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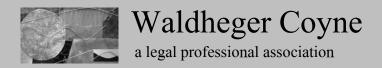






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About Beck Center

Beck Center for the Arts is proud to be a part of Northeast Ohio's professional theater landscape. Like our colleagues Playhouse Square, Cleveland Play House, Dobama Theatre, and Great Lakes Theater, Beck Center has a letter of agreement with Actors' Equity Association. We hire professional actors from the Northeast Ohio region, including members of Actors' Equity. Specifically, we are a Small Professional Theater (SPT) based on the number of seats, number of our performances, and the maximum weekly hours of work we provide to actors. We are also a producing theater. We produce every show on our stages. Meaning we choose the play, cast and rehearse it, build the sets, props, and costumes, direct and perform the music, and design lights and sound, utilizing regional resources and talent, all for you, our valued patron of the arts. Thank you for supporting live theater!

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This play will be performed with a 15 minute intermission. Runtime: 2 hours 20 minutes

Cast of Characters

Tim Allen*	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Merrie Drees	
Greg Violand*	Walter Hobbs
Neely Gevaart	Emily Hobbs
Owen Hill	Michael Hobbs
Lily Warner	Deb
Miguel Osborne	Macy's Manager
Tom Meyrose	Santa
John Lynch	Mr. Greenway

MALE ENSEMBLE: Maxwell Brodzinski, Patrick Carroll, Zane Gagliardi, Nathan Hoty, Jake Kleve, Reed Kruger, Mike Leahy, Mike Majer, Morgan Thomas-Mills

FEMALE ENSEMBLE: Antonia Cangelosi, Madison Chaitoff, Kayla Gerogosian, Jennifer Jarvis, Hope Kennedy, Christine May, Margo Tipping, Amy Wooley

YOUTH ENSEMBLE: Jordyn Freetage, Christian Lee, Corlyn Stauffer, Ella Stec, Sophia Tsenekos

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Assistant Stage Manager	Hayley Baran
Assistant Stage Manager	Jamie Benetto
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Assistant to the Lighting Designer	
Projection Designer	Brittany Merenda
Sound Designer	Carlton Guc
Sound Mixer	Angie Hayes
Sound A-2	Spencer Mills
Assistant to the Master Electrician	Arwen Dorsey
Carpenters	Simon Sedmak, Joe Carmola, Tom Wang
Additional Paints	Allison Kressler
Follow Spot Operators	Mary Kahelin, Julia Aylward
Wardrobe Supervisor	Betty Pitcher

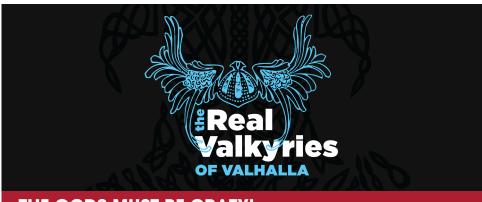
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Orchestra

Reeds	John Dokler, Karen Langenwalter, Keith Turner
	Juan Ingram, Josh Krug, Meredith Evans
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Gabe Sagan, Eric Richmond, Vinnie Ciulla, Cherokee Miletti
Bass	Kevin Aylward, Shawn Brandt
	Larry Goodpaster, Bryan Bird
	Bill Hart

Understudies

Maxwell Brodzinski Hope Kennedy	
Kayla Gerogosian	
Christian Lee	for Michael Hobbs
Madison Chaitoff	for Deb
Morgan Thomas-Mills	for Macy's Manager
Patrick Carroll	for Santa, and Mr. Greenway
Reed Kruger	for Chadwick
Mike Leahy	for Matthews/Fake Santa



