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#### FEATURING

Remo Airaldi\*, Anneke Angstadt, Christopher Chew\*, Gabriel Graetz\*, Elliana Karris, Kenny Lee, Todd McNeel, Jr.\*, Paige O'Connor, Katie O'Reilly, Darren Paul, Anthony Pires, Jr.\*, Kathy St. George\*, James Turner, and Lisa Yuen\*; with Brandon Lee (cover performance on October 19 matinee)

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR / PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Welcome to Season 2024/25! Whether you're a loyal subscriber joining for another season, or visiting us for the first time, we're thrilled you're visiting Lyric Stage and *Urinetown* with us—the musical, not the place...

Like many people, I wasn't so sure *Urinetown* was a musical I wanted to see. All of that changed a few moments into the performance, when Officer Lockstock said, "nothing can kill a show like too much exposition," and Little Sally replied, "How about a bad subject matter? Or a bad title, even?" Suddenly, I

understood: this wasn't just a musical—it was Brecht. And I was immediately hooked.

Bertolt Brecht worked in the style of Epic Theatre, where the ability to entertain is seamlessly woven with instruction, leading to an active audience capable and ready to effect social change. Brecht used the term "Verfremdung" (often translated as alienation) to describe taking that which is familiar and making it strange, thus allowing us to see it in a new light.

There's an old phrase that nothing is guaranteed in life except death and taxes, but I think we can safely add "using the facilities" to that list. So why not take this most mundane of topics and allow us to see it in a new light? Just maybe we can see ourselves and the world around us in a new light too. (And as we head into this fall and winter, we can all use a little light.)

This fall, we continue the celebration of our 50th birthday, with more treats and surprises in store. Once again, we're so glad you're here, and look forward to sharing a season filled with love, laughter, tears, and talks—together.

Courtney O'Connor

Director of Urinetown: The Musical and Lyric Stage Producing Artistic Director

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# **CAST**

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Anneke Angstadt	Little Becky Two-Shoes/Businessman #2
Christopher Chew*	
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Darren Paul	Hot Blades Harry/Caldwell's Secretary
Anthony Pires, Jr.*	Officer Lockstock
Kathy St. George*	Josephine "Ma" Strong/Mrs. Millennium
James Turner	Tiny Tom/Dr. Billeaux
Lisa Yuen*	Penelope Pennywise
Brandon Lee	Mr. McQueen (cover on 10/19 matinee)

# **SWINGS & UNDERSTUDIES**

Anneke Angstadt, u/s Little Sally Elliana Karris, Dance Captain

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# SPECIAL THANKS

Charles Street Supply John Parisi Andrew Whittingham

# **CONTENT ADVISORY**

Stylized depictions of police brutality. Discussion and non-realistic depictions of death.

More realistic discussions of corporate greed.

There will be a 15-minute intermission for this production.

# **MUSICAL NUMBERS ACT I**

Prelude	Orchestra
Urinetown	
	Penelope Pennywise, Company
Mr. Cladwell	Caldwell B. Cladwell, Mr. McQueen, Hope Cladwell, Company
Cop Song	Officer Lockstock, Officer Barrel, Company
Follow Your Heart	Hope Cladwell, Bobby Strong
Look At The Sky	Bobby Strong, Company
Don't Be The Bunny	
Musical Numbers ACT II	
What Is Urinetown?	
Snuff That Girl	. Hot Blades Harry, Little Becky Two-Shoes, Little Sally, Soupy Sue, Tiny Tom
Run Freedom, Run	Bobby Strong, Company
	Hope Cladwell
Why Did I Listen To That Man?	Penelope Pennywise, Officer Lockstock, Bobby Strong, Senator Fipp, Officer Barrel, Hope Cladwell
Tell Her I Love Her	Little Sally, Bobby Strong, Company
We're Not Sorry	
	Penelope Pennywise, Caldwell B. Cladwell
I See A River	Hope Cladwell, Company

# **ORCHESTRA**

Dan Rodriguez, Piano/Conductor

Louis Toth, Reeds (Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Soprano Saxophone, Alto Saxophone)
Russell Jewell, Trombone, Bass Trombone, Euphonium
Kate Foss, String Bass
Brian O'Neill, Drums

Musicians are represented by the Boston Musicians' Association, Local 9-535, American Federation of Musicians.



