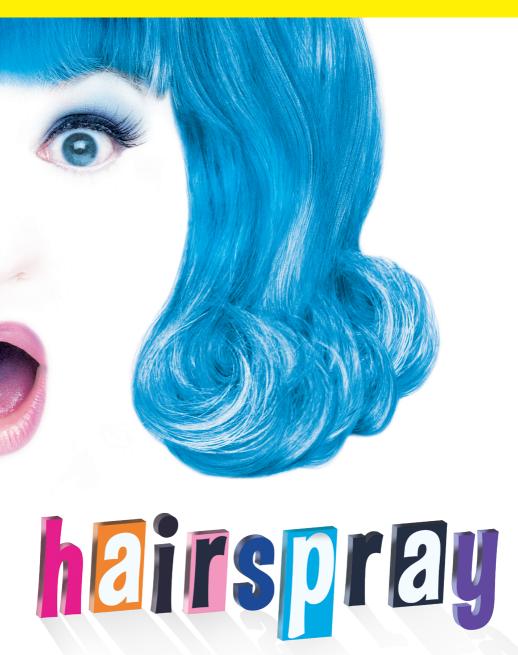
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CAST

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Tracy Turnblad	NIKI METCALF
Corny Collins	BILLY DAWSON
Amber Von Tussle	RYAHN EVERS
Brad	CRAIG FIRST
Tammy	KELLY BARBERITO
Fender	TOMMY BETZ
Brenda	CARLY HAIG
Sketch	MICKEY WHITE
Shelley	HELENE BRITANY
I.Q	CLINT MADDOX THOMPSON
Lou Ann	ANNIE GAGEN
Link Larkin	NICK CORTAZZO
Prudy Pingleton	EMMANUELLE ZEESMAN
Edna Turnblad	ANDREW LEVITT (AKA NINA WEST)
	EMERY HENDERSON
Velma Von Tussle	ADDISON GARNER
Harriman F. Spritzer	GREG KALAFATAS
	RALPH PRENTICE DANIEL
Principal	GREG KALAFATAS
Duane	NICHOLAS DION REESE
	SAGE
Lorraine	LAUREN JOHNSON
	KYLE KAVULLY
The DynamitesSYDNEY ARCHI	BALD, MELANIE PUENTE ERVIN, JADE TURNER
	GREG KALAFATAS
Gym Teacher	EMMANUELLE ZEESMAN
Little Inez	JOI D. McCOY
Motormouth Maybelle	SANDIE LEE
Matron	EMMANUELLE ZEESMAN
Guard	GREG KALAFATAS
Pearl	MELANIE PUENTE ERVIN
Peaches	SYDNEY ARCHIBALD
Cindy Watkins	JADE TURNER

SWINGS

CAROLINE EISEMAN, ALEX FULLERTON, SABRINA JOSEPH, MATTHEW J. KELLY, McLAINE MEACHEM, FAITH NORTHCUTT, MICAH SAUVAGEAU

UNDERSTUDIES

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

For Tracy Turnblad—CAROLINE EISEMAN, FAITH NORTHCUTT; for Edna Turnblad—GREG KALAFATAS, MICAH SAUVAGEAU; for Wilbur Turnblad—GREG KALAFATAS, MICAH SAUVAGEAU; for Penny Pingleton—HELENE BRITANY, CARLY HAIG; for Amber Von Tussle—KELLY BARBERITO, CARLY HAIG; for Link Larkin—TOMMY BETZ, MICKEY WHITE; for Corny Collins—TOMMY BETZ, CRAIG FIRST, MICKEY WHITE; for Velma Von Tussle—ANNIE GAGEN, EMMANUELLE ZEESMAN; for Motormouth Maybelle—MELANIE PUENTE ERVIN, LAUREN JOHNSON; for Seaweed J. Stubbs—NICHOLAS DION REESE, SAGE; for Little Inez—SYDNEY ARCHIBALD, McLAINE MEACHEM; for Female Authority Figure—KELLY BARBERITO, CAROLINE EISEMAN; for Male Authority Figure—ALEX FULLERTON, MICAH SAUVAGEAU.

Dance Captain FAITH NORTHCUTT

Assistant Dance Captain MATTHEW J. KELLY



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CAST



ANDREW LEVITT (AKA NINA WEST)



