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AND STORIES BY

Christopher Isherwood

MUSIC BY

LYRICS BY

John Kander

Fred Ebb

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Nik Alexander Dan Amboyer Candy Buckley Max Antonio Gonzalez Julia Harnett Kim Hudman Richard Kline Lina Lee Ryland Marbutt Charles Mayhew Miller Fredric Odgaard Krysta Rodriguez James Rose Tom Story Tiffany Topol Alysha Umphress

SCENIC DESIGNER Wilson Chin

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**TIME & PLACE** 1929–1930, Berlin, Germany

**CAST**IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

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Emcee	Nik Alexander*	
The Kit Kat Ensemble		
Rosie	Charles Mayhew Miller	
Lulu	Lina Lee*	
Frenchie		
Texas		
Fritzie		
Helga		
Pahhy	Fradria Odgaard*	
Bobby	rieune Ouyaaiu"	
Victor	Ryland Marbutt	
Hans		
Herman	Max Antonio Gonzalez*	
Sally Bowles	Krysta Rodriguez*	
Clifford "Cliff" Bradshaw	Dan Amboyer*	
Ernst Ludwig	Tom Storv*	
Customs Officer	Fredric Odgaard*	
Fraulein Schneider	Candy Buckley*	
Fraulein Kost	Δlvsha Ilmnhress*	
Dudy	Charles Mayhow Miller	
Fraulein KostRudyHerr Schultz	Dishard Vlina*	
Max	Ricilalu Kille"	
Max	Max Antonio Gonzalez^	
Understudy for Sally Bowles: Julia Harnett*; for Cliff Bradshaw, Ernst Ludwig: Fredric Odgaard*; for Emcee: James Rose*; for Fraulein Schneider, Fraulein Kost: Tiffany Topol*; for Herr Schultz: Max Antonio Gonzalez*		
THE KIT KAT BAND		
THE KIT KAT BAND Conductor/Keyboard	Angela Steiner	
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Sound Technician	Margaret Waite
Boyd-Quinson Wardrobe Supervisor	Mark Kobak
Wardrobe Technicians	
Wardrobe Technician/Wig Runner	Madeline Winter
Boyd-Quinson Crew Chief	Sarah Greenberg
Stage Crew	Cecilia Bianchi, Justice Orrand
Production Assistant	

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING UPDATES TO THE SEASON PLAYBILL





# MUSICAL NUMBERS ACT I

"Willkommen"	Emcee & Kit Kat Ensemble
"So What?"	Fraulein Schneider
"Don't Tell Mama"	Sally & Kit Kat Ensemble
"Mein Herr"	Sally & Kit Kat Ensemble
"Perfectly Marvelous"	Sally & Cliff
"Two Ladies"	Emcee, Frenchie & Lulu
"It Couldn't Please Me More"	Fraulein Schneider & Herr Schultz
"Tomorrow Belongs to Me"	Rosie, Frenchie, Victor, Emcee
"Maybe This Time"	Sally
"Money"	Emcee & Kit Kat Ensemble
"Married"	
"Tomorrow Belongs to Me" (Reprise)	Fraulein Kost & Ernst Ludwig, Company

#### — INTERMISSION —

#### **ACT II**

"Entr'Acte"	Kit Kat Band
"Kick Line"	Kit Kat Ensemble
"Married" (Reprise)	Herr Schultz
"If You Could See Her"	Emcee
"What Would You Do?"	Fraulein Schneider
"I Don't Care Much"	Emcee
"Cabaret"	Sally
"Finale"	Company

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#### **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

Dear Audience Member,

When I was choosing the first musical I would direct as Artistic Director of Barrington Stage Company, I knew it had to be *Cabaret*. What makes *Cabaret* so unique — and truly singular in the canon — is that it is always deeply connected to the questions and concerns of our contemporary world.

As our country faces yet another resurgence of antisemitism, we are reminded that echoes of the persecution of the Jews in 30s and 40s Europe remain alive and active around the world. *Cabaret* acknowledges this truth, but also acknowledges that Nazi persecution went beyond the Jewish people to include many people considered "other" than the white, cisgendered mainstream. As a Jewish director, both perspectives are important to me.