Remo Airaldi\* (Senator Fipp, Joseph "Old Man" Strong) – Lyric Stage: Ken Ludwig's The Game's Afoot, Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express, Little Shop of Horrors, The Little Foxes, My Fair Lady, and Sweeney Todd. Over sixty productions at the American

Repertory Theater, including Night of the Iguana, Oliver Twist (also at Theatre for a New Audience and Berkeley Repertory Theatre), and Island of Slaves (IRNE Award for Outstanding Actor). Commonwealth Shakespeare Company: Much Ado About Nothing, The Tempest, Cymbeline, Richard III, Love's Labour's Lost, Twelfth Night. SpeakEasy Stage Company: Shakespeare in Love. Boston Playwrights' Theater: Exposed. Central Square Theater: Frankenstein and The Hound of the Baskervilles. New Repertory Theatre: The King of Second Avenue. Productions at Hartford Stage, La Jolla Playhouse, Geffen Playhouse, Cirque du Soleil, American Conservatory Theater, Actors' Theatre of Louisville. Acting teacher at Harvard University.



Anneke Angstadt (Little Becky Two-Shoes/ Businessman #2, u/s Little Sally) – Lyric Stage: Debut. Recent credits include Off-Broadway Workshop: *Toothy's Treasure* (Fungus) at the Theater Center in New York City. Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center:

God's Ear (Lenora). Firehouse Center for the Arts: Pippin (Catherine). Moonbox Productions New Works Festival: Sister School (Ensemble). Prague Shakespeare Company: Troilus and Cressida (Troilus). She is a current senior BFA Musical Theatre student, with an emphasis in contemporary acting and songwriting, at the Boston Conservatory. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her, and she hopes you enjoy the show! | annekeangstadt.com | @anneke.angstadt



Christopher Chew\* (Caldwell B. Cladwell) – Lyric Stage: Assassins (Charles J. Guiteau), My Fair Lady (Henry Higgins), Sondheim on Sondheim (Man 2), Sweeney Todd (Sweeney Todd), Working (Man 2), Man of La Mancha (Don Quixote), Urinetown the Musical

(Officer Lockstock), Shakespeare in Hollywood (Oberon), A Little Night Music (Fredrik), Sunday in the Park with George (George), It's All True (Blitzstein), Side Show (Terry), 1776 (Rutledge), and The Spitfire Grill (Joe). Other credits include multiple productions at The Huntington, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Greater Boston Stage Company, Wheelock Family Theater, Hanover Theater, and most recently Reagle Music Theater's South Pacific (Emile). Christopher earned his BFA in Drama from Carnegie Mellon University, an MAT in English from Fitchburg State University, and an Ed.D. from Northeastern University.



Gabriel Graetz\* (Officer Barrel) – Lyric Stage: Debut. Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theatre: Reefer Madness (Ralph). The Gamm Theatre: Hangmen (Syd), Assassins (Charles Guiteau), Gloria (Lorin). Actors' Shakespeare Project: As You Like It (Duke

Senior/Frederick), Let the Right One In (Kurt/Jocke), The School for Scandal (Sir Peter Teazle/Crabtree), The Cherry Orchard (Yepikhodov), Macbeth (Witch/Fleance), Twelfth Night (Fabian). New Repertory Theatre: Fiddler on the Roof, dir. Austin Pendleton (Mordcha). Moonbox Productions: The Importance of Being Earnest (Rev. Canon Chasuble). Martha's Vineyard Playhouse: The Outcasts of Penikese Island (Morris/Ensemble). Gloucester Stage Company: A Measure of Normalcy (Gus), Adrift (R.). Greater Boston Stage Company: It's a Wonderful Life (Sam/Nick). Gabriel is a graduate of Emerson College. Thanks to Tom for keeping such good time. | @brobriel.



