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Abi Baggott - Belle - **Leo Bevington**

Joseph Shoup - Beast - **Eric Fegan**

Kellen Blackburn - Gaston - **Rico Bastian**

Flower Apley - LeFou - **Gabe Kucera**

Joseph Truhe - Maurice - **Ed Ronco**

David Hoey - Lumiere - **Eric Ranke**

Ed Ronco - Cogsworth - **Katie Clark**

Samantha Fewins - Babette - **Sophia Schroeder**

Teresa Hirt - Mrs. Potts - **Christy Burich**

Phoebe Walter - Chip - **Brex Butts**

Kendall Kotcher - Madame de la Grande Bouche - **Kendall Kotcher**

ENSEMBLE

Kerr Anderson, Joedy Annis, Kaylee Annis, Riley Dent,
Julia Fegan, Allison Goldsmith, Donald Kuehlhorn,
Ashley Mugnolo-Durga, Kelly Rose, Aubree Rice, Maisy Russell,
Erin Shea Slomers, Cameron Stefanski, Matthew Swarouth,
Allyson Williams, Alexandra Zenn

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Lyv Butts, Hayden Henbest (swing for Chip),
Cami Miller, Maya Tisdale, Louisa Valdez,
Bennington Velek, Meredith Warren

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Wendy Ulrich - Assistant Orchestra Director
Carol Purcell - Keyboard 1 and Vocal Director

Gary Potter - Keyboard 2

Suzanne Parker - Flute

Anne Yambor - Flute

Angela Lickiss - Double Reed

Deb Clark - Double Reed

Jason McKinney - Double Reed

Leslie B. Dunner - Reed 3 - Clarinet

Raleigh Newman - Reed 3 - Clarinet

Jerry Lewallen - Trombone

Bill Hershey - Trumpet

Bill Fromm - Trumpet

Jeff Kroeger - Trumpet

Diane Kolak - Horn 1

Jennifer Powell - Horn 1

Laura Hood - Horn 1

April Shultz - Horn 2

Tracy Texter - Horn 2

Jenny Fretland VanVoorst - Horn 3

Geoff Randolph - Horn 3

Betsy Taylor - Violin 1

Erin Dodd - Violin 2

Christine Kyprianides - Cello

Jeff Winkler - Bass

Dane Moeggenberg - Bass

Roland Woodring - Drums

Jerry Endres - Percussion

Steve Shugart - Percussion

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PRODUCTION TEAM

Set Design & Construction

Kerr Anderson - Designer

Nancy Albrecht, Colin Bohash, Deb Bowman, Bob Coltman,
Marley Demers, Rolex Fenelus, John Herbst, Jeff Kroeger,
Nathaniel Lauritzen, Heather Lockwood, Chuck Moeser, Annie Moeser, Joe Rice, Michael
Spry, Arnie Taddia, Joe Trubiroha

Set Dresser

Heather Lockwood

Costumes

Kathy Verstraete - Designer

Nancy Albrecht, Paddy Brown, Joyia Fishburn, Marcia Gibson, Vicki Green, Betsie Ham-
merberg, Judy Heffron, Diane Hubert, Deb Jackson, Terri Kuhar, Anne Moeser, Pat Petro-
vich, Meg Pointon, Bradley Roswell, Judy Schroeder, Nan Worthington

Costume Dressers - Hannah Gordon, Cathy Louis

Hair & Makeup - Michael Binstead

Beast Make-up - Elizabeth Stewart & Annie Goodman

Rose and Invention Creation - Bill Hershey & Elizabeth Stewart

Painters

Annie Moeser - Lead

Jill Bert, Colin Bohash, Christy Burich, Glenn Gauthier, Judy Heffron,
Lori Manion, Claire Shipstead, Janet Stone, Wren Walter

Light Design & Run

Bill Fishburn - Designer

Spot Operators

Aimee Butts, Jeff Butts, Addison McGurn, Ian McGurn, Gretchen Palmer, Robin Pelton

