



MUSIC BY **JEANINE TESORI**BOOK AND LYRICS BY **LISA KRON**BASED ON THE GRAPHIC NOVEL
BY **ALISON BECHDEL**DIRECTED BY **DAVID MUSE**

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BY CHRISTINE QUINTANA SPANISH TRANSLATION AND ADAPTATION BY PAULA ZELAYA CERVANTES / DIRECTED BY ELENA ARAOZ

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FRIENDS,

Some of my fondest memories of preparing for this production happened in audition rooms. In a departure from normal audition vibes, actor after actor was joyful to audition. The source of their enthusiasm: how much they adored this play, and what a pleasure it was for them to spend some time working on it.

Ever since its first production, this play has been eliciting so much zealous affection from such a wide audience that one can almost forget how groundbreaking it was. American theatre had never before seen anything like it: a smash Broadway musical with a lesbian protagonist. (Or three.) I love that a musical that doesn't soft-pedal its content to cater to mainstream audiences has been so broadly embraced.

We don't produce musicals here often, but we will when they feel particularly Studio. That's an elusive definition, but this one certainly qualifies – it's lyrically sophisticated, psychologically complex, structurally inventive, and thematically potent. I was also drawn to it because I could imagine a production that took some of the Broadway out, that tailored the musical to fit the size of our theatres and the spirit of our company.

Fun Home was next-in-line to open at Studio in 2020 when COVID shut us down. I watched its half-built set gather dust as the pandemic wore on. We've finally managed to produce it, over three years later. Because that feels so full circle, and because it coincides with Studio's beginning to find something that feels like semi-solid footing, I'm going to let this production mark the end of my personal COVID era. I'm thrilled that you're here to join us for it.

Yours.

DAVID MUSE
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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FUN HOME

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BOOK AND LYRICS BY LISA KRON

BASED ON THE GRAPHIC NOVEL BY ALISON BECHDEL

DIRECTED BY DAVID MUSE

SET DESIGNER **DEBRA BOOTH**

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CAST

ALISON ANDREA PRESTINARIO*

MEDIUM ALISON MAYA JACOBSON*

SMALL ALISON QUINN TITCOMB*

BRUCE BECHDEL BOBBY SMITH*

HELEN BECHDEL
REBECCA PITCHER*

CHRISTIAN BECHDEL AUGUST SCOTT MCFEATERS

JOHN BECHDEL TEDDY SCHECHTER

ROY/MARK/PETE/BOBBY Jeremy Adante Carter*

JOAN THANI BRANT*

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ALISON/HELEN BECHDEL ERIN GRANFIELD

MEDIUM ALISON/JOAN ALLISON FITZGERALD

SMALL ALISON/CHRISTIAN/ John Jules Kanarek **BRUCE BECHDEL**KEITH RICHARDS*

ROY/MARK/PETE/ BOBBY JEREMY CAMILO LINARES

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The world premiere production of *Fun Home* was produced by The Public Theater
Oskar Eustis, Artistic Director
Patrick Willingham, Executive Director
In New York City on October 22nd, 2013

Fun Home was developed, in part, at the 2012 Sundance Institute Theatre Lab at White Oak and the 2012 Sundance Institute Theatre Lab at the Sundance Resort.

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SETTING

Alison's studio, present

The Bechdel house and the Bechdel's family-owned funeral home in Beech Creek, PA, 1970s

Oberlin College, 1980s

MUSICIANS

DRUMS

MARK CARSON

CELLO

ARON RIDER

VIOLIN/VIOLA

ANDREA VERCOE

BASS

CYNDY ELLIOTT

GUITAR

JONATHAN HAWKINS

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KEYBOARD

DARREN R. COHEN

SONG LIST

"It All Comes Back (Opening)" Small Alison, Bruce, Alison, & Company

"Welcome to Our House on Maple Avenue" Helen, Alison, Small Alison, Christian, John, Bruce, & Roy

