A MAN of NO IMPORTANCE

Classic Stage Company Jill Rafson, Producing Artistic Director

Toni Marie Davis, Chief Operating Officer/GM presents

A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

book by TERRENCE MCNALLY music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY lyrics by LYNNAHRENS

Based on the film *A Man of No Importance* produced by Little Bird

SHEREEN AHMED, JUSTIN SCOTT BROWN, ALMA CUERVO, LEE HARRINGTON, BENJAMIN HOWES, BETH KIRKPATRICK, KARA MIKULA, DA'VON T. MOODY, JIM PARSONS, MARY BETH PEIL, THOM SESMA, A.J. SHIVELY, NATHANIEL STAMPLEY, JESSICA TYLER WRIGHT, JOEL WAGGONER, MARE WINNINGHAM, WILLIAM YOUMANS

costume design ANN HOULD-WARD

casting

THE TELSEY OFFICE,

CRAIG BURNS, CSA

props

supervisor

fight & intimacy director orchestrator

associate

lighting design **ADAM HONORE**

> vocal arranger

associate scenic design costume design lighting design

McGEE

press representatives

sound design

music director

associate

electronic music design

assistant sound design

stage manager

production

assistant stage manager

HOLLACE JEFFORDS

JOHN DOYLE directed and designed by

Originally produced by Lincoln Center Theater, New York City. A Man of No Importance is produced by special arrangement with Tom Kirdahy and Mara Isaacs



(in alphabetical order)

Adele Rice	SHEREEN AHMED
Miss Oona Crowe	ALMA CUERVO
Mrs. Curtin	KARA MIKULA
Peter/Breton Beret	DA'VON T. MOODY
Alfie Byrne	JIM PARSONS
Mrs. Grace	MARY BETH PEIL
Mr. Carney	THOM SESMA
Robbie Fay	A.J. SHIVELY
Father Kenny	. NATHANIEL STAMPLEY
Mrs. Patrick	JESSICA TYLER WRIGHT
Ernie Lally	JOEL WAGGONER
Lily Byrne	MARE WINNINGHAM
Baldy O'Shea	WILLIAM YOUMANS

Understudies

Understudies never substitute for listed performers unless stated.

For Robbie Fay, Ernie Lally,
Peter/Breton Beret – **JUSTIN SCOTT BROWN**For Adele Rice, Mrs. Patrick,
Mrs. Curtin – **LEE HARRINGTON**For Alfie Byrne, Mr. Carney, Baldy O'Shea,
Father Kenny – **BENJAMIN HOWES**For Lily Byrne, Miss Oona Crowe,
Mrs. Grace – **BETH KIRKPATRICK**

All other roles are played by members of the company.

All performers in this production are members of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

ORCHESTRA

Orchestrator **BRUCE COUGHLIN**

Music Director CALEB HOYER

Associate Music Director JOHN BRONSTON

Keyboard/Conductor – Caleb Hoyer
Bass – Michael Blanco
Guitars/Mandolins – Justin Rothberg
Flutes, Irish Flutes, Recorders,
Pennywhistles – Tereasa Payne

Music Preparation

CHARLIE SAVAGE AND RUSSELL BARTMUS

for JOANN KANE MUSIC

Keyboard Programmer
BILLY JAY STEIN AND HIRO IIDA
for STRANGE CRANIUM PRODUCTIONS

Music Coordinator MICHAEL AARONS

Sub Musicians
Flutes – Nicole Raimato
Bass – Michael Epperhart
Guitar – Benjamin Samuelson
Violin – Sarah Haines
Violin – Jason Mellow

The use of any recording device, either audio or video, and the taking of photographs, either with or without flash, is strictly prohibited.

Please silence all electronic devices. The use of cell phones during the performance is prohibited by New York City law.

A Man of No Importance will be performed without an intermission.

ANOTE FROM JILL RAFSON CSC PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

Welcome to Classic Stage Company and our home at the beautiful Lynn F. Angelson Theater.

I'm delighted to have this opportunity to greet you at the start of my first season leading CSC as Producing Artistic Director, a role I'm assuming from the wonderful John Doyle, who is taking you on one last theatrical journey here as the director of *A Man of No Importance*. I can't imagine a show more appropriate to this moment of transition, with its embrace of the value of theater in our lives and optimism towards a more accepting world.

To guide CSC through its next chapter is a true privilege. This theater occupies a unique position in the Off-Broadway community, and one that I have long admired. CSC doesn't simply bring you extraordinary productions of classic plays – we are actively in conversation with the ever-evolving meaning of the word "classic" and the ways in which that term can remain vibrant for today's audiences.

In this 55th Anniversary season, I can't wait to bring today's most thrilling voices into CSC, allowing them to redefine, reimagine, and reinvigorate the theatrical canon. I deeply believe in the value of dialogue between plays and artists of the past and the present, as well as the dialogue that can be sparked in an audience. I hope to bring you many moments that will spur conversation, inspiration, and lasting memories.

Thank you for joining us. I look forward to getting to know you this season!

Fondly,

Jill Rafson

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Producing Artistic Director

YOUR SAFETY AT CSC

CSC understands that our safety is a collective responsibility shared by all of us.

MASK UP

All patrons must wear a face mask at all times inside the theater, with no exceptions.

We are continuing this extra precaution to ensure the safety of our artists, team members, and guests. As many of you know, CSC is one of New York's most uniquely intimate theater spaces, where audiences sit quite close to the performers and their neighbors. We hope to keep everyone healthy and avoid the risk of cancelling performances due to illness.

AT THE THEATER

In addition to the sense of safety we can generate for each other by saying hello to our neighbors seated next to us in the audience, the front of house team is also here to help support everyone's well-being.

Our house managers, ushers, and box office staff have attended deescalation trainings from Right To Be. CSC is exploring additional opportunities to practice community safety as we gather audiences at our theater this season and beyond.

GETTING HOME SAFELY

We invite you to check in with the front of house staff for your safety getting home. If you need support, please speak with an usher or the house manager for more information and assistance.

ANTI-RACISMAT CSC EDIA COMMITMENT

CSC is committed to being an anti-racist organization, and to inclusivity, equity, and diversity in all areas of the company, onstage and off. CSC recognizes the responsibility we bear to make our theater a place where all artists, audiences, and staff feel supported and at home. Integral to our commitment to EDIA values and an anti-racist culture, we acknowledge that CSC has historically been a predominantly white organization and that we have made missteps. We hold ourselves accountable for any harm we may have caused.

