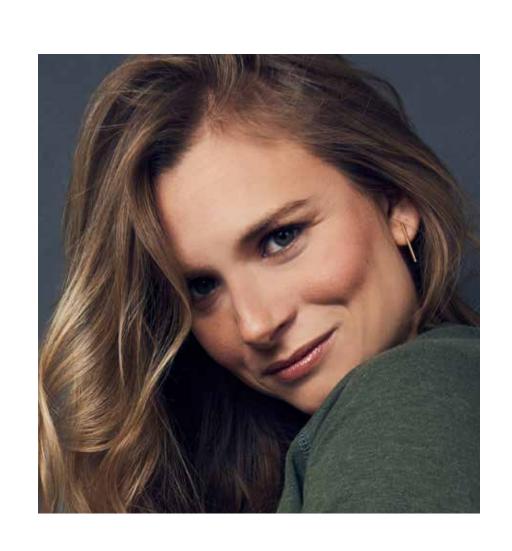
# **EMILY SKINNER\***

Stepmother

NEW YORK: Broadway: *The Cher Show, Prince of Broadway* (Outer Critics Circle Award nomination), *Side Show* (Tony Award

nomination, Drama League Award), Jekyll & Hyde,
The Full Monty, James Joyce's The Dead, Dinner
at Eight (Outer Critics Circle Award nomination),
Billy Elliot (BroadwayWorld Award). Off-Broadway:
Transport Group Theatre Company: Picnic (Drama
Desk Award nomination) | Playwrights Horizons: My
Life With Albertine | Carnegie Hall: Jerry Springer:
The Opera | New York City Center Encores!: Fiorello!,
No Strings, Pardon My English, A Tree Grows in
Brooklyn | Originated roles at Roundabout Theatre

Company, York Theatre, WPA Theatre, Paramount Theatre at Madison Square Gardens. NATIONAL TOURS: Ghost Brothers of Darkland County, Billy Elliot, Disney's On the Record. REGIONAL: multiple roles at The Kennedy Center, Signature Theatre, Alliance Theatre, Theatre Under The Stars, Ford's Theatre, Virginia Repertory Theatre, Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma, American Conservatory Theatre, Long Wharf Theatre, The Old Globe, Goodspeed Opera House, Bucks County Playhouse, The Muny, and many others. She has sung with symphonies internationally and her numerous CD recordings may be found at iTunes and Amazon.com | Instagram: @emilysskinner | Emily-Skinner.com.



**TESS SOLTAU\*** 

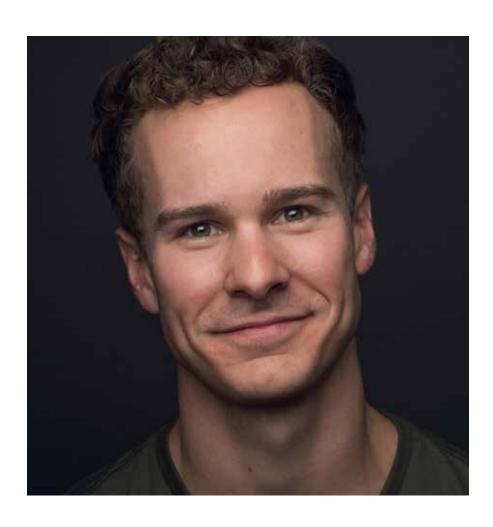
Betany

NEW YORK: Broadway: Wicked, The Addams Family (with Roger Rees and Brooke Shields). Off-Broadway: The Public Theater:

Into the Woods (with Amy Adams and Denis O'Hare) | Playwrights Horizons: Far From Heaven. REGIONAL: Signature Theatre: Diner (world premiere) | 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre: Romy and Michele's High School Reunion (world premiere) | Pittsburgh CLO: Rock of Ages | Paper Mill Playhouse: Grease. TELEVISION: True Detective (HBO), NCIS: New Orleans (CBS), The Good Fight (CBS), White Collar (USA), Law & Order: SVU (NBC). FILM: Paterno



Mellon University | Instagram: @tesssoltau.



RYAN STEELE\*

Prince Erudite

BROADWAY: *Carousel, Newsies* (Astaire Award nomination), *Matilda, West Side Story* (Baby John), *Billy Elliot*. NATIONAL

TOUR: An American in Paris (Jerry Mulligan).
FILM/TELEVISION: I'm Thinking of Ending Things
(Netflix), Better Nate Than Ever (Disney+), Fosse/
Verdon (FX), Girls5Eva, Ted 2, Five Dances, NBC's
Peter Pan Live!, Smash. PERSONAL: he/him/his.



**SALISHA THOMAS\*** 

Swing

NEW YORK: Broadway and 1st National Tour: *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*. REGIONAL: *Trevor the Musical, Dreamgirls*,

Once on This Island, Spring Awakening, Hairspray.

OTHER: Former Miss California, Princess Tiana in Mickey and the Magical Map at Disneyland.

PERSONAL: Salisha is the host of Black Hair in the Big Leagues and The Salisha Show on the Broadway Podcast Network, a blogger, a voiceover artist, and enjoys giving Masterclasses.



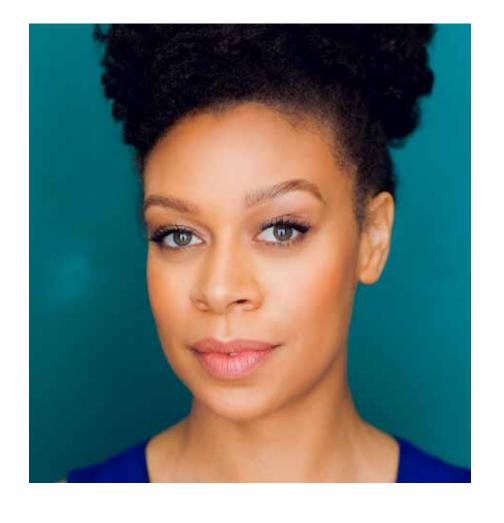


MATTHEW TIBERI\*
Swing

NEW YORK: Broadway: Finding Neverland. TOURS: Joseph...

Dreamcoat (dir./choreo. Andy Blankenbuehler). REGIONAL:

Virginia Stage Company: Matilda (Rudolpho) |
Summer Theatre of New Canaan: Singin' in the
Rain (Don Lockwood) | Fiddlehead Theatre:
Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (Adam/Felicia) | Geva
Theatre, Fireside Dinner Theatre, Merry-Go-Round
Playhouse, White Plains Performing Arts Center.
FILM: Isn't It Romantic. TELEVISION: Modern Love,
The Good Fight. COMMERCIAL: Verizon Wireless
5G. PERSONAL: he/him/his. Matthew spent his
time during the pandemic pursuing his passion
for baking. He also began, and has continued,
studying ASL via the Sign Language Center in NYC.
He is ecstatic to be back in the theatre! | Training:
Hofstra University: BA in Dance | @matthew\_tiberi.



DIANA VADEN\*

Swing

NEW YORK: Broadway: Tootsie

(Tony Award nomination, Best Musical). Off-Broadway: New

York City Center Encores!: Mack & Mabel; Hey, Look Me Over. REGIONAL: Kennedy Center: The Music Man, How to Succeed... | Paper Mill Playhouse: The Sting | Marriott Theatre: Holiday Inn | San Diego Musical Theatre: West Side Story. FILM: Any Body Can Dance 2. TELEVISION: Sinatra 100, The Eric Andre Show. OTHER: Las Vegas: Steve Wynn's Showstoppers | Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines: Chicago, Hairspray. PERSONAL: she/her/hers. Diana is a performer and poet. She is the Co-founder and Executive Creative Director of Radiant.nyc | Training: University of Southern California: BA in Acting, BA in Creative Writing | Instagram: @dianavaden | DianaVaden.com.



