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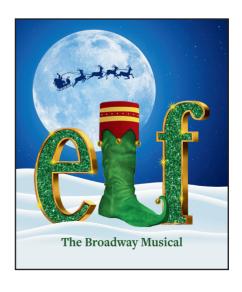
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Dear Theatregoer,

Welcome back to the Walnut for our 216th spectacular holiday season! I am thrilled and honored to be back for my 42nd season. We were hard at work all summer renovating the theatre - the largest renovation of its kind since 1999. As you explore the theatre spaces, we hope that you enjoy the upgrades we have crafted with you in mind.

My holidays are not complete without the company of my family and friends, and whether you are a long-time subscriber or this is your first visit to the Walnut, you are a part of our family here. I warmly welcome you to our 2024-25 holiday production, the delightful ELF THE BROADWAY MUSICAL. Our fantastic artists have channeled their holiday spirit and a tremendous amount of care into bringing the story of Buddy the Elf to vibrant life on the stage. We hope this performance fills you with holiday joy and inspires you to return for our remaining shows this season.



Photo: Mark Garvin

With the New Year comes the arrival of DRIVING MISS DAISY, the Pulitzer Prize-winning story of an elderly Jewish widow and an African-American chauffeur who forge a deep friendship that transcends boundaries.

When spring is just around the corner, we will welcome Noël Coward's HAY FEVER, where misjudged liaisons, secret seductions, and scandalous revelations run riot at the most outrageous of all house parties.

Rounding out our season will be the sensational Broadway musical DREAMGIRLS, inspired by Diana Ross and the Supremes, where stars rise and fall but dreams live forever! This dazzling production will bring you along for the rapid rise of a 1960s girl group into pop superstardom and will leave you dreaming big.

In addition to our unforgettable Mainstage Season, we are overjoyed that The Theatre School at Walnut Street Theatre is in session for our Spring semester, welcoming students of all ages. I encourage anyone with a passion for life to peruse our class offerings. I am also pleased for the return of Walnut Street Theatre for Kids this season, bringing back our favorite Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL for the holidays, and the soaring musical adventure Disney's ALADDIN JR. in the spring.

For now, sit back and enjoy the music and the twinkly tale of Buddy the Elf and friends in ELF THE BROADWAY MUSICAL. We are beyond thrilled to welcome you to the theatre and look forward to seeing you again soon!

Sincerely.

Bernard Havard.

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President and Producing Artistic Director

## What Matters.





#### BERNARD HAVARD

President and Producing Artistic Director November 19 – December 29, 2024

### **ELF**The Broadway Musical

Book by
THOMAS MEEHAN
and
BOB MARTIN

Music by MATTHEW SKLAR

Lyrics by CHAD BEGUELIN

Based upon the New Line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum

Originally produced by Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures in association with Unique Features

Set Design
ROBERT ANDREW KOVACH

Costume Design KATE BERGH

Lighting Design
MATT DEMASCOLO

Director of Production SIOBHÁN RUANE Sound Design ED CHAPMAN

Stage Managers
MICHELE BEGLEY
JENN GALLO
KATIE WILHELM

Wig & Makeup Design CARISSA THORLAKSON

Associate
Artistic Director
BRIAN KURTAS

Music and Vocal Direction by CHRIS BURCHERI

Choreographed by **ROBBIE ROBY** 

Directed by GLENN CASALE

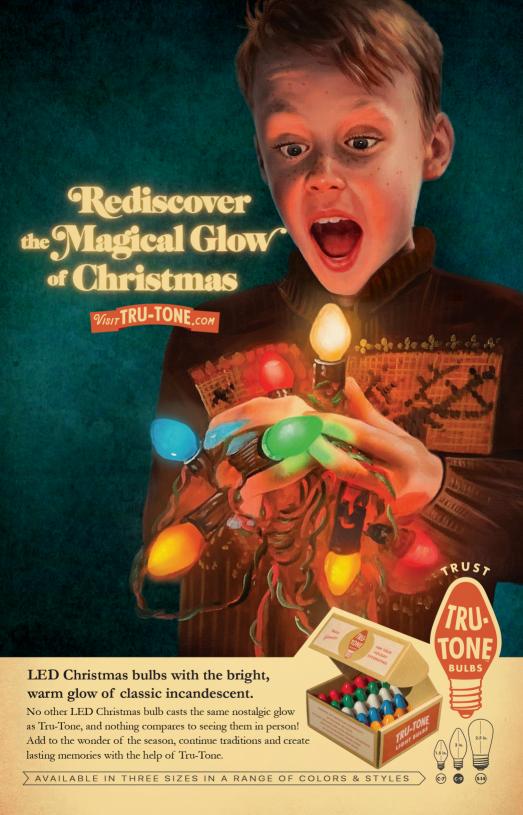
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#### **CAST**

