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BONUS PRODUCTION

**HADESTOWN**

Music, Lyrics & Book by Anaïs Mitchell (she/her)  
Developed with & Directed by Rachel Chavkin (she/her)

**OCTOBER 3–15, 2023**

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**A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL**

Book by Joseph Robinette  
Music and Lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul  
Original Direction on Broadway by John Rando  
Choreography by Warren Carlyle  
Directed by Matt Lenz

**DECEMBER 5–31, 2023**

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**MATTHEW BOURNE'S ROMEO + JULIET**

Music by Terry Davies based on the original score by Sergei Prokofiev  
Directed and Choreographed by Matthew Bourne  
In collaboration with the New Adventures artistic team  
North American Premiere

**JANUARY 28–FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

**FUNNY GIRL**

Music by Jule Styne  
Lyrics by Bob Merrill  
Book by Isobel Lennart

**APRIL 2-28, 2024**

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**A STRANGE LOOP**

Book, Music, And Lyrics by Michael R. Jackson  
Choreography by Raja Feather Kelly  
Directed by Stephen Brackett  
A co-production with American Conservatory Theatre

**JUNE 5-30, 2024**

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**CLUE**

Written by Sandy Rustin  
Additional Material by Hunter Foster and Eric Price  
Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn  
Original Music by Michael Holland  
Based on the 1985 Paramount movie  
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Scenic Design by  
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Costume Design based on the  
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Costume Design by  
ELIZABETH HOPE CLANCY

Lighting Design based on  
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Lighting Design by  
HOWELL BINKLEY

Scenic Design Adaptation by:  
MICHAEL CARNAHAN

Ahmanson Theatre  
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CHARLIE MORRISON

Sound Design by:  
BRIAN HSIEH

Orchestrations by:  
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Vocal Arrangements by:  
JUSTIN PAUL

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## CAST

*(in order of appearance)*

Jean Shepherd ..... CHRIS CARSTEN  
Ralphie..... KAI EDGAR  
Mother..... SABRINA SLOAN  
Randy..... HENRY WITCHER  
The Old Man ..... ERIC PETERSEN  
The Bumpus Hounds ..... REBA, JETHRO  
Schwartz..... KAYDEN ALEXANDER KOSHELEV  
Flick..... JACK CASEY  
Esther Jane..... ADDALIE BURNS  
Mary Beth..... IZZY PIKE  
Nancy..... GRETA REBECCA KLEINMAN  
Carol ..... EMILIE ONG  
Scut Farkus..... JORDAN COATES  
Grover Dill..... ZEKE BERNIER  
Miss Shields ..... SHELLEY REGNER  
Fantasy Villain..... KYLE MONTGOMERY  
Bank Teller..... KAYDEN ALEXANDER KOSHELEV  
Bank Robbers..... MICHAEL JAMES, GABRIEL NAVARRO  
Convict..... MICHAEL JAMES  
Can Can Dancers ..... ADDALIE BURNS, GRETA REBECCA KLEINMAN, IZZY PIKE  
Delivery Men ..... GABRIEL NAVARRO, TRENT MILLS  
Policeman..... MICHAEL JAMES  
Fireman ..... GABRIEL NAVARRO  
Doctor ..... ANDREW GE  
Nurse ..... JULIA HARNETT  
Flick's Mother ..... GABBIE FRIED  
Mobster Tap Specialty ..... ADDALIE BURNS  
Santa Claus..... KYLE MONTGOMERY  
Chief Elf ..... GABBIE FRIED  
Goggles Kid..... ZEKE BERNIER  
Waiter..... ANDREW GE  
Waitress..... EMILIE ONG  
Neighbors, Shoppers, Parents, Students  
Townsppeople, Elves, and Others ..... ZEKE BERNIER, ADDALIE BURNS, JACK CASEY,  
JORDAN COATES, GABBIE FRIED, ANDREW GE, JULIANE GODFREY,  
JULIA HARNETT, MICHAEL JAMES, GRETA REBECCA KLEINMAN,  
KAYDEN ALEXANDER KOSHELEV, TRENT MILLS, KYLE MONTGOMERY,  
GABRIEL NAVARRO, EMILIE ONG, JACOB PHAM,  
IZZY PIKE, SHELLEY REGNER, CHARLIE STOVER

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## CAST

### STAGE MANAGERS

MICHELLE BLAIR  
EDWARD KHRIS FERNANDEZ

### DANCE CAPTAIN

JANE PAPAGEORGE

### SWINGS

STEVEN-ADAM AGDEPPA, JANE PAPAGEORGE, JACOB PHAM

### UNDERSTUDIES

For Jean Shepherd —TRENT MILLS  
For Ralphie—CHARLIE STOVER  
For Mother—JULIANE GODFREY  
For Randy—ZEKE BERNIER, JACOB PHAM  
For The Old Man—TRENT MILLS  
For Schwartz—JACK CASEY, CHARLIE STOVER  
For Flick—JACOB PHAM  
For Scut Farkus—JACK CASEY, KAYDEN ALEXANDER KOSHELEV, CHARLIE STOVER  
For Grover Dill—CHARLIE STOVER, JACOB PHAM  
For Miss Shields—JANE PAPAGEORGE  
For Santa Claus—TRENT MILLS  
For Waiter—JACOB PHAM

THERE WILL BE ONE 15-MINUTE INTERMISSION.

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Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of management. Patrons with disabilities: wheelchair seating is available in a variety of theatre locations. When ordering tickets, please indicate any special needs. For our hearing-impaired guests, the theatre is equipped with listening devices; please contact an usher for assistance.