# **MORGAN WEED\***

Princess and the Pea

NEW YORK: Broadway: *American Psycho*. Off-Broadway: *Next to Normal, Rent, The Last Five Years, SAVED!*, *Neurosis*. REGIONAL:

FLY, First Wives Club, Dangerous Beauty. FILM:
The Greatest Showman, Becks, No One Called
Ahead. TELEVISION: The Good Fight, Chicago Med,
Fosse/Verdon, Thanksgiving, Elementary, Person
of Interest. PERSONAL: she/her/hers | Teaching: A
Class Act NY | Training: Northwestern University:
BS in English Literature, BS in Communications,
Certificate in Music | MorganWeed.com.



**ADRIANNA WEIR** 

Little Girl

REGIONAL: Prince William

Little Theater: *Annie* | Calvary

Theater Arts: The Wizard

of Oz. TELEVISION: PBS,

Nickelodeon, CBN. PRINT: Gymboree, Legoland, Busch Gardens, Amtrak, MLB. Nova Star Award; Best Commercial | PERSONAL: An award-winning competitive dancer and model. Protege of Linda Townsend Mgmt. Hugs and love to Mommy & Daddy. | Instagram: @the\_wonder\_weirs.



**MILA WEIR** 

Little Girl

REGIONAL: Prince William

Little Theater: Annie | Calvary

Theater Arts: The Wizard of Oz.

TELEVISION: PBS, Nickelodeon,

NFL, Kohls, BET. PRINT: Gymboree, Legoland, Busch Gardens | PERSONAL: Mila is an award-winning competitive dancer and model. Best friend, big sister Adrianna. Protege of Linda Townsend Mgmt. Special thanks to Mommy & Daddy. | Instagram: @the\_wonder\_weirs.

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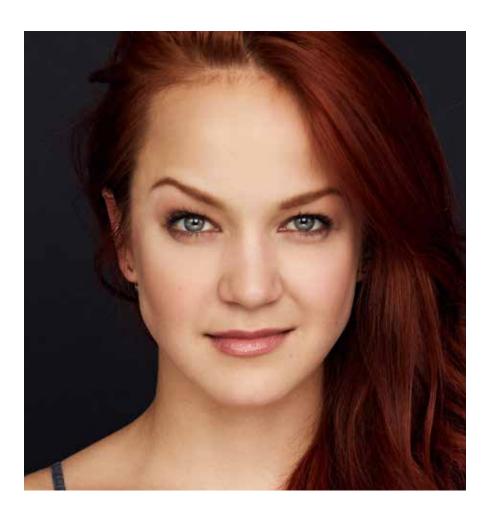


# **STEPHEN SCOTT WORMLEY\***

Prince Affable

NEW YORK: Broadway: *The Lion King* (u/s Simba). Off-Broadway: *Black Nativity Now!*. LIMITED TOUR: *In the Heights* (Benny).

INTERNATIONAL TOUR: Tokyo Philharmonic: Disney on Classic. REGIONAL: Signature Theatre: The Scottsboro Boys (Mr. Bones), Jelly's Last Jam (Melrose) | Barter Theatre: Les Misérables (Marius), A Streetcar Named Desire (Young Collector), Tarzan (Terk) | North Shore Music Theatre: Hairspray (Seaweed) | Syracuse Stage: Aint Misbehavin' (Andre) | Theatre LILA: Big Fish (Will). TELEVSION: The Blacklist, Good Morning America (Simba), The Kennedy Center Honors. AWARDS: Helen Hayes Award. OTHER: Playwrights Horizons: Hart Island (workshop) | Baltimore Symphony Orchestra featuring John Waters: Hairspray (Seaweed). For Gwen Always. | StephenScottWormley.com.



LAUREN ZAKRIN\*

Little Mermaid

NEW YORK: Broadway: *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*(Polly, Delphi/Moaning Myrtle

u/s, San Francisco Company);

Natasha, Pierre, and The Great Comet of 1812 (Natasha/Sonya u/s, Asst. Dance Captain); Rock of Ages (Sherrie). Off-Broadway: We Are The Tigers

(Riley), Cruel Intentions (Kathryn), ... Great Comet (Natasha u/s, Dance Captain). TOURS: Wicked (Glinda u/s), *Grease* (Sandy), *Legally Blonde* (Elle/ Margot u/s). REGIONAL: Cape Playhouse: Little Shop of Horrors (Audrey) | Music Circus: Legally Blonde (Elle) | American Repertory Theater: ... Great Comet (Natasha u/s, Dance Captain) | Planet Hollywood: *Surf: The Musical* (Brooke) | The Muny: Legally Blonde (Elle). TELEVISION: Jesus Christ Superstar LIVE!, Legally Blonde: The Search for the Next Elle Woods, The Tony Awards, Good Morning America, The Today Show. OTHER: NYC Readings: Almost Famous, Once Upon a One More Time, Flashdance, Catch Me If You Can. PERSONAL: she/ her/hers. Lauren is also a Certified Personal Trainer, Yoga Teacher, and Nutrition Coach. | Instagram: @LaurenZakrin, @LoLoHealthandWellness LaurenAshleyZakrin.com.

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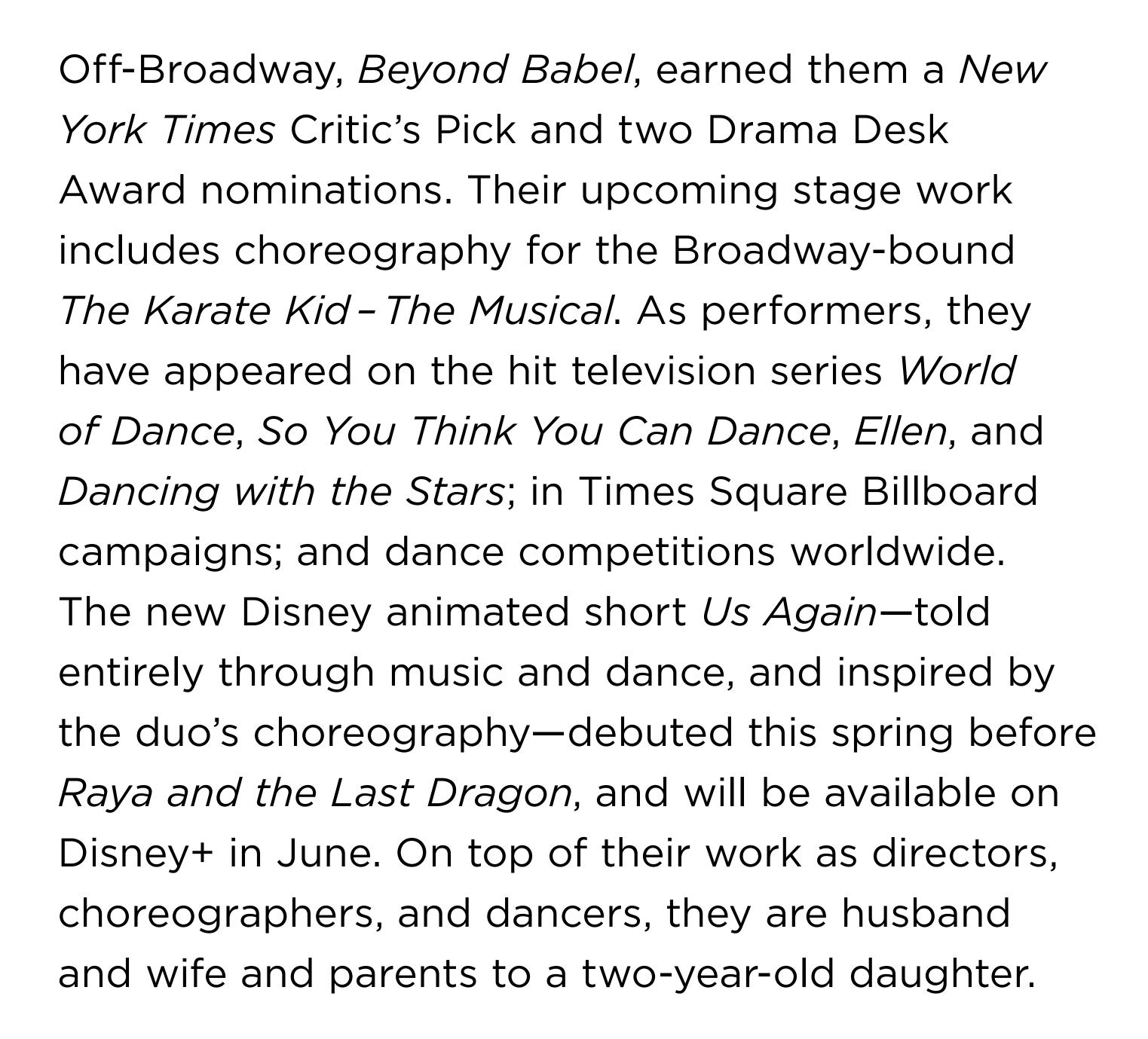
#### JON HARTMERE

Book

Jon Hartmere has written screenplays and teleplays for Fox, Disney, Amazon, Paramount, TWC, Miramax, Nickelodeon, and Sesame Street Productions, including the recent *The Upside*, starring Bryan Cranston, Kevin Hart, and Nicole Kidman. He wrote the lyrics and co-wrote the book of the musical *bare: A Pop Opera*, and was a field agent on season five of MTV's *Punk'd*.

