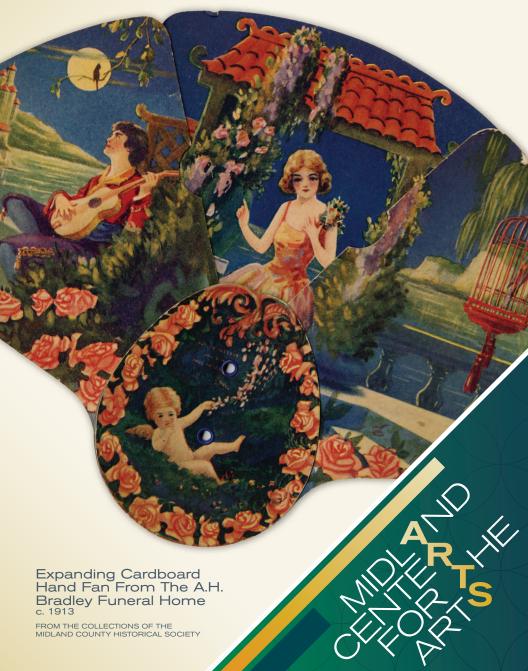
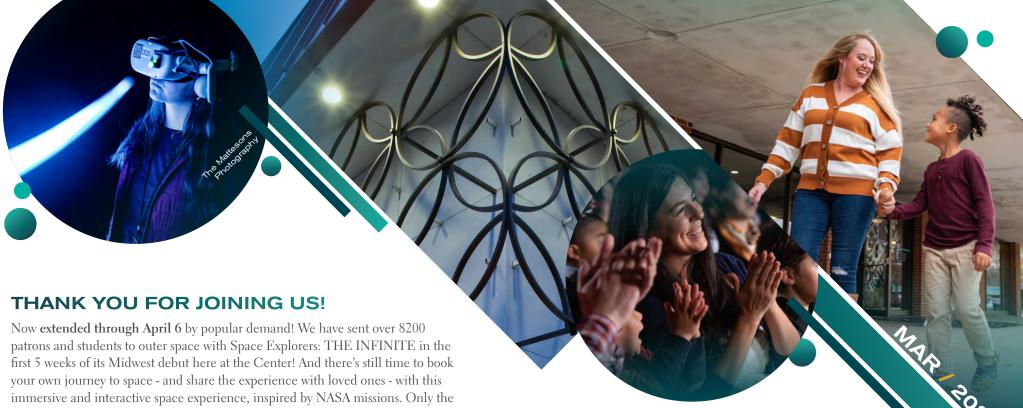
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We are pleased to welcome an exciting array of performances this month – our very own Midland Symphony Orchestra, joined by renowned Detroit Opera Resident Artists in MSO An Enchanting Journey; family-friendly musical party Timbalooloo; and Broadway's compelling Dear Evan Hansen. This diverse mix of work has something for everyone, offering captivating and entertaining performances that create deep meaning and connection.

Progress continues on construction for our transformative renovation! This will create an innovative Center full of opportunity that will stimulate creativity and foster discovery throughout the entire Great Lakes Bay region. Updates will be shared with you every step of the way. Please see page 24 for more information.

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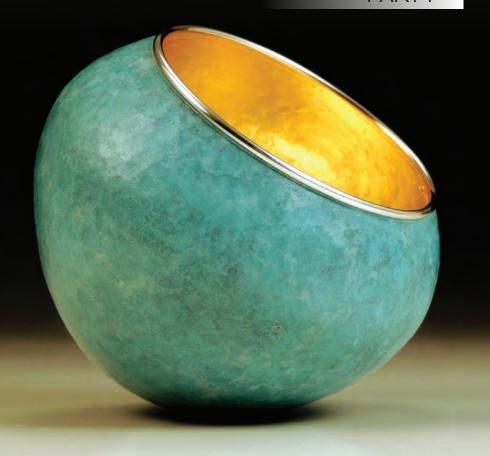




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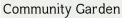
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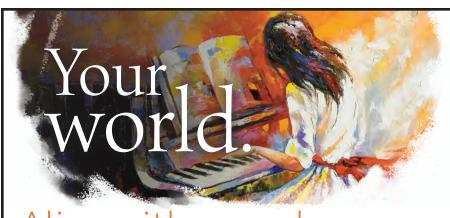