"Come to the Fun Home" John, Christian, & Small Alison

"Helen's Etude" Alison, Roy, Bruce, Small Alison, Helen, John, Christian, & Medium Alison

"Party Dress" Small Alison & Medium Alison

"Changing My Major" Medium Alison

"Maps" Alison & Bruce

"Raincoat of Love" Bobby Jeremy & Company

"Pony Girl" Bruce

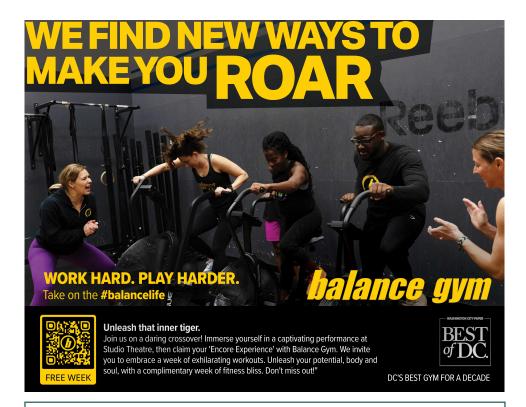
"Ring of Keys" Small Alison

"Days and Days" Helen

"Telephone Wire" Alison & Bruce

"Edges of the World" Bruce

"Flying Away (Finale)" Alison, Medium Alison, & Small Alison



RINGOFKEYS

Co-founded by Andrea Prestinario, who plays Alison in Studio's production of *Fun Home*, Ring of Keys is a non-profit 501(c)3 artist service organization that fosters community & visibility for queer women, trans, and non-binary artists that work onstage and off in the musical theatre industry. Ring of Keys advocates for its over 750+ members by providing community outreach and widening the public's engagement with and education about queer stories.

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A NOTE FROM THE DRAMATURG

ADRIEN-ALICE HANSEL

Alison Bechdel, self-declared "lesbian, cartoonist," began her alt-comic Dvkes to Watch Out For with a mission: "I wanted to take up Adrienne Rich's challenge to name the unnamed, to depict the undepicted," she says. "For so long our lives had to be kept invisible. I was determined to reverse that, to be very honest and open, to tell the truth about our lives." Her comic ran weekly from 1983-2008, tracking the political and romantic entanglements of a group of gueer women. For seven of those years. Bechdel was also drafting and redrafting Fun Home (2006), a graphic novel memoir that unearths several sources for Bechdel's instinct to document queer life: a childhood with a father whose love of beauty lead to tyrannical perfectionism; the secrets of her parents' marriage that she learned in college (her father's affairs with young men and her mother's knowledge of them): her closeted father's death—from suicide?—four months after she came out to her parents as a lesbian. "In many ways," Bechdel says, "my professional career has been a reaction to my father's life. his life of secrecy."

Fun Home became a critically acclaimed best seller, credited with changing how mainstream culture views graphic novels. When playwright Lisa Kron and composer Jeanine Tesori got the rights to adapt it into a musical, it took them another seven years of work. "There are no scenes in the book," Kron says of the challenge. "There are moments of time and Alison's narrative voice explaining what was actually happening. But no scenes!" Tesori agrees: "It was very, very arduous; how would we find a long arc instead of these bits and pieces?"

They ultimately conceived Fun Home as a memory play, using the triple time signature for Alisons—at 9, at 19, at 43—allowing them to show Alison the artist rethinking her past as she tries to write about a father she is about to grow older than. Kron and Tesori melded events and characters, tweaked the chronology, and created a story that kept the texture of each of Alison's three selves.

Lisa Kron shares the mission that animated Bechdel's career as a lesbian cartoonist. "People say to me—as a compliment—that this is so much bigger than just a story about a lesbian," she reflects. "And I always say that this is exactly the size of a story about a lesbian." Showing a lesbian in her family messiness, artistic struggle, and complicated childhood broke ground on Broadway, where Fun Home was the first musical to feature a lesbian main character.

