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GREETINGS FROM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Tim Bond

It is such a pleasure to finally welcome audiences to this regional premiere of *Sense and Sensibility*. As many of you know we had originally scheduled this piece for December of 2020. Since the last two years have been an exercise in adaptation and flexibility, we all have had to adjust our plans. It has been quite a journey for us at TheatreWorks, as we moved from isolation to virtual community (with our many online offerings), and finally being back together in the theatre last fall with *Lizard Boy* and *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*.

It is thrilling to welcome Founding Artistic Director Robert Kelley back to the Lucie Stern Theatre to direct this charming musical adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility*. This production will complete for TheatreWorks a triptych of musical adaptations of Jane Austen classics *(Emma, Pride and Prejudice, Sense and Sensibility)* all by composer, lyricist, and book writer Paul Gordon. It's been delightful to support and witness the collaboration that has taken place between Kelley and his team of veteran designers as they are once again reunited on this musical. After the long delay we had getting here it's been a healing experience for us all.

Sense and Sensibility traverses many themes familiar to Jane Austen fans: love and marriage, women in society, wealth, class, family, and particular to this story—the goodness and loyalty to family exhibited through the dutiful restraint of "Sense"; and the danger of oversentimentality or "Sensibility". With this adaptation I am struck most deeply by the love and devotion of the sisters for one another, and the feeling of community and healing that occurs. In these times when the ground seems to keep shifting beneath us, we need stories that demonstrate the power of people who are carried through tough times by the unselfish acts of others.

Though most of the plays and musicals that comprise our 51st Season were selected prior to the onset of this pandemic, a strong current of healing underlies each of these stories. We believe in the transformative power of theatre and its capacity to uplift and celebrate the indomitability of the human spirit. That's why theatre has existed for thousands of years and why we need it now more than ever.

We are grateful that, with your partnership in our health and safety protocols, we have been able to welcome artists and audiences back into the community of live theatre. Thanks so much for joining us and for your continued support of the arts in Silicon Valley. We look forward to seeing you all throughout the remainder of our 51st season as we tell great stories and welcome the mosaic of cultures, perspectives, and people that embody our global community.

Tim Bond, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

👀 🗫 About the Creators: Jane Austen and Paul Gordon 😪 🐄

In an era when women were expected to focus on little more than making an advantageous match, Jane Austen had different ideas. The author of six highly celebrated novels, Austen defied convention, delighting readers and inspiring artists for more than two centuries.

In 1775, Austen was born into a family that valued creativity and learning. Around the age of twelve, she began filling volumes with poems and fiction. She tried out various forms, parodying popular literature in many of her original works. By twenty she had completed her first novel, though it would be another sixteen years before she was published. Austen continued to write throughout her life, drafting new works and revising previous drafts.

In 1795, Austen's only known romantic dalliance was nipped in the bud by the young man's family neither he nor she had any financial prospects. Years later Austen accepted a marriage proposal that would have secured her family's future, but recanted the next day, citing a lack of affection for the man. Many of Austen's heroines reflect her in this way—they hold love as an ideal, viewing marriage as much more of a financial transaction.

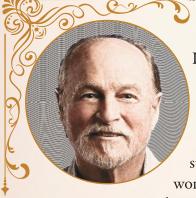
Austen's decision to devote her life to writing rather than acquiesce to a loveless marriage may have limited her social prospects, but that doesn't mean her works didn't have an audience. *Sense and Sensibility* was published in 1811, albeit anonymously—the title page indicated only that it was penned by "a lady." Popular with readers and critics, it was followed in 1813 by *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Mansfield Park* in 1814. Sales of Austen's works were so strong, she moved to a larger publishing house. *Emma* was printed in 1815.

By the next year, though, Austen's health was in decline. She died in 1817, after which her remaining unpublished works, *Northanger Abbey* and *Persuasion*, were published as a set collection with a biographical note finally identifying Austen as the author. Since the 1830s, her novels have never been out of print.

Two hundred years later, contemporary writers and artists of all sorts continue to draw inspiration from Austen's works, including Tony nominee Paul Gordon. Once the composer of several Billboard Pop Chart hits, Gordon turned his attention to musical theatre and has made a name for himself adapting classic literature for the stage; most notably, he was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Original Score for the Broadway production of *Jane Eyre*. Though he's created works inspired by Charlotte Brontë, Jean Webster, Oscar Wilde, and others, he keeps coming back to Jane Austen.

