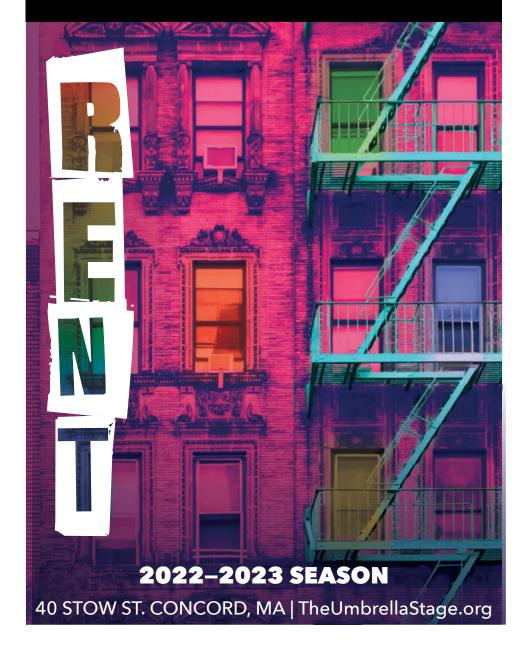


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THE UMBRELLA STAGE COMPANY PRESENTS

RENT

Book, music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson Produced by Brian Boruta Directed by Julia Deter

Music Direction by Jeff Kimball

Assistant Directed/Dramaturgy by Abraham Rebollo-Trujillo

Lighting Design by Ben Rush

Costume Design by Rebecca Shannon Butler Stage Managed by Nicole O'Keeffe

Assistant Directed/Associate

Choreography by

Hannah Shihdanian

Scenic Design by Dan Daly

Sound Design by James Cannon

Properties & Set Dressing by Sarajane Morse Mullins

RENT was originally produced in New York by New York Theatre Workshop and on Broadway by Jeffrey Seller, Kevin McCollum, Allen S. Gordon and New York Theatre Workshop

Rent is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

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Temma Beaudreau as Maureen Johnson
Brian Demar Jones* as Tom Collins
Maria Norris as Joanne Jefferson
Dominic Pecikonis as Angel Dumott Schunard
Isa Sánchez as Mimi Márquez
Errol Service Jr. as Mark Cohen
Jake Smerechniak as Roger Davis
Jared Troilo* as Benjamin Coffin III
WITH

John Breen H.C. Lee

Vanessa Calantropo Alex Massarotti

Shani Farrell Kara Chu Nelson

Eleni Kontzamanys David Rodrigues

Emily Lambert

Band

Jeff Kimball, Piano/Conductor

Doug Telepman, Guitar

Michael Berkowitz, Guitar II, Keyboard II

Premiere Mu'min, Bass

Pat Hanafin, Drums

Dan Tang, Drums

^{*} Appearing through an Agreement between this theater and Actor's Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States. Actors' Equity Association ("Equity"), founded in 1913, is the U.S. labor union that represents more than 51,000 professional Actors and Stage Managers. Equity fosters the art of live theatre as an essential component of society and advances the careers of its members by negotiating wages, improving working conditions and providing a wide range of benefits, including health and pension plans. Actors' Equity is a member of the AFL-CIO and is affiliated with FIA, an international organization of performing arts unions. Equity is governed by its own members through an elected Council, representing principal actors, chorus actors and stage managers living in three regions: Eastern, Central and Western. Members at large participate in Equity's governance through a system of regional Boards and Committees. Equity has 28 designated area liaison cities with over 100 members each.



Musical Numbers

"Tune Up A" - Mark, Roger "Voice Mail #1" - Mark's Mother

"Tune Up B" - Mark, Roger, Collins, Benny

"Rent" - Mark, Roger, Collins, Benny, Joanne, and Company

"Christmas Bells #1" - Ensemble

"You Okay, Honey" - Christmas Caroler, Angel, Collins

"Tune Up - Reprise" - Mark, Roger

"One Song Glory" - Roger

"Light My Candle" - Mimi, Roger

"Voice Mail #2" - Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson

"Today For You" - Collins, Roger, Mark, Angel

"You'll See" - Benny, Mark, Roger, Collins, Angel

"Tango Maureen" - Joanne, Mark

"Support Group" - Angel, Collins, Mark, Roger, Ensemble

"Out Tonight" - Mimi

"Another Day" - Mimi, Roger, Ensemble

"Will I" - Steve and Company

"On The Street" - Christmas Carolers, Squeegee Man, Mark, Collins, Angel, Homeless Woman, Cops

"Santa Fe" - Collins, Angel, Mark, Ensemble

"I'll Cover You" - Angel, Collins

"We're Okay" - Joanne

"Christmas Bells" - Christmas Carolers, Saleswoman, Collins, Angel, Mark, Roger "Over The Moon" - Maureen

