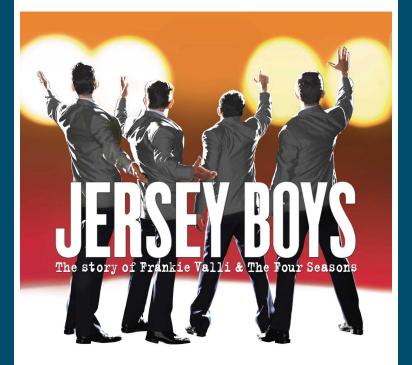
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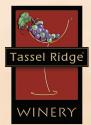


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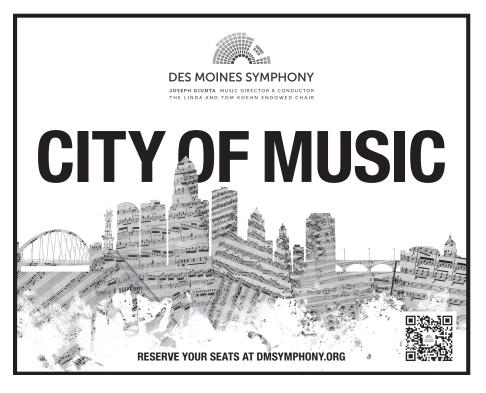


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An elevator between levels is located at the east end of the building.

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Please note the exit nearest your seat location. In the event of an emergency, ushers will provide direction.

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A preshow talk for each Signature Series performance, excluding the December show, will begin 30 minutes prior to curtain in the west lobby. The December show will have preshow music in the west lobby.

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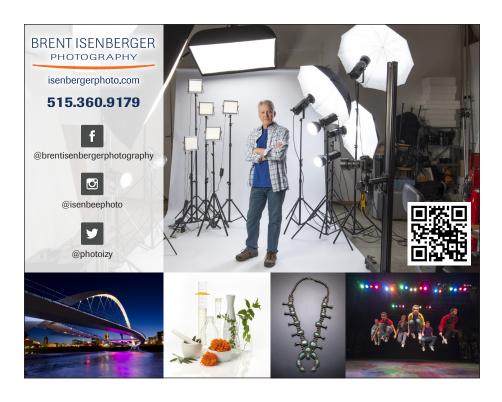
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JERSEY BOYS

Katy Merriman, Playhouse Artistic Director

Jersey Boys is in its 20th year of production and we are thrilled to produce it at The Playhouse.

Premiering in 2004 at La Jolla Playhouse in California, it became the twelfth-longest-running show on Broadway after 4,642 performances of the original run. It has made multiple US and UK tours, won the 2004 Tony for Best Musical and the 2009 Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Musical, and even had a recent four-year revival run at the Trafalgar Theatre in the West End. The original Broadway cast starred Christian Hoff as Tommy DeVito, Daniel Reichard as Bob Gaudio, J Robert Spencer as Nick Massi, and John Llovd Young as Frankie Valli. Young has since made a career as a solo performer and has revived the role of Frankie Valli several times. He was even appointed to President Barak Obama's Committee on the Arts and Humanities in 2013

Jersey Boys is also an example of a successful "iukebox musical." These are shows in which most of the music is based on well-known popular songs. Rather than composing an original score, creators adapt music from an artist or group into a show. Some adaptations follow the lives of the musicians and are biographical, while others devise a completely new plot that is fictional but strings the selected songs together. This isn't a new concept in entertainment. Even comedic operas in the 17th and 18th centuries parodied popular songs of the time in a genre called ballad operas (The Beggar's Opera anyone?). Films in the 1950s like Singin' in the Rain (1952) and An American in Paris (1951) are forms of a jukebox musical and have since been adapted to the stage. Not everyone, including critics, are fast fans of a jukebox musical.

The success and popularity of *Mamma Mia!* in 1999 launched a surge of new jukebox musicals on Broadway. Based on the music of ABBA, *Mamma Mia!* tells a fictional story that ties together hit songs and embraces the fun of the hit music it features. In 2018, theatre editor Scott Heller led a conversation between theatre



J. Robert Spencer, John Lloyd Young, Daniel Reichard and Christian Hoff in the original Broadway cast of *Jersey Boys*. Credit: Sara Krulwich/*The New York Times*

critics Ben Brantley, Jesse Green, and Elisabeth Vincentelli that was published in *The New York Times*. Often the source of snark from theatre critics, jukebox musicals were their main topic of conversation in the interview, and *Mamma Mia!* came up. While there was no consensus on whether any jukebox musical fulfilled its artistic potential, Brantley said "the pure klutziness of *Mamma Mia!* is what makes it a strange work of genius. It picks up the inner karaoke demon in all of us."