In 2007, Gordon's musical adaptation of Jane Austen's *Emma* had its world premiere right here at TheatreWorks, an instant favorite with both critics and audiences. *Sense and Sensibility* was commissioned by and first produced at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre in 2015. Gordon completed his Jane Austen trilogy in 2019 with TheatreWorks' world premiere of *Pride and Prejudice*. An artists' work is never truly done, though—like Austen, Gordon has a tendency to revisit and revise earlier works. He has been actively participating in rehearsals via Zoom and has written several new songs for this production, continuing to fine-tune his glorious adaptation.

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY Director's Motes



It's been almost two years since I directed a show, and now, at last, we can share the living, breathing thrill of musical theatre once again. Theatre isn't a video close-up, it's up-close: live characters struggling with the relationships, convictions, and confrontations that define their lives and our lives as well. Theatre offers a unique perspective on reality: a suggestion of place, a contraction of time, a distillation of the best and worst of the human comedy. At its best, theatre is shared rather than watched. Welcome back!

My last directing assignment was *Pride and Prejudice*, writer-composer Paul Gordon's exquisite adaptation of Jane Austen's groundbreaking novel. Today, Paul's *Sense and Sensibility* completes the Austen trilogy that he began with our world premiere of *Emma* in 2007. Austen was born in 1775, within months of brilliant British artists John Constable and J.M.W Turner, whose evocative paintings are incorporated in Joe Ragey's glorious set and Fumiko Bielefeldt's beautiful costume designs. S&S, as we call it backstage, was Austen's debut novel, first written at age 20, but not published until 1811. It is a deeply personal exploration of sisterhood and the challenging role of women in a male-dominated society. Older sister Elinor's "sense" means observing propriety and obeying the rules. The younger Marianne's "sensibility" embraces the world of the senses: romanticism, emotion, and passion. As the two contend, Austen offers her own subtly comic vision of the fascination and foibles of love.

Sense and Sensibility is a romantic drama with its heart on its Regency sleeve. Austen knows England's gentry intimately and doesn't shy from satirizing its privileged world. But she also sees the humanity in every character, however self-centered they may be. Though two centuries have passed, we know them intimately as well, because we resemble them. We may be an Elinor, a Marianne, even a designing Lucy; an Edward, Brandon, or a dashingly disastrous Willoughby. A rare few may even see Mrs. Jennings or Lord Middleton in the mirror.

Austen captures men and women alike, comforted or confounded by an array of social rules, judgments, gossip, and disapproval. Her characters run the gamut of age, intelligence, and integrity, but her focus is clearly on the young—women and men engaged in the traumatic task of settling lives in a society that insists they be settled. That exhilarating, exasperating process lies at the heart of both Austen's novel and Paul Gordon's enchanting score that accompanies it. This is his seventh inspiring musical here at TheatreWorks, and I can't thank him enough for his faith in the company and the joy he has brought to us all.

What do we do about love? For a gallery of Austen heroines caught in its spell, romance brings both the agony and ecstasy of the heart. That Austen could see love's happiness, humiliation, and humor will assure her a place in our lives for centuries to come. What an immense honor it is to bring her work to the stage, and to you, once again.

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Robert Kelley, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR EMERITUS

Designer Spotlight

Sense and Sensibility is the third Jane Austen musical to be brought to life on TheatreWorks' stage. All three adaptations were penned by Paul Gordon and directed by Robert Kelley, both of whom deserve all the accolades they receive for these enchanting musicals. There are others, though, whose contributions we'd like to celebrate today. **Set Designer Joe Ragey** and **Costume Designer Fumiko Bielefeldt** have also been a part the "Jane Austen Team" since our first production of Paul Gordon's *Emma* in 2007, and part of the larger TheatreWorks family for many years before that. Their work has been instrumental in establishing the elegance and beauty of Jane Austen's world again and again.

Over the course of several productions, (*Emma* in 2007 and revived in 2015, *Pride and Prejudice* in 2019, and now *Sense and Sensibility*) the team has succeeded in creating a consistent visual style, while still adapting and creating fresh designs to meet the needs of each individual production.

In the words of Joe Ragey:

Collaborating with Kelley, Fumiko, and the other designers has been a wonderful creative journey involving many discussions about period, locations, transitions, time of day or night, seasonal changes, color, style, and a number of other specific elements that comprise the production designs. Several of the scenic design elements have continued from show to show, changing in movement, staging location, period color and style. This continuation of design elements has been a consistent, intentional thematic and practical consideration for our progression of shows. From my design perspective the scenic concepts have evolved into a visual "legacy style" for each different production we've done.

Joe asked that we make sure to acknowledge the incredible work of Technical Director Frank Sarmiento and Properties Director Christopher Fitzer in helping to bring his designs to life.



