

Photo of Michi Barall's *Drawing Lessons* workshop by Josephine Yang

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is a landmark partnership between five national theatres.

With funding from the Mellon foundation, the consortium will co-commission and co-develop 16 new plays for multigenerational audiences by Black, Indigenous, Latino/a, and Asian-American artists over five years.

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Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission

Children's Theatre Company creates extraordinary theatre experiences that educate, challenge, and inspire young people and their communities.

Vision

We unleash the power of curiosity, empathy, and imagination.

Values

Imagination Excellence Respect Inclusion All commissions will receive at least two developmental workshops at the co-commissioning theatre before their world premieres.

The first round of commissions includes Ifa Bayeza's One Small Alice, Michi Barall's Drawing Lessons, Dustin Tahmahkera's Comanche Girl on the Moon, and a work exploring the world of folklórico dance created by Latino Theater Company.

The partner theatres are:

Latino Theater Company
Ma-Yi Theater Company
Native Voices at the Autry
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Children's Theatre Company



A Message from Peter Brosius & Kimberly Motes

Peter C. Brosius

Artistic Director

Kimberly Motes

Managing Director

Greetings and welcome!

We are thrilled you are here for this world premiere production of *An American Tail the Musical*. It is a story of a family, immigrant reality, and the resilience and perseverance of a very plucky young creature who will not give up his search for his family.

It has been a joy to adapt this beloved film for the stage. We are tremendously grateful to Universal Theatrical Group at Universal Pictures for giving us the opportunity to bring this story to life for a new generation. We have been fortunate to work with a creative team of Itamar Moses, Alan Schmuckler, and Michael Mahler who have brought wit, smarts and heart to create a book and score that is funny, deeply moving, and truly inspiring. In addition, director Taibi Magar brings innovative imagination and energy to this piece and we are thrilled to share it with you.

This new musical charts not only the spirit of the immigrant and the challenges that are faced in this new land, but also the hope and dreams that drive so many to make the trek to this nation.

We are glad you are here. We are honored and delighted to share this musical with you and hope you have a fabulous time.

Peter C. Brosius

Kimberly Motes

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Land Acknowledgement



Children's Theatre Company (CTC) acknowledges that the theatre was established on land that the Wahpekute Tribe of the Dakota nation still calls home. Around the year 1600, the Wahpekute were a wandering people who landed in Mni Sota Makoce (Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds—and the people's roots here remain strong). They are a part of the Dakota Seven Councils of Fire, which include the Mdewakanton (Dwellers by the Sacred Lake), Sisitonwan (People of the Marsh), Wahpetonwan (Dwellers Among the Leaves), Ihanktown (People of the End), Ihanktowana (People of the Little End), Tetonwan (People on the Plains), and Wahpekute (Shooters Among the Leaves).

Today, Minnesota is a vibrant and diverse state with the history and influence of the Dakota people woven throughout. We honor and respect the many Indigenous People still connected to this land. We acknowledge that we have benefitted from systems that have hoarded power and marginalized Indigenous Nations, communities of color, the LGBTQIAP+community, people with disabilities, women, children, and all who meet at the intersections.

CTC acknowledges that we are now stewards of the land the Wahpekute People of the Dakota Nation were largely driven from. As storytellers, it is our duty to recognize that the narratives of this region have long been told from one dominant perspective without acknowledging those whose narratives began before. It is our responsibility to the Dakota Nation, our staff, our board, our audiences, and our artists to collectively honor their lives, amplify their voices, and reimagine our future.

For our full Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism statement, please visit **childrenstheatre.org/jedi**.



A Time of Possibilities

by Michael Winn Associate Artistic Director/Director of Equity and Community Partnerships

When Fievel arrived in 1885 America, he arrived in a land of dreams, dreamers, and dreams deferred. The United States of America was experiencing an economic boom after the Civil War ended on May 26, 1865. Twelve million people arrived in the United States between 1870 and 1900. Many came from European countries like Germany, Russia, Ireland, and England seeking personal freedom and relief from political and religious persecution, especially the pogroms—the violent anti-Jewish riots—of Russia. Moreover, people were still flocking to the United States from China following the Gold Rush. A steady stream of African Americans also came into the city seeking personhood and livelihood after the Union forces won the Civil War and they were freed from centuries of enslavement.



This period in American history from 1877 to 1896 is referred to as the Gilded Age. The Gilded Age was a time of rapid economic growth due to the demands of growing industries like railroads, factories, mining, farming, and ranching. Wages went up by 60% over the entire labor force. In contrast, it was also a time of extreme poverty and inequality. Many of those immigrants coming into the United States, along with citizens leaving the now economically devastated South, were deprived of basic human needs like food, safe drinking water, education, and a place to live. From 1860 to 1900 the wealthiest 2% of American households owned more than a third of the nation's wealth. The top 10% owned roughly three-quarters, and the bottom 40% had no wealth at all.

Politically, the Gilded Age saw an extremely high number of people voting on education, prohibition, race, and taxes, as well as high instances of political corruption and greed. The major issues of the time were the eight-hour working day, the abolition of child labor, civil service reform, the prohibition of beer and liquor, voting rights for women, and the rise of labor unions.

