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### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

### Hello and welcome aboard Titanish!

*Titanic* was always one of my favorite movies growing up. On my 10th birthday, I had a sleepover with my friends and cousins and made them watch the entire movieyes BOTH VHS tapes! The drama, the love, the set, the score- Titanic has it all. There's a reason it won all of those Oscars! (Sorry Kate and Leo...)

Nostalgia is such a funny little beast. When I returned to Titanic as I was older, I was so surprised at what I saw. It was still that movie I knew and loved, following one of the greatest love stories I had ever seen, but it was also just so full of camp, ridiculous dialogue, over acting, and unintentional comedy. "I put the diamound in the coat....I put the coat on her!" What surprised me most however, was that it made me love it even more! This movie has it all and then some. It's camp, it's high drama, it's heartbreakingly beautiful, and it's just a little bit ridiculous. What more could you want?!

When approaching Titanish, I wanted this production to turn Titanic on its head a little but also still approach it with love and care. We were incredibly serious about being incredibly silly, and the love of the movie was always a driving force in our choices.

I want to make theatre centered around joy but joy has nuances. Love, music, laughter, heartache, and hope are all part of those. Titanic the movie was about the joy of love, and I hope tonight we are able to fill you full of joy (even if our ratio of laughter versus love is just a little bit different than the movie).

I could go on and on (hah! Get it?) about how much I have enjoyed this collaborative process but I think it is simply best to say to them all: "It's been a privilege playing with you tonight."

### **Tyler Rosati**

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AVERY BARGAR\* He/ Him (Music director, Brock, John J Astor) is an NYC based actor, musician and improviser with deep Boston roots. He has worked

with Actors Shakespeare Project (*Much Ado*), Central Square Theater (*Proof*), Commonwealth Shakespeare Company (*King Lear, Romeo & Juliet*) and more, and is ecstatic to return to GBSC (*Alligator Road*). Avery acts in plays and improvises around NYC onstage and at the keys. Hear him as Chancellor Hans Thüring (opposite Mo Rocca) in acclaimed musical podcast *NEWTS!* produced by PRX. His debut piano EP *Hammers & Felt* streams on Spotify. Avery lives in Manhattan with his girlfriend and their **four** cats. www.averybargar.com @averynelsonbargar (IG)



JACK CHYLINSKI He/

They (Jack) is ecstatic to be making their GBSC debut with this buoyant cast! Previous Boston credits include *The Rocky Horror* 

Show (Rocky), Roach in Shrike (Fresh Ink Theater) and Middle Alison in Fun Home at The Company Theater. When they're not making waves in the Boston theater scene, you can find them improvising their way through Chicago at iO Theater and Second City. They would like to thank trans theater makers everywhere, their family, and their dog, Pippin. jackchylinski.com



SARA COOMBS She/ Her (Understudy)GBSC credits include directing Act 1, after directing *Finding Nemo Jr.* this past summer. You may have also seen

Sara onstage here at GBSC. Credits include: *Clue, Little Women, Swan Lake in Blue, 42nd Street, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Dames at Sea, She Loves Me, Being Earnest* and *Miracle on 34th Street.* Be sure to come back to GBSC in June to see Sara play Miss Adelaide in *Guys & Dolls*!



**GRACE GRAHAM** She/ They (Understudy) is an actor, designer, and teaching artist in the Boston and New England Area. Recent theatre credits include

Pauligarchy (SpeakEasy Stage for BTM XXV), Macbeth, Romeo & Juliet (Shit-Faced Shakespeare, US), and Once (Firehouse Center for the Arts). Film: The Collaboration, Julia (HBO Max). When not performing or teaching, Grace enjoys working in hair, makeup and wig design. A huge thank you to her family, her partner Dylan, and to Tyler for inviting her aboard the ship! www.gracejgraham.com



**ROBIN IRWIN\*** She/Her (Old Rose, Molly Brown, Ensemble) is delighted to be working with the crew at Greater Boston Stage after a long tenure as the inaugural Executive Director for The Appalachian Center for the Arts in Pikeville, Kentucky. Prior credits include Broadway, regional and national tours, playing everything from scheming domestics to entitled aristocrats. Stints as a professor of theatre at NYU, NYFA, and Montclair State University occupied her time in addition to years of coaching and directing over fifty productions, winning various awards for that work. Symphony and voiceover work has taken her everywhere from Berlin to Barbados. She is the creative consultant for Ambrose College Consultants.



