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Featuring

JOE BALANZA, JASIANA CARABALLO, L.R. DAVIDSON, REGGIE DE LEON, CHADAÉ NICHOL, BRIAN OWEN, MARCUS PHILLIPS, BRYAN DANIEL PORTER, MAX TORREZ

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David Lander

Sound Design Emma Wilk

Music Direction
Gregory Nabours

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Jihee Jenny Park

Director & Choreographer

Jen Wineman

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CAST

(in order of appearance)

George	MARCUS PHILLIPS
Harold	MAX TORREZ
	BRYAN DANIEL PORTER
Dog Man	BRIAN OWEN
Flippy	CHADAÉ NICHOL
Li'l Petey	L.R. DAVIDSON

SWINGS

For George/Harold—JOE BALANZA
For Flippy/Li'l Petey—JASIANA CARABALLO
For Petey/Dog Man—REGGIE DE LEON



MARCUS Phillips



MAX TORREZ



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CHADAÉ Nichol



L.R. Davidson



JOE Balanza



JASIANA Caraballo



REGGIE De Leon

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

"The Opening Number"	Company
"Dog Man"	Company
"Revenge"	Petey
"Cyber-Fish"	Company
"HappySong/80-HD"	Li'l Petey, Petey
"The Perfect Mashup"	
"Without Me"	Petey
"Revenge (Flippy)"	Flippy, Company
ACT II	
"I'm Back"	Flippy
"The Evil ABCs"	
"Robo-Dance Party"	Li'l Petey
"Robo-Dance Party"" "Dog Man Is Go!""	Li'l Petey
"Robo-Dance Party"	Li'l Petey
"Robo-Dance Party"" "Dog Man Is Go!""	Li'l PeteyCompany
"Robo-Dance Party"" "Dog Man Is Go!"" "A Far, Far Better Thing""	Li'l Petey Company Petey Flippy

THERE WILL BE ONE 10-MINUTE INTERMISSION

PLACE A treehouse.

TIME Whatever time it is right this very second.

WHO'S WHO

JOE BALANZA (George/Harold Swing, he/him). Nice Work If You Can Get It, 42nd Street, Music Man, Oklahoma, Rag Time, Shenandoah, and much more. Imdb.me/joebalanza

JASIANA CARABALLO (Flippy/Li'l Petey Swing, she/her). Chicago-native, Jasiana Caraballo, is so excited to swing her way into the Dog Man fam! Her artistic journey has included: Cindy & the Disco Ball (Garry Marshall Theatre); Joseph... Dreamcoat (La Mirada); and Red, Burlesque, Tonight, Tonight, (Rockwell) She wants to thank KMR, Scot, & all of her loved ones for their endless support.

L.R. DAVIDSON (Li'l Petey & Others, she/her). OFF-BROADWAY: DOG MAN:The Musical (New World / Lortel Theatre), An Unbalanced Mind (AMT Theater), Cat Kid Comic Club (Lortel Theatre), Death For 5 Voices (Prospect Theater Co), National Pastime (Playwrights Horizons) SELECT REGIONAL: FOLLIES (Chicago Shakespeare), Ordinary Yearning... (Steppenwolf), 25th...Spelling Bee (Northern Stage), PaperMoon (Goodspeed/Walnut Street). Graduate of Juilliard & MSM. She's Li'l Petey on the OCR of DOGMAN. theIrd.com @theLRdavidson

REGGIE DE LEON (*Petey/Dog Man Swing, he/him*). L.A. native thrilled to be making his debut at the Kirk Douglas Theatre! Theatre: lago in *Aladdin* (Broadway and 1st national tour), Pain in *Hercules* at the Paper Mill Playhouse. TV/Film: Paul in *MOM* and Shep in Air Bud's *Pup Star* films. Love to Mom, Katie, and Max! reggiedeleon.com

CHADAÉ NICHOL (Flippy & Others, she/they) is an L.A. based Performing and Teaching Artist. She is a Ball State Theatre and Dance Alumni. Nichol also serves as Artistic Director for Academy of the Arts in the suburbs of Chicago. Credits: Bway/1st National: Motown, Showboat. Regional: Ragtime, Beautiful, and The Wiz.