Elliana Karris (Hope Cladwell, Dance Captain) – Lyric Stage: Debut. Credits: The Wedding Singer (Holly), Natasha, Pierre, and The Great Comet of 1812 (Hélène), Everybody's Talking About Jamie (Vicki), Legally Blonde (Serena), Beautiful: The

Carole King Musical (Marilyn Wald/Ensemble), Cabaret (Female Swing), Into the Woods (Female Swing). Elliana has a BFA in Musical Theatre from Emerson College and is a proud Las Vegas native. Special thanks to Scott, Sabrina, Chris, Tony, and "the inner circle." Love to Mom & Dad always; you were my first cheerleaders. |@elliana.karris|ellianakarris.com



Kenny Lee (Bobby Strong) – Lyric Stage: Debut. SpeakEasy Stage Company: Once On This Island (Daniel). Greater Boston Stage Company: Little Women (Laurie). Reagle Music Theatre: Pippin (Pippin), The Little Mermaid (Flounder). Moonbox Productions:

The Prince and the Painter (Ylber). Actors Company of Natick: Once On This Island (Daniel). Boston Conservatory at Berklee: As You Like It (Touchstone), Something Rotten! (Minstrel). Kenny is a current senior in the Boston Conservatory's Musical Theatre BFA program. A big thank you to everyone, both onstage and offstage, who brought this show to life.



Todd McNeel, Jr.\* (Mr. McQueen) – Lyric Stage: A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder (Man II). The Huntington: Toni Stone (Stretch u/s & Millie u/s). The Barnstormers Theatre: Camelot (Lancelot). New Repertory Theater: 1776 (Joseph Hewes). The Boston

Pops: Ragtime (Booker T. Washington). Moonbox Productions: Sweeney Todd (Ensemble & Sweeney Todd u/s). Wheelock

Family Theatre: Mr. Popper's Penguins (Ensemble/Puppeteer), Ragtime (Coalhouse u/s & Booker T. Washington u/s). Actors Company of Natick: Once On This Island (Tonton Julian). MassOpera: Freedom Ride (Tommie), Mark Adamo's Little Women (Gideon March & Mr. Dashwood). Boston Opera Collaborative: The Marriage of Figaro (Bartolo). Boston Lyric Opera: Carousel (upcoming: Chorus), Omar (Ben/John), Norma (Chorus), Pagliacci (Chorus). McNeel is a proud recipient of the Emerging Talent Artist award from the Kurt Weill Foundation/Lotte Lenya Competition and holds degrees from Ouachita Baptist University (BA) and Emerson College (MA). | @TODDY\_MACK | toddymack.com



Paige O'Connor (Little Sally) – Lyric Stage: Debut. Harbor Stage Company: Liv at Sea (Liv). Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater: The Revolutionists (Marie Antoinette), Reefer Madness (Sally). Paige is a recent graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts' New Studio, as

well as the Comedy Studies program at Second City Chicago. Special thanks to her friends and family for all of their support! | paigeoconnor.com



Katie O'Reilly (Soupy Sue/Businessman #1) – Lyric Stage: Debut. Wheelock Family Theater: *The Addams Family* (u/s Alice Beineke/Grandma Addams). Reagle Music Theater of Greater Boston: *Mame* (Agnes Gooch). Moonbox Productions: *Twelfth Night* 

(Maria), Amadeus (Katharina Cavalieri). NextDoor Theatre: A Little Night Music (Mrs. Anderssen), The Light In the Piazza (Franca Naccarelli.) Opera51: Così fan tutte (Despina). WholeTone Opera: The Werewolf (Alice). MassOpera: Little Women (Ens., u/s Beth), Hansel and Gretel (Sandman). Opera Brittenica: The Turn of the Screw (u/s Governess). Lowell House Opera: The Queen of Spades (Prilepa), Lakmé (Rose). MIT Gilbert & Sullivan Players: The Mikado (Yum-Yum), H.M.S. Pinafore (Josephine). Katie teaches voice at the Community Music Center of Boston and All Newton Music School. | katieoreilly.com



Darren Paul (Hot Blades Harry/Caldwell's Secretary) – Lyric Stage: Assassins (Ensemble), Greater Stage Boston Company: Guys & Dolls (Harry the Horse), All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914 (Understudy), Actor's Shakespeare Project: King Hedley

