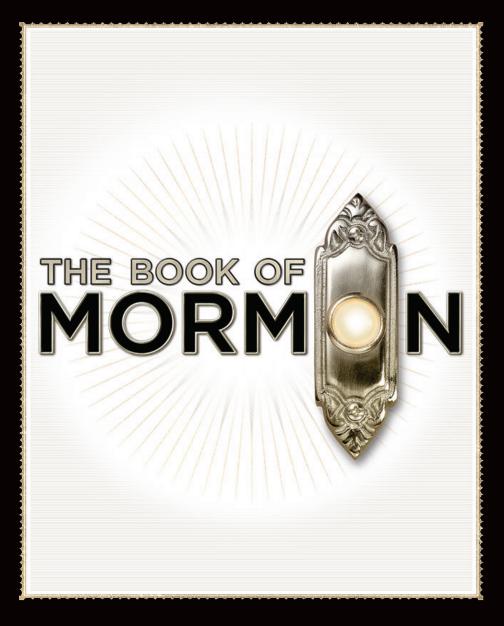
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Moroni	SEAN CASEY FLANAGAN
Elder Price	
Elder Cunningham	SAM NACKMAN
Missionary Voice	TREVOR DORNER
Price's Dad	
Cunningham's Dad	GIDEON CHICKOS
Mrs. Brown	TRINITY POSEY
GuardsK	
Mafala Hatimbi	LAMONT JOEL WHITAKER
Nabulungi	BERLANDE
Doctor	KYLE SEGAR
Elder McKinley	SEAN CASEY FLANAGAN
Joseph Smith	TREVOR DORNER
General	
Mission President	TREVOR DORNER
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TAMARA DALY, MATTHEW DANT, JU	JSTIN FORWARD, CRAIG FRANKE,
VANCE KLASSEN, WILLIAM JAMES LASSIT	TER, EVAN LENNON, JOEY MYERS,
RACHEL PARKER, JUSTIN PHILLIPS, TRINITY POS	SEY, MICHELLE RAY, KYLE SEGAR

UNDERSTUDIES

Understudies never substitute for the listed players unless a specific announcement is made at the time of the performance.

For Elder Price—CRAIG FRANKE, VANCE KLASSEN
For Elder Cunningham—WILLIAM JAMES LASSITER, EVAN LENNON
For Mafala Hatimbi—JUSTIN PHILLIPS, THOMAS ED PURVIS, KYLE SEGAR
For Nabulungi—INDIA SHELBI BOONE, ELIAH B. JOHNSON
For McKinley/Moroni—GIDEON CHICKOS, CRAIG FRANKE
For Price's Dad/Joseph Smith/Missionary President/et al—GIDEON CHICKOS, JOSHUA KEEN
For General—JUSTIN FORWARD, JUSTIN PHILLIPS

SWINGS

BERNIE BALDASSARO, INDIA SHELBI BOONE, JUSTIN FORWARD, ELIAH B. JOHNSON, JOSHUA KEEN, CONNOR OLNEY, THOMAS ED PURVIS

DANCE CAPTAIN JOSHUA KEEN

ASSISTANT DANCE CAPTAIN

THOMAS ED PURVIS

THE BOOK OF MORMON ORCHESTRA
Conductor/Keyboard 1—MASON MOSS;
Associate Conductor/Keyboard 2—THOMAS MICHAELS;
Guitar—MICHAEL HERLIHY; Bass—MOHAN RITSEMA;
Drums—JARED SHAW; Reeds—ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ; Trumpet—SEAN McKAY;
Trombone—BRIAN MORGAN; Violin/Viola—ANNIKA PORTER
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CAST



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SAM NACKMAN



BERLANDE



SEAN CASEY FLANAGAN



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MATTHEW DANT



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JOSHUA KEEN



VANCE KLASSEN



WILLIAM JAMES LASSITER



EVAN LENNON



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SAM McLELLAN (Elder Price). National tours: Anastasia; Fiddler on the Roof. Select credits: Mamma Mia! (RCCL), The Last Five Years (NBT), Interstellar Cinderella (NYCCT). Fun fact, The Book of Mormon in Chicago was one of the first shows Sam ever saw in 2013! Thanks to Eddie Rabon and the Take 3 team, his parents Ben and Beth, the casting and creative team, and everyone at NETworks. BFA Musical Theater from University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Instagram @samclellan, TikTok @sammclellan_

SAM NACKMAN (Elder Cunningham) is THRILLED to be making his national tour debut! He is a New York native and his biggest goal in life is to make people laugh! Big thanks to his family (and framily), friends, and his incredible partner, Henrie for all their love and support! Shoutout to his teacher, Ms. Ievolo for being Sam's inspiration to make acting his career! Credits: The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel; Zaxby's (Cranked Up to 11), Surviving the Rosenthals. BA Musical Theatre, Marymount Manhattan College.