Social media posts and statements of solidarity are simply not enough, and we believe the problem of inherent racism in American arts organizations will not be solved by sharing a checklist of promises. Our future actions will demonstrate this commitment to change, and CSC will incorporate this work as a permanent part of our practice.

We see the theater as a place where traditions can be challenged, conversations can be pushed forward, minds can be changed, and most importantly, as a place where everyone is accepted.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Classic Stage Company acknowledges that our theater is located on the island of Manhattan (originally known as Mannahatta), which is situated on Lenapehoking, the homeland of the Munsee Lenape.

In addition to the Munsee Lenape, we pay respect to all Indigenous Peoples and communities who stewarded this land for generations prior to its occupation. To find out more about Native Land across the world, you can visit Native Land Digital at: native-land.ca.

OUR WORK IN PROCESS

CSC's Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Access Committee is made up of an equal group of Governing Board, Associate Board, and staff members. The committee evaluates every level of CSC (policies, procedures, programs, hiring, Board recruitment, casting, productions, etc.) to foster an equitable, inclusive, accessible, and diverse environment as a core value of the company.

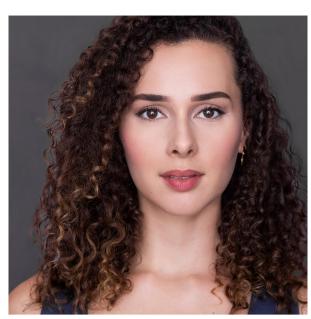
As part of this work, CSC commissioned an EDIA Assessment with an outside consultancy, in which staff, Board, and artists were surveyed, and individuals representing different constituencies were interviewed. The EDIA Committee reviewed the key findings, and recommendations were put in place. CSC staff, Board, and Associate Board have participated in anti-racism trainings and will continue to have in-person and online trainings on at least an annual basis.

Additionally, CSC has shifted curtain times so that audiences, company, and staff members can travel home safely and earlier in the evening. Evening performances are slated to begin no later than 7pm.

CSC is continually looking to expand its outreach and make deeper connections with people and organizations within the greater NYC community. If you have ideas on how to further this engagement or would like to partner with CSC, please email our Director of Marketing and Communications, Phil Haas, at phil.haas@classicstage.org.

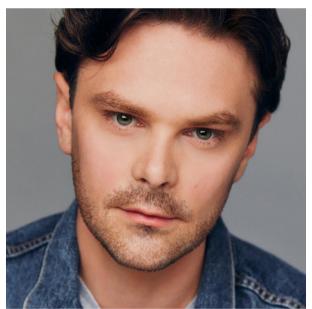
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WHO'S WHO



SHEREEN AHMED (Adele Rice) most recently starred as Eliza Doolittle in the 1st National Tour of My Fair Lady. Broadway: My Fair Lady (Eliza u/s). Off-Broadway: Meet Me in St.

Louis (Esther), Irish Repertory Theatre. Television: NBC's "New Amsterdam." Regional: Lucy in Jekyll/Hyde, Maria in The Sound of Music, and Anna in The King and I. She has performed in concerts across Europe and North America, and has been recognized as one of '40 Under 40' accomplished Arab Americans in the U.S. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Towson University. For her family and friends, with love. @shereen_ahmed.



JUSTIN SCOTT BROWN
(Understudy) has appeared on Broadway in *Anastasia* and toured with the original cast of the 25th Anniversary Production of *Les Misérables* (Marius). Other notable

credits include the 1st National Tour of Spring Awakening and Far From Heaven Off-Broadway (Playwrights Horizons). Regional: Tommy DeVito in Jersey Boys (Capital Rep), Henrik in A Little Night Music (A.C.T.), Gabe in Next to Normal (Baltimore Center Stage), Into the Woods (Westport), Meet Me in St. Louis (The Muny), Smokey Joe's (The Rep). The 85th Oscars on ABC. BFA from Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM). IG: @justin_scott_brown.



ALMA CUERVO (Miss Oona Crowe). Previous work at CSC: Allegro and Uncle Vanya. New York credits include: Mornings at Seven, Road Show, On Your Feet, Cabaret, Beauty and the Beast, The

Heidi Chronicles, Titanic, Ghetto, Quilters, Is There Life After High School?, Bedroom Farce, and Censored Scenes from King Kong. National tours: On Your Feet, My Fair Lady, Wicked, Cabaret, M. Butterfly. Extensive Off-Broadway and regional work. Obie for Uncommon Women and Others. Training: Yale School of Drama. Narrator of many audiobooks.



BETH KIRKPATRICK

(Understudy). Broadway/ NYC: Les Misérables, Zandra in Jerry Springer: the Opera (New Group), Plain and Fancy (York). Tour: Mrs. Gloop in Charlie and the Chocolate

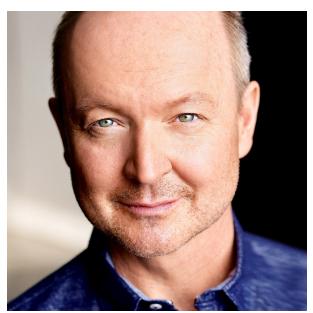
Factory, Dolly Levi u/s in Hello, Dolly!, Les Misérables, The Phantom of the Opera, The Sound of Music. Regional: Diana in Next to Normal (MacHaydn), Nettie Fowler in Carousel (Riverside), The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Paper Mill, LaJolla), Shawntel/Eve in Jerry Springer: the Opera (New Stage), Mrs. Lovett u/s in Sweeney Todd (Geva), 6x The Sound of Music (Mother Abbess - MSMT, Sister Sophia - MUNY, Sister Berthe - Fulton/Maltz Jupiter, Frau Schmidt - Fulton), Sweeney Todd (MUNY) @BethKirkp.



LEE HARRINGTON

(Understudy) was last seen in *Assassins* at Classic Stage. Favorite theater: *Into the Woods* (Roundabout), Original One Woman Show: *Jellybean* (Irondale, Theatre Row). *My*

Name is Ben (Goodspeed), Merrily We Roll Along (Cincinnati Playhouse), My Fair Lady (Sharon Playhouse), A Connecticut Christmas Carol (Goodspeed), Man of La Mancha (Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey), Company (Pittsburgh Public), Fiddler on the Roof (WVPT), and Show Boat (Westchester). Film: Last Flag Flying and Where'd You Go, Bernadette. TV: "Gone" (NBC). Training: Carnegie Mellon University. Thanks to DGRW.