Digital set rendering by Joe Ragey

For her part, Fumiko Bielefeldt is enthusiastic about reuniting with the rest of the team, and once again being immersed in the world of Regency costuming:

What a joy to be back designing again after two long years away! And especially to be back working with what I think of as TheatreWorks' "Jane Austen team." For a costume designer, TheatreWorks' extended exploration of Jane Austen's world has been a sheer sensual delight—a pageant of Regency style, with its elegant spencers, pelisses, frockcoats, and redingotes. If we have managed to capture something of that style on stage, it is thanks to TheatreWorks' brilliant costume shop and its peerless director, Jill Bowers.



Costume renderings by Fumiko Bielefeldt

At the end of today's production, when the last note is sung and the actors take the stage for their curtain call, we hope you'll keep in mind all those who work behind the scenes. They may not actually be there to take a bow, but they sure are deserving of our applause.



TIM BOND Artistic Director | PHIL SANTORA Executive Director

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

MARCH 9-APRIL 3, 2022

Book, music, and lyrics by **Paul Gordon** Based on the novel by **Jane Austen** Directed by **Robert Kelley**

Musical Direction and Orchestrations by William Liberatore Scenic Design Joe Ragey Costume Design Fumiko Bielefeldt Lighting Design Steven B. Mannshardt Sound Design Jeff Mockus Dialect Coach Kimberly Mohne Hill Intimacy Coordinator Maya Herbsman Casting Director Jeffrey Lo New York Casting Director Alan Filderman Stage Manager Randall K. Lum* Assistant Stage Managers Penny Pendleton*, Emily Anderson Wolf*

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Sense and Sensibility was commissioned by Chicago Shakespeare Theatre and the world premiere was presented in 2012 at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Chicago, IL; Barbara Gaines, Artistic Director; Criss Henderson, Executive Director; Rick Boynton, Creative Producer

Running time: approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes, including a 15 minute intermission.

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CAST (In order of appearance)

Marianne Dashwood ... Antoinette Comer* Elinor Dashwood ... Sharon Rietkerk* Fanny Dashwood and Miss Grey ... Melissa Wolf Klain* John Dashwood and Mr. Harris ... Nick Nakashima* Edward Ferrars ... Darrell Morris Jr.* Mrs. Jennings ... Lucinda Hitchcock Cone* Lord Middleton ... Colin Thomson* Colonel Brandon ... Noel Anthony* Mr. Willoughby ... Hunter Ryan Herdlicka* Lucy Steele and Maid ... Sonya Balsara* Maid ... Michelle Skinner Footman ... Jamie Gussman

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Understudies are never substituted for listed players unless a specific announcement is made at the time of the performance: Sonya Balsara* for Elinor Dashwood; Melissa Wolf Klain* for Marianne Dashwood; Michelle Skinner for Fanny Dashwood / Lucy Steele; Heather Orth for Mrs. Jennings; Will Springhorn Jr.* for John Dashwood / Lord Middleton / Colonel Brandon; Sean Okuniewicz* for Edward Ferrars / Mr. Willoughby / John Dashwood; Nick Nakashima* for Lord Middleton; Brigitte Losey for Maid / Footman.

MUSICIANS

Conductor & Piano ... William Liberatore Violin ... Candace Guiraro Cello ... Lucas Chen Oboe & English Horn ... Peter Lemberg Contractor ... Diane Ryan

All musicians are members of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act One

Darker Shade Than Grief ... Marianne, Elinor Lavender Drops ... Elinor, Marianne Elinor ... Edward Fine Taste in Music ... Marianne, Elinor So the Poets Say ... Marianne, Elinor, Edward The Eldest Son ... Elinor, Edward House with a View ... Lord Middleton, Mrs. Jennings, Elinor, Marianne A Man with a Past ... Mrs. Jennings Lydia ... Colonel Brandon Rain ... Marianne, Elinor, Willoughby Willoughby ... Marianne, Willoughby So the Poets Say (Reprise) ... Marianne, Willoughby, Elinor House with a View (Reprise) ... Mrs. Jennings, Lord Middleton Lavender Drops (Reprise) ... Elinor, Marianne, Mrs. Jennings Hello ... Edward, Elinor Somewhere in Silence ... Elinor, Marianne