#### **KEONE AND MARI MADRID**

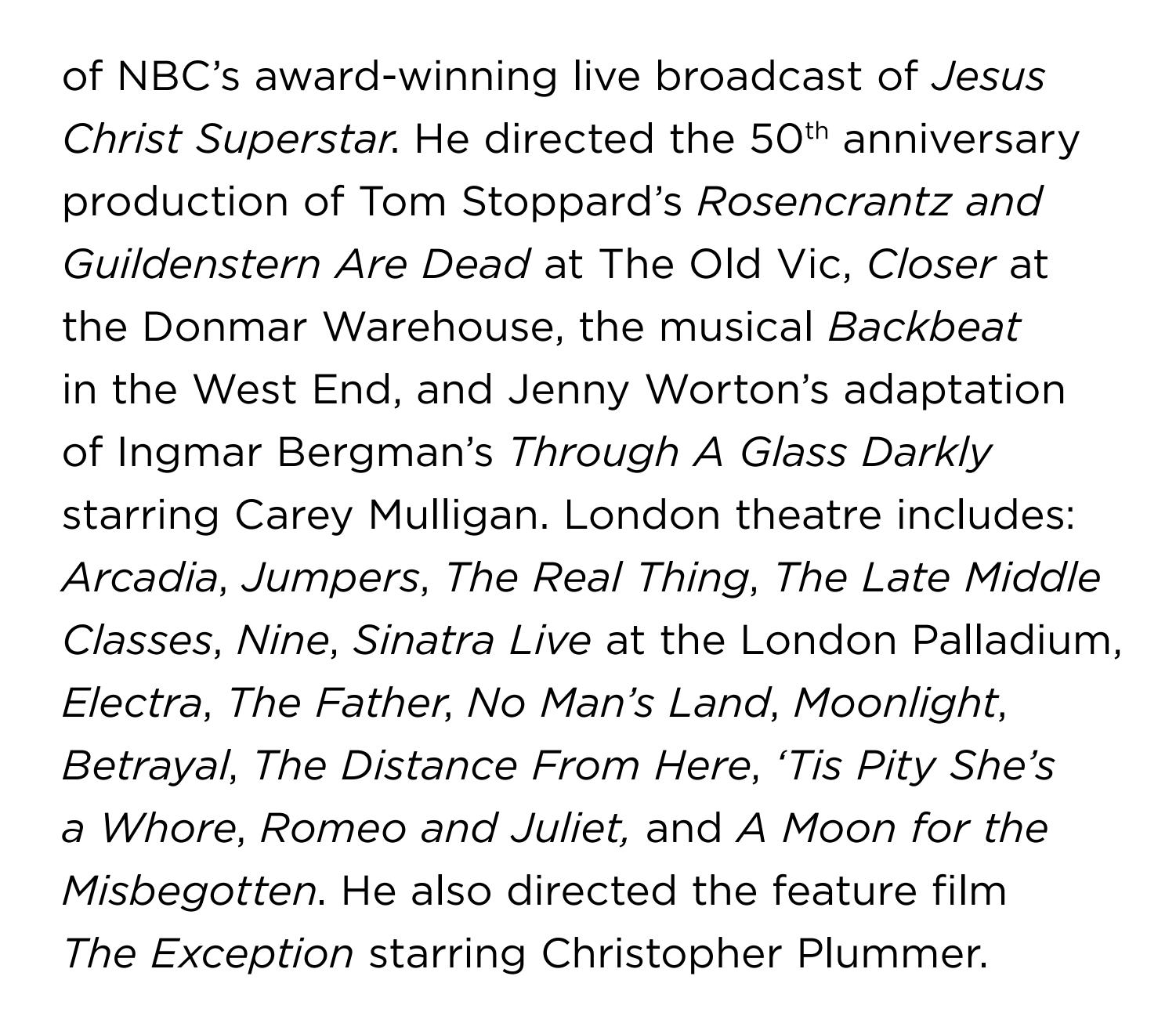
Keone and Mari Madrid, who directed and choreographed Once Upon a One More Time, are globally acclaimed artists known for explosively viral dance videos and collaborations with the world's top musical acts. After choreographing and starring in Justin Bieber's hit music video "Love Yourself," which has been viewed over 1.6 billion times on YouTube alone, they became one the industry's most sought-after dance teams. Their choreography for music videos and historic appearances for the global K-Pop sensation BTS, Billie Eilish, Mark Ronson, Ed Sheeran, Flying Lotus, Kendrick Lamar, and more, has earned nominations for MTV Video Music Awards and UK Video Music Awards. Their recent work creating, directing, co-producing, and starring in their first full-length theatrical



# **DAVID LEVEAUX**

Creative Consultant

David Leveaux is a five-time Tony Awardnominated and Emmy Award-nominated director.
On Broadway, he directed the Tony Award-winning revivals of Nine, The Real Thing, and Anna Christie; as well as acclaimed revivals of Tom Stoppard's Arcadia and Jumpers, Fiddler on the Roof, Betrayal, Electra, A Moon for the Misbegotten, Cyrano de Bergerac, The Glass Menagerie, and the recent production of Romeo & Juliet starring Orlando Bloom and Condola Rashad. David received a 2018 Emmy Award nomination for his direction

