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Written by Shanessa Sweeney | Choreographed by Ray Mercer Shanessa Sweeney & Darnell Isaiah Williams

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TRIBUTE TO AMANDA LIPITZ

Johanna Pfaelzer

"Little White Lie" from BROOKLYNITE Lorna Courtney & Nathan Salstone

"By Your Light" from GALILEO $Jeremy\ Kushnier$

"Heaven's Changing" from GALILEO $Ra\'{u}l$ Esparza

Gabrielle Elisabeth, Adam Halpin, Chase Peacock, Madeleine Spacapan, Erica Sweany

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Presentation of Award

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ALUMNI PROJECT PERFORMANCE

 "Dawn Patrol" from THE HEART Miguel Cervantes, Anne Eisendrath & Zachary Noah Piser

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TRIBUTE TO RAÚL ESPARZA

Beatriz Jimenez

"Louder Than Words" from TICK, TICK... BOOM! Lilli Cooper, Jay Armstrong Johnson, Nygel D. Robinson

"Petrified" from TABOO $Mykal\ Kilgore$

"Anyone Can Whistle" from ANYONE CAN WHISTLE $Bernadette\ Peters$

Joseph Thalken Musical Director

Mary-Mitchell Campbell Presentation of Award

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM CREDITS

BROOKLYNITE

Book by Michael Mayer and Peter Lerman Music and Lyrics by Peter Lerman Directed by Michael Mayer

New York Stage and Film 2013 Summer Season Musical Workshop 2015 Production: Vineyard Theatre

GALILEO

Book by Danny Strong Songs by Michael Weiner & Zoe Sarnak Directed by Michael Mayer

New York Stage and Film 2019 Summer Season Musical Reading 2024 Production: Berkeley Repertory Theatre

THE HEART

Based on "Réparer les Vivants" by Maylis de Karengal Book and Additional Lyrics by Kait Kerrington Music and Lyrics by Anne Eisendrath & Ian Eisendrath Directed by Christopher Ashley

New York Stage and Film 2024 Summer Season Musical Workshop 2025 Production: La Jolla Playhouse

Wendy Bobbitt Cavett, Music Director Conor Keelan, Ableton Programmer and Additional Music Production

TICK, TICK... BOOM!

Book, Music and Lyrics by Jonathan Larson

TABOO

Book by Charles Busch Music and Lyrics by Boy George Adapted from the Original Book by Mark Davis Original Concept by Boy George and Christopher Renshaw

ANYONE CAN WHISTLE

Book by Arthur Laurents Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

PRODUCTION

Cristina Neely Pradanya Subramanyan	
Jakob Reinhardt Vivi Rama Dan Berkerey	Bass
Natalia Powers	Photographer

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A NOTE FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & INTERIM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

We gather this evening on the precipice of an exciting chapter in New York Stage and Film's history. In 2025, we will celebrate our **40th Anniversary**, during which we will reflect on our legacy, sustain our resources for work in-process, and carve new pathways for our programs to thrive well into the future.

As we look around the room, we are overjoyed to see representatives from our rich history, including our Co-Founders and Producing Directors, artists from our earliest days through our most recent Summer Season, current and former members of our Board of Directors, our collaborators and partners at Marist College, audience members who have been joining us for decades, seasonal and year-round staff members, and multiple generations of artistic leadership, including our newest Artistic Director: Ian Belknap. To those of you meeting us for the first time tonight: Welcome -- there is endless room at our table.

We are lucky to count tonight's co-honorees, Amanda Lipitz and Raúl Esparza, as members of our extensive community. Amanda's rigorous pursuit of distinct and impactful stories has allowed us to share in the joyful experience of developing great works such as THE HUMANS by Stephen Karam, BROOKLYNITE by Michael Mayer & Peter Lerman and GALILEO by Danny Strong, Michael Weiner & Zoe Sarnak, which join numerous other projects she's produced for the stage and screen. Raúl's defining presence as a performer on Broadway, off Broadway, regionally and on our television screens is further amplified when his incredible mind, instincts, and generosity of spirit are contributing to a developmental process. We've had the privilege to witness this through his work on THE WAVES (adapted from the novel by Virginia Woolf) by Lisa Peterson, David Bucknam and Adam Gwon, and GALILEO during our past Summer Seasons. We are proud to honor Amanda and Raúl tonight, and to count on them as champions of New York Stage and Film's vital position within the ecosystem of new story development.

