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Proudly present the World Premiere of

RAGTIME: A Concert Performance

Created for the Boston Pops (in honor of Keith Lockhart's 25th Anniversary) With support from Cincinnati Symphony, Arts Commons, Calgary Philharmonic, and Theatre Calgary

Book by **TERRENCE MCNALLY** Music by **STEPHEN FLAHERTY** Lyrics by **LYNN AHRENS**

Based on the Novel "Ragtime" by E.L. DOCTOROW

Orchestrations by **WILLIAM DAVID BROHN** New Orchestrations by **KIM SCHARNBERG**

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Stage Manager **NIESA SILZER** Assistant Stage Manager **EMMA BRAGER**

Setting - Turn of the 20th century, New York. Ragtime: A Concert Performance has one intermission.

Ragtime Concert Version is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied my MTI. www.mtishows.com

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(in order of appearance)

Little Boy OLIVER WOODRUFF	
Father JP THIBODEAU	
Mother JESSICA ECKSTADT	
Mother's Younger Brother DAVID WEBB	
Grandfather DOUG MCKEAG	
Coalhouse Walker Jr TENAJ WILLIAMS	
Sarah MISHA MASEKA	
Booker T. Washington	
STEVEN JACKSON JR.	
TatehTIM HOWAR	
Little Girl ELLA WILSON	
Harry Houdini ERIC WIGSTON	
J.P. Morgan JOEL SCHAEFER	
Henry Ford TROY GOLDTHORP	
Emma Goldman ELIZABETH STEPKOWSKI TARHAN	

Evelyn Nesbit	KATIE MCMILLAN
Sarah's Friend	JESSICA HORKAS
Houdini's Mother	MICHELLE RAWLINGS
Stanford White	BILLY BROWN
Harry K. Thaw	EJ CANDELARIA
Admiral Peary	DOUG MCKEAG
Judge	JOEL SCHAEFER
Jury Foreman	ROBYN ORD
Kathleen	LAYNE LABBE
Policeman	TROY GOLDTHORP
Trolley Conductor	RAE BERNAKEVITCH
Conductor	ERIC WIGSTON
Umpire	BILLY BROWN
	/er
S	HAQUILLE POTTINGER
Little Coalhouse	IZUCHI OTUKA

ENSEMBLE

GRACE AJELE, RAE BERNAKEVITCH, BILLY BROWN, EJ CANDELARIA, STANESHA DELIGENCE, SIMONE DENNY, LAYNE LABBE, JENHENE MORGAN, ROBYN ORD, CHRISTOPHER PARKER, SHAQUILLE POTTINGER, MICHELLE RAWLINGS

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CECILLY DAY, JILLIAN HANNAH, DENIS LAMBERT, MARCUS NANCE

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In addition to the cast, musicians, and creative team that made this production possible, we would like to thank all the Arts Commons, Calgary Philharmonic, and Theatre Calgary staff members that supported this presentation through administration, promotion, fund development, education, and community outreach initiatives. Please see the full list of staff from all three partner organizations on page 32.

The members of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra are members of The Calgary Musicians Association, Local 547 of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada.

Welcome Message from the Partners

The need to rebuild our social cohesion resonates within every one of us and no truer is this than in the modern masterpiece that you are here to experience. *Ragtime: A Concert Performance* demonstrates the power of collaboration in our city and how we must come together to accomplish great things as a community. This production of this concert arrangement, developed by the Boston Pops Orchestra, is an unprecedented partnership between three of Calgary's leading performance companies: Arts Commons, Calgary Philharmonic, and Theatre Calgary. In many ways, it forges a new blueprint for large-scale artistic partnerships in our city. Without the combined expertise and creative resources of all three organizations this project would not be possible. We were fortunate to have the right people in the right place at the right time so that we could bring this magnificent world premiere to life in Calgary.

The seed for the collaboration originated with Theatre Calgary's Artistic Director, Stafford Arima. Arima's long history with the piece, from attending its first workshop in Toronto to being nominated for the prestigious Olivier Award for his direction of the West End premiere, has granted him a very personal connection with the musical. In the summer of 2020, when we were in the depths of uncertainty, he brought the idea to Arts Commons President & CEO Alex Sarian, who was looking for occasions to collaborate. From there, the "wheels of a dream" were set in motion. It was clear that this musical was ripe with opportunity to create something special and that a three-way partnership offered an exciting chance to redefine artistic collaboration in our city. As we collectively emerge from the pandemic, acknowledging the hardships and stresses so many of our neighbours in Calgary have experienced, we have the chance to decide what the future of the arts in Calgary looks like and its role in our recovery. We have taken this historic moment as our cue to come together in pursuit of a shared creative vision so that we can unite and uplift each other, not only as partner organizations, but as a community.