Act Two

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Regency ... Mrs. Jennings, Lord Middleton, Elinor, Marianne The Letter ... Marianne, Elinor Wrong Side of Five & Thirty ... Colonel Brandon There He Is Again ... Marianne The Response ... Willoughby Miss Grey ... Marianne Not Even You ... Elinor The Visit ... Edward, Elinor, Lucy, Marianne Edward and I ... Lucy Stowaway ... Elinor, Marianne Rain (Reprise) ... Marianne Bedside ... Elinor Willoughby's Lament ... Willoughby Bedside/Stowaway (Reprise) ... Marianne, Elinor Elinor Reprise ... Elinor, Edward Finale ... Edward, Elinor, Colonel Brandon, Marianne

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NOEL ANTHONY (Colonel Brandon) returns to TheatreWorks after appearing in *Rags*

(Nathan), *Sweeney Todd* (Pirelli), *The Secret Garden* (Neville), *Merrily We Roll Along, A Little Princess,* and *Jane Eyre: The Musical* (Mason). Noel is a veteran of over 75 full productions in a span of 25 years. He has worked for American Conservatory Theater, American Musical Theatre San Jose, Center REP, San Jose Stage Co. Broadway by the Bay, Sierra Repertory Theatre, and Woodminster Summer Musicals, just to name a few. For more info: noelanthonyescobar.com



SONYA BALSARA (Lucy Steele and Maid) is thrilled to be making her TheatreWorks debut!

She was recently in the Broadway workshop of *The Karate Kid* (Ali Mills), the international production of *West Side Story* (Maria) at IHI StageAround in Tokyo, as well as various Broadway readings. Her film and TV appearances include *FBI* (CBS), *Mozart in the Jungle* (Amazon Prime), and *Boarding School* (Amazon Prime). Sonya received her BFA from New York University Tisch School of the Arts. For Matthew, always.



ANTOINETTE COMER (Marianne Dashwood) is excited to make her TheatreWorks vas seen on

debut! Previously she was seen on Broadway in *Mamma Mia*! and Off-Broadway in *Smokey Joe's Café* and *Sistas: the Musical* (Gloria). National and International Tours include, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (Lucille), Mamma Mia! (Lisa), and Dreamgirls (Lorrell). Select regional credits include Pioneer Theatre Company, Elf: the Musical (Jovie), Virginia Repertory Theatre, Atlantis: A New Musical (Maya), and the Palace Theatre, Sister Act (Deloris). She can currently be seen and heard on several national commercials. She thanks God, and her family and friends for all their support.



HUNTER RYAN HERDLICKA (Mr.

Willoughby) is a Dallas native and Carnegie Mellon graduate.

Hunter made his Broadway debut as Henrik in the Tony Award-winning revival of Stephen Sondheim's A Little Night Music, opposite Catherine Zeta-Jones and Angela Lansbury, followed by Bernadette Peters and Elaine Stritch. Other New York credits: Once Upon a Mattress (the Minstrel) and Jerry Herman's Dear World (Julian) starring opposite Tyne Daly. Hunter has appeared in around 20 regional productions including *The Tempest* (Ariel) at the Dallas Theater Center, Candide (Maximillian) at the Alliance Theatre, *Ragtime* (Younger Brother) at Barrington Stage, and The Pirates of Penzance (Frederic) at the 5th Avenue Theatre in Seattle. A close friend of legendary actress Elaine Stritch, Hunter appeared in and helped produce the award-winning documentary Elaine Stritch: Shoot Me. @HRHerdlicka



LUCINDA HITCHCOCK CONE (Mrs. Jennings) appeared here in Pride and Prejudice, Tuck

Everlasting, Outside Mullingar, Big River, Clean House, Ragtime, and Cabaret. She played Linda Loman in Death Of A Salesman at San Jose Stage Company. She appeared in the National Tour of Big River. Her regional credits include Hartford Stage, Arizona Theater Company, Indiana Rep., Portland Stage, Syracuse Stage, the Geva, St. Louis Rep., Folger Theater, Coconut Grove Playhouse, American Conservatory Theater, Berkeley Rep., San Jose Rep., Sacramento Music Circus, Capital Stage, B Street Theater, Aurora Theater, Marin Theater Co., American Musical Theatre of San Jose, 42nd Street Moon, Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts among others. She has four Bay Area Critics Circle Awards and a Drama-Logue Award. She studied Mime in Paris with Etienne Decroux.