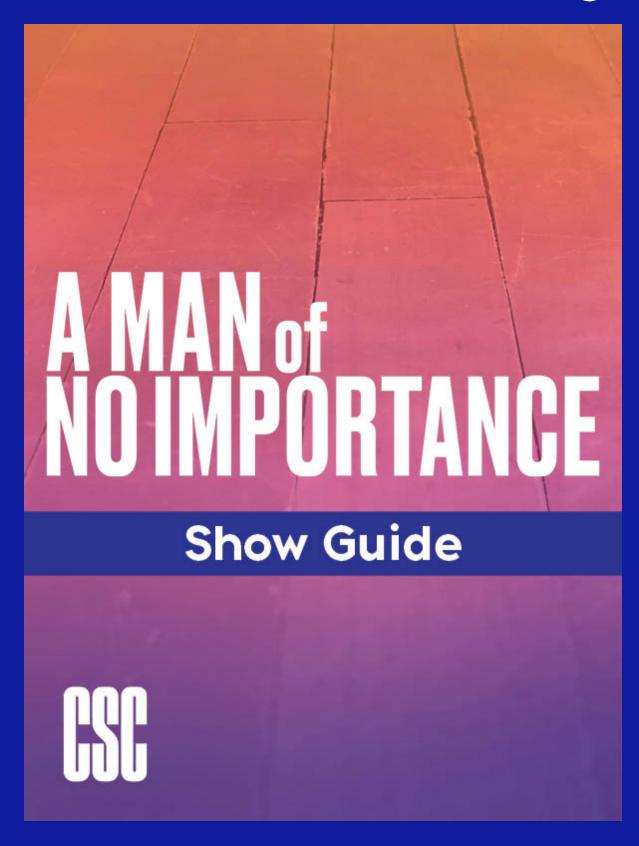
BENJAMIN HOWES

(Understudy). Originally from Australia. Broadway: *Mary Poppins, Scandalous, [title of show]*. National Tours: *Mary Poppins, Shrek The Musical, Charlie and the Chocolate*

Factory. NYC/Off-Broadway: The View Upstairs and its recording, [title of show], Girl Crazy, The Charity That Began At Home. Regional: A.R.T. in the award-winning play The Shape She Makes, Old Globe, Goodspeed Opera House, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, and Asolo Repertory among many others. Film/Television: "Full Circle," "The Blacklist," "Gossip Girl," "The Deuce" (recurring), "Law and Order: Criminal Intent," "Deadly Women," "Flight of the Conchords," "Easter Mysteries," "Miles," and a small but glamorous recurring role in "One Life To Live" as Shakespearereciting drag queen, Alma Children. Artist Champion for HB Studio.

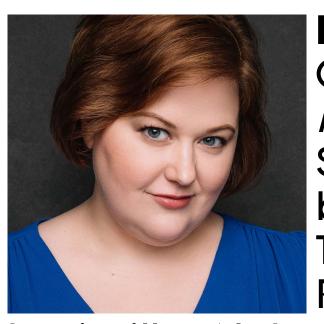
THE CSC SHOW GUIDE

Explore the world of *A Man of No Importance* through articles,
timelines, and witty wordplay games!



Inside the CSC Show Guide, you'll discover an interview with composer Stephen Flaherty and lyricist Lynn Ahrens, a deep dive into 1960s Dublin, and peek into the lives of playwrights Oscar Wilde and Terrence McNally.

Read the Show Guide



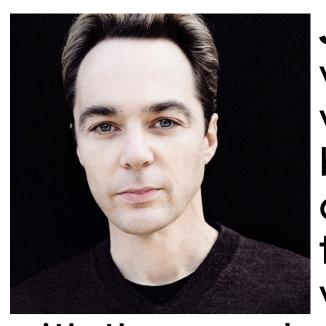
KARA MIKULA (Mrs. Curtin).
Off-Broadway: The Cradle Will
Rock and Allegro at Classic
Stage Company, directed
by John Doyle. National
Tours: White Christmas.
Regional: Actors Theatre of

Louisville, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Arizona Theatre Company, Bay Street Theater, Gateway Playhouse, KC Starlight, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Ogunquit Playhouse, Paper Mill Playhouse, Pittsburgh CLO, Riverside Theatre, The REV Theatre, Virginia Stage Company, and more. Favorite role: being Aunt Kara. Thanks to Eddie at Take3Talent and to John for 3 fabulous adventures. Proud member of AEA and AFM/Local 802. karamikula.com



DA'VON T. MOODY (Peter/ Breton Beret) is happy to be making his Off-Broadway debut! Originally from DC, his most recent credits include: Rent (Benny) at the Signature Theatre, Gun

& Powder (World Premiere), Grand Hotel, and Ain't Misbehavin'. Olney Theatre: A.D. 16 (World Premiere, Simeon); Ford's Theatre: The Wiz, A Christmas Carol, Amazing Grace (Mr. Tyler); Constellation Theatre: Aida (Mereb); ArtsCentric: Hair (Berger) and Dreamgirls (C.C. White). Film: Once Again for the First Time. In addition to his work as an actor, Da'Von is a trained clarinetist and self-taught guitarist. You can find him on IG @d_moo_d to see more!



JIM PARSONS (Alfie Byrne) was born in Houston, Texas, where he was fortunate to be exposed to theater at an early age. He attended the University of Houston where he met and worked

with the people who would help him solidify his devotion to the theater and acting. He performed in plays in some beautiful theaters; he performed in plays in warehouses and parking lots. He attended the University of San Diego where he worked as an understudy to the incredible artists at the Old Globe Theater, which taught him more about acting than he could have ever learned on his own. On Broadway he has appeared in *The Normal Heart, Harvey,* An Act of God, and The Boys in the Band. On television he has appeared in "The Big Bang Theory" and a couple of other shows. Film credits include Hidden Figures, The Normal Heart, The Boys in the Band, and the forthcoming *Spoiler Alert*, which he also produced with his production company, That's Wonderful Productions. He lives in New York City with his husband, Todd Spiewak, and their two dogs, Rufus and Stevie. He will always be grateful to John Doyle for inviting him on and guiding him through the journey that is this show you've purchased a ticket to