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Who's Who in the Company



SCOTT SPENCE
(Artistic Director/
Director) is enjoying his 31st season at Beck Center! Since 1990, he has produced over 200 shows, directing over 100 himself. The list of favorites grows every season, and

includes PARADE, A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE. SWEENEY TODD, HAIR, PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE, THE FARNSWORTH INVENTION, REEFER MADNESS, THE FIX, ZOMBIE PROM, BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON, EVIL DEAD THE MUSICAL, THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE, and the box office smash hits THE PRODUCERS and ALTAR BOYZ, Recently, Scott added to those favorites with productions of CITY OF ANGELS and MATILDA. He is very proud of the awards and acclamations Beck Center for the Arts has received over the past decade, and is especially grateful for having won the Northern Ohio Live Award for Achievement in Theatre in 2006, Outside of these walls, Scott's directorial assignments have included a remounting of Beck Center for the Arts' hit production of ALTAR BOYZ at Playhouse Square's beautiful Hanna Theatre. DAS BARBECÜ at Opera Cleveland, THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO at Case Western Reserve University's Eldred Theatre, OH DAD POOR DAD.... at Cleveland State University Summer Stages, and NOISES OFF at both Weathervane Playhouse in Akron and Berea Summer Theatre. An adjunct faculty member at Cleveland State University, Scott has also had the privilege to direct Sartre's NO EXIT and Strindberg's MISS IULIE.

Scott holds an MFA in Directing from Western Illinois University and is a trained stage fight choreographer, having studied extensively with the SAFD. As always, he dedicates all the work he does to his two extraordinarily talented leading ladies, Rachel and Carleigh. You both amaze me every day.



MARTÍN CÉSPEDES (Choreographer) Choreography credits include MAN OF LA MANCHA at Porthouse Theatre, BILLY ELLIOT, THE WILD PARTY, AMERICAN IDIOT THE

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Lakes Theater, THE FANTASTICKS at St. Louis Repertory Theater, JANE EYRE at Cleveland Musical Theatre, the Ohio premiere of Jose Rivera's MARISOL at Baldwin Wallace University. Performance credits include Broadway tours of MAN OF LA MANCHA WITH lack lones. Ron Holgate, David Canary, THE KING AND I with Hayley Mills, Marie Osmond, Faith Prince, SOUTH PACIFIC with Robert Goulet, West Side Story with Bebe Neuwirth, and LE CID with Placido Domingo and the Washington National Opera, broadcast live from Kennedy Center. Television appearances include, NBC Dance Fever, Weekday Fever. Concert performances with Earth Wind and Fire and The Bee Gees. Martin was awarded the 2018 Cleveland Critics Circle winner Best Choreography for JANE EYRE, 2019 Best choreography for MAN OF LAMANCHA at Porthouse Theatre and was recently honored for artistic achievement at the 2019 Hispanic Leadership Conference. As an educator Martín has taught Broadway dance intensives for the School of Cleveland Ballet, and Theater Dance in NYC. He currently sits on the judge panel for Playhouse Square's Dazzle Awards. Martín is a proud member of Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, Actors Equity Association.

American Guild of Musical Artists. Upcoming projects include Something Rotten, Little Shop of Horrors, and West Side Story. Love Marion, thank you Dr Flannery.



LARRY GOODPASTER (Musical Director) has been with Beck for 21 years having musically directed 82 productions since 1998. Outside of his music directing, Larry has been a fulltime employee at Beck

Center since 2009 and currently is Director of Business Strategy. Sharing both his creative talents and business acumen with Beck Center allows Larry to fully immerse in the world of the arts and arts education. He cannot thank our audiences and donors enough for supporting Beck Center's theater and education programming so generously to help ensure our legacy continues for another 85 years. "We couldn't do it without your support!"



LIBBY WHITE* (Production Stage Manager) is a Stage Manager by night and an educator by day. She has been involved with many Beck Center Productions over the past 20+ years.

She is grateful to be returning to the theater with such an amazing cast and crew this holiday season. Many thanks to her amazing stage management team and to her family for their patience and support.