Love 'em or hate 'em, many jukebox titles have been enjoyed throughout the world and here at The Playhouse. Productions in Playhouse history include Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (2024), Mamma Mia! (2018), Rock of Ages (2016), Ring of Fire (2012), All Shook Up (2009), Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story (2008, 2003), and The Who's Tommy (2001). Whether you came to the theatre today a fan of the Four Seasons or not, we feel certain this ragtag group of boys from Jersey will pull at your heartstrings and get you moving in your seats with spectacular music. Enjoy!



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Cast

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Frankie Valli	Gavin Runles	Nick DeVito (and others)	Kurtis Nethington*
Tommy DeVito	Dan Tatulli*	Joey Pesci (and others)	Logan Klein
Nick Massi	Ben Green	Gyp DeCarlo	Josh Sampson
Bob Gaudio	Ethan P Saltz	Mary Delgado (and others)	Rebecca Hunt
Barry (and others)	Marquis Bundy	Lorraine (and others)	Caitlyn Porter
Bob Crewe (and others)	Whit Ellsworth	Francine Valli (and others)	Kaelan Bohn
Norm Waxman (and others)	Josh Wing		

Jersey Boys is performed with one 15-minute intermission.

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	Frankie Valli			
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"(Who Wears) Short Shorts"	The Royal Teens			
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	Bob Gaudio, Frankie Valli, Tommy DeVito, Nick Massi			
	Hal Miller and The Rays			
	Miss Frankie Nolan and The Romans			
	Billy Dixon and The Topix			
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	Bob Gaudio, Company			
	The Angels			
	Frankie Valli, Mary Delgado, The Four Seasons			
	The Four Seasons			
"Walk Like a Man (reprise)"				
ACT II				
-	The Four Seasons			
	The Four Seasons			
	Bob Gaudio, Frankie Valli, Nick Massi			
"Let's Hang On (To What We've Got)"	Bob Gaudio, Frankie Valli			
"Opus 17 (Don't Worry 'Bout Me)"	Bob Gaudio, Frankie Valli and The New Seasons			
"Bye Bye Baby"	Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons			
"C'mon Marianne"Frankie Valli and The Four Seas				
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	The Four Seasons, Company			
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ORCHESTRA

Conductor: Brandon Record

Reeds: John Morgan, Dana Slotter Trumpet: Steve Day

Percussion: Jimmy Van Dorn

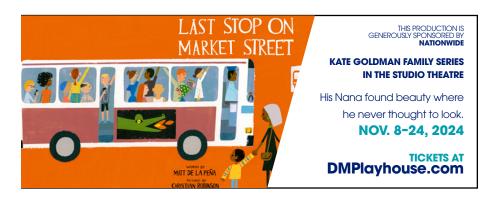
Keyboards: Kathy Gedler, Brandon Record, Josh Whitner

