# Ahmanson Theatre 47th 2013/14 Season



FIRST SEASON PRODUCTION
Danny DeVito and Judd Hirsch in
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### The Sunshine Boys

Directed by Thea Sharrock September 24 – November 3, 2013

SEASON BONUS OPTION

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A Gothic Romance
Music composed by Tchaikovsky
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SECOND SEASON PRODUCTION

# Peter and the Starcatcher

by Rick Elice Based upon the novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson Directed by Roger Rees and Alex Timbers December 3, 2013 – January 12, 2014

SPECIAL EVENT PRESENTATION

### A Word or Two

Written, Arranged and Performed by Christopher Plummer Directed by Des McAnuff January 19 – February 9, 2014

THIRD SEASON PRODUCTION

## Harmony

A New Musical Music by Barry Manilow Book and Lyrics by Bruce Sussman Choreographed by JoAnn M. Hunter Directed by Tony Speciale March 4 – April 13, 2014 FOURTH SEASON PRODUCTION

# The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess

by George Gershwin,
DuBose and Dorothy Heyward,
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Book Adapted by Suzan-Lori Parks
Musical Score Adapted by
Diedre L. Murray
Directed by Diane Paulus
April 22 – June 1, 2014

SEASON BONUS OPTION
David Suchet in

### The Last Confession

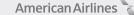
by Roger Crane Directed by Jonathan Church United States Premiere June 7 – July 6, 2014

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# **Barry Manilow**

**Bruce Sussman** 

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Matt Bailey Will Blum Kevin Brown Liberty Cogen Hannah Corneau Chris Dwan Kara Haller Bryan Thomas Hunt Greg Kamp Shayne Kennon Leigh Ann Larkin Chad Lindsey Lindsay Moore Brandon O'Dell Patrick O'Neill Charles Osborne Kim Sava Dave Schoonover Lauren Elaine Taylor Will Taylor Douglas Williams

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# **Tony Speciale**

March 4 – April 13, 2014 Ahmanson Theatre

Harmony was originally produced by The La Jolla Playhouse, La Jolla, CA.

The Los Angeles engagement of *Harmony* is generously supported in part by Artistic Director's Circle members Ruth Flinkman-Marandy and Ben Marandy.

### **CAST**

### (in alphabetical order)

Harry Frommerman	Will Blum
Ensemble	
Ruth Stern	Hannah Corneau
Erich Collin	Chris Dwan
Ensemble	Bryan Thomas Hunt
Ensemble/Sturmann	Greg Kamp
"Rabbi" Josef Roman Cykowski	Shayne Kennon
Mary Hegel	
Ensemble/Standartenfuhrer/Nazi Leader #1	
Ensemble	
Ensemble/Richard Strauss/Albert Einstein/Synagogue Rabbi	
Ensemble/Border Guard/Nazi Leader #3	
Ensemble/Obersturmfuhrer/Fritz Kruger/Nazi Leader #2	
Ensemble/Young Woman #1	
Ensemble/Ezra Kaplan/Cantor/Radio Announcer	
Ensemble/Marlene Dietrich/Ingrid	
Erwin "Chopin" Bootz	
Bobby Biberti	

### **UNDERSTUDIES**

Understudies never substitute for the listed players unless a specific posting or announcement is made at the time of the performance.

For Marlene Dietrich — Liberty Cogen

For Ari "Lesh" Leshnikoff, Richard Strauss, Albert Einstein, Synagogue Rabbi and Cantor — Bryan Thomas Hunt

For Erich Collin — **Greg Kamp**For Ezra Kaplan — **Chad Lindsey** 

For Erwin "Chopin" Bootz and Bobby Biberti — Patrick O'Neill

For Harry Frommerman and Standartenfuhrer — Charles Osborne

For Ruth Stern — Kim Sava

For "Rabbi" Josef Roman Cykowski — Dave Schoonover

For Mary Hegel — Lauren Elaine Taylor

SWINGS

Kevin Brown and Kara Haller

DANCE CAPTAIN

Patrick O'Neill

STAGE MANAGERS

**RL Campbell** 

Elle Aghabala

Harmony will be performed with one intermission.

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Music Director/Conductor/Keyboard 2	John O'Neill
Associate Music Director/Keyboard 1	Colin Freeman
Woodwinds	Jeff Driskill
Trumpet	John Fumo
Trombone/Contractor	Robert Payne
Violin	ınifer Choi Fischer
Keyboard 3	Ron Pedley
Bass	Ian Martin
Drums	Mark Scholl

### **MUSICAL NUMBERS**

### ACT I

OVERTURE		
Scene 2. Streets and alleyways in Berlin, early winter 1929  "AND WHAT DO YOU SEE?"		
Scene 3. Club Cinderella, November 1929  "LOST IN THE SHADOWS"		
Scene 4. Kott's Tailor Shop, December 1929 <b>"EVERY SINGLE DAY"</b>		
Scene 5. The Barbarina Club, January 1930  "HOW CAN I SERVE YOU, MADAME?"		
Scene 6. The Berlin Synagogue, 1931  "THE WEDDING"		
Scene 7. Concert stages around the world/Rallies in Germany, 1932 – 1933  "HARMONY"/"L'HARMONIE"/"GARMONIEI"		
Scene 8. Carnegie Hall, New York, December 1933  "HOME"		
ACT II		
Scene 1. Berlin Philharmonic Hall, January 1934  "HUNGARIAN RHAPSODY #20"LESH and THE GROUP		
Scene 2. Tivoli Park, Copenhagen, a few months later  "COME TO THE FATHERLAND!"		
Scene 3. Adjacent hotel rooms, Cologne, September 1935  "WHERE YOU GO"		
Scene 4. A movie set in Cologne, two days later  "IN THIS WORLD" CHOPIN, THE GROUP and THE FILM CAST  "THE LIST"		
Scene 5. A train station/the night train to Munich, November 1935 "THRENODY"		
Scene 6. The National Theater, Munich, November 1935/California 1988 "STARS IN THE NIGHT"THE GROUP		

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# Comedian Harmonists: Low Comedy In High Art



A Reflection of German

Popular Music of the 1920s and 30s

BY ROB WEINERT-KENDT







Harmony projection designs, courtesy of Darrel Maloney.