More than a show, *Ragtime: A Concert Performance* is an opportunity to realize the potential of the moment and anticipate the possibilities of the future. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to make this show happen, to work together, and to create something truly magical. Tonight, you get to experience the best the city has to offer all in one place.

Bringing this project together has been a huge undertaking and it wouldn't be possible without the efforts of all of the staff and creative teams of Arts Commons, Calgary Philharmonic, and Theatre Calgary who went above and beyond to bring this to the stage. Thank you to them, and thank you for being a part of this. We hope you enjoy this historic production of *Ragtime: A Concert Performance*.

From Alex Sarian, Maya Choldin & Marc Stevens

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Ragtime made its debut in Toronto (before a two-year Broadway run) twenty-six years ago. This musical has never been produced in Calgary, until now! Through the genius of Stephen Flaherty (music), Lynn Ahrens (lyrics), Terrence McNally (libretto), and E.L. Doctorow (original novel), a classic story has found its living voice in the artform we know as the musical. And what a way to experience a musical like *Ragtime* in this glorious concert production that is making its world premiere in Calgary.

Ragtime is set in and around New York City in 1902. The story grapples with the issue of conflicting philosophies: the independent spirit of the immigrant versus those of an older American family. On March 31, 1889, eleven years prior to the turn of the century, a major architectural event which signalled to the world what was to come, was erected in Paris – the Eiffel Tower. Its crude design marred the delicate rooflines of Paris, challenging Parisians' sensibility of what was considered beautiful. The tower was designed so its inner steel structure was visible. It was exposed, naked. Everyone could see its wheels turn. The closed mentality of the Victorian reign was slowly beginning to deteriorate. It was a new age, a time of vast change, and the Eiffel Tower was an indication that a new drumbeat was being played that was going to send a century spinning.

Back in America, a new music was born called ragtime, which was made popular by the composer Scott Joplin. Ragtime was a style of music containing a highly syncopated treble lead over a rhythmically steady bass. It emerged in its published form during the mid-1890s and quickly spread across the continent like wildfire. Caught up in this cyclone of change are three families who find connections within this time of rebirth. Through the interweaving journeys of an African American family, a recently arrived Eastern European Jewish father and daughter, and a White Anglo-Saxon Protestant family steeped in deteriorating Victorianism, *Ragtime* illuminates how these traditional families are torn apart by their everchanging world, while being healed by the music of ragtime.



(L-R) Lynn Ahrens, Stafford Arima, Stephen Flaherty and Terrence McNally pose backstage at "Ragtime" on Broadway at Avery Fisher Hall on February 18, 2013 in New York City. (Photo by Bruce Glikas/FilmMagic)

The magical and seductive elements of this musical are going to fill the majestic Jack Singer Concert Hall and your souls. How, you ask? Because this concert production of *Ragtime* is being told with only the essential ingredients: an ensemble of performers, a divine orchestra, and a compelling story that remains timeless and relevant.

Thank you for joining us at this special presentation of one of the greatest musicals, I believe, that has ever been written.



Stafford Arima Artistic Director, Theatre Calgary











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ACT I

RAGTIME	Full Company
GOODBYE, MY LOVE	Mother
JOURNEY ON	Father, Tateh, Mother
THE CRIME OF THE CENTURYEvelyn	Nesbit, Mother's Younger Brother, Ensemble
WHAT KIND OF WOMAN	Mother
A SHTETL IZ AMEREKE (ELLIS ISLAND)	Tateh, The Little Girl, Immigrants
SUCCESS Tateh, The Litt	e Girl, J.P. Morgan, Harry Houdini, Ensemble
HIS NAME WAS COALHOUSE WALKER	Coalhouse Walker Jr., Ensemble
DEFINITION OF RAG / THE GETTIN' READ	Y RAG Coalhouse Walker Jr., Ensemble
HENRY FORD	Henry Ford, Coalhouse Walker Jr., Ensemble
NOTHING LIKE THE CITY	Tateh, Mother, The Little Boy, The Little Girl
YOUR DADDY'S SON	Sarah
NEW MUSIC . Father, Mother, Younger Bro	ther, Sarah, Coalhouse Walker Jr., Ensemble
THE WHEELS OF A DREAM	Coalhouse Walker Jr., Sarah