II (Understudy), Sight & Sound Theatres: JESUS (James The Less), NOAH (Guard #1), Theatre Three: Passing Strange (Youth), Memphis (Gator), Hot Mikado (Poo-Bah), A Civil War Christmas (Ensemble), Ochre House Theatre: Smile, Smile Again (Soldier), Original Man (Ray-Ray), Jubilee Theatre: The Color Purple (Ensemble), Smokey Joe's Cafe (Fred), It

Ain't Nothin' But The Blues (Ron). Darren is a recipient of an Irma P. Hall Award for Best Featured Actor in a Play. All thanks to the Lord, his beautiful wife Misa, and his family and friends for the encouragement and support. | @mistadpmc



Anthony Pires, Jr.\* (Officer Lockstock) – Lyric Stage: Preludes (Chaliapin). Central Square Theater/Front Porch Arts Collective: Next to Normal (Dan), Ain't Misbehavin' (Company). Wheelock Family Theater: The Addams Family (Fester), Matilda

(Mr. Wormwood/Escapologist), Ragtime (Coalhouse). SpeakEasy Stage Company: The Prom (Mr. Hawkins), Once on This Island (Tonton/Storyteller) Greater Boston Stage Company: Ain't Misbehavin' (Company). Moonbox Productions: Passing Strange (Mr. Franklin/Joop/Hugo). Anthony is proud to be a Black-Cape Verdean Boston native and two-time Elliot Norton Award recipient. Special thanks to his friends and family for all their support! | @anthonypiresjr,| anthonypiresjr.com



Kathy St. George\* (Josephine "Ma" Strong/Mrs. Millennium) – Lyric Stage: The Drowsy Chaperone, Gypsy, Sister Act, Follies, Light Up the Sky, Blithe Spirit, Adrift in Macao, Laughter on the 23rd Floor, The Gig. Broadway: two pro-

ductions of *Fiddler on the Roof* including the 1991 Tony-Award winning revival starring Topol, directed by Jerome Robbins, and five National Tours. Off-Broadway: *I Love You're Perfect, Now Change*. Boston-area credits include Once, Pippin, Dear Miss Garland, Peter Pan, Violet, Ruthless!, Show Boat, Significant Other, Mame, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, The Divine Sister, Nine, Pete 'N Keely and the long-running Shear Madness and Menopause The Musical. An Elliot Norton award-winning actress and native of Stoneham, MA, Kathy most recently appeared as Jeanette in *The Full Monty* and Yente in *Fiddler on the Roof* at North Shore Music Theatre. | kathystgeorge.com



James Turner (Tiny Tom/Dr. Billeaux) — Lyric Stage: Sister Act (Joey), Trouble in Mind (Eddie). North Shore Music Theatre: Fiddler on the Roof (Constable). Seacoast Repertory Theatre: A Christmas Carol (Christmas Present), Billy Elliot (George). The Firehouse

Center for the Arts: Jesus Christ Superstar (Judas), Shrek the Musical (Shrek), The Last Five Years (Jamie), Avenue Q (Nicky/ Trekkie), The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Chip). James runs a small studio for voice and acting students, and teaches Improv at North Shore Music Theater. Endless thanks to my family for their love, patience, and support.



Lisa Yuen\* (Penelope Pennywise) – Lyric Stage: Into the Woods (The Baker's Wife), Pacific Overtures (Narrator), Sweeney Todd (Beggar Woman), Kiss of the Spider Woman (Spider Woman) and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Marcy Park).

Other credits include: seven and a halfyears on Broadway— Miss Saigon and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, four national tours, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Off-Broadway, The MUNY, PCLO, Sacramento Music Circus, and Paper Mill Playhouse. Boston credits include SpeakEasy Stage Company: POTUS (Harriet), The Prom (Angie Dickinson), Theatre by the Sea: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (Christine Colgate), Reagle Music Theatre: South Pacific (Bloody Mary), Wheelock Family Theatre: Mary Poppins (Mary Poppins), Ragtime (Mother), North Shore Music Theatre and Circle Round. BA from UCLA.