### GERMAN POPULAR MUSIC OF THE 1920s AND '30s

wasn't all marches and schottisches (a slow polka). There was also a good deal of American-influenced music on the airwaves and in the dancehalls — so much so, in fact, that the world's first courses in jazz theory and performance were taught not in New Orleans or Harlem but in Frankfurt, Germany. It was there, in 1928, at the venerable Hoch Conservatory that a young Hungarian composer, Matyas Seiber, began teaching a "Jazz-Klasse."

American pop hadn't just come via records and sheet music either, but in the flesh: Josephine Baker had played Berlin in 1925, and Paul Whiteman made a splash there a year later. In turn, Germany spawned its own bandleaders, including Eric Borchard and Stefan Weintraub, leader of The Syncopators. Dance-band sounds and harmonies soon found their way into the music of modernist composers like Paul Hindemith and Kurt Weill, and by the end of the decade, records by Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington were German radio staples.

American-style pop and jazz, not to mention modernist music, had social implications as well as entertainment value; they may not even have known it at the time, but its practitioners and advocates were on the front lines of a culture war that would have real casualties within a decade. On one side were those, like the Hoch Conservatory's director, Bernhard Sekles, who defended his school's popular music courses by saying, "An infusion of 'Negro' blood can do no harm." On the other were critics, either openly allied with or at least sympathetic to the Nazi party's racist theories, who saw jazz and pop as part of a "plague" of "Negro noise."

Of course, popular music was also suspect to these reactionary critics because so many of Germany's bandleaders, popular singers and nightclub owners happened to be Jewish. In the ensuing Nazi campaign against "decadent" art and artists, pop music was a particularly expedient scapegoat, since by silencing it — as the Nazis officially did in 1935, after a two-year campaign of pressure and propaganda — they could also effectively silence some of Germany's most popular Jewish public figures.

Among these were members of the vocal sextet the Comedian Harmonists. The band was formed in 1927 by Harry Frommerman, an unemployed actor who'd heard some records by the American vocal quintet The Revelers and figured he could put together a German group along the same lines. Frommerman placed an ad in the Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger and was soon joined by a former rabbi from Poland, Roman Cykowski; a Bulgarian singing waiter, Ari Leshnikoff; an operatic bass, Robert Biberti; a young medical student, Erich Collin; and a skilled pianist, Erwin Bootz. But this eclectic group did more than sing close-harmony versions of American jazz standards, German folk songs and novelty numbers. What put them over the top, says Bruce Sussman, is that the Harmonists also included deft musical and physical comedy in their act — hence the qualifier "Comedian."

Sussman, who wrote the book and lyrics for *Harmony*, a new musical about the Harmonists, with Barry Manilow writing the music, turned himself into an expert on the band after seeing Eberhard Fechner's 1977 documentary.

"The pièce de résistance of their act was the overture to *The Barber of Seville*," says Sussman, who like Manilow traveled to Germany to do research. "The lights were turned out, and you'd hear *The Barber of Seville*, and it sounded like a chamber orchestra playing. The lights would slowly come up, and it was six guys replicating all those instruments."

If that sounds a bit like the kind of concert-hall antics later practiced by the likes of Victor Borge and PDQ Bach, that's not far off, Sussman says. "These were guys who found low comedy in high art. Their virtuosity was extraordinary; it was also hilarious."

For his part, Manilow makes a headier comparison.

"They were the Beatles of Germany," says Manilow. "Every time I play Germany, I get into a limo and I say to the driver, 'Do you know Comedian Harmonists?' It doesn't matter whether the guy is young or old, they all know them. These men are still the Beatles of Germany."

While in Berlin, Manilow scooped up not only all the Harmonists records he could find, "I went into a Tower Records store there, and there was an entire wall of their CDs." There was also a collection of "Shlagerparades" ("hit parade" collections) from each year of the 1920s and '30s.

"That was where I began — I studied the pop music of Germany during the time they were huge," says Manilow. How was it? "It was fantastic. Song after song after song was interesting and emotional and filled with interesting orchestrations.

And the singers — they had their hearts on their sleeves, or they were funny."

Not all of it was such unalloyed fun. Amid the jazz and semiclassical and novelty tunes were plenty of marches, including a Bolshevik ditty that inspired an idealistic song in *Harmony*. Less inspirational but no less memorable: "I actually found a Nazi marching band song," says Manilow. "It was creepy to listen to, but I can tell you, it was brilliant. That's what's so disgusting: They were brilliant and they were monsters at the same time."

Though Harmony is decidedly not a Holocaust musical—its narrative ends in 1935—its dramatic grist is indeed the Nazi-led war against multicultural modernity. The pop music ban of 1935 didn't just effectively disband the Harmonists; a reconstituted Gentile-only version of the group, with the unwieldy, state-mandated name Meistersextett, found nearly their entire old repertoire off-limits.

"When the new group tried to do their show and follow guidelines that said they couldn't do songs composed by Jews, with lyrics by Jews, arranged by Jews, or published by Jews," says Manilow, "the only song they had left was 'I Have a Cactus on My Windowsill.'

Indeed, for all their occasionally pointed comedy, the Harmonists were popular entertainers, not protest singers. But their very existence was enough to offend the Third Reich.

Says Sussman, "This group represented the very diversity that the German nation at this point was saying was toxic. Not only were there Jews and Gentiles in the group; there was a Bulgarian, an Italian, a Pole, they were from all strata of class. The definition of harmony, the non-musical definition, from the Greek, is diverse elements brought together in a unified synthesis. They were the embodiment of that."

When the Nazis later shut down the pop music courses at Frankfurt's Hoch Conservatory in 1933, they didn't just end a brave effort to keep German musicians' chops current with the sounds of the day. They also nipped in the bud Seiber's ambitious plans for the school's next course of study: vocal jazz. The Comedian Harmonists could have led a master class.

**ROB WEINERT-KENDT** is senior editor at American Theatre magazine, and writes regularly for The New York Times and Time Out New York.

### Who's Who







Harmony projection designs, courtesy of Darrel Maloney.

### A note about the Comedian Harmonists

The Comedian Harmonists were indeed the toast of Europe from the late 1920s through the early war years. The events of their career are dramatized here largely as they occurred. Some license has been taken with regard to chronology and locale. Greater license has been taken with regard to the characterization of the women, and this for several reasons. Most notably, much less has been documented about them. Also, there were several more of them. Some of the Harmonists were married several times. Ruth, for example, is a composite character — though Erwin Bootz ("Chopin") did indeed marry a Jewish woman during the early years of the Third Reich. We thought it appropriate, therefore, to give her a fictionalized name. Mary, on the other hand, is dramatized very much as we believe her to have been. The characters of historical merit — politicians, performers, men of science and letters — all indeed factored in the story. The uncanny meeting on the train, dramatized in our second act, happened.