ACT II

	Emma Goldman, Ensemble
GLIDING	Tateh
THE TRASHING OF THE CAR / PRESIDENT	Sarah
TILL WE REACH THAT DAY	Sarah's Friend, Full Company
COALHOUSE'S SOLILOQUY	Coalhouse Walker Jr.
WHAT A GAME!	Father, The Little Boy, Ensemble
BUFFALO NICKEL PHOTOPLAY, INC	Baron Ashkenazy (Tateh)
OUR CHILDREN	
SARAH BROWN EYES	Coalhouse Walker Jr., Sarah
HE WANTED TO SAY	Emma Goldman, Younger Brother, Coalhouse Walker Jr., Coalhouse's Men
BACK TO BEFORE	
MAKE THEM HEAR YOU	Coalhouse Walker Jr.
EPILOGUE: RAGTIME	Full Company



GRACE AJELE (she/her) Ensemble

Grace is a music teacher, a classically trained pianist, and a musical theatre fanatic through and through. She has been making music since 2001, and has more recently ventured into the world of writing and recording. When she is not exploring the world of music production and learning from other artists, she is practicing child welfare law at a nonprofit law firm in Calgary.



RAE BERNAKEVITCH (she/her) Trolley Conductor, Ensemble

Rae is thrilled to be making her Theatre Calgary debut in her hometown with this stellar cast of *Ragtime: A Concert Performance.* She is a graduate of Randolph College and splits her time between Toronto and Calgary. Select theatre credits include *Legally Blonde* (Hart House Theatre), *Puffs* (Canadian Premiere, Lower Ossington Theatre). Select TV credits include *Unexpected Killer* and *Untold Stories of the ER*. Much love to her family and Shawn.



BILLY BROWN (he/him) Stanford White, Umpire, Ensemble

Billy is an actor/singer from Edmonton who graduated from the Musical Theatre Program at MacEwan University and the BFA Acting Program at the University of Alberta. Recent credits include Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Two Gentlemen of Verona (Theatre Calgary's Shakespeare by the Bow), John & Jen (Imagine Performing Arts), The Lady from the Sea (Studio Theatre), Love's Labours Lost, Romeo and Juliet (Freewill Shakespeare), and Rumpelstiltskin (Alberta Opera). He hopes everyone enjoys the performance!



EJ CANDELARIA (he/him) Harry K. Thaw, Ensemble

EJ is a Calgary-based artist and is ecstatic to be performing on the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage for the first time. Select credits include: *The SpongeBob Musical, MisPlaced, Annie* (StoryBook Theatre); *Theatre Calgary Sings for Pride* (Theatre Calgary); *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (The Honest Collective Theatre). When not in theatre, he enjoys songwriting, experimenting with music production, brunching with friends, and thinking about when to have sushi next with family. @ejcandelaria



CECILLY DAY

Cecilly is thrilled to be making her Theatre Calgary debut in this stunning concert production of *Ragtime: A Concert Performance.* Fresh off a run of *The Wizard of Oz* with Western Canadian Theatre, Cecilly originally hails from Vancouver, British Columbia. If you find yourself on the west coast this winter, be sure to come see Cecilly as Sister Margaretta in The Arts Club Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music.*



STANESHA DELIGENCE (she/her) Ensemble

I was reared in a family that sang along to any music that was played. As a result of watching my father conduct choirs and lead worship at church, I developed a passion for music that expanded as I grew older. I am an international student from the Bahamas majoring in voice at Burman University, and I want to touch people's hearts, whether I'm teaching a song or performing on stage, and to prove to my father that I just may be a better musician than he is.



SIMONE DENNY Ensemble

Credits: Angela Smitten *Class Of '63* (Mayfield Dinner Theatre) Medda Larkin *NEWSIES* (Drayton) Dinah Washington and Mamma Troy *Mama I Want to Sing.* Solo performance in *We'll Meet Again* (Drayton). International artist Simone Denny has four Canadian JUNO Awards. The former Love Inc vocalist best known for dance anthem *You're A Superstar.* Original vocalist to the Emmy awardwinning *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* (NBC/Bravos). Simone's philanthropy: AIDS & cancer charities. Thanks to NLM. @simonedennymusic



JESSICA ECKSTADT (she/her) Mother

Jessica is a performer, choreographer, arts educator, and private music teacher. She holds a performance diploma from Mount Royal University and a BFA, with great distinction, from Concordia University. She has had the pleasure of performing across Canada, Europe, South America, and the United States. Jessica also loves working with students of all ages to hone and discover their passion for the performing arts, and believes that sharing art with others is one of the best experiences in life.



