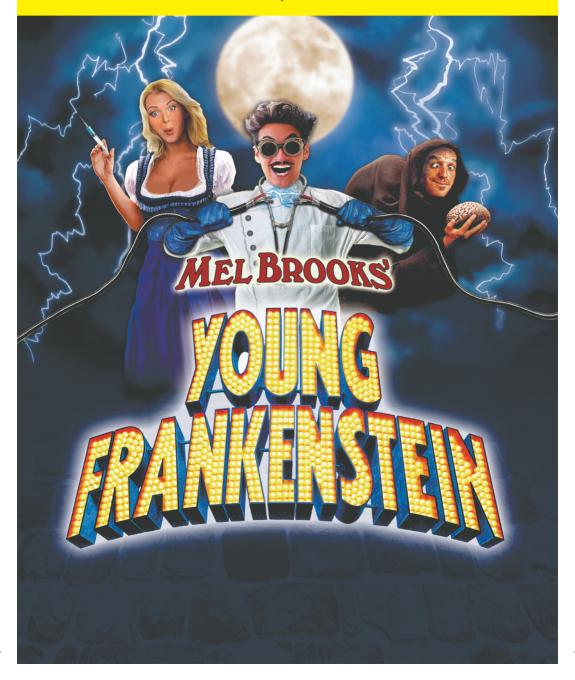
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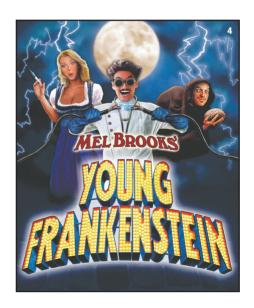
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Dear Theatregoer,

Welcome to the 211th Season at the Walnut! We owe our great success to the continued support of loyal theatregoers like you. Thank you for making the Walnut not only the most popular theatre in Philadelphia, but also the most subscribed theatre company in the world!

I'm thrilled that you've joined us for our monstrously mad 2019–20 season premiere, *Young Frankenstein*. This Mel Brooks classic has all the elements of a fantastic season premiere: exciting musical numbers, outrageous characters, and plenty of laughs. The Walnut also has the honor of producing the American premiere of the revised London version of the show, creating a truly special way to kick off our 211th season and I hope that you will join us for the other Mainstage shows.

Spend the holiday season in the land of Far Far Away as the greatest fairy tale never told comes to life with *Shrek The Musical*. Next, Oscar Wilde skewers the upper class of Victorian



Photo: Mark Garvin

England in his classic comedy *A Woman of No Importance*. Then, follow an intense game of political cat and mouse in the 48 hours leading up to the presidential nomination with *The Best Man*. We will end our season with the award-winning romantic thriller that produced the best-selling soundtrack of all time, *The Bodyguard*.

We have another intimate and exciting Independence Studio on 3 season planned. Sitting just feet away from our actors, audiences will be fully immersed in world-class theatre and beautifully designed sets. The season opens with *Meteor Shower*—a surprising new comedy written by comedy legend Steve Martin that takes an offbeat look at the comic anxiety lurking just beneath the surface of modern marriage. Please see the materials in our lobby for the full season.

We will also have on stage our WST for Kids series. Parents and grandparents can read books with their children and then see the stories come to life on our stage. This year we're excited to share with you Disney's *Little Mermaid, Jr.*, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol, Grace for President, Junie B. Jones: The Musical*, and *Nate the Great*. I hope to see the audience filled with the young—and the young at heart!

For now, enjoy the electrifying musical stage adaptation of Mel Brooks' brilliantly funny film, *Young Frankenstein*!

Sincerely,

Bernard Havard, President and Producing Artistic Director

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President and Producing Artistic Director

SEPTEMBER 3 — OCTOBER 20, 2019

Mel Brooks' YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Book by

Music and Lyrics by

MEL BROOKS and THOMAS MEEHAN

MEL BROOKS

Original Direction & Choreography by SUSAN STROMAN

Scenic Design

Costume Design MARY FOLINO

ROBERT KOVACH

Lighting Design

Sound Design

CHARLIE MORRISON

ED CHAPMAN

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KATIE CHANCE ANGELA CUCCO

Orchestrations by

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THE CAST

(in order of appearance)

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Dr. Frederick Frankenstein	BEN DIBBLE*
Elizabeth Benning	CASEY ELIZABETH GILL*
Igor	LUKE BRADT*
Inga	ALANNA J. SMITH*
Frau Blücher	MARY MARTELLO*
Inspector Hans Kemp/The Hermit	FRAN PRISCO*
The Monster	