Your support tonight for Amanda, Raúl and New York Stage and Film is deeply appreciated. We are grateful to spend this evening with you and invite you to join us throughout our milestone 40th year and beyond while we venture to discover the next great American story.

With gratitude,

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Barbara Manocherian
President of the Board of Directors

Liz Carlson Interim Artistic Director

INTRODUCING IAN BELKNAP

We are thrilled to announce that **Ian Belknap** has been named New York Stage and Film's newest Artistic Director, taking over from Interim Artistic Director **Liz Carlson**, who led the organization through a two-year period of strategic transition in the wake of the pandemic. Following an extensive search facilitated by Culture Change Lab and with the participation of the NYSAF artistic community, Board of Directors, Interim Artistic Director and staff, Belknap will lead New York Stage and Film into its **40th Anniversary Season in 2025**, featuring regular programming, legacy events, and new partnerships.

"For the last several years, I have been developing new work for television and film, during which my love for the theatre never wavered. It's thrilling for me to lead New York Stage and Film as their mission to develop new work across these mediums matches my passion and incessant curiosity to explore how theatre, film, and television can overlap, inform, and inspire each other. These art forms live closer than ever, and the possibilities to develop stories with authors working in these mediums feel endless."



Ian Belknap is the former Artistic Director of the Tony Award-winning theatre, The Acting Company (TAC). Described by *The New York Times* as producing with "curatorial inspiration," Belknap has directed, produced, or commissioned a wide range of dramatic literature from new plays by Marcus Gardley, Rebecca Gilman, Nambi E. Kelley, Lisa Peterson, and Betty Shamieh to reinterpretations of William Shakespeare (15 productions), Sean O'Casey, and John Steinbeck. Belknap's directorial and producing work

has been seen from coast to coast in 800 US cities and 48 states, extensively off-Broadway and at leading resident theatres nationwide, including 59E59 Theaters, Arizona Theatre Company, Boise Contemporary Theater, Classical Theatre of Harlem, Everyman Theatre, The Guthrie, Hudson Valley Shakespeare, New York Theatre Workshop, Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, New Victory, Pearl Theatre, Philadelphia Theatre Company, Resident Ensemble Players, and Theatre for a New Audience, among others. In recent years, he has also worked in television and film, developing content for major studios and networks. In addition, Ian has extensive experience building partnerships with academic communities, working with 28 universities and colleges in 17 states. Ian has directed at The Juilliard School and has an ongoing relationship with Grad Acting at New York University. Raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Ian lives in New York City with his wife, Lauren, and their daughter, Thea.



Amanda Lipitz is an award-winning director, producer, and writer. Her directorial debut and first feature-length documentary, STEP, premiered in competition at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. The film was purchased by Fox Searchlight and won the Special Jury Award for Inspirational Filmmaking and the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Documentary. Lipitz's second documentary, FOUND, which she directed and produced, was released on Netflix in 2021. She co-created (with her writing partner, Sandi Farkas) and directed MOTHERHACKER, a scripted podcast with Gimlet Media and Spotify starring Carrie Coon.

Her Broadway producing credits include MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG (Tony Award, Best Revival of a Musical), THE HUMANS (Tony Award, Best Play), A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE (Tony Award, Best Revival of a Play), THE PERFORMERS, LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL, and DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS. Off-Broadway, Amanda developed and produced BROOKLYNITE at The Vineyard Theatre (NY Times Critic's Pick). On television, Amanda served as executive producer and creator of MTV's groundbreaking series LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL: THE SEARCH FOR ELLE WOODS.

Lipitz cofounded KEY TO THE CITY PRODUCTIONS, a multimedia production company, with producing partner Henry Tisch in 2021. Upcoming stage projects include the new musical GALILEO (directed by Michael Mayer with book by Danny Strong and music and lyrics by Zoe Sarnak and Michael Weiner), which had its world premiere developmental production in spring 2024 at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, as well as the upcoming Broadway premiere of the acclaimed THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY starring Sarah Snook (Olivier Award, Best Actress). Film projects include a narrative film adaptation of STEP and a musical film adaptation of BROOKLYNITE directed by Lipitz, as well as original films in development. KEY TO THE CITY created and produced the historic SHABBAT ON BROADWAY, which held its inaugural service in January 2024 at the St. James Theatre.