Berlin, Lehrter Bahnhof



MATT
BAILEY (Harry
Frommerman) is
honored to be
making Harmony
in his L.A. debut!
Originally hailing
from Northern

California, he has appeared in over 40 shows in 25 states including Jersey Boys (Tommy DeVito, first national tour), Cinderella, The Most Happy Fella (Lincoln Center), The Little Dog Laughed (Mitchell), Les Misérables (Enjorlas), Hamlet, The Full Monty, Romeo and Juliet, The Wrestling Season, Edward II, Mental, Ghostbrothers..., A Midsummer Night's Dream, Jacques Brel..., The Musical of Musicals (Kevin Kline nomination) and most recently he played all 41 characters in the one man show Fully Committed. Also: The MUNY, The Olney, St. Louis Rep. Theatre Aspen, Arkansas Rep and Williamstown. Many thanks to Barry, Bruce, Tony, John, JoAnn and DGRW. Much love to his family and his Penguin (waddle waddle). www.mattbailey.info.



WILL BLUM (Ari "Lesh" Leshnikoff) was recently seen on Broadway as Elder Cunningham in The Book of Mormon and as Buddy the Elf in the

national tour of Elf: The Musical. Other Broadway and national tours include Hair (Margaret Mead/Dad/Tribe), Grease (Roger) and Seussical (Horton). Regional credits include Harmony (Lesh) at Alliance Theatre, The 25th Annual ... Spelling Bee (Barfée) at Paper Mill Playhouse and Philadelphia Theatre Company, Jesus Christ Superstar (King Herod) at Pittsburgh CLO, Sweet Charity (Oscar), A Funny Thing ... Forum (Hysterium), Big River (Huck) and Floyd Collins (Floyd). He has participated in numerous readings and workshops including a new musical by Jerry Zucker called You Are Here! He is an Eagle Scout from Nashville, Tennessee, and holds a BFA from The Boston Conservatory. Mr. Blum would not be here without the support of CGF Talent, his family and friends. Twitter: @will\_blum



KEVIN BROWN (Swing) is thrilled to be making his Ahmanson debut! Favorite Credits: The Time of Your Life (Harry), Spring Awakening (Otto),

West Side Story (A-Rab) and Giselle (Ensemble). Last June, he performed an original piece in the Cincinnati Fringe Festival. CCM graduate and proud member of AEA. Thank you to the wonderful cast and production team for being so welcoming, and love to my family, friends, Jacob and Marilyn. For Betty and Kay.



LIBERTY COGEN

(Ensemble/ Understudy for Marlene Dietrich). Atlanta Credits: Woman on a Train in Harmony at the Alliance Theatre,

Jeanie in Hair at Serenbe Playhouse, Aurora/Spider Woman in Kiss of the Spider Woman at Actor's Express, Janet Van De Graaff in The Drowsy Chaperone at Aurora Theatre. Other credits include Legally Blonde in the first national tour (Kate/Chutney, understudy for Vivienne, Enid) and numerous productions at Surflight Theatre in Long Beach Island, N.J. Liberty received a BFA in musical theatre from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and is a proud AEA member. Hugs, kisses, and huge thanks to Mom, Dad, Joe and Tyler.



HANNAH CORNEAU (Ruth Stern). Regional: Harmony (Alliance Theatre; Best Actress in a Musical, BroadwayWorld Atlanta), Fiddler on

the Roof (Paramount Theatre), Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson (Bailiwick Chicago), A Little Night Music (Writers' Theatre). She is a proud graduate of Syracuse University. Many thanks to Barry, Bruce, Tony, John, CTG and James. Love to her family! www. hannahcorneau.com.

**CHRIS DWAN** (*Erich Collin*). NYC: The Old Boy (Clurman, Theatre Row),



Peter & I (ATA). Regional: Harmony (Alliance Theatre; Best Actor in a Musical, Broadway World Atlanta), Lord of the Flies (Barrington Stage),

Fox on the Fairway (Gulfshore Playhouse), Little Women (Syracuse Stage), The Producers (Arundel Barn). New Musical Workshops: If/Then (Kitt/Yorkey), Little Miss Sunshine (Lapine/Finn), Table (Shire/Gopnik). Film: No Stranger (director, Mandelstein), Campus Life (director Scorsese/Waddell). Proud Graduate of Syracuse University. SU Credits: Cabaret, Room Service, Oklahoma, Steel Pier. Thanks to Tony, Bruce and Barry. Special thanks to James, Sam and the Abrams team. www. chrisdwan.net.



KARA HALLER (Swing) still cannot believe she is part of such a fantastic show at such a fantastic venue! She is originally from Olney, MD, went to

school for music at Belmont University in Nashville and has been moving around the country ever since. Favorite roles include Judy Bernly in 9 to 5, Ensemble/Kira understudy in Xanadu, Enchanted Object/Potts and Wardrobe understudy in the Beauty and the Beast national tour and Betty Haynes in White Christmas. Love to Mom, Dad, Kelly, the Family and of course her stunningly handsome husband. Michael.



BRYAN THOMAS
HUNT (Ensemble/
Understudy for
"Lesh," Richard
Strauss, Albert
Einstein, Synagogue
Rabbi and Cantor).
National Tours: Billy

Elliot, Irving Berlin's White Christmas (TOTS and Kennedy Center). Regional: Harmony (Alliance), IB's White Christmas (Paper Mill Playhouse), Thoroughly Modern Millie (Ogunquit Playhouse), A Chorus Line (Berkshire Theatre Festival) and The Big Bank (NYMF). BFA Boston Conservatory. Love to Kelly and a huge thanks to CTG,

this amazing cast and creative team, but most of all his always supportive family. For Momma Hunt:) Proud AEA!