NIKI METCALF



SANDIE LEE



CHARLIE BRYANT III



NICK CORTAZZO



RALPH PRENTICE DANIEL



BILLY DAWSON



RYAHN **EVERS**



ADDISON GARNER



EMERY HENDERSON



JOI D. McCOY



SYDNEY ARCHIBALD



KELLY BARBERITO



TOMMY BETZ



HELENE BRITANY



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McLAINE MEACHEM



FAITH NORTHCUTT



NICHOLAS DION REESE



SAGE



MICAH SAUVAGEAU



CLINT MADDOX THOMPSON



TURNER



WHITE



ZEESMAN

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Baltimore, 1962 Act One

Prologue: "Good Morning Baltimore"	
Scene 1: TV Station WZZT & Turnblad Home	
"The Nicest Kids in Town"	
Scene 2: At the Vanities	
"Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now"	
Scene 3: TV Station WZZT	
"I Can Hear the Bells"	
"(The Legend of) Miss Baltimore Crabs" Velma & Council Members	
Scene 4: Detention	
Scene 5: Patterson Park High School Gymnasium	
"The Madison"	
Scene 6: WZZT & Turnblad Home	
"The Nicest Kids in Town" (Reprise)	
"It Takes Two" Link & Tracy	
"Velma's Revenge"	
Scene 7: Turnblad Home and Streets of Baltimore	
"Welcome to the '60s"	
Scene 8: Patterson Park Playground	
"Run and Tell That" Seaweed	
Scene 9: Motormouth Maybelle's Record Shop	
"Run and Tell That"	
"Big, Blonde & Beautiful"	
Act Two	
Scene 1: Baltimore Women's House of Detention	
"The Big Dollhouse"	
"Good Morning Baltimore" (Reprise)	
Scene 2: Turnblad Home	
"(You're) Timeless to Me"	
Scene 3: Tracy's Jail Cell & Penny's Bedroom	
"Without Love"	
Scene 4: Motormouth Maybelle's Record Shop	
"I Know Where I've Been"	
Scene 5: The Baltimore Eventorium	
"Hairspray" Corny & Council Members	
"Cooties"	
"You Can't Stop the Beat"	
Edna, Wilbur, Motormouth & Company	

ORCHESTRA

Musical Director/Keyboard—JULIUS LaFLAMME; Associate Conductor/Keyboard—CHARLIE YOKOM; Keyboard—NATHANIEL ZEMBRUSKI; Reeds—MICHAEL BRINZER; Trumpet—JOHN JOHNSON; Trombone—JON DOWD; Guitar—MATT PATTON; Bass—RYAN CRUM; Drums—MAX BRAUNSTEIN.

LOCAL MUSICIANS

Alto & Tenor Sax/Clarinet/Flute—BRETT MCDONALD; Trumpet/Flugelhorn—AARON SMITH; Trombone—CHARLIE MORILLAS; Guitar—MICHAEL ABRAHAM; Bass—KAVEH RASTEGAR; Drums—JOHN MADER; Keyboard 1—RYAN WHYMAN; Keyboard 2—JARED STEIN; Keyboard 3—BRENT CRAYON; Orchestra Contractor—ERIC HEINLY

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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

ANDREW LEVITT (AKA NINA WEST) (Edna Turnblad) is thrilled to be making their Hollywood theatrical debut at the historic Dolby Theatre. He has performed as drag queen Nina West since 2001 and competed on the 11th season of RuPaul's Drag Race, for which he was named Miss Congeniality. Stage credits include: Buyer and Cellar (Alex Moore), Peter and the Starcatcher (Betty Bumbrake) and Disney's The Little Mermaid (Ursula) in 2019. TV credits: RuPaul's Celebrity Drag Race, Dragging the Classics: The Brady Bunch (Alice, Paramount+), This is Me: Pride Celebration Spectacular (Disney+), Say It With Pride: Celebrate Pride 365 (Disney+), NickJr's Baby Shark's Big Show, and The Blue's Clues Pride Parade Sing Along and The Meaning of Pride, both for Nickelodeon. He provided the voice for the animated short Coaster. Music releases include: Drag is Magic, John Goodman, and The West Christmas Ever. Andrew is featured as Divine alongside Daniel Radcliffe in Weird: The Al Yankovic Story. His new children's book, The You Kind of Kind is available now. Thank you Mom and Dad, KR, EML, ALE. For PT.

NIKI METCALF (*Tracy Turnblad*) is thrilled to be taking on a role she's dreamed of playing since she first saw the original Broadway production! As a New York based actress from Saugerties, NY, and graduate of Montclair State University with a degree in Musical Theatre, some of her favorite credits include *The Little Engine that Could Earns Her Whistle* (Little Red, ArtsPower National Tour) and ... Spelling Bee (Olive). Beyond grateful to my friends and family for their constant support, and to the team for this incredible opportunity to "eat some breakfast then change the world!" For my angel, Mammie. @nikimetcalf

SANDIE LEE (Motormouth Maybelle) is a native of Columbus, MS. She holds a Master's Degree in Performing Arts, from Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). She has appeared in the National tour of *The Color Purple* (Shug Avery), Norwegian Cruise Line's *After Midnight*, opening act for Frankie Beverly and Maze, and American Idol Season 13. She's also a songwriter. Her music can be found on all major music streaming platforms. Sandie is ecstatic and grateful to hit the road with the cast *Hairspray*. She gives thanks to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for all her accomplishments and her parents, Carol and Sandy Lee, for their unwavering support. @sandieglee Philippians 4:6-7

CHARLIE BRYANT III (Seaweed J. Stubbs) is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. Charlie is excited to be making his National Tour Debut in the role of Seaweed. The latest credits include Spelling Bee (Mitch), Once on this Island (StoryTeller), and Company (Peter). Charlie gives thanks to all his friends and family for their fantastic support. Social