America in 1885 experienced extreme economic and population growth, as well as growth in industry and political thought. It was also dealing with extreme corruption and extreme poverty. Most of all, 1885 America was a land of possibilities where any and all were encouraged to dream.

Children's Theatre Company's Anti-Bias and Anti-Racism Statement

Children's Theatre Company is committed to recognizing, addressing, and eliminating all forms of racism, ethnic oppression, and biases on our stages, in our staff, artists, audience, and on our board. We understand that bias can be unconscious or unintentional and that racism is the combination of social and institutional power plus racial prejudice. We acknowledge the historical legacy of exclusion and marginalization in theatre. We are committed to providing a just, equitable, diverse, inclusive, and accessible space for every member of our community.

CTC will work to:

- Take a proactive approach to eliminating biases and/or racism in our daily interactions.
- Restructure our systems to eliminate barriers to access that are visible and invisible.
- Engage in ongoing and intentional anti-bias and anti-racist learning to understand personal biases and privileges.
- Reflect the diversity of our community in the stories we tell on our stages.
- Transform our recruitment, hiring, and retention efforts.

We know that this work is ongoing and evolving. We look to our community and ourselves for accountability as we strive to be a theatre where everyone can bring their full authentic selves.



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Discover More:

An American Tail the Musical

Warren T. Rat's hat and ears designed by Trevor Bowen

Work in progress: Moe's coat of fabric scraps designed by Trevor Bowen

Town square scenic design by Jason Sherwood

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Photos by Kaitlin Randolph

3 Things to Know

An American Tail the Musical has been in development for six years!

Fievel and his family begin their immigration journey to America in 1885. Approximately eight million immigrants passed through Ellis Island between 1855 and 1890.



The statue is 305 feet tall and represents Libertas, the Roman liberty goddess, bearing a torch in her right hand and a tablet in her left hand with the date of the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Broken shackles lay underneath the statue's drapery. to symbolize the end of all types of servitude and oppression.

The Statue of Liberty. one of the most recognizable symbols of freedom and democracy across the world, was a gift of friendship to America from France in June of 1885.

Arguably the most famous and beloved song from the original An American Tail film soundtrack, "Somewhere Out There," was written by James Horner, Barry Mann, and Cynthia Weil. It is performed in the film by Phillip Glasser as Fievel and Betsy Cathcart as Tanya. Linda Ronstadt and James Ingram recorded a pop cover for the film's closing credits. Their rendition of the song reached #1 on Billboard's top 100 for two weeks. "Somewhere Out There" was nominated for "Best Original Song" at the 1987 Golden Globes® and the 1987 Academy Awards®, and won two 1988 Grammy Awards for "Song of the Year" and "Best Song Written Specifically for a Motion

Picture or Television."

The statue would undergo many changes and improvements over the years. In 1907, the first elevator was installed inside it. and in 1916, it was illuminated for the first time after being converted to electric power. It would go dark for two years during World War II. due to blackout regulations. The torch was replaced entirely in the 1980s.

What was it like to be a child in the 1880s?



Photo of the Nelson family ca. 1890

Families who owned or rented farm land generally worked the land as a family. Children began assisting with farm work as early as age 5.

The oldest rocking horse toys in Europe date back to the 1600s. However, it wasn't until the Victorian era that wealthy families popularized this now-classic childhood toy.



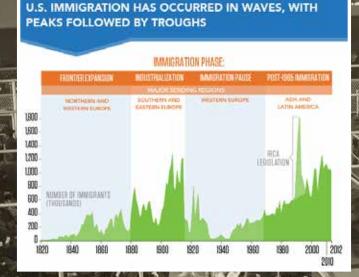




As industry grew in the period following the Civil War, children, often as young as 10 years old but sometimes much younger, labored. They worked not only in industrial settings but also in retail stores, on the streets, on farms, and in home-based industries.

Outlook 1912, Collection of Maggie Land Blanck

Waves of US Immigration



Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Yearbook of Immigration Statistics (Washington, DC: U.S.Dept. of Homeland Security, 2012).

U.S. immigration has occurred in waves, with peaks followed by troughs (see figure). The first wave of immigrants, mostly English-speakers from the British Isles, arrived before records were kept beginning in 1820. The second wave, dominated by Irish and German Catholics in the 1840s and 1850s, challenged the dominance of the Protestant church and led to a backlash against Catholics, defused only when the Civil War practically stopped immigration in the 1860s.

The third wave, between 1880 and 1914, brought over 20 million European immigrants to the United States, an average of 650,000 a year at a time when the United States had 75 million residents. Most southern and eastern European immigrants arriving via New York's Ellis Island found factory jobs in Northeastern and Midwestern cities. Third-wave European immigration was slowed first by World War I and then by numerical quotas in the 1920s.

Between the 1920s and 1960s, immigration paused. Immigration was low during the Depression of the 1930s, and in some years more people left the United States than arrived. Immigration rose after World War II ended, as veterans returned with European spouses and Europeans migrated. The fourth wave began after 1965, and has been marked by rising numbers of immigrants from Latin America and Asia. The United States admitted an average 250,000 immigrants a year in the 1950s, 330,000 in the 1960s, 450,000 in the 1970s, 735,000 in the 1980s, and over one million a year since the 1990s.