Guitars: Gary Goudelock, Don Salting Bass guitar: Anthony Cravaro

Orchestra manager: Brandon Record

MUSIC PUBLISHING CREDITS

"Ces Soirées-La (Oh, What a Night)," Bob Gaudio, Judy Parker, Yannick, Zolo, Edmond David Bacri; Jobete Music Company inc. Seasons Music Company (ASCAP) "Silhouettes." Bob Crewe. Frank Slav Jr; Regen Music Corporation (BMI) "You're the Apple of My Eye," Otis Blackwell; EMI Unart Catalog Inc (BMI) "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," Dorothy Fields, Jimmy McHugh; EMI April Music Inc, Aldi Music Company, Cotton Club Publishing (ASCAP) "Earth Angel," Jesse Belvin, Curtis Williams, Gaynel Hodge; Embassy Music Corporation (BMI) "Sunday Kind of Love," Barbara Belle, Anite Leanord Nve. Stan Rhodes. Louis Prima: LGL Music In/Larry Spier Inc (ASCAP) "My Mother's Eves." Abel Baer. L Wolfe Gilbert; Abel Baer Music Company, EMI Fesit Catalog Inc (ASCAP) "I Go Ape," Bob Crew, Frank Slay Jr; MPL Music Publishing Inc (ASCAP) "(Who Wears) Short Shorts," Bob Gaudio, Bill Crandall, Tom Austin, Bill Dalton; EMI Longitude Music, Admiration Music Inc. Third Story Music Inc. New Seasons Music (BMI) "I'm in the Mood for Love," Dorothy Fields, Jimmy McHugh, Famous Music Corporation (ASCAP) "Moody's Mood for Love." James Moody, Dorothy Fields, Jimmy McHugh; Famous Music Corporation (ASCAP) "Cry for Me," Bob Gaudio; EMI Longitude Music, Seasons Four Music (BMI) "An Angel Cried," Bob Gaudio; EMI Longitude Music (BMI) "I Still Care," Bob Gaudio; Hearts Delight Music, Seasons Four Music (BMI) "Trance," Bob Gaudio; Hearts Delight Music, Seasons Four Music (BMI) "Sherry," Bob Gaudio; MPL Music Publishing Inc (ASCAP) "Big Girls Don't Cry," Bob Gaudio, Bob Crewe; MPL Music Publishing Inc (ASCAP) "Walk Like a Man," Bob Crewe, Bob Gaudio; Gavadima Music, MPL Communications Inc (ASCAP) "December, 1963 (Oh What a Night)," Bob Gaudio, Judy Parker; Jobete Music Company Inc, Season Music Company (ASCAP) "My Boyfriend's Back," Robert Feldman, Gerald Goldstein, Rochard Gottehrer; EMI Blackwood Music Inc (BMI) "My Eves Adored You." Bob Crewe. Kenny Nolan; Jobete Music Company Inc, Kenny Nolan Publishing (ASCAP), Stone Diamond Music Corporation, Tannyboy Music (BMI) "Dawn (Go Away)," Bob Gaudio, Sandy Linzer; EMI Full Keel Music, Gavadima Music, Stebojen Music Company (ASCAP) "Big Man in Town," Bob Gaudio; EMI Longitude Music (BMI), Gavadima Music (ASCAP) "Beggin'," Bob Gaudio, Peggy Farina; EMI Longitude Music, Seasons Four Music (BMI) "Stay," Maurice Williams; Cherio Corporation (BMI) "Let's Hang On (To What We've Got)," Bob Crewe, Denny Randell, Sandy Linzer; EMI Longitude Music, Screen Gems-EMI Music Inc, Seasons Four Music (BMI) "Opus 17 (Don't You Worry 'Bout Me)," Denny Randell, Sandy Linzer; Screen Gems-EMI Music Inc, Seasons Four Music (BMI) "Everybody Knows My Name," Bob Gaudio, Bob Crewe; EMI Longitude Music, Seasons Four Music (BMI) "Bye Bye Baby," Bob Crewe, Bob Gaudio; EMI Longitude Music. Seasons Four Music (BMI) "C'mon Marianne." L Russell Brown, Ray Bloodworth: EMI Longitude Music, Seasons Four Music (BMI) "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," Bob Gaudio, Bob Crewe; EMI Longitude Music. Seasons Four Music (BMI) "Working Mv Way Back to You." Denny Randell, Sandy Linzer; Screen Gems-EMI Music Inc, Seasons Four Music (BMI) "Fallen Angel," Guy Fletcher, Doug Flett; Chrysalis Music (ASCAP) "Rag Doll," Bob Crewe, Bob Gaudio; EMI Longitude Music, Seasons Four Music (BMI) "Who Loves You." Bob Gaudio, Judy Parker; Jobete Music Company Inc. Seasons Music Company (ASCAP)





Kaelan Bohn (Francine Valli and others) made her Playhouse debut as Penelope Square in Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical and more recently entertained audiences as Adelaide in Guys and Dolls (Dionysos Award nominee).

She also performs with the theatre's Adventure Clubhouse programs. In 2021 she was recognized by the Iowa High School Musical Theatre Association for her role as Gertrude McFuzz in Seussical The Musical (Bondurant-Farrar High School). Kaelan works as a laboratory technician with UnityPoint. She enjoys road trips, karaoke, and baking.