Media: Instagram: @iamcharliebryant Facebook: @Charlie Bryant

NICK CORTAZZO (Link Larkin) is thrilled to be back with the Hairspray family! Pittsburgh native, New York transplant. Regional credits include: Kinky Boots, The Wizard of Oz, and A Musical Christmas Carol (Pittsburgh CLO); Sister Act (Kansas City Starlight); Grease and Catch Me If You Can (New London Barn Playhouse); and Joseph... Dreamcoat (Joseph). Baldwin Wallace Music Theater Class of '21. Many thanks to Matt, Robbie, and the whole Hairspray team, CTG, Sandy Simon, Billy, and his friends and family – especially Mom and Dad! For Matthew. @ncortazzo

RALPH PRENTICE DANIEL (Wilbur Turnblad). National tour debut! International: Universal Beijing Resort (opening cast) Regional: Oliver! (Fagin), Assassins (Guiteau), It Shoulda Been You (Albert), Tuck Everlasting (Man in Yellow), Seussical (Mr. Mayor), Elf the Musical (Walter Hobbs), The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - the Musical (Reverend Hopkins), Newsies (Pulitzer), Mary Popins (George Banks), Footloose (Rev. Shaw), 9 to 5 (Hart). Love to friends, family, Gabe, and The Hell's Kitchen Agency.

BILLY DAWSON (Corny Collins). Billy is thrilled to return to Hairspray as Corny Collins! International: Universal Studios Japan. Regional: The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Quasimodo), The Last Five Years (Jamie), Jekyll & Hyde (Jekyll/Hyde), The Light in the Piazza (Fabrizio), Cabaret (Emcee), The Rocky Horror Show (Dr. Frank-N-Furter). Love and thanks to Mom, CF, Big Mouth Talent, and the Hairspray family. billydawson.net, @dawsonbilly

RYAHN EVERS (Amber Von Tussle) is thrilled to bring this bratty blonde to stages across America! Originally from Denver, Ryahn is an alumnus of the University of Northern Colorado. Select regional/collegiate roles include Xanadu (Kira), Chicago (Roxie), First Date (Casey). She is forever grateful to her dad, stepmom, sisters, and her team at Ann Steele Agency for supporting her endlessly. She'd like to thank Stewart/Whitley and the entire team at Hairspray for thinking she is talented and funny. @ryahn

ADDISON GARNER (Velma Von Tussle), a southern gal from Alabama, is ecstatic to be back on tour with Hairspray. A musical theater graduate from the University of Mobile, favorite credits include Damn Yankees (Lola), Crazy for You (Irene), Singin' in the Rain (Lina) and RCCL's Hairspray. Forever grateful for her family, friends, Sharp Studios, and ATB Talent for their endless encouragement, support, and love. Philippians 4:13. @addisongarner

EMERY HENDERSON (*Penny Pingleton*) waited in line for nine hours to audition for this show. Then,

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

there was a global pandemic. She grew up in Massachusetts with a bunch of ducks.

JOI D. McCOY (Little Inez) is a recent graduate of UCLA's Musical Theatre program. She grew up in Fort Lauderdale, FL, training in ballet, jazz, modern as well as vocal studies. Regional: Bring It On: The Musical (Eva), Spamalot (Patsy), Once on This Island (Little Ti Moune), Mamma Mia! (Ali). Joi is excited to travel the country in her dream role with her dream cast. I'd love to thank my family, especially my mom, because without them none of this would be possible. Love y'all! Joidmccoy.com @joi.d.McCoy

SYDNEY ARCHIBALD (Peaches, Dynamite). National tour debut! Regional: Ain't Misbehavin', Dreamgirls, Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella. New York Conservatory graduate. Endless gratitude to fam, friends, and entire Hairspray team! Trinidad & Tobago jump up!

KELLY BARBERITO (*Tammy*), a proud native of New Orleans and a graduate of UATD, is so excited to be returning to the cast of *Hairspray*! National Tour: Rodgers + Hammerstein's *Cinderella* (Swing, Assistant Dance Captain). Kelly would like to thank her About Artists, NETworks, Matt, and her family for their continuous love and support. She dedicates this performance to her beloved grandmaw.

TOMMY BETZ (*Fender*). Thrilled to be joining the *Hairspray* company! National Tour: *The Sound of Music*. Regional: North Shore, Fulton, Engeman, Forestburgh. Special thanks to Matt, the entire creative team and everyone at NETworks. Love to my family for their undying support. @tommyfbetz

HELENE BRITANY (Shelley) is making her national tour debut but has been working in entertainment all her life. Credits: Hairspray Live! (Shelley, NBC), "Ain't Your Mama" (Jennifer Lopez music video), etc. She has been signed to two major record labels and her song was featured in a Ford Fusion national commercial. Her released songs are on all streaming platforms. She is grateful for her family and friends for their love and support, ecstatic for Hairspray coming back into her life, and thankful for all those involved.