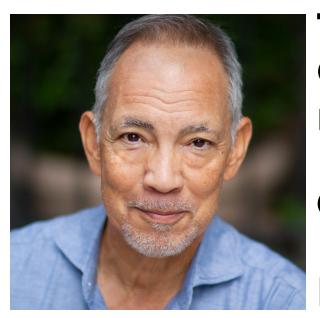


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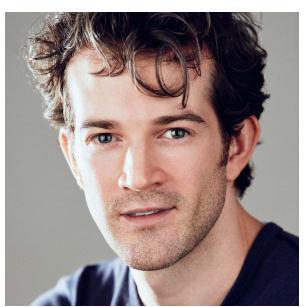
MARY BETH PEIL (Mrs. Grace) is an Obie Award-winning and two-time Tony Award nominated actress who has made careers from the world of opera to stage and screen. Winning n Opera National Auditions

the Metropolitan Opera National Auditions launched two decades as a leading soprano during which she originated the role of Alma in Lee Hoiby's Summer and Smoke, sang with NY City Opera, Young Concert Artists, and many others. She began her second career on Broadway opposite Yul Brynner in *The King and I*. Other Broadway productions include *Nine, Sunday in the Park* with George, Women on the Verge, Follies, Les Liaisons Dangereuses, and Anastasia. Off-Broadway as an ensemble member of The Atlantic Theater Company, she has also performed with CSC, NYTW, The Public, MTC, Playwrights Horizons, Lincoln Center, and Summer Encores. Regional credits include Arena Stage, Long Wharf, Hartford Stage, La Jolla, The Globe, LA Music Center. On TV she created the roles of Grams in "Dawson's Creek," Jackie in "The Good Wife," and was most recently seen as Martha Graham in "Halston." On film she can be seen in *Song* of Sway Lake; Mirrors; Flags of our Fathers; The Odd Couple 2; The Stepford Wives; and recently Jimmy and Caroline; The Home; and



THOM SESMA (Mr. Carney).
CSC: Pacific Overtures (Lortel nominated), The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui. Selected Off-Broadway: Letters of Suresh (SecondStage – Lortel nominated), Unknown

Soldier (Playwrights Horizons), Superhero (Second Stage), Sweeney Todd (Barrow Street Theatre), Discord (Primary Stages), Fruiting Bodies (Ma-Yi). Broadway/National Tours: The Times They Are A-Changin', Lion King, Titanic, Miss Saigon, Man of La Mancha (2002), Face Value, Search and Destroy, Nick & Nora. Regional: Williamstown Theatre Festival, Seattle Rep, McCarter Theatre, Yale Rep, Arena Stage, Centre Stage, Old Globe, Cincinnati Playhouse, Signature Theatre, Pasadena Playhouse, and more. Selected TV: "Instinct," "The Good Wife," "Madam Secretary," "Gotham," "Jessica Jones." Connect with Thom on Twitter: @ThomSesmaNYC, and Instagram: @thsesma.



A.J. SHIVELY (Robbie Fay). Broadway: Paradise Square (Tony, OCC, Chita Rivera nom.), Bright Star (Drama Desk nom.), La Cage Aux Folles. Off-Broadway/New York:

February House (The Public), Brigadoon (Irish Rep), Unlock'd (Prospect), Things To Ruin (Second Stage). Regional: Berkeley Rep, Kennedy Center, Old Globe, CTG, McCarter. TV/Film: "Julia" (HBO Max), "Bull" (CBS), "Hunters" (Amazon Prime), "Homeland" (Showtime), "Madam Secretary" (CBS), "The Blacklist" (NBC), "Younger" (TV Land), Nobody Walks In LA, From Nowhere, Syrup, HairBrained. Training: University of Michigan; RADA.



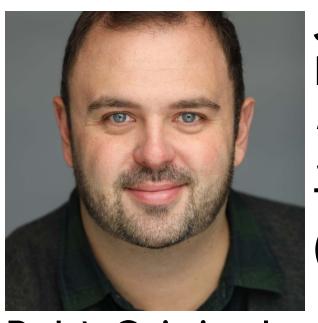
NATHANIEL STAMPLEY (Father Kenny). Broadway: Paradise Square, Cats, The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess, The Color Purple (original and revival), The Lion King (Broadway, West

End). Off-Broadway: The Secret Life of Bees (Atlantic Theater Company), Big Love (Signature Theatre NY), The First Noel (Classical Theatre of Harlem, Audelco nomination). Regional: Paul Robeson (Crossroads Theatre Company), Man of La Mancha (Jeff Award), and The Bridges of Madison County (Jeff nomination, Marriott Theatre), Pacific Overtures (Chicago Shakespeare Theater), Violet, Once on This Island, and Big River (Jeff nomination, Apple Tree Theatre), Dreamgirls (Milwaukee Repertory Theater). He is a Lunt-Fontanne Fellow (Ten Chimneys Foundation). nathanielstampley.com



JESSICA TYLER WRIGHT
(Mrs. Patrick). CSC: Allegro
(Lortel nom for Outstanding
Featured Actress). Broadway:
War Horse, Sweeney Todd,
Company, LoveMusik.
Other NY: Candide, Dolores

Claiborne, Dear Erich, Lolita My Love, Radio Gals. Tours: Sweeney Todd, The Radio City Christmas Spectacular. Regional highlights: Paper Mill, Goodspeed, North Shore MT, Cape Playhouse, Cincinnati Playhouse, MTWichita, Williamstown, McCarter, Prince Music Theatre, Seattle 5th Ave, CA Music Circus. TV: Nexium National Commercial, "Blue Bloods." jessicatylerwright.com



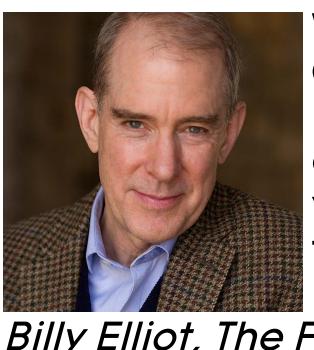
JOEL WAGGONER (Ernie Lally).
Broadway: School of Rock, Be
More Chill. Off-Broadway:
Southern Comfort (Public
Theater). Regional: Knoxville
(Asolo Rep). The Joel
Waggoner Experience (Joe's

Pub). Original web series: "Wig Mediums on Broadstream." Original Instagram series "Advent Carolndar" with Julia Mattison has been featured on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and NPR "Weekend Edition." Original Musicals: *Presto Change-o.* MFA from NYU Tisch. Debut Single "Unlikely Warrior" available on iTunes. joelwaggoner.com. @joelwaggoner.