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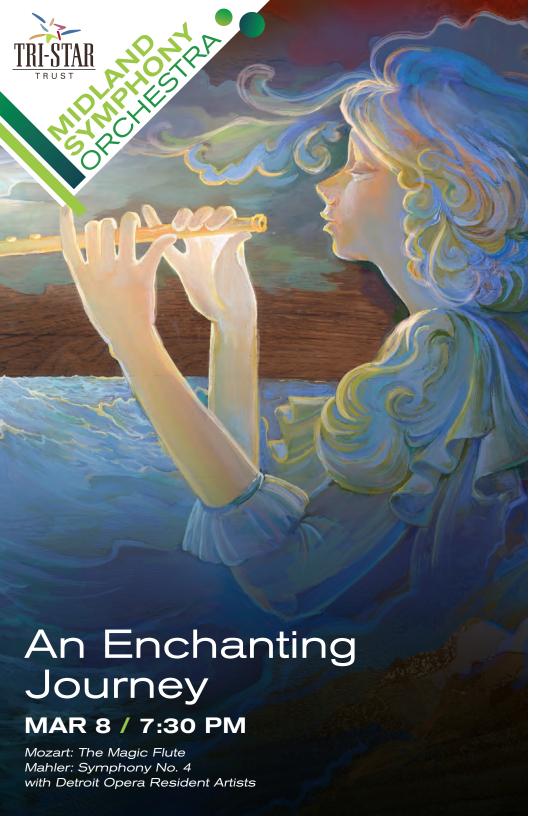




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An Enchanting Journey with Detroit Opera Resident Artists

Bohuslav Rattay, conductor

Kendra Faith Beasley, Cole Bellamy, River Guard, Brianna J. Robinson, and Cameron J. Rolling, guest artists

March 8, 2025 / 7:30 PM

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PROGRAM

Overture to Die Entführung aus dem Serail (Abduction from the Seraglio)

Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756 - 1791)

"Acerba Volutta" from Adriana Lecouvreur Kendra Faith Beasley, Mezzo-Soprano Francesco Cilea (1866 - 1950)

Arias from The Magic Flute

Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756 - 1791)

"Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön" (Tamino's Aria)

River Guard, Tenor

"In diesen heil'gen Hallen" (Sarastro's Aria)

Cameron J. Rolling, Bass-Baritone

"Bei Männern welche Liebe fühlen" (Pamina and Papageno's Duet)

Brianna J. Robinson, Soprano/Cameron J. Rolling, Bass-Baritone

"Tamino mein, o welch ein Glück!" (Tamino and Pamina's Duet)

Brianna J. Robinson, Soprano/River Guard, Tenor

"Ach, ich fühl's" (Pamina's Aria)

Brianna J. Robinson, Soprano

"Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen" (Papageno's Aria)

Cole Bellamy, Baritone

"Pa-Pa-Pa-Papageno!" (Papageno and Papagena's Duet)

Brianna J. Robinson, Soprano/Cole Bellamy, Baritone

Final Chorus: "Heil sei euch Geweihten"

Brianna J. Robinson, Kendra Faith Beasley, River Guard,

Cole Bellamy, Cameron J. Rolling

INTERMISSION

Symphony No. 4

Gustav Mahler (1860 - 1911)

- "Bedächtig, nicht eilen" (deliberate, unhurried)
- "In gemächlicher Bewegung, ohne Hast" (in measured tempo, unhurried)
- III. "Ruhevoll, poco adagio" (calm, somewhat slowly)
- IV. "Sehr behaglich" (at ease)

Soloist Brianna J. Robinson, Soprano

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ABOUT THE DETROIT OPERA RESIDENT ARTIST PROGRAM

The Resident Artist Program is led by renowned opera coach and pianist Nathalie Doucet, Detroit Opera's Head of Music. The program offers individualized study to cater to the unique needs of each artist and aligns with the country's top training programs. Detroit Opera serves as a nurturing home for these rising stars, supporting and helping them achieve their full potential in the highly competitive opera industry. The program builds on the strong foundations of the Studio Artist program founded by the late Dr. David DiChiera, the company's founder, while embodying the forward-looking leadership of Gary L. Wasserman, Artistic Director Yuval Sharon, and President and CEO Patty Isacson Sabee.

Resident Artists commit to an intensive program while living in Detroit from September through May, training directly with Doucet and other members of the Detroit Opera community in specially crafted and individualized curricula of voice, movement, language, and career guidance. In addition to their hands-on training, Resident Artists have opportunities to perform in Detroit Opera mainstage productions, giving them access to work with guest artists, directors, and conductors.

In keeping with Detroit Opera's longstanding focus on making opera accessible to the surrounding community, Resident Artists forge direct ties to Detroit through recitals, concerts, and other collaborations with local schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and institutions. Resident Artists perform regularly during the season for patients at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital and in public concerts throughout Detroit and the state of Michigan.

