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Founded in 1986, the Theater has evolved to present as many as twenty productions and 650 performances annually and has been honored with numerous awards. Chicago Shakespeare is the city's leading presenter of international work and has toured its own productions to five continents. The Theater is also dedicated to welcoming the next generation of theatergoers.

A national leader in the field, the Theater's arts-in-literacy programs support the work in classrooms across the region for tens of thousands of students each year by bringing complex texts to life onstage and through professional learning opportunities for teachers. Now in its twelfth year, Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks remains a key component of CoLab, the Theater's year-round program rooted in engagement with neighborhoods and collaborations with local artists.

As a nonprofit organization, Chicago Shakespeare is, at its core, about people: connecting audiences and artists, partnering with teachers and students, and sharing with friends and neighbors. It is in this spirit that the Theater upholds its commitment to be an increasingly diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible organization. The Theater strives to engage today's artists and audiences in active and critical conversations with the work of its namesake, William Shakespeare.

Located on Chicago's iconic Navy Pier, Chicago Shakespeare's campus features the Jentes Family Courtyard Theater, The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare, and the Thoma Theater Upstairs. Onstage, in classrooms and neighborhoods across the city, and in venues around the world, Chicago Shakespeare is a multifaceted cultural hub—inviting audiences, artists, and community members to share powerful stories that connect and inspire.

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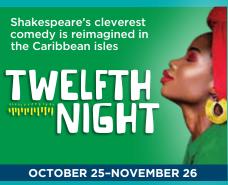
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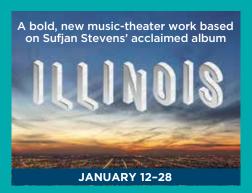
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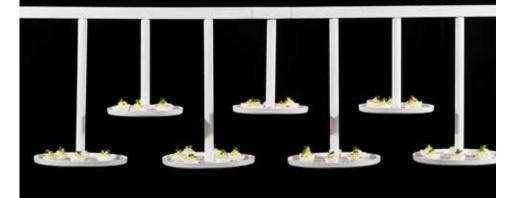




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AUDREY HARE* Belle

Beast JASON MICHAEL EVANS*

DAVID SAJEWICH* Gaston MICHAEL KINGSTON Maurice

Le Fou SAM LINDA*

CHRISTOPHER KALE JONES* Lumiere

Coasworth JAMES EARL JONES II* REBECCA PRESCOTT* Mrs. Potts

EVIE HSU Chip (alternating performances) LAYLA JOAN

HARRIET NZINGA PLUMPP* Madame de la Grande Bouche

MAYA ROWE Babette

EMILY ANN BROOKS Enchantress

TIM FOSZCZ* Monsieur D'Arque

EMILY ANN BROOKS La Fille de la Ville La Fille de la Ville MAGGIE MALANEY **AALON SMITH** La Fille de la Ville

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BELLE (REPRISE)Belle, Les Filles de la Ville

HOME Belle

HOME (REPRISE) Mrs. Potts, Madame de la Grande Bouche

GASTON Le Fou, Gaston, Les Filles de la Ville,

Ensemble

GASTON (REPRISE) Le Fou, Gaston

BE OUR GUEST Lumiere, Chip, Mrs. Potts, Ensemble

SOMETHING THERE Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts

HUMAN AGAIN Lumiere, Mrs. Potts, Chip, Babette,

Madame de la Grande Bouche

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Mrs. Potts

THE MOB SONG Monsieur D'Arque, Gaston, Ensemble

HOME (REPRISE) Belle

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Profiles



EMILY ANN BROOKS

(La Fille de la Ville, Enchantress) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Big Fish, A Christmas Story, The Wizard of Oz, and Ermengarde in

Hello, Dolly! (Marriott Theatre); The Women Who Discovered How to Measure the Universe (Raven Theatre). REGIONAL: 5th Avenue Theatre, Village Theatre, Anne in Anne of Green Gables (SecondStory Repertory). EDUCATION: Northwestern University. Emily also choreographs, directs, and teaches dance and theater around Chicagoland.



JASON MICHAEL EVANS

(Beast) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Bye Bye Birdie (Drury Lane Theatre). OFF BROADWAY: Passion (Classic Stage Company); On Your Toes (Encores!).