TROY GOLDTHORP (he/him) Henry Ford, Policeman

Originally from Calgary, and a graduate of the Randolph College for the Performing Arts, Troy has been performing across Canada and internationally for over 10 years. Selected credits: 9 to 5 (Citadel Theatre), Evita (Vancouver Opera), Mamma Mia, Anne of Green Gables (The Charlottetown Festival), West Side Story (Rainbow Stage), Moby Dick, The Inventor (Calgary Opera), We Will Rock You (International/RCCL), Peter Pan In Wonderland, Sleeping Beauty (Ross Petty Panto), Footloose (Drayton Entertainment), Crossing Swords (Forte), Cannibal! The Musical (Panasonic Theatre).



JILLIAN HANNAH (she/her) Cover

For Theatre Calgary: *Billy Elliot the Musical, The Secret Garden.* Originally from Calgary, she attended university in the United States and received her BFA in Music Theatre at Elon University. Credits include: *The Rocky Horror Show* (Ovation Productions), *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, White Christmas* (Mill Mountain Theatre), and *Ragtime* (Elon University). While not on stage, Jillian works as a sommelier and a private event host for the Calgary Flames! Huge thanks to her family and her dog, Harper!



JESSICA HORKAS (she/her) Sarah's Friend

Jessica is excited to make her Theatre Calgary debut! Elsewhere: Spongebob the Musical, The Sound of Music, Misplaced (StoryBook Theatre). Jessica enjoys playing piano and songwriting and has performed on stages in Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. She has also been featured in commercials and print ads. In her spare time, Jessica loves hanging out with her two dogs Milo and Bijou, and has recently taken up motorcycling.



TIM HOWAR (he/him) Tateh

Tim was born in Spirit River, Alberta, and is a proud Metis/ Ukrainian Canadian living in the UK since 2001. He has performed on Broadway, all over the US, Canada and Europe, most recently playing the American in *Chess* at the ENO London, and the Phantom in London, UK. He also voiceovers video games, TV and movies, starred with most major orchestras worldwide, and is the lead Rock singer with the band Mike and the Mechanics. So happy to be back in Alberta! @timhowar or timhowar.com



STEVEN JACKSON JR. (he/him) Booker T. Washington

Steven was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and studied a collection of various styles of music at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. He centres his playing on soulful fusion, blending and meshing different styles to create a unique blend pleasing to a multitude of audiences. He has performing credits in Mexico, China, and other various parts of the world.



LAYNE LABBE (she/her) Kathleen, Ensemble

This is Layne's second show for Theatre Calgary and couldn't be more excited! Layne has taken part in countless shows such as: Descendants, The Sound of Music, Spring Awakening, Junior Claus, Curious George and The Golden Meatball, Annie (StoryBook Theatre), Hair (Brown Cow), and many others. When not performing on the stage you can catch Layne watching her favourite Disney movie Ratatouille and enjoying her favourite snack, a Starbucks lemon loaf!



DENIS LAMBERT (he/him) Cover

Broadway: A Chorus Line, Doctor Zhivago. National Tours: White Christmas, The Producers also LA/Toronto). New York: Guys and Dolls (Carnegie Hall), Pipe Dream, Finian's Rainbow (City Center Encores!), Yank!, Zorba (York Theatre), Dying City (TBG Theatre), The Wild Party (B-Side). Regional: Hollywood Bowl, Kennedy Center, Paper Mill Playhouse, Pittsburgh CLO, Dallas Theater Center, Asolo Rep, Charlottetown Festival. TV: Modern Love. Denis loves Ragtime and is thrilled to be in his hometown for this concert.



