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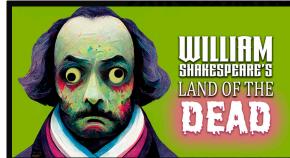












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About Beck Center

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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Mark Doyle	Sam Wheat
Jessi Kirtley	Molly Jensen
Colleen Longshaw*	Oda Mae Brown
Mike Bindeman	Carl Bruner
Danny Bó	Subway Ghost/Stanley/Passerby/Ensemble
Benjamin Michael Hall	Willie Lopez/Ensemble
	Clara/Officer Wallace/Ensemble
Kechanté	Louise/First Nun/Ensemble
Bella Serrano	
Jeremy Alden	Minister/Detective Biederman/Ensemble
	Hospital Ghost/Lionel Ferguson/Ensemble
	Orlando Jones/Workman/Ensemble
	Ortisha Jones/Passerby/Ensemble
	Hospital Patient/Second Nun/Ensemble
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Artistic Director	Scott Spence
Director	Victoria Bussert
Music Director	Matthew Webb
Choreographer	Lauren Tidmore
Production Stage Manager	Jack-Anthony Ina*
Scenic Designer	Jordan Janota
Costume Designer	Tesia Dugan Benson
Lighting Designer	Russ Borski
Sound Designer	Angie Hayes
Fight Choreographer	Laura Welsh Berg*
BWMT Casting Director	
BW Production Manager	Eddie Coffield
Technical Director	Mark DeVol
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Electrics Assistant	Ryanne Fury
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Assistant Director	Kenna Wilson
Associate Music Director	Gideon Temple
Assistant Music Director/Keyboard	Programmer Chase Kessler
Assistant Stage Managers	DJ Brannan, Sarah Daniel, Jonathan Horowitz
	Jeremy Alden
Sound A-2	
Run Crew	Jacob Anderson, Julia Martin, Marius Pearson, Marvis Stevens
	Gracie Frazier
	Betty Pitcher
	Mateus Cardoso, Sami Dickens
	Micaela Colleen Barrett, Sunwoo Chung

^{*} Member of the Actors' Equity Association (AEA)

SONG LIST

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Unchained Melody More	
Orchestra	Julii
Viola	Evan KleveRyan DetwilerJason StebeltonMichael SimileEvan Mitchell
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Understudies

Camille Brooks	
	Sam Wheat & Carl Bruner
	Willie Lopez
Avery Fahey	covering Oda Mae Brown, Mrs. Santiago, Ortisha Jones
	Hospital Patient, Clara Louise
	covering Subway Ghost, Minister, Hospital Ghost, Orlando Jones

Special Thanks

Tanya Long, and Melinda Placko for pottery consultation.

Electronic Music programmed by Matthew Webb

Who's Who in the Company



SCOTT SPENCE(Artistic 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 IACKSON, 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.



VICTORIA BUSSERT (Director) is thrilled to direct another wonderful collaboration between Beck Center and Baldwin Wallace University Musical Theatre program. Her previous Beck Center directing credits include

LIZZIE, ONCE, HAIR, IN THE HEIGHTS, DOGFIGHT, CARRIE the Musical, NEXT TO NORMAL, SPRING

AWAKENING (Cleveland Critics Circle Award for Best Director 2012), PASSION, GREY GARDENS, and THE BREAKUP NOTEBOOK. Her work has been seen at many theaters around the country including Manhattan Theatre Club, Goodspeed Opera, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Portland Stage, Dallas Theatre Center, Cincinnati Playhouse, Anchorage Opera, and Firebrand Theatre, the first feminist musical theatre company in the country. Locally, she has directed for Cleveland Playhouse, Dobama Theater, Cleveland Opera, Cain Park (22) seasons) and The Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom. Favorite recent projects include the European and Chicago premieres of LIZZIE, MAMMA MIA for Idaho Shakespeare Festival/Great Lakes Theatre/ Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, THE SOUND OF MUSIC at Blossom and the wildest WILD PARTY at BW. Victoria is resident director for Great Lakes Theater and Director of Music Theatre at Baldwin Wallace University. Many thanks to Scott Spence for continuing this amazing collaboration, to Matt. Lauren, Laura, Jordan, Russ, Tesia and Jack for being such a joyous and creative dream team, to my students who continue to inspire and delight me, and to my sweet family -- Dale, Ondie and Lizzie who make it all worth it.