MARE WINNINGHAM (Lily Byrne). Broadway: Girl From the North Country (Tony nomination), Casa Valentina (Tony nom, Outer Critics Circle award), Picnic. Off Broadway includes: Girl From

the North Country (Lortel and OCC noms), 10 Million Miles (Lortel award, Drama League and Drama Desk noms), *Tribes* (Lortel nom), After the Revolution, Her Requiem. Television includes Emmy nominations for "Mildred Pierce," "The Boys Next Door," "Hatfields and McCoys," "Love is Never Silent," and her eighth nomination for this year's "Dopesick." She previously won for *Amber Waves* and George Wallace. Other television includes "The Affair," "The Outsider," "American Horror Story." Film credits include: All My Puny Sorrows, St. Elmo's Fire, Wyatt Earp, The War, Turner and Hooch, Philomena, Dark Waters, Miracle Mile, and Georgia (Independent Spirit Award, SAG nom, Academy Award nomination). marewinninghammusic.com



WILLIAM YOUMANS (Baldy O'Shea) began his career nearly 50 years ago, as an apprentice at CSC, the very first year the company took residence in its current location. Broadway: Wicked,

Billy Elliot, The Farnsworth Invention, The Little Foxes (Elizabeth Taylor), Big River, Titanic, The Pirate Queen, Finian's Rainbow, Baz Luhrmann's La Boheme, Carousel, To Kill a Mockingbird. Movies & TV: Birdman, Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, Nadine, Mrs. Soffel, Fresh Horses, Ten Minutes to Midnight, "Compromising Positions," several "Law and Orders," "Madam Secretary," others.

TERRENCE MCNALLY (Book) was an American playwright, librettist, and LGBTQ+ trailblazer, described by the New York Times as "the bard of the American Theater." One of the few playwrights of his generation to successfully pass from the avant-garde to mainstream acclaim, Terrence redefined American playwriting for six decades and was the recipient of five Tony Awards (two for his plays Love! Valour! Compassion! and Master Class, two for the books to his musicals Kiss of the Spider Woman and Ragtime, and the 2019 Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement). He received the 2011 Dramatists Guild Lifetime Achievement Award (he was Vice President of the Guild from 1981 to 2001), the 2015 Lucille Lortel Lifetime Achievement Award, a 1996 induction into the American Theater Hall of Fame, and, in 2018, an induction into the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Other accolades include an Emmy Award (Andre's Mother), two Guggenheim Fellowships, a Rockefeller Grant, four Drama Desk Awards, two Lucille Lortel Awards, two Obie Awards, and three Hull-Warriner Awards. Terrence was an alumnus of Columbia University and received honorary degrees from NYU and from Juilliard, where he helped create the playwriting program in 1993. His incredible legacy lives on in his plays, musicals, and operas that continue to be performed all over the world, as well as in his papers, which are kept and open to the public at the Harry Ransom Center in the University of Texas at

STEPHEN FLAHERTY (Music) is the composer of the Broadway musicals Ragtime (Tony, Drama Desk, OCC Awards, two Grammy nominations), Once on This Island (2018) Tony Award Best Revival, Olivier Award Best Musical, Grammy nomination), Anastasia (Drama Desk nomination), Seussical (Grammy, Drama Desk nominations), and Rocky. Additional Broadway includes Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life and Neil Simon's *Proposals* (incidental music). Four musicals at Lincoln Center Theatre: The Glorious Ones, Dessa Rose, A Man of No Importance (all Drama Desk nominated) and My Favorite Year. Other theater includes In Your Arms (Old Globe), Little Dancer (Kennedy Center), Lucky Stiff (Playwrights Horizons), Loving Repeating (Chicago's Jefferson Award, Best New Musical), Knoxville (Asolo Rep) and the upcoming musical *Little Dancer*. Film includes *Anastasia* (two Academy Award and two Golden Globe nominations), After the Storm, and Lucky Stiff. Mr. Flaherty's concert music has premiered at the Hollywood Bowl, Boston's Symphony Hall, Carnegie Hall, and the Guggenheim. In 2014, he and longtime collaborator Lynn Ahrens received the Oscar Hammerstein Award for Lifetime Achievement, and in 2015 they were inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame. Council, Dramatists Guild of America; cofounder, Dramatists Guild Fellows Program.

ahrensandflaherty.com

Austin.

LYNN AHRENS (Lyrics) won Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for the Broadway musical *Ragtime* and was nominated for two Academy Awards and two Golden Globes for Twentieth Century Fox's animated feature film, *Anastasia*. She also provided lyrics for *Anastasia* on Broadway. Additional Broadway: Once On This Island (2018 Tony Award, Best Musical Revival), Seussical (one of the most produced shows in America), Madison Square Garden's A Christmas Carol (composer Alan Menken), My Favorite Year, Rocky, Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life. Off-Broadway: Lincoln Center Theater premieres of *A Man of No* Importance, Dessa Rose and The Glorious Ones; Lucky Stiff (Playwrights Horizons). Regional Premieres: Knoxville (Asolo Rep), Little Dancer (Kennedy Center). Film: Camp, After the Storm, Lucky Stiff, Nasrin. Ahrens is a four-time Grammy nominee, an Emmy Award winner and a mainstay singer/ songwriter for the classic animated series Schoolhouse Rock. Her writings have been nominated for Best American Essays and the Pushcart Anthology. She serves on Council for the Dramatists Guild of America and co-founded the DGF Fellows Program for Emerging Writers. In 2014 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. ahrensandflaherty.com

JOHN DOYLE (Director and Set Designer) first joined CSC in 2013 as Associate Artistic Director and became Artistic Director in 2016. At CSC, he has directed productions of Stephen Sondheim's Assassins (2022, Drama Desk nomination, Outstanding Director of a Musical), Pacific Overtures (2017), and Passion (2013, Drama Desk nomination, Outstanding Director of a Musical), Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Allegro* (2014, Drama League nomination, Best Revival of a Musical), as well as Dead Poets Society (2016), Peer Gynt (2016), As You Like It (2017), Carmen Jones (2018), The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui (2018), The Cradle Will Rock (2019), and Macbeth (2019). Additional theater in the U.S. includes: *The Color Purple* (Tony Award, Best Revival of a Musical; Drama Desk Award, Best Director of a Musical), Sweeney Todd (Tony, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Circle Awards, Best Director of a Musical; Drama Desk nomination, Outstanding Set Design of a Musical), *Company* (Tony, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Circle Awards, Best Musical Revival; Tony and Drama Desk nominations, Outstanding Director of a Musical), A Catered Affair (Drama League Award, Best Musical Production; Drama Desk nomination, Outstanding Director of a Musical), The Visit (Tony nomination, Best Musical; Drama Desk nomination, Outstanding Director of a Musical), Ten Cents A Dance (Williamstown/ McCarter), The Exorcist (The Geffen, LA), Road Show (Public Theater/Menier Chocolate Factory), Where's Charley? and Irma La Douce (Encores!), Wings (Second Stage), A Bed and a Chair (City Center), Kiss Me Kate (Stratford), Caucasian Chalk Circle (ACT), Merrily We Roll Along and Three Sisters (Cincinnati). In the U.K., John Doyle has been Artistic Director of four regional theaters: The Worcester Swan, The Cheltenham Everyman, The Liverpool Everyman, The York Theatre Royal, and was also Associate Director of the Watermill Theatre, Newbury. During these residencies, he directed numerous productions of new and classic works. Notable credits include: Female Parts, Sweeney Todd, Gondoliers, Mack and Mabel (West End), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Regent's Park Open Air Theatre), Oklahoma! (Chichester), Amadeus (Wilton's