Bechdel, Kron, and Tesori offer something vital to the lesbians in the audience, particularly butch lesbians who may never have seen themselves reflected in such complex and luminous humanity onstage. They also offer something expansive to people who don't share Bechdel's biographical details: as Kron reflects on straight people's surprise at identifying with Alison's struggles and insights, "What I realize that people are trying to say to me is that their idea of the world has gotten bigger. They leave the theater and walk out onto the street and then suddenly all these people are visible to them in their full humanity. And that is the point of theatre, to make us visible to each other."



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Studio Theatre produces work that examines what it feels like to be alive right now. Some of the plays we produce will reflect your personal experiences; others will offer insight into experiences beyond your own. Studio's work celebrates both our differences and our shared experiences.

We are all here to experience live theatre together. Whether this is your first time or you've been with us for decades, we're happy you've joined us. Come as you are: casual or dressed up, you belong here.

HERE'S WHAT ENGAGEMENT CAN LOOK LIKE:

- Be yourself! And be respectful of others sharing the space with you.
- We invite you to laugh, cry, cheer... and do it all out loud.
- Our actors feed on your energy, so feel free to respond, so long as it doesn't disrupt the performance.
- Everyone experiences theatre differently; please respect other audience members' reactions.
- Theatre is designed to challenge us. It's ok to be uncomfortable for a little bit; if you're feeling it, others are too. Engage with the work and see where it takes you.

We want to ensure that everyone—no matter their age, race, economic status, religion, or gender—feels welcome at Studio. As part of that commitment, we ask our community to treat each other with empathy and decency.

- Be considerate of those around you: respect physical boundaries and address others thoughtfully.
- Photography and/or videos of the performance are not allowed. If you see an artist after the performance and would like to take a picture with them, ask their permission.
- For the safety and enjoyment of the performance, please follow the guidance of house management.

If you have questions or concerns, ask for the Manager on Duty, or email Studio's patron services team at housemangement@studiotheatre.org.

Studio is working to become a more inclusive institution that actively implements anti-racism practices and where all feel welcome. To learn more about our values and our work in this area, visit www.studiotheatre.org/values.

CREATIVE TEAM







LISA KRON



JEANINE TESORI is a composer of musical theatre, opera, television and film. She won the Tony Award for Best Score (with book writer & lyricist Lisa Kron) for the musical Fun Home in 2015. Her other musicals include Kimberly Akimbo (with David Lindsay-Abaire); Caroline, or Change (with Tony Kushner); Shrek The Musical (with David Lindsay-Abaire); Thoroughly Modern Millie (with Dick Scanlan); Violet (with Brian Crawley); and Soft Power (with David Henry Hwang), which was her second work, after Fun Home, to be a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Her latest opera Blue (libretto by Tazewell Thompson) received the Music Critics Association of North America Award for Best New Opera. Along with Missy Mazzoli, she is one of the first women to be commissioned by the Metropolitan Opera. In addition to her work as a composer, Jeanine is the founding Artistic Director of New York City Center's Encores! Off-Center series, was the Supervising Vocal Producer for Steven Spielberg's West Side Story, and is a lecturer in music at the Yale School of Drama.

LISA KRON wrote the book and lyrics for the musical *Fun* Home, with music by composer Jeanine Tesori, which won five Tony Awards in 2015 including Best Book, Best Score, and Best Musical, and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Lisa's other plays include In the Wake, Well, and the Obie Award-winning 2.5 Minute Ride. As an actor, she received a Tony Award nomination for her performance in Well and a Lucille Lortel Award for her turn in the Foundry Theatre's acclaimed production of Good Person of Szechuan. She is the recipient of Guggenheim, Sundance, and MacDowell fellowships; a Doris Duke Performing Artists Award; a CalArts Herb Alpert Award; a Helen Merrill Award; the Kleban Prize for libretto writing; and grants from Creative Capital and New York Foundation for the Arts. Lisa is also a founding member of the Obie and Bessie Award-winning collaborative theatre company The Five Lesbian Brothers. Since 2010, she has served on the Council of Dramatists Guild of America. During the 2020-2021 season, Studio digitally produced her play 2.5 Minute Ride.