MARK LINEHAN\* He/

Him (Caledon, Swedish Passenger, Ensemble) Greater Boston Stage Company: Clue, Onegin, It's A Wonderful Life, Something's Afoot.

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**ELAINY MATA** She/Her (Rose) is SO excited to return to Greater Boston Stage Company to play the role of Rose with this wonderfully talented cast. Elainy

has performed on stage for GBTC in the Production of *The Salonnaires* and *It's A Wonderful Life*. Other credits include performances at Suffolk University, Boston Playwrights Theatre, Fresh Ink Theatre Company, Soy Lola/Amplify Latinx, and North Shore Music Theatre. She's also had onscreen credits for the movie *Free Guy*, videos for Harvard Business Review and is currently an air host for Harvard Buisness Reviews' podcast *New Here*. "This performance is for my love of Theatre because it's always loved me back."



PAUL MELENDY\* He/ Him (Frederick, Young Girl, Ensemble) loves big boats and he canknot lie, which is why he's so shellfishly excited to be aboard this

production! You may have seen Paul previously on the Greater Boston Stage Company stage in recent runs of *Clue* (Wadsworth). The 39 Steps (Hannav). Miss Holmes Returns (Moriarty), and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, for which he received a 2023 Elliot Norton award for Outstanding Solo Performance. Area collaborations include Tall Tales from Blackburn Tavern (Gloucester Stage Company), Vanity Fair (Central Square Theater), A Christmas Carol and The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberlev (Merrimack Repertory Theater), and A Confederacy of Dunces (w/Nick Offerman, Huntington Theater Company). You may catch Paul on your TV in commercials for VistaPrint. Plymouth Rock Insurance, Suburban HVAC, or Flooring America, on Boston area billboards for Linksquares, or on Max in the first season of Julia. He'll next be taking on Man in Chair in The Drowsy Chaperone at the Lyric Stage Company. Film credits: Love, Weddings & Other Disasters, A Show-Stopping Christmas. Father of the Year, Unfinished Business, The Makeover, and The Pink Panther Deux. For even more info on Paul, check out his website at www.paulmelendy.com. Thank you for your gracious attendance!



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SARAH MORIN She/Her (Babs, Fabrizio, Ensemble) is electrified to be joining the cast of Titanish for her GBSC debut! Favorite credits: *Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth*.

Much Ado About Nothing, A Midsummer Night's Dream (S-Faced Shakespeare), Mary Poppins (Create. Inspire. Change Theater) Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare Now). All my love to Mom, Pops, and my endlessly supportive family. Thank you for teaching me to laugh! Insta: @sarahkmorin



CHIP PHILLIPS\* He/ Him (Captain, Lewis, Ensemble) is delighted to be back at GBSC

where he appeared in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the

Forum. Off-Broadway: Machiavelli, Perfect Crime. Regional: The Full Monty, Falsettos, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, 1776. Local credits include I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, Beauty and the Beast, The Gig, Sleuth, She Loves Me, The Front Page, Lend Me a Tenor, Das Barbecu, and Bed and Sofa.



KATIE PICKETT She/ Her (William, Mr Unlucky, Submersible, Ensemble) With GBSC: Clue, A Christmas Carol. Selected credits: Tall Tales from

Blackburn Tavern (Gloucester Stage Company), Into the Breeches!, Elliot Norton Nom. (Hub Theatre Company), Lunch Bunch, Dance Nation (Apollinaire Theatre), Head Over Heels (Umbrella Stage Company), Hot Star, Nebraska (Speakeasy Stage Company), Next to Normal (Arts After Hours), 9 to 5, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Arlington Friends of the Drama), Falsettos (Hovey Players), and Company, Merrily We Roll Along, A New Brain, She Loves Me, Nine, Songs for a New World, The Pirates of Penzance, and Sweeney Todd (The Longwood Players).



### ALLISON RUSSELL<sup>+</sup>

She/Her (Betty, Ticket Barker, Lovejoy, Lizzy, Ensemble) feels extremely lucky to board this "ship of dreams" at her favorite theater and

second home. Allison grew up at GBSC, as she began performing with the original young company and went on to direct for the program as well. Nowadays, you can find Allison singing, dancing, and putting on a show five days a week as a kindergarten teacher on the north shore. More legitimate theatre credits include Roxie in *Chicago* (Pentucket Players) and Mae Tuck in *Tuck Everlasting* (MLT). She would like to thank Weylin and Tyler for this opportunity. "For Mom. Always for Mom <3."