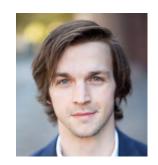
MEET THE DETROIT OPERA RESIDENT ARTISTS



Mezzo-Soprano, KENDRA FAITH BEASLEY,

acclaimed by *Opera News* for her "big voice, powerful at both extremes of the range," made her debut in Des Moines Metro Opera in the 2023-2024 season. As an Apprentice Artist with DMMO, Kendra took on the dual roles of Florence McKeller/Mrs. Smithson in Lila Palmer and Damien Geter's riveting opera, *American Apollo*. With recent successes including standout performances as Berta in Cincinnati Opera's *Il barbiere di Siviglia* and Girlfriend #3 in New Orleans Opera's

Blue, Kendra's talent continues to captivate audiences. Notably, she premiered the role of "Raksha" in the Glimmerglass Festival's innovative adaptation of *The Jungle Book* in 2022, under the direction of Francesca Zambello. A distinguished alumna of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music with an Artist Diploma and the University of Kentucky with a master's degree in performance, Kendra's achievements reflect her dedication to her craft. Her exceptional talent was further recognized when she was chosen from a pool of hundreds of applicants to become one of Detroit Opera's esteemed Resident Artists for the 2024-2025 season. During her residency with Detroit Opera, Kendra will grace both the Detroit Opera House stage and various other performance venues with a richly-filled schedule.



Baritone COLE BELLAMY hails from Olathe, Kansas. In 2024, Cole made his debut at Santa Fe Opera as an Apprentice Singer in the world premiere of Gregory Spears' *The Righteous* (Deacon 1). In the 2023-2024 season, Cole was a studio artist at Opera NEO in San Diego where he was featured in the annual Aria Gala at the Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center and was described by the *San Diego Story* as a "rich baritone" with "commanding presence and fearless declamation". In the same season, he was a first-place

winner in the 2024 Madame Role Palmai-Tenser Scholarship competition hosted by Mobile Opera. Cole's solo professional debut was with Wichita Grand Opera in *Il barbiere di Siviglia* (Fiorello) and he made his professional concert debut with Tallahassee Community Chorus as the baritone soloist in Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. As a masters' student at Florida State University, Cole has participated in numerous productions by the Florida State Opera, including Previn's A *Streetcar Named Desire* (Stanley Kowalski) and Rossini's *Il barbiere di Siviglia* (Figaro). He completed his undergraduate studies at Wichita State University where he performed in several productions, including *Cosi fan tutte* (Guglielmo) and *Street Scene* (Frank). Additionally, he sang the baritone solos in the university choir's performances of Brahms' *Requiem* and Orff's *Carmina Burana*.



Tenor RIVER GUARD, hailing from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, boasts an impressive musical journey. He received The Rebanks Family Fellowship and International Performance and Residency Program from The Glenn Gould School in 2021 and is an alumnus of The Aspen Music Festival and School (2019) and the Opera in the 21st Century program at The Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity (2018). Notable roles include Lenksy in Eugene Onegin (Highlands Opera Studio), Male Chorus in The Rape of Lucretia (The Glenn Gould

School), Rinuccio in *Gianni Schicchi* (ICAV Institut Canadien d'Art Vocal), and Miles in Missy Mazzoli's *Proving Up* (Aspen Music Festival and School). River has also covered the roles of Cavaradossi in *Tosca* and Salm Polk in *Susannah* at the Opera Theatre of St. Louis and the Detroit Opera Resident Artist Program, where he took on Pinkerton in *Madama Butterfly* and Dr. Richardson in *Breaking the Waves* by Missy Mazzoli. His versatility extends to performances with the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings as Soldat and Harlekin in Viktor Ullmann's *Der Kaiser von Atlantis*. River, a graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Toronto Opera School, debuted on the Detroit Opera stage this season in Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen* as Pasek. In the 2024 summer season, River was a member of the Florentine Opera Summer Studio Ensemble and returned as a Detroit Opera Resident Artist for a second year in the fall.