LAUREN TIDMORE (Choreographer) is a graduate from Baldwin Wallace University. While at Baldwin Wallace, Lauren was involved in many productions with her favorite being the Academic Premiere

of KINKY BOOTS playing "Trish" while Dance Captaining and Assistant Choreographing. Regionally, Lauren has Assistant Choreographed SHREK the Musical at Beck Center playing "Fairy Godmother, Mama Ogre, Featured Ensemble" as well as Dance Captaining. In 2018 Lauren was the Assistant Choreographer for the Regional World Premiere of IANE EYRE with Cleveland Musical Theater, receiving a Cleveland Critics Circle Award for Best Choreography. Lauren made her choreographic debut in the Cleveland area with THE SOUND OF MUSIC this past summer in conjunction with Baldwin Wallace Music Theater at Blossom Music Center. She was also one of the Choreographers on THE WILD PARTY at Baldwin Wallace, fall 2022, and reprise choreographer of ELF at Beck Center. So much love to Vicky, Matt, Jack, and the entire creative team for the inspiration and support, the talented cast, my family, and sweet Jimmy.



MATTHEW WEBB (Music Director) Matthew is Music Director of Music Theatre at Baldwin Wallace University: WILD PARTY, INTO THE WOODS, SPRING AWAKENING, KINKY BOOTS, BE MORE CHILL. His previous Beck

Center credits include LIZZIE, 5x15, SCOTTSBORO BOYS, ONCE, HAIR, BREAKUP NOTEBOOK, and PASSION. He is also resident music director at Great Lakes Theater, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, and Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival: LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, MUSIC MAN, MAMMA MIA, FOREVER PLAID, THE FANTASTICKS, SWEENEY TODD, SONDHEIM ON SONDHEIM, GUYS & DOLLS. CABARET, BAT BOY, THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD, INTO THE WOODS, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM. As sound designer and composer for GLT/ISF/LTSF: THE 39 STEPS, THE TEMPEST, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, JULIUS CAESAR, TAMING OF THE SHREW, MACBETH, HAMLET. Many thanks to Vicky, Scott, and his amazing parents, Jerry & Carol.



JACK-ANTHONY INA*
(Production Stage Manager)
is a director, designer, and
stage manager with over
250 credits. His work has
been seen in Atlanta, New
York City, and throughout

Northeast Ohio. He is a proud graduate of Baldwin Wallace University and a proud member of Actors' Equity Association. Special thanks to Vicky, Matt, Lauren, and the incredible designers, ASMs, cast, and crew! Recent Credits: A SOULFUL CHRISTMAS (Production Manager and Lighting Designer), THE WILD PARTY (Production Stage Manager), SWEENEY TODD (Choreographer and Lighting Designer). THE SOUND OF MUSIC (Production Stage Manager and Props Designer), THE LIGHTNING THIEF (Scenic/Lighting/Props Designer and Production Coordinator), THE COLOR PURPLE (Lighting Designer), KINKY BOOTS (Lighting/Video Designer), DISNEY'S NEWSIES (Director and Music Director/ Conductor), SECRETS AT 54 BELOW (Director), THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS (Production Stage Manager), and BE MORE CHILL (Production Stage Manager). @jackanthonyina

CAST



JEREMY ALDEN
(Minister/Detective
Biederman/Ensemble/
Dance Captain/Fight
Captain/Sam u/s, Carl
u/s) Regional: WEST SIDE
STORY (Porthouse Theatre).