Lipitz is the recipient of the Women in Cinema Lena Sharpe Directing Award and graduated with a BFA in theater from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts (where she serves on the Dean's Council). She lives in New York City with her husband Greg Smith and their three children.



Raúl Esparza is an American stage and screen actor, recently starring as Galileo Galilei in GALILEO, the world-premiere musical at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, helmed by Tony Award winner Michael Mayer and written by Zoe Sarnak, Michael Weiner, and two-time Emmy winner Danny Strong. In addition to performing in a staged reading of GALILEO at New York Stage and Film (2019), Esparza was featured in New York Stage and Film's Powerhouse Theater production of THE WAVES (2018), a musical based on Virginia Woolf's novel, with book and direction by Lisa Peterson, music and lyrics by David Bucknam, and additional music and lyrics by Adam Gwon.

Since making his Broadway debut as Riff Raff in THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW in 2000, Esparza has become one of Broadway's most acclaimed leading men and one of the most revered interpreters of Stephen Sondheim's work. For his accomplishments, Esparza was the second performer in theater history, and one of only five overall, to receive Tony nominations in all four acting categories in which a performer is eligible: TABOO (Featured Actor in a Musical); COMPANY (Actor in a Musical); THE HOMECOMING (Featured Actor in a Play); and SPEED-THE-PLOW (Actor in a Play). His additional Broadway credits include lead roles in LEAP OF FAITH, ARCADIA, CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG, and CABARET.

Off-Broadway, Esparza originated the role of Jonathan Larson in 2001 in TICK, TICK...BOOM!. His other Off-Broadway credits include OLIVER! (as Fagin in the first New York City revival in almost 40 years), SEARED, ROAD SHOW, THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI, CYMBELINE, THE CRADLE WILL ROCK, TWELFTH NIGHT, THE NORMAL HEART (as Ned Weeks in the first major revival since the original production), and COMEDIANS. His other notable theater credits include heralded turns as both Charley in MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG and Georges Seurat in SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE at the Kennedy Center's 2002 Sondheim Celebration, Che in the 20th anniversary national tour of EVITA, and CHESS at the Kennedy Center. For his theater work, he is the recipient of an Obie, a Theater World Award, and three Drama Desk Awards, among others.

On screen, Esparza is best known for his portrayals of Frederick Chilton on NBC's Hannibal (2013-15) and Assistant District Attorney Rafael Barba on NBC's Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (2012-18). His other notable TV credits include MURDER AT THE END OF THE WORLD, CANDY, DOPESICK, THE PATH, BOJACK HORSEMAN, and PUSHING DAISIES. On film, his credits include FERDINAND, CUSTODY, TROUBLE IN THE HEIGHTS, MY SOUL TO TAKE, and Sidney Lumet's FIND ME GUILTY.

In 2020, in the immediate wake of the COVID-19 global pandemic, Esparza conceived of, executive produced, and performed in the online concert event TAKE ME TO THE WORLD: A SONDHEIM 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION on Broadway.com, to raise funds for Arts Ignite (formerly ASTEP, Artists Striving to End Poverty). Honoring the legendary composer for his milestone birthday—and entirely produced at home during the nation's lockdown—the event has accumulated over 4 million views and features over 30 recorded performances, including Meryl Streep, Bernadette Peters, Patti LuPone, Mandy Patinkin, Audra McDonald, Christine Baranski, Sutton Foster, Kelli O'Hara, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Donna Murphy, and many more. The concert received a special Drama League Award for Outstanding Digital Concert Production; citations as a "Best of 2020" program from The New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, NPR's Fresh Air, and The New Yorker; and is now preserved in the Library of Congress.



Christopher Hanke is an actor, fundraising host, and celebrity auctioneer.

Seeing the need to make fundraising both an entertaining and impactful concept, he formed **The Bidding Group**. Christopher, along with his team of goodwill bandits, thinks of himself as a modern-day Robin Hood, inspiring donors to share their wealth with organizations who do good deeds for those in need. He brings this vision to life by creating memorable and successful fundraising experiences – understanding the balance required to create a successful partnership between an organization and their auctioneer.