BRIAN OWEN (Dog Man & Others, he/him) is supa grateful to work with material that inspires children to read when the most radical thing they can do is pick up a book. Selected credits: Dog Man: The Musical and Cat Kid Comic Club: The Musical, Sesame Street, Sweeney Todd, and The 39 Steps. His favorite roles are husband to Nicole and bellyscratcher of Ms. Starbara Stanwyck. Proud member, Team BWA. IG: @difficultlemondesigns

MARCUS PHILLIPS (George & Others, he/they). Absolutely loved these books growing up and thrilled to bring them to life! Recent credits include Spring Awakening (East West Players), The Prom (1st National Tour), Once on This Island (El Portal), and Tonight Tonight (Rockwell). Thank you to all the people who continue to pour into their life. @who.is.marcus

BRYAN DANIEL PORTER (Petey & Others, he/him). Bryan most recently starred in Hulu's Merry Kiss Cam, Brassroots District at La Jolla Playhouse, and The Hookup with Blumhouse. Select Credits: Dear White People, Paw Patrol, Blaze and the Monster Machines, many voices in videogames for Nintendo/Xbox/PlayStation/iOS, and theatrical productions with Geffen Playhouse, Mark Taper Forum, Guthrie Theater, and his oneman show for Broadway on Demand. BryanDanielPorter.com. IG: @BryanDanielPorter.

MAX TORREZ (Harold & Others, he/him). Max is a proud Texan who resides in NYC. He's thrilled to join Dog Man on his adventures! Regional: Assassins, Mamma Mia! (East West Players); Grease (McCoy Rigby; Musical Theatre West). TV: The Chosen. Mil gracias to Fam Bam, Grace and the big guy upstairs. For Decky and EJ! Galatians 6:9.

KEVIN DEL AGUILA (Book & Lyrics, he/him) is a multi-Emmy-winning writer and Tony-nominated performer whose other musical adaptations include Cat Kid Comic Club, Diary Of A Wimpy Kid, and DreamWorks' Madagascar. He's the bookwriter of the Off-Broadway hit Altar Boyz (Outer Critics Award), and lyricist of Click Clack Moo (Lortel and Drama Desk Award noms), and songs featured in the Disney movie Strange World.

BRAD ALEXANDER (Music, he/him). Theatre: See Rock City & Other Destinations (Drama Desk winner), Cat Kid Comic Club: The Musical, Click Clack Moo (Drama Desk, Lortel noms), We The People: America Rocks! (Lortel nom). TV: Clifford The Big Red Dog, Peg + Cat, VH1. Member: BMI, DGA, NAMT, SAGAFTRA. bradalexander.com

DAV PILKEY (Author). When Dav Pilkey was a kid, he was diagnosed with ADHD and dyslexia. He was so disruptive in class that his teachers made him sit out in the hallway everyday. He spent his time in the hallway creating his own original comic books—the very first adventures of *Dog Man* and *Captain Underpants*. His *Dog Man* series, launched in 2016, has more than 60 million copies in print and translated in 45 languages. A movie adaptation of *Dog Man* is in the works from DreamWorks Animation. The publication of *Dog Man*: The Scarlet Shedder in March 2024 will mark 37 years of Dav writing and illustrating acclaimed and bestselling books for children. Dav's stories are semi-autobiographical and explore universal themes that celebrate friendship, empathy, and the triumph of the good-hearted.

JEN WINEMAN (Director/Choreographer, she/her). Selected NYC: Dog Man: The Musical (New World Stages/Lucille Lortel Theatre); Retraction (TheatreRow); Less Than 50% (59E59); My Heart is in the East (La Mama); Fable (NYMF); F#%king Up Everything (Elektra Theater). Regional: American Shakespeare Center, Merrimack Rep, Pittsburgh CLO, Tantrum

Theater, Dorset Theatre Festival, Asolo Rep, Miami New Drama, Triad Stage. MFA Yale School of Drama. jenwineman.com @winemanjen

TIMOTHY R. MACKABEE (Scenic Designer). Set Design: Tim Mackabee. Broadway: The Elephant Man (starring Bradley Cooper), Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth (dir. Spike Lee). West End: The Elephant Man. Off-Broadway: Heathers, The Last Match (Roundabout), Vietgone (MTC), Guards at the Taj (Lortel Award), Describe The Night, Our New Girl (Atlantic), Luce (LCT), Gigantic (Vineyard). TV: Amy Schumer: Live at the Apollo (HBO), Gotham, Smash, The Today Show. Education: North Carolina School of the Arts, Yale School of Drama. @timmackabeedesign. Timothymackabeedesign.com