(in order of appearance)

Santa	Bill Van Horn*
Mrs. Claus	Sierra Wilson*
Buddy	
Charlie	Eddie Olmo II*
Shawanda	
Walter Hobbs	Fran Prisco*
Sam	Jesse Jones*
Deb	Bonnie Kelly*
Emily Hobbs	Krissy Fraelich*
Michael Hobbs	
Security Guards	Giovanni DiGabriele*, Eddie Olmo II*
Macy's Manager	Tiara J. Greene*
Jovie	Kathryn Brunner*
Fake Santa	Giovanni DiGabriele*
Kid on Santa's Lap	Nora Shute†, Faye Stockmal‡
Policemen	Brett-Marco Glauser*, Zummy Mohammed*
Mr. Greenway	Paul L. Nolan*
Matthews	Sara Brophy*
Chadwick	Dominick Sannelli
Charlotte Dennon	Alexandra Frohlinger*

#### **ENSEMBLE**

SARA BROPHY\*, GIOVANNI DIGABRIELE\*, ALEXANDRA FROHLINGER\*, BRETT-MARCO GLAUSER\*, JESSE JONES\*, MADELINE KENDALL, KIMBERLY MAXSON\*, ZUMMY MOHAMMED\*, EDDIE OLMO II\*, DOMINICK SANNELLI, AUDREY BIEHL SIMMONS\*, SIERRA WILSON\*

#### CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE

† Weekday Team (Performs all shows Tues. – Fri., except Fri. evenings 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20) SHANE GOODMAN, JULIA MERCEDES HEUMAN, CHASE RYAN MAILHIOT, RILEY MCLAUGHLIN, RAPHAEL SOMMER

> ‡ Weekend Team (Performs all shows Saturday and Sunday, plus Fri. evenings 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 and Mon. eve. 12/23) CLARA BISHOP, MIA ERNENWEIN, BEN HOSBACH, TYLER JAI KNOWLES, SAAJAN LAKHANI

#### **UNDERSTUDIES**

LAUREN CHAMPLIN-MOADELI (Emily Hobbs), HARLEY DIAMOND (Mr. Greenway), SOPHIA DILEO (Jovie), ANTHONY FLAMMINIO (Ensemble), BOBBY KRAMER (Walter Hobbs), RACHEL MASELEK (Deb), LINDSEY MCCUE (2nd Cover Ensemble), BRIANA MYERS (2nd Cover Ensemble), SKYLAR RAYE NOYES (Ensemble), EDDIE OLMO II (Buddy), DOMENICA PASSIO (Ensemble), ISAAC RIPLEY (2nd Cover Ensemble), OLIVIA SCHANBACHER (Ensemble), TOM SHAW JR. (Ensemble), JAY STEINBERG (Santa), TYLER JAI KNOWLES (2nd Cover Michael Hobbs), JAYSON LINDSEY WILLIAMS (Ensemble), JOEY WILLIAMS (2nd Cover Ensemble), MEAGON WILLIAMS (Macy's Manager)

#### DANCE CAPTAIN: AUDREY BIEHL SIMMONS

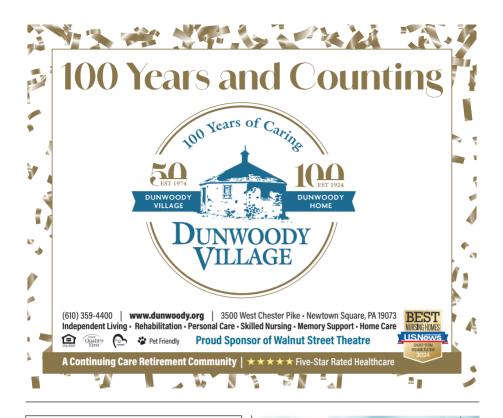
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#### **CAST**



CLARA BISHOP



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JOEY CAROTO



GIOVANNI DIGABRIELE



MIA ERNENWEIN



KRISSY FRAELICH



ALEXANDRA FROHLINGER



BRETT-MARCO GLAUSER



SHANE GOODMAN



TIARA J. GREENE



JULIA MERCEDES HEUMAN



BEN HOSBACH



JESSE JONES



BONNIE KELLY



MADELINE KENDALL



TYLER JAI KNOWLES



SAAJAN LAKHANI



MAILHIOT



KIMBERLY MAXSON



RILEY MCLAUGHLIN



ZUMMY MOHAMMED



PAUL L. NOLAN



**EDDIE** OLMO II



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#### ACT I

"Overture"	Orchestra
"Christmastown/ Happy All The Time"	
"World's Greatest Dad"	Buddy
"In The Way"	Deb, Walter, Emily, Michael, Ensemble
"Sparklejollytwinklejingley"	Buddy, Jovie, Manager, Ensemble
"I'll Believe In You"	Michael, Emily
"In The Way" (Reprise)	Emily, Walter
"Just Like Him"	Buddy, Walter, Deb, Ensemble
"A Christmas Song"	Buddy, Jovie, Company
"I'll Believe in You" (Reprise)	Buddy, Ensemble
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#### THERE WILL BE ONE 20-MINUTE INTERMISSION.