Berlin in the 1920s was the height of decadence, sexual exploration and louche living — all represented in the freedom and openness of the Kit Kat Club. Our Club celebrates queerness, centers the stories of trans and nonbinary performers, and acknowledges that many people of color were also harmed by the Nazis. When the cast sings "Tomorrow Belongs to Me" at the end of the first act, I am just as interested in who joins in, as I am in who is excluded. Around this time, people began to wake up to the reality of what was happening. While discussing contemporary politics, Cliff Bradshaw tells Sally "If you're not against all this, you're for it. Or you might as well be."

At the center of *Cabaret* is a very simple but incisive question, asked by Fraulein Schneider, "What would you do?" Like the giant mirror that hangs above the stage in this production, *Cabaret* forces its audience to confront themselves, to confront complicity, and to ask ourselves the same question about then and now, "What would you do?"

-Alan Paul. Artistic Director

#### **CAST**



**NIK ALEXANDER any/all (Emcee)** BSC Debut. Broadway/National Tour: Ain't No Mo', Hamilton, Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Motown: The Musical, Dreamgirls, Jesus Christ Superstar and Smokey Joe's Cafe. Film and television: Law & Order: SVU, The Other Two. Music singles: "Too Good To Be True", "Take Me Back" and "Not the Enemy " from his album "The Lost Shed" are available on all digital platforms. The

theater is the sanctuary where we come to lay our burdens down. @nikalexander90



DAN AMBOYER he/him (Clifford "Cliff" Bradshaw) BSC Debut. Theater: AR Gurney's Squash (premiere, The Flea), David Ives' The Metromaniacs (premiere, Shakespeare Theater), As You Like It, Richard III, Inherit the Wind (Old Globe), The Importance of Being Earnest (Cape Playhouse), among many. Television: Darren Star's "Uncoupled" & "Younger," Netflix's "Dynasty," CW's "Tell Me A Story,"

the NBC limited series "Blacklist: Redemption," in addition to guest-starring roles on various others. Film: *Batman v Superman, Love the Coopers, Brawl in Cell Block 99*, Dan lead several Lifetime & Hallmark films, including playing Prince William in *William & Catherine: A Royal Romance*. Dan directed the acclaimed premiere of *Whirlwind* (Wild Project, Off-Broadway). Training: Carnegie Mellon. @danamboyer



**CANDY BUCKLEY she/her (Fraulein Schneider)** BSC Debut. Select theater: Cabaret, Thoroughly Modern Millie, After the Fall, Scandalous, Ring Round the Moon (Broadway); Becky Nurse of Salem (Lincoln Center), The Petrified Prince (The Public), Hedda Gabler, Macbeth, King Lear, Misalliance (A.R.T.); A Delicate Balance (Guthrie), Company (Bucks County Playhouse), Vanya and Sonia and

Masha and Spike (Old Globe), Kill Local (LaJolla Playhouse), The Cherry Orchard (Dallas Theater Center) and Shockheaded Peter (Little Shubert). Select film and television: The Kill Room with Uma Thurman, Rare Objects with Katie Holmes, WeCrashed, Treme, Blue Bloods, The Americans. Recipient Princess Grace Statuette Outstanding Achievement in Theater.



MAX ANTONIO GONZALEZ he/him (Ensemble/Herman/Max, u/s Herr Schultz) BSC Debut. Theater: The Three Musketeers, Romeo & Juliet (National Tour); Aura 29-Hour Reading (New York Theatre Workshop), Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella (Alabama Shakespeare Festival), For You, Paige: The TikTok Musical. BFA NYU Tisch at the New Studio on Broadway. @Maxgonzo13

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JULIA HARNETT she/her (Ensemble, u/s Sally Bowles) BSC Debut. Theater: Guys & Dolls (Kennedy Center), Chicago (Fulton), In the Heights (Arts Club). Film and television: In the Heights, The Christmas Waltz, Schmigadoon!, Power, Billions, FBI, The Other Two, Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist, The Flight Attendant, Supergirl, Lucifer, Psych, Once Upon a Time, The Crew, Tommy, The Tonight

Show with Jimmy Fallon. Thank you Alan, Katie and Angela. Thank you Tyler, and fam. Thank you Maritza, Melissa and Matt. @juliaharnett



KIM HUDMAN she/her (Ensemble/Helga) BSC Debut. Theater: The Wedding Singer (Gateway Playhouse), On Your Feet (John Engeman Theatre), Oscar at the Crown (Off Broadway), Glimmer of Light (Playbill Pride), Jan's Jukebox (Jansport, RuPaul's Drag Race), Burlesque (The Neon Coven). Film and television: HBO's Gossip Girl, Westpac, Lightning Point. Cert 4 in Dance Performance (Australian