CAROLINE EISEMAN (Swing). National tour debut! Regional: The Muny, Stages St. Louis, Studio Tenn, Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre. Favorite Credits: 42nd Street (Peggy Sawyer), Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella (Charlotte), Bright Star (Lucy Grant). Proud Belmont University Musical Theatre Alum. Endless love to the Hairspray team, Stewart/Whitley, BUMT and her incredible family. For Patti, Judie and Jane. @caroline.eiseman

MELANIE PUENTE ERVIN (Pearl, Dynamite). National Tour Debut! Melanie is an Afro-Latinx

actor, singer from Voorhees, New Jersey. Based in New York City, Melanie is passionate about expanding empathy through art and performance, while trying every day to gain a better understanding of our world. She is grateful for everyone who has supported and guided her to where she is now. Training: The American Musical and Dramatic Academy, New York City. Some theatre credits include: Aida (Aida), Footloose (Rusty), Theory of Relativity (Caroline). melaniepuenteervin.com

CRAIG FIRST (*Brad*) is making his national tour debut, but this marks his 4th production of *Hairspray*! Regional: *Newsies* (Morris Delancey), *Singin' in the Rain* (Production Tenor), *A Chorus Line* (Tom). University of Alabama alum. Thanks to his family, friends, and the Movement Talent Agency for their love and support. Check out Spotify for original music. Instagram: @CraigFirst

ALEX FULLERTON (Swing). National tour debut! Favorite credits: Singin' in the Rain (Don Lockwood), Sh'Boom (Denny), Crazy for You (Custus). Alex has also performed at sea with Disney Cruise Line. Thanks Mom & Dad! BFA: Boston Conservatory, rep: HKA, @AlexFullerton28

ANNIE GAGEN (Lou Ann), originally from Cleveland, OH, is thrilled to be making her national tour debut! BA Dance, minor in Musical Theatre, Point Park University. She has performed 15+ productions with Norwegian Cruise Line. Favorite credits: Beauty and the Beast (Paper Mill Playhouse), Burn the Floor: My Revolution, Chicago, Thoroughly Modern Millie. Thanks to Stewart/Whitley for this opportunity and to my family for their constant support! @AnnieGagen

CARLY HAIG (Brenda) is elated to be continuing her Hairspray journey as the fun-loving, free-wheeling Brenda! National Tour: Anastasia, Hairspray (Swing). Regional credits: Beauty and the Beast (La Mirada/Moonlight), Holiday Inn (MTW), West Side Story (5-Star), Matilda (La Mirada). Cruise Ship: Grease (RCCL). Love and gratitude to the Hairspray Team, Stewart/ Whitley, FSE, and her family and friends. Thank you, thank you, thank you. @carly.haig

LAUREN JOHNSON (Lorraine) is excited to be making her national tour debut. Credits: Into the Woods (The Witch), Godspell ("Turn Back O' Man" soloist), Kinky Boots (Pat). Proud alum of Viterbo University. Go V-Hawks! Thanks to her parents and brother for their unending love and support, and her team at FSE for being in her corner from the beginning. @laurenjohnsononstage

SABRINA JOSEPH (*Swing*) is making her national tour debut in *Hairspray*! DeSales University '19. Regional: *Ragtime*, *Evita* (Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival). Teaching Artist with Broadway

for Arts Education. She would like to thank her beautiful friends, family, and mentors for their love and guidance. Hugs and kisses! This is for Andrea. @sabrina i97

GREG KALAFATAS (Harriman F. Spritzer, Mr. Pinky, Principal, Guard). Previous National Tours: Something Rotten (Nostradamus), Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story (The Big Bopper), The Drowsy Chaperone. Endless thanks to family, friends, and the entire Hairspray team for making this possible. gregkalafatas.com, @gregkala

KYLE KAVULLY (*Thad*). Professional debut. Kyle is a NY-based performer and student at Brown University. He has performed in over 15 productions in his hometown and trains at Ultimate Dance Academy under Anthony Borello. Thank you Stewart/ Whitley Casting for this opportunity and to my family for their support! @kylekavully

MATTHEW J. KELLY (Swing, Asst. Dance Captain) National Tour Debut! Proud UAB Music Theatre Alum. Favorite Credits: The Addams Family (Lucas Beineke), Matilda (Rudolpho), Kinky Boots (Ensemble, u/s Lola). Many thanks to Matt, Robbis, Stewart/Whitley casting and the entire Hairspray Team! Love to my Mom, Dad and Brother! Reps: HellsKitchen Agency @matthewj.kelly

McLAINE MEACHEM (Swing) (Mac) is originally from Fort Worth, TX. She studied and trained in dance and musical theater at Ft. Worth Academy of FA. Her previous credits include Mamma Mia! (Ali), Hairspray (Lil Inez), A Chorus Line (Bebe).