CAST



TIM ALLEN* (Buddy the Elf) is an NYC based actor, professor, and director. He has studied extensively with the Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium and is a certified teacher of the Michael Chekhov

technique. Selected Credits: Off-Broadway/ NYC: PIRATE STORY (Snapple Theatre Center): MACBETH. (Witch I. Name of Bird): National Tours/Regional: ANNIE (Troika); THE GRINCH THAT STOLE CHRISTMAS, (Papa Who, Grand Ole Oprv): THE WIZARD OF OZ (Scarecrow, Surflight); FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (Motel, Moonlight); Beck Center: MATILDA (Wormwood), LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (Seymour): SPELLING BEE (Leaf): SPAMALOT (Herbert, et al.). MFA Musical Theatre, SDSU. Professor of Acting: University of the Arts, San Diego State. CUNY City College and York College. This world can be harsh, but it's a good one! Despite it all, Buddy teaches us to be sure to Sparklejollytwinklejingley all the way! Thank you for coming on this zany ride with us! @TimAllenTweet



MAXWELL BRODZINSKI (Ensemble) is a senior at Kent State University pursuing a BFA in Musical Theater. Some shows you may have seen Max in are JOSEPH (Gad), DIRTY

ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS' (Freddy), RAGTIME (Father), MAN OF LA MANCHA (Sancho),

ADDAMS FAMILY (Uncle Fester), IN PIECES (Ensemble/ u.s. Man 1), PARADE (male swing), and many more. This is his Beck Center debut. Max would like to thank his family and friends for all the support throughout the many years. He would also like to thank the cast and crew for making a safe and fun production during these weird times.



ANTONIA CANGELOSI (Ensemble) is current senior attending Kent State University to pursue a BFA in Musical Theatre with a minor in Marketing. Some of her favorite roles include:

Katherine Plumber (NEWSIES), Wendy (PETER PAN), Eponine (LES MISERABLES). Antonia enjoys fashion, photography, traveling and spending time with her friends and family. She would like to thank her amazing support system for her accomplishments in theatre and can't wait to continue on.



PATRICK CARROLL (Ensemble) has previously appeared at Beck Center in MARY POPPINS, YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN, ANNIE, WINGS, THE PRODUCERS, A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE,

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL, 1776, URINETOWN X 2, PARADE, THE FULL MONTY, YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU and the record-breaking production of THE PITMEN PAINTERS in the Studio Theater! Patrick has appeared at Carousel Dinner Theater, Great Lakes Theater, Playhouse Square and in productions throughout Northeast Ohio over the past 44 years. He is a graduate of the American Musical & Dramatic Academy in New York City and when not on stage at Beck Center he is very proud to be an Independent "Licensed Massage Therapist" I'd like to dedicate this show to my friend Kevin Coughlin and loving wife and life time stage manager Diana.

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MADISON CHAITOFF (Ensemble) is a Senior Musical Theatre major with a minor in Arts Entrepreneurship at Kent State University. Past roles include Nearly Wild in CONCORD FLORAL

(Sandefur Theatre), Kayla in the short film UNCLE (Happy Dog Studios), Lucille Frank in PARADE (Kent State University), and Kitten in ANY RESEMBLANCE (Kent State University). Next up, Madison can be seen in her final production at Kent State University in FREAKY FRIDAY as Gretchen running February 25- March 6, 2022. Enjoy the show! www. madisonchaitoff.com



MERRIE DREES (Jovie)

Merrie is excited to be in her first show since moving to Cleveland with Beck Center. She is a Kent state musical theatre graduate and since then was on Nickelodeon's

national tour of Paw Patrol Live as Skye. credits include: Children of Eden (Eve), Little Women (Amy), Drowsy Chaperone (Kitty), It's a bird, it's a plane, it's.. Superman (Lois Lane) Allegro (Jenny), and many others. For Lois. Stay Gold. Instagram: MerrieDrees



JORDYN FREETAGE (Ensemble) is 15 years old and a sophomore at Jackson High School in their arts program. Some of her favorite theatre credits include SHREK (Young Fiona 2018, Teen

Fiona 2019/ Beck Center), DESCENDANTS (Mal/ Mercury Theatre Company), LITTLE WOMEN (Jo March/ Helen Todd Vocal Studio), SCHOOL OF ROCK (Summer Hathaway/ Weathervane Playhouse), SHREK (Teen Fiona, Ugly Duckling, Featured Dancer/ Players Guild), HE'S LOST HIS MARBLES (Soloist/ Baldwin Wallace Arts Management), and LES MISERABLES (Cosette/ Caryl Crane Youth Theatre). Jordyn would like to thank the entire cast and crew for this wonderful experience, her amazing vocal coach Helen Todd, and

all of her family and friends for their endless support! Dream In Gold. @jordynfreetage



