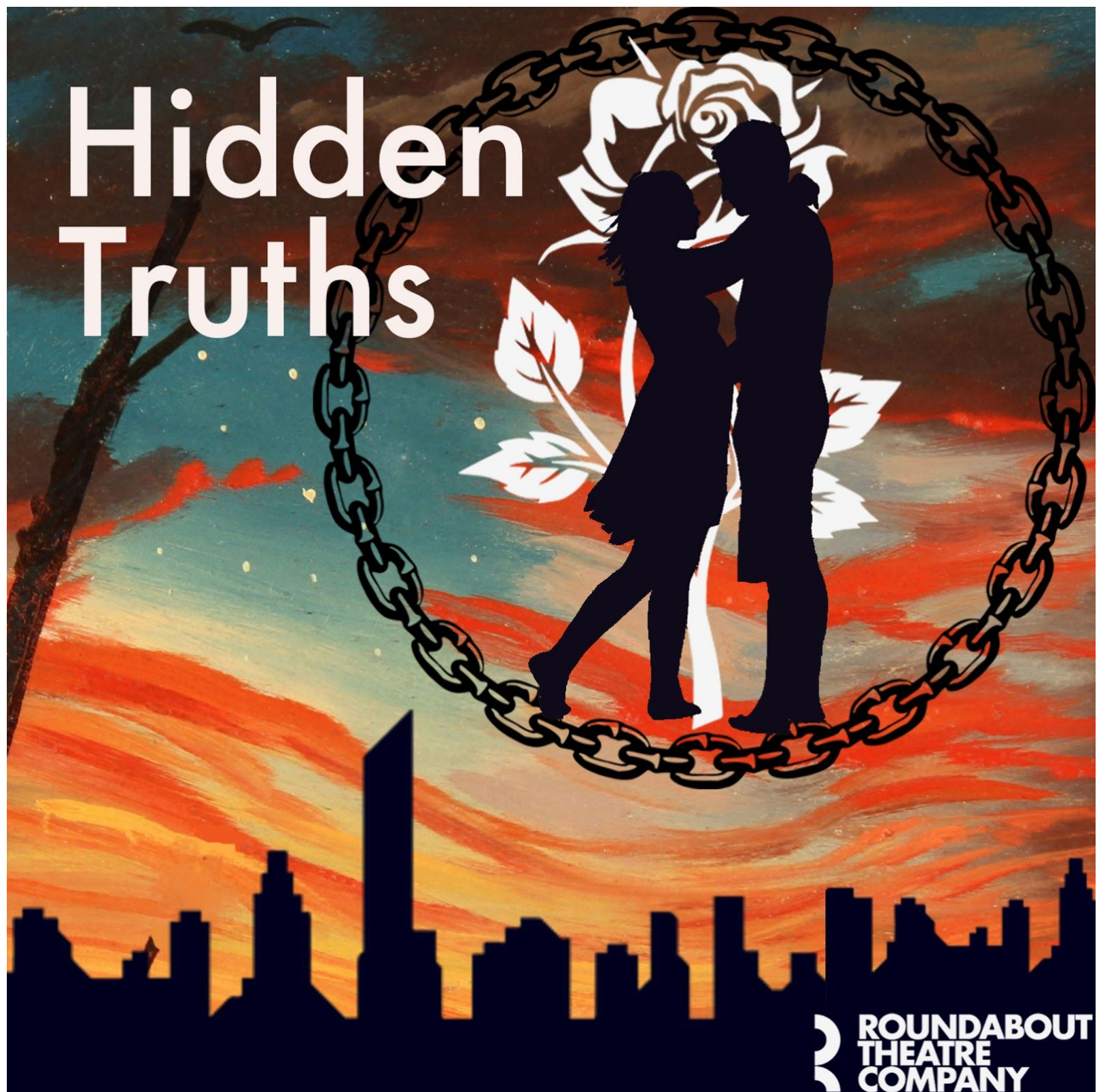


# PLAYBILL



By Jaden Tench, Nicaulis Mercedes, and Xavier Chavez  
Directed by Tyia Boateng

A Roundabout Youth Ensemble World Premiere

## NOTE FROM THE PLAYWRIGHTS

Writing *Hidden Truths* this summer has been a new, exciting experience for all of us. We drew inspiration from *Othello* and most of all the world around us. Being caught in a pandemic, it was amazing to create a world that parallels the one we live in and add in some social issues we still struggle with today. Although it was challenging to construct unique characters and scenes, we were able to slowly put the puzzle pieces together. Our end result was *Hidden Truths*, which we couldn't be more satisfied with.

## CAST

OMARI ..... Shai Graham  
DESTINY..... Lia Spahn  
EMILY.....Yana Khandaker  
BIANCA.....Sierra Smith-Vasquez  
BERNARD.....Kevin Torello  
CHRIS.....J. Tartaglia J. Tartaglia  
IAN..... Brandon Suarez  
BOARD MEMBER 1.....J. Tartaglia  
BOARD MEMBER 2.....Danielle Travino  
BOARD MEMBER 3.....Carol Sabbagh

## CREW MEMBERS

### SET

Leader: Rohandry Hernandez  
Maia Wellington, Zulgey Cruz, Sacora Iniguez, Emily Mustillo

### COSTUME

Leader: Maya Acevedo  
Lauren Wood, Aila Reyes, Alyssa Bowman, Frances Lavezzari, Jademarie Gerena

### SOUND

Leader: Erin Harkins  
Esmeralda Cuautle, Isaac Wolff, Hope Pirovolikos, Lisbeth Sierra

### LIGHTS

Leader: Emely Batista  
Rosalind Hernandez, Christopher Etienne, Cathleen Conte-Marerro, Julia Dobrovsky

## RYE LEADERS

### Director

Tyia Boateng

### Managing Director

Jemely Robles

### Stage Manager

Amanda Reynoso

### Playwrights

Xavier Chavez, Jaden Tench, Nicaulis Mercedes

## Producer

Kimberly Aragon

## Teaching Artist Mentors

Playwriting Mentor: Amy Witting