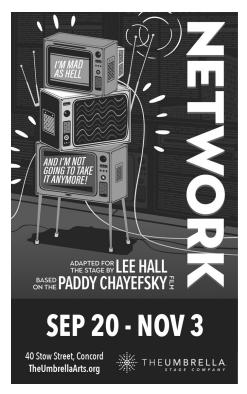
Brandon Lee (Mr. McQueen Cover 10/19 Matinee) – Lyric Stage: Debut. Moonbox Productions: Sweeney Todd (Bass/Bari Swing), Once Upon A Carnival (Picton). Studio Theatre Worcester: Next to Normal (Dan). NCCA Jean's Playhouse: The Secret

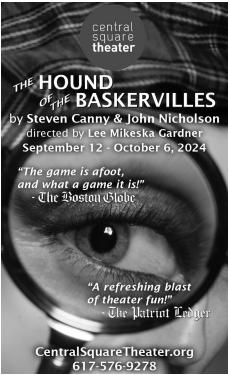
Garden (Archibald), A Christmas Carol: The Musical Ghost Story (Bob Cratchit), Mamma Mia! (Harry), Legally Blonde (Elle's Dad/Winthrop). THT Rep: The Marvelous Party (Cecil). Berkshire Theatre Group: Godspell (Swing/PitVocalist), Tarzan (Clayton). Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Theseus/Flute). Recent training: Nelson Studios, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company. Love to LO. | brandonleeactor.com

Mark Hollman (Music & Lyrics) – Received the Tony Award, the National Broadway Theatre Award, and the Obie Award for his score to *Urinetown the Musical*. It won Outer Critics Circle, Drama League, and Lucille Lortel Awards for Best Musical. Other shows as composer/lyricist include *Yeast Nation* (2011 New York International Fringe Festival, Perseverance Theatre, American Theatre Company, and Ray of Light Theatre), *Bigfoot and Other Lost Souls* (Atlantic Stage and Perseverance Theatre), *The Man in the White Suit* (New York Stage and Film), *The Girl, the Grouch, and the Goat* (University Theatre, University of Kansas), *Alchemist, the Musical* (Seattle Fringe Festival), *Jack the Chipper* (Greenview Arts Center, Chicago), *Kabooooom!* (University Theater, University of Chicago), *I Think I Can* and *Deal with It!* (Berkshire Theatre Festival), and *Fare for* 









All (Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden). TV: songs for Disney Channel's Johnny and the Sprites. He and his wife, Jilly, live in Manhattan with their sons, Oliver and Tucker.

Greg Kotis (Book & Lyrics) - Greg Kotis wrote the book and co-wrote the lyrics for Urinetown the Musical, for which he won two Tony Awards. His play, Pig Farm, opened at The Roundabout Theatre and at The Old Globe Theatre. Currently. he is developing two new musicals with Mark Hollmann: Yeast Nation (the triumph of life), an original story that tells the tale of the dawn of life on Earth, and The Man in the White Suit, a musical version of the 1951 Alec Guinness film. Other plays include East the Taste (at New York's Barrow Street Theatre). Jobey and Katherine, Baron von Siebenburg Melts Through the Floorboards, and Give the People What They Want. Greg lives in Brooklyn with his wife Ayun, his daughter India, and his son Milo.

# Courtney O'Connor<sup>o</sup> (Director/Producing Artistic Director)

- Courtney joined the full-time staff of the Lyric Stage in 2018 and was named Artistic Director in 2020. She has directed several pieces for the Lyric Stage, including Be Here Now, The Book of Will, Preludes, Assassins, and Thirst. Courtney was a senior affiliated faculty member in Performing Arts at Emerson College for more than 20 years. In addition to directing for theatres and universities, Courtney has directed multiple site-specific productions at locations including the Senate Chamber of the Massachusetts State House, Mount Auburn Cemetery and Boston's Old State House. Through her work with the Coyote Theatre Project, she oversaw the creation of more than 200 new 10-minute plays written by youths from Boston. Courtney has received the Elliot Norton Award for Assassins and The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby and the Alan L. Stanzler Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dan Rodriguez<sup>™</sup> (Music Director) – Lyric Stage: Assassins, Preludes, The Last Five Years, Little Shop of Horrors, Kiss of the Spider Woman, Gypsy. The Huntington: The Band's Visit, Sunday in the Park with George, A Little Night Music. Reagle Music Theater: An American in Paris, Oklahoma!, West Side Story. Greater Boston Stage Company: Guys & Dolls. Wheelock Family Theatre: Mr. Popper's Penauins. In the Heights. Front Porch: Ain't Misbehavin'. Moonbox Productions: Caroline or Change, Cabaret. American Repertory Theater: The Lily's Revenge, The Blue Flower. SpeakEasy Stage Company: Jerry Springer: The Opera, The Mystery of Edwin Drood. A graduate of Oberlin, Dan now works at the Boston Conservatory and Tufts. His work has earned him two Elliot Norton awards as well as multiple nominations for Best Music Direction.