FAITH NORTHCUTT (Swing, Dance Captain) is so excited to be returning to Hairspray! Select credits: A Chorus Line (Maggie) at The Wick, Freaky Friday (Gretchen), Grease (Jan), and Newsies (Buttons) at MTWichita. Recent FSU Music Theatre graduate. Sending thanks and love to the whole Hairspray team and to her family and friends. faithnorthcutt.com, @faithnorthcutt

NICHOLAS DION REESE (*Duane*) is from Enterprise, AL and is excited to be making his national tour debut in *Hairspray*! To God, family, and friends, much love and gratitude.

SAGE (Gilbert) is so excited to be making their national tour debut! Sage is currently a rising BFA junior at University of Cincinnati - College Conservatory of Music. Credits: Spring Awakening (Moritz), Pippin (Berthe), The Muny's Camelot Ensemble), and The Color Purple (Ensemble). Sage would like to thank their amazing family, friends, ancestors, and creative team of Hairspray! @theeonesage

MICAH SAUVAGEAU (Swing). An Alaska native originally from Chugiak. Credits: Beauty and the Beast (Cogsworth), The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Chairman), Saucy Jack & the Space Vixens (Booby), Guys and Dolls (Nicely Nicely). Thank you to the cast, creatives, production team, and the audience for bringing joy back to the theatre!

CLINT MADDOX THOMPSON (*I.Q.*) is thrilled to be joining *Hairspray*! Select credits: *The Wizard of Oz* (National Tour), *A Chorus Line* (Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival), *A Bronx Tale* (Axelrod Performing Arts), *Mamma Mia!* (Virginia Musical Theatre), *Elf the Musical* (Gateway Playhouse). Follow his journey as an entertainer and model highlighting his southern roots @clintmthompson. Endless love and thanks to his mentors, Matt, Benton, NETworks, and most of all his family.

JADE TURNER (Cindy Watkins, Dynamite) is so excited to be joining Hairspray! National Tour: Escape to Margaritaville. Regional: Asolo Rep's Ragtime, Roe, and The Music Man directed by Jeff Calhoun. Film: Ben Platt's "Temporary Love" music video. University of Tampa '17. Thanks to Avalon Artists Group, Stewart/Whitley, friends and family! @jayglotay

MICKEY WHITE (Sketch). Tour debut! Kinky Boots (Charlie Price), Newsies (Jack Kelly), Pippin (Pippin), The Who's Tommy (Tommy), The Little Mermaid (Prince Eric). Various roles with Disney Cruise Lines. Huge thanks to Mom, Dad, Raegan, Rylee and Edna. Rep:FSE. Boston Conservatory BFA '19. @MickeyTWhite.

EMMANUELLE ZEESMAN (Prudy Pingleton, Gym Teacher, Matron) is a proud Canadian and thrilled to be part of this magic! National Tours/ Off-Broadway: Finding Neverland, The Wizard of Oz, Guys and Dolls, Passion, Blood Brothers (CCC Best Actress Award), and five seasons with symphony orchestras across four continents. Thanks to the creative team and to Stewart/ Whitley Casting! Love to Mamaman, Papa, and all my family and friends! @emmanuellezeesman

MARK O'DONNELL (Book). Plays: That's It, Folks!; Fables for Friends; The Nice and the Nasty (all produced at Playwrights Horizons), and Strangers on Earth and Vertigo Park (both produced by Zena Group Theatre). He wrote the book and lyrics for the musical Tots in Tinseltown. Mr. O'Donnell collaborated with Bill Irwin on an adaptation of Moliere's Scapin, and he co-authored a translation of Fevdeau's A Flea in Her Ear, both for the Roundabout. For Manhattan Theatre Club, he translated Jean Claude Carriere's La Terrasse. He has published two collections of comic stories *Elementary* Education and Vertigo Park and Other Tall Tales (both Knopf), as well as two recent novels, Getting Over Homer and Let Nothing You Dismay (both now in Vintage paperback). His humor, cartoons, and poetry have appeared in The New Yorker, The New

York Times, The Atlantic, Spy, The New Republic, and Esquire, among many others. He has received a Guggenheim Fellowship, the Lecomte du Nuoy Prize, and the George S. Kaufman Award.

THOMAS MEEHAN (Book) won the 2003 Tony Award for co-writing the book for *Hairspray*, after having won the 2001 Tony Award for co- writing the book of The Producers. In 1977, he received his first Tony Award for writing the book of Annie, which was his first Broadway show, and he has since written the books for the musicals I Remember Mama. Ain't Broadway Grand, Annie Warbucks, Bombay Dreams, and Cry- Baby. In addition, he is a longtime contributor of humor pieces, including "Yma Dream" to The New Yorker, an Emmy Award-winning writer of television comedy, and a collaborator on a number of screenplays, including Mel Brooks' Spaceballs, To Be or Not to Be, and the film version of The Producers. He is also the co-author for the libretto of 1984, an opera composed by Lorin Maazel and based on George Orwell's classic novel of the same name, which had its world premiere in the spring of 2003 at London's Royal Opera House and was performed at La Scala in Milan. Mr. Meehan is a member of the Council of the Dramatists Guild.