Though engaging live auctions, Christopher has proven to help nonprofits raise more money than at their previous events by charming the room with comedy. His motto: the more they laugh, the more they'll give. Christopher is not your fast-talking cattle auctioneer of yore. He's better.

You might recognize Christopher from the last two seasons of THE RESIDENT on Fox, A MILLION LITTLE THINGS on ABC, or the HBO miniseries I KNOW THIS MUCH IS TRUE opposite Mark Ruffalo. But if you don't, he wants you to know he auditioned for the role of Robin Hood in his high school play but wasn't cast. This is his comeback tour.

For more information visit, the bidding group.com.

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NYSAF 40

For almost 40 years, New York Stage and Film has created an environment where artists may ask big questions, embrace mistakes, make discoveries, and be in process. With this philosophy, New York Stage and Film will have developed nearly **1,000 new stories by our 40th Anniversary in 2025**.

The NYSAF 40 Campaign is a keystone of our multi-year fundraising plan, which has garnered \$300,000 to support our work as we enter this milestone year. We are grateful for the generosity from the following individuals:

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Matt Williams



New York Stage and Film is a not-for-profit company dedicated to emerging and established artists developing new stories for theater and film by providing a rigorous and nurturing environment that supports process, promotes collaboration, fosters dialogue between artists and audiences, and facilitates the sharing of knowledge from one generation to the next.

CURRENT PROGRAMMING:

SUMMER SEASON AT MARIST COLLEGE

Professional artists and early career practitioners live and work together in a collaborative environment, where artists are free to take risks as they develop new projects through readings, workshops, and developmental productions with public presentations.

NYC-BASED WORKSHOPS

Year-round customizable processes, offering flexible resources to meet the needs of each project.

STORIES THAT MOVE: DEVELOPING DANCE MUSICALS

Workshop and performance opportunities for dance-centered musicals, in which choreography plays a key role.

FILMMAKERS' WORKSHOP

Professional mentorship, script development, and industry access for emerging voices with exceptional screenplays and TV pilots.

SONGWRITERS' SALON

Casual gatherings where composers share songs from musicals in-development for an audience eager to hear the newest kernels of work in-process.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Summer Season residencies, financial support, mentorship, and access to the wider New York Stage and Film community for notable emerging playwrights and directors.

RESIDENCIES

Tailored resources and incubation opportunities for individual artists, project teams, and colleague companies during the Summer Season.

Since 1985, we've been a vital incubator for artists and their work, a catalyst for stories that start with us and continue across the country and around the world. Through this work, New York Stage And Film has established itself as an essential cultural institution for residents of the Hudson Valley and the New York Metropolitan Region. The New; York Times calls the company a "formidable breeding ground for new work," and dozens of notable works trace their developmental roots to New York Stage And Film, including the Tony Award winners HAMILTON, HADESTOWN, SIDE MAN, and THE HUMANS; Broadway productions such as AMERICAN IDIOT, JUNK, and BRIGHT STAR; and Pulitzer winners and finalists such as DOUBT, THE WOLVES, and Taylor Mac's A 24-DECADE HISTORY OF POPULAR MUSIC.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

PROJECTS DEVELOPED BY NEW YORK STAGE AND FILM WITH MAJOR NYC, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTIONS AS A PART OF RECENT SEASONS INCLUDE:

BROADWAY

DOUBT

By John Patrick Shanley 2024: Todd Haimes Theatre

HADESTOWN

By Anaïs Mitchell Ongoing: Walter Kerr Theatre

HAMILTON

By Lin-Manuel Miranda Directed by Thomas Kail Ongoing: Richard Rodgers Theatre

THE NOTEBOOK

Based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks Book by Bekah Brunstetter Music & Lyrics by Ingrid Michaelson Directed by Michael Greif and Schele Williams

2024: Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre

OFF-BROADWAY

THE CONNECTOR

Book by Jonathan Marc Sherman Music & Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown Directed by Daisy Prince 2024: MCC Theater