REGIONAL: Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera, Ogunquit Playhouse, STAGES St. Louis, Theater Aspen, Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Portland Stage, Gloucester Stage. TOURS: Anastasia. TELEVISION: Madame Secretary (CBS); The Good Cop (Netflix). EDUCATION: MFA, University of Nebraska Omaha.



TIM FOSZCZ

(Monsieur D'Arque)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
The Wizard of Oz. CHICAGO:
Cabaret (Porchlight Music
Theatre); Cliff in Cabaret
(Metropolis Performing Arts
Centre. BroadwayWorld

Award Nominee); Cinderella, Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Paramount Theatre); Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Drury Lane Theatre).

REGIONAL: Lewis in Pippin (Short North Stage); Riff in West Side Story, Specs and Spot Conlon in Newsies (Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre); Rapunzel's Prince in Into the Woods (The Prizery); The Bridges of Madison County (Wagon Wheel Theatre); Bigfork Summer Playhouse. EDUCATION: BFA in music theatre, Illinois Wesleyan University.



AUDREY HARE (Belle)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. REGIONAL: Alice in
Lizzie (Beck Center for the
Arts). EDUCATIONAL: Baker's
Wife in Into the Woods,
Wendla in Spring
Awakening, Texas in

Cabaret, Ensemble in Kinky Boots (Baldwin Wallace University). EDUCATION: BM in music theatre, Baldwin Wallace University.



EVIE HSU (Chip)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. FILM: Claire in the upcoming feature film,
Do No Harm (HartBeat
Productions). TELEVISION:
Lucy in Eva the Owlet series
(AppleTV+); Mei Lin Lion in

seasons 1 and 2 of the upcoming series *Team Mekbots: Animal Rescue* (Peacock). In addition to acting Evie is also a singer, and in her spare time enjoys dancing, all things anime, and Taekwondo.



LAYLA JOAN (Chip)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. CHICAGO: understudy
for Brigitta and Marta in The
Sound of Music (Paramount
Theatre); Balloon Girl and
understudy for Baby June/
Baby Louise in Gypsy

(Brightside Theatre); Annie in Annie (Road Show, Inc); Donkey in Shrek the Musical (Children's Theatre of Western Springs). EDUCATION: Actors Training Center, Academy of the Arts, Joe Savino/Lindsay Branson/Shannon Comiskey (Children's Theatre of Western Springs).



CHRISTOPHER KALE JONES

(Lumiere) CHICAGO
SHAKESPEARE: John Putnam
in the premiere of It Came
From Outer Space,
Mustardseed in
A Midsummer Night's
Dream, Judah in Joseph and

the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. CHICAGO: The Ballad of Little Jo (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); The Music Man (Goodman Theatre); Little Shop of Horrors (The Mercury Theater); Miracle on 34th Street (Theatre at the Center); Damn Yankees, Big Fish, and numerous other shows (Marriott Theatre). REGIONAL: La Jolla Playhouse, North Shore Music Theater, Ford's

Theatre. TOUR: Frankie Valli in the 1st National Tour of Jersey Boys. TELEVISION: Chicago Med (NBC), numerous commercials. EDUCATION: BS in speech/theatre, Northwestern University. AWARDS: LA Area Theater Ovation, numerous nominations. @chriskalejones



JAMES EARL JONES II

(Cogsworth) CHICAGO
SHAKESPEARE: Donkey in
Shrek The Musical. CHICAGO:
Carlyle, Wonderful Town
(Goodman Theatre); She
Loves Me, October Sky, Elf,
Madagascar, Dreamgirls, The

Full Monty (Marriott Theatre); Porgy & Bess, Five Guys Named Moe, The Secret Garden, The Good Book. Satchmo at the Waldorf (Court Theatre); Company, Sweet Charity (Writers Theatre); Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Paramount Theatre); Ragtime, Spamalot, Aida (Drury Lane Theatre): Annie Get Your Gun starring Patti LuPone (Ravinia Festival); Memphis, The Scottsboro Boys. Sondheim on Sondheim (Porchlight Music Theatre); Mr. Rickey Calls a Meeting (Lookingglass Theatre Company); Cymbeline (First Folio Theatre); Civil War Christmas (Northlight Theatre); The Wiz (Theatre at the Center). Tours: 1st National Tour of Come From Away. 1st National Tour of Gershwin's Porgy & Bess. OPERA: Porgy & Bess (Lyric Opera of Chicago/San Francisco Opera). FILM: Maybe I Do, The Poker House. TELEVISION: Empire (FOX); Chicago Med, Chicago Fire (NBC): South Side (HBO MAX), 4400 (The CW), Sherman's Showcase (IFC), Hot Date (POP). James' voice can be heard on various commercials and also singing "Sunday Morning" from the movie Breaking In, starring Gabrielle Union.