- Philip Martin, Chair of the UC Comparative Immigration and Integration Program

Photographs of Ellis Island, 1902-1913, The New York Public Library

Interview with the Creative Team



Director Taibi Magar

What was your first experience with the movie An American Tail?

TM: It was one of the first movies I remember watching, my sister and I wore the VHS tape out to shreds. As a daughter of an immigrant and politcal refugee it had a lot of meaning to me. I think it also made me fall in love with NYC at an early age.

If you were in an animated film, what cartoon animal would you be and why? TM: I'd be Winnie the Pooh; I like to eat!

Which An American Tail character do you relate to the most, and why?

TM: Henri, she is an artist and she has so much hope.

What are you most excited for audiences to experience?

TM: The incredible music and Katie Spelman's choreography! Breathtaking and deliciously fun!

What has it been like to workshop this production?

TM: A gift! A childhood dream come true!



Composer, Lyricist, and Orchestrator Alan Schmuckler

What was your first experience with the movie An American Tail?

AS: I remember seeing it as a kid when it came out. I didn't know it at the time, but the story of Fievel and his family mirrored my own grandfather's, who fled Cossack Russia with his family at the turn of the 20th century. Ultimately settling in New York City, Grandpa and his brother, my Great-Uncle Harvey, became furriers in lower Manhattan's garment district, a fact that I think Fievel wouldn't have liked much.

If you were in an animated film, what cartoon animal would you be and why? **AS:** I think I'd be young Arthur from *The* Sword in the Stone, specifically when he

gets turned into a squirrel. I always had a crush on the girl squirrel.

Which An American Tail character do vou relate to the most, and why?

AS: Fievel, a Jewish kid who loves music, adventure, home, and family.

What are you most excited for audiences to experience?

AS: The big, magical creativity of Fievel's sweeping adventure, brought to life onstage with tremendous imagination, fun, and heart.



Playwright and Lyricist **Itamar Moses**

What was your first experience with the What was your first experience with movie An American Tail?

IM: Watching it as a 9-year-old. in school. It had the effect on me that it was designed to.

If you were in an animated film, what cartoon animal would vou be and why? IM: A sea otter, I hope, for the obvious reason of them being the best animal.

Which An American Tail character do you relate to the most, and why?

IM: I try to fight it, but I think the answer is actually Tony. Because as much as I try to be smart and in control like Bridget, my fundamental experience of life is essentially just stumbling ahead, meaning well, but usually being at least a step behind. Or maybe my inner Bridget is constantly being tripped up by my inner Tony. They need each other, is what I'm saying.

What are you most excited for audiences to experience?

IM: Our director, Taibi, and our great design team are coming up with all kinds of inventive theatrical ideas that will set our show apart from the film, by telling the story in ways only theatre can, and I'm very excited for audiences to see that.

What has it been like to workshop this production?

IM: Delightful. Everyone involved has been so game and so positive and hardworking, it's made the process really fun.



Composer and Lyricist Michael Mahler

the movie An American Tail?

MM: I saw it in the movie theatre as a kid and absolutely loved it. We owned the VHS tape and watched it a bunch growing up. I particularly loved the music. I even had a giant stuffed Fievel complete with blue hat. Still do.

If you were in an animated film, what cartoon animal would you be and why? MM: A spectacled bear. They got it all

figured out. Sleep all winter—sign

Which An American Tail character do vou relate to the most, and why?

MM: I've got a son of my own now, so Papa's heartbreak just devastates me.

What are you most excited for audiences to experience?

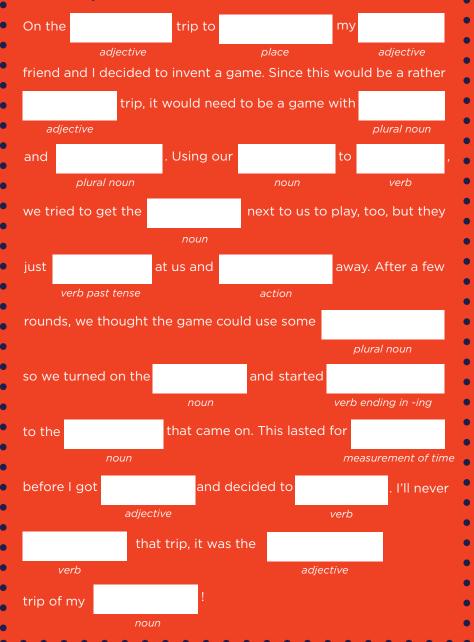
MM: I hope they see themselves and their family's story in this piece. And I hope it encourages them to expand their view of what it truly means to be an American. And I hope they have a truly wonderful time in the theatre.

What has it been like to workshop this production?

MM: So eye-opening. These actors have brought the characters to life in unique and surprising ways, teaching us way more about the show than we've taught them.

A Friends Journey Mad Lib!

Find some friends or family members to help fill in the blanks with adjectives, nouns, verbs, places, and more. These words are inserted into the blanks and then the story is read aloud to hilarious results.



Audience Scavenger Hunt

Get to know your fellow audience members and find folks that match the descriptions below:

Has been outside of the United States:	Has met someone famous:	Has been to the Statue of Liberty:
Was born in another state:	Had a birthday within the last week:	Loves to draw or paint:

Pretend you are going on a long journey across the world. What items would you bring with you? Draw them below:

Questions for the Ride Home

- What are your family's traditions and your cultural traditions?
- How did Fievel achieve independence and pride in himself?
- What stories does your family like to tell, both real and made up?
- Who makes up your community, and how has your community supported you and helped you achieve something?

Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

AUDIENCE SUPPORT STATION

Visit our Audience Access Desk where you can find fidgets, ear plugs, noise canceling headphones, assisted listening devices, basic necessities, and resources to help make the performance the most enjoyable experience possible!

ACCESS SERVICES

Audio-described and ASLinterpreted services are available for select performances.

Sensory Friendly performance schedule, guidance, resources, and tools are available online at childrenstheatre.org/sensory.

Wheelchair seating is available in both theatres. Balcony seating in the UnitedHealth Group Stage is not accessible by elevator.

Accessible/All-Gender restroom is located in the Target Lobby next to the elevator and in the MacMillan Family Lobby.

Please call the Ticket Office at 612.874.0400 with any questions or requests related to access services.

PHOTOS AND VIDEO

Taking any photos or making any audio or video recording inside the theatre is strictly prohibited in accordance with union contracts and copyright laws. However, you are encouraged to take photos and selfies in the lobby!

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please turn off all electronic devices (phones, tablets, smartwatches, etc.) before the show starts, as the light from your device can be distracting during a performance. Please do not turn on any device while the show is in progress.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

We are proud to offer a selection of snacks that are gluten-free, nut-free, and vegan friendly. Please note that food must be consumed in the lobby. Only beverages in covered containers are allowed in the theatre. For your convenience, drinking fountains are located in the first floor lobby.

CAREFUL, IT'S DARK

If you need to leave your seat during the performance, please allow an usher with a flashlight to assist you. When exiting or entering the theatre during a show, let the first set of doors close completely before opening the second set.

IF YOU'RE LATE, PLEASE WAIT

For personal safety and as a courtesy to those already seated, latecomers will be seated after a designated "hold period."

NEED A QUIET SPACE?

Should your child need a change of environment, we invite you to enjoy the performance from our Quiet Room, located at the rear left side of the main floor of the UnitedHealth Group Stage.

PRAYER/PRIVATE NURSING SPACE

Please ask a member of our staff to use our private space for nursing a child, prayer, or other needs.

Have questions about COVID-19 safety at CTC? Feel free to talk to one of our ushers or front of house staff.



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Managing Director **Kimberly Motes**



Book and lyrics by **Itamar Moses** Music and lyrics by Michael Mahler and Alan Schmuckler Based on the Universal Pictures/Amblin Entertainment animated film A Children's Theatre Company Commissioned World Premiere Production in association with Universal Theatrical Group Music Supervision by Andrea Grody Choreography by Katie Spelman • Directed by Taibi Magar •

Creative Team & Production Staff

Scenic Designer | Jason Sherwood • Costume Designer | Trevor Bowen • Lighting Designer | Jeanette Oi-Suk Yew • Sound Designer | Katharine Horowitz Puppet Designer | Christopher Lutter-Gardella Hair, Make-Up, and Wig Designer | J. Jared Janas Dramaturg | Talvin Wilks Dialect Coach | Keely Wolter Orchestrator | Alan Schmuckler Associate Music Supervisor/Conductor | Victor Zupanc Copyist | Jason Hansen Student Acting Coach | Amanda Espinoza Assistant Director | Emma Y. Lai Assistant Choreographer | Emily Madigan Associate Costume Designer | Stacey Palmer Associate Lighting Designer | Shannon Clarke Assistant Lighting Designer | Ellie Simonett Associate Sound Designer | Sten Severson • Stage Manager | Jenny Friend & Assistant Stage Manager/Stage Manager | Kathryn Sam Houkom & Assistant Stage Manager | Z Makila * Production Assistant | Cortney Gilliam Stage Management Fellow | Jiccarra N. Hollman

Musicians

Keyboards/Conductor | Victor Zupanc ▼ Bass | Greg Angel ▼ Percussion | Paul Hill ▼ Violin | Elise Parker ▼ Woodwinds | Mark Henderson ▼ Guitar, Mandolin, Banjo | Joan Griffith ▼

Cast

Fievel | Matthew Woodv * Papa/Warren T. Rat | Luverne Seifert ❖ Mama/Digit| Becca Hart Tanya/Ensemble | Lillian Hochman ★ Tony/Ensemble | Ryan London Levin Bridget/Ensemble | Kiko Laureano . Gussie/ Ensemble | Autumn Ness ❖■ Cherisse/Ensemble | Alexcia Thompson & Henri/Ensemble | Deidre Cochran Honest John/Ensemble | Reed Sigmund ❖ ■ Qiujin's Mom/Violinist/Ensemble | Morgen Chang German Landlord/Cop/Ensemble | Dean Holt ❖■ Qiujin/Ensemble | Monica Xiong ★ Moe/Ensemble | Glenn E. Williams II O Sigfrid/Ensemble | Tic Treitler ★ Stu/Ensemble | Mabel Weismann * Orphan/Ensemble | Anja Arora * Orphan/Ensemble | El Kost * Orphan/Ensemble | Ines Moiica * Orphan/Ensemble | Mari Peterson-Hillegue *

Understudies

Fievel | Sam Mandell * Papa/Warren/Honest John/Ensemble | Jim Ahrens Mama/Digit/Gussie/Ensemble | Samantha Buckley Tanya/Ensemble | Mabel Weismann ★ Tony/German Landlord/Ensemble | Max Kile Bridget/Ensemble | Alexcia Thompson ❖ Cherisse/Ensemble | Glenn E. Williams II Henri/Ensemble | Morgen Chang * Qiujin/Qiujin Family/Ensemble | Ines Mojica ★ Ensemble | Ayla Bornsztein *, Adelyn Frost *, Junia Morrow *

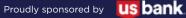
An American Tail the Musical runs approximately 2 hours with one 15-minute intermission. Cameras and video recorders may not be operated during the performance.