ENSEMBLE

ROBERT ABDOO*, DREW FRANKLIN*, BONNIE KELLY*, ADAM MANDALA*, CARY MICHELE MILLER*, ROBERT MINTZ*, COLIN PRITCHARD*, AUDREY SIMMONS. KAYLA ANNE TARPLEY. MARK WILLIAM*

UNDERSTUDIES

HANNAH GRACE BREED (Ensemble), LAUREN PAIGE BRISTOW (Ensemble),
ZACHARY DEBEVEC (Ensemble), MICHAEL GUERRIERE (Ensemble),
ETHAN JAMES LYNCH (Ensemble), CARY MICHELE MILLER (Elizabeth Benning),
LINDSAY MAUCK (Frau Blücher), ROBERT MINTZ (Igor), COLIN PRITCHARD
(The Monster), CHRISTOPHER DAVID ROCHÉ (Inspector Kemp/The Hermit),
AUDREY BIEHL SIMMONS (Inga), JJ VAVRIK (Frederick Frankenstein)

Dance Captain.....ROBERT ABDOO

* The Actors and Stage Managers employed in this production are members of Actors' Equity Association, the theatre union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

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SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

New York City and Transylvania, 1934

ACT ONE

Scene 1:	Anthony & Johns Hopkins School of "The Brain"	
Scene 2:	A Hudson River Pier	Elizabeth, Frederick & Passengers
Scene 3:	Transylvania Heights Train Station	Frederick, Igor
Scene 4:	Woodlands Near the Train Station "Roll in the Hay"	Inga, Frederick, Igor
Scene 5:	Outside Castle Frankenstein	
Scene 6:	Library of Castle Frankenstein	
Scene 7:	"It Could Work"	Frau Blücher Frederick, Igor, Inga, & Frau Blücher
Scene 8:	Transylvania Heights Town Square "Hang Him Til He's Dead"	Kemp & Quartet
Scene 9:	Castle Frankenstein Laboratory "He Vas My Boyfriend (Reprise)"	Frau Blücher
Scene 10:	Courtyard of Castle Frankenstein "Welcome to Transylvania"" "Transylvania Mania"	Kemp & Company Igor, Frederick, Inga & Company
	There will be one 20	-minute intermission
		TWO
Scene 1:		Kemp & Villagers
Scene 2:		magers
	"Surprise"	Elizabeth, Igor, Frau Blücher & Entourage
Scene 3:	"Listen to Your Heart"	Inga
Scene 3: Scene 4:	"Listen to Your Heart"	Elizabeth, Igor, Frau Blücher & Entourage
	"Listen to Your Heart" "Surprise" The Hermit's Cottage "Someone" Dungeon of Castle Frankenstein Loew's Transylvania Theatre	Elizabeth, Igor, Frau Blücher & EntourageHermit
Scene 4:	"Listen to Your Heart" "Surprise" The Hermit's Cottage "Someone" Dungeon of Castle Frankenstein Loew's Transylvania Theatre "Puttin' On The Ritz" Cave in the Forest Surrounding Trans "He's Loose (Reprise)"	

ORCHESTRA

Piano/Conductor: Chris Burcheri
Associate Conductor: Daniel Espie — Piano/Conductor, October 15–20.
Reed 1 (Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax): Frank Mazzeo
Reed 2 (Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Sax): Bob Quaile
Lead Trumpet, Flugelhorn: Jim Ward; Trumpet 2: Joe Scannella
Bass: Fred Weiss; Drums/Percussion: Joe Nero
Violin, Concertmaster: Rebecca Ansel

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THE CAST



Robert Abdoo



Luke Bradt



Ben Dibble



Drew Franklin



Casey Elizabeth Gill



Bonnie Kelly



Adam Mandala



Mary Martello



Cary Michelle Miller



Robert Mintz



Dan Olmstead



Fran Prisco



Colin Pritchard



Audrey Simmons



Alanna J. Smith



Kayla Anne Tarpley



Mark William

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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

ROBERT ABDOO (Ensemble/Dance Captain) Happy to be returning to the Walnut for his eighth production. Last seen here in *High Society*. Other WST productions include: *Crazy for You*, *Anything Goes*, *Singing in the Rain*, *Annie Warbucks*, *42nd Street* and *Oliver*. More recent; *Annie* at the Westchester Broadway Theatre. Tours include: *42nd Street* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Many thanks to Bernard, Chuck and Mary Jane.