## CAST



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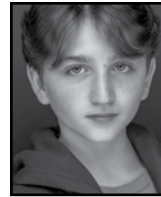
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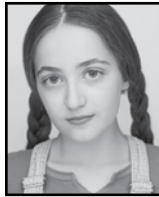
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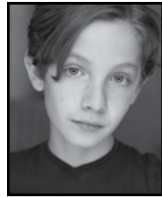
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## SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT I

Overture..... Orchestra

**Prologue:** Outside radio station WOR, New York City/the radio studio desk — Christmas Eve, Several Years Ago

**Scene 1:** The Parker Family House and Higbee's Department Store — December 1, 1940  
 "It All Comes Down to Christmas" ..... Ralphie, The Parkers, Ensemble  
 "Red Ryder Carbine Action BB Gun" ..... Ralphie, Jean  
 "It All Comes Down to Christmas (Reprise)" ..... Ralphie, Ensemble

**Scene 2:** The Parker Family House — The Next Day  
 "The Genius on Cleveland Street" ..... The Old Man, Mother

**Scene 3:** A Path Leading to School — Soon Afterward  
 "When You're A Wimp" ..... Kids

**Scene 4:** The Classroom — A Few Minutes Later  
 "Ralphie to the Rescue!" ..... Ralphie, Miss Shields, The Old Man, Mother, Randy, Ensemble

**Scene 5:** The Parker Family House — A Week Later  
 "What a Mother Does" ..... Mother  
 "A Major Award" ..... The Old Man, Mother, Neighbors

**Scene 6:** The Parker Family House — Early Evening of December 13, 1940

**Scene 7:** On the Road — Immediately Following  
 "Parker Family Singalong" ..... The Parkers

**Scene 8:** The Parker Family House — Late That Night  
 "Act I Finale" ..... Ralphie, Mother, Old Man, Randy, Ensemble

### ACT II

Entr'Acte. .... Orchestra

**Scene 1:** The Schoolyard and The Classroom  
 "Sticky Situation" ..... Ralphie, Flick, Schwartz, Kids, Miss Shields, Nurse, Flick's Mom, Fireman, Policeman, Doctor

**Scene 2:** Fantasy 1930's Speakeasy  
"You'll Shoot Your Eye Out" ..... Miss Shields, Kids

**Scene 3:** A Path From School — Immediately Following

**Scene 4:** The Parker Family House — A Few Minutes Later  
"Just Like That" ..... Mother

**Scene 5:** Santa's Station at Higbee's — Christmas Eve  
"At Higbee's" ..... Elves  
"Up on Santa's Lap" ..... Santa Claus, Elves, Ralphie, Randy, Kids

**Scene 6:** The Parker Family House — Christmas Eve  
"Before The Old Man Comes Home" ..... The Parkers

**Scene 7:** The Boys' Bedroom  
"Somewhere Hovering Over Indiana" .....Ralphie, Randy, Kids

**Scene 8:** The Parker Family House — Christmas Morning  
"It's Christmas" ..... Ralphie, Randy  
"Ralphie to the Rescue (Reprise)" ..... Ralphie, Ensemble

**Scene 9:** A Chinese Restaurant and the Town - Christmas Evening  
"A Christmas Story" ..... The Parkers and Full Company

## ORCHESTRA

MUSIC DIRECTOR, KEYBOARD 2—ANDREW SMITHSON  
ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR, KEYBOARD 1—BRAD GARDNER  
REED 1—SAL LOZANO  
REED 2—NOELLE FABIAN  
REED 3—RUSTY HIGGINS  
TRUMPET 1—DAN FORNERO  
TRUMPET 2—JAMES FORD  
TROMBONE 1—RAUL NAVARETTE  
BASS TROMBONE—STEVEN TRAPANI  
BASS—WILLIAM JOHNSON  
DRUMS—BRIAN MALONE  
PERCUSSION—JORDAN CURCURUTO  
KEYBOARD SUB—JENNIFER LIN  
MUSIC CONTRACTOR—ROBERT PAYNE

## WHO'S WHO

**STEVEN-ADAM AGDEPPA** (*Swing; he/they*). Steven is excited to make their Ahmanson stage debut! Credits: *On This Side of the World*, *Mamma Mia* (East West Players); *Grease, Cats, Newsies, In the Heights* (La Mirada); *Invincible: The Pat Benetar and Neil Geraldo Musical*; *The Music Man* (Musical Theater West). Gratitude to the creative team, Go2Talent, and Nicky!

**ZEKE BERNIER** (*Grover Dill, U/S Randy, Ensemble; he/him*). Zeke is excited to be a part of *A Christmas Story* at the Ahmanson. Zeke loves performing and began in musical theatre at age 5. He has worked on film, television, commercials, print/internet projects, theatre, and hosted events. Zeke enjoys making videos, martial arts, dance parties, and being with his friends.

**ADDALIE BURNS** (*Esther Jane, Tap Specialty; she/her*) is delighted to be making her CTGLA debut! Credits: *Music Man* (Amaryllis) (Broadway at Music Circus), *Carousel* (Broadway at Music Circus), the National Philharmonic, American Pops Orchestra, Birdland Jazz Club, New York Theatre Workshop. "Thank you Luke Hawkins, Noah J. Ricketts, Annette Tanner/ Broadway Dreams Foundation." IG:@tappingadds

**CHRIS CARSTEN** (*Jean Shepherd, he/him*). Mr. Carsten is a relatively unknown commodity who is absolutely delighted to continue a long tradition of portraying Jean Shepherd over the holidays! Since 2014, he has performed for audiences across the country as the iconic non disembodied narrator of the musical version of this beloved Christmas classic, perhaps more than any other actor to date! Over the years he has appeared in touring productions spanning the globe. Some of his favorite roles include John Adams in *1776*, Henry Higgins in *My Fair Lady*, and the title role in William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. He would like to thank Maisie, Evangeline, and Finley for their love and support.