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Artistic Director

Peter C. Brosius (he/him) has served as Artistic Director of CTC since 1997, directing the world premieres of *Dr. Seuss's The Sneetches The Musical; The Last Firefly; Seedfolks; Animal Dance;* and many others, all of which were commissioned and workshopped by CTC. Previously, he was the Artistic Director of the Honolulu Theatre for Youth and the Improvisational Theatre Project at the Mark Taper Forum.

Managing Director

Kimberly Motes (she/her) has served as Managing Director at CTC since 2016. Previously, she served as the Managing Director at Theater Latté Da, Executive Director at the Cowles Center, Development Director at Arena Stage, and Program Manager at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. She serves on the boards of Meet Minneapolis and Minnesota Women's Economic Roundtable and is a member of the Women Presidents Organization.

Meet the Creative Team

Playwright and Lyricist

Itamar Moses is a is a Tony Award®-winning author whose work includes the plays Bach at Leipzig; The Four of Us; Completeness; and The Whistleblower, and the musicals Nobody Loves You; Fortress of Solitude; and The Band's Visit. Television includes Boardwalk Empire and The Affair. Born in Berkeley, he now lives in Brooklyn.

Composer and Lyricist

Michael Mahler is a Richard Rodgers award-winning composer/lyricist whose work was represented on Broadway in the revival of Miss Saigon (add'l lyrics). Other credits include Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical; The Secret of My Success; and October Sky. Projects in development include Night at the Museum (music by Alan Menken) and Frankenstein adaptation The Monster. Love to 5-year-old son Ezra, who is fond of hats.

Composer, Lyricist, and Orchestrator

Alan Schmuckler: Music, lyrics, score & song production, Kidding (Showtime); Kleban Prize, Webby Award, both for podcast musical Wait Wait Don't Kill Me (Wondery). With Michael Mahler, music & lyrics, My Little Pony: A New Generation (Netflix); LEGO Store: The Musical (The LEGO Group); Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical (CTC); The Secret of My Success (NBCUni); others; Richard Rodgers Award, for stage musical The Monster. Alan lives in Connecticut with his pregnant wife Sara and their rescue poodle Toby.

Director

Taibi Magar was recently named Co-Artistic Director of Philadelphia Theatre Company. Minneapolis credits: *Noura; Familiar; We Are Proud To Present* (Guthrie Theater). NYC credits include: Soho Rep, The Shed, Ars Nova, and The Atlantic amongst others. Obie Award 2018, M.F.A.: Brown University.

Choreographer

Katie Spelman is thrilled to be at CTC for the first time. Credits include Once (Writers Theatre); The Notebook (CST); AD 16 (Olney Theater); The Beautiful Game (Tokyo); The Who's Tommy (DCPA); Oklahoma! (Goodspeed); and Cabaret (Paramount Theatre). Katie was Associate Choreographer on Moulin Rouge for the Boston, Broadway, and Australian companies.

Music Supervisor

Andrea Grody (she/her) music directed/ supervised *The Band's Visit* and *Tootsie* on Broadway. Other career highlights include *Suffs*; *The Fortress of Solitude*; *The Great Immensity*; and Public Works' *As You Like It* (Public Theater); *Assassins* (Yale Rep); *Robin Hood* and *Unknown Soldier* (Williamstown); and *Strange Faces* as writer/composer. B.A. Princeton University, M.A. Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Scenic Designer

Jason Sherwood designed the 2020 Oscars and *RENT Live*, for which he received consecutive Emmy Awards. Other work: tours for Sam Smith, Spice Girls, Sara Bareilles. Performances for Janelle Monae, Eminem, Camila Cabello,

and world premieres at New York Theatre Workshop, Atlantic, ART, and many regional theatres. Drama Desk, Lucille Lortel, and Henry Hewes nominations. @JasonSherwoodDesign

Costume Designer

Trevor Bowen is proud to be back at CTC. Corduroy; Something Happened in Our Town; Spamtown, USA (CTC); Credits include: Kennedy Center, MN Opera, Guthrie Theater, Ordway, Glimmerglass Opera Festival, Boston Lyric Opera, Denver Center, Asolo Rep, Penumbra Theatre, Steppenwolf, Contemporary American Theatre Festival, FIAF, 5th Ave, Arena Stage, Walker Art Center. trevorbowendesign.com

Lighting Designer

Jeanette Oi-Suk Yew is an award-winning designer in lighting for theatre, dance, opera, musicals, music performances, installation, immersive experiences, and digital productions. Her designs have been seen across U.S. cities and internationally. Jeanette is excited to make her Children's Theatre Company debut! Associate Arts Professor with NYU Tisch Drama. jeanetteyew.com

Sound Designer

Katharine Horowitz (she/her) has been the associate sound designer for many CTC shows such as *Diary Of A Wimpy Kid the Musical; Annie; Matilda* and more. She designs regularly at History Theatre, Jungle Theater, Park Square Theatre, Pillsbury House Theatre, Gremlin Theatre, Theater Mu, and others. Katharine is a 2017 McKnight Theatre Artist Fellow at the Playwrights' Center.