#### **STEWART EVAN SMITH\***

He/Him (Reginald, Swedish Passenger, Ensemble) has appeared in numerous productions in New England. His GBSC credits in-

clude Clue, Boulevard of Bold Dreams, The Three Musketeers (co-produced with Front Porch Arts Collective), It's a Wonderful Life, and Lucky Stiff. Other recent credits include Joe Turner's Come and Gone (The Huntington), Romeo and Juliet (Shit-Faced Shakespeare), The Crucible (Bedlam/The Nora Theatre Company), and Between Riverside and Crazy (Speakeasy Stage; IRNE nomination). He is a regular ensemble performer with Theatre Espresso. As a voice actor, he can be heard playing many different characters on The Penumbra Podcast.

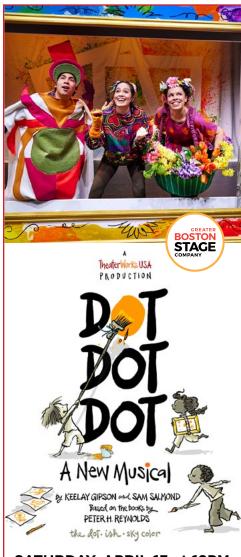
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**CASEY BLACKBIRD** She/Her (Production Manager) grew up in Massachusetts and attended Salem State University where she earned her BFA in Technical Theater. Casey's previous positions include Technical Director at Pendragon Theatre in Saranac Lake, NY, Professional Produc-tion Intern at The Juilliard School in NYC, and Technical Director at JCDP inc. in Brooklyn, NY. Casey recently returned to Massachusetts, with great support from her family, and looks forward to continuing her theater career with Greater Boston Stage Company.

E.D. FITZGERALD\* She/Thev (Assistant Stage Manager) is a MA based stage manager, actor, and creator. She graduated from Keene State College with a focus in management. scenic design, and acting. Past GBSC credits include: We Had a Girl Before You (PSM), Clue (ASM), Little Women (ASM), Miss Holmes Returns (ASM). Other credits include The Emperor's New Clothes (PSM), 2 Pianos 4 Hands (ASM), A Year with Frog and Toad (Ladybird, Mouse, Young Frog), and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Olive.) insta: @thefitzburger

JOHN HOLMES He/Him (Lighting Designer) is a Boston-based lighting designer, and recent graduate of Boston University. John is excited to make his Greater Boston Stage debut, and appreciates silly moments of laughter, hoping you'll find some in this play! Lighting design credits include *White Christmas* (Massasoit College); *Jado Jehad* (Boston Playwrights' Theatre) and *Our Town* (BU Opera Institute). He is Electrics Supervisor at Boston College, with upcoming designs at Lowell House Opera and Dean College. When not working on a show, John can be found running along the Charles, painting a landscape, or blending a smoothie. @johnholmesdesign

**CASSIE LEBEAU** She/Thev (Production Assistant) graduated with her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in technical theatre with a concentration in stage management from Salem State University. Previous stage management/production assistant credits with Greater Boston Stage Company include All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914. Clue On Stage, Fun Home (Young Co at Greater Boston Stage Co), and Little Women: The Broadway Musical. Other stage management credits include Bud, Not Buddy (Wheelock Family Theatre), Pericles (Commonwealth Shakespeare Company), and Gloria (Gloucester Stage Company).

**BETHANY MULLINS** She/Her (Costume Designer) is a Massachusetts-based costume designer. She has worked on national and international touring productions as a shop manager, technician, and stitcher, including Les Miserables, A Christmas Story, Legally Blonde, School of Rock, and The Phantom of the Opera. Select design credits include: Lizzie, The Musical (Umbrella Arts Center, 2023), Beehive: the '60s musical (Greater Boston Stage Company, 2023), Tell Me On A Sunday (Peterborough Players, 2023). Circle Mirror Transformation (Peterborough Players, 2022), All Is Calm (Greater Boston Stage Company, 2021), Always, Patsy Cline (Peterborough Players, 2020). Gertrude Stein and A Companion (Peterborough Players, 2019), and Tru (Peterborough Players, 2018). Endless thanks to Cory and her family for their

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unwavering support as she continues to play dress-up under pressure.