HEIDI LEIGH HANSON (Costume Designer, she/her). Besides catching up on the current Dog Man Books, Heidi designs costumes for a variety of projects and teaches Costume Design and Technology at Southern Connecticut State University and Housatonic Community College. Heidi holds an MFA in costume and set design from the Yale School of Drama, and a BA in theatre from California State University Long Beach. For more information visit: heidileigh.com

DAVID LANDER (Lighting Design) is very excited to illuminate Dav Pilkey's Dog Man and present it to audiences all over the USA and Australia. Other shows David has illuminated for TheaterWorksUSA are Dav Pilkey's Cat Kid Comic Club, The Lightning Thief—The Percy Jackson Musical, The Pout Pout Fish, Pete The Cat, and The Civil War.

EMMA WILK (Sound Design) is a New York-based sound designer and collaborator. Her designs have been heard at New York theaters including The Public, DR2, Theater Row, The Lortel, The New Vic, New World Stages, La MaMa, 59E59, Rattlestick, and HERE. Broadway Associate/Assistant Designer credits include Take Me Out; How I Learned to Drive; Caroline, or Change; Burn This; Long Day's Journey Into Night; Heisenberg; and The Lyons. Member USA 829. Emmamwilk.com.

GREGORY NABOURS (Music Direction, he/him) is an Ovation, Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle, and NAACP Award recipient, as well as the co-creator of the Unauthorized Musical Parody series, which has produced over 15 original jukebox musicals. His original musical, Mozart: Her Story recently debuted to 2 sold out houses at Carnegie Hall.

LLOYD KIKOLER (Orchestrations, he/him) is a New York City based orchestrator, producer and multi-instrumentalist. His work in theatre includes, Macbeth In Stride (Shakespeare Theatre Company), Earth Rise (Kennedy Center), Dot Dot Dot: A New Musical (TheaterWorksUSA), Eighty-Sixed (Diversionary Theatre).

MICHAEL DONOVAN CASTING Michael and Richie have 12 CSA Artios Awards (presented for Outstanding Achievement in Casting) between them. They have cast over 1,000 shows at such places as the Ahmanson, Mark Taper, Hollywood Bowl, Kirk Douglas, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Pasadena Playhouse, Laguna Playhouse, ICT, 5 Star and much more.

JIHEE JENNY PARK (Production Stage Manager, she/her). Jihee Jenny Park is a Korean American Stage Manager based in Los Angeles and very excited to go on adventures with Dog Man: The Musical! Select stage management credits: Independent Shakespeare Company's Griffith Park Free Shakespeare Festival; Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992 (CTG); How It's Gon' Be (Echo); Anita Berber is Dead! and Letters from Home (ISC); King Lear (Wallis); Revenge Porn and The Giant Void in My Soul (Ammo).

GUADALUPE N GARCIA (Assistant Stage Manager) is ecstatic to return to the Kirk Douglas Theatre after being a part of the SM team for Fetch Clay, Make Man. She would love to thank her family and close friends for all the constant support they give her to pursue her dreams. IG @guadalupengarcia

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SNEHAL DESAI (Artistic Director, he/him) was appointed Center Theatre Group's third artistic director in 2023. As an artistic leader, Snehal has sought to raise awareness on social issues that affect Angelenos through impactful and empowering storytelling. Previously, he was the Producing Artistic Director of East West Players. A Soros Fellow and the recipient of a Tanne Award, Snehal was the Inaugural Recipient of the Drama League's Classical Directing Fellowship. He has served on the boards of the Consortium of Asian American Theaters and Artists (Caata), Theatre Communications Group (TCG), and currently serves on the board of the National Alliance for Musical Theatre (NAMT). Snehal was on the faculty of USC's graduate program in Arts Leadership and is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama.

MEGHAN PRESSMAN (Managing Director/CEO, she/her) joined Center Theatre Group in 2019. Previously, she served as Managing Director of Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company (D.C.), Director of Development for Signature Theatre (N.Y.), and Associate Managing Director of Berkeley Rep. She is a graduate of Yale School of Drama/Yale School of Management and serves as a mentor in the Theater Management program. Meghan has served as the Vice-Chair for the Theatre Communications Group Board of Directors and is a member of the Broadway League.