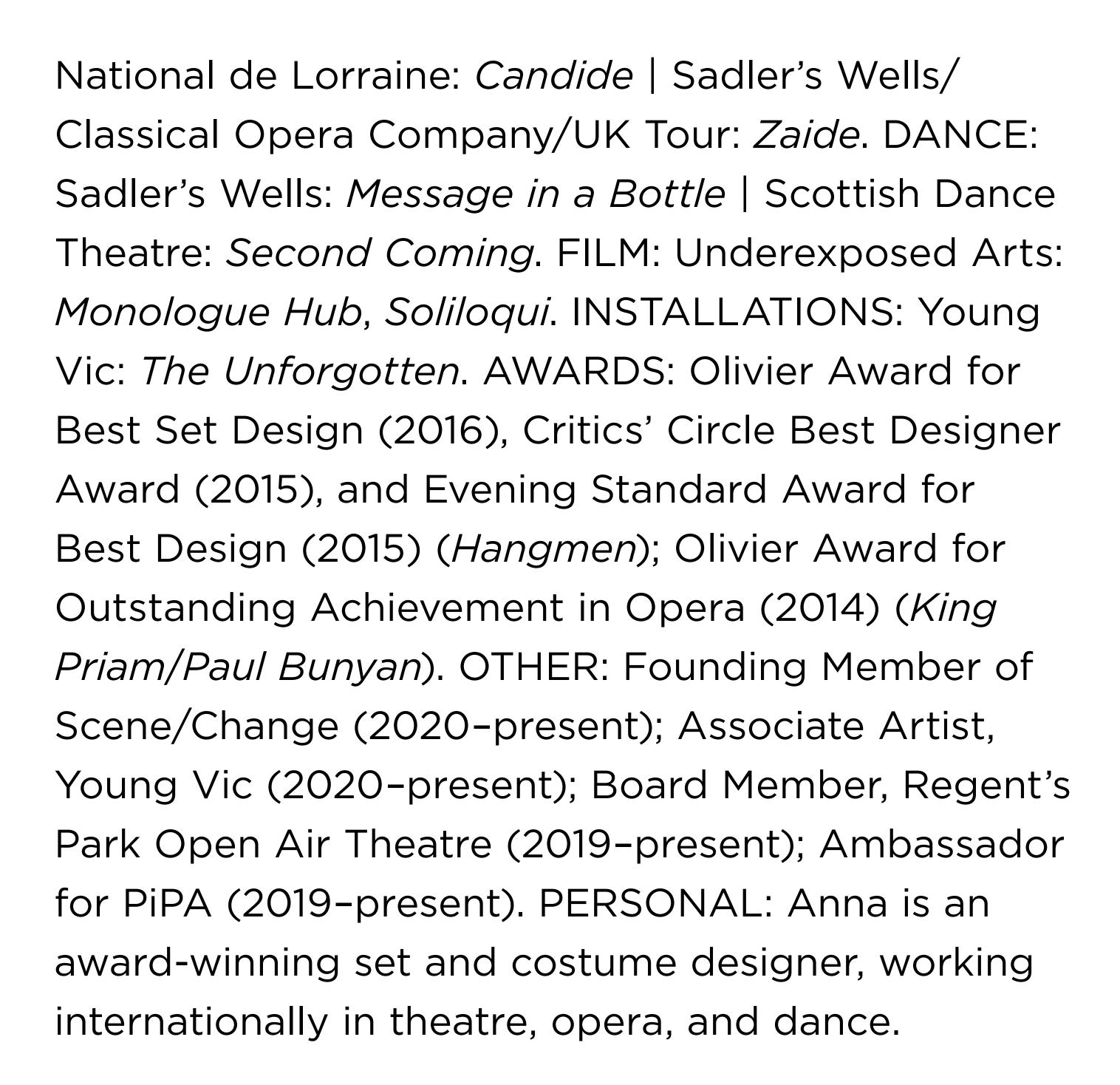


### **ANNA FLEISCHLE**

Scenic Designer

BROADWAY: Hangmen. INTERNATIONAL: West End: Hangmen; The End of Longing; Don Juan in Soho; Death of a Salesman; Home, I'm Darling; Everybody's Talking About Jamie; The Exorcist | Noel Coward Theatre: 2:22 A Ghost Story | Theater in der Josefstadt (Vienna): Geheimnis Einer Unbekannten | Royal Court Theatre: Hangmen, A Kind of People, Liberian Girl | Royal Court Theatre/ Complicité Theatre Company: The Kid Stays in the Picture | Theatr Clwyd/National Theatre: Home, I'm Darling (2019 Olivier Award nomination, Best Set Design and Best Costume Design) I Crucible

Theatre (Sheffield)/Korea: *Everybody's Talking* About Jamie | Complicité Theatre Company/ Schaubühne (Berlin): *Beware of Pity* | St. James Theatre/Theatr Clwyd: *RENT: 20th Anniversary* Production | Birmingham Repertory Theatre: The Exorcist | Young Vic: Death of a Salesman, Hamlet | Bridge Theatre: *Two Ladies*, *A German Life*, *A* Very Very Very Dark Matter | Royal Shakespeare Company: The Two Noble Kinsmen, Cymbeline, Love's Sacrifice | Regent's Park Open Air Theatre: Henry V | National Theatre Wales: Before I Leave National Theatre: Love the Sinner | Almeida Theatre: The Writer, Before the Party | Shakespeare's Globe: Much Ado About Nothing, Troilus and Cressida The Old Vic: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead | Donmar Warehouse: The Way of the World | National Theatre/DV8 Physical Theatre: John | Royal Exchange Theatre (Manchester): West Side Story, Blindsided, Saturday Night and Sunday Morning, Rat's Tales | National Theatre/DV8 Physical Theatre/ Sydney Opera House: Can We Talk About This? Royal Exchange Theatre (Manchester)/Young Vic: You Can See the Hills, Love and Money (2007 Olivier Award nomination, Outstanding Achievement in Affiliate Theatre). TOURS: Everybody's Talking About Jamie, RENT: 20th Anniversary Production, The Exorcist, Can We Talk About This?. OPERA: LA Philharmonic: Weimar Nightfall: Seven Deadly Sins | English Touring Opera: Don Giovanni, Iphigénie en Tauride, Paul Bunyan, King Priam | Opéra



#### LOREN ELSTEIN

Costume Designer

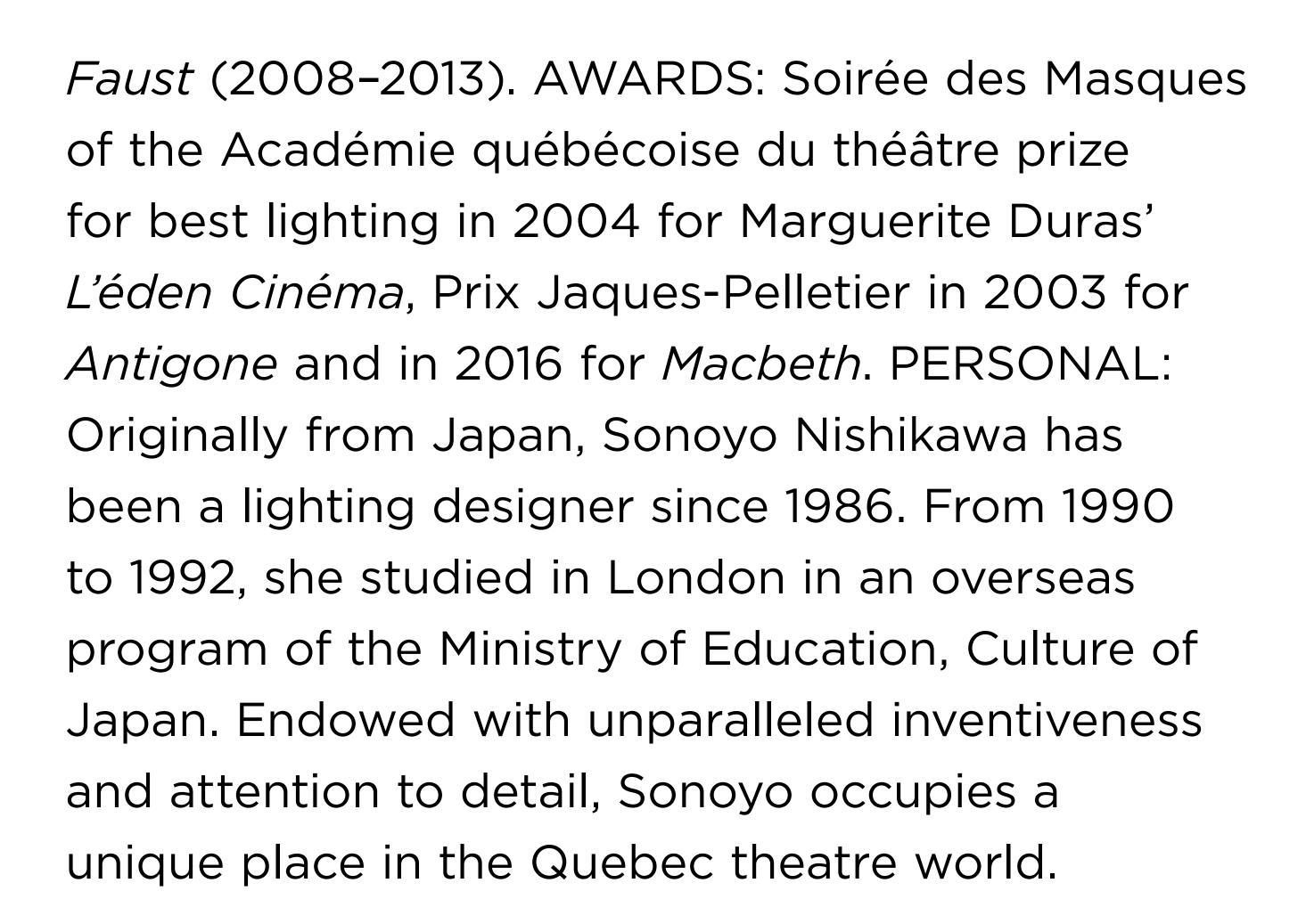
INTERNATIONAL: The Old Vic: Rosencrantz
and Guildenstern Are Dead | Park Theatre:
The Ugly One | Welsh National Opera: Don
Pasquale | Longborough Opera: La Traviata |
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End of Longing. As Associate Designer for Anna
Fleischle: Royal Court Theatre/West End/Atlantic

Theatre Company: Martin McDonagh's Hangmen | West End: Everybody's Talking About Jamie | National Theatre/DV8 Physical Theatre: John. UK TOUR: RENT. OTHER: Loren Elstein has designed costumes, sets, and installations for theatre, film, dance, and opera productions across the world. AWARDS: Best Design Award from the Australian Production Design Guild for Joe Orton's Loot in 2012. PERSONAL: Training: National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) in Sydney, Australia.