BERLANDE (Nabulungi) is very excited to be touring with The Book of Mormon! She is a Pisces, a dog mom, and a plant lover! Select credits include International tour: Dreamgirls (Lorrell Robinson), Sister Act The Musical (Ensemble, u/s Deloris); National tour: Legally Blonde The Musical (Vivienne Kensington); Little Shop of Horrors (Ronnette), All Shook Up (Lorraine). Many thanks to Khalfani, Victoria-Rose, Cece, Mom. BerlandeMillus.com IG: @berlandejacob

SEAN CASEY FLANAGAN (Elder McKinley) hails from Los Angeles and is ecstatic to join this hilarious show! OffBroadway: Blood on My Mother's Apron.
National tour: Million Dollar Quartet.
Regional: Newsies (WPPAC), New Media: Unboxing (Cincinnati Fringe). Directing: The Wind in the Willows (Peterborough); Polite Ladiez. BA Directing, California State University, Fullerton. Currently based out of NYC. Love to friends, family, Elton John's "Step Into Christmas", Humoresque (his violin), Ray (his microwave), and Anna (his Rock)! seancaseyflanagan.com, @seancflanagan

LAMONT JOEL WHITAKER (Mafala Hatimbi) was born and raised and Miami, FL. BFA, AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts in Los Angeles. National tour: Summer: The Donna Summer Musical. Other credits: Grease, A Bronx Tale (regional premiere); The Color Purple, Legally Blonde (West Coast premiere). He is beyond excited to be a part of the Mormon family. Huge thanks to The Burton and Robinson Agency and Talent Assistant Torrie Heathcoat! @foreverlamont

TREVOR DORNER (Price's Dad/Missionary Voice/Joseph Smith/Mission President) is thrilled to join the national tour cast of The Book of Mormon. Born and raised in Toledo, OH, Trevor received a BFA in Musical Theatre from Ohio Northern University. National tour: Million Dollar Quartet. Regional: Murder for Two, The Full Monty, Sister Act, Footloose. Special thanks to the family and friends who have supported me along the way. trevordorner.com, @trevordorner

DEWIGHT BRAXTON JR. (General) is a New York based actor and singer who hails from Detroit, MI. BA in Theatre, minor in Musical Theater from Wayne State University. Credits: Dickinson (Apple TV), Set in Motion (Amazon Prime), multiple roles for NY black arts productions such as The Wiz, The Lion King Jr. and improv at the Broadway Comedy Club Agency: SW ARTISTS. Dewightbraxtonjr.com, @dewightbraxtonjr

BERNIE BALDASSARO (Swing). National tours: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Elf the Musical, Baby Shark Live! (Dance Captain). Regional: NSMT, The Huntington, Lyric Stage, Greater Boston Stage. Major shoutout and much love to the incredible Mormon team, ATB Talent, Noel, Bianca, Mom, and Dad! Proud Ithaca College Alum – BFA Musical Theatre. berniebaldassaro.com, @bern_babie_bern,

INDIA SHELBI BOONE (Swing) is so excited to be making her National tour debut! University of the Arts – BFA Musical Theatre. Recent credits: Rent (Swing), ACT of Connecticut; Pippin (Leading Player) and Promenade (Mother), The University of the Arts. India would not be here without God, Angela, Brien, Tiera, and Amani. A special thanks to Brian Graziani with The Hell's Kitchen Agency.

KEMARI BRYANT (Ensemble) is ecstatic to be making his national tour debut! A NC native, he was in the first BFA Musical Theatre graduating class at UNC Greensboro. Credits: Man of La Mancha, A Christmas Carol, Stoo's Famous Martian American Gumbo. Love and thanks to Hudson Artists Agency, friends, mentors, and family. kemaribryant.com

GIDEON CHICKOS (Ensemble) recently returned from Tokyo with the international tour of A Chorus Line (directed by Baayork Lee). Other credits: Spamalot (national tour), West Side Story (Big Deal), and The Music Man (Weston Theater Company). Huge thanks to the entire cast, crew, and creative team. Love to Mom, Dad and Erika! @gideonchickos

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CHICAGO was ahead of its time when the original production launched on Broadway in 1975. With a legendary book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse, music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, CHICAGO first played the Fisher Theatre on its first national tour in 1977.