"La Vie Boheme/I Should Tell You" - Waiter, Mark, Roger, Collins, Benny, Mimi, Angel, Maureen, Joanne, Mr. Grey, and Company

ACT 2

"Seasons of Love" - Company

"Happy New Year A" - Mimi, Roger, Mark, Maureen, Joanne, Collins, Angel

"Voice Mail #3" - Mark's Mother, Alexi Darling

"Voice Mail #4" - Alexi Darling

"Happy New Year B" - Maureen, Mark, Joanne, Roger, Mimi, Collins, Angel, Benny, The Man

"Take Me or Leave Me" - Maureen, Joanne

"Seasons of Love B" - Company

"Without You" - Roger, Mimi

"Voice Mail #5" - Roger's Mother, Mimi's Mother, Mr. Jefferson, Mark's Mother "Contact" - Company

"I'll Cover You - Reprise" - Collins and Company

"Halloween" - Mark

"Goodbye Love" - Mimi, Roger, Benny Maureen, Joanne, Mark, Collins

"What You Own" - Mark, Roger

"Voice Mail #6"

"Finale A" - Homeless People, Mark, Roger, Collins, Maureen, Joanne, Mimi "Your Eyes" - Roger

> "Finale B" - Roger, Mimi, Company Exit Music ("I'll Cover You")



Welcome to The Umbrella Stage Company's 2022/2023 season.

We are beyond happy to be bringing live theater to the region. While the pandemic took its toll on all of us, The Umbrella has remained strong and is committed to continuing to produce bold, daring, and innovative work.

The pandemic has forced many of us to reconsider how we work, what we produce, and what

that impact has on our community. During your visit to The Umbrella, I encourage you to spend some time in our Gallery, wander through the three floors of artist studios, and peek into our classrooms. I hope that tonight's performance will leave you wanting to not only come back for more theater, but also to sign up for an art class, come to a gallery opening or concert or film, visit us at Winter Market and Open Studios, engage with our Arts & Environment program, tour our outdoors public art installations, or become a volunteer.

There are so many ways you can participate in the Arts at The Umbrella. We look forward to seeing more of you.

Enjoy the show!

Jerry Wedge Executive Director TheUmbrellaArts.org Dear friends,

Welcome!

I am thrilled that you're joining us as we open another season on our Main Stage with this production of *Rent*!

When *Rent* premiered, it redefined what a Broadway musical could look and sound like, and became a seminal piece of theater for an entirely new generation or artists. Now, some 30 years removed, it has become a touchstone for society - a place to return to important conversations we've been having for decades to reflect on how far we have and haven't come.

As the world slowly emerges from yet another public health crisis, it also has a renewed relevance, and I'm excited to collaborate with Julia Deter and all of the incredible artists involved in this production to bring *Rent* to today's audiences and continue the discussion.

We have so much more in store for you later this season, too! We are excited to have just added a holiday pops concert featuring Firebird Pops Orchestra. In March we will finally present our first full-length world premiere commission, *Middleton Heights* by local playwright Hortense Gerardo. We close the season with yet another iconic piece of American theater, *The Color Purple*.

Thanks again for joining us, and for all your continued support.

See you at the theater!

Brian Boruta, Producing Artistic Director, The Umbrella Stage Company

Letter from the Director

Friends.

"In these dangerous times, where it seems the world is ripping apart at the seams, we can all learn how to survive from those who stare death squarely in the face everyday. [We] should reach out to each other and bond as a community rather than hide from the terrors of life at the end of the millennium." - Jonathan Larson, written shortly before his sudden death during the night before *Rent's* Off-Broadway premiere.

In 1991, when our story begins, the HIV/AIDS epidemic was reaching new proportions. The crisis was being actively ignored by the government, misinformation about how the disease spread ran rampant, and the one drug available to help, azidothymidine (AZT), had dubious effectiveness at best and a host of debilitating side effects at worst. Because the disease primarily affected marginalized communities and those deemed to be living in moral failure, sufferers were often ostracized by their families. The act of building one's own community, surrounded by 'chosen family', became necessary for survival. These are the conditions under which our characters unite with each other.