### **SONOYO NISHIKAWA**

Lighting Designer

INTERNATIONAL: As a collaborator of Canadian director Robert Lepage: A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Dragon's Trilogy, The Seven Streams of the River Ota (Toronto Dora Mavor Moore Award, Outstanding Lighting Design in 1996) Théâtre ESPACE GO/National Arts Centre's French Theatre: Martin Crimp's The Rest Will be Familiar to You from Cinema (dir. Christian Lapointe) Théâtre ESPACE GO: The Useful Life of Evelyne de la Chenelière (dir. Marie Brassard), *Electra* (dir. Serge Denoncourt) | Theatre du Nouveau Monde: Fluve (dir. Angela Konrad ) | National Theatre (London)/Chekhov Festival (Moscow)/International Tour: The Seven Streams of the River Ota | Nissay Theatre (Tokyo): Yukio Mishima's *Black Lizard* (dir. David Leveaux), *La Strada* (dir. David Leveaux). OPERA: Metropolitan Opera: La damnation de



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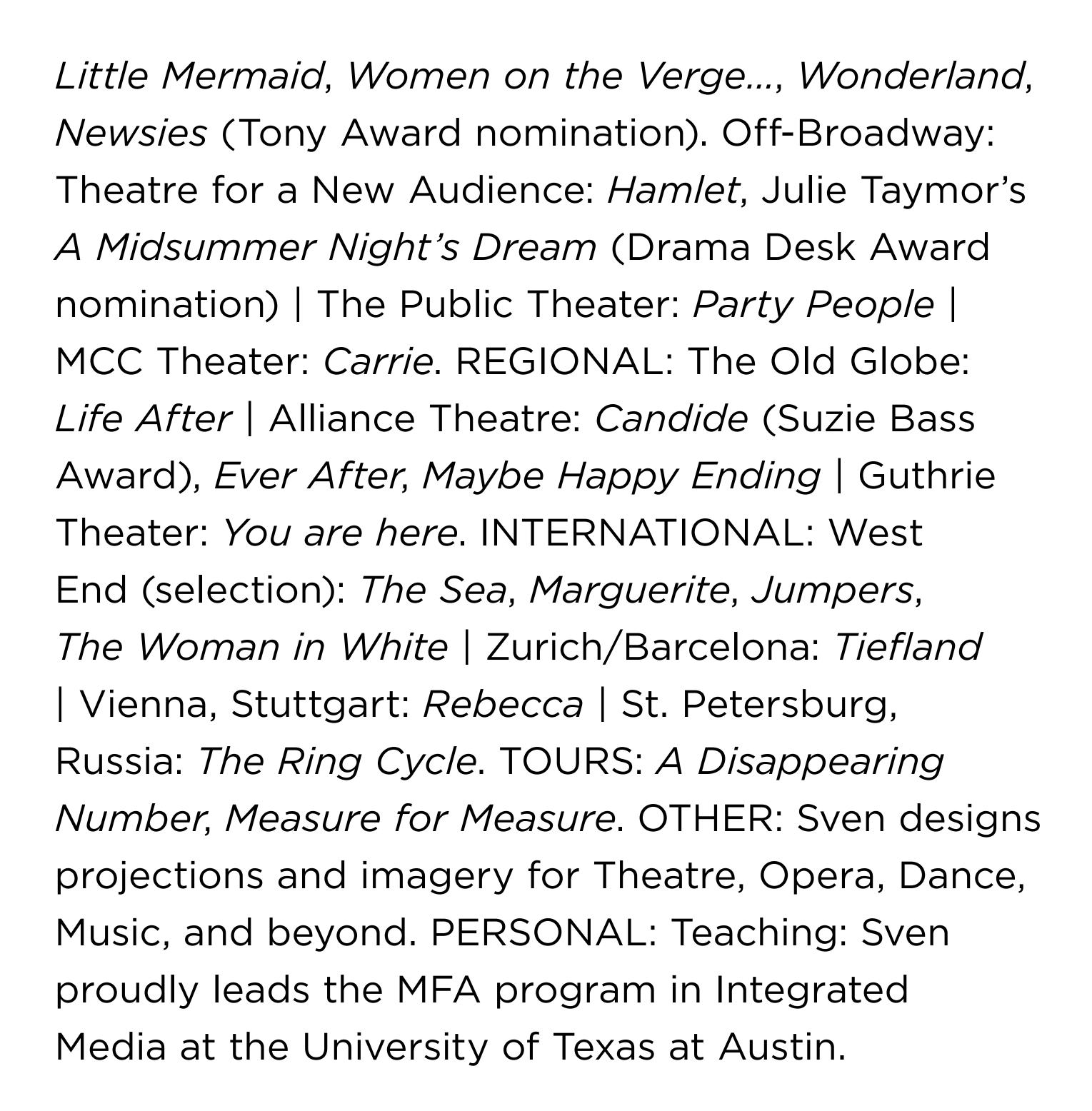
Sound Designer

NEW YORK: Broadway: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Godspell, Company (2006 Revival), Taller Than a Dwarf. As associate designer: Catch Me If You Can, Jersey Boys, Hairspray, Mary Poppins. As a partner in SCK Sound Design: On Your Feet!, Dr. Zhivago, Radio City Christmas Spectacular. REGIONAL: The Public Theater, Atlantic Theatre Company, Stratford Shakespeare Festival, La Jolla Playhouse, Trinity Rep.