When CHICAGO returned to the Broadway stage in 1996, world theatrical audiences fell madly in love with it. The show dominated the Tony Award ceremonies in 1997, winning six Tony Awards including Best Musical Revival. That same year, it won the Grammy Award for Best Musical Cast Recording.

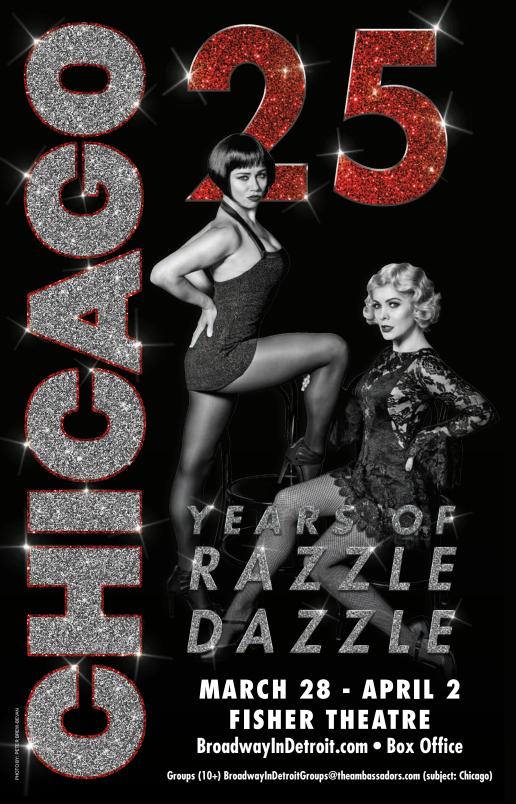
It's no surprise that *CHICAGO* has wowed audiences from Mexico City to Moscow, from Sao Paulo to South Africa. Over the last 25 years, the show has been seen in 36 different countries and seen by 33 million people worldwide and now it's coming back to Detroit, celebrating its 25th Anniversary tour.

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Photo: Logan Floyd as Velma Kelly Credit Jeremy Daniel



Bringing ALADDIN to the Stage

By Courtney Potter

Early in the evolution of ALADDIN, composer Alan Menken, book writer and lyricist Chad Bequelin and director/choreographer Casey Nicholaw got together to write a brand new song for the stage musical – a unique collaboration that could only happen on Broadway. "We needed to write a new song for the Genie, [for] when he's going to free Aladdin from the dungeon in Act II. And we wrote this song called 'Somebody's Got Your Back.' It was just one of these old-fashioned theatre moments where you lock three people in a room. I run over to the piano and try an idea; Casey gets up and gets kind of a movement idea; and Chad shouts out lyric ideas... and within a half an hour, we had the beginning of this song. And we're very proud of it. The best part of the process is always the initial creativity, the initial writing — and that was a great moment."

It all started when Tony-nominated lyricist Chad Beguelin (The Prom, The Wedding Singer, Elf) was asked to help put together a draft of a stage version of ALADDIN. When Menken saw Bequelin's initial draft, he realized the time was right to resurrect the film's little-heard deleted songs and debut them to a new generation. Rice Oscar®-winner "A Whole New World" and a totally swingin' version of "Friend Like Me." Bringing ALADDIN to Broadway was a experience, memorable even adaptation-maestro Menken. "Comina

integrate these lost songs — which are really

wonderful. It was like putting together a musical puzzle." While a host of new or previously-

unheard songs take flight, fans can expect all

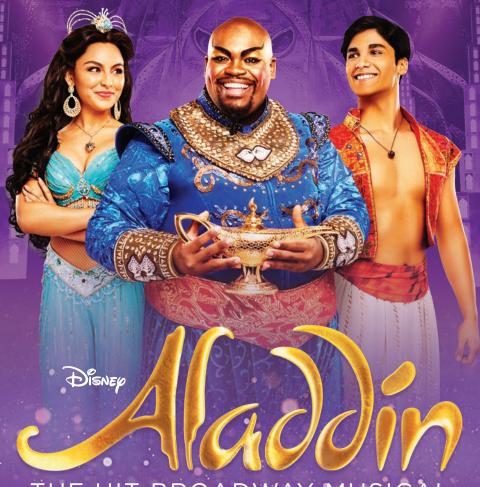
their favorites — including the Menken/Tim

stage the show was like opening up, in a sense, a treasure trove - or a 'Cave of Wonders,' if you will — of material that was intended for the animated movie," he says. Ultimately, Casey says audiences hail the "new" Menken/Ashman tunes and the new Menken/Bequelin songs and fully embrace this fresh, joyful take on a classic. "It's about keeping all the stuff that everyone loves from the movie and in order to get it on stage, giving it a musical-comedy heart."