GODDESS

Book by Jocelyn Bioh, Music & Lyrics by Michael Thurber, Additional Lyrics by Mkhululi Z. Mabija Directed by Saheem Ali 2022: Berkeley Repertory Theatre 2025: The Public Theater

LIGHTS OUT: NAT "KING" COLE

By Colman Domingo and Patricia McGregor Directed by Patricia McGregor 2025: New York Theatre Workshop

LIKE THEY DO IN THE MOVIES

Written & Performed by Laurence Fishburne Directed by Leonard Foglia 2024: Perelman Performing Arts Center

THE WHITE CHIP

By Sean Daniels Directed by Sheryl Kaller 2024: The Robert W. Wilson, MCC Theater Space, NYC

REGIONAL

A WRINKLE IN TIME

Adapted from the novel by Madeleine L'Engle Book by Lauren Yee Music & Lyrics by Heather Christian Directed by Lee Sunday Evans 2025: Arena Stage

GALILEO

Book by Danny Strong, Music & Lyrics by Zoe Sarnak and Michael Weiner Directed by Michael Mayer 2024: Berkeley Repertory Theatre

THE HEART

Based on Réparer les Vivants by Maylis de Kerangal, Book & Additional Lyrics by Kait Kerrigan Music & Lyrics by Anne Eisendrath and Ian Eisendrath Directed by Christopher Ashley 2025: La Jolla Playhouse

LUZMI

By Diana Burbano Directed by Elisa Bocanegra 2024: HERO Theatre

MEXODUS

By Brian Quijada and Nygel D. Robinson Directed by David Mendizábal 2024: Baltimore Center Stage & Mosaic Theater Company 2024: Berkeley Repertory Theatre

SOFT TARGET

By Emily Kaczmarek 2025: Detroit Public Theatre

THE WORLD IS NOT SILENT

By Don X. Nguyen Directed by Marya Mazor 2024: Alley Theatre

INTERNATIONAL

THE PURISTS
By Dan McCabe
Directed by Amit Sharma
2024: Kiln Theatre (London)

2024 PARTICIPANTS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

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NYC-BASED PROGRAMMING

WINTER SEASON, MARCH 2024
PLAY READINGS
HOW IT ENDS
Written by Caridad Svich

Directed by Colm Summers

BOGDONOFF

Written & Directed by Emma Horwitz

FALL SEASON, OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024
PLAY READINGS CO-PRODUCED WITH THE DRAMA LEAGUE
FALLS

Written & Directed by Colm Summers

PLAY WORKSHOP BILLIE JEAN

Written by Lauren Gunderson Directed by Marc Bruni

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KICK-OFF CONCERT JIM DALE: LIVING WITH LAUGHTER

Written and Performed by Jim Dale

MUSICAL WORKSHOP BIGFOOT

Book by Amber Ruffin and Kevin Sciretta Music by David Schmoll Lyrics by Amber Ruffin Directed by Amber Ruffin

THE HEART

Based on Réparer les Vivants by Maylis de Karengal Book and Additional Lyrics by Kait Kerrington Music and Lyrics by Anne Eisendrath & Ian Eisendrath Directed by Christopher Ashley

THE NINTH WOMAN

By Delta Rae Book by Keenan Scott II Directed by Logan Vaughn

STORIES THAT MOVE GAME NIGHT

Co-Created and written by Shanessa Sweeney Composed by Bongi Duma Co-Created and choreographed by Ray Mercer Directed by Rufus Bonds, Jr.

TULIPA

By Kate Douglas Directed by Kate Whoriskey Featuring Jessica Hecht

PLAY READINGS AFTER PETER

Co-Created by Adam Chanler-Berat and Grace McLean Play by Adam Chanler-Berat Music and Lyrics by Grace McLean Directed by Tyler Thomas

BASEMENT, IL

By Stacy Osei-Kuffour Directed by Stevie Walker-Webb

DIGNITY, ALWAYS DIGNITY

Co-Created by Zack Fine, Bryce Pinkham, Rona Siddiqui, and Kirya Traber Directed by Zack Fine