MICHAEL KINGSTON

(Maurice) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Damn Yankees (Marriott Theatre); The Sound of Music, Groundhog Day, Cinderella, Hairspray (Paramount Theatre);

Fiddler on the Roof (Lyric Opera of Chicago); The Minutes (Steppenwolf Theatre Company); Miracle the Musical (Miracle Productions LLC/ Royal George Theatre). TOUR: North American tour of Flashdance The Musical (NetWorks). TELEVISION: Chicago PD, Chicago Fire (NBC). EDUCATION: telecommunications, theatre, English, Michigan State University. AWARDS: two-time Joseph Jefferson nominee for Supporting Actor in a Musical for Fiorello! (TimeLine Theatre Company); Pippin (Bohemian Theatre Ensemble).



SAM LINDA

(Le Fou/Fight Captain)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Dromio of Ephesus in Short
Shakespeare! The Comedy
of Errors, Chicago
Shakespeare in the Parks
The Comedy of Errors,

All's Well That Ends Well. CHICAGO: Fiddler on the Roof (Lyric Opera of Chicago); A Chorus Line, Evita (Drury Lane Theatre); Damn Yankees (Marriott Theatre); Mr. Dickens' Hat (Northlight Theatre); Cold Town/Hotline (Raven Theatre). REGIONAL: Twelfth Night (Theatreworks, Colorado Springs). EDUCATION: BA in theatre, Northwestern University.



MAGGIE MALANEY

(La Fille de la Ville/ Dance Captain) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: The Sound of Music, Rock of Ages (Paramount Theatre); Kiss Me Kate (Marriott Theatre);

A Chorus Line (Porchlight Music Theatre); White Christmas, The Pajama Game (Theatre at the Center). REGIONAL: Guys and Dolls (Fulton Theatre); Grease (Maine State Music Theatre). EDUCATION: BFA in musical theatre, Penn State University.



HARRIET NZINGA PLUMPP

(Madame de la Grande Bouche) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Savanah in How Can You Run with a Shell on Your Back. CHICAGO: The Sound of Music, The Wizard of Oz (Paramount

Theater); The Wizard of Oz (Marriott Theatre); Mary Poppins, Matilda (Drury Lane Theatre); Into the Woods (Writers Theatre); Bounce (Goodman Theatre); Loving Repeating: A Musical of Gertrude Stein (Museum of Contemporary Art/About Face Theatre); Porgy and Bess (Court Theatre). REGIONAL: Ravinia Festival, The Kennedy Center, The Shubert Theater-Boston. OPERA: Porgy and Bess (Lyric Opera of Chicago). TELEVISION: Chicago Fire (NBC). EDUCATION: BFA in vocal performance, DePauw University. AWARDS: Illinois Arts Council Grant. Harriet is represented by Gray Talent Group, Inc.



REBECCA PRESCOTT

(Mrs. Potts) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Cymbeline, Troilus and Cressida. CHICAGO: Music Man, Animal Crackers (Goddman Theatre); Morticia in The Addams Family (Mercury

Theatre); A Christmas Carol (Drury Lane Theatre); Fly Girls (Northlight Theatre); The Houdini Box (Chicago Children's Theatre); Ah, Wilderness!, Candles to the Sun, Democracy (Eclipse Theatre). BROADWAY: How the Grinch Stole Christmas. BROADWAY IN CHICAGO: I Love Lucy, Live On Stage. REGIONAL: Utah Shakespeare Festival, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Idaho Theatre for Youth, Sierra Repertory Theatre. EDUCATION: BA in theater and BA in music, Boise State University; MM in vocal performance, Chicago Conservatory of Performing Arts, Roosevelt University.