Directing Mentor: Vickie Tanner

Management Mentor: Theresa Flanagan

Sound Mentor: Nick Moore

Lighting Mentor: Joe Doran

Set Mentor: Jennifer Varbalow

Costume Mentor: Deanna Frieman

Marketing Mentor: Leah Reddy

## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST AND CREW



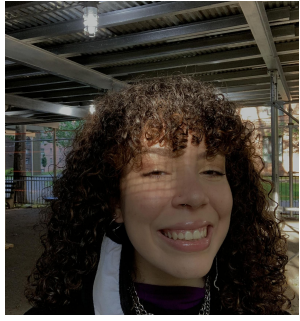
### **Aila Reyes** (*Costume*)

Aila is a senior in high school at KECSS. Hidden Truths is her first time participating in a Roundabout Youth Ensemble production. Aila likes to sing and paint in her free time. She would like to thank her costume team for creating such an exciting environment and everyone at RYE for this amazing experience.



**Alyssa Bowman** (*Costume*)

Alyssa Bowman is a senior in high school. She's been in 4+ plays & musicals. She loves singing, dancing & acting. Costume wise she'd like to thank her costume teacher for teaching her more about costume.



**Amanda Reynoso** (*Stage Manager*)

Amanda Reynoso is a rising senior at Fordham High School for the Arts who's stage managed in school productions such as In The Heights and Once on this Island. She'd like to thank her Drama teacher for giving her these opportunities and her mentor in Hidden Truths who helped her every step of the way during the production.



**Brandon Suarez** (*Ian*)

Brandon Suarez is soon entering college and wanted to try something he dreams of doing. This may be a small step but to him it's a step in the right direction. Coming from teen parents, he was automatically categorized and told he was never going to be anyone, but he knows his worth. He knows his dreams, his dreams of being an actor and musician. With the support of his friends and family who helped build his confidence, he feels more than ready to accomplish his dreams.