ZANE GAGLIARDI
(Ensemble) is from
Pittsburgh, PA and is
excited to make his Beck
Center debut! He is in
his third year at Baldwin
Wallace University studying
Acting & Directing with a

minor in Dance. Favorite credits include: A CHORUS LINE (Paul, Dance Captain), SINGIN' IN THE RAIN (Don Lockwood u/s), and BYE BYE BIRDIE (Albert, Dance Captain). He would like to thank Scott, Martin, Larry, Libby and the rest of the production team for their hard work and guidance. Zane would also like to thank his friends and family for their endless support. He hopes you enjoy the show!



KAYLA GEROGOSIAN (Ensemble) is a senior at Kent State University's Musical Theatre program. She was recently seen at The Barn Theatre in 9 TO 5 (Judy Bernly), THE

SPONGEBOB MUSICAL (Gary), THE WEDDING SINGER, and MAMMA MIA! She also has been seen in CHAPLIN: THE MUSICAL (Mildred Harris) at Mercury Theatre Company and 365 DAYS/365 PLAYS at Kent State University. She would like to thank her parents, friends, and family for their constant support. Twitter and Instagram: @kaylagerogosian



NEELY GEVAART (Emily Hobbs) was last seen on the Beck Center stage as Percy in THE SPITFIRE GRILL and in the ensemble of THE PRODUCERS. Some past favorite shows include: VIOLET. THE LIGHT

IN THE PIAZZA, AMELIE, WE WILL ROCK YOU, and TEXAS CHAINSAW MUSICAL! All my love to Christopher and Taco.



OWEN HILL (Michael Hobbs) has been performing since the age of 7 at various theaters in the Cleveland area. Most recently he appeared in SHREK THE MUSICAL (Baby Bear) and MATILDA THE MUSICAL

(Nigel) at Beck Center for the Arts. Other past favorite credits include THE ADDAMS FAMILY (Pugsley Addams) at Near West Theatre and THE WHO'S TOMMY (Young Tommy) at Blank Canvas Theatre. In 2020, Owen attended Broadway Artists Alliance Winter Workshop in NYC. There he had an incredible opportunity to receive training from Broadway performers in Hadestown, Hamilton, and Wicked. Owen expresses sincere gratitude to Scott, Larry, and Martín for this amazing experience! Live theatre is back...AT LAST! Thank you for coming and enjoy the show.



NATHAN HOTY (Ensemble) is born and raised in Sandusky, Ohio. He is a senior BFA musical theatre major and dance minor at Kent State University. Nathan started

performing at the age of 10 and knew it's what he wanted to do for the rest of his life. When not on stage Nathan works as a personal trainer training other performers to feel confident in themselves on stage and off. Nathan wants to thank his grandma for first inspiring him to get on stage.



JENNIFER JARVIS (Ensemble) Jennifer Jarvis is an actor from Atlanta, GA, currently in her second year at Baldwin Wallace University working to earn her Bachelor's of Fine Arts in

Acting. Some of her previous roles include INTO THE WOODS (The Witch) SILENT SKY (Henrietta Leavitt) DEVISED BLUES: UNCUT AND FUNKY (Ensemble.) She would like to thank her friends, family, and roommates for their continuous love and support.



HOPE KENNEDY
(Ensemble) Previous
credits include SISTER ACT
at Players Guild Theatre, THE
MUSIC MAN at The Ohio
Light Opera, and 35MM at
Kent State University. Hope
is currently a senior at Kent

State, dual majoring in Musical Theatre and Biology. She would like to thank her friends, family, and the cast and crew of ELF for their support!



JAKE KLEVE (Ensemble) is making his debut at Beck Center! He is a Sophomore Musical Theatre major and dance minor at Kent State University. In his free time, you can find Jake at the

Target in Stow, Ohio working up front, playing trumpet, guitar or piano, or probably yo-yoing. Jake is very excited to be back on stage live and in person! Jake would like to thank the Beck Center for their safety protocols during the rehearsal process. Jake would also like to give a big thanks to his friends and family for their continuous support on and off stage.