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Sound Design & Run

Gary Bolton - Designer

Properties

Bernadette Gropusso - Properties Lead

Nan Worthington - Properties Lead

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Videographer/Projections - Don Kuehlhorn

Animation Artist - Rory Van Maanen

On Book

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Backstage Crew

Rolex Fenelus, Colleen Hill Rakunas, Danielle Pelshaw, Rick Porter

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Kerr Anderson *Ensemble/Set Design/Set Construction*
Occupation - Retired; At OTP: *The Christmas Schooner, Ripcord, The Play That Goes Wrong, Murder on the Orient Express*



Kaylee Annis *Ensemble* (she/her) Occupation - Nursing
Assistant in Maternity; At OTP: *Something Rotten, Elf, Christmas Carol*



Joedy Annis *Ensemble* Occupation - Registered
Nurse; At OTP: *Tommy*



Flower Apley *LeFou* (they/them) Occupation - Art-
ist/Art Teacher; At OTP: *Marian, Something Rotten, SpongeBob the Musical, Young Company Prop Master*



Abigail Baggott *Belle* Occupation - Homemaker/Per-
former; At OTP: *Cinderella*



Rico Bastian *Gaston* Occupation - Design Engineer;
At OTP: *Marian, Ripcord, Something Rotten, SpongeBob the Musical*



Leo Bevington *Belle* (they/them) Occupation - Market-
ing & Communications; At OTP: *Something Rotten*



Kellen Blackburn *Gaston* (he/him) Occupation - RV
Outfitter; At OTP: *SpongeBob the Musical, Peter & the Starcatcher, Black & White Gala*

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Christy Burich *Mrs. Potts* Occupation - Artist; At OTP: *Silent Sky, Fun Home, Spamalot, Mary Poppins*



Lyv Butts *Kids' Ensemble* (she/her) Occupation - Student; At OTP: *The Christmas Schooner, Aladdin Jr, School House Rock Live, Jr., Jungle Book, Jr.*



Brexten Butts *Chip* (he/him) Occupation - Middle Schooler; At OTP: *Christmas Schooner, Aladdin Jr.*



Katie Clark *Cogsworth* Occupation - Business Manager; At OTP: *Something Rotten, SpongeBob the Musical, Mamma Mia, Young Frankenstein*



Sam Clark *Music Director*; At OTP: *Christmas Schooner, The Laramie Project, SpongeBob the Musical, Cinderella*



Riley Dent *Ensemble* (he/him) Occupation - Cook at Randy's Diner; At OTP: *SpongeBob the Musical*



Nick Durga – *Assistant Stage Manager* Occupation – Banker; At OTP: *The Christmas Schooner, Marian, Something Rotten, SpongeBob*



Eric Fegan *The Beast* Occupation - Musician and Data Analyst; At OTP: *New to OTP MainStage, Young Company Instructor*

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Julia Fegan *Ensemble/Wolf* (she/her) Occupation - IT Specialist; At OTP: New to OTP



Samantha Fewins *Babette, Dance Captain* Occupation - Substitute teacher at North Education Services & Teacher for OTP Young Co.; At OTP: *The Christmas Schooner, Cinderella, Chicago, SpongeBob the Musical*



Allison Goldsmith *Ensemble/Wolf* (she/her) Occupation - Internal Medicine Physician; At OTP: New to OTP



Bernadette Groppuso *Props* Occupation - Retired Librarian; At OTP: *Something Rotten, The Play That Goes Wrong, Ripcord, Marian*



Judy Heffron *Props* Occupation - Retired; At OTP: *The Play That Goes Wrong, SpongeBob, the Musical, Chicago*



Terri Heffron *Director* (she/her) Occupation - Server at 2 Lads Winery; At OTP: *The Laramie Project, The Savannah Sipping Society, Love, Loss & What I Wore, Company*