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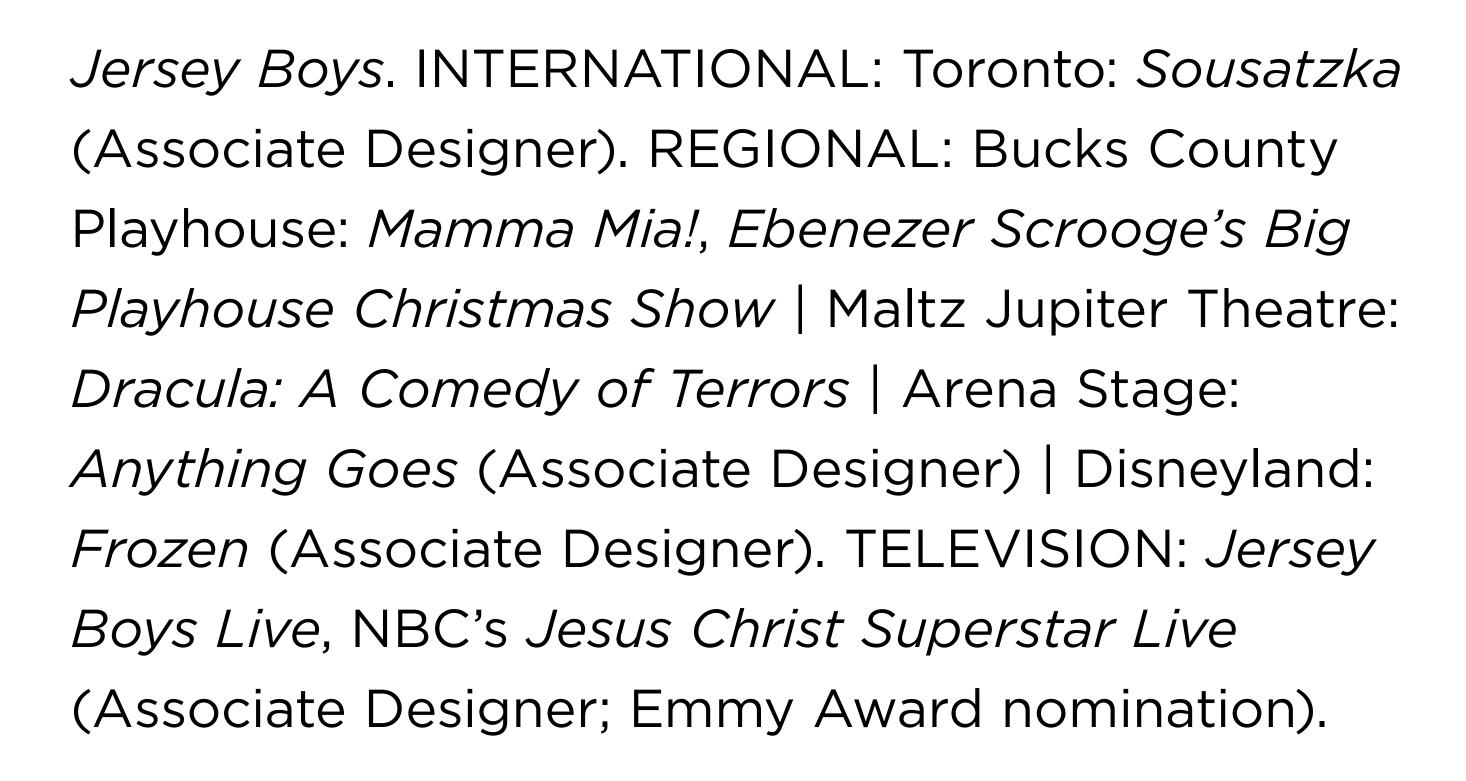
NEW YORK: Broadway (selection): *Thoughts of a Colored Man, Deuce, Faith Healer, Jumpers, The* 



### **ASHLEY RAE CALLAHAN**

Wig Designer

NEW YORK: Broadway: As Associate/Assistant
Designer: Beetlejuice, Ain't Too Proud, Summer:
The Donna Summer Musical, Six Degrees of
Separation, The Color Purple, Holiday Inn,
Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Allegiance. OffBroadway: Jersey Boys | New York City Center:
Evita | Roundabout Theatre Company: Amy and
the Orphans (Associate Designer) | The New
Group: Sweet Charity (Associate Designer). TOURS:



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Hot Feet, On Golden Pond, Legends, Whistle
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The Bodyguard. TOUR: Cats. REGIONAL:
Goodspeed Musicals, Delaware Theatre Company,
Bucks County Playhouse, and others.

# JENNIFER RAE MOORE\*

Production Stage Manager

STC: Cymbeline. NEW YORK: Broadway: The Great Society, My Fair Lady, The King and I, You Can't Take It with You, The Bridges of Madison County, Golden Boy, Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown, The Coast of Utopia. Off-Broadway: various productions at Lincoln Center Theater, The Public Theater, Manhattan Theatre



## **LISA ANN CHERNOFF\***

Stage Manager

NEW YORK: Broadway: The Great Society, My
Fair Lady, Oslo, The King and I, The Bridges of
Madison County, Golden Boy, Catch Me If You
Can, Women on the Verge..., Ragtime, Shrek. OffBroadway: Playwrights Horizons: Unknown Soldier;
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Assistant Stage Manager

NEW YORK: Broadway: Fiddler on the Roof, It Shoulda Been You, Once, High, Looped, Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me. Off-Broadway: Gloria: A Life; Party Face; Love, Loss, and What I Wore. NATIONAL TOURS: Les Misérables, Cabaret, Dora the Explorer, Beauty and the Beast. OTHER: Cirque du Soleil: Zarkana, Radio City Christmas Spectacular, and several Off-Broadway musicals and plays. PERSONAL: she/her/hers | Teaching: Adjunct Instructor at NYU Tisch School of the Arts and Fordham University | Instagram: @ag.wooddesigns.

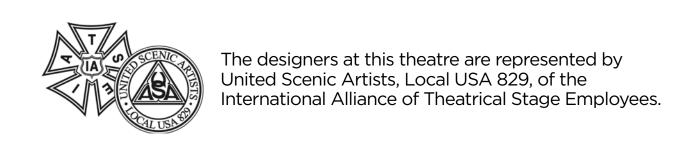
### FRANK J. OLIVA

Associate Scenic Designer

As Associate Designer: STC: Noura. NEW YORK: Broadway: Hangmen (des. Anna Fleischle), West Side Story, Oklahoma!. REGIONAL: LA Philharmonic: Weimar Cabaret (Associate Designer) | Weston Playhouse, Two River Theater, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Cherry Lane Theatre, among others. FILM: Marriage Story (Netflix). OTHER: 2019 Met Museum Costume Exhibition: CAMP (Associate Designer). PERSONAL: Training: New York University | FrankJOliva.com.

<sup>\*</sup>Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers.







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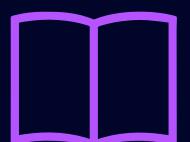


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#### EPILOGUE

Things to read, watch, and listen to next!





- The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan not only inspires our princess heroines, but is also credited with sparking the secondwave feminist movement after being published in 1963. It argued that women should be heard and should have the ability to define their own femininity.
- Zany fanaticism and magic take on a new narrative in The Princess Bride. Prior to its 1987 movie adaptation, it was a novel by William Goldman published in 1973. This comical fairy tale follows a man named Westley as he searches for his childhood love. Princess Buttercup. In a journey of

revenge, six-fingered men, and true love, it is no wonder that this novel has become a favorite in classrooms and beyond.

 The story of Cinderella gets a new perspective in Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella (1998) by Robert D. San Souci. This retelling of the classic fairy tale told from the perspective of the magical fairy godmother is inspired by elements of the Creole story of Cinderella and captures the romance and magic of the classic story.





• In 2001, the computer animated film **Shrek** took audiences by surprise as they laughed their way through childish jokes poking fun at princesses and ogres. Shrek popularized the fairy tale parody genre in the computer animated

world and became such a success that it generated three sequels and a Tony Award-winning Broadway musical starring Sutton Foster and Brian d'Arcy James.

- The 2018 documentary *RBG* follows the life of the late Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, who was popularly dubbed as "The Notorious R.B.G." A trailblazer both ahead of her time and long overdue, Ruth Bader Ginsberg spent her entire career advocating for women's rights and gender equality.
- The Netflix documentary series *This is Pop* (2021) takes an in-depth analytical look at what defines and influences pop music. The episode entitled "Stockholm Syndrome," dives into Swedish influence on pop music and how they created the iconic sounds of ABBA, Ace of Base, and Britney Spears herself.



- Antonín Dvořák's opera *Rusalka* borrows elements from the classic Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale *The Little Mermaid*. In the aria "Měsíčku na nebi hlubokém," or "Song to the Moon," waternymph Rusalka begs the moon to tell a human Prince of her love. Metropolitan Opera singer Kristine Opolais offered a haunting rendition in their 2017 production.
- Britney Spears' 2007 album
   Blackout is consistently considered
   her best work. It inspired a whole
   new generation of pop music and
   was even included in the Rolling
   Stone's 500 Greatest Albums of All
   Time list. Album highlights include
   hits "Gimme More" and "Piece
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Pulitzer Prize-winning *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder takes the stage next year with direction by STC's Associate Artistic Director Alan Paul. In a gripping story about humanity and community, STC brings this American classic to the stage by celebrating the artists who call the DMV-area home. This hauntingly beautiful tale strips the need for exuberant pomp and circumstance and focuses instead on the relationships cultivated by each character on the stage. Narrated by a character known only as "The Stage Manager," it tells the small-town story of the inhabitants of Grover's Corners.