Dance Performance Institute). @Kim.c.hudman



RICHARD KLINE he/him (Herr Schultz) BSC Debut. Theater: Waitress (Broadway/National Tour), City of Angels, November (Broadway), Wicked (National Tour), Straight White Men, A Nightingale Sang (Westport Playhouse), Spamalot (UCONN Summerfest), The Sting (Papermill), Seminar (UCPAC), MIzlansky/Zilinsky (Geffen Playhouse). Film and television: Liberty Heights, Don't Think Twice,

Bluebloods, The Resident, The Americans, Three's Company. MA Northwestern University, BA Queens College. richardklinetv.com



LINA LEE she/her (Ensemble/Lulu) BSC Debut. Broadway/NYC: Miss Saigon Revival (Tony nom), The Notebook (NYC Workshop), Crazy Bread. Select theater: A Chorus Line (Signature Theatre, Helen Hayes Award Best Ensemble/Production), Cabaret (Olney Theatre Center), A Chorus Line (Ivoryton), Legally Blonde (Walnut Street/Riverside), Chicago (Oregon Cabaret), South Pacific (Harrisburg Symphony).

Television: Gotham, Tony Awards. NYC Dance/Concert: Broadway Bares, Broadway Barkada's LUMIPAD, Carnegie Hall, 54 Below, Green Room 42, Broadway at W, Broadway Sessions. James Madison University (Theatre and Dance). The Mine Agency. @linalee512



**RYLAND MARBUTT they/them (Ensemble/Victor)** BSC Debut. Theater: *Sunset Boulevard* (Kennedy Center), *Hair* (Asolo Repertory Theatre). BFA Pace University (Musical Theatre). @Ryland223



CHARLES MAYHEW MILLER they/he (Ensemble/Rosie/Rudy) BSC Debut. Theater: *Pippin* (Summer Rep Theatre), *Mamma Mia* (Lake Tahoe Shakespeare) and *The Scottsboro Boys* (Beck Center). Charles would like to thank their family and God for their continued support. BM Baldwin Wallace Music Theatre. @Charlesm616



**FREDRIC ODGAARD** he/him (Ensemble/Bobby, u/s Cliff Bradshaw/Ernst Ludwig) BSC Debut. Theater: Moulin Rouge! The Musical, Kinky Boots, Finding Neverland (Broadway); Pageant, We Will Rock You, West Side Story (Regional). Film and television: Taking The Reins, Fosse/Verdon, Wu-Tang: An American Saga, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel and Rent: Live.



**KRYSTA RODRIGUEZ she/her (Sally Bowles)** BSC Debut. Broadway: *Into the Woods, The Addams Family, In the Heights, First Date, A Chorus Line, Spring Awakening* (Original and Revival), *The Collaboration* and *Good Vibrations*. Off Broadway: *Seared* (MCC) and *What We're Up Against*. Notable regional performances include the role of "Meg" in *Hercules* at the Delacorte Theater and a starring role in *A Chorus* 

Line at the Hollywood Bowl. Television: Halston (for which her portrayal of "Liza Minnelli" received much acclaim), as well as roles in Daybreak, Smash, Trial & Error, Gossip Girl, Chasing Life, The Mysteries of Laura, Younger and Quantico. @krysta\_rod



JAMES ROSE she/they (Ensemble/Frenchie, u/s Emcee) BSC Debut. Regional Theater: Hedwig and the Angry Inch (Constellation Stage), Marie Antoinette (Sharon Playhouse), Newsies (Cardinal Stage), The Fantasticks (Depot Theatre), Damn Yankees (Priscilla Beach Theatre). Film and television: The Barstool (Berlin Indie Film Festival — Best Actor Winner), The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel. James made theater

history as the youngest openly non-binary Hedwig in 2022. Training: NYU, Cornell.