Marquis Bundy (Barry and others) is familiar to Playhouse audiences from Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (Lead Drifter), Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical (Sky Square), and The Diary of Anne Frank (Peter Van Daan, Dionysos

Award nominee). He was assistant choreographer for The Playhouse production of *Seussical TYA*. Marquis is a performer, director, and choreographer who has been involved with multiple theatre companies across the Midwest. He enjoys video games, lava lamps, and spending time with friends.



Whit Ellsworth (Bob Crewe and others) is thrilled to be back on The Playhouse stage after appearing as Sam Craig in Our Town earlier this year. Other recent roles include Don John in Much Ado About Nothing at Ankeny

Community Theatre and Kip in Wonder of the World at Tallgrass Theatre Company. Whit is a graduate of Upright Citizen Brigade Los Angeles's improv and sketch writing programs. In his free time, he loves to paint and support local drag.



Ben Green (*Nick Massi*) made his Playhouse debut as the title character in *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. His other area credits include Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with lowa Stage Theatre Company,

Inspector Hubbard in *Dial* *M* for Murder at Ankeny Community Theatre, and Mortimer in *Failure*, a *Love Story* and Chip in *The 25* *Mnnual Putnam County Spelling Bee at Des Moines Community College. Ben plays drums and quitar.



Rebecca Hunt (Mary Delgado) received her B.F.A. from Carnegie Mellon University. She has been involved with theatre, performing and music directing, for much of her life including seven productions at The Playhouse and

shows with Des Moines Roosevelt High School, StageWest, and Des Moines Young Artists Theatre. Her favorite role has been Kate Monster/Lucy in *Avenue Q* with StageWest. She is a mental health therapist and a pianist and vocal soloist at area churches, weddings, and funerals. Rebecca and her husband extraordinaire, Shawn, have three children.



Logan Klein (Joey Pesci and others) made his Playhouse debut as Trevor in The Play That Goes Wrong. His many stage credits include Dustin in May We All, Scuttle in Disney's The Little Mermaid, and Henry in Who's

Dying to be a Millionaire (lowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge), and Mickie in Hello My Baby and Conrad Birdie in Bye Bye Birdie (Nevada High School). Logan loves singing, especially Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley songs. A self-described Star Wars nerd, he also collects Legos.



Kurtis Nethington (*Nick DeVito and others*) is earning his B.F.A. from Drake University where he has appeared in productions of *Carrie: The Musical, The Theory of Relativity,* and 42nd Street. He played his favorite role, Davey

in *Disney's Newsies*, at Magic Circle Players in Montrose, CO. Kurtis spent this summer as The Playhouse's production intern and will return as scenic designer for *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Kurtis like traveling, musical theatre, playing piano, and all things Disney, but <u>loves</u> to cook.



Caitlyn Porter (Lorraine and others) has been on The Playhouse stage in several shows including Beautiful: The Carole King Musical and Kinky Boots (a favorite show). Recently she played what has become a

favorite role, Kaylee in *The Prom* at Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre. Caitlyn is a piano teacher at Arrow Academy, preschool music teacher with Music Class for Tots, and voice teacher at Drake

University Community School of Music. In her free time, she plays iMessage games with friends.



Gavin Runles (Frankie Valli) is a favorite with Playhouse audiences from his roles in Kinky Boots (Charlie Price, Cloris and Dionysos awards nominee), Disney's Newsies (Jack Kelly, Cloris Award winner, Dionysos Award nominee),

Guys and Dolls (Benny Southstreet), Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (Lou Adler/Righteous Brother), and many more shows. His love of theatre keeps him coming back, and he is thankful for the support from his mother, Jamie, and friends. Gavin works for SCI Communications.



Ethan P Saltz (Bob Gaudio) loves educating and does that as a registered behavior technician at Midwest Autism Therapy and in his recent work with The Penguin Project technical artists at The Playhouse. He also loves

creating music with others, appearing in Playhouse productions of *Elf The Musical* and *Miss Nelson* is *Missing!* His other area credits include *Next to Normal* (Dr. Fine/Dr. Madden) and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Mitch Mahoney) at Carousel Theatre in Indianola



Josh Sampson (Gyp Decarlo)
has been active in area theatre,
appearing in Beautiful: The Carole
King Musical (Don Kirschner),
Rodgers + Hammerstein's
Cinderella, Leaving Iowa (Dionysos
Award winner), and more at The

Playhouse; *Temporary Insanity* and *Wait Until Dark* at Tallgrass Theatre; and *Borrowed Beats, Aura, Otherwise Engaged*, and *Proof* at Ankeny Community Theatre. Josh enjoys family time with his wife, Megan, and their children, Max, Sophia, and Lucy, as well as golfing, disc golfing, and snow skiing. He is a systems architect at Advanced Automation.