#### ACT II

"Entr'acte"	Orchestra
"Nobody Cares About Santa"	Buddy, Manager, Santas
"Never Fall In Love (With An Elf)"	Jovie
"There Is a Santa Claus"	Michael, Emily
	Buddy, Michael, Walter, Deb, Mr. Greenway, Emily
"Nobody Cares" (Santa's Reprise)	Santa
"A Christmas Song" (Reprise)	Jovie, Buddy, Emily, Michael, Walter, Ensemble
"Finale"	Full Company

#### **ORCHESTRA**

Keyboard 3 / Conductor – Chris Burcheri Keyboard 1 / Associate Conductor – Jonathan Rose; Keyboard 2 – Daniel Espie Reed 1 – Frank Mazzeo; Reed 2 – Bob Quaile; Reed 3 – John Welte Violin – Rebecca Ansel; Drums – Kevin Blanke; Bass – Fred Weiss; Trombone – Bob Gale; Trumpet – Jim Ward

#### WHO'S WHO

**CLARA BISHOP** (*Ensemble*) is honored to make her WST debut! Favorites: Gretl in *Sound of Music* (DCP), Molly in *Annie* (Forge). Love to family, friends, BAA & Innovative Artists.

SARA BROPHY (Ensemble/Matthews) is overjoyed to be spending another sparklejollytwinklejingly holiday season at the Walnut! Some favorite credits include Clue (Miss Scarlet); Dancing Lessons (Senga); Legally Blonde (Brooke Wyndham); Syncopation (Anna) and Amazing Grace (OBC). Pure Barre teacher, stretch therapist, and baker. IG @sarabeesknees Movement is medicine, laughter is life!

KATHRYN BRUNNER (*Jovie*) is so excited to be returning home to the Walnut for the holidays! Favorite WST credits include Ella in Rodgers + Hammerstein's *Cinderella* and Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde*. Other credits include Sacramento Music Circus, Arden Theatre, Pioneer Theatre,

Riverside Theatre, Penn Shakespeare, and Arrow Rock Lyceum. Sincerest thanks to Glenn, Bernard, and the entire creative team. Love to Blake, Mom, and Matt. As always, for Dad.

JOEY CAROTO (Michael Hobbs) Joey is thrilled to be back at Walnut Street Theatre after playing Kid Elvis in Elvis: A Musical Revolution last season. He is a 7th grader from West Chester and favorite credits include Mary Poppins (Michael Banks), Finding Nemo (Bruce), and Les Misérables (Gavroche). He would like to thank his family, friends, and his teachers for the amazing support! A very special thanks to everyone at WST! @joeycaroto

**GIOVANNI DIGABRIELE** (Ensemble) was last seen in the WST's production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast as "Lefou" and is thrilled to be back! Broadway National Tour: Cats (Skimbleshanks); A Bronx Tale (Handsome Nick, Calogero u/s);

A Chorus Line (Al); Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella (Jean Michel u/s). Regional: Goodspeed Opera House, MSMT, and Fulton Theatre. Endless gratitude to his family, friends, Glenn, Robbie, Bernard, Brian Kurtas, and his mentors. For Santino, Luca, and Adriana.

**MIA ERNENWEIN** (Ensemble) is so excited to be in Elf! Favorites: A Christmas Story (Surflight Theatre); Disney's Frozen (Young Anna) (ERHS); Disney's The Little Mermaid (Ariel). Thanks to Mom, Dad, Marley, & Jeter.

KRISSY FRAELICH (Emily Hobbs) is elated to reprise this role she did over ten years ago at WST. Last seen here in Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella. Credits include: Next to Normal (Diana); Sunday in the Park with George (Dot/Marie) (Arden Theatre Company); Gypsy (Mama Rose); Mamma Mia! (Donna) (Media Theatre); Evita (Eva Peron) (WST) B'way: The Civil War. Many thanks to Bernard, Brian, Mark & Glenn. Love to NZTB always.