ELF (Beck Center). Baldwin Wallace University: THE WILD PARTY, INTO THE WOODS. Other: SINGIN' IN THE RAIN, URINETOWN, BRIGHT STAR, SHREK, HONOR AND THE RIVER, THE TEMPEST, TWELFTH NIGHT. Jeremy is a junior Music Theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University. Huge thanks to Vicky, Matt, Greg, and BWMT 24. Instagram: @ieremymichaelalden



IZZY BAKER (Hospital Patient/Second Nun/ Ensemble) is a freshman Music Theatre major from Las Vegas, Nevada, and has been performing in plays, musicals, and

vocal showcases for over ten years. She was a student director at her performing arts high school, and when not performing onstage, she is a certified lifeguard and camp counselor. She also enjoyed working as a party princess in her hometown. Recent credits include Ariel in "Footloose." Featured Dancer in "The Wild Party", Julia in "The Wedding Singer," Jenny in "Big Fish," and Ariel in "The Little Mermaid." She is thrilled to be spending her first semester performing with and learning from such a talented cast and crew. She would like to thank Vicky, Matt, and Lauren, and the team for this opportunity, and her parents, grandparents, friends, and boyfriend for their constant love and support.



MIKE BINDEMAN (Carl Bruner) Regional: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (Percy Jackson), MAMMA MIA (Sky), THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW (Rocky),

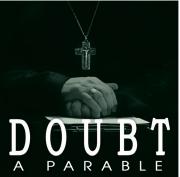
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SOMETHING ROTTEN, KINKY BOOTS, SISTER ACT. Cleveland: LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, ROMEO & JULIET. Mike is a senior Music Theatre student at BW, and is a Chicago native. IG: @mike_bindeman



DANNY BÓ (Subway Ghost/Stanley/Passerby/ Ensemble) is a Junior Music Theatre Major at Baldwin Wallace University. He was recently seen as Mercutio in ROMEO AND JULIET at Great

Lakes Theater. Other credits include INTO THE WOODS (Jack), THE SOUND OF MUSIC (Friedrich), and THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL (Percy). He thanks family & mentors for ongoing love & support.



CAMILLE BROOKS
(Clara/Officer Wallace/
Ensemble/Molly u/s)
Regional: MAMMA MIA
(Lake Tahoe Shakespeare
Festival) Baldwin Wallace:
INTO THE WOODS. SPRING

AWAKENING. One of her favorite credits include THE SOUND OF MUSIC (Blossom Music Center). INSTAGRAM: @camilleabrooks



MARK DOYLE (Sam Wheat) MAMMA MIA! (Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival), THE LIGHTNING THIEF (Playhouse Square), THE SOUND OF MUSIC (The Cleveland Orchestra), A

CHRISTMAS CAROL (Great Lakes Theater), SPRING AWAKENING, TWELFTH NIGHT (Baldwin Wallace University). Mark is a Senior at Baldwin Wallace University. He would like to thank his friends, family, and teachers for their support. @mark.c.doyle



AVERY FAHEY (Ensemble/ Swing) is a freshman music theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University. Previous credits include Mrs.
Lovett (SWEENEY TODD),
Narrator (JOSEPH AND THE

AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT), and

Joanne (RENT). She sends all her love to her wonderful castmates, her parents, and Vicky Bussert for their continuous support.



BENJAMIN MICHAEL HALL (Willie Lopez/Ensemble) [He/Her/They] Texas: TUCK EVERLASTING, A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM, THE CRUCIBLE. Regional: THE WEDDING

SINGER (George), SISTER ACT (Pablo), STATE FAIR (Lem, Judge Henpensal, Fairtone). Benjamin Michael sends love to their mom, dad, and brother in Texas INSTAGRAM: @benjamichaell.



SYDNEY JAYE (Ortisha Jones/Passerby/ Ensemble) is a senior Music Theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University and this is her first time performing at Beck Center.

Some of her favorite roles include Julia Sullivan in THE WEDDING SINGER, Kate in THE WILD PARTY, and Velma Kelly in CHICAGO. Sydney Jaye is a senior Music Theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University and this is her first time performing at Beck Center. Some of her favorite roles include Julia Sullivan in THE WEDDING SINGER, Kate in THE WILD PARTY, and Velma Kelly in CHICAGO. She performed in her first musical at the age of 7 where she starred in WILLY WONKA JR. as Oompa Loompa #4 and since then she has been Broadway bound. As always, this performance is dedicated to her PopPop whose love for theatre was an inspiration.