DAVID MUSE (Director) See Leadership for biography (pg. 18)





ANDREA PRESTINARIO (Alison; she/her) is making her Studio Theatre debut. Regional credits include Alison in Fun Home at Baltimore Center Stage, Eliza in My Fair Lady and Martha in 1776 at Asolo Repertory Theatre, Sarah Brown in Guys and Dolls and Alison in Fun Home at Weston Theater Company, Eliza in My Fair Lady and Maureen in Rent at Paramount Theatre, Louise in Gypsy at Drury Lane Theatre, and Gertie in Oklahoma! at Lyric Opera Chicago. Additionally, Andrea has performed at New York Theatre Workshop, Lincoln Center Theatre, The York Theatre Company, Gulfshore Playhouse, Writers Theatre, and Marriott Theatre, among others. She received a Jeff Award for her work as Violet in Side Show at Boho Theatre. Television credits include roles on Succession and Law & Order. A graduate of Ball State University and The School at Steppenwolf, she is the co-founder of Ring of Keys, a nonprofit artist service organization amplifying gueer women and trans artists working in musical theatre, andreaprestinario.com. On social media @andreaprestinario (Instagram).



MAYA JACOBSON (Medium Alison; she/her) is an actor and writer making her Studio debut. Her recent theatre credits include Fiddler on the Roof at Lyric Opera of Chicago, A Walk on the Moon at George Street Playhouse, and Fidler Afn Dakh at National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene. Maya can also be seen as Angela in the web series Mordeo for Crypt TV. She is a member of The Mamales, a Yiddish trio that performs nationwide, and has been featured in The Forward and Hey Alma. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Boston Conservatory at Berklee. mayajacobson.net On social media @mayajacobson (Instagram).



QUINN TITCOMB (Small Alison) is a ten-year-old actress from South Florida. Her favorite theater credits include the Broadway national tours of *Waitress* as Lulu, *The Sound of Music* as Gretl, *Les Misérables* as Young Cosette, and *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical* as Cindy-Lou Who. She has also performed in numerous regional and local productions at Broward Center for the Performing Arts including appearing in *Annie* as Molly, *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* as Matilda, and *A Christmas Carol* as Tiny Tim. Quinn most recently worked alongside Rosanne Cash and John

Leventhal on the development of the new Broadway-bound musical Norma Rae. Her television and film credits include Alice in *Theater Camp* from Searchlight Pictures, coming to theaters July 2023 and starring Ben Platt, Noah Galvin, Molly Gordon, and Amy Sedaris. Winner of Sundance U.S Dramatic Special Jury Award: Ensemble for Theater Camp.



BOBBY SMITH (Bruce) was last seen at Studio Theatre in A Class Act. His other Studio credits include The Long Christmas Ride Home; Reefer Madness: The Musical!; Jerry Springer: The Opera; Grey Gardens; and Caroline, or Change. He appeared on Broadway in Crazy for You and The World Goes 'Round. His Off Broadway credits include Forever Plaid and Of Thee I Sing. He traveled in the first national tours of Brigadoon and The World Goes 'Round. He has performed at Signature Theatre in almost 30 shows including Grand Hotel: The Musical, Passion, A Little Night Music, Titanic, Simply Sondheim, Company, Assassins, She Loves Me. Midwestern Gothic. Road Show. La Cage aux Folles, and No Place to Go. He was recently seen in Two Jews Walk Into a War... at Theater J. He has received three Helen Haves Awards and been nominated 19 times. He has received the 2019 Anderson/Hopkins Award. Bobby teaches at Catholic University of America and has a Vizsla named Mabel.