REED KRUGER (Ensemble)

is currently a senior Acting and Directing major at Baldwin Wallace University, and is so ecstatic to be making his Beck Center debut! Some of his favorite

past credits include MARGINALIA: AN INTERPLAY WITH EDGAR ALLAN POE (Raven), THE MODERN PROMETHEUS (Storyteller A), and TROILUS AND CRESSIDA (Pandarus/Menelaus). You may have also seen him this past summer in MACBETH at Chagrin Arts (Ross). He hopes you enjoy the show, and may your holiday season be absolutely sparklejollytwinklejingly!



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MIKE LEAHY (Ensemble) is currently a senior at Kent State, majoring with a BFA in Musical Theatre. He has recently performed on Kent State's stage as Mr. Peavy in PARADE, Francis and Mr. Tuplin in TUESDAYS AND

SUNDAYS. The Governor in HUNCHBACK OF SEVILLE, Matt in ANY RESEMBLANCE and Shem. in CHILDREN OF EDEN. He has performed in Pittsburgh in North Alleghenv's 42ND STREET. CINDERELLA (ensemble), LEGALLY BLONDE (Callahan), and THE LITTLE MERMAID (King Triton). He has done the following North Allegheny plays: MURDER CAN BE HABIT-FORMING (Torch), RUMORS (Cooper), and ALMOST, MAINE (Jimmy/Phil). He has also performed in community theatre in Wexford Acting Studio's OKLAHOMA (Jud understudy) and LES MISERABLES (Joly, Marius understudy). Mike would like to thank his family and friends for the constant loving support. He would also like to thank the cast and production team for being absolutely wonderful to work with during these strange and difficult times. Instagram and Twitter @nicemike 2000 and come see him as Mike in Kent State's production of FREAKY FRIDAY coming this spring!



CHRISTIAN LEE (Ensemble) absolutely loves being on stage. He started with piano performances at the age of 4 and quickly moved into performing/ acting on stage at the age of

9. He has appeared in over 11 shows, including LITTLE TECH SHOP OF HORRORS, THE TRIALS OF ROBINHOOD, CINDER-ELLA, and SUESSICAL THE MUSICAL, for which he won the Ohio Youth Arts Award for Best Young Actor in a Musical in 2019. Some of his favorite roles, however, have been when he gets to perform as Elvis Presley - or even his Christmas counterpart, "Eflis Presents."



JOHN LYNCH (Mr. Greenway) has appeared in productions with the Cleveland Shakespeare Festival,Cleveland Public Theater, The JCC, Karamu and other theaters in the area. Here at Beck some of the shows in which John's appeared are MY FAIR LADY, TWO BY TWO, BURIED CHILD, BIG RIVER, PARADE and IS HE DEAD?



MIKE MAJER (Ensemble)
Social Worker by day, Mike
last appeared at Beck Center
as John Quincy Adams in
BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW
JACKSON. Other credits

include performances

with: North Coast Men's Chorus, Cleveland Public Theater, Convergence Continuum, and Sandusky State Theater. Enjoy the show!



CHRISTINE MAY (Ensemble) This is
Christine's first show at the
Beck Center! Some previous
favorite roles include: Lisa
in MAMMA MIA at the
Cassidy Theater; Simeon in
TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT

and Mor-risman/Inventor in CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG with Mighty Goliath Productions; and Marcy Park in PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE at Valparaiso University. Her other crea-tive pursuits include co-hosting the horror/comedy/improv podcast "Dread and Breakfast" with three of her best friends, directing Kids Church Online at Bay Presbyterian Church, and writing away on her upcoming debut novel. You can also catch her this February as a Storyteller in CHILDREN OF EDEN with Mighty Goliath Productions. Thank you to Dr. Wooley for helping me find my voice.



TOM MEYROSE (Santa)

has been the Master of Ceremonies for The Lake Erie Crushers baseball team in Avon since 2016. Past stage roles include Gomez Addams THE ADDAMS FAMILY, Man in Chair THE DROWSY

CHAPERONE, Felix Unger THE ODD COUPLE, & John Adams 1776 to name but a few. He has also been on-air talent at WVIZ-PBS and WCPN. Thanks to Laurie for the "push". He wishes everyone a happy holiday season.