MAYA ROWE (Babette)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. CHICAGO:
MotherFreakingHood! (The
Mercury Theater); Gingy in
Shrek the Musical, You're a
Good Man Charlie Brown
(Drury Lane Theatre); The

Sound of Music (Paramount Theatre);
The Elephant Man (Williams Street Repertory).
REGIONAL: Sibella in A Gentleman's Guide to
Love and Murder, Audrey in Little Shop of
Horrors, Grace in Annie, Sister Mary Downey in
Disaster!, Beehive, Pump Boys and Dinettes,
Sister Act (Rocky Mountain Repertory
Theatre); Clara in The Light in the Piazza
(American Gothic Performing Arts Festival).
FILM: Tankhouse (AppleTV+). EDUCATION:
BFA in musical theatre, Chicago College of
Performing Arts at Roosevelt University.



DAVID SAJEWICH (Gaston)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: A
Midsummer Night's Dream,
Sunday in the Park with
George. CHICAGO: Bobby in
Company, Little Shop of
Horrors, Spamalot, Shear
Madness (The Mercury

Theater); Rock of Ages, Fiddler on the Roof (Paramount Theatre); Les Misérables (Drury Lane Theatre Oakbrook). TOURS: Ash in Evil Dead: The Musical. REGIONAL: All Shook Up, A Wonderful Life, Beverly Hillbillies: The Musical (Theater at the Center); Oklahoma, Mamma Mia, South Pacific, The Full Monty (Stages St. Louis); White Christmas, Holiday Inn, Beauty and the Beast, All Shook Up, A Wonderful Life, Once Upon a Mattress (Fireside Theatre). PROJECTION/MEDIA DESIGN: Avenue Q, Pippin (Music Theater Works), Associate Designer on

Murder on the Orient Express, 39 Steps (Drury Lane Theatre Oakbrook); EDUCATION: BFA in musical theatre, Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University.



MAXEL McLOUD SCHINGEN

(Ensemble) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Shrek the Musical, Grease (Drury Lane Theatre); New Faces Sing Broadway 1971 (Porchlight Music Theatre); Chicago

Celebrates Sondheim (The Auditorium Theatre); Cruel Intentions: The 90s Musical, Sweeney Todd (Kokandy Productions); Mary Rose (Black Button Eyes Productions). EDUCATION: BFA in musical theatre, Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University.



AALON SMITH

(La Fille de la Ville)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
The Wizard of Oz. CHICAGO:
Lady Day at Emerson's Bar
and Grill, Sister Act (The
Mercury Theater);
Dreamgirls, Beauty and the

Beast (Paramount Theatre); A Chorus Line, Gypsy, Memphis, New Faces Sing Broadway 1975 (Porchlight Music Theatre). REGIONAL: Cape Fear Regional Theatre, Theatre at the Center. EDUCATION: BFA in musical theatre Columbia College Chicago. TRAINING: Jacob's Pillow Musical Theatre Dance Intensive.



HALLE BINS (Understudy)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. CHICAGO: The Best
Little Whorehouse in Texas,
Honky Tonk Angels (Theo
Ubique Cabaret Theatre);
Beehive, Anything Goes
(Metropolis Performing Arts

Centre); *Little Women* (Brown Paper Box Co.); *Haymarket* (Underscore Theatre Company). **EDUCATION**: BFA in musical theatre performance, Columbia College Chicago.



ERIC DESNOYERS

(Understudy) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Miranda: A War-Torn Fable (Imposters Theatre). REGIONAL: 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Billy Elliot

(Garden Theater, FL), Always... Patsy Cline, A Christmas Story: The Musical (director, Theater West End, FL). EDUCATION: Rhode Island College.



SADIE FRIDLEY (Understudy)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. CHICAGO: Young
Violet in Violet, As You Like
It, Something Rotten!
(Virginia Wadsworth Wirtz
Center for the Performing
Arts); Abigail in

A Peculiar Inheritance, Romance en Route (The Waa-Mu Show). EDUCATION: BA in theatre and Certificate in musical theatre, Northwestern University (2025). AWARDS: Great American Songbook Youth Ambassador 2019. (she/her)



DANIEL HOULE (Understudy)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. CHICAGO: Julius
Caesar (Invictus), Sweat
(Paramount Theatre),
Saturday Night Fever (Drury
Lane Theatre), Paris (Steep
Theatre Company), Mosque

Alert (Silk Road Theatre Project), Titus Andronicus (Bare Knuckle Productions), My Kind of Town (TimeLine Theatre Company) The Tempest (City Lit), Amadeus (Oak Park) TELEVISION: Chicago PD (NBC), Chicago Fire (NBC) EDUCATION: BFA in theater, University of Rhode Island.