REBECCA PITCHER (Helen) is best known for her portrayal of Christine Daaé in *The Phantom of the Opera*. Described as having "a glorious voice and a luminous presence," Rebecca appeared in over 3,000 performances of Phantom including on Broadway, the US national tour, and in Singapore. Other performances include the award-winning A Little Night Music at Barrington Stage Company, the Tony-nominated Broadway revival of Carousel. The Sound of Music national tour. An American in Paris international tour, Mary Poppins, and She Loves Me at Beck Center for the Arts, Annie at Northern Stage, Camelot at Goodspeed, Street Scene at ECT, The Magic Flute at Pittsburgh Opera, and La Rondine at Pittsburgh Opera. Concert performances include Mozart's Mass in C Minor, Carmina Burana, Requiem by John Rutter, and Handel's Messiah, She made her Carnegie Hall debut in 2011 as the soprano soloist in The Golden Boy composed by Freddie Mercury.



AUGUST SCOTT MCFEATERS (Christian) is an actor, singersongwriter, and composer. August's theatrical credits include A Christmas Carol at Ford's Theatre, Aladdin at Herbert Hoover Theatre, and Tosca and Carmen with the Washington National Opera. August's on-camera credits are TV's Preston Playz episode "Hide and Seek" and commercials for Museum of the Bible, AARP, LGND, and Whip Smart. August is an accomplished pianist and flutist and was an award winner for composition in the National PTA's Reflections competition. On youtube.com/@AugustScottMusic



TEDDY SCHECHTER (John) is thrilled to be making his professional theatrical debut at Studio Theater. He loves to dance and is a member of C & C Dance Company's show troop team for lyrical, musical theater, contortion, tap, ballet, jazz, and acro. His routines have earned him first place lyrical and overall top score awards. He also loves acting; his theatre credits include The Little Mermaid, The Lion King, Shrek The Musical, Peter Pan, and Metropolis. Teddy is a vocal student of Maureen Brown.



ADANTE CARTER (Roy/Others; he/him) is an artist and creative originally from the Black Hills of South Dakota. Some favorite credits include Aaron Samuels in Mean Girls First National Tour, Berger in HAIR at Serenbe Playhouse, Sonny in Xanadu at Hangar Theatre, Newsies at Maltz Jupiter Theatre, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum at Gulfshore Playhouse, and Sweetee at Signature Theatre Company. adante-carter.com. On social media @adantecarter (Instagram).



THANI BRANT (Joan; they/them) is an actor and writer based in New York City. Their recent theatre credits include Notes From Now at 59E59 Theaters, The Tempest at Alabama Shakespeare Festival, and Spring Awakening at Northern Stage. They are a graduate of the University of Michigan with a BFA in Musical Theatre and a Minor in Musical Theatre Composition, thanibrant.com

PRODUCTION

DEBRA BOOTH (Set Designer) has a long history with Studio, where she has set designed People, Places and Things; Pass Over; Translations; The Wolves; The Father; The Hard Problem; Constellations; The Apple Family Cycle; Jumpers for Goalposts; Cock; Bachelorette; and many others. Her regional credits include Sooner/Later and Vicuña & The American Epiloque at Mosaic Theater Company; Small Mouth Sounds at Round House Theatre: Richard III (Helen Haves nomination). The Lover, and The Collection at the Shakespeare Theatre Company; Marisol at Hartford Stage and The Public Theater: Trying, The Illusion, and Happy Days at Portland Center Stage; the New York premiere of Angels in America at The Juilliard School: Broken Glass at Philadelphia Theatre Company (Barrymore Award nomination); and A Moon for the Misbegotten at Yale Rep. Debra is the recipient of a DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Artist Fellowship and a National Endowment for the Arts design grant. She is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama.

SARAH CUBBAGE (Costume Designer)
Studio credits include Kings, The Wolves,
and The Hard Problem. Favorite designs
include Crazy for You directed by Susan
Stroman at David Geffen Hall; Triumph of
Love and Hippolyte et Aricie directed by
Stephen Wadsworth at The Juilliard School;
and Beauty & The Beast for Disney Creative
Entertainment. Off Broadway credits include
work with Soho Rep, Theater for the New
City, Aquila Theatre, Urban Stages, New Ohio
Theatre, and Atlantic Theater Company.
Regional credits include The Tempest
(co-directed by Aaron Posner & Teller) and
Spring Awakening at Round House Theatre;

A Chorus Line at Signature Theatre; That Face at Baltimore Center Stage; The Lily's Revenge at American Repertory Theater; Disgraced and In The Next Room at Syracuse Stage; King John at Folger Theatre; The Crucible and Labour of Love at Olney Theatre Center; Unseen at Mosaic Theater Company; and Compulsion or the House Behind at Theater J. Member USA 829. sarahcubbage.com.