Puppet Designer

Christopher Lutter-Gardella is a designer, inventor, theatre-maker, and community educator whose work revolves around the design, construction, and performance of puppets, masks, props, costumes, theatrical inventions, kinetic-sets, and interactive sculptural installations. He is Artistic Director of Big Animal Productions LLC based in South Minneapolis. You can see his work at: christopherlutter.com

Hair, Make-up, and Wig Designer J. Jared Janas: Recent Broadway credits include Good Night, Oscar; Sweeney Todd; Ohio State Murders; Kimberly Akimbo; & Juliet; Topdog/ Underdog; American Buffalo; How I Learned to Drive; Jagged Little Pill; Frankie and Johnny...; Gettin' the Band Back Together; Bandstand; Indecent; and Sunset Boulevard.

Dramatura

Talvin Wilks: Director: for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enough (2022 Broadway Revival); Dreaming Zenzile (New York Theatre Workshop/NBT); Between the World and Me (The Apollo). He is an Associate Professor in the Theatre Arts and Dance Department, University of Minnesota/Twin Cities.

Dialect Coach

Keely Wolter (she/her) has served as a dialect consultant on Carmela Full of Wishes; Akeelah and the Bee; and The Jungle Book at Children's Theatre Company. She has worked with many other Twin Cities companies, including the Guthrie Theater, Jungle Theater, The Ordway, and Theater Latté Da. She holds an M.A. in voice studies from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

Associate Music Supervisor/Conductor

Victor Zupanc grew up in Victoria, British Columbia. Since 1989, Victor has been the resident Music Director/ Composer at Children's Theatre Company composing music and conducting orchestras for many of your favorite productions. He has worked on over 300 plays at countless theatres across the country. He also composes for orchestras, choirs, and films victorzupanc.com

Copyist

Jason Hansen (he/him) has worked as music director, composer, orchestrator, arranger, and/or musician on over 70 productions at theatres including Children's Theatre Company (*Dr. Seuss's The Sneeches the Musical; Dr. Seuss's How The Grinch Stole Christmas!; Cinderella*) Guthrie Theater, Theater Latté Da, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres,

Ten Thousand Things, Mixed Blood Theatre, History Theater, Arkansas Rep, and Northern Sky Theater.

Assistant Director

Emma Y. Lai (she/her) has enjoyed working with CTC as a Directing Intern. She has worked with organizations such the Guthrie, Lincoln Center Theatre, Alley Theatre, and Two River Theater. Upcoming projects include Murdered to Death (Phipps Center) and Songs of Bilitis (workshop) by Rachel Anne Brees. emmaylai.com

Assistant Choreographer

Emily Madigan (she/they) has been an Associate Choreographer for *Hairspray* at Artistry, and for various shows around the country, *The Notebook* at Chicago Shakespeare Theater; *A.D. 16* at Olney Theatre Center; *Shout Sister Shout* at Seattle Rep and Ford's Theatre, and many others.

Associate Costume Designer

Stacey Palmer (she/her) has designed costumes for Stages Theatre, Augsburg University, University of Minnesota, Journey North Opera, Theater Mu, and Guthrie Theater B.F.A. New Plays. She holds a bachelor's degree in Apparel Design and an M.F.A. in Costume and Scenic Design from the University of Minnesota.

Assistant Lighting Designer

Ellie Simonett (she/her) worked on Locomotion; Bina's Six Apples; and Diary of A Wimpy Kid the Musical at Children's Theatre Company and is excited to return. Her other credits include Anonymous Lover; and Edward Tulane (Minnesota Opera) and Beauty and the Beast (The Ordway).

Stage Manager

Jenny R. Friend: (she/her) For 18 years, CTC has given her the gift of seeing the world with wonder through a child's eyes. She hopes this show can bring you what she has found at home with her daughter, Greta—the power of discovering your voice and a love for adorable rodents. This one's for you, Sneaker and Zero.

Assistant Stage Manager/ Stage Manager

Kathryn Sam Houkom (she/her) has been on the stage management team at CTC for over 20 productions since 2004. Sam has also stage managed for Guthrie Theater, Minnesota Orchestra, The Ordway, Park Square Theatre, Mixed Blood Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Lookingglass Theatre Company, and The Kennedy Center.

Assistant Stage Manager

Z Makila (he/him & they/them) is returning to Children's Theatre Company after stage managing the January workshop of An American Tail. Other credits include Beauty and the Beast (The Ordway); Twelve Angry Men: A New Musical (Theater Latté Da); Joyful Echoes (Minnesota Orchestra); and Thunder Knocking on the Door (Ten Thousand Things).