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Company makes its way to Detroit following Bobbie, celebrating her 35th birthday with all her friends asking the same question... why

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to everyone's favorite Scottish nanny. *Mrs. Doubtfire* is heading to the Fisher Theatre to share the heart-warming, classic story we all know and love. Based on the beloved film and directed by four-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Zaks, *Mrs. Doubtfire* tells the hysterical



and heartfelt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids.

The cold never bothered us here in Detroit, especially when *Disney's Frozen* makes its way just in time for the holidays! The Tony®-nominated Best Musical, is now on tour across North America, with a special stop to the Detroit Opera House. Experience an unforgettable theatrical experience filled

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Caroline Bowman as Elsa and Lauren Nicole Chapman as Anna and Company. Frozen North American Tour. Photo Matthew Murphy. ©Disney

JARIUS MIQUEL CLIETT (Ensemble) is an Atlanta native. BM Vocal Performance, University of Alabama; MM Vocal Performance, Georgia State University. Credits: Ragtime, 9 to 5, Once on this Island, My Fair Lady, The Wild Party. Jarius is one of the hosts of Black Table Read podcast show. Brother of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. @therealjmcliett

TAMARA DALY (Ensemble) is a New York native. BFA Musical Theatre: AMDA (LA). Credits: Elf the Musical (Argyle Theatre); Sistas (Off-Broadway); Thoroughly Modern Millie, Hairspray, Freedom Train (national tour); Beehive: The 60's Musical, The Secret Garden. She also enjoys being a make-up artist and focusing on her cosmetic business Tammie Allure Cosmetics. IG: @tammieallurecosmetics @tammi3_babii

MATTHEW DANT (Ensemble) is a Kentucky native excited to make his national tour debut! Regional: The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (Totem Pole Playhouse), Heathers: The Musical (Public Theatre of Kentucky), TEXAS Outdoor Musical (Pioneer Theatre). Much thanks and love to Hunter, family, and friends! @mkdant

JUSTIN FORWARD (Swing) is thrilled to be returning to tour life! National tour: Waitress. Off-Broadway: With or Without You. Regional: Tick, Tick, Boom!; Godspell; Grease. Thanks to the creative team, my family and friends for their endless love and support, and Danny and Meghan at Hudson Artists Agency! IG: @jforward92, Justinforward.com

CRAIG FRANKE (Ensemble). National tour debut! Hello! Off-Broadway: The Imbible (New World Stages). Regional: Young Frankenstein, La Cage Aux Folles, Jersey Boys, The Producers. Thanks to family and friends for helping him "Just Believe."

ELIAH B. JOHNSON (*Swing*) is a Chicago based actor and a proud alumnus of Ball State! National tour: *Paw Patrol Live! The Great Pirate Adventure*. Regional: *Marie and Rosetta*, *Hairspray*. None of this would be possible without the love and support of my family, Chris, and ghost! God, I thank you! IG: @therealjohnson

JOSHUA KEEN (Swing, Dance Captain), originally from Erwin, NC, is now located in NYC. Credits: The John W. Engeman Theater, The Gateway Playhouse, Music Theatre Wichita, Syracuse Stage, Bucks County Playhouse, NC Theatre. BFA - Syracuse University. Special thanks to his family, friends, and Jen for their endless support. @nextstopcreatives | @joshuakeen

VANCE KLASSEN (Ensemble) is thrilled to ring doorbells across the country with The Book of Mormon family. Endless love and gratitude to family, friends, and mentors who have shown tremendous support. Proud Oklahoma City University graduate. To all of the small-town kids with big dreams. @v_klassen

WILLIAM JAMES LASSITER (Ensemble) trained in Albemarle, NC at Albemarle Academy of Dance. At 18, he moved to NYC to attend The Institute for American Musical Theatre. The Book of Mormon was the first Broadway show William ever saw, and he's incredibly excited to be joining the cast of this tour!