In a time where the world has felt so disconnected, *Our Town* reminds us of how important it is to cultivate relationships with our loved ones and to not take anyone for granted. It reminds us that the world is constantly changing, so the little things in life should be appreciated and celebrated.

## FOR SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY



#### SIMON GODWIN

Artistic Director

Simon Godwin joined Shakespeare Theatre Company as Artistic Director in September 2019. He has served as Associate

Director of the National Theatre of London, the Royal Court Theatre, the Bristol Old Vic, and the Royal and Derngate Theatres (Northampton). While at the Royal Court, Simon directed seven world premieres, including Routes, If You Don't Let Us Dream, We Won't Let You Sleep, NSFW, The Witness, Goodbye to All That, The Acid Test, and Wanderlust. He made his debut at the National Theatre with Strange Interlude followed by Man and Superman, and went on to direct The Beaux' Stratagem, Twelfth Night, a celebrated production of Antony and Cleopatra with Ralph Fiennes and Sophie Okonedo, and the world premiere of Simon Wood's *Hansard*. Most recently, he returned to the National Theatre to direct Romeo & Juliet, an original film for television (Sky Arts in UK/PBS in US) starring Josh O'Connor and Jessie Buckley. Simon has also directed at the Royal Shakespeare Company, including productions of *Timon of Athens* with Kathryn Hunter in the titular role, which was reimagined in early 2020 for Theatre for a New

Audience in New York City and Shakespeare Theatre Company, an acclaimed *Hamlet*, which toured to the Kennedy Center, and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*. In 2019, Simon made his Tokyo debut, directing a Japanese cast in *Hamlet* for Theatre Cocoon. Other productions include *The Little Mermaid*, *Krapp's Last Tape/A Kind of Alaska*, *Faith Healer*, *Far Away*, *Everyman*, *Habeas Corpus*, and *Relatively Speaking*. In 2012 Simon was awarded the inaugural Evening Standard/Burberry Award for an Emerging Director.

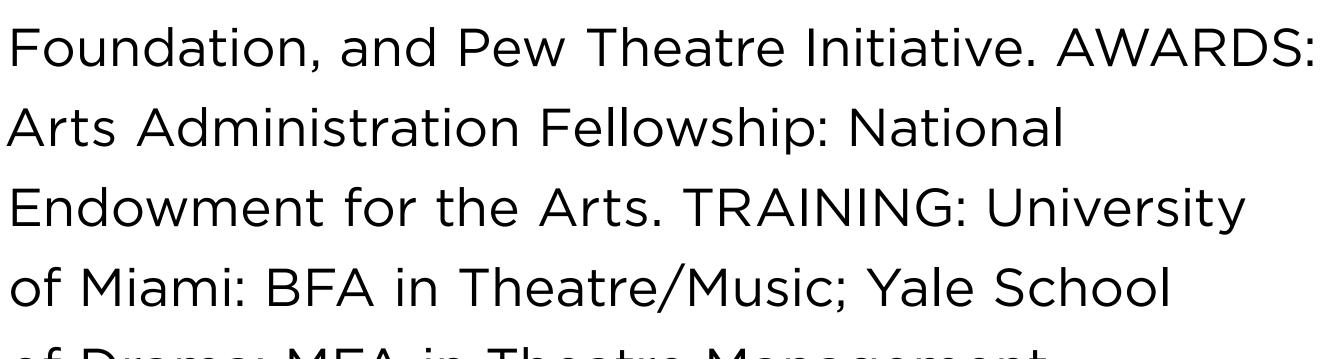


#### **CHRIS JENNINGS**

Executive Director

STC: Joined the Company in 2004. ADMINISTRATION: General Manager: Trinity Repertory Company (1999–

2004), Theatre for a New Audience (1997–1999);
Associate Managing Director: Yale Repertory
Theatre; Assistant to the Executive Producer:
Manhattan Theater Club; Founder/Producing
Director: Texas Young Playwrights Festival;
Manager: Dougherty Arts Center. MEMBERSHIPS:
Currently serves on the Board of the DowntownDC
BID, THE ARC, the Penn Quarter Neighborhood
Association, theatreWashington, and is a member of the League of Resident Theatres (served on AEA and SSDC Negotiating Committees); has served as a panelist for the NEA, D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Mid Atlantic Arts



of Drama: MFA in Theatre Management.

#### **ALAN PAUL**

Associate Artistic Director

STC: All the Devils Are Here; Peter Pan and Wendy; The Comedy of Errors (Helen Hayes Award nomination, Best Director); Camelot; Romeo and Juliet; Kiss Me, Kate; Man of La Mancha (Helen Hayes Award nomination, Best Director); A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (Helen Hayes Award, Best Director); The Boys From Syracuse; The Winter's Tale; Twelfth Night. Recent highlights include Cabaret at Olney Theatre Center (Helen Hayes Award nomination, Best Director); Spring Awakening at Round House Theatre; The Pajama Game at Arena Stage; Kiss Me, Kate at 5th Avenue Theatre (Seattle); Silence! The Musical (Helen Hayes Award nomination, Best Director) and *The Rocky Horror Show* at Studio Theatre; and I Am My Own Wife at Signature Theatre. Classical credits include the world premiere of *Penny* at Washington National Opera (Kennedy Center), Butterfly/Saigon (Strathmore), Fire and Air (Kennedy Center), The Pirates of Penzance at Palm Beach Opera, and numerous collaborations with The National Symphony Orchestra. In 2013,

Alan was the only American finalist for the European Opera Directing Prize in Vienna, Austria. Alan has taught at UMD's Opera Studio and Washington National Opera's Young Artist Program.

#### DR. DREW LICHTENBERG

Resident Dramaturg

As Resident Dramaturg for the last decade, work on more than 50 productions, including numerous world premieres, and over half of the 36-play Shakespeare canon. He has worked as a production dramaturg abroad at the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain (twice), in New York on Broadway at the Roundabout Theatre Company, and off, with the New York Shakespeare Festival. Regionally, he has worked with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (Play On!), Yale Repertory Theatre, Baltimore Center Stage, and Williamstown Theatre Festival. His dramaturgical writing has appeared at theatres such as the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the McCarter Theatre Center at Princeton University, and American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco. As a translator and adaptor, he has worked off-off-Broadway at La Mama Experimental Theatre Club and locally at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company. He is currently an adjunct professor at Catholic University of America, formerly a part-time faculty member at Eugene Lang College at the New School, and will be a Lecturer at David Geffen School of Drama at Yale

University in Spring of 2022. He has received an MFA and DFA in dramaturgy and dramatic criticism from Yale School of Drama and is the author of the scholarly monograph, *The Piscatorbühne Century: Aesthetics and Politics in the Theater after 1927* (New York & London: Routledge, 2021). He is the co-host of STC's *Shakespeare Hour Live*.

#### LISA BELEY

Head of Voice and Text

STC: Peter Pan and Wendy; Everybody; The Oresteia; Vanity Fair; Richard III; The Panties, The Partner and The Profit; The Comedy of Errors; Romeo and Juliet; Camelot; Noura; Hamlet; Twelfth Night; The Lover and The Collection; Othello (2017 Free For All); The School for Lies; Macbeth; King Charles III | ACA: As You Like It, Measure for Measure, Macbeth, Pericles, Julius Caesar, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Coriolanus. INTERNATIONAL: Vancouver, Canada: Rumble Theatre: *Indian Arm* | Vancouver Playhouse: *The* Music Man | UBC Theatre: The Glass Menagerie, The Cherry Orchard, The House of Atreus, Arcadia York University: Our Country's Good. FILM: Dialect, voice, text: Warcraft, Horns, Firewall, Monster Trucks, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Suckerpunch, The Watchman, Hidden, Apollo 18, The Uninvited, Hot Rod, Pirates of the Caribbean 3, Elektra. TELEVISION: Dialect: *The Good Doctor*, *Tin Star*, Bates Motel, The 100, Alcatraz, Rogue, Red Widow,

The Secret Circle, Heavenly, Human Target, The Good Wife, Inseparable, Just Cause. PERSONAL:
Directing: The Bay at Nice, Agamemnon | Teaching: STC's Academy for Classical Acting: Voice, Speech and Text Instructor; Canada's National Voice Intensive: Voice and Text Instructor | Training: York University: MFA in Acting, Voice Teacher's Diploma; University of British Columbia: BFA in Acting.