DARRELL MORRIS, JR. (Edward Ferrars) is thrilled to be making his TheatreWorks debut with

Sense and Sensibility. He recently appeared in the National Tour of Les Miserables (Montparnasse, u/s Enjolras) and the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. Selected regional credits include The Scottsboro Boys (Charlie/Victoria) with SpeakEasy Stage, Peter Pan (Peter) with CIC Theatre, and a gender-bent production of The Boys from Syracuse (Luciana) Off-Broadway. Darrell spent the holiday season with For the Record's Love Actually Live! in Beverly Hills. His film and TV appearances include WeCrashed and Due Season (2022). MFA, The Boston Conservatory. BM, Baylor University. Big love to my family and friends who've become family. Endless thanks to PA and the TheatreWorks team. @darrellmorrisir





NICK NAKASHIMA (John Dashwood and Mr. Harris, he/him) is a character actor of long

and rich experience. Mr. Nakashima is thrilled to return to TheatreWorks, having last been seen as Robert Martin in *Emma*. Some of the many plays in which he had important parts include *Emma*, *The Learned Ladies* of *Park Avenue*, *A Little Night Music* (TheatreWorks), *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (42nd St. Moon). Other regional credits include Next *to Normal* (Jewel Theatre), *Children* of Eden, Beauty and the Beast (American Musical Theatre of San Jose), *The King and I, The Producers, La Cage aux Folles* (Woodminster).



SHARON RIETKERK (Elinor Dashwood) has been seen at TheatreWorks in *Pride and*

Prejudice, Emma (Theater Bay Area Award nomination), Marry Me a Little (Theatre Bay Area Winner), Cyrano, Little Women, The Secret Garden, and Triangle (TheatreWorks, Lyric Theater of Oklahoma). Other regional credits include Sense and Sensibility (Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Old Globe Theatre San Diego), A Minister's Wife (San Jose Rep); How the Other Half Loves, The Illusion (North Coast Repertory); The Secret Garden (42nd Street Moon); Communicating Doors, The Liar, Born Yesterday (Theatre Bay Area Winner, Center REP); Mary Stuart, On the Twentieth Century (Davis Shakespeare); Marian in The Music Man (South Coast Symphony), and in concert with San Francisco Symphony and South Coast Symphony.





COLIN THOMSON (Lord Middleton) last appeared at TheatreWorks alongside his wife of

16 years Karen Thomson Hall in readings of Miller & Tysen's Revival at the 2019 New Works Festival. Full productions at TheatreWorks include Tuck Everlasting, The Light in the Piazza, The Learned Ladies of Park Avenue, and All My Sons. He played Fezziwig, then went on as Jacob Marley and Father, in the San Francisco production of the recent multiple Tony award-winning adaptation of A Christmas Carol. Other career favorites include *Dirty* Blonde with Portland Center Stage, Company with Marin Theatre Co., Once with 42nd Street Moon, and All Shook Up and Sisters Matsumoto with Center REP. TV and film work includes NBC's Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist and Trauma, 13 Reasons Why for Netflix, and Blue Jasmine.



MELISSA WOLFKLAIN (Fanny Dashwood and Miss Grey) is so excited that live theatre is back! She broke

her Covid fast by appearing in Starting Here, Starting Now at San Francisco Playhouse. At TheatreWorks, she originated the role of Mary Bennet in Pride and Prejudice and played Aileen in Tinyard Hill, for which she was nominated for a Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award. She has also appeared in the National Tours of 42nd Street and White Christmas, both choreographed by Randy Skinner. Ms. WolfKlain has performed with 42nd Street Moon (A Gentleman's Guide..., Dames at Sea), Hillbarn (Cabaret, Funny Girl), 3D Theatricals (Shrek), Mountain Play (Peter Pan) and others. Follow her on Instagram! @melissawolfklain www.melissawolfklain.com Thanks Mom, Dad, Tyler and Shleeber for your continued love and support.



SEAN OKUNIEWICZ (u/s Edward Farrars / Mr. Willoughby / John Dashwood) has performed

with TheatreWorks in Santaland Diaries (Crumpet u/s), Oskar school tour (Oskar), and several Young Playwrights Projects. His regional credits include The Rocky Horror Show (Riff Raff), Mamma Mia! (Eddie), Adios Mama Carlota! (Van Der Smissen), and Hand To God (Timothy) for San Jose Stage Company, as well as Mamma Mia! (Sky) and Altar Boyz (Matthew) for Center REP., and numerous appearances with Broadway By The Bay, CMT Marquee, Berkeley Playhouse, Contra Costa Musical Theatre, City Lights Theater Co., Cabrillo Stage, and Hillbarn Theatre. Sean also writes and records original music, his debut E.P. I Cant Stop Loving You, is available on Apple Music, Spotify and all major streaming platforms.