EVAN LENNON (Ensemble) is thrilled to make his national tour debut! Regional: Newsies (Casa Mañana), Guys and Dolls (Sharon Playhouse), Grease (Mountain Rep). Evan is a 2022 OU Musical Theatre BFA graduate. Love to Jillian, Mom, Dad, Ryan, and Kate for their constant support. evanlennon.com, @evanlennon

JOEY MYERS (Ensemble) is making his professional debut in *The Book of Mormon*. He graduated in May of 2022 with a BFA in Musical Theatre from Missouri State University. He would like to thank his parents, his sister, and friends and mentors for their support and encouragement.

CONNOR OLNEY (Swing). National tour debut! Regional: Grease (Music Theatre Wichita), The Sound of Music (Fireside), Singin' in the Rain (Wagon Wheel). BFA Florida State. Endless thanks to his family, friends, TPG, and all of his mentors/teachers. @thelandolney

RACHEL PARKER (Ensemble). National tour debut! Credits: Ragtime (Bay Street Theater), Pippin (Pittsburgh Playhouse), Beyond the Moon (Pittsburgh CLO's SPARK New Works Festival). BFA, Point Park University. Big thanks to Mom and Dad, and Hudson Artists Agency! IG: @rachel.s.parker

JUSTIN PHILLIPS (Ensemble). National tour debut! Regional: The Color Purple (Phoenix Theatre Company), Rent (ACT of CT). New York: Sweat, Five Guys Named Moe, Ragtime, A New Brain. St. John's University. He would like to thank God, his team at HK Agency/DTM, Carrie Gardner, the entire company, and his family and friends! @jphilzzz

TRINITY POSEY (*Ensemble*) considers it truly serendipitous to be making her national tour debut in *The Book of Mormon*, as it was the first national tour she ever saw in middle school. "My artistic endeavor is to bring humanity to the forefront." The Amazing Adventures of Dr. Wonderful and her Dog (Dr. Wonderful). IG: @trinity24601

THOMAS ED PURVIS (Swing, Assistant Dance Captain). Credits: Rent (25th Anniversary Farewell Tour; Swing, u/s Benny), Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas Is You" Tour (Ensemble), Choir Boy (Speakeasy Stage Company). The Boston Conservatory at Berklee (BFA Musical Theater 21'). "To whom much is given, much is required" (Luke 12:48). @ThomasEdPurvis

MICHELLE RAY (Ensemble) is so excited to be making her national tour debut! She will be graduating from Pace University in NYC-cum laude this spring 2023. Thank you so much to her professors, mentors, and family for being there every step of the way. Most importantly, she would like to thank her mum and God. Keep your sparkle! www.therealmichelleray.com@therealmichray

KYLE SEGAR (Ensemble). National tour: Rent, We the People. Regional: The Color Purple, fml: How Carson McCullers Saved My Life, The Wedding Singer. Concerts: You Wish! (Lincoln Center, GR42), Voices of Hope (Carnegie Hall), The Witching Hour (GR42). NYU Tisch Alum. Special shoutout to his family, friends and loved ones! @emerilkbs @youwishthemusical

TREY PARKER (Original Co-Director, Book, Music, Lyrics) wrote and directed his first feature film, Cannibal! The Musical, while attending the University of Colorado in Boulder. A few years later, Trey co-created the hit animated series "South Park" with Matt Stone, his college friend and Cannibal! producer. Debuting on Comedy Central in 1997 and currently in its 23rd season, "South Park" has won five Emmy Awards as well as the coveted Peabody Award. The same year "South Park" debuted, Parker wrote, directed and starred in the film Orgazmo. Two years later, Parker and Stone released the critically acclaimed feature film South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut. The musical, which Parker directed and co-wrote, earned an Oscar nomination for Best Song and the first ever New York Film Critics Circle Award for an animated film. In 2004, the pair returned to theaters with Team America: World Police, an action movie co-written and directed by Parker that starred a cast of marionettes. It has been a

long-time dream of Parker's to write a musical for Broadway. He won four Tonys for *The Book of Mormon*, including Best Musical, as well as the Grammy for The Best Musical Theater Album. Trey Parker is originally from Conifer, Colo.