ALEXANDRA FROHLINGER (Ensemble/Charlotte Dennon) WST: Disney's Beauty and the Beast; Escape to Margaritaville; Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella; Disney's The Little Mermaid. Broadway: Soul Doctor. Off-Broadway: Empire (Janet Arthur/Goodie); Amerike: Golden Land (Sadie). Tours: Wonderful World; Hello, Dolly!; Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella; West Side Story (Anybodys). Regional: Sacramento; Arena Stage. BFA Boston Conservatory. Thanks and love: Mom, Dad, Joey, Becky, Zaida, Dave, Alison and always WST @alexfrohlinger

**BRETT-MARCO GLAUSER** (Ensemble) is pleased as punch to return to the Walnut for such a joyous endeavor. He previously appeared here as Pepper in Mamma Mia!. Credits include Anastasia (First Nat'l tour), Arena Stage, the MUNY, Goodspeed Opera House and many more. Thanks to Glenn, Robbie, Brian and Penny for this opportunity! @bmcglauser

**SHANE GOODMAN** (*Ensemble*) is so excited to be on the WST stage with the cast of *Elf The Broadway Musical*! Love to his family and friends who have come to support him!

TIARA J. GREENE (Macy's Manager) Regional: Elvis: A Musical Revolution (Walnut Street Theatre); Once on This Island; Into the Woods (Arden Theatre Company); Bandstand (Playhouse on Park); The Wild Party (Eagle Theatre): Bonnie and Clyde (11th Hour Theatre Company). Thanks to God! Thanks to family and friends for their continued support! www.tiaragreene.com.

**JULIA MERCEDES HEUMAN** (Ensemble) is excited to make her Walnut debut! Favorite role:

Marta in *The Sound of Music*. She is grateful to her family, friends, and teachers for their endless support, as well as to WST for this amazing opportunity!

**BEN HOSBACH** (Ensemble) is so excited to make his Walnut Street Theatre debut in Elf The Broadway Musical! Some of his favorite roles include Michael in Mary Poppins and Bruce in Matilda. Ben loves sugar almost as much as Buddy and hopes this show brings you lots of Christmas cheer!

JESSE JONES (Ensemble) Jesse always enjoys spending the holidays at Walnut. Broadway & National Tour: Beetlejuice the Musical. Regional Favorites: The Wiz, Dreamgirls, The Cher Show, In The Heights, La Cage Aux Folles, Swing! His work also includes background dancing for music videos, operas and TV. Thanking God every day. @jessejdance

BONNIE KELLY (Deb) WST Credits: Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Babette); Beehive: The '60's Musical (Patty), Holiday Inn (Lila Dixon) and ensembles of Disney's The Little Mermaid; Rocky, the Musical; Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella; Shrek the Musical; Young Frankenstein; The Wizard of Oz and A Christmas Story. BFA Montclair State University. For her parents, the holiday magic makers who she misses dearly. Much love to her WST family. @bondooz for more.

MADELINE KENDALL (Ensemble/Shawanda) Walnut Debut! Select credits: National Tour: Anastasia the Musical (u/s Anya/Ens). Fulton Theatre: Grease (Patty Simcox); Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Ordway PAC: Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Argyle Theatre: A Chorus Line (Connie). Peterborough Players: She Loves Me; Our Town. Wagner College, BA Theatre and Speech. Insta: @maddie kendal1

**TYLER JAI KNOWLES** (Ensemble/Michael Hobbs u/s) is thrilled to make his WST debut! Special thanks to my family, my dog Oliver, and the best music teacher ever, Mrs. Brannon!

**SAAJAN LAKHANI** (Ensemble) is thrilled to make his debut at the Walnut Street Theatre! He would like to thank his family for supporting his passion for the stage!

CHASE RYAN MAILHIOT (Ensemble) thrilled to make his Walnut debut! Favorite role: Mr. Wormwood in Matilda (UES). Love and thanks to Courtney MacBride, sister Reese, Mom & Dad, family, friends, and WST!

KIMBERLY MAXSON (Ensemble) So thankful to be back! Favorite credits: Jersey Boys; Escape to Margaritaville; Shrek The Musical; Holiday Inn; Mamma Mia!; 9 to 5 (WST); Gypsy; Billy Elliot the Musical; Beehive: The '60's Musical; Hello,

Dolly! (Media Theatre); Cabaret; The Producers (BCCPA); Mary Poppins (OCTC); Chicago (Maples Rep). Love to my husband Ronnie and my family! @kimberly\_maxson

**RILEY MCLAUGHLIN** (Ensemble) is thrilled to be making her Walnut Street Theatre debut. She loves performing and is thankful for everyone that made this amazing experience possible!