Hayden Henbest *Youth Ensemble* (she/her) Occupation - Student; At OTP: *SpongeBob the Musical, Schoolhouse Rock, Jr., Newsies, Jr., Frog & Toad, Jr.*



Teresa Hirt-Jones *Mrs. Potts* Occupation - Special Education Assistant at TCAPS; At OTP: *Christmas Schooner, Something Rotten*

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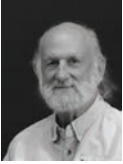
David Hoey *Lumiere* (he/him) Occupation - Server at Stella; At OTP: New to OTP



Kendall Kotcher *Madame de La Grande Boche* (she/her) Occupation - Social Media Specialist; At OTP: *Something Rotten, The Play That Goes Wrong, SpongeBob the Musical, [title of show]*



Gabriel Kucera *LeFou* (any pronouns) Occupation - Server at Olive Garden; At OTP: New to OTP



Donald Kuehlhorn *Ensemble* Occupation - Retired; At OTP: *Ripcord, Cinderella, Silent Sky, Elf*



Heather Lockwood *Set Dresser* Occupation – Real Estate Broker; At OTP: *The Christmas Schooner, Something Rotten*



Melissa May *Choreographer* (she/her) Occupation - OTP Education Program Manager; At OTP: *Black & White Gala 2023, SpongeBob the Musical, Godspell, All Together Now*

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Cami Miller *Kid's Ensemble* (she/her) Occupation - Student; At OTP: *Frog & Toad are Friends, Schoolhouse Rock, Magic Treehouse, Frozen, Jr.*



Annie Moeser *Assistant Producer, Paint Lead* Occupation – Retired Teacher; At OTP: *The Christmas Schooner, Puffs, Ripcord, Something Rotten*

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Chuck Moeser *Producer* Occupation - Retired; At OTP: *The Play That Goes Wrong, Something Rotten, Ripcord*, OTP Board of Trustees



Ashley Mugnolo-Durga *Ensemble*; At OTP: *Marian, The Play that Goes Wrong, Cry it Out, SpongeBob the Musical*



Carol Purcell *Vocal Director/Keyboard 1* Occupation - Music Director Unity TC, Accompanist Kingsley Schools, Bookkeeper; At OTP: *Something Rotten, Black & White Gala 22-23, Chicago, I Love You You're Perfect Now Change*



Eric Ranke *Lumiere* (he/him) Occupation - Education Specialist at Miss Dig 811; At OTP: *The Christmas Schooner, Something Rotten*



Aubree Rice *Ensemble* Occupation - Housekeeper; At OTP: *New to OTP*



William Rockwood *Stage Manager* Occupation - Systems Architect; At OTP: *Play That Goes Wrong, [Title of Show], Cinderella*



Ed Ronco *Maurice/Cogsworth* (he/him) Occupation - Journalist; At OTP: *Something Rotten*



Kelly Rose *Ensemble* (she/her) Occupation - Assistant Behavior Analyst; At OTP: *The Christmas Schooner, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

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Maisy Russell *Ensemble* Occupation - Paralegal; At OTP: Young Frankenstein, Honk Jr, Little Mermaid Jr, Doctor Dolittle



Sophia Schroeder *Babette* (she/her) Occupation - Environmental Engineering Student; At OTP: New to OTP



Joseph Shoup *The Beast* Occupation - IT; At OTP: *The Last Five Years, Rent, Urinetown the Musical, Doubt*



Erin Shea Slomers *Ensemble* (she/her) Occupation - Real Estate Agent; At OTP: New to OTP



Cameron Stefanski *Ensemble* (he/him) Occupation - Marketing Agency Business Owner; At OTP: *Something Rotten*



Matthew Swarhout *Ensemble* (he/him) Occupation - Surfer; At OTP: New to OTP



Maya Tisdale *Kids' Ensemble* Occupation - Student; At OTP: *Frog & Toad Jr., Jungle Book Jr.*

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Joe Truhe *Maurice* Occupation - Retired Attorney; At OTP: *The Christmas Schooner, Something Rotten, Chicago*