LUKE BRADT (Igor) Originally from Saint Paul, Minnesota, Luke received his B.F.A. in Musical Theatre and Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. This is Luke's second appearance at the Walnut, having last been seen in *Annie*. Recent Favorites: *Ragtime* (Eagle), *Cinderella* (People's Light), *Biloxi Blues* (Act II Playhouse). Love to Nicole.

BEN DIBBLE (Dr. Frederick Frankenstein) Honored to be appearing in his 22nd Mainstage WST production! WST highlights: *Comedy of Tenors* (Max), *Holiday Inn* (Jim Hardy), *Noises Off* (Garry LeJeune), *Saturday Night Fever* (DJ Monty), *Harvey* (Elwood), *High Society* (Mike), *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (Freddy–Barrymore

nom.), *The Producers* (Leo–Barrymore nom.), *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Teddy), *9 to 5, Hairspray* (Corny Collins), many others. Favorites: *Fun Home, Parade* (Barrymore winner), *Herringbone* (Barrymore winner), *Private Lives, Henry V, Candide*. Love to Amy and the Dibblets.

DREW FRANKLIN (Ensemble) Broadway: R&H Cinderella. NYC: Lady Be Good (with Tommy Tune), Where's Charley?, Elf, Radio City Christmas Spectacular. Tours: Something Rotten, White Christmas, Elf, Cats, A Chorus Line. Previous Walnut: Curtains, How to Succeed... and Memphis. Glad to be back! For Mom.

CASEY ELIZABETH GILL (Elizabeth Benning) is thrilled to be back at the Walnut where she has appeared in *Holiday Inn* (Daphne, Lila u/s), *South Pacific* (Dinah, Nellie u/s), and *Matilda* (ensemble). Other regional credits include: *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Janet), *Hair* (Sheila), *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Millie), *A Chorus Line* (Judy), *A Little Night Music* (Petra). Casey is also an artist and her work can be found at www.rallybirdbrand.com and on Instagram @rallybirdbrand. Love to DF.

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BONNIE KELLY (Ensemble) a Philly born and Cherry Hill raised girl is so happy to be back at the WST! Last seen as Lila Dixon in *Holiday Inn*. Other WST Credits: *Wizard of Oz* and *A Christmas Story*. Up Next: *Shrek*! Thanks to Chuck, Mary Jane, Bernard and the WST family! @BonDooz for more!

ADAM MANDALA (Ensemble) is thrilled to be returning to the Walnut Street Theatre! Regional: Legally Blonde: The Musical (WST), Mamma Mia (WST and Riverside); Evita (Riverside); Newsies (Coastal Carolina); West Side Story (Finger Lakes MTF). Television: "iCarly" (featured dancer). Cruise: Royal Caribbean International. Adam is a proud alum of Temple University. For Grandma Annie and Samantha Cobb. @adammandallla

MARY MARTELLO (Frau Blücher) Over 30 shows at WST; most recently: *Holiday Inn, Noises Off, The Humans, Annie*. Last season, *The Heir Apparent*, Lantern Theatre; *Saint Joan*, DTC; *I Love a Piano*, Gretna Theatre. 18 Barrymore nominations and 5 awards. Mary is proud to be a member of AEA and part of the Philadelphia theater community for over 20 years.

CARY MICHELE MILLER (Ensemble; u/s Elizabeth Benning) is grateful to be back! WST favorites: Linda Mason, *Holiday Inn*; Alice, *Matilda*; Smitty, *H2\$*; Deb, *Elf*; Margy, *State Fair*; Peter Pan, *Peter Pan*; Carrie, *Carousel*. Other favorites: *Little Women* with Maureen McGovern; *Seussical* with Cathy Rigby; Sandra, *Big Fish* (11th Hour). Love to Aaron and our favorite production Maddie.

ROBERT MINTZ (Ensemble; u/s Igor) WST debut! Regional credits include: Broadway: 3 Generations (Kennedy Center), My Fair Lady (Arena Stage), Crazy for You, The Visit (Signature Theatre), On the Town, Mary Poppins, Producers, Little Mermaid (Olney Theatre Center), West Side Story (Gateway Playhouse). BM from CUA. Thanks to Jeffrey, John & David. @mintzterpiecetheater

DAN OLMSTEAD (The Monster) is delighted to return to the Walnut for his 20th Mainstage performance! Select WST credits: *Matilda*, South Pacific, Harvey, High Society, Arsenic and Old Lace, Good People, Amadeus, Fiddler on the Roof, Fallen Angels, A Streetcar Named Desire, Enchanted April, Of Mice and Men, The Constant Wife, Finian's Rainbow, Damn

Yankees, She Stoops to Conquer and 1776. Dan holds an M.F.A. in Acting from Temple University.