Music Hall), The Millennium Cycle of Mystery

Roof (Watermill), The War of the Roses, The

Madness of George III (York), The White Devil,

Othello, Candide (Liverpool). He is co-author

Plays (London), Carmen, Fiddler on the

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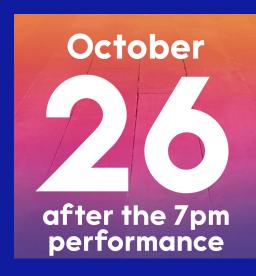
CLASSIC PERSPECTIVES

Join us after select performances for conversations exploring the production's themes, offering behind-the-scenes discussions, and tying the classical stories on stage to real-life experiences.



Happy 168th Birthday, Oscar Wilde

Join us in a celebration of Oscar Wilde's witticisms, charm, and legacy as we speak with director and playwright Moisés Kaufman, and LGTBQ+ historian Andrew Lear about Wilde's major works, life, and career.



"You Know Where Smut Eventually Leads!"

Kalynn Bayron (author),
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America), and Jonathan
Toth (Barnes & Noble) will
discuss artistic censorship
and what's changed (and
what unfortunately hasn't)
since England initially banned
Salome in the 1890s.



CSC Community Discussion

Stay after the show and join us in a guided discussion about the themes of *A Man of No Importance* with your fellow audience members.



Equality in Ireland

This special Saturday afternoon talk will explore the history of LGBTQIA+ rights in Ireland with International Ambassador for Belfast Christine Kinealy, Deputy Consul of Ireland New York Seán Ó Haodha, and author Yvonne Cassidy.



Behind the Scenes of A Man of No Importance

Join us for an exciting conversation with members of the company and creative team of our production of *A Man of No Importance*.

ANN HOULD-WARD (Costume Designer). CSC: Assassins, Macbeth, The Cradle Will Rock, The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui, Carmen Jones, Passion, Allegro, Peer Gynt, Dead Poets Society, Pacific Overtures, As You Like It, Fire and Air. Select Broadway: The Color Purple, The Visit, The People in the Picture, A Free Man of Color (Drama Desk nom.), A Catered Affair (Drama Desk nom.), Beauty and the Beast (Tony Award), Into the Woods (Tony and Drama Desk noms.), Falsettos, Sunday in the Park With George (Tony and Drama Desk noms.), Saint Joan, Little Me. Other Off-Broadway: Fiddler on the Roof In Yiddish, Notes from the Field, The Blue Flower, Russian Transport, Road Show, Lobster Alice, Cymbeline. Ms. Hould-Ward's work can be seen in over 35 international companies of Beauty and the Beast, and her other designs are featured in shows all over the world. More than 100 regional theater credits. Recipient of the Fashion Institute of Technology's Patricia Zipprodt Award.

ADAM HONORÉ (Lighting Designer). Broadway: Ain't No Mo', Chicken & Biscuits. Classic Stage Company: Carmen Jones, Dracula, Frankenstein, Fire and Air. Regional: Arena Stage, Alliance Theatre, Asolo Rep, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Cleveland Play House, Dallas Theater Center, Huntington Theater Company, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Signature Theatre, Williamstown Theatre Festival. Awards: Drama Desk, Elliot Norton, Helen Hayes, Henry Hewes Nominee, Audelco Award recipient. honorelighting.com. @itsadamhonore.

SUN HEE KIL (Sound Designer) is from South Korea. As You Like It (Shakespeare in the Park), Suffs (Public), The Visitor (Public), New Victory Dance (New Victory), Goldie, Max & Milk (59E59), Flipside: The Patti Page Story (59E59), Mister Miss America (Rattlestick), Cafein (Roppongi Blue Theatre, Tokyo), Takeoff 2015 (Taipei National Theatre), Color Purple (Audio Experience), Associate for 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics Opening & Closing Ceremonies. Broadway: *Choir Boy* (Tony Best Sound Design), Bernhardt/Hamlet, The Rose Tattoo. Off-Broadway: Emmet Otter (New Victory), Greater Clements (Lincoln Center). International Tour: *Dreamgirls*. Associate Professor of Sound Design at SUNY New Paltz. sunheekil.com

JUDI LEWIS OCKLER (Fight/Intimacy Director). Credits: Classic Stage Company (Snow in Midsummer); Signature (Hot Wing King, One in Two, Jasper); WP/Second Stage (Hatef**k, Our Dear Dead Drug Lord); Cherry Lane Theater (This Beautiful Future). Intimacy Coordinator: Out of the Blue, directed by Neil La Bute; Plan B, with Jamie Lee and John Heder; "Up Here" (Hulu). She teaches Intimacy in Performance at NYU Tisch, National Theater Institute, and Sarah Lawrence College. judilewisockler.com

CLAUDIA HILL-SPARKS (Dialect Coach) Voice/dialect/speech/text coach on Broadway, Off-Broadway, and at regional theaters throughout the country. Dialect coach for Richard Easton as Ben Franklin, PBS. Faculty: University of San Diego/Old Globe Theater MFA Actor Training Program; resident vocal coach at the Old Globe, coaching over 89 productions, including 3 Summer Shakespeare Festivals; Boston University BFA Actor Training Program; The Wilma Theater, American Academy of Dramatic Arts. MFA Temple University. claudiahillsparks.com