Offstage James serves as a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion consultant specializing in gender, eating disorders and anti-sexual harassment policymaking. James is currently an Ambassador for Planned Parenthood, creating content on transgender identity and sexual health, reaching a community of 500,000+ people on social media. jamesissmiling.com | @jamesissmiling



**TOM STORY he/him (Ernst Ludwig)** BSC Debut. Theater: Glass Menagerie, Moby Dick-Rehearsed, The Heidi Chronicles, Arsenic and Old Lace (Berkshire Theatre Group); Loot, Tartuffe (McCarter); Romeo and Juliet (Seattle Rep), Angels in America, Seminar (Roundhouse Theatre); Henry IV, As You Like It (Folger Theater); Design for Living, Twelfth Night, The Comedy of Errors (Shakespeare Theatre); The

Invention of Love, A Number, Silence! The Musical, The Wolfe Twins, Pop! (Studio Theatre); Matilda (Olney). Directing credits include: Terminus, Moth (Studio Theatre); Georgia McBride (Roundhouse), Design for Living (BTG), Assassins (American University). Training: Studio Theatre (Joy Zinoman), Duke University, The Juilliard School. Awards: Affiliated Artist (The Shakespeare Theatre), Cabinet member (Studio Theatre), Fox Foundation Fellow, Byrd Scholar, 9 Helen Hayes nominations.



**TIFFANY TOPOL she/her (Ensemble/Texas, u/s Fraulein Schneider/Fraulein Kost)** BSC Debut. Theater: *Once, Xanadu* (National Tours); Sweet Charity (Writers' Theatre), Once (Paramount Theatre), Eastland (Lookingglass Theatre), Cabaret, Guys and Dolls, My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra (Milwaukee Repertory Theatre); Legally Blonde, 42nd Street, My One and Only, White Christmas (Marriott Theatre);

Boys from Syracuse (Drury Lane Theatre), Hairspray (Cape Playhouse), A Chorus Line (Gateway Playhouse). Film and television: Let's Be Real, Jimmy Kimmel Live. @tifftopol



ALYSHA UMPHRESS she/her (Fritzie/Fraulein Kost) BSC Associate Artist. BSC: Mr. Saturday Night, Who Could Ask for Anything More? The Songs of George Gershwin, The Hills Are Alive with Rodgers & Hammerstein, BSC's Holiday Getaway, On the Town, Funked Up Fairytales and countless concerts. Broadway: On the Town, American Idiot (OBC), On a Clear Day You Can See Forever, Priscilla Queen of the Desert,

Bring it On! Off Broadway: Scotland, PA; Smokey Joe's Cafe (Lortel Nominee and Chita Rivera award winner), Make Me a Song (The Music of William Finn). Television: Chicago Med, Blue Bloods, Girls5eva, Bonding, The Climb, Law & Order: SVU, Royal Pains, Nurse Jackie. @alyshaumphress

#### **CREATIVE TEAM**

**JOE MASTEROFF (Book)** Born in 1919 in Philadelphia, Joe Masteroff had only one dream from infancy: to write for the theatre. After the essential lonely childhood and four-year stint in the Air Force, he came to New York to face his future: book writer or book seller? Luckily, luck intervened. Before long he had three shows on Broadway bearing his name: *The Warm Peninsula* starring Julie Harris, and two

musicals, *She Loves Me* and *Cabaret*, for which he was the book writer. His other work included the libretto for *70*, *Girls*, *70* and *Desire Under the Elms* and book and lyrics for *Six Wives* and *Paramour*. Thanks to indulgent parents, the New Dramatists, Hal Prince and many others, Joe Masteroff retired and lived in subdued luxury until his death in 2018.

JOHN KANDER (Music) & FRED EBB (Lyrics) Composer John Kander teamed with lyricist Fred Ebb to forge one of the longest-running and most successful partnerships in Broadway history. The current Broadway revival of Chicago is now the longestrunning American musical in history. Their musicals include Flora, the Red Menace (1965); Cabaret (1966); Zorba (1968); 70, Girls, 70 (1971); Chicago (1975); The Act (1978); Woman of the Year (1981); The Rink (1984); And the World Goes 'Round (1991); Kiss of the Spiderwoman (1992); Chicago (1996); Steel Pier (1997); Curtains (2006); The Scottsboro Boys (2010); and The Visit (2015). Their work in the theatre has been recognized by three Tony Awards (Cabaret, Woman of the Year and Kiss of the Spiderwoman). The film adaptations of Chicago and Cabaret are two of the most successful musicals on film of all time. Chicago was recognized with six Academy Awards including Best Picture. Cabaret earned eight Academy Awards including Best Original Song Score. Their work on the film New York, New York has resulted in one of the most enduring anthems of all time. The two have been honored with numerous awards, including the Kennedy Center Honors Award, Fred Ebb passed away in 2004. but Kander has continued writing – not only finishing the projects the two had begun. but also writing new projects including The Beast in the Jungle, Kid Victory and The Landing.