Soprano BRIANNA J. ROBINSON, whom The Boston Globe proclaimed as, "...a radiant voice and presence," is a native of Ravenna, Ohio and a proud graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and the Eastman School of Music. A former Jane and Steven Akin Emerging Artist with Boston Lyric Opera, she covered and performed roles such as Lucy in Gregory Spears' Fellow Travelers, Mimi (cover) in Puccini's La Boheme, Lena in Ana Solokovic's Svabda and several roles (cover) in Paul Ruders' The Handmaid's Tale. She recently

stepped in as Julie in Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels' 2023 Pulitzer Prizewinning opera, *Omar*. In the 2023-2024 season, she made her Carnegie Hall debut with The Cecilia Chorus of NY in Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona nobis pacem* and was a District Winner in the Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition. Brianna also made several orchestral debuts including the Akron Symphony Orchestra, Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra/New World Chorale, and the Handel and Haydn Society in the powerful performances of 'Crossing the Deep'. Ms. Robinson was named a finalist in the Benjamin Matthews Vocal Competition with Opera Ebony and was awarded first prize at the 6th Getting to Carnegie Competition. She made her international debut in Ruse, Bulgaria in 2021 creating the role of Ophelia in the world premiere of Joseph Summer's *Hamlet*. Brianna returned to Boston Lyric Opera in 2024, in the role of Leontine in Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-George's *The Anonymous Lover*. https://www.briannajrobinson.com/



Bass-Baritone CAMERON J. ROLLING hails from Waycross, Georgia and is recognized for his "mellifluous baritone" (Classical Voice San Francisco) in the realms of opera, oratorio, symphonic, and recital performance. As a 2023 Young Artist at the prestigious Merola Opera Program, Cameron performed the role of Junius in Benjamin Britten's The Rape of Lucretia. He was selected as a Young Artist for the Glimmerglass Festival for the 2024 season where he sang the role of Sylvano in Cavalli's La Calisto and covered the

roles of Mr. Lister/Karl Marx/Voiceover/Solomon Weil/Witness #8 in Kevin Puts' Elizabeth Cree. In November 2024, he made his symphonic debut as the bass soloist for Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with the Savannah Philharmonic. Recent performances include the role of Guglielmo in Mozart's Così fan tutte (UMKC Opera), bass soloist in Bach's Jesu Meine Freude and Mendelssohn's Elijah (UMKC), as well as bass soloist in Handel's Messiah (Spire Chamber Ensemble). He has also served as chorus master for Massenet's Chérubin (UMKC Opera). Cameron won first place in the 2020 Classical Singer Magazine's national voice competition. He holds Master of Music degrees in Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance from University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory (UMKC) and a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education with concentrations in voice and conducting from Mercer University.

CONDUCTOR BIO



BOHUSLAV RATTAY, Music Director

Czech-American conductor Bohuslav Rattay is a busy ambassador for classical music, working with orchestras across the globe to produce symphonic works of all kinds to a diverse audience. Currently serving as Music Director of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra and the Midland Symphony Orchestra of Michigan, he has gained a reputation as one of the finest talents of his generation. Mr. Rattay combines impassioned and virtuosic musicianship with a determination to bring great music into the lives of all people.

Mr. Rattay strives to enthusiastically promote both the traditional and innovative aspects of classical music together in a manner exciting and fresh for the audience. He designs unique concert programs, incorporating special audience discussions and multi-media elements. He is also appreciated for his passion for the classics, with special appreciation often given to his insightful understanding of the music of his native Bohemia. Critics have praised Mr. Rattay for his ability to communicate the depth and diversity of music to his audience, acclaiming: "Rattay is certainly the man for Tchaikovsky's fourth" (*Charleston Today*), and for the fashionable, "Watching him conduct is like watching a painter creating rich imagery to live music on a large canvas" (*El Paso Times*). His programming is intelligent and expansive, allowing him to connect to a broad range of audience, thus creating new

symphony-goers while entertaining the enthusiasts.

Mr. Rattay's talents and abilities are highly praised. He is internationally acclaimed by critics and audiences alike for his fresh and inspired musical interpretations. He has received accolades for his "vibrant" performances and his "elegant panache," (Charleston City Paper), his ability to lead the orchestra with his "infectious zest and physicality," (Midland Daily News), and his one-of-a-kind artistry, bringing "personal perspective... that will be remembered for many years," (Duluth N5ews Tribune). His overflowing passion for classical music is highly solicited, appearing as Guest Conductor with the Colorado Symphony, the Duluth-Superior Symphony, the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, the Bogota Sinfonica de Colombia, the Antalya Symphony in Turkey, and the Teplice Philharmonic in his native Czech Republic. Other recent engagements include the Virginia Symphony, West Michigan Symphony, the Irving Symphony Orchestra, Prague's Dvořák Symphony Orchestra, and the Charleston (SC) Symphony, where he received several critical accolades. He has also conducted the National Symphony Orchestra as part of the National Conducting Institute and was selected by the American Symphony Orchestra League to participate in its Conducting Fellowship Program.