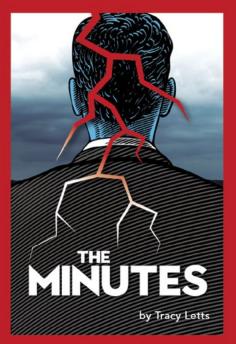
RACHEL ROSE ROBERTS She/Her (Scenic Designer) is very excited to be returning to GBSC! After earning her MFA in scenic design from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, Rachel has been working as a freelance designer and educator throughout the New England area. Recent design credits include Million Dollar Quartet. Pippin (Firehouse Center for the Arts). Nunsense, Silent Sky (The Barnstormers Theatre), The Spongebob Musical (Youth Edition), Finding Nemo JR. (Ogunquit Playhouse), and Boulevard of Bold Dreams (GBSC). She would like to thank the members of the creative team. as well as her friends. family, and husband for their everlasting support throughout life thus far. She would also like to thank JRR Tolkien for creating the inspirational story that inevitably led to her passion for scenic design. Website: rachelrosescenicdesian.com.

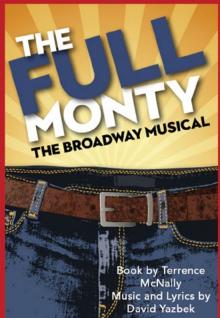
**TYLER ROSATI**<sup>+</sup> He/Him (Director) is a proud alumnus of The Young Company. He returns to GBSC after Co-Directing Altar Bovz and It's a Wonderful Life and serving as the Director of Education. With the Young Company he has directed over 25 productions with favorites including: Sweeney Todd, Firebringer, Seussical, and 24 Hour Legally Blonde. He has spent the last 8 years as an actor, producer, director, and choreographer for *Shit-Faced Shakespeare*. You can even catch him onstage at GBSC in April with them in Romeo and Juliet! He'd love to thank everyone at GBSC for giving him such a warm welcome back to his artistic home with this production.

MARSHA SMITH\* She/Her (Production Stage Manager) is from a small farm in southern NH and earned her bachelor's degree from Emerson College. She has been working professionally in and around Boston, with a few brief stops



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ANDREW DUNCAN WILL He/Him (Sound Designer) Previous designs include 39 Steps, I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti and Lucky Stiff. Recent local sound designs include productions for Lyric Stage Company, SpeakEasy Stage, Boston Public Works, Fresh Ink, Hasty Pudding, Lyric Stage, Bad Habit Productions, Flotsam Productions, Gloucester Stage, Puppet Showplace Theater, Company One, New Rep, Fresh Ink, Commonwealth Shakespeare, The Poets' Theatre, and A.R.T. Institute. Andrew received an MFA in Sound Design from Boston University.

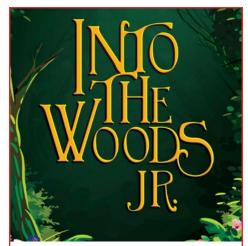
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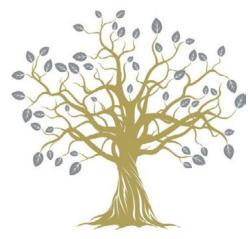
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We rarely suggest appropriate ages for our productions. We assume all children are different and that guardians are the best judges for what is appropriate. We are happy to provide as much information as possible to help make these decisions. If you have questions, please ask the Box Office.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Greater Boston Stage Company is committed to making theatre accessible to everyone. Accessible Seating: Patrons with a wheelchair and/or oxygen tank, or requiring other assistance, should inform the Box Office in advance so that accessible seating can be reserved.

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Babes in arms are not permitted and a seat must be reserved for every guest. A limited number of booster seats are available at the Box Office.



Cost should not be a barrier to enjoying the arts! Information is available at the box office about

the theatre's EBT Card to Culture, Frugal Friday, and 25 for \$25 discounts. The theatre is also pleased to offer scholarships & attendance support for education programs through Fund-A-Need.

### **GENERAL POLICIES**

The use of cameras and recording devices in the theatre is strictly prohibited.

Please turn off all pagers, cellular phones, watch alarms, and other noisemaking equipment when in the theatre.

In consideration for performers and other audience members, all latecomers will be seated at the discretion of the management in order to minimize distractions in our intimate theatre space.

Greater Boston Stage Company reserves the right to ask any patron causing a disturbance to leave the premises without refund.

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