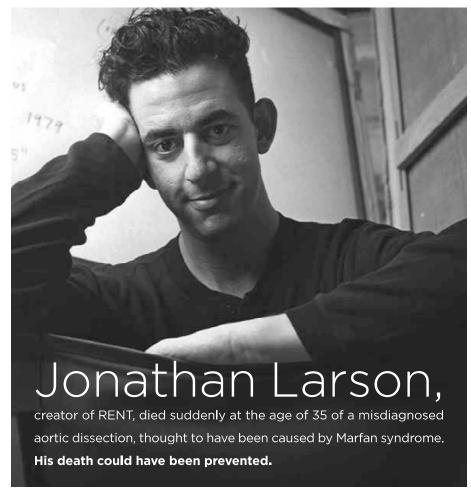
Those familiar with the original production will notice that we have changed the names of the characters in the Life Support Group. Life Support is based on a real organization called Friends In Deed. Larson frequented this group with his friends who were living with AIDS and whose names were in the original Life Support scene. None of them survived to see opening night. The scripts encourage us to change the names of these characters to honor those we have lost. The names you will hear tonight are lent by our cast and crew in remembrance of their dearly departed.

At its core, however, *Rent* is a show about life, not death; love, not loss. It teaches us to live for today, and to love fiercely and unconditionally. It is no accident that "No day but today," the motto of the Life Support group, is echoed throughout the show. *Rent* asks us to live now and to love now, because tomorrow is never promised.

Today, we experience *Rent* through the lenses of ongoing racial, social and economic inequities, political strife, and the health crisis that is COVID-19. I believe *Rent* is more than a period piece; it is as timely and relevant as ever. Its enduring impact is testament to the genius and sensitivities of Jonathan Larson and his creative team.

In the words of Michael Grief, director of the original Broadway production, "I assert that everyone who gets to work on *Rent* grows personally and artistically. Our hearts get bigger, more open. Our minds get sharper. We're better equipped to take care of our children and our parents and our friends and the world. We've learned to measure our lives in love, and take no joy or sorrow for granted." I hope that you, the audience, can take a piece of that love and joy out of this theater to share with those you hold close.

Julia Deter, Director



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Temma Beaudreau (Maureen Johnson) is "over the moon" to be returning to The Umbrella stage! You may have previously seen her as Philoclea in Head Over Heels last season, or tapping her feet as Lorraine Fleming in The Umbrella's inaugural production of 42nd Street. She would like to thank Julia for the opportunity to be a part of telling this story, as well as the entire Rent team for their dedication to the show. Lastly and especially, she would like to thank her family and friends for always being there, and for continuing to support her in pursuing her passion.



John Breen (Ensemble) is thrilled to be returning to The Umbrella after performing in Head Over Heels. Previous shows with The Umbrella include their inaugural season's productions 42nd Street and Tuck Everlasting. When John is not on stage, he works as a specialty cake decorator at Love & Flour Bakery in Salem, NH. You can spot John competing in the first season of the Netflix original series Sugar Rush Christmas. Many thanks to The Umbrella for welcoming him back!



Vanessa Calantropo (Ensemble) is pleased to return to The Umbrella. She was previously seen at The Umbrella in the roles of Yitzhak in Hedwig and The Angry Inch, Barrie in Hundred Days, Kate in The Wild Party, and Shelia Franklin in HAIR and featured in Here Comes the Sun. Favorite Boston credits include Dimitri in The Donkey Show (ART); GREECE; Whatever Happened to Baby Jesus; Brokelahomo (The Gold Dust Orphans). Morticia in The Addams Family, Jolene in Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Cassie in A Chorus Line and the Soprano in All Night Strut (Arlington Friends of the Drama); Gussie Carnegie in Merrily We Roll Along (FUDGE Theater). Much love to my wonderful, beautiful family, Jon, Tini, and this fabulous group of people. vanessacalantropo.com



Shani Farrell (Mother/Ensemble) The Umbrella Stage Company: Rose in Fences and Yitzhak in Hedwig and the Angry Inch. Velma Kelly in Chicago (Worcester County Light Opera Club). Sojourner in The Book of Will, Be Here Now, The Walking Plays Series 1, Episodes 3-6, Anne Frances in The Walking Plays Series 2/Greenway Series. Episodes 2 & 3. Stageloft Repertory Theater: Gloria in Boeing Boeing (Mainstage Theater Company); Mrs. Clackett in Noises Off; The Witch in Into the Woods (Mainstage Theater Company;. Gary Coleman in Avenue Q (Clark University Musical Theater Club). Shani is a graduate of Fitchburg State University with a bachelor's degree in Communications/Theater. She

has been nominated for EMACT DASH award for best supporting actress in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* (Smitty), and was an IRENE RYAN nominee/semi-finalist in the 2015 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Special thanks to the ones whose support never waivers!