Believing in the power of education, Mr. Rattay is a committed pedagogue of the younger generations. He recently joined the music faculty at the University of Texas at El Paso, and has been a faculty member of the College of William and Mary, Ball State University, and youth orchestras across the United States. The combination of his youthful energy along with his conducting skills make him highly valued as an inspirational mentor.

Mr. Rattay holds degrees from the Prague Conservatory, Rice University, and the Peabody Institute of Music. He names Gustav Meier, Larry Rachleff, Benjamin Kamins, and Neeme Jarvi as his most influential teachers.















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MEET ORAN ETKIN!

Oran Etkin has been described as "ebullient" by The New York Times, and voted #1 rising star clarinetist in DownBeat Magazine's Critics' Poll. His music can be heard on major concert stages throughout the world and a Grammy Awardwinning compilation, but he is also equally at home sitting cross-legged on the floor, surrounded by a gaggle of children as he shows them how to make instruments come alive and speak the language of music. Etkin's project for children, Timbalooloo, is one of the few young-audience productions to be embraced by major theaters and jazz festivals all around the world — from Kennedy Center to Istanbul Jazz Fest, North Sea Jazz to Shanghai Theater. Now with his latest Timbalooloo album and live-show, "Finding Friends Far From Home, A Journey With Clara Net," Etkin shares his love of cultures from around the world with children back home. The album was recorded on location in Zimbabwe, Czech Republic, Turkey and China and tells a story of Clara Net (Etkin's clarinet) meeting new instrument friends and creating new music across cultural boundaries.

Etkin is on the faculty of The New School University and has also appeared as a guest lecturer at Harvard University. French newspaper Libération chose his Paris concert as one of the top 6 musical events of the year, hailing it as "a concert of weightlessness, class, spark, inspiration and sharing. Magic uninterrupted... for such is the music of Etkin: sensitive to the exchange with the audience."

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

"Anybody Have a Map?"	Heidi, Cynthia
	Evan, Company
	Evar
"Sincerely, Me"	
	Zoe, Larry, Cynthia
"If I Could Tell Her"	Evan, Zoe
	Connor, Evan, Alana, Jared, Cynthia, Larry, Zoe
"You Will Be Found"	Evan, Company

ACT TWO

MUSICIANS

Music Director, Keys: MICHAEL HOPEWELL Associate Music Director, Keys Cover: ALEX GUTIERREZ Violin/Concertmaster: AMANDA NIX Viola: JESSICA GEHRING

Cello: DAVID WARNER Guitar 1: PERRY COWDERY Guitar 2: JEFFERY DUNN

Bass: JACKSON HOPPER Drums: DANIEL SANTIAGO

Keyboard Programmer: RANDY COHEN, RANDY COHEN KEYBOARDS Ableton Programmers: ENRICO DE TRIZIO, SCOTT WASSERMAN

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

MICHAEL FABISCH (Evan Hansen). A Minnesota born actor/singer, Michael recently earned his BFA from the University of Michigan. Michael would like to extend his heartfelt gratitude to his brilliant mentors, his loving family and his caring friends for their immense support.

HATTY RYAN KING (Zoe Murphy). National Tour debut! Previous credits include Anna in Frozen: A Musical Spectacular (Disney Cruise Line), Belle in Beauty and the Beast (Studio Tenn), Cathy in The Last 5 Years (Everblue Arts). Huge thanks to Murnane Casting, The Price Group, and Mom. @hattyryanking.

BRE CADE (Heidi Hansen) is happy to be here! Past favorite credits include: Rabbit Hole (Becca), Next to Normal (Diana), Into the Woods (Baker's Wife), Evita (Eva Peron), Cabaret (Sally Bowles), and Hedwig & the Angry Inch (Yitzhak). Love to Zac. @brefreakincade

CAITLIN SAMS (Cynthia Murphy). National Tours: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Elf, Flashdance. Regional: Beautiful, CATS, Legally Blonde, Escape to Margaritaville, Brigadoon, Kinky Boots, and many more. BFA from WMU. Big thanks to my family. Big love to Dale. @unsophiticaitlin www.caitlinsams.com

ALEX PHARO (Connor Murphy) is thrilled to make his national tour debut! Proud Auburn University deferred student. Credits: The Wedding Singer (Robbie), Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812 (Anatole). Shout out to Mom, Dad, Big Cheese, Larrie, DC, and Zola! @alexpharo