ROBERT LOPEZ (Book, Music, Lyrics) is the co-creator of the smash hit, Tony Award-winning Broadway musicals Avenue Q and The Book of Mormon. Along with his wife and collaborator Kristen Anderson-Lopez, he wrote the songs for Disney's Frozen, earning an Oscar and a Grammy for the movie's signature song "Let It Go," and a Grammy for the Frozen soundtrack. The pair adapted Frozen for Broadway which opened Spring 2018. Lopez and Anderson-Lopez also cowrote the Oscar-winning song "Remember Me" from Pixar's Coco, original musical Up Here, the score for Disney's Winnie the Pooh and Finding Nemo: The Musical (playing at Walt Disney World since 2006). Lopez shared two Emmy Award wins for his music for Nickelodeon's "The Wonder Pets" and an Emmy nomination for the musical episode of "Scrubs" and the song "Moving Pictures" which opened the 87th Academy Awards. His work has also been featured on TV shows, including "South Park," "The Simpsons" and "Phineas and Ferb." Lopez is one of only 15 artists to win all four major entertainment industry awards (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards). He has also won Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, Drama League, Lucile Lortel, Frederick Loewe and Edward Kleban awards. A graduate of Yale, Lopez now resides in Brooklyn with his wife and two daughters. Thanks Buzzetti, Mom, Dad, Billy, Katie, Annie and especially Kristen for all the love and support.

MATT STONE (Book, Music, Lyrics) met Trey Parker at the University of Colorado, and together they made a short animated piece called The Spirit of Christmas. This launched their most recognized work, the critically acclaimed and award-winning television show, "South Park." The animated series is in its 23rd season on Comedy Central and has won Stone five Emmy Awards and the coveted Peabody Award. South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut, which Stone produced and co-wrote, earned an Oscar nomination and the New York Film Critics Circle Award for Best Animated Film. In addition to "South Park," Stone has partnered with Parker on the low-budget Cannibal! The Musical, the superhero comedy *Orgazmo* and the marionette action thriller Team America: World Police. Stone won three Tonys for The Book of Mormon, including Best Musical, as well as a Grammy for the Best Musical Theater Album. Matt Stone is originally from Littleton, Colo.

How Rescue Dogs Are Trained to Play Sandy in ANNIE

By Leigh Scheps

For

It's no secret that the dog who plays Sandy in *ANNIE* has been stealing the spotlight at every show since the musical first premiered in 1976. And it's no exception for the latest national touring pro-duction starring Ellie Pulsifer in the title role.

Since *ANNIE*'s inception, Bill Berloni has been training the Sandys. The dog, according to the script by Charles Strouse, Thomas Meehan and Martin Charnin, is described as medium-sized, sandy color of an indistinguishable breed.

Before *ANNIE* was on Broadway, Berloni, who was a 20-year-old aspiring actor at the time, was asked by one of the musical's producers to find a dog and train it to be Sandy. From that moment, he made training rescue dogs for the stage his passion and career.

the new national tour, Addison and Georgie play Sandy. "We look for dogs with well-balanced temperaments. That's it. If they're well-

balanced, then they can learn anything," Berloni said of what makes the perfect candidate to be a stage dog. Sandy has a pivotal role in the story. The character is on stage for about fourteen minutes with 15-20 stage cues a show.

And the Sandys cast are always rescue dogs.

Training the dogs to be on a big stage with thousands of people in the audience takes about two to three years. First, they get healthy and housebroken. Then trainers use a basic obedience course where the rescue dogs learn how to walk by your side, sit, stay, lay down, sit up and come when you call them.

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Once that's mastered, the dogs learn their cues. For this production of *ANNIE*, the rehearsal process with the cast began about a month before the first

performances. Pulsifer spent many hours bonding with Addison and Georgie.

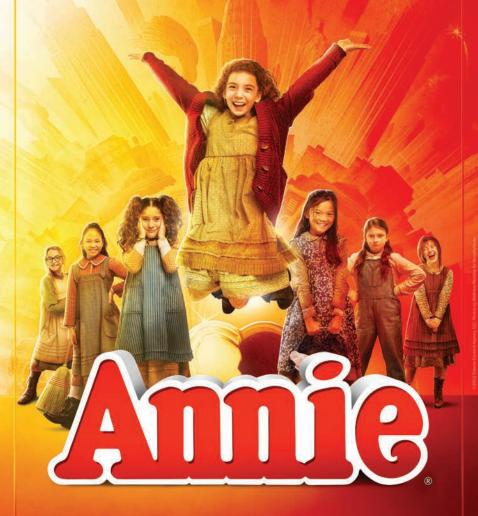
"What differentiates our dogs [from other pets] is that they learn to listen to other people, as opposed to just listening to me," Berloni said. If at any time the dogs don't want to perform, they don't have to and they retire from their stage careers.