Brian Demar Jones* (Tom Collins) is making his debut at The Umbrella in Rent. This is also his first show in the Boston Area. Still new to the Boston area, Brian currently teaches high school acting at Walnut Hill School for the Arts. Brian is also an experienced director and hopes to move into that field here in Boston. A few of his favorite acting roles have been Darcy in Kate Hamill's Pride and Prejudice (Kansas City Rep), Gloucester in Henry IV, Part 2 (Oregon Shakespeare Festival), Black in Lippa's The Wild Party (Illumination Act), Legba/Marcus in Brother/Sister Plays (Portland Playhouse, Oregon), Billy Crocker in Anything Goes (Lakewood Theater), and Oberon/Theseus in A Midsummer

Night's Dream (Interplayers Theater). www.bdemarjones.com



Eleni Kontzamanys (*Ensemble*) is ecstatic to be a part of the ensemble of *Rent* at The Umbrella Stage Company! She was most recently seen in the staged reading of *The Prince and the Painter* (Boston New Works Festival, Moonbox Productions). Other credits include Veronica in *Heathers* and Pearl White in *Ghost Quartet*. Eleni is a third-year Musical Theater major at The Boston Conservatory at Berklee. Many thanks to her friends, family, and The Umbrella Stage! Follow her journey via Instagram @elenikontzamanys. (she/her/hers)



Emily Lambert (Ensemble) is excited to make her debut at The Umbrella Stage Company. Her past roles include Sherrie in Rock of Ages (The Company Theatre) for which she won a BroadwayWorld Award; Claire in Ordinary Days (Holly Chin Studios), Christmas Past in A Christmas Carol (Stadium Theatre), Portia in Something Rotten (The Company Theatre), and Winnifred Banks in Mary Poppins (Needham Community Theatre). She is currently portraying Michelle in T: An MBTA Musical in the Boston area. Outside of theater, Emily is a video producer for a consulting firm. She would like to thank her wonderful family and friends for all their support. She would also like to thank the cast

and crew of Rent for their kindness and friendship.



H.C. Lee (*Ensemble*) is happy to be back on The Umbrella stage! Recent credits include *Head over Heels* (The Umbrella); *The Rocky Horror Show* (Moonbox); *Oliver!* (New Repertory Theatre). Love to Cynthia and kiddos.



Alex Massarotti (Ensemble) is thrilled to be making his Umbrella debut! Alex is a senior at The Rivers School. Past credits include Moritz in Spring Awakening (Wellesley Theatre Project); Minstrel/Bard Boy/Troupe in Something Rotten!; Patchy/French/Narrator/Ensemble in SpongeBob; Mr. Wormwood in Matilda; Abel in Children of Eden (Weston Drama Workshop); Sam in Mamma Mia! (Rivers Nonesuch Players); Emmett in Legally Blonde (Rivers Nonesuch Players); Christian in Fun Home (Vokes Players). When not on stage, Alex enjoys golf, baseball, guitar, video games and chess. Alex is so thankful to be a part of this incredible cast and creative team. "No day but today!"



Kara Chu Nelson (Swing) is honored to be returning to The Umbrella stage with such an incredible group of artists! Previously at The Umbrella, Kara performed in Evita, Joy Luck Club, Here Comes the Sun, and Holidays Under the Umbrella, along with serving on the Season Planning Committee. She has also worked at North Shore Music Theatre, Moonbox Productions, Seacoast Rep, and Fiddlehead Theatre Company, among others. Favorite past roles include Éponine in Les Miserables, "Somewhere" Girl in West Side Story, The Mistress in Evita, Hope Cladwell in Urinetown, and Natalie in Next to Normal.

Kara would like to thank the Rent team for this wonderful opportunity.



Maria Sylvia Norris (Joanne Jefferson) is honored to be making her Umbrella Stage Company debut in Rent. A Massachusetts native, and NYU Tisch graduate, Maria has performed across the country, but most recently as Chiffon in Little Shop of Horrors (North Shore Music Theatre). Other favorite credits include Rafiki/Vocal Captain (The Disney Fantasy); Deloris in Sister Act; Candy in Saturday Night Fever and Aida in Aida. Love and gratitude to this entire team, cast and crew and of course a huge shoutout to friends and family. We're okay. @marianorris (she/her)



Dominic Pecikonis (*Angel Dumott Schunard*) is honored to make their Umbrella Stage Company debut! Angel has been a dream in the making since childhood. Previously Dominic toured the US as Daveed Diggs in the national tour of *Spamilton: An American Parody* and Paulette in *Legally Blonde* (Garland Summer Musicals). They are also a drag entertainer named Eliza Rocks! Shout out to all the fierce Trans/Non-Binary performers. Visibility matters. Black Trans Lives Matter. They dedicate this performance to a generation lost. (They/Them/Theirs) Insta: @mythriftyaesthetic TikTok: @domandeliza



David Rodrigues (Ensemble, u/s Angel) is thrilled to be back at The Umbrella, where his most recent appearance was in the ensemble for Head Over Heels. Favorite roles include Gomez Adams in The Adams Family (AFD), Marty in It Shoulda Been You (MMAS), the Emcee in Cabaret (The Footlight Club), Bobby in A Chorus Line (RTW), Clopin in The Hunchback of Notre Dame (The Concord Players). When David is not on stage, he works in finance at Citizens Financial Group and is a loving dog dad to Diva and Choo Choo. David would like to thank the cast and crew for this beautiful experience. Enjoy the show!