ZUMMY MOHAMMED (Ensemble) is honored to return to WST. WST: Disney's Beauty and the Beast; Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella; Legally Blonde. Off-Broadway: Relapse: A New Musical. Regional: Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella (Broadway at Music Circus); Legally Blonde (John W. Engeman Theater); A Chorus Line (The Phoenix Theatre); Cabaret (The Studio Shakespeare Theatre Company). Zummy thanks the WST, cast, crew and his loved ones. For more, follow @thezummymohammed

**PAUL L. NOLAN** (*Mr. Greenway*) has been performing on stage, on camera and in front of microphones since the Nixon administration. He's thrilled to have performed in a number of Walnut Street Theatre productions – most recently in various roles in *Elvis: The Musical Revolution*. For more PLN information: paulnolanactor.com

EDDIE OLMO II (Ensemble/Buddy u/s) Recently seen at WST as Bob Gaudio in Jersey Boys and as Barry Mann in Beautiful – The Carole King Musical! Broadway: The Book of Mormon. Touring: The Book of Mormon; Elf The Broadway Musical. Regional: Goodspeed, WST, North Carolina Theatre, Stages St. Louis, The REV, and others. Love to Mom, Dad, and Cierra. www. eddieolmo.com / @eddie olmo

FRAN PRISCO (Walter Hobbs) #42! Happy Holidays!! Most recent WST Roles: Jersey Boys (Gyp DeCarlo); Beautiful – The Carole King Musical (Donny Kirshner); Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Cogsworth). Past WST roles include: Rodgers + Hammerstein's South Pacific (Billis); The Music Man (Marcellus); Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (Andre). Many thanks to the entire Walnut St. Family!! Love to Siobhan!!!

NIC ROULEAU (Buddy) Walnut Street debut! Nic holds the record as the longest-running Elder Price in The Book of Mormon, having performed the role over 2600 times on Broadway, in the West End in London and in Chicago. National Tours: Hello, Dolly! (Cornelius) and Legally Blonde (Emmett). Television credits include Tyler Hawkins in Uncoupled starring Neil Patrick Harris (Showtime), Daddy's Boy in Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt (Netflix) and the 2012 Tony Awards (CBS). Upcoming: PBS concert series Broadway's

Leading Men with the American Pops Orchestra. Bachelor's of Music from NYU Steinhardt. @nicrouleau

DOMINICK SANNELLI (Ensemble) Walnut debut! Touring: Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Wizard of Oz (Ensemble). Regional: Hello, Dolly! (Rudolph) (ActII Playhouse); The Prom (Sheldon) (The Media Theater); Crazy for You (Mingo) (PA Shakes); Sweet Charity (BCCPA); Big The Musical; Jesus Christ Superstar; The Producers; Pirates of Penzance at Bristol Riverside Theatre; Sign of the Seahorse (Finny) (Kennedy Center). TV: Hairspray Live Phila (NBC/Universal) Film: Silver Linings Playbook. Thanks to Brian and HKA! Love and gratitude to the best family in the world. @djs19

NORA SHUTE (Kid on Santa's Lap/Ensemble) Thrilled to make her debut at the Walnut! Dreams do come true! Recent credits include Madagascar Jr. (Kowalski) and The Enchanted Bookshop (Toto) with OST.

AUDREY BIEHL SIMMONS (Ensemble) is grateful you are here supporting live theatre. 10th show at WST! Favorites: Jersey Boys; Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella; Disney's Beauty and the Beast; Young Frankenstein; Shrek the Musical; Legally Blonde. Other credits: Tuacahn, Riverside Theatre, and eleven shows with Broadway Sacramento. Immense gratitude to Glenn and Robbie. @audreybsimmons

RAPHAEL SOMMER (Ensemble) is thrilled and honored to perform in *Elf The Broadway Musical*. His third show at WST! Prior credits include Chip, Sonny, Michael Banks, and multiple films and TV shows. He thanks Mom, Dad, and his 5 siblings for continued support. @raphaelsommeractor

FAYE STOCKMAL (Kid on Santa's Lap/Ensemble) is thrilled to return to the Walnut Street Theatre stage! Favorite credits include: Annie (Annie); Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (Trixie); and Matilda the Musical (Bruce). Much love to my family, friends and the entire WST team!

FINN VAJAPEY (Michael Hobbs) is a freshman at Moorestown HS and is thrilled to be making his Walnut Street Theatre debut! Favorite roles: Finding Nemo (Nemo); Willy Wonka (Mike Teavee); and Newsies: The Musical (Les) with Moorestown Theater Company and The Addams Family (Pugsley) at WAMS. Love and thanks to family, friends, teachers, and WST! @finnvajapey

BILL VAN HORN (Santa) Recently at the Walnut: Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Disney's The Little Mermaid; A Woman of No Importance; Gifts of the Magi; Annie; A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum; Oz; A Christmas Story; Mary Poppins; Driving Miss Daisy; Elf The Broadway

Musical: The Prince: Fiddler on the Roof. Directed: Civil War Voices: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time; The Glass Menagerie; and created and starred in O Captain, My Captain: Whitman's Lincoln. Bill is a permanent member of the acting company at Theatre at Monmouth in Maine. Proud member of Actors' Equity.