**ALAN PAUL he/him (Director)** Before joining BSC, Alan was the Associate Artistic Director of the Tony Award-winning Shakespeare Theatre Company, where he directed productions of *Our Town; Camelot; The Comedy of Errors; Romeo and Juliet; Kiss Me, Kate; Man of La Mancha; A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum and the film of Patrick Page's <i>All the Devils Are Here*, which was a *New York Times* Critic's Pick. Along with his work at STC, Alan has directed productions at theatres across the country including Seattle's 5th Avenue Theatre, Chicago's Drury Lane Theatre and at almost every top Washington, D.C. theatre including Arena Stage, Signature Theatre, Olney Theatre Center, Studio Theatre and Round House Theatre.

Alan is particularly dedicated to new work and has spent much of his career developing new plays and musicals. At STC, Alan commissioned Lauren Gunderson to write a feminist adaptation of *Peter Pan and Wendy* which premiered in 2019. He brought in significant musical theatre composers such as Michael John LaChiusa, Daniel Kluger and Jenny Giering to compose scores for his productions.

Alan has a passion for classical music and works regularly at The Kennedy Center. He directed the world premiere of *Penny* for the Washington National Opera and is a frequent guest with the National Symphony Orchestra. He recently directed *John Williams: The 90th Birthday Gala Concert* at the NSO with Steven Spielberg, Yo-Yo Ma, Anne-Sophie Mutter and Daisy Ridley. In 2013, Alan was the only American finalist

for the European Opera Directing Prize in Vienna, Austria. Alan has been nominated for five Helen Hayes Awards and was awarded Best Director in 2014.

**KATIE SPELMAN she/her (Choreographer)** BSC debut. Recent credits include *An American Tail* (CTC), *Day 365 — Live from the Rainbow Room with Dylan Mulvaney, Once* (Writers Theatre), *The Notebook* (CST), *AD 16* (Olney Theater), *The Beautiful Game* (Tokyo), *The Who's Tommy* (DCPA) and *Oklahoma!* (Goodspeed). She has also collaborated with Lookingglass, Ars Nova, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Camerata Bern, Court Theatre, The Hypocrites, Ensemble Studio Theatre, Timeline Theatre and Northwestern University. Katie was the Associate Choreographer on *Moulin Rouge!* for the Boston, Broadway and Australian companies, and she was the recipient of the SDCF Agnes DeMille commission in 2019.

ANGELA STEINER she/her (Music Director/Conductor/Additional Arrangements) BSC Debut. Theater: Hair (Old Globe), Cabaret, Sweeney Todd (Asolo Repertory Theatre); Rattlesnake Kate, The Who's Tommy, Oklahoma, Indecent, Twelfth Night (Denver Center for the Performing Arts); Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella (Geva Theatre and Alabama Shakespeare Festival). angelasteiner.com

WILSON CHIN he/him (Scenic Designer) BSC: Sweeney Todd, The Violet Hour. Broadway: Cost of Living, Pass Over (Drama Desk and Lortel Award nominations), Next Fall. Off Broadway: A Bright New Boise (Signature), The Thanksgiving Play (Playwrights Horizons), Space Dogs (MCC, Lortel Award nomination), Teenage Dick (Ma-Yi/Public), This Land Was Made (Vineyard). Opera: Turandot (Washington National Opera), Lucia di Lammermoor (Lyric Opera of Chicago), Eine Florentinische Tragödie/Gianni Schicchi (Canadian Opera, Dora Award winner). Film and television: Pass Over (dir. Spike Lee), Game Theory with Bomani Jones (HBO), Blindspot (NBC). Eastern Region Board member of Local USA 829. Instagram: @wilsonchindesign

RODRIGO MUÑOZ he/him (Costume Designer) BSC Debut. Rodrigo is a NY-based Costume Designer, originally from Mexico City. Off Broadway: Plays for the Plague Year (Public Theater), Bernarda's Daughters (New Group), Sorry for Your Loss (Minetta Lane Theatre), RENT (Paper Mill Playhouse), Notes From Now (Prospect Theater Company), This Space Between Us (Theater Row), Preparedness (Bushwick Starr), Volpone, The Revenger's Tragedy (Red Bull Theater). Regional: The Bluest Eye (Huntington Theatre), Red Velvet (Shakespeare Theatre Company), Torera (Alley Theatre), Somewhere (Geva Theatre), How to Make an American Son (Arizona Theatre Company), Mushroom (People's Light), Fall of the House of Usher (Boston Lyric Opera), Bad Dates (Portland Stage), Jazz Singer (Abrons Arts Center). rodrigomunozdesign.com