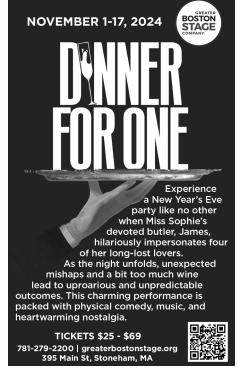
**Christopher Shin (Choreographer)** – Lyric Stage: Debut. TexArts: Anything Goes (Director/Choreographer), Annie (Choreographer), Grease (Choreographer). Zilker Theatre: Newsies (Choreographer), Emerson Stage: Natasha, Pierre

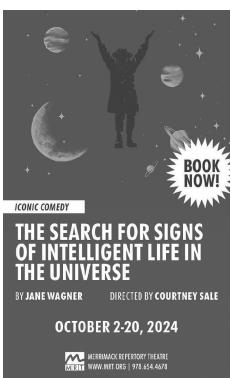
and the Great Comet of 1812 (Choreographer), Bat Boy (Choreographer), Cabaret (Choreographer). Performance credits: Broadway: Mary Poppins. National Tour: White Christmas. Goodspeed Opera House: 42nd Street, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Anything Goes. Walnut Street Theatre: The Wizard of Oz, South Pacific, A Christmas Story, The Producers. Sacramento Music Circus: La Cage Aux Folles, The King and I. Westport Country Playhouse: She Loves Me. North Shore Music Theatre: A Chorus Line. Chris is an Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre Choreography at Emerson College. MFA: SDSU, BFA: NYU/Tisch. Thank you, Courtney, for taking a meeting and welcoming me into the community. I chrisshin.com

Ryan Mardesich\* (Associate Director) – Lyric Stage: Debut. Directing: Moonbox Productions Sweeney Todd. Foothill Music Theatre: Little Shop of Horrors. The Boston Conservatory: Carousel. Acting: The Huntington, SpeakEasy Stage Company, New Repertory Theatre, North Shore Music Theatre, The Barnstormers, Sierra Repertory Theatre, San Francisco Playhouse, Broadway By The Bay, City Lights Theatre, and many others. Proud Member of AEA. Education: MFA Musical Theatre from The Boston Conservatory, BATheatre & BA Music from Santa Clara University. Special thanks to Courtney, Dan, and the Lyric Stage team.

Janie E. Howland\*\* (Scenic Design) – Janie considers the Lyric Stage her theatre home having designed over sixty shows including: Thirst, Ken Ludwig's The Game's Afoot, and *Rooted*. Recent productions include: Reagle Music Theatre: South Pacific, All Shook Up. Moonbox Productions: New Works Festival. Trinity Repertory: La Cage Aux Folles. Southwark Playhouse UK: Operation Epsilon. SpeakEasy Stage Company: Cost of Living. Umbrella Stage: The Minutes. Other Venues: InterAct Theatre (PA), Berkshire Opera Festival, Mass MOCA, Willamette University (OR), Central Square Theatre, Wheelock Family Theatre, New Repertory Theatre, Actors' Shakespeare Project, Odyssey Opera, Weston Playhouse (VT), Company One, Gloucester Stage Company. 2024 recipient of the Elliot Norton Award for Sustained Excellence, eight prior design awards, adjunct faculty at Bridgewater State University, and Wellesley College. Founder of Prop Co-Op | prop-co-op.com | janiehowland.com | USA Local 829.