KECHANTÉ (Louise/ First Nun/Ensemble) Recent Work: LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (Idaho Shakespeare Festival). THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

(Playhouse Square). ANGELS IN AMERICA, DETROIT '67, DEAR (Baldwin Wallace). PIPPIN (Breen Center). ONCE ON THIS ISLAND (Heights Youth Theater). Film: "System." See Kechanté as "Kyra" in BARE at Playhouse Square, March 31 - April 2. INSTAGRAM: @Kechante



JESSI KIRTLEY (Molly Jensen) Jessi is a junior Music Theatre major at Baldwin Wallace University. She was born and raised in Roswell, Georgia, Most recently, she was seen

as Lizzie Borden in LIZZIE at Beck Center. She spent last Summer at The Forestburgh Playhouse where she played Sophie in MAMMA MIA. Portia in SOMETHING ROTTEN. and Ensemble/u/s Lauren in KINKY BOOTS. She was also in BW's production of INTO THE WOODS as Rapunzel. She thanks Vicky, Sandy, Lauren, Kenna, and Laura for their support and guidance in this process. She also thanks her family for their endless encouragement.



COLLEEN LONGSHAW * (Oda Mae Brown) National Tour: KISS ME KATE. New York: THE GROOVE FACTORY. Regional: HAIRSPRAY (Northshore Music Theatre), THE FULL MONTY

(Northshore Music Theatre), CAROLINE OR CHANGE (Tantrum Theatre, Karamu/Dobama, Mercury Theatre). Cleveland: BLACKADEMICS (Cleveland Play House), PIPELINE (Cleveland Play House), THE PIANO LESSON, (Cleveland Play House), A CHRISTMAS CAROL (Great Lakes Theatre), THE COLOR PURPLE, (Karamu House). SISTER ACT (Karamu House. Porthouse Theatre), HURRICANE DIANE (Dobama Theatre), TWELFTH NIGHT (Ohio Shakespeare Theatre), DREAMGIRLS, (Cain Park), AIDA (Beck Center). IG: cocoloco 13 Thanks be to God.



KYLE MACDONALD (Ensemble/Swing) Kyle is making his BWMT and Beck Center debut. He would like to thank Vicky, Greg Harrell, and the entire production team for the opportunity.

Love to Mom & Dad for their support.



RICHARD MORGAN (Hospital Ghost/Lionel Ferguson/Ensemble) Regional: THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR (Festival 56), MATILDA (Festival 56), A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO

LOVE AND MURDER (Festival 56), ROMEO AND JULIET (Great Lakes Theater). Other: LES MISÉRABLES, PIPPIN, MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG, LEGALLY BLONDE, PATIENT A. RENT. HEATHERS, GREASE, THE DROWSY CHAPERONE, HELLO DOLLY!, HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL, TITLE OF SHOW, INTO THE WOODS, THE SOUND OF MUSIC. Reading: BELINDA. Upcoming: BARE: A POP OPERA. Richard is a junior Music Theater major at Baldwin Wallace University. Special thanks to Victoria Bussert, Matt Webb, Greg Daniels, Lauren Tidmore and his family for their continuous love and support.



PRAISE ORANIKA (Orlando Jones/ Workman/Ensemble. Willie u/s) is currently a sophomore MT at Baldwin Wallace University. Cleveland: THE WILD PARTY (Black)

DETROIT '67 (Lank). Chicago: RENT (Collins) LEGALLY BLONDE (Emmett) Aida (Mereb) NOISES OFF (Lloyd).

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BELLA SERRANO (Mrs. Santiago/Bank Officer/ **Ensemble)** Regional: KINKY BOOTS, MAMMA MIA!. SOMETHING ROTTEN!. B.A.R.S., PERPETUAL SUNSHINE AND THE GHOST

GIRLS. Next, catch her as Brooke Ashton/Vicki in NOISES OFF at Beck Center for the Arts. Big thanks to all her friends and family! INSTAGRAM: @bellamserrano

PRODUCTION

DJ BRANNAN (Assistant Stage Manager)

Great Lakes Theatre: LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (A2). Baldwin Wallace University: EVERYBODY, THE CRUCIBLE (Sound Designer); TWELFTH NIGHT (Sound Designer/A1) INTO THE WOODS (A2); THE WILD PARTY (Audio Supervisor). Kindleberger Summer Festival: MAMMA MIA (Stage Manager). Kalamazoo Civic Theatre: RIPCORD (Stage Manager). DJ is a senior at Baldwin Wallace University, double majoring in Theatre: Design and Tech and Film Studies. He works as the Lead Technician in the Sound Department of the Scene Shop at Baldwin Wallace University. DJ would like to thank his friends and family for their support in his theatrical endeavors. Enjoy the show!