PHOTO: Ellie Puslifer as Annie and Addison as Sandy. Photo Credit Tyler Gustin for MurphyMade

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JENNIFER WERNER (Director and Choreographer) is currently the Supervising Associate Director of The Book of Mormon Worldwide. Associate Director: Follies, The Most Happy Fella, and Call Me Madam (City Center Encores!). Regional: NC Theatre, Ogunquit Playhouse, Casa Manana, the Maltz Jupiter Theatre, and the Engeman Theatre. Choreography: As Long As We Both Shall Laugh (Roundabout Theatre), The Black Suits (Center Theater Group/LA), NFL National commercials, ABC's Upfronts, The Drama League Awards, Cabaret worldwide. Choreography Off Broadway: Bloodsong of Love (Ars Nova), The Plant That Ate Dirty Socks (Lucille Lortel Theatre), ReWrite (Urban Stages), and Things to Ruin (Second Stage). Direction/Choreography: Broadway Bounty Hunter (Greenwich House Theater), and Punk Rock Girl!, licensed by Concord Theatricals/BMG Music/ Lively McCabe. jenwerner.com

SCOTT PASK (Scenic Design) has designed over 50 Broadway productions, receiving three Tony Awards for The Book of Mormon, The Coast of Utopia, and The Pillowman. Recently: American Buffalo (Tony Nom.); Mr. Saturday Night; The Prom; The Bands Visit (Tony Nom.); Mean Girls (Tony nom.); Waitress; & Oh, Hello! on Broadway. Also, Pippin (Tony nom); Something Rotten!; The Visit; An Act of God; It's Only a Play; I'll Eat You Last; A Steady Rain; Pal Joey (Tony nom); Les Liaisons Dangereuses (first revival, Tony nom, Drama Desk Award); A Behanding in Spokane; Nine; Promises, Promises; Speed-the-Plow; Take Me Out; Martin Short...; The Vertical Hour; Sweet

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JUSTIN MENDOZA (Associate Music Supervisor) is the Music Director/Conductor of The Book of Mormon on Broadway and is honored to help tell this story around the country. Other NY/Tour credits: In the Heights (Conductor), Wicked (Associate Conductor), Fugitive Songs. Eternally grateful for my amazing parents, family, friends, and teachers. For my husband Eric, I am the most proud to be your mission companion for life.

MASON MOSS (Music Director/Conductor). National tour Music Director debut! Previous Keyboard Swing and Rehearsal Pianist for *The Book of Mormon* 2nd national tour. Regional credits: Winter Wonderland, Singin' in the Rain (Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse), The Lightning Thief, Tuck Everlasting (The Spotlight Theatre). Illinois based keyboardist, composer, and arranger. Lifelong South Park fan. Thanks to the mentors, friends, and family that support my passion and love for musical theatre. @bluesinmossflat

RANDY COHEN (Keyboard Programmer) Randy Cohen and Randy Cohen Keyboards have programmed over 95 Broadway shows including Hamilton, Book of Mormon, Dear Evan Hansen, Frozen, Pretty Woman, Ain't Too Proud, Bring It On, In The Heights, SpongeBob, Summer, Once On This Island, Anastasia, Kinky Boots, Bandstand, On Your Feet, and Rock of Ages.

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BRIAN MacDEVITT (Lighting Design). Recent NYC: The Music Man, The Book of Mormon, Plaza Suite, The Minutes, Carousel, Fish in the Dark, This is Our Youth, Death of A Salesman, The Enchanted Island at the Met Opera. Dance: American Ballet Theatre, Tere O'Connor Dance, Merce Cunningham, Lar Lubovitch, Director: Proof, Theatre Three; Spring Awakening, Machinal, The Visit, Clarice Smith Arts Center; Between Riverside and

Crazy, Studio Theater. Awards: five Tonys, Obie, Bessie, Outer Critics, Hewes, Drama Desk awards, et. Al. Member: Naked Angels. Faculty: University of Maryland. Father: Jake and Georgie.