BRIAN TOVAR (Lighting Designer) is a Drama Desk-nominated lighting designer who has created original work for major Off Broadway and regional theaters. His body of work spans theater, dance, installations, live events, and music, including recent and upcoming projects with Sam Smith and Mariah Carey. Brian has developed and collaborated on multiple groundbreaking and award-winning live experiences, earning multiple Clio Awards. He is a frequent collaborator with the City of New York and has designed multiple art installations across the city. BrianTovarDesign.com. On social media @BrianTovarDesign (Instagram).

GORDON NIMMO-SMITH (Sound Designer; he/him) is a Maryland-based sound engineer and designer. Recent sound designs include Nate the Great at Imagination Stage; How The Light Gets In at 1st Stage; The Last Five Years, The 39 Steps, and The Caucasian Chalk Circle (for which he received a Helen Hayes nomination) at Constellation Theatre Company; The Revolutionists at Prologue Theatre; Maz and Bricks, In The Middle of the Fields at Solas Nua; Chemical Exile, Distance Frequencies, and The Toxic Avenger at Rorschach Theatre. By



day, Gordon works as the Audio/Video and Stage Operations Supervisor for Shakespeare Theatre Company.

DARREN R. COHEN (Musical Director) returns to Studio after music directing Murder Ballad. Broadway/Off Broadway credits include A Chorus Line; Chicago; Fosse; Woman Songwriters at Carnegie Hall with Michael Feinstein; Make Me A Song (original cast recording); Zombie Prom (original cast recording); Anyone Can Whistle; A...My Name Is Still Alice; Carnival; The Fantasticks; And the World Goes 'Round: Nunsense: Show Me Where the Good Times Are; Oh, Boy!; and Bar Mitzvah Boy. Darren's favorite regional and summer theatres are Barrington Stage Company (where he is an Associate Artist), Sacramento Music Circus, Baltimore Center Stage, Goodspeed Musicals, North Shore Music Theatre, Coconut Grove Playhouse, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Cincinnati Playhouse, The MUNY, and Asolo Repertory Theatre. Darren was also the musical director for the Association of National Olympic Committees (NBC) at Constitution Hall. He is the author of *The Complete Professional* Audition (published by Random House) and is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the Vermont College of Fine Arts. darrenrcohen.com.

ASHLEIGH KING (Movement Coordinator) is a DC based director, choreographer, and performer. She is the associate director for the national tour of Jenn Weber's *The Hip Hop Nutcracker*. Her regional credits include choreography for *'Bov Water, Spring Awakening*, and *Spamalot* at Northern Stage, and *Mamma Mia!* at Virginia Rep (Richmond

Theatre Critics Circle award). Among her DC area creative credits are Which Way to the Stage at Signature Theatre (Helen Hayes nomination); Grace at Ford's Theatre; Teenage Dick and Fairview at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company; The World Goes 'Round at Olney Theatre Center; Seussical and Legally Blonde (Helen Hayes Award Winner) at Keegan Theatre; Nate the Great at Imagination Stage; and Make Way for Ducklings at Adventure Theatre.