GREG KAMP
(Ensemble/
Sturmann/
Understudy for Erich
Collin). Credits
include Harmony
(Alliance Theatre),
Catch Me If You Can

(first national tour), *Titanic* (Hangar Theatre), *Bat Boy, Urinetown* (Edinburgh Fringe Festival), *A Chorus Line* (Aurora Theatre) and *Beauty and the Beast* (Theatre of the Stars). TV: *The Wronged Man* (Lifetime), *Solving Charlie* (ABC) and *Past Life* (Fox). Greg is also a staff member with The Broadway Dreams Foundation, a CCM grad and proud member of AEA. Endless love and gratitude to this incredible team, Center Theatre Group, Lookers, teachers and family. More info at gregorykamp.com.



SHAYNE KENNON ("Rabbi" Josef Roman Cykowski). Credits include Harmony (Alliance Theatre), Madagascar (European tour),

The Rocky Horror Show, Angels the Musical (pre-Broadway workshop), Twelfth Night, One Touch of Venus, The Full Monty (The Boston Conservatory), Rent, 1776 (New Jersey Performing Arts Center), chorus singer with The Boston Pops (Symphony Hall), Ragtime, Cats, Grease and Parade (School of Visual and Performing Arts). Bottomless, flowing gratitude to everyone at BRS Gage, without whom I would still be just another exotic dancer with a heart of gold; eternal love and boundless debt to my indefatigable family, whose unconditional support continues to baffle and comfort me. Merde y'all!



LEIGH ANN
LARKIN (Mary
Hegel). Broadway:
A Little Night Music
(Petra), Gypsy
(Dainty June).
National Tours:
Disney's On the

Record. Regional Theatre: The Kennedy

Center's Ragtime (Evelyn Nesbit), New York City Center's Gypsy (Dainty June), Williamstown Theatre Festival, Pittsburgh CLO, Pittsburgh Musical Theater, York Theatre. Cast Recordings: A Little Night Music, Gypsy, Disney's On the Record. Film/TV: The Good Wife, Elementary, Lipstick Jungle, Flight of the Conchords, Remember to Breathe. Many, many thanks to the creative team: Barry, Bruce, Tony, Patrick, John, Mary Ann, JoAnn, Calleri Casting and everyone at Stewart Talent and Untitled Entertainment. For my family. Philippians 4:13. leighannlarkin.com



**CHAD LINDSEY** (Ensemble/

Standartenfuhrer/ Nazi Leader #1/ Understudy for Ezra Kaplan) is an artist based in New York City. He holds a B.A.

in music from Valparaiso University. He has danced with modern dance companies, been in a boy band (don't ask) and held many other strange and lovely jobs. He is an artistic director of Hook & Eye Theater Company (www.hookandeyetheater.com). Recent favorite performances include Harmony at the Alliance, Classic Stage Company's Midsummer (NYC), Pig Iron Theatre's Obie Award-winning Chekhov Lizardbrain and Liz Swados' Kaspar Hauser at The Flea Theater in NYC. Chad's film credits include It's Complicated (don't blink), Girls will be Girls (Sundance), Straight Jacket, Totally Sexy Loser and Caught. On television he has co-starred on Unforgettable (CBS), Blue Bloods (CBS), Royal Pains (USA), The Beautiful Life (CBS), How I Met Your Mother (CBS), One Life to Live (ABC) and many others.



LINDSAY MOORE (Ensemble). Credits include Harmony (Alliance Theatre), The Nutty Professor (Tennessee Performing Arts

Center), Late Show

With David Letterman ("It's Raining Men" with Martha Wash), On the Town (Paper Mill Playhouse), The Wedding Singer (first national tour), Irving Berlin's White Christmas (Denver Center Theatre Company). Western Michigan University alumna. Proud member of AEA. Love to my family and friends!



**BRANDON O'DELL** 

(Ensemble/Richard Strauss/Albert Einstein/Synagogue Rabbi) is excited to be on the West Coast reprising the role he premiered

for the Alliance Theatre's production of Harmony. He has been performing in and around Atlanta for 17 years. Favorite productions include Alliance Theatre (Into the Woods, The Wizard of Oz, My Fair Lady, Crimes of the Heart), Theatrical Outfit (Huck Finn in Big River), Horizon Theatre (The Watercoolers, The Thing About Men) and The New American Shakespeare Tavern (Matt in The Fantasticks, Hero in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum). He's also done TV (Drop Dead Diva, The Red Road, Army Wives, Dawson's Creek, One Tree Hill), film (Stephen King's The Mist, The Bay, Dangerous Calling) and countless local and national TV commercials. Brandon has a beautiful wife and three incredible children, who he's probably thinking about while you're reading this.



PATRICK O'NEILL

(Ensemble/Border Guard/Nazi Leader #3/Understudy for "Chopin" and Bobby Biberti; Assistant to the Choreographer) is so glad to be back

with this Harmony family after spending the summer with them at the Alliance. Broadway: On A Clear Day... with Harry Connick, Jr. Other Favorites: The Nutty Professor, directed by Jerry Lewis, Chicago (national tour), Oklahoma! (national tour), The City Club (Minetta Lane), Bat Boy (Helen Hayes Award nomination), Leonard Bernstein's Mass (Kennedy Center). Film/TV: The Producers, Across the Universe, The View (twice — once as a giant chicken). Training: Catholic University. Proud member: AEA, IATSE 764. Huge thanks to this incredible Harmony team, especially to Ms. Hunter for the sixth in a string of proud and happy collaborations.

**CHARLES OSBORNE** (Ensemble/ Obersturmfuhrer/Fritz/Nazi Leader #2/ Understudy for Harry Frommerman and *Standartenfuhrer*) is thrilled to reprise his role with the company of Harmony.



Having recently made his off-Broadway debut in Forbidden Broadway: Alive and Kicking, he has had the privilege of performing regionally at

the Hollywood Bowl (The Producers, directed by Susan Stroman), on PBS Television (Will Parker in Oklahoma!, directed by Terrence Mann), the Alliance Theatre (Harmony), two full seasons at the St. Louis Muny, and many others. Favorite regional credits include Cabaret (Emcee), What a Glorious Feeling (Gene Kelly), Anything Goes (Billy Crocker). Graduate of North Carolina School of the Arts. Special thanks to Dulcie, family, and CTG. charles-osborne.com.