**SIERRA WILSON** (Ensemble/Mrs. Claus) is thrilled to be returning to the WST. Regional credits: Dreamgirls (Goodspeed Musicals): Man of La Mancha; Other World (Delaware Theatre Co.); Beautiful - The Carole King Musical; Rocky, the Musical (WST): The Color Purple (PSF): Sweet Charity (BCCPA); BA in Musical Theatre (Temple University). She thanks her family and friends for supporting her dreams. @sierrajwilson

**THOMAS MEEHAN** (Book) received the Tony Award for co-writing the book for The Producers in 2001 and in 2003 for co-writing the book for Hairspray. He received his first Tony Award in 1977 for writing the book of *Annie*, which was his first Broadway show, and has written the books for the musicals Rocky, Elf the Musical, Cry-Baby, Young Frankenstein, Chaplin, Bombay Dreams, I Remember Mama, Ain't Broadway Grand and Annie Warbucks. In addition, he was a long-time contributor of humor to The New Yorker, an Emmy-Award winning writer of television comedy, and a collaborator on a number of screenplays, including Mel Brooks' Spaceballs and To Be Or Not To Be. Mr. Meehan was also a member of the Council of the Dramatists Guild. He and his wife, Carolyn, divided their time between a home in Nantucket and an apartment in Greenwich Village, near which, on Hudson Street, she owned and presided over the long-running and near-legendary children's store Peanut Butter & Jane.

**BOB MARTIN** (*Book*) has been working as an actor and writer in Canadian theatre, film and television for over 3 decades. He has had a long association with the Toronto Second City, where he co-wrote and performed in four Second City revues, directed three, and had a stint as Artistic Director. He is a co-creator of The Drowsy Chaperone, and has performed in many of its incarnations including Ahmanson Theatre (Los Angeles), Marquis Theatre (Broadway), Novello (London). Bob has won a number of awards for his work including an LA Drama Critics Circle Award, an L.A. Stage Alliance Ovation Award, a Drama Desk Award, a Theatre World Award, and a Tony Award. He is also co-creator of the critically acclaimed dramatic series Slings & Arrows. Recent TV projects include Michael: Tuesdays and Thursdays I & II (CBC), Sensitive Skin I & II (HBO), and Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas (NBC). Recent theatre projects include Elf (Broadway), Minsky's (Ahmanson LA), and in dev., Gotta Dance, The Sting, and Millions. Bob reunited with Elf collabora-

tors Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin to create the new musical The Prom, which ran on Broadway at the Longacre Theatre and was nominated for seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

MATTHEW SKLAR (Music) is a Tony®, Emmy®, and Drama Desk Award-nominated composer. His works include the Broadway musicals Elf and The Wedding Singer (Tony Award Nomination for Best Original Score, Drama Desk Award Nomination for Outstanding Music). He also wrote the music for The Rhythm Club (Signature Theatre), Judas & Me, and Wicked City (American Stage Company). Matthew reunited with Elf collaborators Chad Beguelin and Bob Martin to create the new musical The Prom, which ran on Broadway at the Longacre Theatre and was nominated for seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Matthew received a 2015 Primetime Emmy® Award Nomination for Outstanding Music Direction for the critically-acclaimed NBC stop-motion animated TV special Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas, starring Jim Parsons. He adapted and arranged the music of Marvin Hamlisch for the Emmy Award-winning documentary film Marvin Hamlisch: What He Did For Love, seen on PBS/American Masters. Matthew has contributed original songs/music to Sesame Street, Wonder Pets!, and the NBC Broadcast of The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Awards include the ASCAP Richard Rodgers New Horizons Award, the Gilman/Gonzalez-Falla Theatre Award, and the Jonathan Larson Performing Arts Foundation Award. Matthew is a proud member of the Dramatists Guild. ASCAP, and the American Federation of Musicians. Local 802. His music is published by Warner/ Chappell Music. Matthew was educated at The Juilliard School of Music (Pre-College Division), the Boston University Tanglewood Institute, and New York University.

**CHAD BEGUELIN** (Lyrics) is a four-time Tony Nominee whose works include Disney's Aladdin (Tony Award Nomination for Best Book and Best Original Score, Drama Desk Award Nomination for Outstanding Lyrics and Best Book) and The Wedding Singer (Tony Award Nomination for Best Book and Best Original Score, Drama Desk Award Nomination for Outstanding Lyrics). He also wrote the lyrics for the Broadway musical *Elf*, which broke several box office records at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre. His play HARBOR premiered off-Broadway at Primary Stages. Chad also wrote the book and lyrics for Judas & Me (NYMF Award for Excellence in Lyric Writing), The Rhythm Club (Signature Theater) and Wicked City (American Stage Company). Chad reunited with Elf collaborators Matthew Sklar and Bob Martin to create the new musical The Prom, which ran on Broadway at the Longacre Theatre and was nominated for

seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. He is the recipient of the Edward Kleban Award for Outstanding Lyric Writing, the Jonathan Larson Performing Arts Foundation Award, the Gilman & Gonzalez-Falla Musical Theater Award and the ASCAP Foundation Richard Rodgers New Horizons Award. Chad is a graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts Graduate Dramatic Writing Program.