Dan Tatulli (*Tommy DeVito*) grew up in New Jersey, eventually moving to California to pursue his lifelong music dream. While there, he and his band regularly performed throughout the region including at House of Blues and

had a song featured on an episode of MTV's Real

World. Dan and his wife, Melissa, who has ties to lowa, decided recently to move to Greater Des Moines with their two young daughters, Isabel and Hannah, to start a new chapter.



Josh Wing (Norm Waxman and others) has been on The Playhouse stage in Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Once, and Disney's Newsies. At Ankeny Community Theatre, he played Cecil/Max in The One Act Play

That Goes Wrong and Jesus Costazuela in The Odd Couple, Female Version. He was also in the Urbandale Community Theatre production of The Drowsy Chaperone. Josh is a community living instructor. He plays guitar, banjo, and ukulele and writes poetry and music. He likes playing games with his wife, Kailan, and family.



Katrina Ploof (Director) is a native of the great state of Maine and the daughter of a music teacher and a vocalist. In the past 40 years Katrina has directed, choreographed, and coached over 250 productions in the U.S.

and Canada including works by Chekov, Shaw, Sondheim, Ibsen, Wilder, Wasserstein, and McNally. She has been adjudicating theatre festivals throughout the U.S. and Canada for over 20 years. Katrina is also a published playwright and has been a member of the Lincoln Center Theatre Directors Laboratory since 2000.



Brandon Record (Music Director) is a Des Moines based conductor, director, performer, and teacher. He has a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Sioux Falls and is working on his master's degree in choral

conducting. This is his ninth show with The Playhouse as part of the production team. His numerous credits include performing, stage management, lighting design, directing, and musical direction. His favorite onstage role was Shrek in *Shrek the Musical* at the Powder River Playhouse (Gillette, WY), and his favorite production team roles to date have been music director for *Hairspray* and *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical*. Brandon is the director of choirs and vocal music teacher at Des Moines Lincoln High School, artistic director and conductor of the Des Moines Diversity

Chorus, and a teaching artist of voice at Drake University and City Voices. He spends his free time traveling, playing board games, and being with family, friends, and dogs, Fynn and Theo.



Napoleon Douglas (Choreographer) is an international actor, vocalist, and producer who is honored to be working back on stage at The Playhouse. He is the artistic director for Pyramid Theatre Company, Iowa's only Black

theater, and vice-chairman of the board of directors for City Voices, a community centered music education program. Napoleon's stage credit include Mr. Hollands Opus (Louie, Ogunguit [ME] Playhouse, World Premiere), BRUCE (Joe Alves & Carl Gottlieb Cover, Seattle Repertory Theatre, World Premiere), Jesus Christ Superstar (Judas Iscariot, Arvada [CO] Center), Dreamgirls (Jimmy "Thunder" Early, Playhouse on the Square - Best Supporting Actor in a Musical, Winner), Festival of the Lion King (Simba, Hong Kong), and principal roles in *Bright Star*, 5 Guys Named Moe, Miss Saigon, Romeo & Juliet, Sister Act, Superior Donuts, and Hairspray. His film credits include Wu-Tang: An American Saga (Hulu); Oscar Micheaux (Cannes Film Festival, France; Urban Film Festival, New York - BET Selection).



Don Wilson (Scenic Designer) brings 30 years of experience in scenic design to his first time at The Playhouse and is excited to help bring Jersey Boys to life. His previous work has been across Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and

Minnesota. He has also served in several other theatrical design and management positions. A Siena Heights University grad with a degree in Theatre and Speech Communication, Don loves LEGO, Mountain Dew, and creating comic book art. Some favorite scenic design work includes Jekyll & Hyde, Jesus Christ Superstar, Little Shop of Horrors, Fun Home, White Christmas, Disney's Newsies, The Play That Goes Wrong, Bethany, As You Like It, Shrek The Musical, The Mystical Tale of Aladdin (WP), and Isle of Marvels (WP).