NATHAN KARNIK

(Understudy) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: The Little Mermaid (Music Theater Works); New Faces Sing Broadway 1947 (Porchlight Music Theatre); The Mystery of

Edwin Drood (Blank Theatre Company).

REGIONAL: Sweeney Todd (Hangar Theatre).

EDUCATION: BS in performance studies,
economics and musical theatre at Northwestern
University. AWARDS: Martha Lavey for
Excellence in Acting (Northwestern University).



KEVIN KUSKA (Understudy)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE:
Debut. CHICAGO: Children
of Eden In Concert (Cadillac
Palace Theatre); Antigone
(Playtime Theatre Company).
REGIONAL: Great Plains
Theatre. EDUCATION:

BFA in musical theatre and minor in dance, Millikin University.



AMBER MAK (Director/ Choreographer) Recently directed/choreographed the critically acclaimed production of The Sound of Music at Paramount Theatre. Other regional credits include the current

production of Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story at Marriott Theatre, Rock of Ages, Beauty and the Beast (Jeff nominated Best Production), The Wizard of Oz (Jeff nominated for Best Production/Direction). Disnev's The Little Mermaid (Jeff nominated for Best Production). Hairspray, Elf, Peter Pan, a Musical Adventure at Chicago Shakespeare and many other regional shows. She also performed for 15 years, including her first professional show at Chicago Shakespeare. She is a proud Northwestern University graduate. She thanks her husband for being the best partner and her amazing mom village that keeps her moving and grooving. She couldn't do this show without her amazing team of Nich and Charlotte as well. Her favorite productions to date are her two kids.

CHARLOTTE RIVARD-HOSTER (Music Director/Conductor) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Associate Music Director/Conductor on Beauty and the Beast, The Wizard of Oz, Legally Blonde (Paramount Theatre); Conductor on Into the Woods (Writers Theatre); Music Director/Conductor on Queen of the Mist (Firebrand Theatre); Conductor on Fun Home (Victory Gardens Theater); Conductor on Marry Me a Little (Porchlight Music Theatre), Music Director/Conductor on Urinetown (BoHo Theatre, Joseph Jefferson Award Nomination – Outstanding Music Direction).

ALAN MENKEN (Composer) THEATER: God Bless You Mr Rosewater, Little Shop Of Horrors, Real Life Funnies, Atina: Evil Queen Of The Galaxy, Kicks, The Apprenticeship Of Duddy Kravitz, Beauty and the Beast, A Christmas Carol, Weird Romance, King David, Der Glöckner Von Notre Dame. The Little Mermaid. Sister Act, Leap Of Faith, Aladdin, and Newsies. FILM: Little Shop Of Horrors, The Little Mermaid. Beauty and the Beast. Newsies. Aladdin, Pocahontas, The Hunchback Of Notre Dame, Hercules, Life With Mikey, Lincoln, Home On The Range, Noel, Enchanted, Shaggy Dog. Tangled, and Mirror Mirror. SONGS: Rocky V, Home Alone 2, and Captain America. AWARDS: 8 Oscars (19 nominations), 11 Grammys (including Song of the Year), 7 Golden Globes, Tony® (plus 4 nominations), Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, New York Drama Critics, Olivier,

and London's Evening Standard Award, Drama League. HONORS: Songwriter's Hall of Fame, Doctorates from New York University and University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

HOWARD ASHMAN (Lyrics) Best known as a pivotal creative mind behind the renaissance of Disney animation and his work on The Little Mermaid, Aladdin, and Beauty and the Beast (which is dedicated to, "Our friend, Howard Ashman, who gave a Mermaid her voice and a Beast his soul..."). Ashman's first love was theater. Ashman was a founder of off off Broadway's renowned WPA Theater, where he conceived, wrote and directed God Bless You. Mr. Rosewater, as well as the classic musical, Little Shop of Horrors (both music by Alan Menken). In 1986, he wrote and directed the Broadway musical Smile (music by Marvin Hamlisch). Lamented as a lost treasure of the 1980s theater scene, Smile remains popular on High School and College campuses throughout the country. Howard Ashman died in 1991 from complications of AIDS. For more information. please visit howardashman.com.