MARC SHAIMAN (Music & Arrangements, Lyrics) is a composer/lyricist/arranger/performer working in films, television, musical theater, and recordings. He has won several honors, including a Tony, an Emmy, a Grammy, plus seven Oscar nominations. Film: Mary Poppins Returns (Two Oscar, BAFTA, Golden Globe, Grammy noms.), Sleepless in Seattle, Patch Adams, The First Wives Club, The American President, South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut (all Oscar noms.), Beaches, When Harry Met Sally, City Slickers, The Addams Family, Sister Act, A Few Good Men, Hocus Pocus, The Bucket List, Hairspray, and The Star (Golden Globe nom. with Mariah Carey). Broadway (with co-lyricist Scott Wittman): Hairspray (Tony and Grammy), Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me, Catch Me If You Can (Tony nom.), Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, this fall a new musical version of Some Like It Hot, and next year, Smash (based on the TV show). TV: Saturday Night Live (Emmy and Golden Globe noms.), Smash (Emmy and Golden Globe noms.), The Oscars with Billy Crystal (Emmy), The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson (with final guest Bette Midler), and countless appearances with Neil Patrick Harris, Nathan Lane, Jennifer Hudson, Jack Black, and Will Ferrell, among others. He has produced/arranged recordings and performances for Bette Midler, Harry Connick Jr., Peter Allen, Eric Clapton, Diane Keaton, Patti LuPone, Steve Martin, Barbra Streisand, Robin Williams, and many more. Recent projects include Rogers: The Musical for Marvel/Disney+'s Hawkeye, incidental music for

Plaza Suite, and the score for Universal's Billy Eichner romcom Bros. His online opus Prop 8 - The Musical was a Webbie Award winner.

SCOTT WITTMAN (Lyrics). Tony, Grammy, and Olivier Award winning lyricist, director, writer, and conceiver Scott Wittman co-wrote the lyrics for the hit musical Hairspray (Tony, Grammy, Olivier Award) with creative partner Marc Shaiman. Wittman served as an executive producer on the hit film starring John Travolta. Nominated for a Golden Globe, Grammy, and two Emmy Awards for the original songs on NBC's musical drama Smash. Shaiman and Wittman's original score for the Marilyn Monroe musical Bombshell was released by Sony Records. Scott and Marc's Broadway writing credits include Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me, which Scott also directed, Catch Me If You Can (Tony nom, for Best Musical), and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Broadway and the West End. And the new Broadway musical of Some Like it Hot at the Schubert Theatre. Scott has created and directed concerts for Patti LuPone. He has created solo shows for Christine Ebersole and Nathan Lane, as well as writing for Bette Midler's 2015 Divine Intervention World Tour. Off-Broadway, he conceived and directed Jukebox Jackie starring Justin Vivian Bond at La Mama, and Bridget Everett's Rockbottom at the Public Theatre. His notorious and legendary Downtown shows are in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Marc and Scott also wrote the score to Disney's Mary Poppins Returns starring Emily Blunt, Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Meryl Streep. The song "The Place Where Lost Things Go" was nominated for an Oscar.

JACK O'BRIEN (Original Director) has won three Tony Awards for his direction of Hairspray, Henry IV, and The Coast of Utopia. His other recent Broadway credits include Arthur Miller's All My Sons, Carousel, The Front Page, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, It's Only a Play, Macbeth, The Nance, Dead Accounts, Catch Me If You Can, Impressionism, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (Tony nom.), Imaginary Friends, The Invention of Love (Tony nomination and Drama Desk winner). The Full Monty (Tony nom.), More to Love, Getting Away with Murder, The Little Foxes, Damn Yankees, Two Shakespearean Actors (Tony nom.) and Porgy and Bess (Tony nom.).Off-Broadway credits include Tom Stoppard's The Hard Problem, Pride's Crossing, and Hapgood (Lucille Lortel Award). Other productions include Il Trittico at the Metropolitan Opera, Guys and Dolls at Carnegie Hall, Much Ado About Nothing for The Public's Shakespeare in the Park, Love Never Dies and Hairspray (Olivier nom.) in London, which saw a revival at the Coliseum in London last summer. Mr. O'Brien was the Artistic Director of the Old Globe Theatre from 1981 till

2007. He has directed six programs for PBS's American Playhouse. His book, *Jack Be Nimble*, is published by Farrar, Strauss and Giroux and his next volume, *Jack in the Box: or, How to Goddamn Direct*, will also be published by FSG.