KIM SAVA

(Ensemble/Young Woman #1/ Understudy for Ruth Stern). New York: Delores in Cutman: A Boxing Musical, starring Tony

nominee Robert Cuccioli (Goodspeed). Regional: Ensemble/Woman on the Train/Ruth understudy in Harmony (The Alliance), Pegeen in Mame, (Goodspeed), Ariel in Footloose (Fireside), Rizzo in Grease (Tuacahn), Alana in The Little Mermaid (Tuacahn), Maria in Man of La Mancha (Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey), Boylan Sister in Annie (The Fulton Opera House), A Christmas Carol (North Shore Music Theatre), The Producers, Jesus Christ Superstar and Les Misérables (Maine State Music Theatre), All Shook Up (Carousel). Thanks to The Mine and to her amazing fiancé, Michael, for all of his love and support! AEA.



DAVE **SCHOONOVER** 

(Ensemble/Ezra Kaplan/Cantor/ Radio Announcer/ Understudy for "Rabbi"). National Tours: Young

Frankenstein (Dr. Frankenstein understudy), Cats (Tugger). Regional: Harmony at the Alliance, Young Frankenstein (Dr. Frankenstein) at Ogunquit Playhouse, Annie (Rooster) at TUTS, Sweeney Todd (Pirelli) at

Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, Irving Berlin's White Christmas (Bob Wallace) at Westchester Broadway Theatre, Pirates! at both the Huntington and the Muny. NYC: Company (Bobby) at Gallery Players, That Other Woman's Child (Leviticus Numbers) at NYMF. Thanks to The Mine and the Harmony family. BFA University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. Proud member of Actor's Equity Association. dayeschoonover.com.



LAUREN ELAINE
TAYLOR (Ensemble/
Marlene Dietrich/
Ingrid/Understudy
for Mary Hegel) is
thrilled to be
returning to
Harmony after a

wonderful run at the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta. National Tour: Rizzo in Grease. New York: Blossom in Something for the Boys, Nails in Red Hot and Blue. Regional: Esther in Meet Me in St. Louis, Petra in A Little Night Music, White Christmas and Damn Yankees (Paper Mill Playhouse), Sunset Boulevard and The Sound of Music (Ogunquit Playhouse). Lauren is grateful for the unending support of her family and friends.



WILL TAYLOR (Erwin "Chopin" Bootz). Broadway: The Producers, A Chorus Line, La Cage Aux Folles, 42nd Street. New York Theatre: The

Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler (Exit, Pursued By A Bear), Jason & Ben (New York Musical Theatre Festival), Lovers (Theatre Row) and many developmental workshops at Roundabout Theatre, Vineyard Theatre and Ensemble Studio Theatre. Regional: Harmony (The Alliance Theatre). World Tour Concerts with Kristin Chenoweth (Sydney Opera House, The Greek Theatre, L.A.). Choreographed the premieres of The Legend Of Georgia McBride (Denver Center Theatre), Restoration Comedy (The Flea), Dani Girl (Exit, Pursued By A Bear). Recently wrote and recorded original songs for season two of the series Wallflowers. Film and TV: Sex and the City 2, The Good Wife ("Thicky Trick" singer), Braddock & Jackson. Graduate

of Carnegie Mellon School of Drama. www.willtaylorsite.com.



DOUGLAS
WILLIAMS (Bobby
Biberti). As an
operatic bassbaritone, he has
appeared in
concerts and
operas across

North America and Europe. Recent opera credits include Tigrane at Opéra de Nice, Dido and Aeneas with the Boston Early Music Festival, the world premiere of Charles Wuorinen's It Happens Like This at the Guggenheim Museum Theater. Oliver Knussen's Higglety Pigglety Pop! at the Tanglewood Music Center, and Agrippina with Opera Omaha directed by James Darrah. Engagements this spring and summer include a Carnegie Hall debut as the bass soloist in Mozart's Requiem with the Masterworks Festival Chorus and Orchestra, new productions of Handel's Acis and Galatea directed by Mark Morris at Lincoln Center, and Monteverdi's Orfeo at the Netherlands Opera and Berlin Staatsoper with dancer-choreographer Sasha Waltz. Doug can be heard on the Grammynominated recording of Psyché with the Boston Early Music Festival (2008). He trained at Yale School of Music, New England Conservatory and Shakespeare & Company.



BARRY MANILOW (Music) is an internationally known star whose talents and success have reached every facet of entertainment. He

has sold 80 million records. Rolling Stone called him "the Showman of our generation." Manilow is a Grammy, Emmy and Tony Award winner, as well as an Academy Award nominee. His theatrical roots go back to his days in the mailroom at CBS in New York, when at 18, he wrote the entire original score for a musical adaptation of the melodrama *The Drunkard*. The show ran off-Broadway for eight years. He made his film scoring debut in 1994 with the Warner Bros. animated film *Thumbelina*, for which he contributed songs written with his *Harmony* 

collaborator Bruce Sussman. His second animated feature. The Pebble and the Penguin (MGM), also featured songs by Manilow and Sussman. Copacabana – The Musical (written with Sussman) played a sold-out run in London's West End for 18 months, toured the United States and is touring worldwide. Manilow was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2002. He recently finished a sold-out sixweek run in New York at the St. James Theatre. The show, called Manilow on Broadway, received glowing reviews and played to wildly enthusiastic audiences. He considers Harmony the most rewarding creative experience of his career.



BRUCE SUSSMAN (Book and Lyrics) is the co-author of more than 200 published and recorded songs written for dozens of artists, films, TV

programs and stage musicals. The majority of these projects were written with his collaborator of 40 years, Barry Manilow. For the stage, he co-authored the scores for Ted Tally's Coming Attractions (Outer Critics Circle Award, Pulitzer Prize nominee) and Wendy Wasserstein's *Miami*, both produced off-Broadway by André Bishop at Playwrights Horizons in New York. His songs have been featured in numerous stage revues including The Madwoman of Central Park West, Tuxedos for Hire and the long-running off-Broadway and London productions of Whoop-Dee-Doo! (Drama Desk Award, Obie Award). With Mr. Manilow, he wrote the scores for the animated feature films The Pebble and the Penguin, Thumbelina and Disney's Oliver and Company. He is particularly proud to have written a song with Mr. Manilow for the televised bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution. The song, "Let Freedom Ring," was later performed at the televised Inaugural Gala for President Bill Clinton. His songs have been featured in more than two dozen feature films and have been recorded by an array of pop, jazz, country and international artists, earning Grammy Awards and multiple Gold and Platinum records.