**Carol Sabbagh** (*Board Member #3*)

Carol Sabbagh is a senior at the High School of Art and Design. Hidden Truths is her first play with Roundabout and she has also participated in plays with her school's drama program. She enjoys drawing and singing musical theater songs in her free time. She would like to thank the cast, crew, directors and mentors of Roundabout for making this show happen.



**Cathleen Conte-Marerro** (*Lights*)

Cathleen Conte-Marrerero is a freshman at Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School. She enjoys playing guitar in her spare time. She would like to thank her parents for always believing in her.



**Christopher Etienne** (*Lights*)

Christopher Etienne is a Junior at Kingsborough Early College Secondary School and Hidden Truths is his first time participating in the Roundabout Youth Ensemble Program. He enjoys listening to all things Broadway in his spare time and hopes to be a Broadway director in the future. He would like to thank everyone who welcomed him in lighting and the rest of the RYE family with open arms.



**Danielle Travino** (*Board Member #2*)

Danielle Trivino is a senior in Brooklyn Theatre Arts High School. She's a passionate actress and singer, but in her personal life, she's a proud member of the goth scene and cares very strongly for the ethics she grew up on. She believes Black Lives Matter, LGBTQ+ rights are human rights, and apple juice is better than orange juice.



**Emely Batista** (*Lights*)

Emely Batista is a sophomore at Repertory Company HS for Theatre Arts and is the lighting leader for this year. This was their first time having a leadership role when it comes to theatre and they had a lot of fun working with everyone this summer. They hope to work in theatre in the future.

**Emily Mustillo** *(Set)*

Emily Mustillo is part of Hidden Truth's set team and will pursue set design next year at SUNY Purchase. This is her first show with Roundabout Youth Ensemble and she wants to thank Jen Varbalow for teaching her so much about design and technique this summer.



**Erin Harkins** *(Sound)*

Erin Harkins is a Senior at Franklin D Roosevelt High School and has been involved in numerous shows, including two other RYE summer shows. She would like to thank her sound mentor Nick Moore for helping her learn more about sound and how to get into the profession.



**Esmeralda Cuautle** *(Sound)*

Esmeralda is a senior at Fordham High school for the arts and has worked on various productions in her school. For the first time she is working outside her school in RYE and would like to thank her tech teacher for encouraging her to participate in this wonderful experience.



**Frances Lavezzari** *(Costume)*

Frances Lavezzari is a recent graduate of Repertory Company High School for Theatre Arts. She began her theatre experience as a performer from 3rd to 9th grade at Riverdale Children's Theatre Company. During high school, her interest changed to technical theatre primarily in the costume department. She has worked on school productions for all 4 years, participated in open stage projects, and has done multiple Roundabout high school workshops. After RYE, Frances plans to apply for theatre internships and work on or off Broadway as soon as the theatre district resumes

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**Hope Pirovolikos** *(Sound)*

Hope has been performing since a young age, and in high school got into technical theatre through Roundabout and her school Repertory Company High School. Hope has worked on sound for shows since her freshman year and was the Marketing Director for two of her high school's productions. Hope is very grateful for this experience and can't wait to continue her craft.



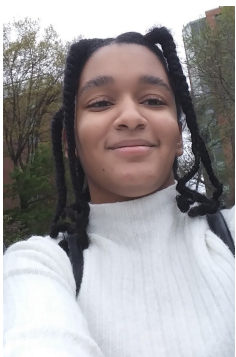
**Isaac Wolff** *(Sound)*

Isaac is a hobbyist sound mixer with a strong love for music and a long history of participating in live theater. He is a fan of all things Kirby.



**Jademarie Gerena** *(Costume)*

Jademarie Gerena is a part of costume design for Hidden Truths at Roundabout Theatre. She loves musical theatre which has inspired her to take part of the ensemble crew at Roundabout. In Jade's spare time, she watches scary movies and eats spicy foods. After this opportunity, Jade is super proud, and thankful to be a part of a great cast and crew.