CHAD PARSLEY (Sound Design). Production Sound for national tours: Beautiful the Carole King Musical, Blue Man Group Speechless, Rock of Ages. Head Sound: Beautiful the Carole King Musical 1st National Tour, Book of Mormon 1st National, Jersey Boys Chicago Company. Currently Head Advance Sound Hamilton Phillip and Peggy companies. Regional: Skylight Music Theater, Dallas Theater Center, Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

BRIAN RONAN (Original Sound Designer) has over 40 Broadway designs including Funny Girl, Mrs. Doubtfire, Springsteen on Broadway, The Prom, Tootsie, Mean Girls, Sting's The Last Ship, Beautiful, The Book of Mormon, Anything Goes, American Idiot, Next to Normal, Spring Awakening, Grey Gardens and Cabaret. Off Broadway designs include Bowie's Lazarus, Giant, Rent, Everyday Rapture, Saved, 10 Million Miles,



and *Bug*. He is the recipient of Obie, Lucille Lortel, Drama Desk, Olivier and Tony awards. He has had the opportunity to work with the most talented composers, directors, designers, actors, musicians, and stagehands in the world for which he is eternally grateful.

LARRY HOCHMAN (Co-Orchestrator). Tony Award: The Book of Mormon. Tony nominations: Fiddler on the Roof; A Class Act; Spamalot; The Scottsboro Boys; Something Rotten!; She Loves Me; Hello, Dolly! Five Emmy Awards as composer of "The Wonder Pets" (Nickelodeon). Other Broadway: The Addams Family, Jane Eyre. Twenty-eight regional and Off-Broadway shows. Films: multiple Disney films and The Informant! (Marvin Hamlisch). Composer: The Little Mermaid II, Spielberg's "Amazing Stories," In Memoriam (symphonic poem). Recordings, concerts: Sir Paul McCartney, Not the Messiah (Eric Idle), Mandy Patinkin, Audra McDonald, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Barry Manilow, Boston Pops, San Francisco Symphony, New York Philharmonic.

GLEN KELLY (Dance Arrangements) arranged music and wrote original lyrics for Bullets Over Broadway. He supervised and arranged Mel Brooks' The Producers and Young Frankenstein. Other arranging credits include Beauty and the Beast, Spamalot, The Drowsy Chaperone, A Christmas Story, The Scottsboro Boys, Aladdin and Something Rotten! He won a Drama Desk Award for his original score to The Nance.

JOSH MARQUETTE (Hair Design). N.Y./
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JOHN MEZZIO (Music Coordinator) has conducted national tours including State Fair starring John Davidson, Victor Victoria starring Toni Tennille, and Cinderella starring Eartha Kitt and Deborah Gibson. Additionally, Mr. Mezzio was Associate Conductor for Andrew Lloyd Webber's Starlight Express at the Las Vegas Hilton. National tours: Oklahoma!, The Producers, Spring Awakening, Memphis, Beauty and the Beast, and Elf the Musical.

BRAD SIEBEKING (Company Manager) is very grateful to be returning to live theater. Tours: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The SpongeBob Musical, The King and I. Brad also spent over a decade teaching music and theater in New York City at the Professional performing Arts School where he also served as the Director of Production.

MARIAH YOUNG (Production Stage Manager) is delighted to be on the road with The Book of Mormon this year. National tours: Anastasia, A Bronx Tale, Elf the Musical, The Nutcracker, Flamenco Vivo's Voces del Sur, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Production Supervisor). Infinite thanks to my ever-supportive family, friends, and Brian.

KYRAH MICHAEL (Assistant Stage Manager) is excited to be making her National tour Debut! She recently graduated from Montclair State University where she got her BFA studying Stage Management. Although this is her first tour, this isn't her first time working on The Book of Mormon. She previously worked as a Production Assistant for the Broadway company as they made their return to Broadway post pandemic in 2021. Kyrah feels blessed to have the opportunity to tour with this production of The Book of Mormon!

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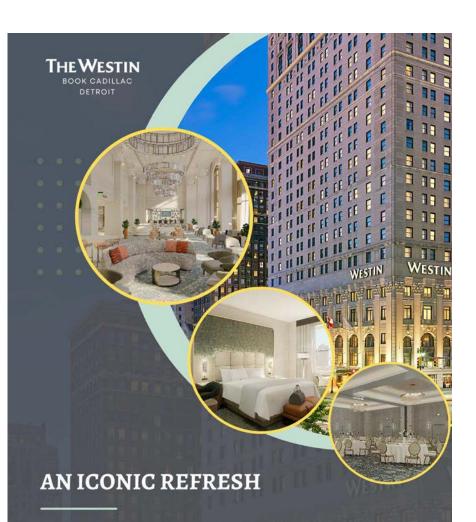
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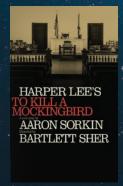














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