HEATHER ORTH (u/s Mrs. Jennings) was last seen at TheatreWorks in the world premiere of *Pride and*

Prejudice as Mrs. Bennet (Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award). A Bay Area native, she has performed at 42nd Street Moon in The Secret Garden (BATCC Award) and The Boys From Syracuse (Theatre Bay Area Award), Hillbarn Theatre in Sweeney Todd (TBA Award) and Noises Off, Berkeley Playhouse in Sister Act (TBA Award), Custom Made Theatre in Passion (BATCC Award; TBA Award nominee) and Grey Gardens (BATCC Award), Ray of Light Theatre in Carrie (BATCC Award nominee) and Jesus Christ Superstar (BATCC Award; TBA Award nominee), Foothill Musical Theatre in The Mystery of Edwin Drood, and Broadway by the Bay in Cats and Gypsy.



MICHELLE SKINNER (Maid, u/s Fanny Dashwood / Lucy Steele) is excited to be back

with TheatreWorks, having last understudied in their production of *Tuck Everlasting*. Michelle is a graduate of UC Irvine, and the acting program at South Coast Repertory. Favorite credits include: Margo in *Bright Star* (Palo Alto Players), Brooke in *Noises Off* (Hillbarn), Lucrece in *The Liar* and Sue in *Carrie: the Musical* (Western Stage), Annelle in *Steel Magnolias* (Newport Theatre Arts Center), and Bette in *The Marriage of Bette & Boo* (Costa Mesa Playhouse.)



WILL SPRINGHORN, JR (u/s John Dashwood / Lord Middleton / Colonel Brandon) At TheatreWorks

Peter and the Starcatcher, Snow Falling on Cedars and New Works Festival Alice Bliss, Low Country, Gurley, An Entomologist's Love Story, Laugh and Something Wicked this Way Comes. Bay Area Theatre credits include the world premieres of An Entomologist's Love Story with SF Playhouse, and Persuasion and Adios Mama Carlota with San Jose Stage Company. Mr. Springhorn teaches theatre at West Valley College and Diablo Valley College. www. willspringhornjr.com

PAUL GORDON (Book, music,

and lyrics) was nominated for a 2001 Tony Award for music and lyrics to Jane Eyre (TW West Coast Premiere 2003). He has developed and premiered several shows at TW including Pride and Prejudice (2019), Emma (2007 BATCC Award, TW productions in 2007 and 2015), Daddy Long Legs (2009 Ovation Award winner, TW productions in 2010 and 2016), and Being Earnest (2013). He won the 2015 Jeff Award for Best New Work for his book, music, and lyrics for *Sense and Sensibility*, commissioned by Chicago Shakespeare Theater. His works have been performed all over the country and internationally. Other works include *Knight's Tale, Analog and Vinyl, Little Miss Scrooge, No One Called Ahead, The Front, Juliet and Romeo, Sleepy Hollow, The Circle,* and *The Sportswriter.*

ROBERT KELLEY (Director) is a Bay Area native and Stanford University graduate. He founded TheatreWorks in 1970, retiring in June 2020 after directing over 175 TheatreWorks productions, including many world and regional premieres. He has received the Silicon Valley Arts Council's Legacy Laureate Award; the Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Paine Knickerbocker Award and Jerry Friedman Award for Lifetime Achievement; the Theatre Bay Area Legacy Award; BATCC Awards for Outstanding Direction for Pride and Prejudice (2020); The Hound of the Baskervilles; Into the Woods; Pacific Overtures; Rags; Sweeney Todd; Another Midsummer Night; Sunday in the Park with George; Jane Eyre; and Caroline, or Change; and a TBA Award for Outstanding Direction of a Musical for Daddy Long Legs. He is proud to be TheatreWorks' Artistic Director Emeritus.

FUMIKO BIELEFELDT (Costume

Design) has designed over 60 productions (garnering over 25 awards) for TheatreWorks-including Pride and Prejudice, Archduke, Tuck Everlasting, The Bridges of Madison County, Rags, Daddy Long Legs, Cyrano, Fallen Angels, Sweeney Todd, Silent Sky, Little Women, 33 Variations, Sense and Sensibility, The Light in the Piazza, Caroline, or Change, M. Butterfly, and Emma, among others. She has designed extensively throughout the Bay Area and regionally. She holds a BA in Economics from Waseda University (Tokyo) and studied costume design at Stanford. Design awards include: 2004 Barbara Bladen Porter Special Award, Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards, Dean Goodman

Choice Awards, and Back Stage West Garland Award.