**Jaden Tench** *(Playwright)*

Jaden Tench is a sophomore at James Madison High School and Hidden Truths is her play. She enjoys painting in her spare time. She would like to thank her Creative Writing teacher Ms. Wallach for teaching her all she knows, and her mentor Amy Witting for even further knowledge.



**J. Tartaglia** (*Chris and board member #1*)

Jaxon Tartaglia is a senior at Kingsborough Early College Secondary School and Hidden Truths is his first show with Roundabout Theatre. He has fulfilled multiple roles throughout his theatre life, including dancing, chorus, and playwriting. He would like to thank his school community for giving him a safe space to explore his talents, as well as Mrs. Rosemary's Dance Studio, for giving him multiple opportunities to be on stage and continue to become a better performer.



**Jemely Robles** (*Managing Director*)

Jemely Robles is a recent graduate from the High School of Art and Design and an incoming freshman at Dartmouth college, and Hidden Truths is her third play with RYE. She would like to thank her management mentor, Theresa, for teaching her for the last 3 years.



**Julia Dobrovsky** (*Lights*)

Julia Dubrovsky is a sophomore at Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School. She enjoyed working on Hidden Truths. Her 6th grade theater teacher taught her everything she knows about lighting.



**Kevin Torello** (*Bernard*)

Kevin Torello is a junior at the High School of Art and Design. This is his first acting role with Roundabout Theater after about 15 shows over the course of 4 years, he likes to brag about playing Shrek. Kevin plays guitar, sings and likes to study electrical engineering in his free time. In this production of Hidden Truths, Kevin plays Bernard Cyprus. Kevin would like to thank his co-workers in the cast and crew for making his quarantine summer interesting.



**Lauren Wood** (*Costume*)

Lauren is a rising senior at the Professional Performing Arts High school. Her intrigue in costumes comes from her love of color. She would like to thank her fellow designers for the wonderful team experience they shared while working on Hidden Truths.



**Lia Spahn** (*Destiny*)

Lia Spahn is a sophomore at Repertory Company High School for Theatre Arts. She has been acting since she was 7 years old, but Hidden Truths is her first virtual play and she is so happy to be a part of it. Aside from acting, she also enjoys singing and songwriting. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her passion for performing.



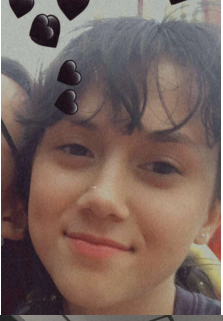
**Lisbeth Sierra** (*Sound*)

Lizbeth Sierra, is a 16 year old girl with a passion for the arts. This is her second year working with the Roundabout Youth Ensemble and is happy for the opportunity to work as a sound designer for "Hidden Truths". She hopes you enjoy the show.



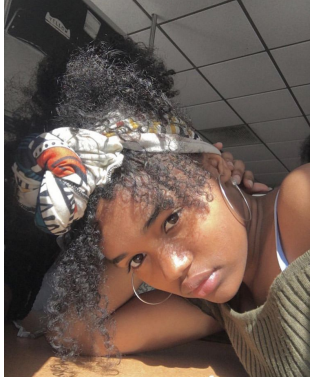
**Maia Wellington** (*Set*)

Maia Wellington is going to be a freshman at Syracuse University pursuing film. She would like to thank Jen, her mentor, as well as the rest of this group for helping this show come together.



**Maya Acevedo** (*Costume*)

Maya Acevedo is now a sophomore at Brooklyn Theatre Arts and Hidden Truths is the first play that they've worked on behind the scenes in costume. They enjoy drawing and creating things during their free time. She would also like to thank those who supported their passion and for all the random videos explaining how to draw a circle.



**Nicaulis Mercedes** (*Playwright*)

Nicaulis Mercedes is a junior at Fordham Highschool For The Arts and majors in technical theatre. At her school she usually worked backstage during dances, concerts, plays, and musicals. She thanks her teacher Ms. Wright for believing in her and encouraging her to join RYE.