MIGUEL OSBORNE (Macy's Manager)

is happy to return to Beck. Last seen as Streetsinger in BKLYN at Porthouse Theater. has 45 years of experience in the performing arts, as well as 15 years in the fashion and

custom design industry with his fashion line Azadi Unique. He has developed an extensive background in ensemble production such as The world goes round. Ain't Misbehavin. Once on this island and Smokey Joe's Café. He also served as background vocal director for Soul Sounds. Miguel has also secured leading roles in Dreamgirls, Victor Victoria, Shelly Garrett's Laundromat, 6° of separation and the first national tour co of RENT. He has performed for spirit cruises and many tourists overseas, background vocals with a London idol and shared the screen with Nelly. Dean Winters. Zoe Saldana, Bruce Willis, Pamela Anderson, Dustin Nguven, Madeline Stow and the late Grover Washington Jr. Thanking his Heavenly father and Earthly mother for his many gifts.



(Ensemble) has performed throughout Ohio with Cleveland Playhouse, Renaissance Theater, Great

CORLYN STAUFFER

Renaissance Theater, Great Lake Theatre, Near West Theater, Western Reserve Playhouse, and 82nd

Theatre. Favorite roles include MATILDA THE MUSICAL (Matilda), CHRISTMAS STORY (Esther Jane), MARY POPPINS (Jane Banks), FROZEN (Young Anna), DISNEY NEWSIES (Les), and AROUND WORLD IN 80 DAYS (Phileas Fogg). Also seen in tv/film; GHOST ADVENTURES (Illegitimate Child), DRIVE (Young Stella), HUES (Young Amelia) and BRAVE (Jackie). She is also a competitive dancer for 10+ years and favorite styles of dance are jazz and musical theater. Family, friends, coaches, and agents who continue to show up and support she is always indebted. Instagram: @corlymarie



ELLA STEC (Ensemble)

returns to the Beck stage where she last performed as Matilda in MATILDA THE MUSICAL. Other theatre credits include A CHRISTMAS STORY (u/s Esther Jane, Helen) at Cleveland Play

House, GYPSY (Ensemble) at Beck Center for the Arts, ANNIE (Kate) at AURORA COMMUNITY THEATRE, and TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD (Scout) at Weathervane Playhouse. Ella thanks Scott, Larry, Martín, and the entire creative team for all of their hard work behind the curtain. A special shoutout to her very own supporting cast of family and friends who love her on stage and off! Love ya right back!



MORGAN THOMAS-MILLS

(Ensemble) is an Ohio native who has worked on stages all over the state and across the country. He is very happy to be returning to the stage, and this show

will mark his first time being at The Beck Center. He has recently been seen as Pete The Cat at Columbus Children's Theater, Crutchie in Newsies and the Barber in Man Of La Mancha (both at Porthouse Theater), and ensemble roles in California's "Missouri Street Theater" and "CCMT". Morgan is also frequently heard in the orchestra pit playing guitar and/or bass, and was a member of Columbus Children's Theater's touring company and resident artist program for 6 years. He is also the main force behind the recording project "Greyvoice". He wants to thank his parents and siblings, Martin, and Scott



MARGO TIPPING

(Ensemble) is making her Beck Center Debut in ELF THE MUSICAL! Margo is a current sophomore at Kent State University pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre. Margo is no

stranger to the Cleveland theatre scene. In 2019, Margo won the Dazzle Award for Best Leading Actress in a Musical for her performance as Irene Molloy in HELLO, DOLLY! This resulted in her representing Northeast Ohio at the Iimmy Awards at the Minskoff Theater in New



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York City. Margo is so excited to get back on stage following her pre-COVID roles as: Rosalie (SCHOOL OF ROCK), Mary Magdalene (JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR), and Mary Poppins (MARY POPPINS). She would like to thank Scott, Martin, Larry and the rest of the Beck Center team for making her first live show in two years the most enjoyable ever. Happy Holidays and enjoy the show!