Production Assistant

Cortney Gilliam (she/her) is a stage manager and performing/visual artist from Dallas, Texas. She was the 2021-2022 CTC Stage Management Fellow and is currenty the Generation Now Fellow. She was an inaugural musical theatre GreenRoom Fellow at The Ordway. Cortney is a proud alumnus of Howard University!

Stage Management Fellow

Jiccarra N. Hollman has enjoyed roles in Kumbyah: The Juneteenth Story (Breck/Denfeld; Duluth, MN); Secrets (Capri Theater); and The Energized Guyz, a traveling show with the National Theatre for Children. She is a Captain in the Air Force and founder of News On Purpose, a platform for Black and Brown Stories to be shared by Black and Brown bodies.

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Meet the Cast

Fievel

Matthew Woody is overjoyed to be appearing on stage at CTC for his third production! He has enjoyed previous roles in *The Little Mermaid* (Farmington High School); and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical*; and *Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* (Children's Theatre Company). Matthew is passionate about musical theatre and basketball. He is extremely grateful for the exciting opportunity to be part of this world premiere musical!

Papa/Warren T. Rat

Luverne Seifert (he/him) has performed at CTC in The Last Firefly; The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe; Tales of a West Texas Marsupial Girl; Go Dog Go; Once Upon a Forest; and Treasure Island. He has appeared locally with the Guthrie Theater, Ten Thousand Things, Dark and Stormy, The Moving Company, and Open Eye Figure Theatre. He was certified at the Burlesque Center-Locarno, Switzerland, in Clowning and Physical Comedy.

Mama/Digit

Becca Hart (she/her) is one lucky mouse to be at CTC! Annie; The Hobbit (Children's Theatre Company); Merrily We Roll Along (Theater Latté Da); Ride the Cyclone; Georgiana & Kitty; The Wolves (Jungle Theater); Mary Poppins (Artistry); Something Rotten! (Lyric Arts); and All American Boys (Stages / Capri Theatre).

Tanya/Ensemble

Lillian Hochman is thrilled to back on the Children's Theatre stage after performing in Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical; Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!; and Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical. She has also performed with several other Twin Cities organizations including The Ordway, Stages Theatre Company, and Minnetonka Theatre. She thanks her family and promises to get her driver's license soon to relieve them of driving duties.

Tony/Ensemble

Ryan London Levin is excited to be returning to CTC after Cinderella in 2019. NEXT Festival: Scotland PA; Merrily We Roll Along (Theater Latté Da); Runestone: A 'Rock' Musical; Christmas of Swing; Orphan Train (History Theatre); Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood (Yellow Tree); Jefferson Township; Sparkling...Pageant; The Diary of Anne Frank (Park Square Theater); The Mikveh Monologues (MN Jewish Theater); She Loves Me; Awake and Sing; The Last Five Years (Artistry); The Boy and Robin Hood (Trademark Theater). FILM/TV: I Was There (History Channel).

Bridget/Ensemble

Kiko Laureano (she/her) holds a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre from Indiana University. Recent credits include Carmela Full of Wishes (Children's Theatre Company); Runestone! A 'Rock' Musical (History Theatre); Something Rotten!; The Revolutionists; Evita (Lyric Arts of Anoka); Joseph...Dreamcoat (Minnetonka Theatre); Company (Lakeshore Players); A Christmas Carol (Guthrie Theater); Autonomy (Mixed Blood Theatre).

Gussie/Ensemble

Autumn Ness (she/her) is celebrating her 22nd season as a member of the CTC Acting Company! Just a few of her favorite CTC shows include; *Corduroy; Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!; Annie; Cinderella; The Jungle Book;* and *Romeo and Juliet.* Autumn is a recipient of the 2018 TCG Fox Foundation Fellowship, the 2020 MRAC Next Step Fund, and the 2022 MN State Arts Board Creative Support Grant.

Cherisse/Ensemble (Bridget Understudy)

Alexcia Thompson (she/her) has enjoyed roles in Jelly's Last Jam (Theater Latté Da); Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Yellow Tree Theatre); Lonesome Traveler (Rubicon Theatre); Cinderella; Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical; Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!; Last Stop on Market Street at Children's Theatre Company. She has a B.F.A. from Howard University.

Henri/Ensemble

Deidre Cochran is making her debut at CTC. You may have seen her previously in *Jelly's Last Jam* (Theater Latté Da); *Shrek*; *Songs for a New World*; *Legally Blonde*; *The Music Man* (Artistry); *Islander*; *Ruthless* (Theatre Elision). Deidre holds a B.A. in Theatre from Brenau University.

Honest John/Ensemble

Reed Sigmund is loudly celebrating his 22nd season as a member of the CTC Acting Company, where he's appeared in shows such as *Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*; Corduroy; The Wizard of Oz; If You Give a Mouse a Cookie; and A Year With Frog and Toad. He can also be seen onstage at the Jungle Theater, Theater Latté Da, and The Stillwater Zephyr Theatre.

Qiujin's Mother/Ensemble (Henri Understudy)

Morgen Chang (she/her) has appeared in Redwood (Jungle Theater); West Side Story (The Ordway); and The Picture of Dorian Gray (Collide Theatrical Dance Co.). She enjoys exploring new work and is a frequent collaborator with Umbrella Collective and Interact Center. She currently serves as Programs Manager for Theater Mu.