**Rosalind Hernandez** (*Lights*)

Rosalind Hernandez is a senior at Fordham high school for the arts and this is her first time participating in the Roundabout Program on Hidden Truths. She enjoys listening to crime podcasts in her spare time and also listening to music. She would like to thank everyone for teaching her new things about lighting she didn't know before.



**Rohandry Hernandez** (*Set Leader*)

Rohandry Hernandez is a junior at Fordham High School for the Arts. Last year, he was a lighting designer for the play Thicker Than Blood and is now a set leader for Hidden Truths. He enjoys singing and acting in his spare time for preparing for college. He would like to thank his drama teacher Linda Key for helping him step out of his comfort zone and become this funny and sweet person.



**Sacora Iniguez** (*Set*)

Sacora is a graduate student of Beacon High School who loves all things drama and theater. Being part of the Roundabout Theater is a dream come true in her big heart.



**Shai Graham** (*Omari*)

Shai Graham is 16 years old and attends Bronx Theatre Highschool. His school has connections with the Roundabout Company and that's how he was introduced. He has been working with Roundabout since October and it's been one of the best experiences he's had so far. Growing up, he was told that he would be famous. At the time, he thought he would have been a comedian or a dancer/performer. It wasn't till he was a pre-teen, that acting was what he needed to do. Ever since then he hasn't stopped acting and can assure that you'll be seeing him a lot more.



**Sierra Smith-Vasquez** (*Bianca*)

Sierra Smith-Vasquez is a freshman at James Madison High School. She has been in plays before, but Hidden Truths is her first ever real experience in theatre. She enjoys songwriting in her free time, but has always had a passion for acting and theatre. She would like to thank her theatre teachers for teaching everything she knows about theatre, and her fellow co-stars for being on this amazing production with her. She would also like to thank Vickie and Tyia for giving her this opportunity and showing off what she loves to do most.



**Tyia Boateng** (*Director*)

Tyia Boateng is a sophomore at Brooklyn School for Music and Theatre. Hidden Truths is the first play she has directed. Previously, she has worked as an assistant director for the Broadway Jr. production of *Fame*. She always enjoyed the arts of expression and creativity. She would like to thank her mentor, Vickie Tanner, for teaching her that there is great significance in the details that go into creating a larger illustration.



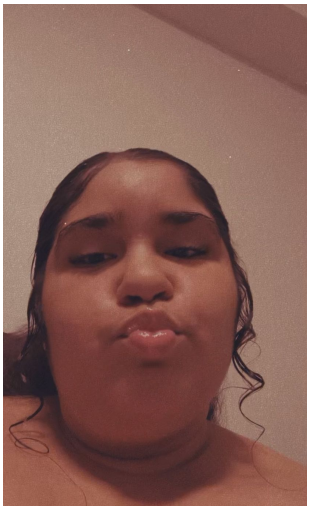
**Xavier Chavez** (*Playwright*)

Xavier Chavez is a 2020 graduate from Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Hidden Truths is the first Roundabout production he has worked on. He has experience in directing and writing school plays and is a lover of all things music and writing. He would like to thank his English 12 teacher and his mentor Amy Witting for showing him the beauty in words.



**Yana Khandaker** (*Emily*)

Yana Khandaker is a junior at Repertory Company High School for Theater Arts. She has been in love with performing arts her whole life, but was unable to seriously pursue it until high school due to health problems. Along with being a first generation Bengali-American in her entire family history, she is also the first to pursue acting and theater as a career. And she has no one to thank, but her mother, sister, and other friends and family for continuously supporting her throughout her journey.



**Zulgey Cruz** (*Set*)

Zulgey is an upcoming junior at James Brooklyn Theatre Arts High School and Hidden Truths is her 5th production to be a part of. She was a part of the set design team for a musical production High School Musical in the 6th grade and that's what led her to continue set design. She would like to thank her Set Design and Theatre Arts teacher for teaching her all she knows.

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