GENIUS

By Kate Walbert Directed by Sheryl Kaller

MOMMY, A ONE WOMAN CHO

Written by Margaret Cho Additional Material by Leah Nanako Winkler Directed by Leigh Silverman and Seonjae Kim

the monsters

Written and Directed by Ngozi Anyanwu

WELL WELL WELL

By Brant Russell Directed by Jaki Bradley

SUMMER SEASON RESIDENCIES

STORIES THAT MOVE Bodies of Work ZOE SARNAK

Music, Lyrics, and Book by Zoe Sarnak Directed and Choreographed by Jennifer Jancuska

A FITTING

Developed by Jerron Herman and Austin Regan

NEW MUSICALS LOST CITY RADIO

Book by Joel Perez Music and Lyrics by Benjamin Velez Based on the novel by Daniel Alarcón

THE BAD NEWS BEARS, A MUSICAL

By Brian Feinstein & Eric Garcia Directed by Sherri Eden Barber

THE PAINTER AND THE THIEF

Music and Lyrics by Julian Hornik Book by Ryan Dobrin and Julian Hornik

INDIGENOUS VOICES OF THE NORTHEAST RESIDENCY AN AMERICAN GHOST DANCE

By Thea Hopkins and Daniel Gewertz

PLAYWRIGHT IN RESIDENCE

Lily Houghton

FILMMAKERS' WORKSHOP

MENDACITY by Paul Baiguerra

DEATH AND POULTRY IN MARION, KENTUCKY by Maia Henkin

TALK BLACK by Destiny Macon

BADMAASH by Nikita Mungarwadi

HALLELUJAH NIGHT by Ivan Rome

WINSLOW by Jianna Maarten Saada

HEY YOU GUYS by Adriana Santos

CLASH by Donna Bonilla Wheeler

MENTORS:

Michelle Denise Jackson Laura Marks Charlie Stratton Shawn Wines Lindsey Villarreal Micharne Cloughley Jeff Augustin Álvaro Rodríguez

SONGWRITERS' SALON ASSISTED

Play by Adam Chanler-Berat Music and Lyrics by Julian Hornik

BIGFOOT

Book by Amber Ruffin & Kevin Sciretta Music by David Schmoll Lyrics by Amber Ruffin Directed by Amber Ruffin Featuring Larry Owens

Bodies of Work ZOE SARNAK

Music, Lyrics, and Book by Zoe Sarnak Directed and Choreographed by Jennifer Jancuska Featuring Ephie Aardema & Zoe Sarnak

BUILT FOR THIS

Music & Lyrics by Kira Stone Book by Lauren Gunderson Performed by Kira Stone

DIGNITY, ALWAYS DIGNITY

Co-Created by Zack Fine, Bryce Pinkham, Rona Siddiqui & Kirya Traber Performed by Bryce Pinkham Accompanied by Rona Siddiqui

LOST CITY RADIO

Book by Joel Perez Music and Lyrics by Benjamin Velez Based on the novel by Daniel Alarcón

SPIRAL BOUND

Music & Lyrics by Miranda Ferriss Jones Guitar, Ann Klein Hand Percussionist, Janna Graham

THAT GIRL

Book by Rehana Lew Mirza Music & Lyrics by Ari Afsar Performed by Ari Afsar Accompanied by Debbie Tiong

THE LUCKY FEW

by Todd Almond & Kate Douglas Featuring Ravi Campbell & Kate Douglas

PERFORMERS

Ephie Aardema **Brittany Allen** Dan Ambover Julia Antonelli

Ngozi Anvanwu

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Maddy Barker Marissa Barragan Donovan Louis Bazemore McKinlev Belcher III

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are grateful to these lands, waters and winds that allow us to be here today. We send our deep gratitude and continued commitment to their beauty, health and wellbeing. We honor the past, present and future Native, Indigenous and First Nations stewards of this bioregion. What we now know as Manhattan is the ancestral, present and future territory of many Lenape nations (Mohican, Stockbridge Munsee, Esopus, Delaware), as well as a central trading hub for many Indigenous people throughout the Northeast, including the Shinnecock, Wampanoag, and Haudenosaunee Confederacy (Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, Tuscarora).

Our commitment to being in right relationship with Indigenous people has begun with a collaboration with some of the original stewards of these lands. New York Stage and Film has created Indigenous Voices of the North East Residency as part of ongoing efforts to share community with Indigenous artists of the northeastern bioregion of Turtle Island. New York Stage and Film is proud to welcome artists from these communities to gather and be nurtured by all the organization offers. This new program is a step towards being better guests and in deeper solidarity with these artists. It is an immense honor and privilege to experience these stories which are the foundation of the rich cultural tapestry held in the memory of these lands, waters and winds.