MISHA MASEKA (she/her) Sarah

Misha is a writer, filmmaker and singer. Making her film auteur debut in February 2022, she released *Not That Deep*, a short film and music project based on her debut EP. With music as her longest practice, she has studied and sung opera all over Canada and Europe, and now performs in a soul band under the stage name, Lemba. When not writing, directing or singing, Misha makes time to connect with other artists and discuss the creative process on her podcast *In Rehearsal.*



DOUG MCKEAG Grandfather, Admiral Peary

Doug is an award-winning actor whose favourite shows include: Late Company, The Cottage (RMTC); The Secret Garden, Enron, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Into the Woods, God of Carnage (Theatre Calgary); Follies; A Man of No Importance (DryCold); The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Little Mercy's First Murder (Vertigo); The Alan Parkinson's Project (Ghost River); Arcadia; Glengarry Glen Ross; and the Canadian Premiere of Chimerica (CanStage).



KATIE MCMILLAN (she/her) Evelyn Nesbit

Katie is an emerging artist based in Calgary. She is so excited to be performing alongside these incredible local artists and the amazing Calgary Philharmonic. It is a dream come true! She thanks her family and friends for their love and support. Enjoy the show!



JENHENE MORGAN (she/her) Ensemble

Okil Jenhene is a trained choral singer and grade 3 teacher with the Calgary Board of Education. She is passionate about pedagogy and enjoys bringing her love for music into the classroom. Outside of performing, Jenhene is a creative soul that enjoys singing in the band Lemba & the New Testaments, DIY projects, and taking care of her plants. She is thrilled to be joining Theatre Calgary for this concert experience!



MARCUS NANCE (he/him) Cover

Marcus is equally at home in opera, theatre, concert, and cabaret. Recent engagements include Dick Deadeye in Vancouver Opera's *HMS Pinafore*, Ben Stone in Sondheim's *Follies* at Koerner Hall and *Why We Tell the Story*, a Stratford Festival cabaret, which Marcus directed and curated. Other highlights include Caiaphas in *Jesus Christ Superstar* on Broadway and his acclaimed portrayal of Judge Turpin in the Shaw Festival's production of *Sweeney Todd*. marcusnance.com



ROBYN ORD (she/her) Jury Foreman, Ensemble

Robyn is a Calgary-based artist, born and raised on Mohkínstsis. She is a graduate of the Mount Royal University Theatre Performance Program and Sheridan College's Music Theatre Performance Program. Credits include: A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Two Gentlemen of Verona (Theatre Calgary's Shakespeare by the Bow), Romeo and Juliet (MRU/Theatre Calgary's Shakespeare in the Park) Grand Hotel, Dogfight, Floyd Collins, H2\$ (Theatre Sheridan), Hamlet, Rocky Horror Picture Show (MRU), Girls Like That, Queenpins of Ponoka (Tightrope Theatre). Enjoy the show!



IZUCHI OTUKA (he/him) Little Coalhouse

Izuchi is an elementary student and an active member of the Diversity Performing Arts Club of Calgary (DPACC) where he dances and acts and travels across Canada to perform at various community events. He spends his free time practicing Michael Jackson's dance moves and teaching himself parkour via YouTube. Izuchi creates drama and plays with his sisters during their playtime, and aspires to dance and act, and his family encourages him to pursue his dreams.



CHRISTOPHER PARKER (he/him) Ensemble

Christopher received his Master's of Music at Western University. He made his professional stage debut in the Canadian premiere of *Choir Boy* at Centaur Theatre (Montreal) and his Toronto stage debut in the Doranominated play *The Negroes are Congregating* at Theatre Passe Muraille. Most recently, he was the understudy/ standby for the lead role of Super Jack in the North American premiere of *Room* presented by Mirvish Productions and written by Oscar-nominated writer Emma Donoghue.



SHAQUILLE POTTINGER (he/him) Coalhouse Follower, Ensemble

Shaquille is an actor who hails from many places across this vast continent, but distinctly caught the acting bug in Barrie, Ontario. His mother would like you to know he is a Theatre and Drama Studies graduate from the University of Toronto and Sheridan College. Now a denizen of Toronto, Shaquille does his best to stay busy, appearing in various theatre productions, workshops, short films, and a familiar commercial or two.



MICHELLE RAWLINGS (she/her) Houdini's Mother, Ensemble

For Theatre Calgary: *Billy Elliot the Musical*. Elsewhere: Featured Singer (International Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines), *Alice in Wonderland*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Carmen*, *Les Miserables*, *We Will Rock You*, *Elegies for Angels Punks & Raging Queens*, *Rodgers & Hammerstein Concert*. Michelle graduated from The London School Of Musical Theatre and has circled the globe performing. She's delighted to be involved in another show with Theatre Calgary and would like to thank her wonderful husband who supports her through everything in life, her family, and friends.