FRAN PRISCO (Inspector Hans Kemp/The Hermit) is thrilled to be back! He just played Bill in *Mamma Mia* at the Fulton Theatre. Recent Walnut appearances include: *Holiday Inn*, *Annie*, *Forum*, and *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*. This season, look for him in *Shrek* and *The Best Man*. Fran has served as Writer, Director, and Emcee of the last two WST Galas. Many thanks to the Walnut family! Love to Siobhán.

COLIN PRITCHARD (Ensemble; u/s The Monster) is honored to make his WST debut! Tours: 42nd Street, Billy Elliot. Regional: Goodspeed, TUTS, Westchester Broadway, Fulton, MacHaydn. Favorite roles include: Freddy in Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Lt. Cioffi in Curtains, Nathan in Guys & Dolls. BS: Georgetown. Thanks to Mary Jane, Chuck, the Coslovs and Mom. Enjoy the show!

AUDREY SIMMONS (Ensemble; u/s Inga) is elated to be back at the Walnut where she was last seen in *Legally Blonde* and *Holiday Inn*. Other credits include: Janet Van De Graaff (*The Drowsy Chaperone*), Judy/ Cassie (*A Chorus Line*), Graziella (*West Side Story*). Proud alum of UArts. Audrey also enjoys teaching at the Fred Astaire Dance Studios as a certified ballroom instructor. audreybsimmons.com

ALANNA J. SMITH (Inga) Wilkommen! This is a dream come true. WST: A Comedy Of Tenors, Noises Off, A Funny Thing..., The Importance of Being Earnest, The Wizard of Oz, A Christmas Story. Regional: Fireside Theatre, Media Theatre, Bristol Riverside Theatre, Hangar Theatre. Many thanks to the entire Walnut team. Love to my family, the Tischlers, and Jacob. Teri Garr, I hope I make you proud! alannajsmith.com

KAYLA ANNE TARPLEY (Ensemble) is thrilled to be back on the Walnut stage again! WST: Holiday Inn, Winter Wonderettes. Theatre Horizon: Black Nativity -Barrymore award, Best Ensemble in a musical. New City Stage Company: Roseburg -Capital Fringe. Much love to my tribe (you know who you are)! Instagram: _kit.kat.kay_

MARK WILLIAM (Ensemble) has appeared globally in such shows as *My Fair Lady*, *Mary*

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Poppins, Mame with Leslie Uggams, and Jerry's Girls with Susan Anton. His critically-acclaimed nightclub act, Come Croon With Me, tours the country and plays luxury cruises. Debut album available November, 2019 on CD, iTunes, Spotify, etc. markwilliamnyc.com

MEL BROOKS (Book/Music and Lyrics) Director, producer, writer and actor, Mel Brooks is the recipient of three 2001 Tony Awards (Best Score, Best Book of a Musical, Best Musical) and two Grammy Awards (Best Musical Show Album and Best Long Form Music Video) for The Producers. Mr. Brooks began his distinguished career during television's "Golden Age" as a writer for Sid Caesar on Your Show of Shows in 1951. In 1955 and in 1957, Brooks received Emmy Award nominations (with others) for the best comedy writing for Caesar's Hour, and in 1956 he was nominated (with others) for best writing for a variety or situation comedy. In 1952, Brooks wrote sketches for Leonard Sillman's Broadway smash-hit revue, New Faces of 1952, and in 1957, together with Joe Darion, he wrote the book for the Broadway musical Shinbone Alley, which starred Eartha Kitt. In 1962, he wrote the book for the Broadway musical All-American, starring Ray Bolger. In the'60s, Brooks teamed up with Carl Reiner to write and perform The 200 Year Old Man albums, which became immediate bestsellers. In 1960 and 1961, Brooks and Reiner received Grammy Award nominations for the best spoken word comedy for 2000 Years and for best comedy performance for 2000 And One Years, respectively. In 1997, Brooks and Reiner teamed up again for The 2000 Year Old Man in the Year 2000. Both a book and a CD were released, the CD winning a Grammy Award in 1998 for the best spoken word album: comedy. Brooks wrote and narrated The Critic, a short satire on avantgarde art films, which received the Academy Award for best animated short subject in 1964. In 1965, he teamed up with buck Henry and created Get Smart, the long-running televisions show starring Don Adams as Agent 86. Brooks, along with others, received an Emmy Award for outstanding writing achievement in a comedyvariety in 1967 for The Sid Caesar, Imogene Coca, Carl Reiner, Howard Morris Special. In 1968, he wrote and directed his first feature film, The Producers, starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder, which earned him an Academy Award for the best original screenplay written