A LEGACY IN 40 PRODUCTIONS

As we approach our 40th Anniversary Season in 2025, we celebrate 40 (of the almost 1,000) stories we have supported along the way!



SAVAGE IN LIMBO By John Patrick Shanley Directed by Mark Linn-Baker 1985 Mainstage



TRU Written and Directed by Jay Presson Allen with Robert Morse 1989 Mainstage



DARK RAPTURE By Eric Overmyer Directed by Max Mayer 1992 Mainstage



SNAKEBIT By David Marshall Grant Directed by Joe Mantello 1994 Mainstage



HONOUR By Joanna Murray-Smith Directed by Ulu Grosbard 1996 Play Workshop



SIDE MAN
By Warren Leight
Directed by Michael Mayer
1996 Mainstage



CHESAPEAKE By Lee Blessing Directed by Max Mayer 1999 Mainstage





DOUBTWritten & Directed by John Patrick Shanley 2004 Play Reading



BLUE DOOR By Tanya Barfield Directed by Leah C. Gardiner 2005 Play Workshop



MIXED COMPANY (BEING ALIVE) Conceived by Billy Porter Music & Lyrics by Steven Sondheim 2006 Musical Workshop



FINKS
By Joe Gilford
Directed by Charlie Stratton
2008 Mainstage



AMERICAN IDIOT
By Michael Mayer and Billie Joe Armstrong
Music by Green Day
Directed by Michael Mayer
2009 Musical Reading



THE JACKSONIAN By Beth Henley Directed by Doug Hughes 2009 Play Reading



HADESTOWN By Anaïs Mitchell 2012 NYC Musical Reading



THE HOUSE THAT WILL NOT STAND By Marcus Gardley Directed by Marion McClinton 2012 Play Workshop



BROOKLYNITE
Music and Lyrics by Peter Lerman, Book by Simon Rich,
Based on Characters Created by Michael Chabon and
Ayelet Waldman, Directed by Michael Mayer
2013 Musical Workshop

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HAMILTON By Lin-Manuel Miranda Directed by Thomas Kail 2013 Musical Reading



BRIGHT STAR Music by Edie Brickell and Steve Martin Lyrics by Edie Brickell Book by Steve Martin Directed by Walter Bobbie 2013 Musical Workshop



THE INVISIBLE HAND By Ayad Akhtar Directed by Ken Rus Schmoll 2014 Play Reading



THE HUMANS By Stephen Karam Directed by Sam Gold 2014 Play Reading



IN YOUR ARMS
Directed 5 choreographed by Christopher Gattelli, Music by
Stephen Flaherty Vignettes, Written by Douglas Carter Beane,
Nilo Cruz, Christopher Durang, Carrier Fisher, David Henry
Hwang, Rajiv Joseph, Terrence McNally, Marsha Norman,
Lynn Nottage, and Alfred Uhry, Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens
2014 Mainstage



HEAD OVER HEELS Book by Jeff Whitty Music & Lyrics by The Go-Go's Directed by Michael Mayer 2016 Residency







A 24-DECADE HISTORY OF POPULAR MUSIC Conceived, Written, Performed, & Co-Directed by Taylor Mac Co-Directed by Niegel Smith Music Direction by Matt Ray 2016 Musical Workshop



THE WOLVES By Sarah DeLappe Directed by Lila Neugebauer 2016 Mainstage



KID PRINCE AND PABLO By Brian Quijada Directed by Pirronne Yousefzadeh 2017 Play Reading



THE HOMECOMING QUEEN By Ngozi Anyanwu Directed by Awoye Timpo 2017 Play Workshop



INDIAN PALE ALE By Jaclyn Backhaus Directed by Will Davis 2018 Play Workshop



COWBOY BOB
Created by Molly Beach Murphy, Jeanna Phillips and
Annie Tippe, Music & Lyrics by Jeanna Phillips,
Book & Additional Lyrics by Molly Beach Murphy,
Additional Music by Alex Thrailkill, Directed by Annie Tippe
2018 Musical Workshop