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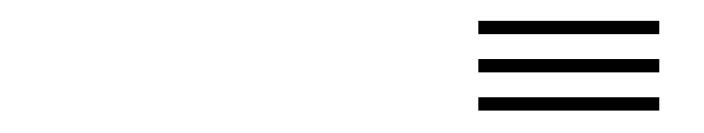
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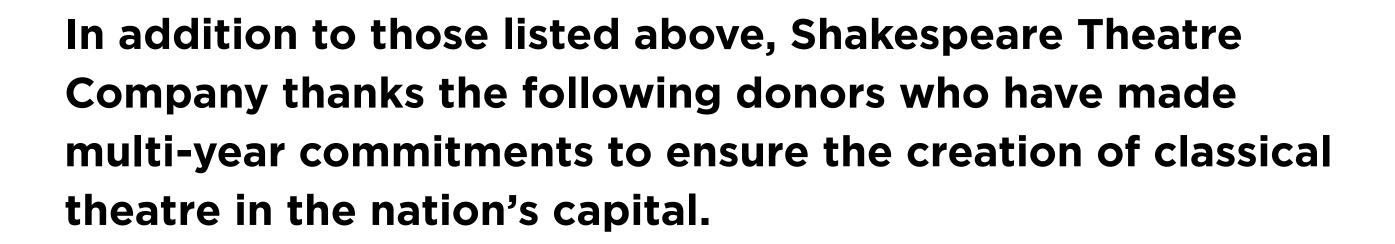
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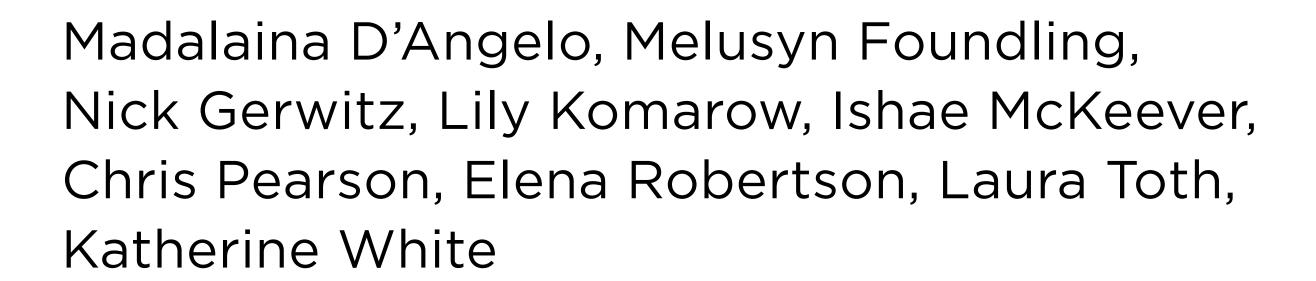
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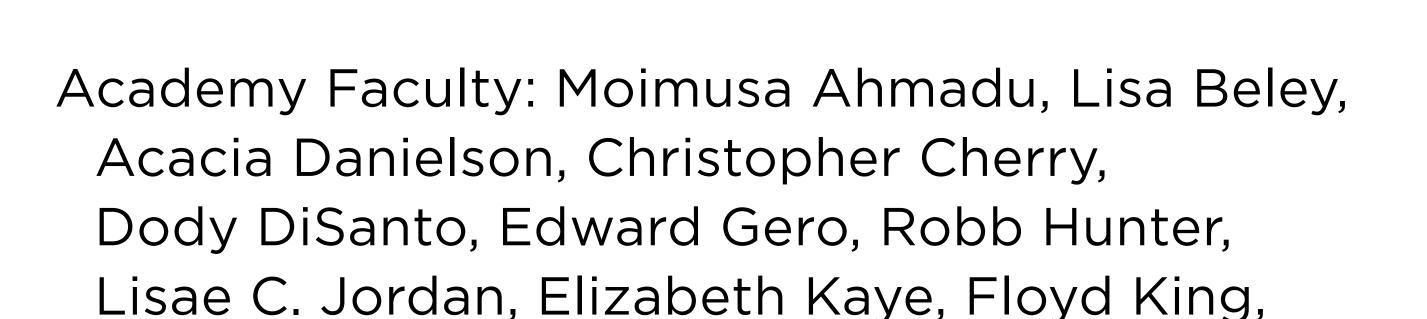
# ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION Senior Director of Engagement and Education: Samantha Wyer Bello Associate Director of Engagement and Education: Julane Havens

School Programs Manager: Cassy Rush Engagement and Education Coordinator: Raine Ensign

Affiliated Teaching Artists: Laura Artesi, Tonya Beckman, Renea Brown, Danny Cackley, Guadalupe Campos, Matthew Castleman, Dan Crane, Omar D. Cruz, Yonatan Gebeyehu, Tara Giordano, Francisco Gonzalez, Alicia Grace, Miranda Hall, Morgan Cherece Hall, Hannah Hessel Ratner, Claire Inie-Richards, Naomi Jacobson, Joy Jones, Colleen Kennedy, Sabrina Mandell, Chelsea Mayo, Brenna McDonough, Kiernan McGowan, Jack Novak, Alex Piper, Christopher Michael Richardson, Melissa Richardson, Nancy Robinette, Maya Shed, Michael Thomas, Khaleshia Thorpe-Price, Eliseo Valerio, Justin Weaks, Eva Wilhelm, Gregory Wooddell, Patricia Woolsey, Jeffrey Allen Young

# THE ACADEMY FOR CLASSICAL ACTING Senior Director of the Academy for Classical Acting: Alec Wild

Academy for Classical Acting Program Coordinator: Mallory Miller



LeeAnét Noble, Roberta Stiehm, Craig Wallace, Matthew Wilson

#### **PRODUCTION**

Senior Director of Production: Tom Haygood Associate Director of Production: Janice Jenson

Production Administrator: Hilary Surface

Resident Production Stage Manager: Joseph Smelser

Production Assistant: Heather Ogden

**Costume Director: Barbara Hicks** 

Resident Design Assistant: Jeanette Lee Porter

Draper: Randall Exton

First Hand: Sandra Thomas

Stitchers: Michele Ordway, Donna Sachs

Wardrobe Supervisor: Daisy Howard Technical Director: Kelly Dunnavant

Assistant Technical Director: Chris Stoutjesdyk

Scene Shop Administrator: Charles Cobb

Scenic Carpenters: Justin Carnes, Natalie Jurkowski

**Charge Scenic Artist: Sally Glass** 

Scenic Artist: Molly Hall

**Properties Director: Chris Young** 

Assistant Properties Director: Kimberley E. Cruce

Soft Goods Artisan: Rebecca Williams

Props Artisan: Justin Titley

Master Electrician: Sean R. McCarthy

Associate Master Electrician: Lauren Lee

Electricians: Peter Goldschmidt, Brice Hilburn

Audio/Video and Stage Operations Supervisor:

**Gordon Nimmo-Smith** 



Assistant Audio/Video Supervisor: Marion Ayers

Audio/Video Engineers: Travis Byrne,

James LaDow

Assistant Stage Operations Supervisors:

Robert Garner, Rachel Wolf

Deck Chief: Niki Sears

Run Crew: Craig Gaitling, Andrew Wilkinson





THE ALL NEW MICKEY MOUSE CLUB (AKA MMC), BRITNEY SPEARS, (1993), 1989-94, PHOTO: EVERETT COLLECTION.

#### The Mickey Mouse Club.

Britney Spears was a Mouseketeer on the *All-New Mickey Mouse Club* (1989–1996), also known as *MMC*, from 1993–1996.