**PHILIP S. ROSENBERG** he/him (Lighting Designer) BSC: Eleanor, Tribes, Much Ado About Nothing, See How They Run, Sweeney Todd. Broadway: Mrs. Doubtfire, Pretty Woman, The Elephant Man, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder and It's Only a Play. Regional: Kennedy Center, La Jolla Playhouse, Ford's Theatre, Guthrie Theater, Old Globe, TheatreWorks, Hartford Stage, Alliance, Huntington Theatre Company,

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Dallas Theatre Center, Denver Center Theatre, Alley Theatre, Arena Stage, McCarter Theatre, Manhattan School of Music, Portland Stage Company, TACT, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Dorset Theatre Festival, Bay Street Theatre, Goodspeed Opera House, Two River Theatre Company, George Street Playhouse and Westport Country Playhouse.

**KEN TRAVIS he/him (Sound Designer)** BSC Debut. Broadway: *Aladdin, In Transit, Jekyll & Hyde, A Christmas Story: The Musical, Scandalous, Newsies, Memphis, The Threepenny Opera, Barefoot in the Park, Steel Magnolias*. Numerous New York and regional theaters and companies including: DCPA, Asolo Rep, Old Globe, 5th Avenue Theater, McCarter Theater, Seattle Rep, La Jolla Playhouse, LA Center Theater Group, ACT Seattle, Guthrie Theater, KC Rep, Dallas Theater Center, Playwrights Horizons, New Group, NYSF Public Theater, CSC, Signature Theater NYC, SoHo Rep, Vineyard Theater, Civilians, Mabou Mines, national and international festivals and tours.

MARY SCHILLING-MARTIN (Wig Designer) BSC: A Little Night Music, Andy Warhol in Iran, Boca, Eleanor, Fall Springs, Time Flies and Other Comedies, The Royal Family of Broadway. Regional: Berkshire Theatre Group, Northern Stage, Great Lakes Theater, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, Cleveland Play House, Goodman Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse, Denver Center Theatre Company, Marriott Theater in Lincolnshire, San Diego Repertory Theatre, Arizona Theatre Company. Mary along with her daughter, Caitie, is co-owner of Wigs and Whiskers.

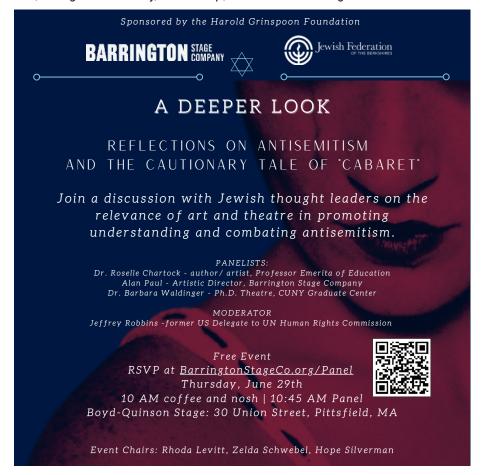
HANNAH CHALMAN she/her (Makeup Designer) is a costume designer, costume technician and makeup artist from Tennessee. She received her MFA in Costume Design from Virginia Commonwealth University and her BA in Theatre from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Credits include working as Associate Costume Designer for Suffs (The Public Theater), Assistant Costume Designer for Paradise Square (Chicago Pre-Broadway Run), Assistant Costume Designer for Othello (The Public Theatre - Shakespeare in the Park), Assistant Costume Designer for Admissions (Lincoln Center Theatre), Personal Assistant to Toni-Leslie James for Come From Away (Broadway), Associate Costume Designer for Romeo and Juliet (The Acting Company), Associate Costume Designer for Cabaret (Goodspeed), and Assistant Costume Designer/Guest Artist Stylist for May We All: A New County Musical (TPAC).