GLENN CASALE (Director) is thrilled to be back! Broadway: Peter Pan starring Cathy Rigby (Tony Award nomination Best Revival), filmed by A&E (two Emmy Awards). Off-Broadway: The Property Known as Garland, Dragapella at Studio 54 (Drama Desk and Lucille Lortel Award Nominations for Best Production). International: For Stage Entertainment and Disney Theatrical: Disney's The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, and The Wiz. Tours and Regional Theater: Disney's The Little Mermaid. The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Doctor Dolittle, Camelot, Ballroom, Wrestlers, From the Top, Company, Bingo!, Anything Goes (Ovation Award-winning Best Musical) for Reprise, and The Prisoner of Second Avenue. Television directing credits include: ABC TV's "The Faculty" starring Meredith Baxter and "The Wayans' Brothers." Glenn is on the staff of the California Musical Theater in Sacramento.

ROBBIE ROBY (Choreographer) previously choreographed Shrek: The Musical at the Walnut and is excited to return! Recent credits include the national tour of Hairspray (starring Nina West of "RuPaul's Drag Race") as well as the regional premieres of Disney's Frozen (Tuacahn Center for the Arts), Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and The SpongeBob Musical (Broadway at Music Circus). Select credits: Joseph... Dreamcoat (starring David Archuleta), Sister Act (starring Tamyra Gray), Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Ordway Theatre), Seussical (PCLO), Disney's The Little Mermaid (The 5th Avenue Theatre), and The Addams Family (Broadway at Music Circus). As a performer, Robbie was the dance captain for Broadway/Touring productions of Billy Elliot: The Musical, Hairspray, Disney's The Little Mermaid and Monty Python's Spamalot.

CHRIS BURCHERI (Music and Vocal Direction)
Previous Walnut credits include Jersey Boys,
Beautiful – The Carol King Musical; Disney's
Beauty and the Beast; Elvis – A Musical Revolution;
Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella; and Rocky,
the Musical. Also, recently at Broadway at Music
Circus (Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella),
Bucks County Playhouse (Kinky Boots), Villanova
University, Rutgers-Camden, and Arcadia University. University of Pennsylvania graduate. Love
to Maura, Mom, and Dad.

ROBERT ANDREW KOVACH (Set Design) has had the honor to design for The Walnut Street Theatre since 2006. Special thanks to Bernard and Mark for the years of opportunities. My family and I appreciate it. Robert has designed for Off-Broadway, tours, and theatre throughout the US & Internationally. Robert and his team have designed and produced corporate events, general sessions, and keynotes for Fortune 500 companies including INTEL, Blockworks, Milwaukee Tool, and Buick GMC. http://www.koventertainment.com/

KATE BERGH (Costume Design) started in Chicago before moving to Los Angeles and designing for theater, opera, dance, film, and commercials. She has worked at the Pasadena Playhouse, The Geffen Playhouse, The Laguna Playhouse, Rogue Machine, 59E59 Theater, Disney Animation, Australian Theatre Company, Delaware Theatre Company. She is thrilled to be working here at the Walnut Street Theatre on Elf!

MATT DEMASCOLO (Lighting Design) is thrilled to be working on this production of Elf. His past shows at the WST include Beehive: The 60's Musical; Always, Patsy Cline; Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella; Escape to Margaritaville; Disney's Beauty and the Beast; Groucho: A Life in Revue and Jersey Boys. Matt is formerly the Lighting Systems Manager at Production Express, Inc. in York, PA but is now the Technical Supervisor here at the WST. His other theatrical work includes lighting productions at the Fulton Theatre and Maine State Music Theatre such as Elf The Broadway Musical; Always, Patsy Cline; Million Dollar Ouartet; Little Shop of Horrors and Grease.

ED CHAPMAN (Sound Design) Happy to return for the 11th year at Walnut St. Broadway: Leopoldstadt (Associate Designer); Ink (2019 Tony-nomination Best Sound Design, Associate Designer) and Travesties (2018 Tony-nomination Best Sound Design, Associate Designer). Touring Productions: Disney's The Little Mermaid; A Christmas Story; How the Grinch Stole Christmas; Guys and Dolls; The Producers. Other awardnominated work: Holiday Inn (2018 SALT Award nomination), Mamma Mia! (2016 Berkshire Theatre Award nomination).