**JACK CASEY** (*Flick, Ensemble, U/S Scut Farkus; he/him*). Jack has appeared on Broadway as The Little Boy Edgar in *Ragtime's 25th Anniversary Concert*. Rufus in the world premiere of the Ahrens/Flaherty musical, *Knoxville* at Asolo Rep, directed by the late Frank Galati. Original Cast Album of *Knoxville*. TV/FILM: Dylan Shakes, Amazon Prime's *Harlan Coben's Shelter, Bruno, The Nonnas, Law & Order: SVU, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. Jack is honored to make his Ahmanson debut, and thanks his brother Finn Douglas, his mother Annie, his dad, Miss Bev, Jackie Reid, everyone in his Christmas Story Family, and the magic of Christmas. @jackcaseyactor

**JORDAN COATES** (*Scut Farkus, Ensemble*). Jordan is thrilled to be telling this story again at the Ahmanson! Theatre: *Evita ACT; Billy Elliot* (Michael) Rhinebeck Theater; *A Christmas Story* (Schwartz) Tuacahn and Engeman Theater. TV/VO: *Invasion*

(Jack), Apple TV+; *Mr. Robot* (Kyle), USA; Awkwafina's *Nora is From Queens* (Team Cpt #2), Comedy Central; *Paw Patrol* (Rubble), Nick Jr. Mom, Dad, Jack, this is for you. @Jordancoates

**KAI EDGAR** (*Ralphie, he/him*). Excited for this bucket list role! Favorite credits: *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* (National Tour), *The Hours* (Metropolitan Opera), *The Secret Garden* (Broadway at Music Circus), *Pelléas et Mélisande* (LA Opera, Santa Fe Opera), *Chicago Fire, Firebuds, Santiago of the Seas*. Thanks to the creative team, DDO Kids, Station 3, and his amazing coaches. @kaijosephedgar

**GABBIE FRIED** (*Ensemble, she/her*). Center Theatre Group debut. Regional: Enid in *Legally Blonde, Grease, Hairspray* (KC Starlight), *Footloose* (Cortland Rep), *Spring Awakening* (Hangar Theatre), *Les Misérables, The Little Mermaid* (Sharon Playhouse). TV: *Drew Barrymore Show*. Gabbie's a Jewish Comedian from Kansas City, she now performs comedy around L.A. Education: NYU Tisch (Atlantic), UCB, and Groundlings. @goobiefried

**ANDREW GE** (*Waiter, Ensemble; he/him*). Theatre: *Mamma Mia!* (East West Players), *Cinderella* (5-Star Theatricals), *Shanghai's World Emporium* (Huntington Library), *Arcane* (Secret Cinema/Riot Games). TV/Film: *The Slumber Party* (Yo Fiest), *Blue Suit* (Wong Fu Presents), *Beneath The Banyan Tree* (VOD). Voice: *The Devil's Plan* (Netflix), *Dream* (Netflix), *Girl From Nowhere* (Netflix). Certified matcha snob. @thisisge

**JULIANE GODFREY** (*Ensemble, U/S Mother; she/her*) Broadway: *SpongeBob SquarePants: The Musical* (OBC Dance Captain/Swing). National Tours: *Beetlejuice*, Lincoln Center's *My Fair Lady, Something Rotten!* Regional: Goodspeed, Paper Mill Playhouse, Arena Stage, Sacramento Music Circus, and more. Solo Show: *I Won't Dance (Don't Make Me Sing)* (Bourbon Room). Arts educator, Maker of Art + Heart, UCLA alum. @julianegodfrey

**JULIA HARNETT** (*Ensemble, she/her*). Recently seen in *Guys & Dolls* at The Kennedy Center and *Cabaret* at Barrington Stage. Selected Theatre Credits: *Chicago* (Fulton Theatre), *In The Heights* (Arts Club). Selected Television/Film Credits: *Schmigadoon* (AppleTV+ Season's 1 & 2), *FBI* (CBS), *Billions* (Showtime), *Power* (Starz), *The Other Two* (Comedy Central), *Psych* (USA), *In The Heights* (Warner Bros.), and *Christmas Waltz* (Hallmark). Thank you: Tyler, Jaelen, Cocoa, JimmyD., Gmo, DGRW crew, Maritza, Melissa. @juliaharnett

**MICHAEL JAMES** (*Elf, Ensemble; he/him*). CTG debut! Regional: Musical Theater West (*The Wizard of Oz*), Goodspeed Opera House (*Bye Bye Birdie*), Pittsburgh CLO (*Altar Boyz, Newsies, Mamma Mia!*), Maltz Jupiter Theater (*West Side Story, How to Succeed... , Chicago*), Sacramento Music Circus (*Mamma Mia!*), and McCoy Rigby Entertainment (*Newsies, Mamma Mia!*) Up next: *Mystic Pizza*. Television: *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. @heyitsmichaeljamesbrown

**GRETA REBECCA KLEINMAN** (*Nancy, Ensemble; she/her*). Greta Rebecca is thrilled to make her debut at the Ahmanson Theatre in *A Christmas Story*. Credits: *Matilda* (Matilda), *A Christmas Carol* (Tiny Tim). Heartfelt thank you to Franck Casting, ACS Team, Stewart Talent, Lisa Calli, Thommie Retter, Wright Way, and Alex Renee'- Davies. Love to my family and friends. My Daddy in heaven, I did it! Psalm 149:3.