directly for the screen. He then went on to create a remarkable string of hit comedies: 1970, he wrote, directed and acted in The Twelve Chairs; 1974, co-wrote, directed and acted in Blazing Saddles, and was nominated, along with John Morris, for the best title song, "Blazing Saddles"; 1974, co-wrote and directed Young Frankenstein; 1976, co-wrote, directed and starred in Silent Movie; 1977, co-wrote, directed, produced and starred in History of the World, Part 1; 1983, produced and starred in To Be or Not To Be; co-wrote, directed, produced and starred in the hit sci-fi spoof, Spaceballs; 1991, co-wrote, directed, produced and starred in Life Stinks; 1993, co-wrote, directed, produced and starred in Robin Hood: Men in Tights; 1995, co-wrote, directed, produced and starred in Dracula: Dead and Loving It. For three successive seasons, Brooks won the Emmy Award for his role as "Uncle Phil" on the hit comedy show, Mad About You. His visionary film company, Brooksfilms Limited, founded in 1980, has produced some of America's most distinguished films, among them: David Lynch's The Elephant Man, David Cronenberg's The Fly, Frances, Richard Benjamin's My Favorite Year and 84 Charing Cross Road, starring Anthony Hopkins and Mr. Brooks' wife Anne Bancroft.

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.

CHARLES ABBOTT (Director) Thank you, Bernard: this marks Chuck's 34th WST production since *Oliver* in 1983, but who's counting?! They have included four world premieres, two Barrymore awards, and the Edwin Forrest Lifetime Achievement Award. Regionally, multiple productions at Alabama Shakespeare; Alley in Houston; Atlanta's Alliance (Associate Artistic Director); Fifth

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Avenue in Seattle; Fulton in Lancaster; 20 years as Artistic Director for Maine State Music Theatre; Portland Stage; and Houston's TUTS including world premieres of Yeston/Kopit's *Phantom* and a *Follies* that opened the Wortham Theatre Center. First-ever Directing Drama-Logue Award for LA Opera's *Oklahoma!* Broadway and regional theatre actor, he's played over 1,000 performances as *Cabaret*'s Emcee. Honored to have an SDC Foundation Fellowship in his name, the 9th host theater will be Chicago Shakespeare's premiere of *Emma*.

MARY JANE HOUDINA (Choreographer) Associate choreographer, movie *The Great Gatsby*; tap consultant, Peter Allen/Radio City. Broadway choreography includes *Into the Light*, associate choreographer original *Annie*. Regionally, *Oklahoma!* (Jean Stapleton), *Follies* (Juliet Prowse), *Show Boat* (Gavin MacLeod). Danced on Broadway in ten shows as well as Peter Gennaro's nightclub act. Received the 1998 Barrymore Award at Walnut St. for *Crazy for You*; nominated in 2001 for *Singin' in the Rain*; 2006 for *42nd Street*. She choreographed the successful *High Society* and is very happy to be back!

CHRIS BURCHERI (Music and Vocal Direction) is excited to be starting his first season as the Walnut's Mainstage music director with Young Frankenstein. Previously he has served as the associate conductor on Annie and Holiday Inn. Based in Philadelphia, he has also music directed at Rutgers-Camden, Friends Central School, and the WST for Kids series, where his musical arrangements can be heard in A Christmas Carol. He is a vocal coach at The Brind School at The University of the Arts, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Thank you to Bernard and Mark for this opportunity. Love to Mom, Dad, Lauren, and Maura.

ROBERT 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. An award-winning designer who has designed for Off-Broadway, tours, and theatre throughout the US & Internationally. Robert and his team have designed, managed, and produced corporate events, product launches, general session, and keynotes for Fortune 500 companies

including INTEL, KPMG, Milwaukee Tool, and Chevrolet, KovEntertainment.com

MARY FOLINO (Costume Design) is currently WST's Costume Shop Manager, having previously worked as the Costume Director of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, and the Assistant Costume Shop Manager here at WST. Favorite WST designs include Peter and the Starcatcher, South Pacific, Forum, Annie, The Humans, Holiday Inn, Matilda, A Comedy of Tenors, and The Curious Incident of the Dog... Night-time. Many thanks to the WST family, all my collaborators on this piece, and the amazing costume and wardrobe staff!