AMY KELLETT (Props Designer; she/her) is a freelance props designer; she is also a puppeteer, puppet builder, and scenic charge. Regional credits include The Hot Wing King at Studio Theatre; Incendiary at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company; Falsettos and Things That Are Round at Rep Stage: Do You Feel Anger?. The Blackest Battle, and Day of Absence at Theater Alliance: The Mamalogues at 1st Stage: Moon Man Walk and Once On This Island at Constellation Theatre Company; An Act of God at NextStop Theatre Company: Dreamgirls and Rent at ArtsCentric; Visions of Love, Rite of Spring, Don Cristobal, and King Ubu at Pointless Theatre Company; Príncipe y Príncipe and Que Las Hay, Las Hay at Gala Hispanic Theatre; The Burn, The Late Wedding, and Peekaboo! at The Hub Theatre: The Three Musketeers and A Tale of Two Cities at Synetic Theater; and Young Playwrights Festival 2022 (set and props) at Baltimore Center Stage.

CHELSEA PACE (Intimacy Choreographer; she/her) is an intimacy choreographer, intimacy coordinator, and consultant. Following *People*, *Places & Things* earlier

this season, this is Chelsea's fourth show at Studio, where she also serves as the Resident Intimacy Consultant and Choreographer. Theatre credits include A Strange Loop on Broadway; Help at The Shed; Bundle of Sticks at INTAR; RENT, Detroit '67, and Daphne's Dive at Signature Theatre; and A Strange Loop at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company. She is Resident Intimacy Consultant and Choreographer at Signature Theatre and Resident Intimacy Consultant at Woolly Mammoth. Chelsea's intimacy coordination work for TV and film includes The Tender Bar and Harlem, and the forthcoming series A League of Their Own and The Best Man: The Final Chapters. Chelsea is the co-founder of Theatrical Intimacy Education and the author of Staging Sex: Best Practices, Tools, and Techniques for Theatrical Intimacy. In 2021, she received the Kennedy Center Gold Medallion for her work in intimacy choreography and building consent-based pedagogies. chelseapace.com.

ADRIEN-ALICE HANSEL (Dramaturg; she/her) is the Literary Director at Studio, where she has dramaturged 58 productions, including the world premieres of John Proctor is the Villain, I Hate it Here, Queen of Basel, No Sisters, I Wanna Fucking Tear You Apart, Red Speedo, Dirt, Lungs, and The History of Kisses, among others, as well as productions of English; People, Places & Things; Heroes of the Fourth Turning; The Hot Wing King; White Noise; Tender Age; Flow; 2.5 Minute Ride; Cry It Out; Translations; Curve of Departure; Wig Out!; Straight White Men; Hedda Gabler; Jumpers for Goalposts; Bad Jews (twice); The Apple Family Cycle; and Invisible Man;

among others. Prior to joining Studio, she spent eight seasons at the Actors Theatre of Louisville, where she headed the literary department and coordinated project scouting, selection, and development for the Humana Festival of New American Plays. She is the co-editor of eight anthologies of plays from Actors Theatre and editor of 11 editions of plays through Studio. Adrien-Alice holds an MFA from the Yale School of Drama.

JOHN KEITH HALL (Production Stage Manager) has stage managed many productions at Studio including English, Bad Jews, Choir Boy, Cock, Water by the Spoonful, Tribes, The Habit of Art, Torch Song Trilogy, 4000 Miles, In the Red and Brown Water, The History Boys, and The Road to Mecca. Other DC area credits include Ain't No Mo'. Where We Belong, Shipwreck, The Peculiar Patriot, Gloria, Familiar, Hir, An Octoroon, and The Nether at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company: The Producers, Mary Poppins, Sweeney Todd, Annie, The Crucible, On the Town, Matilda the Musical, Cabaret, and Beauty and the Beast at Olney Theatre Center; Show Way at the Kennedy Center TYA; Ain't Misbehavin', Soon, and West Side Story at Signature Theatre. His regional credits include over 40 productions as Resident Stage Manager at the Barter Theatre as well as Shadowlands Stage, Virginia Musical Theatre, and Contemporary American Theatre Festival.

LAUREN PEKEL (Assistant Stage Manager; she/her) returns to Studio Theatre after last stage managing Good Bones. Some of her favorite Studio credits include People, Places & Things, Doubt, Cry It Out, Vietgone, P.Y.G.