**KAYDEN ALEXANDER KOSHELEV** (*Schwartz, Ensemble; he/him*). Kayden is thrilled to be making his debut with CTG and the Ahmanson Theatre! Kayden has an array of TV, film, voiceover, commercial, and musical theatre credits. Most recently, he starred as Oliver in *Oliver!* with 5-Star Theatricals, sung "Hallelujah" in Kevin Hart's *Me Time* on Netflix, and is part of Zack Snyder's film *Rebel Moon*, premiering in December. Kayden thanks his amazing family and team for the unconditional love and support that allows him to live out his dreams. IG: @kaydenkoshelev\_official

**TRENT MILLS** (*Ensemble, U/S Jean Shepherd, U/S Old Man, U/S Santa Claus; he/him*). Trent is beaming with gratitude to be making his CTG debut! International Tour: *Ash in Evil Dead the Musical*. TV: *Little America* (Apple TV), *Tower of God* (HBO). Favorite Regional Credits: *Shrek* (Shrek), *Young Frankenstein* (The Monster), *Music Man* (Marcellus), *Cruel Intentions the Musical* (Greg). Follow along: @Gianttrent

**KYLE MONTGOMERY** (*Santa Claus, Ensemble; he/they*). International Tour: *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer* (Hermey). National Tour: *The Pout-Pout Fish* (PSM). Regional: DeafWest (PSM), Actors Co-Op (Producer), Uptown Players, Lyric Stage, WaterTower Theatre, Circle Theatre, Theatre Three, StageWest. MT Adjunct @ Fullerton College. BFA/TCU. MFA/SDSU. AEA. For private vocal/acting coaching - @frostactor (IG). raisin & boo <3

**GABRIEL NAVARRO** (*Ensemble, he/him*). Grateful for his Ahmanson debut! Selected credits: MTW's *R&H's Cinderella* (Prince Topher), SDMT's *42nd Street* (Billy Lawlor), MTG's *Follies* (Young Buddy), *Brigadoon* (Charlie Dalrymple), The Getty Villa, The 5th Avenue Theatre, Tuacahn, and MRE-La Mirada. Currently attending USC's School of Dramatic Arts (BFA in Musical Theatre) Fight On! @gabrielnavarrojr gabrielnavarrojr.com

**EMILIE ONG** (*Waitress, Ensemble; she/her*) is thrilled to be part of *A Christmas Story*. Credits include *The Sound of Music* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (McCoy Rigby Entertainment). Shoutouts to Christin, Megan, VoH, BAS, BAA, and BFF Aldo. Thank you Five Star Talent Management, DDO Artists Agency, family, and God! Her theatre-loving grandma is watching from Heaven! @emilie.sy.ong

**JANE PAPAGEORGE** (*Swing, U/S Miss Shields; she/her*). Recently: Val - *A Chorus Line*, Sarah Palin - *44: The Obama Musical*. Past credits: Hollywood Bowl's *HAIR* and *A Chorus Line*; Jamie Leigh Lee - *Scary Musical the Musical!*; Princess Anna - *Frozen: Live at the Hyperion*; Anytime Annie - *42nd Street*; April - *Company*; *Cabaret*; *Spamalot*; *General Hospital*; *Butterflies of Love*. KMR Talent @ janepapageorge

**ERIC PETERSEN** (*The Old Man, he/him*). Eric Petersen has worked extensively on television and the Broadway stage. TV: *Kevin Can F\*\*\* Himself* (Kevin), *High Desert*, *Kirstie*, *Madagascar: A Little Wild* (Emmy nomination for his role as Ant'ney), Guest Stars: *The Big Bang Theory*, *Modern Family*, *Chicago Fire*, and many more. Film: Oscar Nominated Coen Bros. *Ballad of Buster Scruggs*. Broadway: *Shrek The Musical*, *School of Rock*, *Escape to Margaritaville*, and *Peter and the Starcatcher*. Co-host of the #1 Christmas podcast *Christmas Countdown Show*. Love to Lisa, Sophie, and Miles. Graduate of Bradley University. @ericpete Insta @theportlygentleman Fashion Insta.

**JACOB PHAM** (*Ensemble, Swing, U/S Flick, U/S Randy, U/S Grover Dill, U/S Waiter; he/him*) is a vibrant young actor, singer, dancer, and pianist. Theatre: *All My Sons* (Bert) Tampa Repertory Theatre; *The Lion King, Jr.* (Young Simba) Ovations Theatre. TV: *Sesame Street*. Voiceover: Disney Jr. and Nick Jr. Special thanks to Lisa Calli, DDO artists agency, Orlando Pena, Emilia Sargent, and his family for believing in him. @JacobPhamOfficial

**IZZY PIKE** (*Mary Beth, Ensemble; she/her*) is thrilled to be a part of *A Christmas Story!* Special thanks to my family for their endless support and encouragement! Credits: *ANNIE NATIONAL TOUR*. Thank you to Ivy Artists Management, DDO Artists Agency, Valerie Gould, and John and Bonnie Ryerson. "Never give up on your dreams!" @theizzybizz

**SHELLEY REGNER** (*Miss Shields, Ensemble; she/her*). CTG's Ahmanson Theatre debut! Film/TV: *Pitch Perfect* franchise (Universal), *Underdeveloped* (Tubi). Nat'l Tour: Disney *DCappella* (debut album). Regional Credits: *Bronies!* (world premiere), *Company* (5 Star Theatricals), *Cruel Intentions Musical*, *Tick, Tick... Boom!* (After Hours Theatre Co.), *Beauty and the Beast in Concert* (Hollywood Bowl). @shelleyregner

**SABRINA SLOAN** (*Mother, she/her*). Most recently starred in *King Liz* at the Geffen following a four-year run as Angelica Schuyler in *Hamilton* (opposite Lin Manuel Miranda). OBC: *Hairspray*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *Motown the Musical*, 1st National Tour: *In the Heights*. TV/Film: *Hacks*, *All Rise*, *Ode to Joy*, *Blindspot*, *Mysteries of Laura*, *Boston Legal*. Graduate of Northwestern University. Merry Merry and Love to Q+J.