JEFF BROOKS (Larry Murphy). He/him. National Tours: Chicago, A Bronx Tale, Bullets Over Broadway, Disney's Beauty & the Beast, Fiddler on the Roof, The Sound of Music, Oklahoma!. Netflix's "The Watcher." Thanks to Todd, Bob and everyone at ATB, my loving family, friends, and Stef. @bathrobedbrooks

GABRIEL VERNON NUNAG (Jared Kleinman). Professional debut! Proud AMDA LA alumni: BFA. Much love to my family, friends, teachers, and Take 3 Talent! Regional: Spring Awakening (Moritz), In The Heights (Benny). "I will carve my own path for myself." @gabrielnunag

MAKENA JACKSON (Alana Beck) is a New York City based performer, making her National Tour debut in Dear Evan Hansen! TV: "Up Here" (Hulu). Makena would like to thank her endless support system for always believing in her. @makenajacksonn

MICHAEL PEREZ (Alternate Evan Hansen; u/s Connor Murphy) is honored to join DEH! Film/TV: Amazon Prime's Uncle Frank, Hallmark's To Her With Love. Netflix's "Insatiable," AMC's "Halt and Catch Fire," Sundance "When the Streetlights Go On." Thanks to his family, Stewart Talent, Rikki Dale Management, and Appa. @mikey prez

MONICA BLUME (u/s Heidi Hansen, Cynthia Murphy, Alana Beck; Dance Captain). Some favorite credits include: Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland (National Tour), Beautiful (Weathervane Theatre), Kinky Boots (Fulton Theatre/Maine State Music Theatre), "Blue Bloods" (CBS). Many thanks to Nicole at MMV. All my love to Justin. For my cousin, Matthew. #youwillbefound

JULIANNA BRAGA (u/s Alana Beck, Zoe Murphy) is thrilled to be joining Dear Evan Hansen for her National Tour debut! Montclair State BFA Musical Theatre '24 graduate. Recent credits include Seussical (Gertrude McFuzz) and Into the Woods (Rapunzel). Thanks to my loved ones & teachers for everything. @iuliannabragad

BLAKE EHRLICHMAN (u/s Evan Hansen, Connor Murphy, Jared Kleinman) is ecstatic to be making his national tour debut! A graduate of Marymount Manhattan College. Huge thanks to the entire *DEH* team! Love to Mom, Dad, Brandon, family and friends — for always believing. @blakejehrlichman

DALE OBERMARK (u/s Larry Murphy) is excited to make his national tour debut! You can find out more about him by visiting his website, www.daleobermark.com, or by looking him up on Instagram @daleobie73. He sends big love to Caitlin!

STEVEN LEVENSON (Book). Steven is a Tony Award-winning playwright, screenwriter, and television writer and producer. His plays include If I Forget, Core Values, Seven Minutes In Heaven, and The Language of *Trees.* He wrote the book for the musical, *Dear* Evan Hansen, which won six Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Musical, as well

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as the Olivier Award for Best New Musical.

BENJ PASEK & JUSTIN PAUL (Music & Lyrics). Oscar, Grammy, and Tony Awardwinning songwriters/producers Benj Pasek & Justin Paul are best known for their work on La La Land. The Greatest Showman and Dear Evan Hansen. Other recent credits include "Only Murders in the Building;" Spirited; Lyle, Lyle Crocodile; Aladdin; Trolls; "Harlem;" "Dear Edward;" "Smash;" "The Flash;" and Pink: All I Know So Far. Previous theatre credits include Dogfight, A Christmas Story, James and the Giant Peach, and Edges.

MICHAEL GREIF (Original Director). Five-time Tony nominated director with three new musicals this season on Broadway: Davs of Wine and Roses, The Notebook and Hell's Kitchen. Broadway: Rent, Next to Normal, Grey Gardens, Dear Evan Hansen, If/Then, War Paint. Other: Make Believe (Second Stage); Our Lady of Kibeho and Angels in America (NY's Signature Theatre); The Low Road, Machinal, Dogeaters, Romeo and Juliet (The Public).

DANNY MEFFORD (Original Choreographer) has choreographed three Tony Award winning Best Musicals: Kimberly Akimbo, DEH, Fun Home. Directing: Shrek (national tour); 25th Annual Spelling Bee (Kennedy Center); Becoming Liv Ullman (NY Fringe); The Gorgeous Nothings. The Fitzgeralds of St. Paul (upcoming projects). Off-Broadway highlights: Love's Labour's Lost (Drama Desk nomination, Best Choreography), Miss You Like Hell, February House, Much Ado About Nothing, Good Person of Szechwan. International: The Sound of Music (tour). TV: "Rise," "Dickinson," "Fleischman Is in Trouble." MFA in Acting from Brown University/Trinity Rep.