Isa Sánchez (Mimi Márquez) is "over the moon" to be making her professional debut at The Umbrella! She is currently pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre at The Boston Conservatory at Berklee, where she was most recently seen as Beth in John Proctor's The Villain. Other credits include Una Me Da Leche (Boston Conservatory), Romeo and Juliet (Samuel-Lancaster Productions), and Rent (Trentino Music Festival). Much love to her family, friends, and teachers for their support and endless gratitude to the cast and creative team! @isainthemoment (She/Her)



Errol Service, Jr. (Mark Cohen) is excited to make his Umbrella Stage Company debut in his second production of Rent! EJ hails from Detroit, MI, and is a junior working towards his BFA in Musical Theatre at the Boston Conservatory. His recent credits include Youth in Passing Strange (Moonbox Productions); Benny in Rent (Boston Conservatory); Britney Spears in We Will Rock You: The Queen Musical (Timber Lake Playhouse). He is eternally grateful to the cast and crew of The Umbrella's Rent for taking a chance on him for this project and he hopes that the audience enjoys this incredible piece. While

he does not have any concrete plans for the future, EJ is determined to continue performing in many different spaces all over the country! "It's Game Time!" Instagram: @theerrolservice



Jake Smerechniak (Roger Davis) Umbrella Stage Company debut! Jake is filled with gratitude to be bringing Rent to Concord. He received his BFA in Acting from Emerson College. Previous credits include Sohovik in Damn Yankees (Priscilla Beach Theatre); Corny Collins in Hairspray Jr. (Barrington Stage Company), Monsieur D'Arque in Beauty and the Beast (Barrington Stage Company); Emmett Forrest in Legally Blonde (Emerson College), for which he was nominated for an Evvy Award; Jess in See Rock City & Other Destinations (Edinburgh Fringe Festival); various musical theater cabarets in both Boston (Club Cafe) and New York City (Laurie Beechman Theater & The West End Lounge).

Film credits include *Open Call* (Pudding Boy Productions); *The River* (BIF Festival); *Boystown* (Web Exclusive by John K. Huszagh). Jake would like to thank his castmates, his *Rent*-obsessed friends & family, his aunt and cousin for letting him live in their home, Joseph Jude for use of his Fender, and his endlessly supportive partner Olivia. IG/TikTok: @ jakesmerechniak (he/him)



Jared Troilo* (Benjamin Coffin III) is thrilled to be making his debut at The Umbrella. Jared has been seen on the stages of The Lyric Stage Company, Speakeasy Stage Company, Wheelock Family Theater, Greater Boston Stage Co., Moonbox Productions, Company Theater, Palace Theater, Reagle Music Theater, Shadowland Stages, TigerLion Arts, Winter Park Playhouse, and The Barnstormers. Recent credits include The Last Five Years (Elliot Norton Award nominee), A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, Murder for Two, She Loves Me (IRNE award winner), The Full Monty, and Beauty and the Beast. TV/ Film: About Fate (Amazon/MGM), Kevin can F*** Himself (AMC), Across the Pacific (PBS).

Next, Jared will be seen in *Make Way for Ducklings* (Wheelock Family Theater) and *The Prom* (Speakeasy Stage). Proud member of AEA. Love to Kira and Levi. JaredTroilo.com



Brian Boruta (Producer, Director) This is Brian's 46th production with The Umbrella and his 43rd as the Director of Performing Arts, during which time he has earned Best Production nominations for Glengarry Glen Ross, Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson, Red, Angels in America, Equus and Bonnie & Clyde; a DASH Award for Best Play for True West and To Kill A Mockingbird, and Best Musical for Parade and Big Fish. Umbrella directing credits include: Parade (Dash Award for Best Director of a Musical) Big Fish (DASH Nom.), Hair, Evita, Side Show, Next to Normal, The Rocky Horror Show. Elsewhere: Sweeney Todd, Legally Blonde, Godspell, Seussical the Musical, The Actor's Nightmare, Sister Mary Ignatius

Explains It All for You. Favorite on-stage credits include Billy Lawlor in 42nd Street (DASH Nom.), Judas/ John the Baptist in Godspell, Cosmo Brown in Singin' in the Rain, Austin in True West, and Greg in A Chorus Line. As a designer and educator, Brian has worked with numerous college, high school and community groups including Merrimack College, Goddard College, Framingham State University, The Performing Arts Center of MetroWest, Brookline, Chelsea and Wellesley Public School. His solo piece, UnMasqued, has been workshopped and performed at the Wheeler Theater in Port Townsend, WA. Brian holds a Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Arts from Goddard College and was named the recipient of the 2014 Framingham State University Young Alumni Achievement Award for his work in the performing arts.