TIM RICE (Lyrics) has worked in music, theater, and film since 1965, when he met Andrew Lloyd Webber, a fellow struggling songwriter. Rather than pursue Tim's ambitions to write rock or pop songs, they turned their attention to Andrew's obsession-musical theater. Their first collaboration, The Likes Of Us (lyrics by Tim, music by Andrew), was an unsuccessful show based on the life of Dr. Barnardo, the Victorian philanthropist. Their next three works together were much more successful: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Jesus Christ Superstar, and Evita. Tim has also worked with other distinguished popular composers such as Elton John (The Lion King, Aida), Alan Menken (Aladdin, King David, Beauty and the Beast), and Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson (Chess). From Here to Eternity, with music by newcomer Stuart Brayson, coproduced with Lee Menzies, directed by Tamara Harvey, and with book by Bill Oakes, premiered in the West End at the Shaftesbury Theatre in 2013. He formed his own cricket team in 1973 and was president of the MCC in 2002. In 2013, he wrote and presented a 52-part series for BBC Radio 2, American Pie, a trawl through the music and musicians of every American State. He has won several awards, mainly for the wrong thing or for simply turning up.

LINDA WOOLVERTON (Book) Writing credits include the screenplay for the animated feature film Beauty and the Beast (Golden Globe winner and Academy Award Best Picture nominee): the screenplay (shared) for Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey: screenplay (shared) for the animated feature film The Lion King; the book for the Broadway musical Beauty and the Beast (Tony Award nomination for Best Book of a Musical, winner 1998 Olivier Award Best New Musical): and book (shared) for Elton John and Tim Rice's Broadway musical Aida. Also she has written two young-adult novels, Star-Wind and Running Before the Wind. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from California State University Long Beach and a Master's degree in Theatre from California State University Fullerton. Linda is currently involved in writing and producing film projects for Miramax and Revolution studios. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband Lee Flicker and daughter Keaton.

JEFFREY D. KMIEC (Scenic Designer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Peter Pan. CHICAGO: productions with Paramount Theatre, Drury Lane Theatre, Marriott Theatre, Timeline Theatre Company, Northlight Theatre, Porchlight Music Theatre, Raven Theatre, The Artistic Home. **REGIONAL**: productions with American Players Theatre. Illinois Shakespeare Festival, Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre, Heritage Theatre Festival, Children's Theatre of Charlotte, TELEVISION: The Waltons': Homecoming (The CW); Hot Mess Holiday (Comedy Central); Ripple Effects. AWARDS: Joseph Jefferson for The Little Mermaid (Paramount Theatre), Deathtrap (Drury Lane Theatre), Les Misérables (Paramount Theatre, co-design with Kevin Depinet). EDUCATION: MFA. University of Virginia: BFA. Illinois State University. Jeffrey is a member of USA 829.

THERESA HAM (Costume Designer) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: The Wizard of Oz. Nell Gwynn, Peter Pan - A Musical Adventure. Ride the Cyclone, The Little Mermaid, Seussical, Shrek the Musical, Beauty and the Beast, Short Shakespeare! Romeo and Juliet. CHICAGO: Disney Beauty and the Beast (Porchlight Music Theatre); Something Rotten! (Marriott Theatre): Drury Lane Theatre. Victory Gardens Theater, Northlight Theatre, Paramount Theatre, TimeLine Theatre Company, Raven Theatre. OFF-BROADWAY: Ride the Cyclone (MCC Theatre). REGIONAL: Something Wicked This Way Comes (Delaware Theatre Company): Carmen (Finger Lakes Opera): Alliance Theatre, ACT Theatre, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Ogunquit Playhouse. FILMS: Paper Girls (Amazon Prime); Hot Mess

Holiday (Comedy Central). EDUCATION: BA in theatre from Eastern Illinois University, MFA in costume design from Illinois State University. AWARDS: 3 Joseph Jeffersons Awards and 12 nominations, Outstanding Costume Design; 2018 Barrymore Award, Outstanding Costume Design. Ham supervises the costume shop at Loyola University Chicago. She has designed over 100 theatrical productions including plays, musicals and opera. She resides in Chicago with her husband and son.