TONY SPECIALE (Director) is the founder of Plastic Theatre — conceiving, coauthoring and directing the world premiere of

Unnatural Acts: Harvard's Secret Court of 1920 (Classic Stage Company, 2011 — Drama Desk nominee for Outstanding Play and Outstanding Director; GLAAD Media Award nominee for Outstanding NY Theater: Broadway & Off-Broadway; Off-Broadway Alliance Award nominee for Best New Play). Other credits at Classic Stage Company include A Midsummer Night's Dream featuring Bebe Neuwirth, Christina Ricci and Taylor Mac, Macbeth, Twelfth Night, Romeo and Juliet and The Taming of the Shrew. Tony's work has been seen at Actors Theatre of Louisville, the Alliance Theatre, The Gym at Judson, Theatre Row, New York Musical Theatre Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, HERE Arts Center and La MaMa. Tony is the former associate artistic director at Classic Stage Company, studied musical theatre at The Boston Conservatory and holds an MFA in Directing from Columbia University. He is also the proud recipient of a Princess Grace Theatre Honorarium. tonyspeciale.com.



Joann M.
HUNTER
(Choreographer).
Harmony at the
Alliance Theatre,
world premiere of
The Nutty Professor,

directed by Jerry

Lewis (Broadway World, Best Choreography). Broadway: On a Clear Day You Can See Forever, She Loves Me, Broadway Bound, Spring Awakening (associate choreographer), Curtains (associate choreographer), The Wedding Singer (associate choreographer), All Shook Up (associate choreographer). Off-Broadway: Dedalus Lounge, The Twelve (workshop), Drama League Galas honoring Kristen Chenoweth and Angela Lansbury. National Tour: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Oliver for PMP, Curtains for PMP/TUS, Princesses for The 5th Avenue Theatre. Petrouchka for ABT. Her performing credits include 12 Broadway shows: Gloria in Thoroughly

Modern Millie, Suzanne in Thou Shalt Not, Lois/Bianca in Kiss Me, Kate, June and dance captain in Chicago, Vibrata in A Funny Thing Happened..., Hannah in Steel Pier, How to Succeed..., Damn Yankees, Havana Specialist and Mimi in Guys and Dolls, Yvonne in Miss Saigon, Kiku in ShoGun the Musical and Jerome Robbins' Broadway. She is currently developing an original theatrical piece about a professional football player's loss of identity and physical freedom through movement.

JOHN O'NEILL (Music Director). John is very happy to be a part of the Ahmanson Theatre's production of Harmony having also worked on the Alliance Theatre's production in Atlanta. Broadway and off-Broadway credits include A Chorus Line, Curtains, Cabaret, Jesus Christ Superstar and Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well... . Regional theatre credits include productions at Paper Mill Playhouse, Williamstown Theatre Festival. Berkshire Theatre Festival and North Carolina Theatre for the Arts. Tours include West Side Story. A Chorus Line, Cabaret (Japan), The Rockettes Spectacular, Grease (Hong Kong) and Forever Plaid in Las Vegas. John has been on the faculty of The Julliard School Drama Division, Rutgers University and CAP21. Published Compositions: Sunshine, a children's musical based on a Ludwig Bemelmans story. Love and thanks to Jeff and family.

**TOBIN OST** (Set and Costume Design). Broadway credits include Jekyll and Hyde (set and costume design), Disney's Newsies (Tony nomination, Set Design), Bonnie & Clyde (set and costume design), The Philanthropist (costume design) and Brooklyn the Musical (costume design). Off-Broadway: Nightingale (set design), Grace (set design), The Overwhelming (costume design), Zanna Don't! (coset and costume design), Almost Heaven (costume design) and Fighting Words (set design). Selected Regional: Harmony for Alliance Theatre, Noah Racey's Pulse and Bonnie & Clyde for Asolo Rep, Emma and Himself and Nora for The Old Globe, The Civil War and Shenandoah for Ford's Theatre, Home for Williamstown Theatre Festival, and Nightingale and Pippin for the Mark Taper Forum. Current

productions include *Violet* at Ford's Theatre and *Tappin' Through Life* with Maurice Hines at Arena Stage. Tobin is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama.

**JEFF CROITER** (Lighting Design). Broadway: Newsies, Peter and the Starcatcher (Tony Award), A Time to Kill, Soul Doctor, Jekyll and Hyde, The Anarchist, The Performers, The Peewee Herman Show, Next Fall, Kiki and Herb. Other NYC includes Comedy of Errors and Love's Labor's Lost in Central Park; The Last Five Years; Old Jews Telling Jokes; Silence; Love, Loss, and What I Wore; The Madrid; Harper Regan; Meet Vera Stark; Rapture Blister Burn; A Lie of the Mind; Ordinary Days; Streamers; Family Guys Sings; Rufus Wainwright's Judy Concert at Carnegie Hall; The Voysey Inheritance; The Internationalist; Jacques Brel; Almost Maine; The Dazzle; and Jennifer Muller's The Works. Regional: Guthrie Theater, Shakespeare Theatre, Dallas Theater Center, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Barrington Stage, McCarter Theatre, Kennedy Center, Old Globe, La Jolla Playhouse, Center Theatre Group, Huntington, Geffen Playhouse, George Street Playhouse, Trinity Rep, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Cincinnati Playhouse, Ford's Theatre, Goodspeed Opera House and N.Y. Stage and Film.



SETH JACKSON (Lighting Design). Seth has designed lighting and scenery for Don Henley, Jason Mraz, Hilary Duff, Melissa Etheridge,

American Idol Live, Barry Manilow, Carrie Underwood, Toby Keith, Alice Cooper, Kenny G and countless others. He has twice been awarded the Parnelli Award for Set Designer of the Year in 2007 and 2008, and has received the Illuminating Engineering Society's Award of Distinction in 1996. As part of the design team for Star Wars In Concert, he was awarded the Redden Award for Excellence in Lighting Design in 2010. In 2012, he designed six productions for the Muny Opera, including Chicago and Dreamgirls, as well as Spamalot and Shrek in the 2013 Season. On Broadway, he is the production designer for Manilow On Broadway. In Las Vegas, Seth served as creative director for Barry Manilow's

Music and Passion and is currently the creative director and production designer for Selena Gomez's Stars Dance World Tour 2013. Seth is member USA829 and is an honors graduate and currently an Assistant Professor of Design at Webster University's Conservatory of Theatre Arts. www.sethjackson.com



JOHN SHIVERS (Sound Design). Broadway: Kinky Boots (2013 Tony Award), Leap of Faith, Bonnie & Clyde, Hugh Jackman Back on

Broadway, Sister Act, 9 to 5, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, The Little Mermaid, Tarzan, In My Life and Billy Crystal's 700 Sundays. Regional: Harmony, The Nutty Professor, Tales of the City, Emma, Robin and the 7 Hoods, Sammy and Ace. Associate credits include worldwide productions of The Lion King, Mary Poppins, The Producers, Hairspray, Aida, Titanic, How to Succeed in Business...'95, Big, The Who's Tommy, Guys and Dolls and The Buddy Holly Story. Other credits include Savion Glover, Dionne Warwick, Burt Bacharach, Gregory Hines and engineering at Electric Lady Studios. John's proudest production, however, is his gem of a daughter, Ruby.