KIMBERLY MOHNE HILL (Dialect

Coach) has served as Dialect Coach for over 25 years at TheatreWorks, working on such shows as: Pride and Prejudice, Around the World in 80 Days, Rags, Constellations, Triangle, Sweeney Todd, Water by the Spoonful, 33 Variations, The Pitmen Painters, Snow Falling on Cedars, The North Pool, Doubt, Theophilus North, Arcadia, Jane Eyre, Baby Taj, and Anna in the Tropics. An Associate Professor in Acting at Santa Clara University, she continues to direct and coach throughout the Bay Area. Recently, she directed The Wolves for the SCU Department of Theatre & Dance. She has published three books with Smith & Kraus: Great Scenes in Dialect for Young Actors and Monologues in Dialect for Young Actors, Volumes I and II.

WILLIAM LIBERATORE (Musical Director and Orchestrations) is

TheatreWorks' Resident Musical Director and has conducted 45 shows, including Tuck Everlasting, Fun Home, The Prince of Egypt, Rags, Sweeney Todd, Once on This Island (TBA Award), Little Women, Crowns, Ragtime, and Pacific Overtures. He was Musical Director at American Musical Theatre of San Jose, conducting over 30 shows including Flower Drum Song, Gypsy, A Chorus Line, 42nd Street, Follies, and Children of Eden. He has won Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards for A Little Night Music, South Pacific, Damn Yankees (AMTSJ), and Bat Boy: The Musical; Into the Woods; Emma; Caroline, or Change; The Light in the Piazza, The Four Immigrants, and Bridges of Madison County (TheatreWorks). He is also the director of the award-winning Gunn High School Choirs.

JEFFREY LO (Casting Director)

directed TheatreWorks' productions of *The Language Archive* and *The Santaland Diaries.* A Filipino-American director and playwright, his additional directing credits include *Vietgone* and *The Great Leap* at Capital Stage, *Hold These Truths* at San Francisco Playhouse, and *Between Riverside and Crazy* at San Jose Stage Co. He is the recipient of the Leigh Weimers Emerging Artist Award, the Arts Council Silicon Valley Emerging Artist Laureate, and Theatre Bay Area Director's TITAN Award. In addition to his work on stage, Mr. Lo does work nationally promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in the arts. He is a graduate of the multicultural Arts Leadership Institute and a proud alumnus of the UC Irvine Drama Department. JeffreyWritesAPlay.com

RANDALL K. LUM (Stage Manager) recently production stage managed the Old Vic's production of A Christmas Carol at the Golden Gate Theatre. Selected TheatreWorks' productions: They Promised Her The Moon, Pride and Prejudice, The 39 Steps, Archduke, Fun Home, Hold These Truths, Finks, Skeleton Crew, Around the World in 80 Days, The Prince of Egypt, Constellations, Rags, Outside Mullingar, Confederates, The Velocity of Autumn, Jane Austen's Emma, The Country House, Fallen Angels, The Lake Effect, Peter and the Starcatcher, Time Stands Still, Other Desert Cities, and Once on This Island. Other companies: Oregon and San Francisco Shakespeare Festivals, Denver Center Theatre Company, La Jolla Playhouse, Center Theatre Group, The Old Globe, American Conservatory Theater, California Shakespeare Theatre, Berkeley and Seattle Repertory Theatres, Laguna and Pasadena Playhouses, and South Coast Repertory.

STEVEN B. MANNSHARDT (Lighting

Design) has been the lighting designer for over 100 productions at TheatreWorks, having won numerous Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle, Theatre Bay Area, and Dean Goodman Choice Awards for his work. His regional design credits include Long Wharf Theatre, New Haven; A Contemporary Theatre, Seattle; American Repertory Theater, Cambridge; Studio Arena Theatre, Buffalo; Magic Theatre; and Pasadena Playhouse. He currently teaches lighting design and stage management at San Jose State University. Mr. Mannshardt also runs an organization

dedicated to improving the education system for both children and adults in Nepal. www.nepal.wwep.org

JEFF MOCKUS (Sound Design) has designed TheatreWorks productions of Lizard Boy, Mark Twain's River of Song, Tuck Everlasting, Native Gardens, The Bridges of Madison County, The Four Immigrants, Rags, Crimes of the Heart, Daddy Long Legs, tokyo fish story, Jane Austen's Emma, Sweeney Todd, Once on This Island, Silent Sky, Little Women, Being Earnest, Big River, Of Mice and Men, The Secret Garden, Fly By Night, [title of show], and Superior Donuts. Recent work includes A Christmas Carol for Center REP, The Children at Aurora Theatre Co, and Love Goddess, The Rita Hayworth Cabaret for Blue Panther Productions. Mr. Mockus served in residence at San Jose Rep on over 70 productions, including Old Wicked Songs (BATCC award), By The Bog Of Cats (BATCC award), and Mary's Wedding (Dean Goodman Choice award).