Louisa Valdez *Kids' Ensemble* (she/her) Occupation - Student; At OTP: New to OTP



Beni Velek *Kids' Ensemble* Occupation - Student; At OTP: *Schoolhouse Rock*



Phoebe Walter *Chip* (she/her) Occupation - 6th Grade at West Middle School; At OTP: *Puffs, Newsies Jr., Clue Highschool Ed, Frozen Jr*



Meredith Warren *Kids' Ensemble* (she/her) Occupation - Student; At OTP: *Puffs, Newsies Jr., Schoolhouse Rock Jr., Clue, High School Ed.*



Allyson Williams *Ensemble* (she/her) Occupation - Stay @Home Mom; At OTP: New to OTP



Betsy Willis *Co-Director* (she/her) Occupation - Development Consultant; At OTP: *The Christmas Schooner, The Laramie Project, Cinderella, The Importance of Being Earnest*

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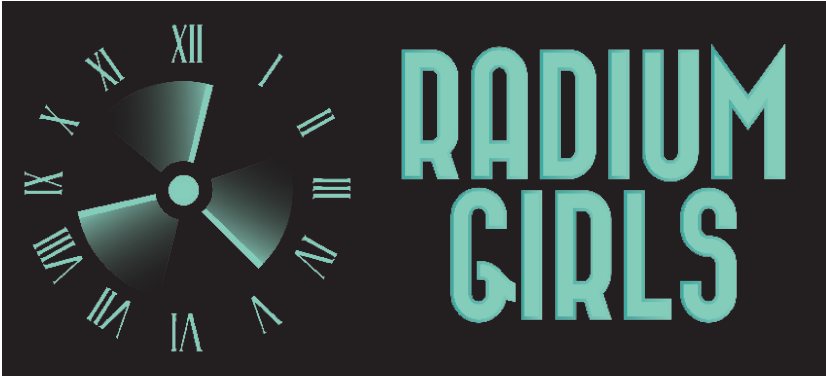
Nan Worthington *Co-chair Props* Occupation - Retired Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse; At OTP: *Marian, Something Rotten, The Play That Goes Wrong, Murder on the Orient Express*



Alexandra Zenn *Ensemble* (she/her) Occupation - Executive Assistant; At OTP: *Marian, Something Rotten, Cry it Out*

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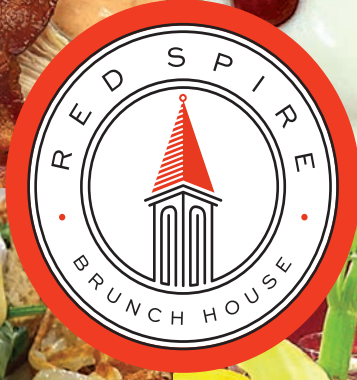
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ALAN MENKEN (Composer). Theater: *God Bless You Mr Rosewater*, *Little Shop Of Horrors*, *Real Life Funnies*, *Atina: Evil Queen Of The Galaxy*, *Kicks*, *The Apprenticeship Of Duddy Kravitz*, *Beauty And The Beast*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Weird Romance*, *King David*, *Der Glöckner Von Notre Dame*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Sister Act*, *Leap Of Faith*, *Aladdin* and *Newsies*. Film: *Little Shop Of Horrors*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty And The Beast*, *Newsies*, *Aladdin*, *Pocahontas*, *The Hunchback Of Notre Dame*, *Hercules*, *Life With Mikey*, *Lincoln*, *Home On The Range*, *Noel*, *Enchanted*, *Shaggy Dog*, *Tangled* and *Mirror Mirror*.

Songs: *Rocky V*, *Home Alone 2* and *Captain America*. Awards: 8 Oscars (19 nominations), 11 Grammys (including Song of the Year), 7 Golden Globes, Tony® (plus 4 nominations), Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, New York Drama Critics, Olivier and London's Evening Standard Award, Drama League. Honors: Songwriter's Hall of Fame, Doctorates from New York University and University of North Carolina School of the Arts.