JASON LYNCH (Lighting Designer)

CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: I. Cinna. I. Banquo. Hamlet (assistant). CHICAGO: Layalina, the ripple, the wave that carried me home, Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer. School Girls: Or.The African Mean Girls Play. I Hate It Here, Ohio State Murders, The Sound Inside, Lottery Day (Goodman Theatre); 1919, Choir Boy (Steppenwolf Theatre Company). OFF BROADWAY: You Are Here: An Evening with Solea Pfeiffer (Audible Theatre/Minetta Lane Theatre). REGIONAL: Alley Theatre, Alliance Theatre, Baltimore Center Stage, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Dallas Theater Center, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Geva Theatre Center, Huntington Theatre Company, Long Wharf Theatre, The Old Globe, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Seattle Repertory Company, Trinity Repertory Company. OPERA: The Dallas Opera, Portland Opera, The Santa Fe Opera. FILM: The Half-Life of Marie Curie, School Girls: Or. The African Mean Girls Play (Theatre Squared). AWARDS: 1 Joseph Jefferson, 2 Black Theater Alliance/Ira Aldridge, Michael Maggio Emerging Designer. www.jasondlynch.com, @jasonlynch.design on Instagram.

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Bailiwick Chicago, Teatro Luna, Prop Thtr, LiveWire Lounge Chicago. REGIONAL: Indiana Repertory Theatre, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, First Stage Children's Theater, Renaissance Theaterworks, The Gateway, Piedmont Opera. EDUCATION: BFA in sound design, North Carolina School of the Arts.

MARY ZANGER (Stage Manager) CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO: Rock of Ages, Fun Home, School of Rock (Paramount Theatre); OSLO, A Shayna Maidel (TimeLine Theatre Company); A Chorus Line, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, Memphis (Porchlight Music Theatre); Into the Woods (Music Theater Works). REGIONAL: Tarzan, Children of Eden, Hairspray (Rising Stars Theatre Company). EDUCATION: Clarke University. Mary served as the Production Front of House & Business Manager for The Polar Express train ride for Rail Events Productions, and is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association.

DREW DONNELLY (Assistant Stage Manager)
CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: Debut. CHICAGO:
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the School at Steppenwolf, the Guthrie Theater BFA program, Acting Studio Chicago, and DePaul, Columbia, and Roosevelt University. among others.

RICK BOYNTON (Creative Producer) focuses on current and future artistic planning and production, as well as the development of all new plays, musicals, and adaptations for Chicago Shakespeare Theater (CST). Projects include: SIX (CST, American Repertory Theater, Citadel Theatre, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Broadway), The Book of Joseph, Ride the Cyclone (CST, MCC Theater, 5th Avenue Theatre / American Conservatory Theater, Alliance Theatre), Sense and Sensibility (CST, Old Globe), Cadre (codirector) (CST, Johannesburg, Grahamstown, Edinburgh, Vancouver), Othello: The Remix (CST, London, Germany, Edinburgh, South Korea, New York), Funk It Up About Nothin' (CST, Edinburgh, Australian tour, London), A Flea in Her Ear (CST. Williamstown Theatre Festival), The Three Musketeers (CST, Boston, London), The Emperor's New Clothes, The Adventures of Pinocchio, Murder for Two (CST. New York), and The Feast; an intimate Tempest (in collaboration with Redmoon Theater). Former artistic director of The Marriott Theatre and multiple Joseph Jefferson Award-winning actor, he has starred in productions nationally, including CST's production of A Flea in Her Ear as Camille (Joseph Jefferson Award, After Dark Award). As casting director/associate at Jane Alderman Casting, projects included: the television series Early Edition, Missing Persons, Untouchables, and ER; the films While You Were Sleeping and Hoodlum, among others: and numerous national tours. Boynton is a member of the Tony Awards Nominating Committee. He has lectured at his alma mater. Northwestern University and is the former president of the board of the National Alliance for Musical Theatre.

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