Angela Lampe (Costume Designer/Playhouse Associate Artistic Director) began her tenure with The Playhouse in 1993 and has designed costumes, sets, and props for nearly 300 productions including Guys and Dolls, Meredith Willson's The Music Man, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, Ella Enchanted, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Ragtime, Les Misérables, Disney's The Little Mermaid, West Side Story, Into the Woods, A Streetcar Named Desire, Sunset Boulevard, and Hairspray. She has a B.A. from Central College in Pella and a M.F.A. in theatre from the University of Nebraska. She is the recipient of four Cloris Awards for excellence in costuming and puppetry.



Alex Snodgrass (Lighting Designer) loves teaching young artists and does that for Waukee Community Schools in their Performing Arts Center. He has worked with The Playhouse as stage manager and designer,

including lighting designer for *Cabaret* and *Calendar Girls*, and scenic designer for outdoor performances during the pandemic, Tent Theatre and Live Theatre Drive-In. Other credits include lighting designer and props artisan (Repertory Theater of St. Louis), props artisan (Opera Theatre of St. Louis), scenic and lighting designer (Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre), props management (Northern Stage, Vermont) and scenic design (Saint Michael's Playhouse, Vermont), and more.



DC Felton (Stage Manager) s excited to be returning for his fourth show with The Playhouse after serving as assistant stage manager for A Charlie Brown Christmas; Go, Dog. Go!; and Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical.

He recently directed Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre's (DMYAT) production of *The Prom* and served as stage manager for DMYAT's production of *Descendants: The Musical.* Last summer he returned to the stage in his dream role of Man in Chair in Urbandale Community Theatre's production of *The Drowsy Chaperone.* When not serving onstage or off, DC enjoys writing reviews for *Broadway World.* He also serves as a judge for the lowa High School Speech Association and Cloris Awards and as an adjudicator for the lowa High School Musical Theatre Awards.



Kailee Martens (Stage Manager) is a tax attorney for the Iowa Department of Revenue. While at the University of Minnesota Law School, she performed with their Theater of the Relatively Talentless (TORT). Kailee was

active on stage and backstage at Bemidji (MN) High School. At The Playhouse, she was assistant stage manager for The Penguin Project production of *Disney's High School Musical JR*. Kailee likes playing Dungeons & Dragons and board games, and also likes solving escape rooms.



Toni K Farris (Assistant Director) is a recipient of the Dick Brown Superior Volunteer Award. She has been involved with The Playhouse since 1989 and considers it her home-away-from-home. Toni has worked in virtually every theatre

production team role available except costumes. She particularly enjoys the audition process and being a fresh pair of eyes at technical rehearsals. Happily retired, she enjoys reading, traveling, trying new restaurants, and supporting Liverpool Football Club. She is always on the lookout for a great London Fog drink.



Marshall Brickman (Book) is the author or co-author of the films Sleeper, Annie Hall, Manhattan, Manhattan Murder Mystery, For the Boys, and Intersection. He was the writer/director of Simon, Lovesick, The Manhattan Project,

and Sister Mary Explains it All. Marshall's television credits include The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson (head writer) and The Dick Cavett Show (head writer/co-producer). He has published in The New York Times, The New Yorker, Playboy, and other periodicals and was the 2006 recipient of the Writers Guild of America's Ian McClellan Hunter Lifetime Achievement Award. Jersey Boys, his first venture into musical theatre, won four Tony Awards including Best Musical. The Addams Family, his second Broadway venture, also with co-author Rick Elice, is currently playing on national and international tours. He lives in New York City and hopes to die in his sleep, surrounded by his loved ones and their attorneys.



Rick Elice (Book) co-wrote Jersey Boys (winner 2006 Tony Award, 2007 Grammy Award, 2009 Olivier Award) and The Addams Family with the great Marshall Brickman, and wrote Peter and the Starcatcher (winner of five 2012

Tony Awards) and The Cher Show (currently on tour in the UK). In the pipline are The Princess Bride for Disney and Smash for Robert Greenblatt. Neil Meron, and Steven Spielberg, with music and lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, and directed by Susan Stroman. Rick adapted Sara Gruen's novel Water for Elephants and is also adapting the popular film Silver Linings Playbook and writing an original musical, Treasure, with 2021 Ed Kleban Award-winner Benjamin Scheuer. Rick's book, Finding Roger, An Improbably Theatrical Love Story, is published by Kingwell. Heartfelt thanks to those whose theatre work makes him grateful for the day he was bonr: Sondheim, Stoppard, Bennett, Prince, Fosse, Robbins, Nichols, Nunn, Laurents, Stone, Taymor, Papp, Schumacher, Schneider, David, Strong, Gaudio, Valli, McAnuff, Trujillo, Timbers, Coyne, Brickman, and, eternally, Roger Rees. Rick thinks about them a lot. He never thought about Jersey much. He does now.