BRUCE COUGHLIN (Orchestrator) has created the orchestrations for nearly a hundred shows and operas, on Broadway and Off. He co-orchestrated *The Light in the Piazza*, orchestrated the memorable Floyd Collins, the Broadway hit *Urinetown, The Wild Party* (LaChiusa), and the Grammy Award-winning revival of *Annie Get Your Gun*. He recently collaborated with Ahrens and Flaherty on their new musical *Knoxville*. He also collaborated with Metallica and the San Francisco Symphony on their recent megaconcert *S&M2*. He has won a Tony, Drama Desk, and an Obie as well as two additional Tony nominations and ten additional Drama Desk nominations. More info: brucecoughlin.com

CALEB HOYER (Music Director). Credits include: Knoxville (Asolo Rep), James and the Giant Peach (Atlantic for Kids), If It Only Even Runs a Minute concert series (Bistro Award). Piano/Conductor: Anastasia (Broadway), Dear Evan Hansen (Broadway), The Bridges of Madison County (National Tour), The Hunchback of Notre Dame (La Jolla Playhouse, Paper Mill Playhouse). Film: The Little Mermaid (2023). Composer/Lyricist: Nightfall, Waiting in the Wings, Hesitation Waltz, Dance Moms: The Musical. Recipient of The Alan Menken Award. Also co-host of the TV rewatch podcast "Parenthood Pals."

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JOHN BRONSTON (Associate Music Director) was the Black Theatre Coalition Music Direction Fellow working with *Tina the Musical on Broadway* as a rehearsal pianist and substitute keyboard player in the orchestra as well as the musical director of the North American tour of *Hair*. Regional credits include Long Wharf Theatre, Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, ACT of CT, and The Barter Theatre. He served as musical director for *Jasper In Deadland* (Live Stream) for Broadway On Demand and *Don't Stay Safe*, an award winning short film produced by Prospect Theatre Company.

ALEXANDER WYLIE (he/him) (Props Supervisor). Broadway: Into the Woods, Broadway Backwards 2022 & 2019. Off—Broadway: Macbeth (Classic Stage Company), Richard III, Merry Wives (Shakespeare in the Park), The Vagrant Trilogy, Soft Power (The Public), I'm Revolting (The Atlantic), Selling Kabul (Playwrights Horizons), Twilight: Los Angeles 1992 (Signature Theatre), Once Upon A (korean) Time, The Chinese Lady (Ma-Yi), Long Day's Journey Into Night (Minetta Lane), 72 Miles to Go (Roundabout Theatre). Film: Troy. MFA: UNC School of the Arts. alexanderwylie.com

DAVID L. ARSENAULT (Associate Scenic Designer). CSC: numerous productions including Assassins, Pacific Overtures, and Passion. As a designer and associate, David's work has been seen on Broadway, Off-Broadway, regionally, and internationally. Regional credits include Ogunquit Playhouse, Weston Playhouse, Dorset Theatre Festival, George Street Playhouse, Bay Street Theatre, Kitchen Theatre Company, Geva Theatre, Hangar Theatre, Northern Stage, Gulfshore Playhouse, and Bucks County Playhouse, among others. Internationally, he has worked at English Theatre Berlin in Germany. Broadway Associate work includes: *The Color* Purple (Tony-winning revival, also London and National Tours) and *King Charles III*. Member: USA 829. davidarsenaultdesign.com

ROBIN L. McGEE (Associate Costume Designer) has had the privilege of working with Ann Hould–Ward for several years and is very happy to be working with her and this company again; she had the privilege of working on Assassins here last fall. Now that the Covid lockdown is over, Robin hopes to continue her design career and to travel extensively to complete her goal of visiting all 50 states and all 7 continents! Her own design credits include everything from musicals, operas, plays, dance, movies, theme parks, and parades to circus clowns! Proud Union Member of USA 829. rlmcgeedesign.com

SHANNON CLARKE (Associate Lighting Designer) is a New York based lighting designer. Previous CSC credits include Dracula and Frankenstein as the associate lighting designer, and Carmen Jones as the assistant lighting designer. Design credits include Notes for Now, Oscar Micheaux Suite, Rule of Three, Reignite, MoveMEANT, and *Ship in a Bottle* for Prospect Theatre Company; Broadway Holiday Spectacular for Transendence Theatre Company; *The* Ballroom, Almost Ritual, and Any/Which/Way for Co•Lab Dance. She recently made her Broadway debut as the associate lighting designer on Chicken & Biscuits. shannon-clarke.com. IG: @sclarke.design.

MEGUMI KATAYAMA (Assistant Sound Designer) is a sound designer based in New York. Her Design credits include LCT3 at Lincoln Center, The Public Theater, City Center Encores!, Signature Theatre, Ping Chong and Company/New Victory, Rattlestick Theater, Alley Theatre, Geva Theatre Center, Everyman Theatre, Long Wharf, Yale Rep, Arena Stage, Studio Theatre, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Kansas City Rep, Virginia Stage Company, Dorset Theatre Festival, and more. She has also assisted on Broadway, Off-Broadway, and Regional shows. MFA Yale School of Drama. Member of IATSE USA 829.

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Manager) is very happy to return to CSC. Most recently Bernita was PSM for the Broadway revival of For Colored Girls. At CSC she served as PSM for Carmen Jones, Arturo Ui, The Cradle Will Rock, Macbeth and Assassins – all for John Doyle. Among her other credits: Show Boat, Man of La Mancha, A Moon for the Misbegotten, Beauty and the Beast, Aida, Jelly's Last Jam, and the world premiere and Broadway productions of the McNally, Ahrens, and Flaherty musical Ragtime. The 2022 recipient of the Del Hughes award for stage management, she also serves on AEA's governing board.

HOLLACE JEFFORDS (Assistant Stage Manager). Broadway: The Lightning Thief, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Kinky Boots, The Last Ship, Violet, Doctor Zhivago. National Tours: Falsettos, Kinky Boots. Pre-Broadway: An American in Paris. New York: Assassins (CSC), Tumacho, A Chorus Line (NYCC), Avenue Q, A Taste of Things to Come, Little Miss Sunshine, Nobody Loves You, The Memory Show. Disney Cruise Line: Aladdin, The Little Mermaid, Seas the Adventure. Regional Theatre: The Cape Playhouse, Bucks County Playhouse. Thanks to Bernita for bringing me along again! Love to Derek and my family. Proud member of AEA.