Julia Deter (Director/Choreographer)'s previous Umbrella credits include director/choreographer for The Old Man & the Old Moon, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Ragtime (DASH Award), A Chorus Line (DASH Award), The Rocky Horror Show, Singin' in the Rain, choreographer for The Producers (DASH Award), and A.D. for Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?. Other Local direction and/or choreography credits include: Birdy (A.D., Commonwealth Shakespeare Company), The Secret Garden (DASH nomination), Next to Normal, West Side Story (IRNE nomination), Avenue Q, Peter and the Starcatcher, Shrek (DASH nomination), See Rock City & Other Destinations (Edinburgh Festival Fringe), Kiss

Me, Kate (DASH Award), Spring Awakening, Bright Star, Urinetown, and more. In a previous life, Julia was seen onstage in the touring companies of Fiddler on the Roof, 42nd Street, All Shook Up, and many other regional productions. She has also worked with the Broadway companies of 42nd Street, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and Radio City Music Hall. Julia is an Honours graduate of the Royal Academy of Dance, London.



Jonathan Larson (Book, Music, Lyrics) received the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for *Rent*. He also won the 1996 Tony Award for Best Musical and the 1994 Richard Rodgers Award for *Rent* and twice received The Gilman & Gonzales-Falla Theatre Foundation's Commendation Award. In 1989 he was granted the Stephen Sondheim Award from American Music Theatre Festival, where he contributed to the musical *Sitting on the Edge of the Future*. In 1988 he won the Richard Rodgers Development Grant for his rock musical *Superbia*, which was staged at Playwrights Horizon. He composed the score for the musical *J.P. Morgan Saves the Nation*, which was presented by En Garde Arts in

1995. Mr. Larson performed his rock monologue *tick, tick... BOOM!* at Second Stage Theatre, The Village Gate and New York Theatre Workshop. In addition to scoring and songwriting for *Sesame Street*, he created music for a number of children's book-cassettes, including Steven Spielberg's *An American Tail* and *Land Before Time*. Other film scores include work for *Rolling Stone* magazine publisher Jann Wenner. He conceived, directed and wrote four original songs for *Away We Go!*, a musical video for children. *Rent*, his rock opera based on *La Boheme*, had its world premiere on February 13, 1996 at New York Theatre Workshop. Mr. Larson died unexpectedly of an aortic aneurysm on January 25, 1996, ten days before his 36th birthday. His music (including songs cut from his shows) is archived in the Library of Congress.

Rebecca Shannon Butler (Costume Designer) holds a B.F.A. from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. She's been part of the Boston live performance scene for almost two decades, and she's excited to work with The Umbrella Stage Company for the first time! Freelance costume design credits include Turn of the Screw, The Impresario, Curlew River, Prodigal Son (Enigma Chamber Opera); ELLIS (Guerilla Opera), A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine, Urinetown, Hair, Reflections (Boston Conservatory), Boston Gay Men's Chorus, Actors' Shakespeare Project, and Intermezzo Chamber Opera Series. She was the Costume Director and Manager at the Boston Conservatory for over a decade, where favorite productions included Urinetown, Dead Man Walking, The Frogs, and Her Naked Skin. Butler was a founding member of the designer's studio, the Industrial Stitchers Guild, and has created costumes and textile art for organizations in Boston and beyond.

James Cannon (Sound Designer) is a freelance audio engineer, sound designer, composer, and music producer from Chicago, IL, and currently based in Watertown, MA. Recent theatrical credits include: The View Upstairs (Speakeasy Stage), Well, Straight White Men (Hovey Players), The Rocky Horror Show, Passing Strange (Moonbox Productions), The Last Wide Open, The Old Man & The Old Moon, Head Over Heels, The Colored Museum, Dracula (The Umbrella Stage Company), NIGHTTOWN: An Operatic Reimagining of James Joyce's Ulysses (Lowell House Opera), and Spring Awakening (Wellesley Theater Project).