**CHARLIE STOVER** (*U/S Ralphie, Ensemble, U/S Others; he/him*). Charlie recently completed a 6-month run as Charlie

Bucket in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at Tuacahn. Offstage, he has recurred on *Yellowstone*, and recently made his Cannes Film Festival debut in *Riddle of Fire*. Charlie would like to thank CTG, his parents, family, and friends for their endless support. @charlieslover

**HENRY WITCHER** (*Randy*) is excited to make his Ahmanson debut! TV Credits: *Lone Star: 9-1-1*, *Kindred*, and Hulu's *The New Nanny*. Voiceover: Netflix's *Gabby's Dollhouse*, Disney's *Firebuds*, and *Robogobo*. Henry is a session singer and member of the Los Angeles Children's Chorus. Thanks to my family, Baraka May, DDOkids, DPN, and Sherry Kayne!

**JILL GOLD** (*Production Stage Manager, she/her*) began her career at the Taper in 1983 and is happy to be back at CTG 40 years later! In between, she stage managed over 250 productions, including 6 national tours. Jill teaches at Occidental, UCLA, and USC, using her book *Stage Management* by Lawrence Stern and Jill Gold.

**MICHELLE BLAIR** (*Stage Manager, she/her*) has enjoyed a long history of stage managing in Los Angeles and has worked extensively with Center Theatre Group on over forty productions at their three theatres. Other favorites include *A Christmas Carol* First National Tour, *The Pee-wee Herman Show* at Club Nokia, *A Long Bridge Over Deep Waters* with Cornerstone Theater Company, *Henry IV* with Shakespeare Center Los Angeles, *Jersey Boys* in Las Vegas, and *Eurydice* and *La Traviata* with the Los Angeles Opera. Graduate of the University of Southern California and the University of Amsterdam. Mom to fifteen-year-old Liam and eleven-year-old Imogen. For Susie Walsh.

**EDWARD KHRIS FERNANDEZ** (*Stage Manager, he/him*). Regional: *The Engagement Party* at The Geffen Playhouse; *On This Side of the World*, *Interstate*, *Vietgone* at East West Players; *Clyde's* at The Mark Taper Forum; *Clyde's* at The Goodman Theatre; *In The Heights*, *Songs From The Border* at The Colorado Fine Arts Center; *The Garden* at La Jolla Playhouse.

**JOSEPH ROBINETTE** (*Book*) is a 2013 Tony Award nominee and Drama Desk Award nominee and the award-winning author of fifty-five published plays and musicals. His works have been produced in all fifty states and in seventeen foreign countries. Twelve of his plays have been translated into foreign languages. His plays have been produced by Lincoln Center, Pittsburgh Playhouse, Barter Theatre, Laguna Playhouse, Goodman Theatre and the BBC, among others. Robinette collaborated with E.B.White on the authorized stage version of *Charlotte's Web*, and he wrote the musical version with composer Charles Strouse.

**BENJ PASEK AND JUSTIN PAUL** (*Lyrics/Music/Arrangements*) are the Tony, Oscar, and Golden Globe-winning songwriting team behind the Broadway musicals *Dear Evan Hansen* (Tony, Drama Desk Award, Obie Award, Outer Critics Circle Award, Helen Hayes Award) and *A Christmas Story, The Musical* (Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle Award nominations). Other musicals include *Dogfight*, (Lucille Lortel Award winner, Drama League, Outer Critics Circle, London Evening Standard Awards nominations), *James and The Giant Peach*, and *Edges*. Film projects include: *La La Land* (Lionsgate); *Trolls* (Dreamworks Animation). Upcoming film projects include *The Greatest Showman* (FOX); *Snow White* (Walt Disney Pictures); *Medusa* (Sony Pictures Animation); *Aladdin* (Walt Disney Pictures). TV credits include *Smash*, *Sesame Street*, *The Flash* and *Johnny and the Sprites*, and Fox's upcoming *A Christmas Story Live!*. Additional honors: Richard Rodgers Award for Musical Theatre (American Academy of Arts and Letters); ASCAP Richard Rodgers New Horizons Award; Jonathan Larson Award. Both are graduates of the University of Michigan Musical Theatre program and members of the Dramatists Guild of America, Inc.

**JEAN SHEPHERD** (*Originating Author*). One of the most nostalgic, humorous storytellers of his day, Shepherd wrote for several magazines and his articles were published in a series of books including *The America of George Ade*, *In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash*, *A Fistful of Fig Newtons* and *The Ferrari in the Bedroom*. Shepherd's radio broadcasting career began in Cincinnati in 1948. He eventually moved to WOR Radio in New York. He performed entirely without scripts. From 1971 to 1994, Shepherd became a screenwriter, writing and producing numerous television and cinema works. In 2005, Shepherd was posthumously inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame and the Broadcast Cable Hall of Fame.