THE CONNECTOR
Music & Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown
Book by Jonathan Marc Sherman
Directed by Daisy Prince
2018 Musical Workshop



ALICE BY HEART
Book by Steven Sater with Jessie Nelson
Music by Duncan Sheik
Lyrics by Steven Sater
Directed by Jessie Nelson
2018 Musical Workshop



BECKY NURSE OF SALEM Written & Directed by Sarah Ruhl 2019 Play Reading



GALILEO Book by Danny Strong Music & Lyrics by Michael Weiner and Zoe Sarnak Directed by Michael Mayer 2019 Musical Reading

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THE NOTEBOOK

Mased on the novel by Nicholas Sparks Music & Lyrics by Ingrid Michaelson Book by Bekah Brunstetter Directed by Michael Greif 2019 Musical Reading



MEXODUS

By Brian Quijada and Nygel D Robinson Directed by David Mendizábal 2021 Musical Workshop



THE WORLD IS NOT SILENT



By Don X. Nguyen Directed by Marya Mazor 2022 Play Workshop

LIKE THEY DO IN THE MOVIES

Written & Performed by Laurence Fishburne Directed by Leonard Foglia 2023 Play Reading



GODDESS

Conceived by Saheem Ali Music & Lyrics by Michael Thurber Book by Jocelyn Bioh Additional Lyrics by Mkhululi Z. Mabija Directed by Saheem Ali 2019 Musical Workshop



WHITE GIRL IN DANGER

By Michael R. Jackson Directed by Lileana Blain-Cruz 2021 Musical Workshop



A WRINKLE IN TIME

Adapted from the novel by Madeleine L'Engle Book by Lauren Yee Music & Lyrics by Heather Christian Directed by Lee Sunday Evans 2023 Musical Workshop



THE HEART

INC MEAN!
Based on "Réparer les Vivants" by Maylis de Kerangal
Book and Additional Lyrics by Kait Kerrigan
Music and Lyrics by Anne Eisendrath & Ian Eisendrath
Directed by Christopher Ashley
2024 Musical Workshop

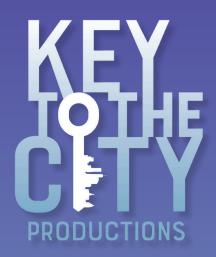
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AMANDA LIPITZ Tony-Award winning producer Tisch Dean's Council Member

RAÚL ESPARZA Tony-Award nominated performer

We are so very proud of you and grateful to New York Stage and Film for celebrating your extraordinary accomplishments!





We are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable work of **New York Stage and Film** this evening.

New York Stage and Film is a groundbreaking artistic incubator, and we are fortunate that it has been a core part of the development journey for many of our projects.

Thank you for honoring our co-founder, **Amanda Lipitz**, and congratulations to our dear friend and brilliant collaborator, **Raúl Esparza**.

Henry Tisch & Amanda Lipitz

Congratulations, Raúl!

With your contributions to the theatre, you have changed it... and us... for good!

With Admiration and Love, Stephen Schwartz

Congratulations

AMANDA LIPITZ & RAÚL ESPARZA

Thank you for making this evening a great success

Barbara Manocherian

New York Stage And Film Board President Congratulations to our favorite cousin and aunt:

AMANDA LIPITZ

Love the Adler Family –
Arthur and Rachel,
David, Liz and Esti,
Sara Beth and Jordan,
Matt, Aaron, Noah and AJ!

Congrats to our amazing Mom!

We love you and are so proud of all your accomplishments!!

XOX Charlie, Jane, Eliza, and Asher.

PS Dad is super proud of you too!

Amanda,

Congratulations on your tremendous success!

You're an inspiration to us all!

Much Love, Heather and Felix Baker Dear Amanda,

We are all so very proud of your accomplishments and YOU!

Love, Mom and entire families of Lipitz, Brown, Adler, Richman!



Our congratulations to

RAÚL ESPARZA AND AMANDA LIPITZ

For their support and contribution to the arts!

Denise and Dean Vanech Liz Timperman

Congratulations to

AMANDA LIPITZ AND RAÚL ESPARZA

for their extraordinary contributions to the Arts and to New York Stage and Film for their service to the community!

Judith Manocherian



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