SOPHIA TSENEKOS (Ensemble) Sophia's theater credits include MATILDA THE MUSICAL (Matilda) The Beck Center for the Arts. Sophia has also been seen on stage in several productions

at The Players Guild Theatre which include: RAGTIME (Little Girl), A CHRISTMAS CAROL (Fan, Belinda Cratchit), SHREK (Young Fiona), THE LITTLE MERMAID (Ensemble), JOSEPH and the AMAZING TECHNOLOGICAL DREAMCOAT (Children's Ensemble). THE SOUND OF MUSIC (Marta) WJHS Center Stage. Sophia also performed virtually among over 40 Broadway actors as a featured vocalist in "I MISS THE MUSIC" Broadway Salutes the Erie Playhouse benefit concert. She thanks her family and friends



GREG VIOLAND* (Walter Hobbs) Greg Violand, (Walter Hobbs) at Beck: THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS (Interlocutor), CITY OF ANGELS (Buddy Fidler), XANADU (Danny Maguire), THE UNDERPANTS (Theo

Maske), URINETOWN (Caldwell B. Cladwell), 1776 (John Adams), LACAGE AUX FOLLES (George), A DOLL'S HOUSE (Torvald Helmer). Other performance venues The Cleveland Play House, Great Lakes Theatre, Playhouse Square, Cain Park, Dobama, Lakeland Summer Theater, Actor's Summit, Ensemble, Cleveland Opera, Cleveland Lyric Opera, JCC Halle, CSU Summer Stages, The Eldrid Theater, Virginia Musical Theater and Metro Stage in Washington DC. Film and TV: DARK WATERS, BATMAN V SUPERMAN (DAWN OF JUSTICE), CAROL, THE ASSASSINS CODE, THE TOYBOX, MY BLIND

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AMY WOOLEY (Ensemble)

is a teacher at Beck
Center. Having grown
up in Lakewood, being
on the Beck stage is a
homecoming after a career
as a singer-songwriter,
(MCA, nomination by

the Academy of Country Music), a PhD from UCLA, (Carol Burnette Award for musical theater performance, BMI University Show Award for her original musical, "USO.") Roles include Mary in "Merrily We Roll Along," Cleo in "Most Happy Fella," Wanda Mae in "USO," (UCLA), Alto in "Side by Side by Sondheim," (Santa Monica College), and Katisha in "The Mikado" (Lakewood High School). Her work as a composer/arranger and music director includes "Oklahoma," directed by Bill Rauch, and "Hairspray," (Oregon Shakespeare Festival), and "Swinging for the USO," (The Culture House, Kansas).

PRODUCTION

JOY DeMARCO (Assistant Stage Manager)

Beck Center credits include MARY POPPINS, BILLY ELLIOT, RUTHLESS, CITY OF ANGELS, ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST, GYPSY, SHREK, and MATILDA. Joy also stage manages for Beck Center Youth Theatre. Other area stage management credits include PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE and SIDE SHOW at Blank Canvas Theatre, MAN OF LA MANCHA and SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD at Academy for Dramatic Arts, and MY WAY, THE 39 STEPS, and THE ADDAMS FAMILY at Huntington Playhouse. Joy received a Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Certificate of Merit for her dramaturgy work. Endless thanks to her family for all of their support.

HAYLEY BARAN (Assistant Stage Manager)

Over the last 19 years, Hayley has been "seen" backstage in a variety of positions including follow spot operator, light board operator, and run crew. She was last seen as the Stage Manager for GLENNGARY GLEN ROSS and Assistant Stage Manager for MATILDA. Other favorite shows have included BENT, WAITING FOR GODOT, and FOREVER PLAID, where she had an on-stage cameo as the Nice Box Lady. Thank you to the wonderful cast and crew for making this such a positive experience.