Rachel Padula-Shufelt (Costume Design) – Lyric Stage: Trouble In Mind, Assassins, Fabulation or, The Re-Education of Undine, Preludes, Be Here Now, The Thanksgiving Play. Commonwealth Shakespeare Company: The Winter's Tale. Greater Boston Stage Company: The 39 Steps. SpeakEasy Stage Company: Heroes of the Fourth Turning, The Children, Choir Boy, Shakespeare in Love, Men on Boats. Central Square Theatre: Young Nerds of Color, Frankenstein. New Repertory Theater: Oliver, 1776. Actors' Shakespeare Project: Macbeth,





Edward II (Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Design). American Repertory Theater: Charlotte's Web. Gloucester Stage Company: Gloria, Barefoot in the Park, Trad, and Crimes of the Heart. Agraduate of Emerson College, Rachel's work as a hair and makeup designer has been seen at Boston Ballet, American Repertory Theater, The Huntington, North Shore Music Theatre, and Broadway.

Deb Sullivan\*\* (Lighting Design) – Lyric Stage: Trouble in Mind. Deb is a Boston-based lighting designer with off-Broadway, regional, local and educational credits. Recent works: Shakespeare & Co: The Islanders. Actors' Shakespeare Project: Romeo & Juliet. Moonbox Productions: Mermaid Hour. Deb has designed with Actors' Theatre of Louisville, Alliance Theatre, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Brandeis University, Concord Academy, Dorset Playhouse, Everett Dance, The Huntington (IRNE nomination), Gloucester Stage Company, Greater Boston Stage, Meridian Academy, Moonbox Productions, New Repertory Theatre (Elliot Norton Award winner), The Public Theater/NYSF, Trinity Repertory Company, Womens' Project Theatre, The Curley K8/BPS and many more. Ms. Sullivan is the parent of a teenager, a member of IATSE United Scenic Artists Local 829, and the resident lighting designer of WBUR CitySpace. Contact info and portfolio | dlsullivanld.com

Alex Berg (Sound Design) – Lyric Stage: The Drowsy Chaperone, Assassins, Sister Act. North Shore Music Theatre, Theatre By the Sea, A Contemporary Theater of Connecticut, American Repertory Theater, Prescott Park Arts Festival, Barrington Stage Company, Kavinoky Theatre, Shakespeare in Delaware Park. Alex is a freelance sound designer and mix engineer in the greater Boston area.

Lauren Corcuera (Props Artisan) – Select Lyric Stage credits: Little Shop of Horrors, Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express, The Cake, The Treasurer, The Last Five Years, The Light, Fabulation or, The Re-Education of Undine, Preludes, Rooted, Assassins, Thirst. Gloucester Stage Company: Barefoot in the Park, Tiny Beautiful Things, Seared, Think of Me Tuesday, Mr. Fullerton Between the Sheets, Grand Horizons. Emerson Stage: Stupid F\*\*\*ing Bird, Next to Normal, Cabaret. Reagle Music Theater: Pippin, Oklahoma!. Front Porch Arts Collective: Chicken and Biscuits. Central Square Theater and Front Porch Arts Collective: Next to Normal. Lauren is currently the Assistant Prop Director at Emerson College.

Nerys Powell\* (Production Stage Manager) – Lyric Stage: The Drowsy Chaperone, Assassins, Ken Ludwig's The Game's Afoot, Sister Act, The Great Leap, Fabulation or, The Re-Education of Undine, The Light, The Book of Will, The Last Five Years, Be Here Now, The Treasurer, Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express, and Little Shop of Horrors (AEA Assistant Stage Manager). Barnstormers Theatre: Arsenic and Old Lace (AEA Assistant Stage Manager). | @nerysp

Lucas Bryce Dixon\* (Assistant Stage Manager) – Lyric Stage: The Play that Goes Wrong, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. The Huntington: Toni Stone, John Proctor is the Villain, The Band's Visit, Fat Ham, The Lehman Trilogy, Clyde's, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Common Ground Revisited, The Bluest Eye, Hurricane Diane, Yerma. Berkeley Repertory Theatre: Clyde's. SpeakEasy Stage Company: Heroes of the Fourth Turning, BLKS. New Repertory Theatre: Hair, Oliver!, Trayf, Nixon's Nixon.