HOWARD ASHMAN (Lyricist). Best known as a pivotal creative mind behind the renaissance of Disney animation and his work on *The Little Mermaid*, *Aladdin* and *Beauty and The Beast* (which is dedicated to, "Our friend, Howard Ashman, who gave a Mermaid her voice and a Beast his soul...") Ashman's first love was theater. Ashman was a founder of off off Broadway's renowned WPA Theater, where he conceived, wrote and directed *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater*, as well as the classic musical, *Little Shop of Horrors* (both music by Alan Menken).

In 1986, he wrote and directed the Broadway musical *Smile* (music by Marvin Hamlisch). Lamented as a lost treasure of the 1980's theater scene, *Smile* remains popular on High School and College campuses throughout the country. Howard Ashman died in 1991 from complications of AIDS. For more information, please visit howardashman.com.



LINDA WOOLVERTON (Book) Credits include the screenplay for the animated feature film *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST* (Golden Globe winner and Academy Award Best Picture nominee); the screenplay (shared) for *HOMEWARD BOUND: THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY*; screenplay (shared) for the animated feature film *THE LION KING*; the book for the Broadway musical *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST* (Tony Award nomination for Best Book of a Musical, winner 1998 Olivier Award Best New Musical); and book (shared)

for Elton John and Tim Rice's Broadway musical *AIDA*. Also she has written two young-adult novels, *STAR-WIND* and *RUNNING BEFORE THE WIND*. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from California State University Long Beach and a Master's degree in Theatre from California State University Fullerton. Linda is currently involved in writing and producing film projects for Miramax and Revolution studios. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband Lee Flicker and daughter Keaton.

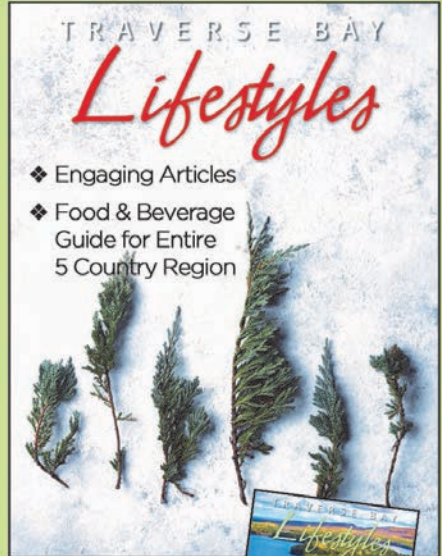
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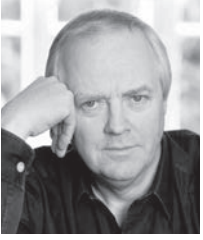


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Tim Rice has worked in music, theater, and film since 1965, when he met Andrew Lloyd Webber, a fellow struggling songwriter. Rather than pursue Tim's ambitions to write rock or pop songs, they turned their attention to Andrew's obsession - musical theater. Their first collaboration, *The Likes Of Us* (lyrics by Tim, music by Andrew), was an unsuccessful show based on the life of Dr. Barnardo, the Victorian philanthropist. Their

next three works together were much more successful: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *Evita*. Tim has also worked with other distinguished popular composers such as Elton John (*The Lion King*, *Aida*), Alan Menken (*Aladdin*, *King David*, *Beauty and the Beast*), and Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson (*Chess*). *From Here to Eternity*, with music by newcomer Stuart Brayson, coproduced with Lee Menzies, directed by Tamara Harvey, and with book by Bill Oakes, premiered in the West End at the Shaftesbury Theatre in 2013. He formed his own cricket team in 1973 and was president of the MCC in 2002. In 2013, he wrote and presented a 52-part series for BBC Radio 2, *American Pie*, a trawl through the music and musicians of every American State. He has won several awards, mainly for the wrong thing or for simply turning up.

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