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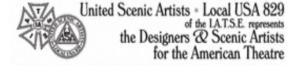
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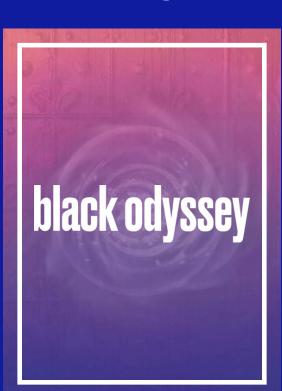




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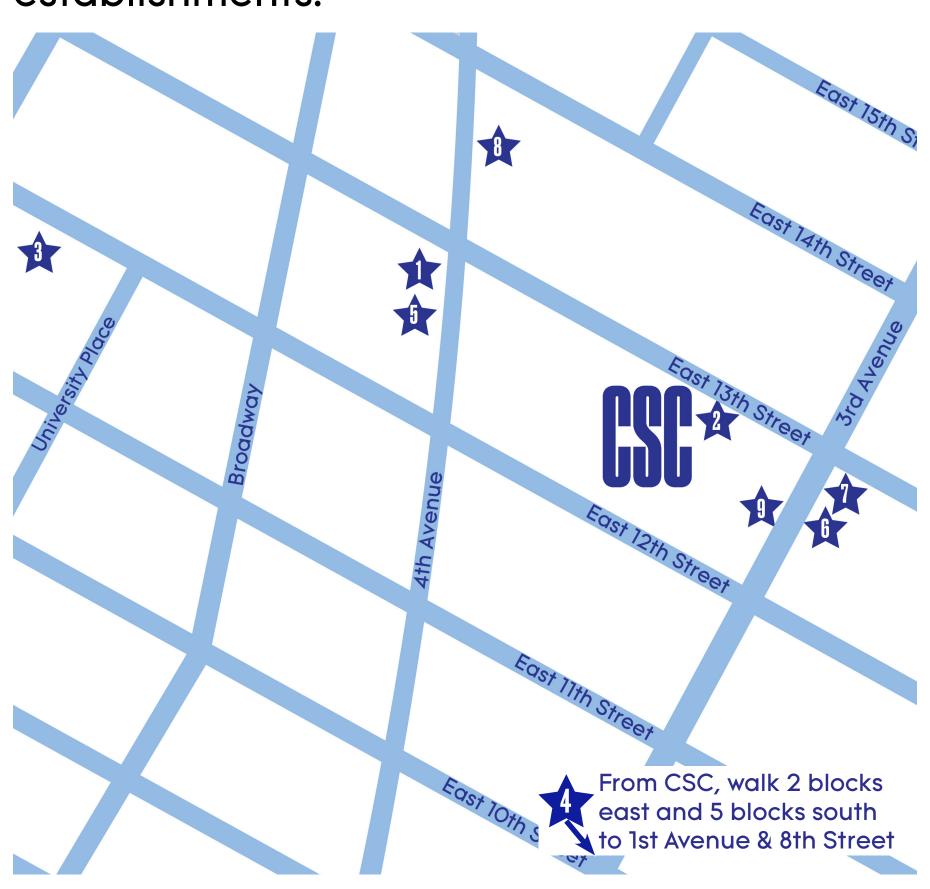
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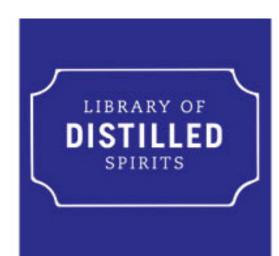
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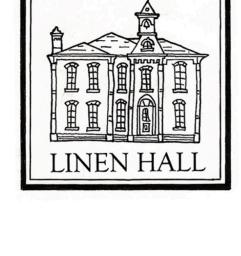
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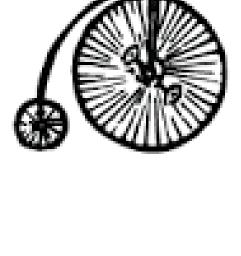
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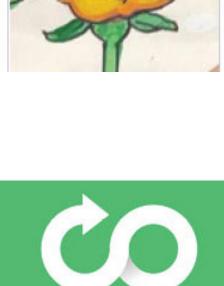
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During our 50th Anniversary in 2017, The John Doyle Artistic Director's Circle was established to create a fund to provide CSC with the flexibility and resources to take bold artistic risks. The Artistic Director's Circle exists to recognize our closest friends who have given their support directly to help CSC expand its mission in the years ahead.

Members of The John Doyle Artistic Director's Circle are acknowledged with a place for their name on the doors to our theater, designed by David Rockwell.



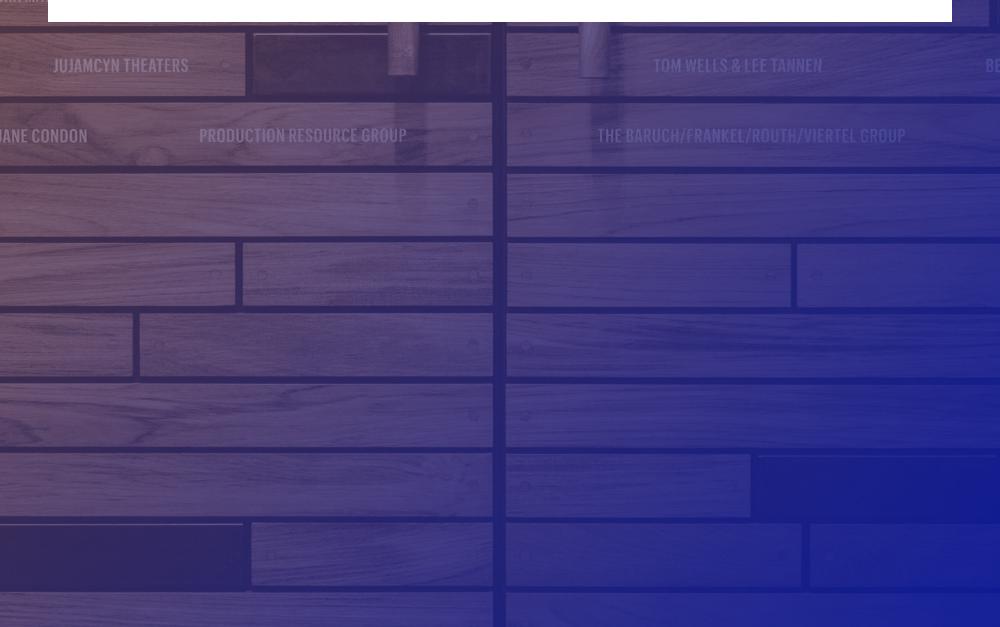


For more information or to make a gift to join The Artistic Director's Circle and see your name on our theater's doors, please contact Oliver Pattenden, at oliver.pattenden@classicstage.org or 212.677.4210 x24.

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