JOEL SCHAEFER (he/him) J.P. Morgan, Judge

Joel is an actor and music director who is thrilled to be based in Calgary! For Theatre Calgary: *The Louder We Get*, *Billy Elliot the Musical, TC Sings for Pride* (Music Director/ Performer). Elsewhere: *Naughty... But Nice!* (Forte Musical Theatre), *Beauty and the Beast* (Young People's Theatre), *The Ding Dong Girls* (Factory Theatre/Toronto Fringe), *Slipper* (Alberta Theatre Projects). All my love to Mom, Dad, Julia, Kristina, and the amazing Calgary community.



ELIZABETH STEPKOWSKI TARHAN (she/her) Emma Goldman

A director, performer and educator, Elizabeth has directed for Calgary Opera, The Shakespeare Company, Seadreamer, Destiny Theatre, Soulocentric Festival, StoryBook Theatre, Stage West, and the Banff Centre. An award-winning actor, she has appeared on stages across Canada, the US, Mexico and Scotland. Favorite roles include Mrs. Peachum in *The Beggar's Opera*, Shirley in *Stone and Ashes*, Mamma Rose in *Gypsy*, Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd*, Mattie Fae in *August: Osage County*, Countess/Widow in *All's Well That Ends Well*.



JP THIBODEAU (he/him) Father

JP is honoured to be part of this show. An award-winning actor, designer and director, JP has been both on and off the stage all over the world. He is Artistic Director for StoryBook Theatre, an incubator for Canada's brightest emerging artists. Most recently, he worked with rock legends Queen as director of the North American tour of *We Will Rock You* (Annerin). "Behind every child is a parent who believed first." Love you Mom.



DAVID WEBB (he/him) Mother's Younger Brother

David is thrilled to be singing with an orchestra again! Previously he's sung *Sweeney Todd* with the New York Philharmonic and toured Japan singing Disney classics with the Orchestra Japan among his other credits. It's the first time he's performed in his hometown of Calgary since 2010, so this is a dream come true. deardavidwebb.com



ERIC WIGSTON (he/him) Harry Houdini, Conductor

Eric is thrilled to be a part of *Ragtime: A Concert Performance!* A Calgary based actor, musician, and restaurant manager, he has been working in theatres all over Alberta over the last 13 years. Select credits include: *Million Dollar Quartet, The Secret Garden, Mary and Max, Twelfth Night, One Man, Two Guvnors, A Christmas Carol* (Theatre Calgary), *In Flanders Fields, Lest We Forget, Dads in Bondage* (Lunchbox), *Jeremy de Bergerac* (Forte), *Romeo & Juliet* (The Shakespeare Company).



TENAJ WILLIAMS (he/him) Coalhouse Walker Jr.

Tenaj's credits include: Clue (Vertigo), The Fiancee (Citadel), Sweat (Theatre Aquarius), The Color Purple (Citadel/RMTC, Neptune Theatre), Charlotte's Web (ATP), Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (Shakespeare Company/ATP), A Christmas Carol (Theatre Calgary) Touch Me: Songs for a (Dis)Connected Age (Theatre Calgary/Forte Musical Theatre), Naughty But Nice (Forte Musical Theatre), King Lear, Alls Well that Ends Well (Shakespeare Company). Film/ TV credits: JANN (CTV/Hulu), Wynonna Earp (Syfy), Big Sky (NBC), Meet Me at Christmas (Hallmark). @tenajwilliams



ELLA WILSON Little Girl

Ella has performed in several productions in Calgary including *The Sound of Music* (StoryBook Theatre), *Annie – The Musical* (StoryBook Theatre), and *Frankenstein* (Jupiter Theatre). She is a Grade 5 student at Varsity Acres School who loves drawing, playing Ringette, and cuddling with her puppy Olive. Ella would like to thank her voice coach Kathleen and her Mom and Dad for all their support.



OLIVER WOODRUFF (he/him) Little Boy

For Theatre Calgary: A Christmas Carol (2019). Elsewhere: The Wizard of Oz, Peter Pan (Small Time Theatre). In 2020, Oliver learned to sing in harmony with his two older brothers and older sister, and their a cappella quartet was featured on Cityline TV in 2021. Interests include skiing, mountain biking, and basketball, and a highlight this year was when his community basketball team won the provincial championship. He loves music, and he's very happy to be part of this incredible production.