Dan Daly (Scenic Designer)'s design work has been previously seen at The Umbrella in *Fences* in 2019. His work has also been seen at the Under the Radar Festival at The Public, at Brookfield Place with Third Rail Project's site-specific work *Oasis*, at RuPaul's Drag Con where he designs the booth for Monét X Change, and at the Barn Arts Collective in Southwest Harbor, Maine where he built an inflatable theater. Dan designed the second ever production of Nico Muhly's opera *Dark Sisters* at Pittsburgh Opera, the premier of *The Final Veil* at the Cell, and multiple productions with Odyssey Opera in Boston including *Le Médecin Malgré Lui* by Gounod, and *Giovanna d'Arco* by Verdi. Off-Broadway; *Tammany Hall* (SoHo Playhouse), the 2021 Criminal Queerness Festival (National Queer Theater), *Toe Pick* (Dixon Place), and *Arborlogues: A Botanical Recital Performed for One Tree*, a play created for one specific tree in Brooklyn's Prospect Park. MFA: Carnegie Mellon University. www.dandalydesign.com

Al Forgione (Technical Director)'s set design and scenic work have been showcased throughout the United States and the United Kingdom. A native of the Boston area, Al has a BA in Theatre Arts from Bridgewater State University and a MA in Design For Performance from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama. Al has been building sets for The Umbrella since 2014. forgionedesign.com

Kayleigh Kane (Intimacy Director) is a Boston-based theatrical intimacy professional and multi-disciplinary artist. She's received training from Intimacy Directors and Choreographers, Theatrical Intimacy Education, National Society of Intimacy Professionals, and more. Recent intimacy direction credits include *The Moors* (Entropy Theatre); *Marraige or MADE* (Harvard University), *Dracula: a feminist revenge fantasy, really* (The Umbrella Stage Company). In addition to designing movement and intimacy for scripted theater, Kayleigh teaches and performs at ImprovBoston, where she enjoys helping people of all backgrounds unlock their creativity through improvisation. In everything she does, Kayleigh is a joyful believer in pushing the boundaries of the artform while supporting the boundaries of the artists. Learn more at kayleighkane.com.

Jeff Kimball (Music Director) is a frequent musical director and performer around the Northeast. Most recently, he was musical director for Cinderella (Vokes) and Peter and the Starcatcher. He is often found behind the keys at Footlight Club, including Legally Blonde, Heathers, BIG, and Bat Boy (EMACT DASH awards including Best Music Direction, and nominations including Best Production and Best Ensemble Performance.) Other recent shows include Next To Normal (Boston Theatre Dance) and Les Misérables (Encore Repertory Co.) In addition, Jeff is a musical director & instructor with ImprovBoston and with Artbarn Community Theater, and performs with Phil Henry & the Newsfeed. He will gladly show you photos of his kid upon request. http://www.jeffkimballmusic.com/

Shayna Loeffler (Costume Assistant), a member of the Board of Directors of Arlington Friends of Drama. "It is a pleasure to work on this production. Thank you."

Abigail Lora (Assistant Stage Manager) first discovered *Rent* in high school when she went into NYC with a group of friends to see it on Broadway. Her love of it has only grown over the years, and she is thrilled to be a part of this production. Other backstage Umbrella credits include being the ASM for *Avenue Q, Tuck Everlasting*, and *Bent*, and being part of the crew for *Head Over Heels*. When not at the theater, Abi works as a special education teacher in Boston. She would like to thank the entire creative team, cast, and crew for this experience, and her friends and family for their never-ending support.

Sarajane Morse Mullins (Props Master) is a Boston-based actor and theater artist. Previous Umbrella credits for properties and set dressings include *Tuck Everlasting*, 42nd Street, Glengarry Glen Ross (Dash Nomination), Joy Luck Club and Dracula. Past appearances on The Umbrella stage include Lucille in Parade (Dash Nomination), Blanche Barrow in Bonnie and Clyde (Arts Impulse nomination, DASH nomination), and ensemble roles in Tuck Everlasting, Big Fish and Evita. SJ holds a BFA in Theater Arts from Boston University and trained abroad with the London Academy of Music and Drama. She has appeared at The Huntington Theater Company, Greater Boston Stage Company, Turtle Lane Playhouse, and over 50 productions in the Midwest. She annually adjudicates for the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild. More at www.officiallysarajane.com

Nicole O'Keeffe (Stage Manager) The Umbrella: Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Dr. Smarty in the New Normal, ASM for Hundred Days and Head over Heels. Other favorite credits: Peter and the Starcatcher (Footlight, DASH Award), See Rock City and Other Destinations (Ragnarok, Edinburgh Fringe Festival), The Language Archive (Acme). Thanks to Jules and the whole Umbrella team for another adventure and to YOU for supporting live theater, now more than ever. (she/her)

Johnny Penney (Assistant Stage Manager) has worked as a fly captain and stage carpenter at The Umbrella since its production of 42nd Street in 2019. He most recently was assistant stage manager on The Umbrella's productions of Dracula, The Last Wide Open and The Old Man and The Old Moon. He has also worked as a crew chief for the Opera Institute's production of The Cunning Little Vixen and as fly captain/stage operations staff member for several seasons at The Glimmerglass Festival.