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 Hairspray. International: Productions of Hairspray in Australia, South Africa, the UK, Toronto, and Germany. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Australian tour. Regional: Numerous plays and musicals at Paper Mill Playhouse, George Street Playhouse, the MUNY, Ogunquit Playhouse, Cape Playhouse, North Carolina Theatre, Maltz Jupiter Theater, Forestburgh Playhouse, Zach Theatre, Gulfshore Playhouse and Casa Manana. Matt is the founding Artistic Director of In The Works~In The Woods, a festival of new plays and musicals. Member SDC. www.mattlenzdirector.com

JERRY MITCHELL (Original Choreographer) received the Tony Award for Best Choreography twice-for the Tony Award-winning Best Musical Kinky Boots (also Tony nom. for Best Director), and the revival of La Cage aux Folles. Most recent Broadway: Pretty Woman (Director/ Choreographer), now playing on Tour across the U.S. and on the West End. He directed the Gloria Estefan musical On Your Feet! (also international tour, London's Coliseum Theatre), and was nominated for an Olivier Award for his choreography in *Dirty Rotten* Scoundrels, which he also directed and co-produced in London. In the 35 preceding years, Jerry has been involved with more than 50 Broadway, West End, and touring productions, starting as a dancer for Agnes de Mille in Brigadoon and thereafter assisting Michael Bennett and Jerome Robbins. His Broadway debut as Choreographer, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, was followed by The Full Monty (Tony nom.), The Rocky Horror Show, Hairspray (Tony nom., NBC Live), Gypsy, Never Gonna Dance (Tony nom.), Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (Tony nom.), La Cage aux Folles, Imaginary Friends, Legally Blonde (Tony nom., which he also directed on Broadway and in London), Catch Me If You Can, and Kinky Boots. He is currently developing a new musical, Becoming Nancy. He also choreographed the Off- Broadway productions and films of Hedwig

& The Angry Inch and Jeffrey. Jerry conceived and created Broadway Bares, a comedy burlesque show performed annually in NYC for the past 30 years and raising over 24.5 million dollars for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS to date.

ROBBIE ROBY (Choreography) has been part of the Hairspray family for 18 years, originally as the dance captain for the Broadway and Las Vegas productions. Select choreography credits include: Joseph... Dreamcoat (staring David Archuleta), Sister Act (Kansas City Starlight, Pittsburgh CLO), Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Tuacahn, Ordway Theatre, and Pittsburgh CLO), Little Shop of Horrors (Sacramento Music Circus), Disney's The Little Mermaid (The 5th Avenue Theatre), Shrek (Walnut Street Theatre, Sacramento Music Circus), and Broadway Backwards (New Amsterdam Theatre; NYC). As a performer, Robbie was the dance captain for Broadway/Touring productions of Billy Elliot, Disney's The Little Mermaid, and Monty Python's Spamalot.

DAVID ROCKWELL (Scenic Design) Broadway: Into the Woods; Take Me Out; Tootsie; Kiss Me, Kate; Lobby Hero; She Loves Me (Tony, Drama Desk, and OCC awards); On the Twentieth Century (Tony nom.); You Can't Take It With You (Tony nom.); Kinky Boots (Tony nom.); Lucky Guy (Tony nom.); Hairspray (Tony, Drama Desk, OCC noms.); and the upcoming production of A Beautiful Noise. Off-Broadway: Into the Woods; Seven Deadly Sins; Soundtrack of America; A Bright Room Called Day; and Shakespeare in the Park. Founder and President of Rockwell Group, an architecture and design firm based in New York with offices in Los Angeles and Madrid. He is the author of four books on architecture and design, including Drama (Phaidon 2021). Honors: AIANY President's Award, Cooper Hewitt National Design Award, Presidential Design Award.

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KENNETH POSNER (Lighting Design) designs extensively Off-Broadway, for resident theatres and touring productions throughout the United States, as well as internationally. He began his design career in the early 1990s s the lighting designer for the Berkshire Theatre Festival in Stockbridge, MA. Selected Broadway credits include Mr. Saturday Night, Beetlejuice, Pretty Woman, Mean Girls, War Paint, Tuck Everlasting, Disgraced, On Your Feet, If/Then, Kinky Boots, Pippin, Cinderella, Hairspray, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Legally Blonde, Catch Me If You Can, The Coast of Utopia: Shipwreck, Other Desert Cities, The Merchant Of Venice, The Little Foxes, The Adventures Of Tom Sawyer, Finding Neverland, and Wicked.

PAUL MILLER (Tour Lighting Design). Broadway: Ruben & Clay's Christmas Show, Amazing Grace, The Illusionists, Legally Blonde, Freshly Squeezed, Laughing Room Only. National Tours: The Illusionists, Elf the Musical, The Producers, Hairspray, Nunsense. Many commercial Off-Broadway productions and City Center Encores! Regional: The Old Globe, Stratford Shakespeare Festival (Ontario), DC Shakespeare, Chicago Shakespeare, Idaho Shakespeare, Great Lakes Theatre Co, Asolo Rep, American Conservatory Theatre, Cleveland Playhouse, Pasadena Playhouse, The Goodspeed Opera House, Pittsburgh CLO, and Seattle's 5th Avenue Theatre, among others. Ballet: The New Jersey Ballet, Eglevsky Ballet, Grand Rapids Ballet. Television: Live from Lincoln Center, Netflix, Showtime, Comedy Central, International: Productions in São Paulo, Toronto, London, Vienna, Milan (Teatro alla Scala), Manila, Johannesburg, Beijing, Slovenia, Canada, and Mexico. Paul has been the Lighting Director for the internationally televised New Year's Eve Celebration from New York's Times Square for the last 20 years. He is originally from Chicago and trained at The Theatre School at DePaul University.