PRODUCTION

or the Mis-Edumacation of Dorian Belle, Skeleton Crew, The Father, and No Sisters. Her DC theatre credits include productions with Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, Signature Theatre, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Theater J, Mosaic Theater, Theater Alliance, and the Kennedy Center. Regionally, she has worked with the San Francisco Opera's Merola Opera Program, the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco, and Skylight Music Theater in Milwaukee, among others. Lauren is an alumna of the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee's Theatre Program, with a BFA in Stage Management, and is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association.

MEKALA SRIDHAR (Assistant Director: she/her) is a DC-based director, writer, and producer. Her directing credits include A Wake At Singh's (workshop) at Prologue Theatre, Salome and 10708 at Sarah Lawrence College and (re)Move West at Accademia Dell'Arte. Select assistant directing credits include Pass Over, Good Bones (reading), and Aspen Ideas (workshop) at Studio Theatre, What You Are at The Old Globe, and Light Years Away at La Jolla Playhouse. She holds a BA in Theatre, Literature, and Psychology from Sarah Lawrence College and received additional training from Moscow Art Theatre School and Accademia Dell'Arte.

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DAVID MUSE is in his thirteenth season as Artistic Director of Studio Theatre, where he has directed People, Places & Things; Cock (the in-person and digital productions): The Children: The Remains: The Effect: The Father: Constellations: Chimerica; Murder Ballad; Belleville; Tribes; The Real Thing; An Iliad; Dirt; Bachelorette; The Habit of Art: Venus in Fur: Circle Mirror Transformation; reasons to be pretty; Blackbird; Frozen; and The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow. As Studio's Artistic Director, he has produced 107 productions; established Studio R&D. its new work incubator; significantly increased artist compensation; created The Cabinet, an artist advisory board; and overseen Open Studio, a \$20M expansion and upgrade of Studio's four-theatre complex. Previously, he was the Associate Artistic Director of the Shakespeare Theatre Company, where he directed nine productions, including Richard III, Henry V. Coriolanus, and King Charles III (a co-production with American Conservatory Theater and Seattle Rep). Other directing projects include Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune at Arena Stage, The Bluest Eye at Theatre Alliance, and Patrick Page's Swansong at the New York Summer Play Festival. He has helped to develop new work at numerous theatres, including New York Theatre Workshop, Geva Theatre Center, Arena Stage, New Dramatists, and The Kennedy Center. David has taught acting and directing at Georgetown, Yale, and the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Academy of Classical Acting. A nine-time Helen Hayes Award nominee for Outstanding Direction, he is a recipient of the DC Mavor's Arts Award for Outstanding Emerging Artist and the National Theatre Conference Emerging Artist Award. David is a graduate of Yale



REBECCA ENDE LICHTENBERG is the Executive Director at Studio Theatre. where she has led the institution for four seasons. She served as the Managing Director of Theater J for eight seasons, during which time she led the theatre through an Artistic Director transition and was instrumental in growing income by 29 percent. Prior to that, she worked in arts marketing at Sitar Arts Center, Theater J, and Ford's Theatre. She previously served as the President of the Board of Forum Theatre, the Chair of the Adjudication Committee for Theatre Washington, and a Helen Hayes Judge. She holds an MA in Arts Administration from Columbia University, a Certificate in Budgeting and Finance from Georgetown University, and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management program.

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ABOUT STUDIO

Studio Theatre is a longstanding Washington cultural institution dedicated to the production of contemporary theatre. We are a community of artists and audience members who believe in the power of theatre to help us understand the world, engage with some of the most important ideas and issues of the day, and affirm our common humanity.

Over 42 years and more than 350 productions, Studio has grown from a company that produced in a single rented theatre to one that owns a multi-venue complex stretching half a city block, but we have stayed committed to our core distinguishing characteristics: deliberately intimate spaces; excellence in acting and design; and seasons that feature many of the most significant playwrights of our time. Each season, we present a diverse roster of thought-provoking contemporary plays, featuring local, national, and international artists. We also invest in the

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