CARRISA THORLAKSON (Wig and Makeup Designer) is a freelance wig and makeup designer. You may have seen her recent work here at WST in Disney's Beauty and the Beast; Jersey Boys, Beautiful - The Carole King Musical; Elvis - A Musical Revolution; Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella; Rocky, the Musical and more. You may have noticed her recent work locally in Kinky Boots at Delaware Theatre Company. She has also designed for New York City Center, The Old Globe,

A.R.T., Paper Mill Playhouse, McCarter Theatre Center, Hartford Stage, Lookingglass Theatre Company, Lantern Theatre Company, Two River Theatre, Bay Street Theater, Olney Theatre Center, and The Princeton Festival. She has served as a wig and makeup artist across the country. Carissa also creates custom medical wigs, cosplay wigs, and teaches classes in wigs and makeup. Find her on Instagram as @wigician or see her work or rent wigs at CThorwigs.com.

MICHELE BEGLEY (Stage Manager) is so excited to be returning to WST for her second professional season! She started out here as a Stage Management Apprentice for the main stage under Lori Aghazarian and Angela Cucco Jenkins in the 2017-2018 season. Most recently, she was one of the ASMs for Jersey Boys. Last season, she had the pleasure to work on all five mainstage productions. Other regional credits include: Bristol Riverside Theatre, Theater at Monmouth, Penobscot Theatre Company, First Stage, and The Barnstormers Theatre. Special thanks to the cast, crew, apprentices, production, creative staff, Katie, Jenn, and Jon who make this show possible. Proud member of AEA. Enjoy the show!

**JENN GALLO** (Assistant Stage Manager) is a Delco native, and incredibly excited to be returning to the area for Elf The Broadway Musical! She was most recently an SM on the National Tour of Jagged Little Pill, and other favorite credits include Once (Berkshire Theatre Group) and Islander (Playhouse 46). We Are!

KATIE WILHELM (Assistant Stage Manager) Walnut Street debut! Previous credits include Spells of The Sea (Kennedy Center); On Your Feet and Kinky Boots (Riverside Theatre); Grease (Nederlander Worldwide); The Wiz; The Play That Goes Wrong, and Jersey Boys (Fulton Theatre); An Inspector Calls (Florida Repertory Theatre). Thanks to Tim Markus for being the best.

SIOBHÁN RUANE (Director of Production) This is Siobhán's 12th season at WST. With over 20 years in the business, Siobhán has worked internationally as a Production Manager and Stage Manager. Previously, Siobhán held the faculty position of Stage Management Advisor at Florida State University's School of Theatre. Additional credits include Cirque du Soleil, Norwegian Cruise Line, Cirque Productions, and various regional theatres. Siobhán holds an undergraduate degree from Rutgers University, an MFA from the University of Delaware, and is (proudly!) originally from the Jersey Shore.

**BRIAN KURTAS, CSA** (Associate Artistic Director) has been associated with WST since 2007. He began his career here as a performer and in the

professional apprenticeship program and has since dedicated himself to bringing artists together. He now serves our artists and audiences through casting, directing, programming, and literary management, as his function is to identify the highest quality of artists for our historic theatre. His vision behind unforgettable live experiences and storytelling has become a creative solution from the stage to the screen. He spent 4 seasons as Executive Producer of Gretna Theatre, worked on television and feature films, and helped create events and entertainment for brands such as T-Mobile and Walmart while at Live Nation. Originally from Lancaster, Brian is a proud Temple alum, a published playwright, and a member of the Casting Society of America.

MARK D. SYLVESTER (Managing Director) Mark is proud to be celebrating over three decades at America's Oldest Theatre. His extensive career has spanned Summer Stock to Broadway as an actor. stage manager, box office treasurer, theatre manager, marketing and public relations director and general manager. After several years working with commercial theatre, he has devoted his career to non-profit theatre companies since 1987. To date, Mark has been associated with more than 500 stage productions. An avid collector of musical theatre recordings, his collection contains over 3,500 cast albums from around the world. He has served on several boards including the National Alliance for Musical Theatre where he now holds the honorary position of Board Emeritus and the Advisory Committee of Samuel French, the international play publisher and licensing company. With Bernard Havard he co-authored the book Walnut Street Theatre.

BERNARD HAVARD (President and Executive Producing/Artistic Director) Vox Populi (The Voice of the People) was written on WST Playbills in the 1800s. Whenever WST has straved from a populist program, the theatre has gone bankrupt. When I came here 42 years ago, we had no programs and no audience. Today we enjoy one of the largest subscription bases of any theatre in the world. So, my thanks to our loyal audience and a warm welcome to newcomers who enjoy and believe in what we do. I admire the artists who dedicated their lives to the theatre and WST, particularly. Our theatre is a non-profit 501-C3 institution, and we rely on contributed income to extend our reach into the community. Last season we reached more than 62,743 students in our city schools. We have 19 esteemed trustees who give their time, wisdom, and contributions to help guide this historical treasure. I came to WST in 1982, and I am as excited now about our future as I was in the beginning. My heartfelt thanks to all who enter this theatre. For my biography, go to About Us on our website at WalnutStreetTheatre.org

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