DAVID PATRIDGE (Sound Design). Broadway: Soul Doctor. Tours: Flashdance, Mamma Mia!, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor

Dreamcoat. Broadway Associate:
Kinky Boots, Hugh Jackman, Leap Of
Faith, Bonnie & Clyde, Sister Act, Come
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The Nutty Professor, Emma, Robin And
The 7 Hoods, Sammy, Ace, Beauty And
The Beast, Singin' In The Rain, Sweeney
Todd, Miss Saigon. David is a recipient
of the Kevin Kline Award for Best
Sound Design for Ace together with
John Shivers and is fortunate to be able
to continue his long-time collaboration
with John on this project.

**DARREL MALONEY** (*Projection and Video Design*) has designed

for broadcast, concerts, film and theatre. His designs for Broadway include Green Day's American Idiot (St. James Theatre), A Night with Janis Joplin (Lyceum Theatre) and Everyday Rapture (Roundabout Theatre). Others designs include Checkers (Vineyard Theatre, Drama Desk Nomination), Kung Fu, Golden Child (Signature Theatre), Bikeman (Tribeca Performing Arts Center), Allegiance (Old Globe), Hughie (Shakespeare Theatre), Surf (Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas), Karen O's Stop the Virgens (St. Ann's Warehouse and Sydney Opera House), In Masks Outrageous and Austere (Culture Project), Tokio Confidential (Atlantic Stage 2), The Submission (MCC), SCKBSTD (Virginia Stage), The Elephant Man (Minnesota Opera), Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey 144th, as well as lighting and projections for Peer Gynt (La Jolla Playhouse and Kansas City Rep.). Darrel is also the founder of the design and production studio "the 13th" and serves on the faculty of the Yale School of Drama. www.darrelmaloney.com.

**LESLIE MALITZ** (Associate Costume Designer) is excited to be back with Harmony as part of the design team. Leslie designed costumes for Samsung's product release of the Galaxy S4 at Radio City Music Hall. Other Associate Costume Designer credits include the national tour and Broadway run of Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical and the regional and Broadway run of Bonnie and Clyde the Musical. Some of the other shows Leslie designed costumes for are Angels in America Parts I & II, State Fair, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown and Alice in Wonderland. She has her MFA in Costume Design and Technology from San Diego State. Little known fact: Leslie worked on the 2004 costumes for the Olympics' Opening Ceremonies in Athens, Greece.

DOUG WALTER (Orchestrator). Equally comfortable on keyboards and woodwinds, Doug has shared the stage with artists as diverse as Smokey Robinson, Wynonna, Lea Salonga, Michael Crawford, Roberta Flack, Cyndi Lauper, Nelly Furtado and Ben Vereen, among many others. As pianist/music director he has worked with Paul Williams, Connie Francis, Sally Kellerman, Suzanne

Somers, Steve Tyrell, Rita Moreno, Michael Feinstein and Carol Burnett. Doug's orchestrations have been heard regularly for years on The Young and the Restless and The Bold and the Beautiful, as well as in the features The Snow Queen, The Snow Queen's Revenge and The Ugly Duckling, and in the Disney movies The Muppets, A Muppets Christmas and Muppets Most Wanted. He also conducted his own orchestrations on Daft Punk's Grammywinning CD Random Access Memories.

CALLERI CASTING (James Calleri, Paul Davis, Erica Jensen). Upcoming Broadway: Of Mice and Men, Hedwig and the Angry Inch. Some past Broadway credits: Venus in Fur, 33 Variations, A Raisin in the Sun, Chicago, James Joyce's The Dead. Off-Broadway: Buyer & Cellar, Murder for Two, Satchmo at the Waldorf, The Hill Town Plays, My Name is Asher Lev, The Revisionist, All in the Timing, Passion, the longrunning Fuerza Bruta and Silence! The Musical. Also Rattlestick. Williamstown Theatre Festival, Long Wharf, Keen Co., Playwrights Horizons (10 seasons) TV: Army Wives, Lipstick Jungle, Ed, Hope & Faith and Monk. Film: I Origins (Sundance 2014), Another Earth, That's What She Said, Merchant Ivory's The City of Your Final Destination, The White Countess, Lisa Picard is Famous, Awarded 12 Artios Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Casting. Member CSA.

CHRISTOPHER BOWSER (Associate Director). Recent Directing: Pyre Cantata a new soul opera (Bushwick Starr), Golden Baby: Good Point! (Ars Nova), Valhalla (Secret Theatre), Invisible Art, a site-specific piece in Williamsburg. Lighting designs at HERE, the New Ohio, Strasburg studio. With director Tony Speciale: Macbeth (CSC), world premiere A Four Letter Word (Nottingham, England). AD: Three Pianos (NYTW) with Rachel Chavkin. BFA: NYU Tisch at Playwrights Horizons Theater School.

MARY ANN LAMB (Associate Choreographer) happily returns to the Ahmanson having preformed here in Fosse and Curtains. She is thrilled to be associate choreographer with JoAnn Hunter whom she worked with in Harmony at The Alliance in Atlanta and Oliver at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

Mary Ann is associate choreographer for *The Shape She Makes* at the ART Theater in Boston. Performer Credits: 11 Broadway shows, eight Encores! at N.Y. City Center. Film: *Chicago, Rock of Ages, In Crowd*.

LORA K. POWELL (Production Stage Manager). Broadway/NY: Annie Get Your Gun, Chicago, The Life, Annie and The Wizard of Oz at Madison Square Garden. National Tour: Wicked. Los Angeles: The Scottsboro Boys, Backbeat, Seminar and Follies (CTG), Parfumerie (The Wallis), Wicked (also San Francisco), The Producers, The Lion King, Disney's Aladdin - A Musical Spectacular, Regional: Alliance Theatre: Harmony; Paper Mill Playhouse (five seasons as resident Production Stage Manager). She thanks her parents and her son, Dylan, for their continued love and support.