**JOHN RANDO** (*Original Broadway Direction*). Broadway credits include the currently highly acclaimed revival of *On The Town*, *A Christmas Story*, *The Wedding Singer*, *Urinetown* (Tony and Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Director), *A Thousand Clowns* and Neil Simon's *The Dinner Party*. His recent Off-Broadway credits include this season's *Lives of the Saints* (Primary Stages), *The Heir Apparent* (2014 SDCF Calloway Award for Direction - Classic Stage Company), *All in the Timing* (Primary Stages - 2013 Obie Award for Direction), and *The Toxic Avenger*, among many others. He directed the Encores! Productions of *Little Me*, *It's a Bird... It's a Plane... It's Superman*, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, *On the Town*, *Damn Yankee*, *Face the Music*, *Strike Up the Band*, *Do Re Mi*, *The Pajama Game* and *Of Thee I Sing*. He also directed the staged performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* at the New York Philharmonic.

**MATT LENZ** (*Director*). Broadway: *Hairspray*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *The Velocity of Autumn* (Associate Director on original productions), Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* (Resident Director). Off-Broadway: *Pageant: The Musical* (Drama Desk nom.), *The Irish Curse*, *Idaho! The Comedy Musical*, *The Great Daisy Theory*, *Fingers and Toes*, and *Alan Ball's Tense Guy*. National Tours: *Charlie...and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Sound of Music*, *A Christmas Story: The Musical*, *Cheers: Live on Stage*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *The Who's Tommy*, and numerous *Hairspray* companies. International: *The Sound of Music* Global Tour (current), *Charlie...* in Australia and productions of *Hairspray* in Australia, South Africa, the U.K., Toronto, and Germany. Regional: Numerous plays and musicals at the Ahmanson, Paper Mill Playhouse, George Street Playhouse, the MUNY, Ogunquit Playhouse, La Mirada, Cape Playhouse, North Carolina Theatre, Maltz Jupiter Theater, Forestburgh Playhouse, Zach Theatre, Gulfshore Playhouse, Casa Manana. Matt is the Founding Artistic Director of the annual In The Works ~ In The Woods Festival of new plays and musicals. mattlenzdirector.com @magicmattlenz

**WARREN CARLYLE** (*Choreographer, he/him*) is an Emmy Nominated, Tony Award winning Director/Choreographer. Most recently choreographed the Tony Award nominated revival of *The Music Man* on Broadway. Warren has been nominated for two Tony Awards, seven Drama Desk Awards, and an Emmy award. He's won a Tony Award (*After Midnight*), two Outer Critics Circle Awards, a Drama Desk Award and the prestigious Astaire Award for choreography. Current Productions: *Barry Manilow's Harmony* (Broadway).

**BROOKE MARTINO** (*Associate Choreographer, she/her*). Choreography Credits: *A Christmas Story* (National Tour), *Happy Days the Musical* (Broadway World Award: Best Choreography), *Marvelous Wonderettes*, *Grease*, and *Baritoned*. Performer Credits: *A Christmas Story*, *Jersey Boys*, *Priscilla: Queen of the Desert*, *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *A Chorus Line*, *Hairspray*, *42nd Street*, and *RENT*. #brookeisgramless Ballchange

**MICHAEL RADER** (*Associate Director*) is a New York City based director who has served as Artistic Director for Cirque du Soleil, Producing Artistic Director for the historic Cape Playhouse, and Executive Producer for Theatre Aspen. Highlights as a director or associate include the Off-Broadway production of Stalking *The Bogeyman* (Outer Critics Circle Nomination), *Varekai* (Cirque Du Soleil), and productions with Sacramento Music Circus, Theatre Aspen, The Cape Playhouse, The York Theatre Company, The Forestburgh Playhouse, The Human Race Theatre, The Dramatist Guild, The Actors Studio and the critically acclaimed Off-Broadway benefit of William Finn's *Elegies: A Song Cycle*. michaelrader.com

**WALT SPANGLER** (*Original Broadway Scenic Design*). Walt designed the original Broadway production of *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical*. Recent/upcoming projects include the Broadway premiere of *Escape To Margaritaville*, directed by Christopher Ashley and the Broadway premiere of *Tuck Everlasting*, directed by Casey Nicholaw. Please visit: waltspangler.com.

**ELIZABETH HOPE CLANCY** (*Original Broadway Costume Design*). Broadway: *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical*; *Passing Strange*; *The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?*; *Bobbi Boland and The Ride Down Mt. Morgan*. International: *The Glass Menagerie* (Shanghai Dramatic Arts), *Death of a Salesman* (Gate Theatre), *A Few Good Men* (Theatre Royal, Haymarket). New York: *The Lady from Dubuque* (Signature Theatre), *Measure for Measure* (Shakespeare in the Park), *The Antigone Project* (Henry Hewes nomination).

**HOWELL BINKLEY** (*Original Broadway Lighting Design*). Broadway: *Prince of Broadway*, *Come From Away* (2017 Tony nom), *A Bronx Tale*, *Hamilton* (2016 Tony Winner), *After Midnight* (2014 Tony nom), *How to Succeed...* starring Daniel Radcliffe (2011 Tony nom), *West Side Story* (2009 Tony nom), *Gypsy* starring Patti LuPone, *In The Heights* (2008 Tony nom), *Jersey Boys* (2006 Tony Winner), *Avenue Q*, *Parade*, *Kiss Of The Spider Woman* (1993 Tony nom.) Co-Founder and Resident Lighting Designer for Parsons Dance. 1993 Sir Laurence Olivier and Canadian Dora Awards for *Kiss of The Spider Woman*. 2006 Henry Hewes Design Award for *Jersey Boys*. 2016 Henry Hewes Design Award for *Hamilton*.