CHARLIE MORRISON (Lighting Design) National/international tours/NYC: Disney's The Little Mermaid, A Christmas Story: The Musical, Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas: The Musical (NYC, Grand Ole Opry, US Tour), A Chorus Line (U.S., Japan, and China), Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Miss Saigon, Aida (U.S. and Asia), and many others. Regional: Paper Mill Playhouse, Guthrie Theater, Shakespeare Theatre Company (D.C.), Goodspeed Musicals, Seattle Repertory, Seattle 5th Avenue. Sacramento Music Circus, Theatre Under the Stars, and many others. Charlie is the recipient of two Helen Hayes Awards for Outstanding Lighting Design. cmlighting.com

ED CHAPMAN (Sound Design) Walnut Street Theatre: In the Heights, Mary Poppins, Wizard of Oz, Annie. Broadway: 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: Holiday Inn (2018 SALT Award nomination), Mamma Mia! (2016 Berkshire Theatre Award nomination). Love to John and Gayle, Kate, Mary Ann, Johnny, and Eddie.

DOUG BESTERMAN (Orchestrations) A three-time Tony Award winner (six nominations), Doug's Broadway orchestration credits include: A Bronx Tale, It Shoulda Been You, Bullets Over Broadway (2014 Tony Award nomination), Rocky, On a Clear Day, Sister Act, How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying (2011 Tony Award nomination), Elf, Young Frankenstein (Drama Desk Award nomination), Tarzan, Dracula, Thoroughly

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Modern Millie (2002 Tony Award/Drama Desk Awards), The Producers (2001 Tony and Drama Desk Awards), Seussical, The Music Man (Drama Desk and Tony Award nominations), Fosse (1999 Tony Award), Big (Drama Desk nomination), Damn Yankees (Drama Desk nomination) and Gentlemen Prefer Blondes; also: additional orchestrations for Aladdin, Annie, Cinderella, The People in the Picture, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Anastasia.

MARK CUMBERLAND (Additional Orchestrations) Mark began his musical career as a chorister with the world-renowned choir of King's College, Cambridge. He has featured in more than 100 West End and Broadway productions as either trumpeter, music copyist, arranger or orchestrator.

KATIE CHANCE (Stage Manager) is happy to join the stage management team at Walnut Street Theatre. Prior to moving back to her hometown of Philadelphia, Katie worked primarily in Washington, DC, where she was the Resident Assistant Stage Manager at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company. She also worked at many

other theaters along the way. Favorites: Studio Theatre, Signature Theatre, and Contemporary American Theater Festival. Hi Silje and Momert!

ANGELA CUCCO (Stage Manager) is happy to be back at the Walnut for her tenth season! Previously, she stage managed for six seasons upstairs in the Independence Studio on 3. Other stage management credits include Williamstown Theatre Festival, George Street Playhouse, Vineyard Playhouse, Skyline Theatre Company, New York International Fringe Festival and Philly Fringe. Many thanks to Mom, Dad, Laurie, Anthony, Dante and the WST family. Love to David. For Patty.

SIOBHÁN RUANE (Director of Production) This is Siobhán's seventh season at the Walnut. With almost 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.

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an MFA from the University of Delaware, and is (proudly!) originally from the Jersey Shore.

MARK D. SYLVESTER (Managing Director) Mark is proud to be celebrating his 26th season at the Walnut. 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 450 stage productions. An avid collector of musical theatre recordings, his collection contains over 3.000 cast albums from around the world. Widely regarded as a theatrical marketing expert, Mark lectures and consults with organizations internationally. He has served on several boards including seven years with 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 coauthored the book Walnut Street Theatre. Since he joined the Walnut in 1994 it has become the most subscribed theatre company in the world.

BERNARD HAVARD (President Producing Artistic Director) Vox Populi (The Voice of the People) was written on the Walnut Playbills in the 1800s. Whenever the Walnut has strayed from a populist program, the theatre has gone bankrupt. When I came here 37 years ago, we had no programs and no audience. Today we enjoy the largest subscription 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 have tremendous admiration for the artists who have dedicated their lives to the theatre and the Walnut, in particular. 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 172,000 students in our city schools. We have 30 trustees who give their time, wisdom and contributions to help guide this historical treasure. I came to the Walnut 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 AboutUs on our web site at WalnutStreetTheatre.org.

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