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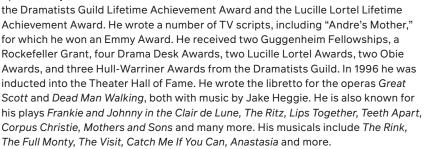
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TERRENCE MCNALLY Book

Terrence had a remarkably far-ranging career, including a new work on Broadway in each of the last six decades. In 2018 he was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He won five Tony Awards for his plays *Lovel Valour! Compassion!* and *Master Class* and his musical books for *Kiss of the Spider Woman* and *Ragtime*. He is a 2019 recipient of a Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement. He also received



STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Music

Stephen is the composer of the Broadway musicals *Ragtime* (Tony, Drama Desk, OCC Awards, two Grammy nominations), *Seussical* (Grammy, Drama Desk nominations), *Once on This Island* (Tony nomination, Olivier Award, Best Musical), *Anastasia*, and *Rocky*. Additional Broadway includes *Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life* (original songs) and Neil Simon's *Proposals* (incidental music). Stephen has also written four musicals at



Lincoln Center Theatre: *The Glorious Ones* (OCC, Drama Desk nominations), *Dessa Rose* (OCC, Drama Desk nominations), *A Man of No Importance* (OCC, Best Musical, Drama Desk nomination) and *My Favorite Year*. Other theater includes *In Your Arms* (Old Globe), *Little Dancer* (Kennedy Center), *Lucky Stiff* (Playwrights Horizons) and *Loving Repeating: A Musical of Gertrude Stein* (Chicago's Jefferson Award, Best New Musical.) Film includes *Anastasia* (two Academy Award and two Golden Globe nominations), the documentary *After The Storm* and *Lucky Stiff*. Mr. Flaherty's concert music has premiered at the Hollywood Bowl, Boston's Symphony Hall, Carnegie Hall, the Guggenheim Museum and Symphony Space. This year celebrates Stephen's 32-year collaboration with lyricist-librettist Lynn Ahrens. Stephen and Lynn are members of the Dramatists Guild Council and co-founders of the Dramatists Guild Fellows Program for Emerging Writers. In 2015 they were inducted into the Theater Hall Of Fame. They recently premiered *Knoxville* at Asolo Rep. ahrensandflaherty.com



LYNN AHRENS

Lyrics

Lynn has won Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards and received two Grammy nominations for Broadway's *Ragtime*. For Twentieth Century Fox's animated feature film *Anastasia*, she was nominated for two Academy Awards and two Golden Globes. She and longtime collaborator Stephen Flaherty received the Oscar Hammerstein Award for Lifetime Achievement, and in 2015 they were inducted into the Theater



Hall of Fame. Broadway: Anastasia; Once On This Island (Olivier Award, Best Musical; Tony nominations, Best Book and Score); Seussical (Grammy nomination); My Favorite Year; Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life; Rocky; Madison Square Garden's A Christmas Carol; Ragtime (2010 Broadway revival). Off-Broadway and regional: Lincoln Center Theater's Dessa Rose, The Glorious Ones (both Drama Desk-nominated) and A Man of No Importance (Outer Critics Circle Award, Best Musical); Lucky Stiff; Little Dancer (Kennedy Center world premiere). Film and television credits include A Christmas Carol (NBC-TV); Camp (IFC Films); Schoolhouse Rock (ABC-TV) and others. (Emmy Award and four Emmy nominations). She is a Council member of the Dramatists Guild of America, a co-founder of the Dramatists Guild Fellows Program for Emerging Writers, and a Lilly Award winner for Lyrics. Lynn and Stephen recently premiered Knoxville at Asolo Rep. ahrensandflaherty.com

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STAFFORD ARIMA (he/him) Director

Stafford is the Artistic Director of Theatre Calgary. In 2015, he became the first Asian Canadian to direct a Broadway musical – *Allegiance*; and was nominated for an Olivier Award for his direction of *Ragtime* (West End). Additional credits: *The Secret Garden, Mary and Max, A Christmas Carol, Billy Elliot* (Theatre Calgary); *Altar Boyz* and *Carrie* (Off-Broadway); *Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris* (Stratford Festival); *Bhangin' It* (La Jolla Playhouse). Stafford was Associate Director on *Seussical* and *A Class Act* (Broadway). He is a graduate of York University. staffordarima.com