PENNY PENDLETON (Assistant Stage Manager) is so grateful for her first production at TheatreWorks! Local Stage Management credits: Marley's Chains (A Christmas Carol), which performed at the Golden Gate Theatre, and Pericles, Prince of Tyre Episodes 1 - 4 with San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, which were performed both online and in parks throughout the Bay Area. She studied Stage Management at the Pacific Conservatory of Performing Arts (PCPA Theatrefest) and has enjoyed Stage Managing with The Sting and Honey Company, The Egyptian Theatre, Salt Lake Acting Company, ShowGear, Intermountain Health, and Corporate Staging Resources. Thank you to the crew and company, especially Randall and Emily, for your kindness and dedication to this production.

JOE RAGEY (Scenic Design) has designed over 60 shows since 1985. His favorite TheatreWorks designs include Pride and Prejudice, Emma, Around The World in 80 Days, Peter & The Starcatcher, Daddy Long Legs, Little Women, Big River, The 39 Steps, A Christmas Memory, Merrily We Roll Along, Baby Taj, My Ántonia, Jane Eyre, Peter Pan, Triumph of Love, You Can't Take it With You, Equus, Conversations With My Father, Nagasaki Dust, Honor Song for Crazy Horse, La Bete, and Pacific Overtures. Joe received over a dozen Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards, LA Drama-Logue Awards and Dean Goodman Choice Awards for his TheatreWorks stage designs.

EMILY ANDERSON WOLF (Assistant Stage Manager) has

been the Assistant Stage Manager for TheatreWorks' Archduke, Frost/ Nixon, Fun Home, Finks, The Prince of Egypt, Rags, Crimes of the Heart, Jane Austen's Emma, Triangle, Fire on the Mountain, Peter and the Starcatcher, Sweeney Todd, The Hound of the Baskervilles, Little Women, and Other Desert Cities. She was also the Assistant Stage Manager for threesixty Entertainment's First National Tour of Peter Pan; Journey to the West at the New York Musical Theatre Festival, and with American Musical Theatre of San Jose. Ms. Wolf also works as a stagehand throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and is a proud member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. She holds a BA in Theatre, Cum Laude from Mount Holyoke College.

TIM BOND (Artistic Director) joined TheatreWorks as Artistic Director in July 2020. He is a nationallyknown director and educator with past leadership roles as Producing Artistic Director at Syracuse Stage, Associate Artistic Director at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Artistic Director at Seattle Group Theatre, and tenured full Professor and Head of the Professional Actor Training Program at the University of Washington School of Drama. Over the last 37 years Tim has directed at many theatres including the Market Theatre, Baxter Theatre Centre, Guthrie Theater, Seattle Rep, Milwaukee Rep, The Wilma Theater, Arena Stage, GEVA Theatre Center, Cleveland Play House, Indiana Rep, Actors Theatre of Louisville, PCPA, Arizona Theatre Co., Portland Center Stage, Dallas Theater Center, A Contemporary Theatre,

Empty Space Theatre, Paul Robeson Theatre, and Seattle Children's Theatre. He is the recipient two Backstage West Garland Awards, two Syracuse Area Live Theatre (SALT) Awards, and a Dallas-Fort Worth Critics Forum Award.

PHIL SANTORA (Executive Director)

joined TheatreWorks in 2007. He has served as Managing Director of Northlight Theatre (Chicago) and Georgia Shakespeare Festival (Atlanta), as well as Development Director for Great Lakes Theatre Festival (Cleveland) and George Street Playhouse (New Brunswick). He holds an MFA in Theatre Administration from the Yale School of Drama and a BA in Drama from Duke University. He has served as Vice President of the National Alliance for Musical Theatre Board. Prior board service includes the League of Chicago Theatres, Atlanta Coalition of Theatres, and the executive committee of the League of Resident Theatres (LORT). He was named 2000's Best Arts Administrator by Atlanta Magazine and received the Atlanta Arts and Business Council's 1998 ABBY Award for Arts Administrator.

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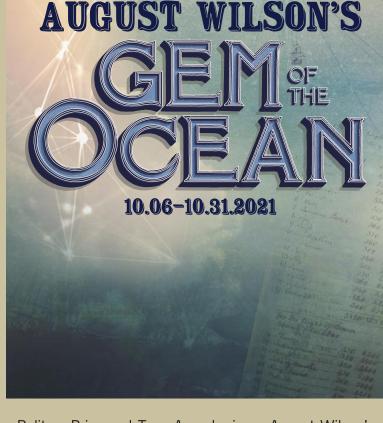
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