Bob Gaudio (*Music*) wrote his first hit, "Who Wears Short Shorts," at 15 for the Roy Teens and then went on to become a founding member of The Four Seasons and the band's principal songwriter. He also produced the hit "You Don't

Bring Me Flowers" for Neil Diamond and Barbra Streisand (Grammy nomination, Record of the Year) as well as six albums for Diamond including The Jazz Singer. Other production credits include albums for Frank Sinatra, Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, and Michael Jackson and the soundtrack for the film Little Shop of Horrors. Several songs co-written with Bob Crewe have been cover hits for such artists as The Tremeloes ("Silence is Golden"), The Walker Brothers ("The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore"), and Lauryn Jill ("Can't Take My Eyes Off You"). With his wife, Judy Parker, Bob produced and co-wrote the "Who Loves You" album for The Four Seasons and one of Billboard's longest-charted singles (54 weeks), "December 1963 (Oh, What a Night)." A high point in his career came in 1990 when, as a member of the original Four Seasons, Bob was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In 1995, he was inducted

into the Songwriters Hall of Fame which hailed him as "a quintessential music-maker." To this day, Bob Gaudio and Frankie Valli still maintain their partnership... on a handshake.



Bob Crewe (Lyrics) says "New York was pregnant in the Fifties, gestating with possibilities." Bob and music partner Frank Slay became independent writerproducers when the category hadn't yet been invented. In 1947,

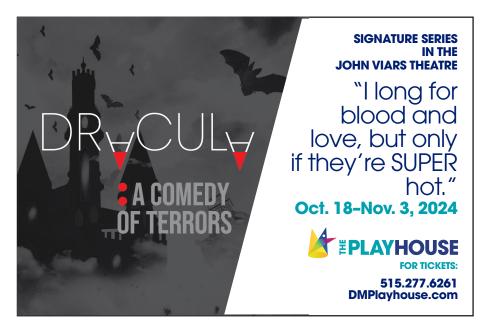
they wrote and produced "Silhouettes" for The Rays, which skyrocketed to #1. Suddenly, producers in demand, they launched Freddi Cannon's "Tallahassee Lassie" and Billy & Lillie's "Lah Dee Da." Bob's 1960s unprecedented producing success with The Four Seasons birthed a new sound, striking a major chord in American Pop. "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like a Man," "Candy Girl," "Ronnie" - all smashes! When lead Frankie Valli demanded a solo turn, Bob Crewe and Bob Gaudio wrote, and Bob Crewe produced, "Can't Take My Eyes Off of you" which eventually became the century's fifth most-played song. Bob ran hot with artists from Vicki Carr, Oliver, and Lesly Gore to Mitch Ryder, co-writing with Charles Fox the soundtrack for Jane Fonda's film Barbarella. Then his own Bob Crewe Generation exploded with "Music to Watch Girls By."

In 1972, Bob was in LA where he revived Frankie Valli with "My Eyes Adored You," co-written with Kenny Nolan. Bob and Kenny also co-wrote Patti LaBelle's "Lady Marmalade" (31, July 1974) which was a hit again on the soundtrack of *Moulin Rouge* (#1, June 2001).



Katy Merriman (Playhouse Artistic Director) has been an active member of the local theatre community since moving to Des Moines in 2013. Her Playhouse directing credits include Our Town; Go. Doa. Gol: Guys and Dolls:

Rodgers + Hammerstein's The Sound of Music; the world premiere of Escaping the Labyrinth; A Love Offering (co-directed with Tiffany Johnson and Pyramid Theatre Company); and I and You. Other local performance and directing credits include Once (Girl, Cloris Award winner) at The Playhouse, The Glass Menagerie (Laura), King Lear (Cordelia), Our Town (Emily), and Fun Home (director) with lowa Stage Theatre Company. She has coached for Iowa High School Speech Association (IHSSA) and serves on the education committee for the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT). Prior to her time in Des Moines, Katy worked with numerous theatres in the Midwest as a performer, director, musician, and administrator.



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