Abraham Rebollo-Trujillo (Assistant Director/Dramaturg) is a multidisciplinary theatre maker, idol-smasher, and known fag. Most recently, s/he participated in the International Theatre & Dance Project's summer program in Syros, Greece. S/he previously costume designed for Ubu Roi (Harvard-Radcliffe Dramatic Club) and Blood on the Cat's Neck (Harvard Theater, Dance & Media), portrayed Christopher Wren in The Mousetrap (Belmont Dramatic Club) and her alter-ego Frida Kahlor in Queer Cabaret (Harvard TDM), and assistant directed The Colored Museum (The Umbrella Stage Company). His upbringing in a working class immigrant family informs her class politics. S/he focuses on the radical and political and draws on his gay and trans identities, Mexican indigenous lineage, and Jewish studies to develop her sociopolitical lens. S/he is happy to return to The Umbrella for his second production with the company and is grateful for an opportunity to shed light on the radical politics inherent in Rent.

Ben Rush (Lighting Designer) is thrilled to be back at The Umbrella! Previous productions include directing *Jesus Christ Superstar* and Lighting Design on *Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Old Man and the Old Moon*, and *Head Over Heels*. He has spent over 30 years working in all aspects of theater, as a performer, director, designer, technician, and educator. Ben received formal training as a performer at Florida School of the Arts and received his B.F.A in Scenic Technology from the School of Design & Production at the UNC School of the Arts. Some of his favorite projects have been ACD on *America's Got Talent*, AD for *The Dai Show* for the Dragone Company, and CD with Jim Henson's *Muppets*. Other credits include Broadway, Off-Broadway, regional, and educational productions on stages all over the country. Currently he is the founder and Artistic Director of Wellesley Theatre Project, a national award-winning arts academy for students age 4-18 in Wellesley, MA.

Hannah Shihdanian (Assistant Director/Associate Choreographer)'s first show with The Umbrella was *A Chorus Line* in 2011, and she has since choreographed *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *La Cage Aux Folles*, and appeared onstage in *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*, *42nd Street*, and *Head Over Heels*. Hannah is a resident teaching artist for Wellesley Theatre Project and Artbarn Community Theatre. She worked as a principal actor and dance captain in the ART's production of *The Donkey Show* for 7 years and has freelanced in MA, ME, and TX. Hannah has performed while pregnant with all three of her kids, and is passionate about advocating for normalizing rights for moms in the theater. She is the founder and director of the dance fitness community, HDC, which has the mission of empowering women and supporting the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities. Special thanks to Jules and Brian. ILY Aidan, BB & J. www.hannahsdancecommunity. com, IG: @hannahsdancecommunity

Kira Troilo (EDI Consultant) is a Boston-based creative who has been doing the work of EDI consulting, without the title, for decades. In 2021, after serving for 12 years as the Managing Editor of an online media company, she received formal training – earning her certificate in Diversity & Inclusion in the Workplace. In 2022, she began Art & Soul Consulting – an EDI consulting service specializing in the arts. She strives to serve as an open door and bridge builder through her blog (biracialmom.com), writing frequently about her experiences as a Black, biracial woman, creative professional and mother. Kira consults for many Boston arts organizations (including SpeakEasy Stage Company, Lyric Stage Company, and Greater Boston Stage Company). She serves as a member of Moonbox Productions' EDI advisory council and also as a board member for the Theatre Community Benevolent Fund (TCBF). artandsoulconsulting.com

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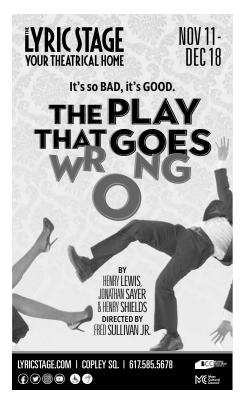


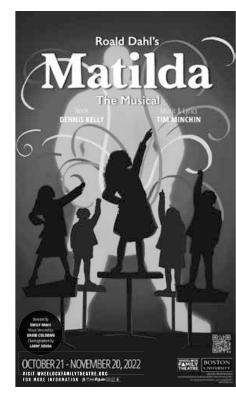
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