ALEX LACAMOIRE (Music Supervisor/ Orchestrator) has won 4 Grammys, 3 Tonys, and an Emmy for his work on Dear Evan Hansen, Hamilton, In the Heights and FX's "Fosse/ Verdon." Music director, arranger and/or orchestrator credits include: Broadway revival of Sweeney Todd, Message in a Bottle, 9 to 5, Legally Blonde, and Wicked. Film/TV credits include: Netflix's Vivo (composer), In The Heights, and Tick, Tick...Boom! (Executive Music Producer).

DANNY SHARRON (Direction Restager). He/him. Danny is a director of new plays and musicals, committed to creating work by and about the LGBTQ+ community. He is currently the US Associate Director for the Broadway revival of *Cabaret*, and previously oversaw four companies of Dear Evan Hansen (Broadway/London/Toronto/1st Nat'l Tour) as the show's Senior Associate Director, NYCbased. Proud SDC member. Full credits: dannysharron.com

BEN COHN (Associate Music Supervisor). Broadway: Music Director for Death Becomes Her (upcoming), Dear Evan Hansen, Once Upon A One More Time. Assistant Conductor for Wicked. Music Director for Clay Aiken and Stephanie J. Block. Conducted Sunset Boulevard and Tick, Tick... Boom! at the Kennedy Center. Ithaca and NYU Grad. Lives In NYC with his husband and son.

MARK MYARS (Direction/Choreography Restager). Broadway Resident Director/ Choreographer: Death Becomes Her. Broadway Associate Choreographer: Dear Evan Hansen (National Tour, London), The Cher Show, My Fair Lady (National Tour, London), SpongeBob Squarepants, War Paint, If/Then (National Tour). International Dance Supervisor: Wicked (National Tour, Chicago, London, Japan, Germany, Australia), Film/TV Associate Choreographer: Isn't It Romantic, "Schmigadoon". Mark is a Guest Musical Theater Teacher and teaches Master Classes nationwide. www.markmyars.com

DAVID KORINS (Scenic Design). Broadway: The Who's Tommy, Here Lies Love (Tony nom), Hamilton (Tony nom), Beetlejuice (Tony nom), Dear Evan Hansen, Just For Us, Mrs. Doubtfire, War Paint (Tony nom), Bandstand, Misery, The Great Society, Motown the Musical, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, Annie, Bring It On, Godspell and Passing Strange. Television: "Grease: Live!" (Emmy Award), 91st and 94th Academy Awards (Emmy nom).

PETER NIGRINI (Projection Design) is one of Broadway's pioneering projection designers. His work includes Hell's Kitchen, The Who's Tommy, Here Lies Love, MJ, Ain't Too Proud, Beetlejuice, Dear Evan Hansen,

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JAPHY WEIDEMAN (Lighting Design). 20 Broadway shows: The Heart of Rock n Roll, SHUCKED!, The Piano Lesson, Summer 1976, Dear Evan Hansen, The Visit, The Nance, Of Mice and Men, Airline Highway, Lobby Hero, Bright Star, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. West End: Dear Evan Hansen (Noel Coward), A Nice Fish (Harold Pinter Theatre), and Blackbird (Albery Theatre). Production and Lighting Designer for Liz Phair's Exile in Guyville national tour, and for Hasan Minhaj's The King's Jester at Radio City and National Tour, 5 Tony Nominations for Lighting Design.

NEVIN STEINBERG (Sound Design). Broadway: The Notebook, Sweeney Todd 2023 Revival (Tony Award), TINA - The Tina Turner Musical (Tony nomination), Hadestown (Tony Award), Hamilton, Dear Evan Hansen, Freestyle Love Supreme, The Cher Show, Bandstand, Bright Star, It Shoulda Been You, Mothers and Sons, Rodgers+Hammerstein's Cinderella (Tony nomination), The Performers. Over thirty other Broadway productions with Acme Sound Partners and five additional Tony nominations: The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess, Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo, Fences, Hair, In The Heights.