JASON BROUILLARD he/him (Production Stage Manager) BSC: A Crossing, Andy Warhol in Iran, Anna in the Tropics, All of Me. Broadway: Big Fish, Spider-Man, The Best Man, Bonnie & Clyde, Baby It's You, West Side Story, Jersey Boys, LoveMusik, Hairspray, Frog and Toad, Dance of The Vampires, The Civil War. Tours: Dear Evan Hansen, An Evening with Patti LuPone & Mandy Patinkin, John Lithgow: Stories by Heart, Ragtime. Off Broadway: Sakina's Restaurant, If I Forget, Trip of Love, Satchmo at the Waldorf, The Cocoanuts. Carnegie Hall: Anyone Can Whistle. Many regional theater productions, including the new musical Afterwords at the 5th Avenue Theatre.

**ELIZABETH ALLEN she/her (Assistant Stage Manager)** BSC Debut. Theater: *Macbeth* (Broadway), *Ain't Too Proud, Bandstand* (1st National Tour); *White Christmas,* 

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# WEIMAR REPUBLIC: THE EROTIC, PROVOCATIVE AND LIBERAL WORLD OF BERLIN BEFORE THE NAZI REGIME

Weimar Berlin, the capital of Germany during the Weimar Republic from 1919 to 1933, was a vibrant and culturally diverse city that witnessed significant changes in attitudes towards sex, gender, sexuality and race. It became known for its progressive and liberal social atmosphere, which allowed for greater exploration and expression of individual identities and desires. Here's an overview of how these aspects played out during that time.

**SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL LIBERATION:** Weimar Berlin was a hub of sexual liberation and experimentation. The period witnessed a relaxation of traditional social and moral norms, allowing for greater openness regarding sexuality. Moreover, economic difficulties and a lack of stable employment created a need for alternative means of survival. Sex work and prostitution increased in Weimar Berlin, as individuals sought to earn a living in the face of economic hardship. This further contributed to the openness and visibility of various forms of sexual expression in the city.

**HOMOSEXUALITY:** During the Weimar Republic, Berlin emerged as a center of LGBTQ+ culture and activism. The city offered a diverse and vibrant LGBTQ+ scene, with over 40 bars, clubs and cabarets catering to the queer community. LGBTQ+ publications, such as *Der Eigene* (*The Unique*) and *Die Freundin* (*The Girlfriend*), provided spaces for discourse and community building. This discourse included sexual research like the groundbreaking work of Magnus Hirschfeld and his Institute for Sexual Science. Hirschfeld advocated for the decriminalization of homosexuality and was instrumental in the formation of one of the world's first gay rights organizations, the Scientific-Humanitarian Committee. It's important to note, however, that while there was relative homosexual freedom in Berlin, it remained stigmatized and unacceptable throughout German society.

**TRANSGENDER IDENTITIES:** Weimar Berlin also saw the emergence of transgender identities. Individuals such as Dora Richter gained recognition for openly living as transgender women. Dressing across genders not only became in vogue across the culture, but also a means of sexual expression.

**RACE AND COLONIALISM:** Weimar Berlin was influenced by Germany's colonial history and the resulting racial dynamics. The city attracted individuals from diverse backgrounds, including African, Asian and Afro-German communities. Some Black artists and intellectuals found spaces for creativity and activism in Berlin during this time. However, racism and discrimination persisted, with Afro-Germans and other minority groups facing various challenges and marginalization. Prior to the rise of Nazism, there were thousands of Black homes in Germany living somewhat peacefully with other Germans. When the Nazis came to power, they were banned from having relationships with white people, excluded from education and types of employment, and some were sterilized, while others were taken to concentration camps.

It's essential to recognize that while Weimar Berlin was relatively progressive compared to other parts of Germany at the time, it was not free from societal tensions and political

unrest. Conservative elements within society, including right-wing political groups, condemned the perceived decadence and moral decline of the era. They sought to restrict and regulate expressions of sexuality, laying the groundwork for the conservative backlash that ultimately led to the rise of Nazism, along with the suppression of LGBTQ+ rights, of women's rights, and the persecution of minority groups.

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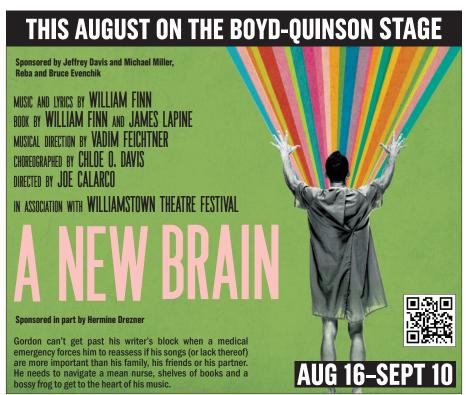
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