RL CAMPBELL (Stage Manager). Happy to be back at the Ahmanson on this beautiful show! Broadway/ first national tour: Bring It On. Off-Broadway: The Choking Game. Regional: Alliance Theatre, Horizon Theatre, Theatre in the Square, Utah Festival Opera, Freddie Hendricks YEA. Ronnie dedicates this and all performances in loving memory of his mother DGBC. Proud member of Actors' Equity Association.

**ELLE AGHABALA** (Stage Manager) is excited to be a part of this production. New York: *Epitaph for* George Dillon, The Time of Mendel's Trouble, The Bubble. National Tours: 2004 Gymnastics Tour, Annie. Las Vegas: Hairspray, Avenue Q, Phantom - The Las Vegas Spectacular, Hans Klok: The Beauty of Magic, Blue Man Group. International City Theatre: The Threepenny Opera, Leading Ladies. Center Theatre Group: Ain't Misbehavin', Eclipsed, Palestine, New Mexico, The Wake, An Evening with Sutton Foster, Venice, Circus INcognitus, The Author, The Cripple of Inishmaan, Juan and John, The Method Gun, This, A Raisin in the Sun, November, St. Jude, Uncle Ho to Uncle Sam, as well as numerous readings and workshops. Elle would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.

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MICHAEL RITCHIE (Artistic Director) is in his ninth season as Center Theatre Group's Artistic Director, and has led over 170 productions to the

Ahmanson, Taper and Douglas stages since his arrival in 2005. From 1996 to 2004 Michael was the Producer of the Williamstown Theatre Festival and prior to that he was a Production Stage Manager in NYC. At CTG, he premiered six musicals that moved to Broadway — The Drowsy Chaperone (which won 13 Tony Award® nominations), Curtains (eight Tony nominations) 13, 9 to 5: The Musical, Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson and Leap of Faith. He has produced 39 world premieres including the musicals Minsky's, Venice and Sleeping Beauty Wakes, and the plays Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo (a Pulitzer Prize finalist that also moved to Broadway), Water & Power and Yellow Face, and he presented a broad range of plays and musicals ranging from Dead End to The Black Rider to Edward Scissorhands to blockbusters such as God of Carnage, Mary Poppins, Jersey Boys and August: Osage County. In addition, Michael inaugurated CTG's New Play Production Program, designed to

foster the development and production of new work.



EDWARD L. RADA (Managing Director) returned to Center Theatre Group in 2011 after previously serving as CTG's Chief Financial Officer for

12 years (1996–2008). Rada spent three years (2008–2011) as President of the Music Center Foundation, a non-profit corporation that holds and invests the endowment and reserve funds for the Music Center and its resident companies (including CTG). Prior to his years at CTG, he was the Director of Finance at The Old Globe in San Diego and principal of Rada & Associates, an accounting firm that specialized in entertainment-related non-profit organizations and theatrical productions. He is a graduate of Occidental College in Los Angeles with numerous post-graduate coursework and credentials. He currently serves on the board of directors for Entertainment Industry Foundation, Theatre @ Boston Court, and United Support of Artists for Africa/USA for Africa, among other affiliations. He also serves on the board of trustees for the pension, health and welfare and 401(k) plans of I.A.T.S.E. Local 33 Stagehands Union.



DOUGLAS C.
BAKER (*Producing Director*) is now in
his 24th season at
CTG. Previously, he
managed Broadway
and touring
productions

including Tru, Born Yesterday, The Gospel at Colonus, Annie, A Chorus Line, Working, The Wiz, and Legends!, which premiered at the Ahmanson Theatre in 1986 and starred Mary Martin and Carol Channing. Doug is a member of the Achievement Hall of Fame of Chagrin Falls Schools in Ohio and a graduate of Albion College. He is an active member of the Broadway League, the Independent Presenters Network and is a proud member of the Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers. In May 2013 Doug received The Broadway League's prestigious Outstanding Achievement in Presenter Management Award.



NEEL KELLER (Associate Artistic Director). For CTG Neel has directed the world premieres of Jennifer Haley's The Nether and

Jessica Goldberg's Good Thing, the American premiere of David Greig's Pyrenees and the decidedly silly Stones in His Pockets. This season he is directing the premiere of Kimber Lee's different words for the same thing. As a senior artistic staff member Neel has helped produce a wide range of plays and musicals at CTG, including the world premieres of The Second City's A Christmas Carol: Twist Your Dickens!, Leap of Faith, Randy Newman's Harps and Angels, 13, Yellow Face, Poor Behavior, Bones, Of Equal Measure, Minsky's and Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo. Before joining CTG, Neel served as Artistic Director of Chicago's Remains Theatre, Associate Artistic Director at La Jolla Playhouse and was on the staffs of Williamstown Theatre

Festival, Lincoln Center Theater, the American National Theatre and Jerome Robbins' Broadway.

JEFFREY UPAH (General Manager, Ahmanson Theatre) has worked in management at Center Theatre Group since 2006 on more than 50 musicals, plays and special events including both pre-Broadway productions and Broadway tours. Some of his favorites include Follies, God of Carnage and The Black Rider (having previously worked on Robert Wilson productions in Boston, Houston and São Paulo. Brazil). Prior to CTG, he was the marketing manager for the last two of his 11 seasons with The Santa Fe Opera, and worked in various capacities at Yale Repertory Theatre, American Repertory Theatre and Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, among others. He graduated magna cum laude with his studies in film and theatre from Washington University in St. Louis, and received an MFA in theatre management from the Yale School of Drama.



GORDON DAVIDSON (Founding Artistic Director) led the Taper throughout its first 38 seasons, guiding over 300 productions to its

stage and winning countless awards for himself and the theatre including the Tony Award® for theatrical excellence, Margo Jones Award, The Governor's Award for the Arts and a Guggenheim fellowship. The Kentucky Cycle and Angels in America (Part One) won the Pulitzer in consecutive years and, in 1994, three of the four plays nominated for the Tony Award® for Best Play were from the Taper (Angels in America won). In 1989 Gordon took over the Ahmanson and, in 2004, he produced the inaugural season in the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

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