JAMES MOORE Music Director, Conductor

Broadway: Miss Saigon, On the Town, Gigi, Follies, South Pacific, Ragtime, Steel Pier, Company. Tours: Les Miserables, The Producers, Kiss me, Kate, Crazy for You. Regional: Sweeney Todd (The Muny), Titanic (Signature Theatre), Mame (The Kennedy Center), Hello, Dolly (Ford's Theatre), Road Show (Encores! Off-Center). Recordings: On the Town, Follies (Grammy nominee). Education: Master and Bachelor of Music, Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and Theatre Calgary debut.



SAMANTHA CURRIE (she/her) Assistant Director

A graduate of The American Music and Dramatic academy in New York City, Samantha has toured to stages across Canada and the US. She is delighted to be working and learning alongside Stafford and this remarkable company. Past directorial credits include: *Disney's Descendants* (StoryBook Theatre), *Hairspray!*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Grease* (Shawnigan Lake School), *Mary Poppins*, *Tangled* (Adage Studio), and *Pet the Fish* (Chemainus Theatre Festival).



MARK LIMACHER (he/him) Assistant Music Director

Mark Limacher is a composer-improviser, arranger, orchestrator, radio host, and genre-crossing pianist. He is a graduate of The New School, former apprentice of composer Bunita Marcus, and performs regularly with the Calgary Philharmonic and Theatre Calgary. Also an accomplished jazz pianist, he has performed with multi-Grammy Award winner Ted Nash and JUNO-winning vocalist Caity Gyorgy. marklimacher.com



SCOTT REID (he/him) Lighting Design

Scott has been designing for theatre, opera and dance for over 30 years. He is a set, lighting, and projection designer. Although based in Calgary, Scott's designs have been seen across North America. He has enjoyed designing for such diverse projects as theatre for young audiences touring shows, new plays, as well as large-scale operas, theatre and ballets. scottreiddesign.com



JOSHUA D. REID (he/him) Sound Design

Joshua is a sound and systems designer and has worked extensively on Broadway, Off-Broadway, National Tours, International Productions and Sound System Installations. Recent design selections include *Million Dollar Quartet* (Theatre Calgary), *A Little Night Music* (Arizona Opera), *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (National Tour), *The Color Purple* (National Tour), *Girlfriend* (TheatreWorks Hartford, Connecticut Critics Circle Award), *A Christmas Carol* (Geffen Playhouse, LA Drama Critics Circle Award, LA Ovation Award). Full credentials at ReidSoundDesign.com.



BETH KATES (she/her) Projection Design

Beth is a theatre-maker and an award-winning lighting, set, projection, and mixed-reality designer whose work has been seen on stages around the world for over 30 years. A leader in new forms of performance, she recently led a VR Performance residency at Canadian Stage, and cocreated and directed *Bury The Wren*, a Virtual Reality / Live performance which will next be presented at World Stage Design in Calgary. Her favourite production is her son, Aaron. playgroundstudios.ca



NIESA SILZER (she/her) Stage Manager

Niesa's stage manager credits include: *Ragtime* (World Premiere, US Premiere, National tours), *Mamma Mia!* (North American Premiere, National Tour). Niesa is thrilled to come out of stage management retirement to work on this concert version of *Ragtime*! Her usual day job is President of Details Convention & Event Management, and taking care of her twins Piper and Megan.



EMMA BRAGER (she/her) Assistant Stage Manager

As a lifelong fan of both the theatre and the orchestra, getting to collaborate with so many talented folks in such a beautiful space is truly a dream. Emma is fortunate to work at venues around the country, but she makes her home in Calgary – a city she loves and believes in. Emma would like to thank Theatre Calgary for the opportunity, and her husband Eric for feeding the cats and for getting to rehearsal so early every day.

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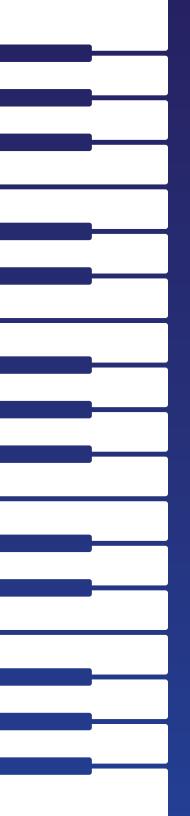
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