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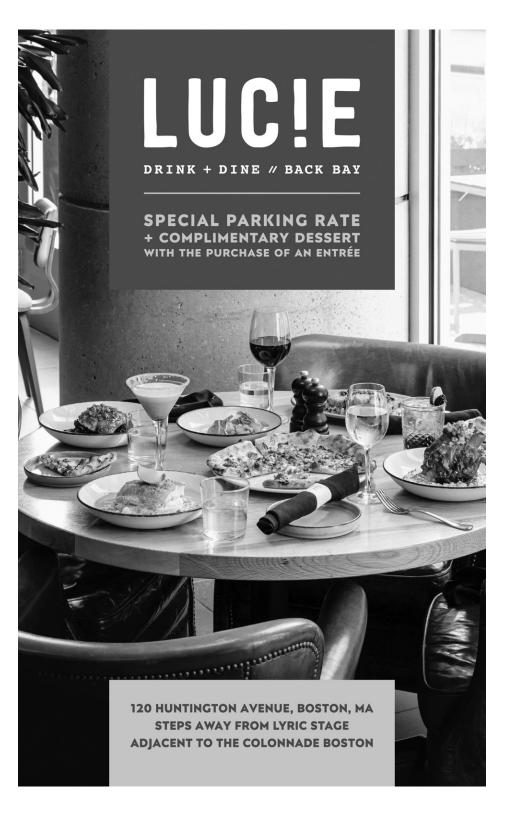






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many social movements throughout the history of the city of Boston. YWCA Boston was first established in 1866, and began operating out of 140 Clarendon Street in 1927. YWCA helped propel many programs and initiatives for young women across the country, such as sex education, women's suffrage advocacy, bilingual instruction for immigrant women, the International Conference of Women Physicians, and the Internacial Seminar. Today, YW Boston's work focuses on addressing racial and gender inequities through a variety of diversity, equity, and inclusion services, youth programming, advocacy, and more.

In 1991, the Lyric Stage moved to 140 Clarendon Street from its former home on Charles Street. The current theater and adjacent offices were constructed on the second floor of the building, and a fourth floor rehearsal hall was added in 2016.

In 2021, YW Boston and its investment partners sold the building to Beacon Communities, who rehabilitated approximately 50,000 square feet of existing hotel and residential spaces into affordable housing units, health and wellness amenities, and offices for building management staff operated in partnership with the Pine Street Inn. The building contains 210 apartments (an increase of 92 housing units), all of which are incomerestricted to households with incomes at or below 60% of the Area Median Income.

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The Lyric Stage Company of Boston produces and presents live theatre in Greater Boston with an intimate approach that promotes inclusivity and connection. The Lyric Stage leads an effort to integrate live theater and theater education into the lives of all residents of Greater Boston.

Founded in 1974 by **Ron Ritchell** and **Polly Hogan**, the Lyric Stage is Boston's oldest resident theatre company. After establishing a loyal following on Charles Street, Ron and Polly led a successful 1991 campaign to create the Lyric Stage's current home on Clarendon Street. Polly was the chief negotiator for the NEAT (New England Area Theatres) contract, which made it easier for local producers to hire members of Actors Equity Association, the union for actors and stage managers.

In 1998, Spiro Veloudos was appointed Producing Artistic Director. During his tenure, he continued Ron and Polly's commitment to local artists; with few exceptions, the theatrical artists that work at the Lyric Stage live in the Greater Boston area. Spiro also established a reputation for staging large musicals in the Lyric Stage's modest playing space, including a signature Sondheim Initiative, which covered ten musicals over twenty years.

In 2016, the Lyric Stage opened Clarendon Hall, a yearround rehearsal space. Clarendon Hall is available at a subsidized rate to members of the Boston Dance Alliance and other arts organizations and individuals.

Theatre-based education has been a core of the Lyric Stage's mission since its founding. In 2019, the Lyric Stage merged with City Stage Co. and its expanded education programs include Lyric City Stage, teaching artists working in classrooms in the Boston Public Schools, the Lyric First Page playwriting festival for students, and the new Lyric Back Stage.

Following Spiro's retirement in 2019, the board appointed **Matt Chapuran** as Executive Director, and shortly after, Courtney O'Connor was named Artistic Director. In the fall of 2023, Courtney was appointed Producing Artistic Director, continuing the work centering Lyric Stage in Boston's theatrical community, introducing live theatre to new audiences, and promoting new theatrical voices in Boston and nationwide.

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