JAMIE BENETTO (Assistant Stage

Manager) Recently stage managed: THE EXONERATED, THIS GIRL LAUGHS, THIS GIRL CRIES, THIS GIRL DOES NOTHING, SHREK: THE MUSICAL, MY FIRST TIME, ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST, THE LITTLE MERMAID (both years), RUTHLESS!, THE SPITFIRE GRILL, HEATHERS: THE MUSICAL. She also works with Beck Center Youth Theater, Jamie has worked at Cleveland Play House as an Assistant Stage Manager and Production Assistant for RABBIT HOLE, PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, DREAM A LITTLE DREAM, AND CROWNS and GOOD PEOPLE. Other area credits include Ntozake Shange's WHY I HAD TO DANCE at Oberlin College and Playhouse Square, THE SECRET GARDEN at Cain Park, and INTO THE WOODS and THE SEAGULL at Great Lakes Theater.

STEVE SHACK (Lighting Designer) is a nomadic lighting designer whose most recent work has been seen in Hilo, Boston, Traverse City, Cleveland, and NYC. Over the past 19 years, he has lit over 200 various productions of Musical Theater, Opera, Dance, and Drama in addition to a few restaurants, museums, and installations. Steve is the Resident Lighting Designer at Cleveland Opera Theater, Hawaii Performing Arts Festival, and Magnificat High School. Often, during summer he teaches and designs lighting at the French Woods Festival of the performing arts. When not in the theater he prefers to body surf in the pacific ocean and work with the 'aina of the Big Island.

BETTY PITCHER (Costume Designer) is

the Wardrobe Manager and Costume Rental Coordinator at the Beck Center. Her Beck Center credits include: MATILDA, SHREK, GYPSY, LITTLE MERMAID, TRIALS OF ROBIN HOOD, SEUSSICAL, CINDER-ELLA, LARAMIE PROJECT, ALL GREEK TO ME, SNOW WHITE'S ADVENTURES, and SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK LIVE. She has been a costume designer for more than 12 years and has created custom costume pieces for Beck Center for the Arts, Player's Guild, Chagrin Valley Little Theatre and North Canton Playhouse. Betty would like to thank her son, Jeremy for "volunteering" her to "help" all those years ago. Betty's Costume Creations & Rentals (BCCR)

TIM CHRISMAN (Lighting Designer) is a graduate of the Technical Theatre program of Texas State University. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, Tim was a recent addition to the Beck Center for The Arts professional theater staff, filling the role of Associate Technical Director and in house Lighting Designer. He is very excited to contribute to the revival of live theatre for the patrons of Beck Center and the Greater Cleveland area.

ADAM ROWE (Scenic Designer) Production Designer for television on Good Sam, Rizzoli & Isles, Dexter and Criminal Minds. He earned an Emmy for his work as the Art Director for RENT Live on Fox and a THEA Award (theme park entertainment) for the Universal Studios Japan Nighttime Spectacular Parade. He also art directed for The Good Place, Forever, Mr. Mayor,



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BRITTANY MERENDA (Projection Designer)

is an award-winning projection designer based in Traverse City, Michigan. She received her Masters of Arts in Digital Arts and Sciences from the University of Florida specializing in projection mapping on non-traditional surfaces and received a Barbizon Award for her projection design work in DARK PLAY, OR STORIES FOR BOYS. This is Brittany's debut with Beck Center. Recent works include ELF and NEWSIES at The Rose Theater, LA FINTA GIARDINERA at University of Tennessee Opera Theatre, GLORY DENIED at Baldwin Wallace

University, MAGIC FLUTE at Lakes Area Music Festival, and SWEENEY TODD at Hawaii Performing Arts Festival. Brittany's designs can be seen in the upcoming productions for THE RAKE'S PROGRESS at Baldwin Wallace, LA TRAVIATA at Cleveland Opera Theatre, MATILDA at The Rose Theatre, and this summer with Hawaii Performing Arts Festival for COMPANY, THE TRAGEDY OF CARMEN AND A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

ANGIE HAYES (Sound Mixer) has designed and mixed sound for productions at many area theaters, colleges, and high schools. She has also recorded and sound designed for several podcasts, including SIDEWALK, MUNCHEN, MN, and a radio play series for The Endangered Species Theatre Project of Frederick, MD. She has a Bachelor Degree in Music from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, with an emphasis in Recording Technology and Music Business.

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