**MICHAEL CARNAHAN** (*Scenic Design Adaption*). Off-Broadway—Atlantic Theater Company: *Skeleton Crew*; 59E59: *I and You*; Second Stage: *The Happiest Song Plays Last*; Signature Theatre: *The Piano Lesson*, *The First Breeze of Summer*; *Life Could Be A Dream*, *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, *Three Mo' Tenors*, *Pygmalion*, *Howie the Rookie*, *Brando*. Tours—*Cheers*, *Live On Stage*; *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical*. Regional—credits include Arena Stage, American Conservatory Theater, McCarter Theatre, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Baltimore Center Stage, Pasadena Playhouse, Two River Theatre, Cleveland Play House, Laguna Playhouse, Utah Shakespeare Festival, Northlight Theatre, Signature Theatre, Bucks County Playhouse, Ogunquit Playhouse, Arsht Center, Musical Theatre West, San Jose Repertory, Center Rep. Broadway-Associate scenic designer—*Groundhog Day the Musical*, *Allegiance*, *The River*, *Peter and The Starcatcher*, *ANN: The Ann Richards Play*, *Cyrano de Bergerac*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*, *All About Me*, *White Christmas*, *Curtains*. michaelcarnahandesign.com.

**CHARLIE MORRISON** (*Ahmanson Theatre Lighting Designer, he/him*). National/International Tours: Disney's *The Little Mermaid*; *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical*; *Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical* (NYC, Grand Ole Opry, U.S.

Tour); *A Chorus Line* (U.S., Japan, and China); *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*; *Miss Saigon*; *Aida* (U.S. and Asia); *The Producers*, *Man of La Mancha*; *Guys and Dolls*; *Groovaloo* (N.Y.C., L.A., U.S. Tour); *Hello, Dolly!*; *My Fair Lady*; *The King and I* (U.S. and Korea); *Spelling Bee*; *Gypsy*; *42nd Street* (U.S. and Japan); *Smokey Joe's Café*; *The Who's Tommy* (Europe and Japan); *Titanic*; *The Music Man*; and many others. Regional: Paper Mill Playhouse, Guthrie Theater, Shakespeare Theatre Company (D.C.), Goodspeed Musicals, Seattle Repertory, Seattle 5th Avenue, Broadway Sacramento at Music Circus, Theatre Under the Stars, Dallas Summer Musicals, Kansas City Starlight, Pittsburgh CLO, George Street Playhouse, North Carolina Theatre, PlayMakers Repertory, Tulsa Opera, and many others. Charlie is the recipient of two Helen Hayes Awards for Outstanding Lighting Design. cmlighting.com.

**BRIAN HSIEH** (*Sound Designer, he/him*). Broadway: (ASD) *OUAOMT*, *JLP*, *FNL*, *SM – TOTD*, (Prog.) *CATCF*, (ASD), *YF*, *PQ*, etc. National Tours: (ASD) *CATCF*, *FNL*, *YF*, *LCAF*. Sound Mixer: *Blast!*, *MM!*. Regional: (SD) *HORH*, *SOM*, etc. One of these days, Brian also hopes to figure out what all the acronyms stand for.

**WILLIAM BERLONI** (*Animal Director and Trainer*). 2011 Tony Honoree for Excellence in Theatre. William found and adopted the original Sandy for the original production of *Annie*. Since then, all the animals he trains are rescues. Broadway: Twenty six shows which include *The Ferryman*; *The Crucible*; *Bullets Over Broadway*; *Lady Day At The Emerson Bar And Grill*; *Annie* (Original And All Revivals), *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical*; *Legally Blonde*; *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*; *Camelot*; *Alice In Wonderland*; *Oliver!*; *Anything Goes*; *The Wiz*; and *The Wizard Of Oz*. Mr. Berloni is the Animal Director of the musical *Because Of Winn Dixie* with music by Duncan Sheik and book and lyrics by Nell Benjamin. He has trained animals for hundreds of Off-Broadway, regional theatre, tours, television and movies. He provided the dogs to play "Nana" in *Peter Pan Live*, "Toto" in *The Wiz Live* and "Sandy" in *Annie Live*. Other television includes *Power*, *Billions*, *Sesame Street*, *High Maintenance*, *The Village*, *Modern Love*, *Little Voice*, *Almost Family*, *Betty*, *Ramy*, *Mr Robot*, *Russian Doll*, *Raising Kanan*, *Ghost*, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Girls5eva*, *Sand Dollar Cove*, *Noel Diary*, *Life And Beth*, *Inside Amy Schumer*, *Fleishman Is In Trouble*, *Harlem*, *Three Women*, *Harlem*, and *Just Like That*, *Kaleidoscope*, and *Fleischman Is In Trouble*. Mr. Berloni and his family are the subjects of Discovery the docu-series entitled *Wags To Riches With Bill Berloni*. Published author of *Broadway Tails*. Mr. Berloni is also the Director of Animal Behavior and Training at the Humane Society of New York. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. theatricalanimals.com .

**ALISON FRANCK, C.S.A.** (*Casting, she/her*) has been a casting director in NYC for over 25 years. This is her 8th cast of *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical*. She started as an assistant for many Broadway Productions, then she worked

in film/TV for several years, then from 2000- 2010, she was the Resident Casting Director at Paper Mill Playhouse. In 2011, she joined the team at Liz Lewis Casting Partners, where she cast commercials, voiceovers, film/TV, and theatre. Alison now runs her own company, Franck Casting, where she has cast several tours of well-known musicals including *Legally Blonde*, *Dreamgirls*, *An American in Paris*, *A Chorus Line*, *The Simon and Garfunkel Story Live* and the upcoming *The Cher Show* and *Little Women, the Musical*. franckcasting.com

**ANDREW SMITHSON** (*Musical Supervisor, Music Director, he/him*). Tours: *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical*; *Joseph... Dreamcoat* (starring Diana DeGarmo and Ace Young); *Gypsy*; *Aida*; *Legally Blonde*; *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Off-Broadway: *The Wonderful Wizard of Song*, *Flanagan's Wake*. Music Director and Orchestrator for *A Christmas Carol* (Trinity Rep), *POPart: the musical* (NYMF Festival), and *Hard Times* (First Irish Theatre Festival). Previous adjunct instructor at the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music, vocal coach at PACE University in New York City, and Vocal Director at Celebrity Cruises Entertainment.