SARAH DANIEL (Assistant Stage Manager)

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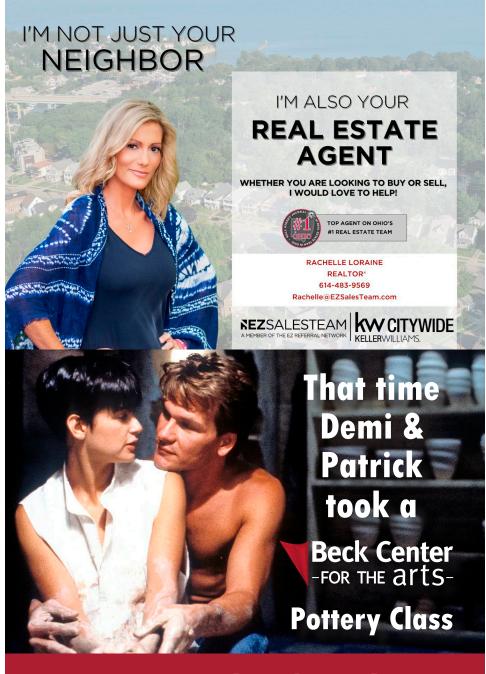
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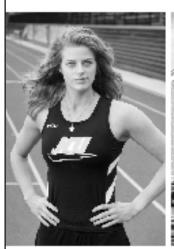
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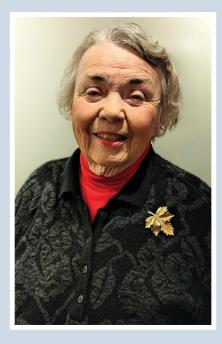
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Favorite event/show?

I don't mean this just to say it - I enjoy everything I see at Beck Center - everything is great. Most importantly I can hear and understand everyone!

When did you start volunteering at The Beck Center
10 years ago when I retired. I had friends who were already

Meaningful Beck experience?

volunteers at Beck and I knew Rennie.

Being part of women's committee has been a very meaningful experience. As part of the committee, we sell tickets for the Wine Raffle and I'm proud to say that I helped sell many of those tickets this past year. I also enjoy encouraging new people to join our volunteer staff!

Why do you volunteer?

I live in Lakewood and I was looking to volunteer when I retired. Beck is a great place to volunteer but the warm-hearted Beck Staff and Community is what kept me coming back for all these years. I also volunteer at the Cleveland Zoo and the Cleveland Science Center.

How has your volunteer experience changed over the years?

I have become much closer to community and as my mobility has changed Beck Center has accommodated my disability to allow me to continue to be part of the volunteer staff. The Beck Center really has become my family.

What are your interests outside of the arts?

I used to love traveling! I've been to all 7 continents and you'd find me traveling at least 4 times a year. I was also an avid hiker, I hike 11,000 miles, and was a member of the Cleveland Hikers Club.





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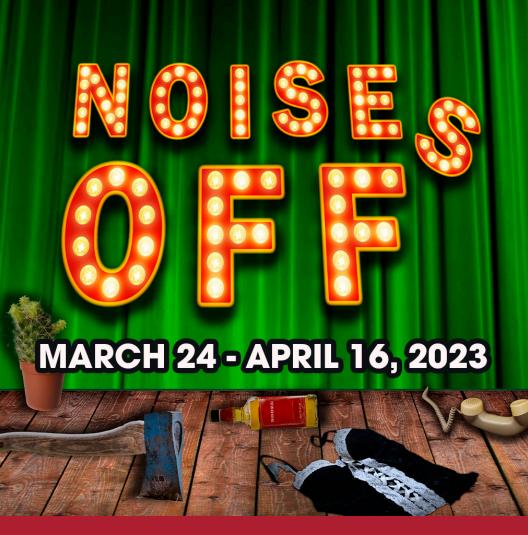
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