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KELSEY VENTER (Assistant Director/ Assistant Choreographer). Venter was a member of the First National Tour of Dear Evan Hansen, serving as the tour's Dance Captain and as the cover for Heidi Hansen and Cynthia Murphy. As a performer, she has worked at theaters across the country including the Old Globe, the American Conservatory Theater, Guthrie Theatre and the Kennedy Center Venter earned her BA in Theater from SDSU and her MFA from the American Conservatory Theater. kelseyventer.com

TALITHA FEHR (Music Coordinator) has worked on over 75 national and international productions and tours since 2005. Highlights include: Sister Act, Mamma Mia!, School of Rock, Come Fly Away, Phantom of the Opera, Love Never Dies, and Priscilla Queen of the Desert as well as the 2010 Olympic Ceremonies in Vancouver. She dedicates her work on Dear Evan Hansen to the memory of her mentor, Sam Lutfiyya.

RANDY COHEN (Keyboard Programmer). Cohen Keyboards has programmed or provided keyboard tech services for over 100 Broadway shows including Hamilton, Book of Mormon, Dear Evan Hansen, In The Heights, and Kinky Boots. TV: "Sesame Street," "Electric Company." Thanks to Sam, Tim, and Nick.

MICHAEL HOPEWELL (Music Director). Off-Broadway: Once We Lived Here (US Premiere); Tours: My Fair Lady, The Phantom of the Opera, White Christmas, Dirty Dancing. Regional: Tuacahn Amphitheater, John W. Engeman Theater, Gateway Playhouse; Recordings: Stage Stars Records (Urinetown, The Wizard of Oz, How To Succeed...). Love to my family. Endless thanks to Ben, Talitha, and DAR. For Mom, who taught me how.

ANNA KLEVIT (Production Stage Manager) is elated to be part of Dear Evan Hansen! National Tours: Annie, My Fair Lady, Rudolph. Selected regional credits: What We Talk About...(Old Globe); Into the Woods, Matilda, Fireflies, (South Coast Repertory); Memphis, Once on This Island (Moonlight

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Amphitheatre). This one's for Mom and Dad.

KATY GENTRY (Assistant Stage Manager). National tours: Annie. Selected regional credits: Theater of the Mind; Rattlesnake Kate; Quixote Nuevo (Denver Center); Sound of Music, Sweeney Todd (Asolo Rep); Tiger Style (Olney Theatre Center). Katy holds a BFA from the University of Central Florida.

AARON MARTIN (Company Manager) is from Birmingham, AL, and excited to be on the DEH team! National Tours (ACM): Annie, Anastasia. Regional: Maine State Music Theatre (ACM); Florida Repertory Theatre (CM); Berkshire Theatre Group, Weston Playhouse (Intern). Thanks to the Crossroads Team, Katy, Anna, and Patrick. Love to family and friends.

LINDSAY KAPLAN (Assistant Company Manager) is thrilled to be on the road with DEH! Previous tour: CATS! Lindsay is a recent graduate from The Theater School at DePaul University. She would like to thank friends and family for always supporting her! IG @llindsaykaplan

GREGG DAMANTI (Production Manager). A 24-year theater veteran, Gregg started as a Production Stage Manager for Busch Entertainment, and later became the Production Manager for Blue Man Group in NYC. National tour credits include the first national of On Your Feet!, CATS, the first national of Lincoln Center's My Fair Lady, Pretty Woman, and now Dear Evan Hansen. "Thank you to Jen and Ripley who I miss dearly while on the road, and love coming home to them both."

ANDREW TERLIZZI (General Manager) comes to Crossroads Live after a 17-year touring career, 10 of which were with TROIKA Entertainment. Current GM credits: Dear Evan Hansen, Pretty Woman: The Musical. Select other credits: Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville, Bodyguard the Musical, and Priscilla Queen of the Desert. He holds a B.F.A. from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

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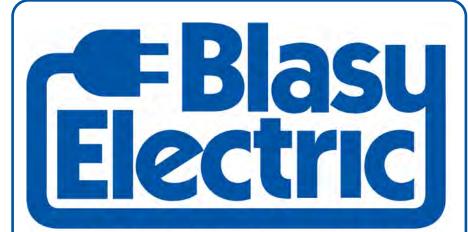


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Crystal Laudeman has worked at Midland Center for the Arts with the Midland County Historical Society since 2007, starting as a Museum Monitor providing tours of the Historic Bradley House Museum at Heritage Park. Since 2013, Crystal has been able to focus on her passion and interest in the Archives, improving the care, preservation, and accessibility of the MCHS Archives and Collections and supporting the mission to preserve and share the history of Midland County for the benefit of the community. In 2016, Crystal created the MCHS Online Archive, which provides a new way for the community to engage with and learn more about the history of Midland County. Her greatest interest in the Archive is the extensive documentation related to Women's organizations and history in Midland. Crystal continues to seek additions to grow the Archive and History Collections in meaningful ways.

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