**JAMES BOOK** (*Technical Supervisor*) is a multi-faceted theatre technician hailing from Fullerton, CA. James most recently served as the Head Carpenter on the National Tour of *Legally Blonde* with Big League Productions. Favorite credits include Electrician and Assistant TD on the Japan tour of *A Chorus Line*, and the Head Props on the 2021 National Tour of *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical!* All my love to Sophie and Hazel.

**BIG LEAGUE PRODUCTIONS/DANIEL SHER** (*Executive Producer and General Management*) is celebrating its 30th season of producing and general managing Broadway tours of shows and attractions throughout the world. Early highlights were collaborations with Disney on Elton John and Tim Rice's *Aida* (North America, Taiwan, and China) and with Cameron Mackintosh on a new production of *Miss Saigon*. Also, the Tony®-Award winning Broadway revival of *42nd Street* and Susan Stroman's Broadway production of Meredith Willson's *The Music Man*. Others: *Footloose* (Las Vegas, U.S.A), *Titanic*, *1776*, *Peter Pan*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* starring Rip Taylor, *Blast!*, *The Who's Tommy* (North America, South America, Europe, and Japan), *Ain't Misbehavin'* with Ruben Studdard, and the First National Tour of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*— flying car and all. More recent: *The Producers* (Susan Stroman's original work); *Hello, Dolly!* with Sally Struthers; *Guys and Dolls*; *My Fair Lady* (U.S. Tour and China premiere); original hip-hop dance show *Groovaloo* (Off-Broadway); *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical* (10 USA tours, Grand Ole Opry, and Madison Square Garden); *Dreamgirls* (U.S., China premiere, Japan); *Hair* (U.S. and Japan); *Bring it On: The Musical* (U.S. and Japan); and *Legally Blonde* (US, China premiere, Singapore).

More recently, *A Chorus Line* toured the U.S.A, Japan and was seen in China for the first time. Post-pandemic, Big League remounted its acclaimed tour of *An American in Paris*, a new production of *South Pacific*, *Legally Blonde*, and continued touring its flagship production of *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical*. Current and future work includes *The Cher Show* (First National Tour); *Little Women*; *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical* at the Ahmanson Theatre; and *The Addams Family*.

**BENJAMIN “BOB” CLARK** (*Motion Picture Director/Co-Screenwriter*) was an actor, director, screenwriter and producer. Mr. Clark directed a diverse collection of both blockbuster and cult hits including *Black Christmas*, *Murder by Degree*, *Tribute* and *Porky's*. Working from Jean Shepherd's book, *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash*, Mr. Clark directed, and co-wrote with Shepherd and Leigh Brown, the motion picture *A Christmas Story*. Films that followed included *Rhinestone*, *Turk 182!*, *From the Hip*, *Loose Cannons*, and *Baby Geniuses*.

**WENDY J. CONNOR/DONNA FIEGEL** (*Press and Marketing*). TRUE Marketing is a full-service entertainment marketing firm based in Orlando, Florida that boasts a full Marketing and Public Relations Consulting Team, Graphic Design Department, Social Marketing Strategy Team and In-House Video Production Team. Team TRUE has worked on national tours of *A Christmas Story*, *The Musical*; *An American In Paris*; *Legally Blonde*; *A Chorus Line*; *My Fair Lady*; *Spring Awakening*; *The Producers*; *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*; *Dreamgirls*; *Guys and Dolls*; and *The Wizard of Oz*. TeamTRUE.com

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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.

**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.

**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.

**CENTER THEATRE GROUP**, one of the nation's preeminent arts and cultural organizations, is Los Angeles' leading not-for-profit theatre company, which, under the leadership of Artistic Director Snehal Desai, Managing Director / CEO Meghan Pressman, and Producing Director Douglas C. Baker, programs seasons at the 736-seat Mark Taper Forum and 1,600 to 2,100-seat Ahmanson Theatre at The Music Center in Downtown Los Angeles, and the 317-seat Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City. In addition to presenting and producing the broadest range of theatrical entertainment in the country, Center Theatre Group is one of the country's leading producers of ambitious new works through commissions and world premiere productions and a leader in interactive community engagement and education programs that reach across generations, demographics, and circumstances to serve Los Angeles. Founded in 1967, Center Theatre Group was led by Founding Artistic Director Gordon Davidson until 2005 when Michael Ritchie became artistic director until his retirement in 2021; Snehal Desai was appointed the organization's next artistic director in 2023. Center Theatre Group has produced more than 700 productions across its three stages, including such iconic shows as *Zoot Suit*; *Angels in America*; *The Kentucky Cycle*; *Biloxi Blues*; *Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992*; *Children of a Lesser God*; *Curtains*; *The Drowsy Chaperone*; *9 to 5: The Musical*; and *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo*. CenterTheatreGroup.org

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## ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMISSIONS

As part of our commitment to supporting new plays and playwrights, we foster and develop a broad range of theatrical work from diverse artists locally, nationally, and abroad.

### Artists creating new work commissioned by Center Theatre Group this season:

AZIZA BARNES	YOUNG JEAN LEE	CYNTHIA GRACE ROBINSON
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## LA. WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Since 2005, we have invited local playwrights to spend a year researching and writing a new work with the feedback of their fellow writers and artistic staff as part of our LA. Writers' Workshop.

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