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.

NAUSICA STERGIOU (General Manager) has worked supporting artists in theatres of all shapes, sizes, and locales including Center Theatre Group as General Manager and, previously, as Audience Development Director. She oversees productions at the Taper and Douglas, as well as new play commissions and developmental productions. Nausica has taught Marketing and Management at USC's School of Dramatic Arts and works with local nonprofits including Hollywood Orchard. BA, Cornell University. MFA, Yale School of Drama.

DOUGLAS C. BAKER (*Producing Director, he/him*) joined Center Theatre Group in 1990. Doug is an active member of the Broadway League, the Independent Presenters Network (IPN), and is a proud member of the Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers (ATPAM). In 2013, Doug received the Broadway League's prestigious Outstanding Achievement in Presenter Management Award.

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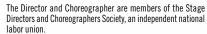
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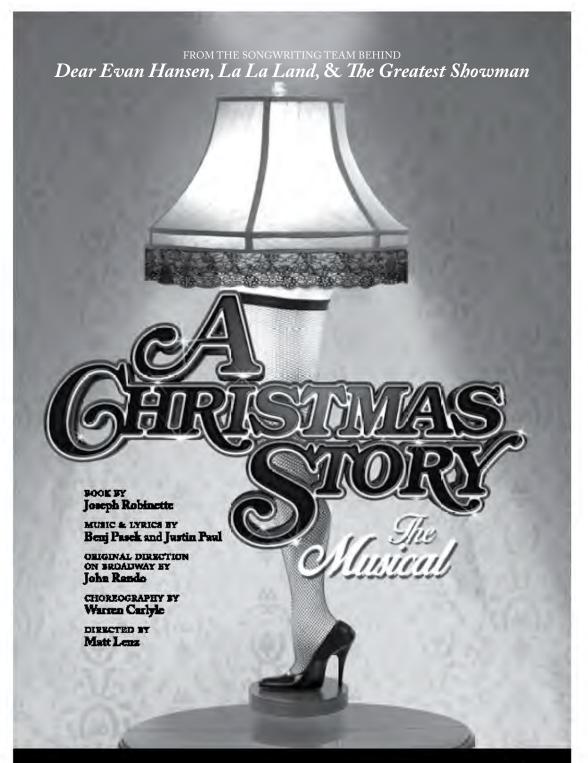






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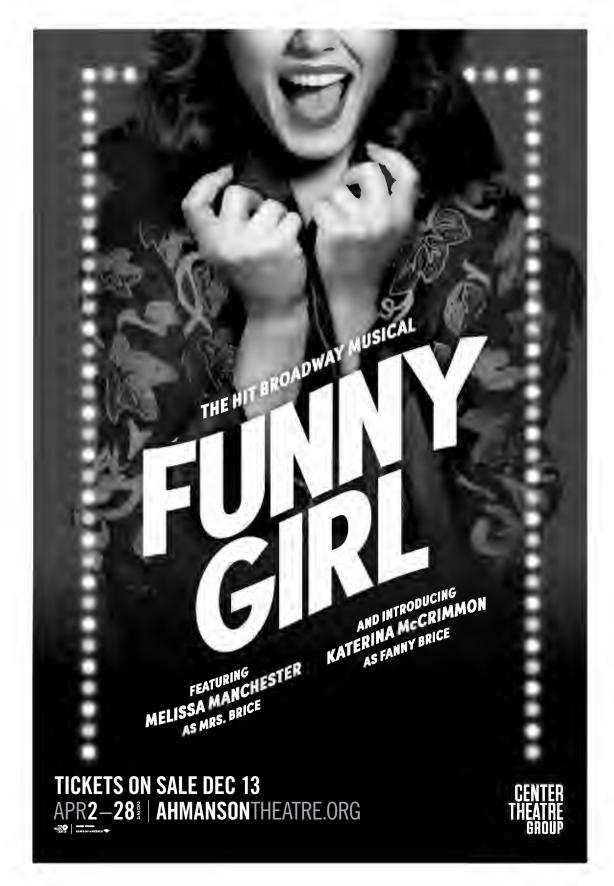
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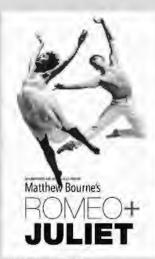


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