SHANNON SLATON (Sound Design) has designed many national tours including Shrek; Once on this Island; The Producers; Kiss Me, Kate; Noise/ Funk; The Full Monty; Contact; A Chorus Line; Tap Dogs; Sweeney Todd; The Wizard of Oz; The Drowsy Chaperone; and The Wedding Singer. He was production sound for The Phantom of the Opera on Broadway and national tour, and advance sound for Wicked. Shows he has mixed on Broadway include Springsteen on Broadway, Man of La Mancha, Bombay Dreams, A Christmas Carol, Sweet Charity, Jersey Boys, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, The Drowsy Chaperone, Spring Awakening, Fela!, Anything Goes, Annie, Legally Blonde, and Cabaret.

PATRICK W. LORD (Video Design) is a projection and video designer, whose work has been seen across the county. He has designed the National Tours of Hairspray and the new tour of On Your Feet, and was on the video team for the first tour of Mean Girls as the animator. In addition, he has had the privilege to design critically acclaimed world premieres at theaters like Lincoln Center and The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts with playwrights like Lauren Gunderson, Finegan Kruckemeyer, Robert Schenkkan and others. His career also includes extensive work at regional theaters across the country like Shakespeare Theatre Company, Olney Theatre Center, Flatrock Playhouse, Croswell Opera House, Skylight Music Theatre and many more, especially in the Washington DC area, which he calls home. Outside of his theatre work, Patrick has designed for Grammy award winning musicians and creative directed projects for numerous NBA and NHL teams' special events. patrickwlord.com

PAUL HUNTLEY (Wigs & Hair Design). London born Paul Huntley is a special Tony Award Winner as well as a Drama Desk recipient. Paul has worked on hundreds of Broadway projects since arriving in this country in 1972. His projects have included Cats; Amadeus; Kiss Me, Kate; The Producers and Hairspray. He has also worked with some of the most talented leading ladies of the American Cinema. They include Bette Davis, Vivien Leigh, Mae West, Glenn Close, Angela Lansbury and Jessica Lange. Movies are Christopher Plummer in "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus" and Willem Dafoe in "Cirque Du Freak."

BERNIE ARDIA (Wigs & Hair Design) is a California native with a 40-year career starting in print and television. He has designed for over 75 productions including: Cameron Mackintosh's Les Misérables and Oliver, Kiss of the Spider Woman with Chita Rivera, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Starlight Express (Las Vegas), Cinderella with Eartha Kitt, and Hairspray (recreating Paul Huntley's designs). He is also the author of Barbra Streisand in New York City, and presenting the upcoming At Sea with Patrick Dennis, My Madcap Mexican Adventure with the Author of Auntie Mame (pub. Ratteling Good Yarns).

HAROLD WHEELER (Orchestrations). From the time he conducted the Broadway musical *Promises*, Promises to the year Dreamgirls won six Tony Awards, Harold Wheeler has been in the front ranks of entertainment as a conductor, composer, arranger and performer. Additional theatre credits as orchestrator and music supervisor include CoCo, Two Gentlemen of Verona, The Wiz, Little Me (Tony nom.), A Chorus Line, The Tap Dance Kid, Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music, Fame, The Life (Tony nom.), Side Show, Swing! (Tony nom.), The Full Monty. He

acted as Musical Director for the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, and composed the score for the film *Love! Valour! Compassion!* He is married to actress/singer Hattie Winston.

KEITH THOMPSON (*Music Supervisor*) is an award-winning musical director, arranger, and composer. He created, directed and produced *The Cocktail Cabaret* which enjoyed a successful year-long run at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Keith is the founder and host of *The Composers Showcase*, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides a platform for composers to share their original musical creations at The Smith Center in Las Vegas. Professional credits include musical director for *Jersey Boys*, *The Producers*, *Hairspray*, and *We Will Rock You*, the QUEEN musical, as well as first national tours of *Mamma Mia!* and *Cabaret*.

JOHN MEZZIO (Music Coordinator) has conducted national tours including State Fair starring John Davidson, Victor Victoria starring Toni Tennille, and Cinderella starring Eartha Kitt and Deborah Gibson. Additionally, Mr. Mezzio was Associate Conductor for Andrew Lloyd Webber's Starlight Express at the Las Vegas Hilton. National tours: Oklahoma!, The Producers, Spring Awakening, Memphis, Beauty and the Beast, and Elf the Musical.

JULIUS LaFLAMME (Conductor/Keyboard) is a Music Director, Arranger, and Composer based in Boston. Regional: Passing Strange, West Side Story, Tommy, Xanadu, Spring Awakening, Songs for a New World, A New Brain, Rocky Horror Picture Show. He studied musical theater writing and direction at Berklee College of Music.

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EMILY KRITZMAN (*Production Stage Manager*) studied Stage Management at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. She is honored to be a part of the national tour of *Hairspray*. Former credits include *Waitress* and *Anastasia*. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

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