German Landlord/Cop/Ensemble

Dean Holt is a member of CTC's Acting Company (1994-present), appearing in more than 100 memorable productions in his time at CTC. He is a two-time Ivey Award winner and the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award from St. John's University for outstanding work in his field.

Qiujin/Ensemble

Monica Xiong is thrilled to be back at Children's Theatre Company after being in Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas! She is passionate about playing piano, dancing, singing, and expanding her knowledge of writing and storytelling. Monica is currently in 5th grade at Valley Crossing Elementary School.

Moe/Ensemble (Cherisse Understudy)

Glenn E. Williams II (he/him) is honored to be a Performing Apprentice at CTC where he performed in *Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* and *Locomotion*. Recent credits include *Choir Boy* (Le Petit Theatre); *My Fair Lady*; and *Ragtime* (Tulane Summer Lyric). He is a New Orleans Native, content creator, photographer, director, choreographer, and the occasional youtuber. 1906!

Sigfrid/Ensemble

Tic Treitler (they/them) is ecstatic to return to CTC where their credits include *Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical* and *Annie*. They have performed with the Guthrie Theater, Lakeshore Players, Circus Juventas, Morris Park Players, and Shakespearean Youth Theatre. Tic sings with MN Opera Youth Studio.

Stu/Ensemble (Tanya Understudy)

Mabel Weismann (she/her) is excited to be back at CTC. Favorite CTC roles include: Cindy Lou Who (Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!); Claire (Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical); and Pepper (Annie). She has also performed at The Ordway, Guthrie Theater, Theater Latté Da, Artistry, Zephyr, Park Square and Minnetonka Theatre. mabelweismann.com

Orphan/Ensemble

Anja Arora (she/her) is ecstatic to be a part of An American Tail the Musical! Previous CTC credits include Annie; Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical; and Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Anja has also performed with Stages Theatre Company, Artistry, Blue Water Theatre Company, and Minnetonka Schools. She would like to thank her family for supporting her in all her endeavors!

Orphan/Ensemble

El Kost is in their second show at Children's Theatre Company. El has enjoyed roles in *Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* at CTC and *Shrek; Mary Poppins JR; Newsies JR*; and *Urinetown* at Ashland Productions. El is in 8th grade virtually in River Falls. Wisconsin.

Orphan/Ensemble (Qiujin/Qiujin Family Understudy)

Ines Mojica (she/her) is delighted to be back onstage at CTC after performing in Something Happened in our Town (2022) and Spamtown, USA (2020). She most recently played Martha Cratchit in the Guthrie Theater's A Christmas Carol (2022), having also played Belinda Cratchit the year prior (2021). She is a 7th grader at Anthony Middle School in Minneapolis, and has attended classes and performed in productions at Lundstrum Performing Arts

Orphan/Ensemble

Mari Peterson-Hilleque has performed with CTC in Locomotion; Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!; Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical; and Annie. She has also performed at The Zephyr Theater, Youth Performance Company, SteppingStone Theatre, The Ordway, and Fidgety Fairy Tales. Mari is a junior at Minnetonka High School.

Understudies

Fievel

Sam Mandell (he/him) is delighted to be returning to CTC. He has most recently enjoyed roles in *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*; *Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical*; and *Annie*. He has also performed with several other organizations including The Zephyr Theatre, Stages Theatre Company, and Minnetonka Theatre.

Papa/Warren/Honest John/Ensemble

Jim Ahrens (he/his) last appeared at CTC in 1981's *The Three Musketeers*. In the intervening decades, he has appeared as an actor and singer with many organizations, including Jungle Theatre, the Minnesota Orchestra, Theater Latté Da, Theatre Elision, and others in the Midwest.

Mama/Digit/Gussie/ Ensemble

Samatha Buckley (she/her) is making her Children's Theatre Company debut! She was last seen in *Smokey Joe's Cafe* at Lyric Arts. She holds a B.F.A. in Musical Theater from Minnesota State University, Mankato. She sends her thanks to her family and friends for the continuous love and support.

Tony/German Landlord/ Ensemble

Max Kile (they/she) is thrilled to make their CTC debut! Max's recent credits include Escape to Margaritaville; Once Upon a Mattress (Old Log Theatre); Night of the Living Dead! (Minneapolis Musical Theatre); and The Wedding Singer (Lyric Arts). Max holds a B.F.A. from The Hartt School.

Sigfrid/Ensemble

Junia Morrow (she/her) is thrilled to make her Children's Theatre Company debut. She is a current sophomore at SPCPA. Some recent credits include Buddy! The Buddy Holly Story (History Theatre); Ragtime; The Wolves (SPCPA). She hopes you all enjoy the show!

Ensemble

Ayla Bornsztein (she/her) is delighted to make her Children's Theatre Company debut! Past performances include *A Christmas Carol* (Guthrie Theater) and *The Music Man* (Bluewater Theatre). She would like to thank her family for their love, support, and transportation!

Ensemble

Adelyn Frost (she/her) is delighted to return to Children's Theatre Company. Recent credits include, Annie (CTC); The Little Mermaid Jr.; You're a Good Man Charlie Brown (Stages Theatre Company); SpongeBob The Musical (Lakeville North Theatre). She would like to thank her family, friends, and directors for all of their support.

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to Children's Theatre. I almost always went

with my grandparents,

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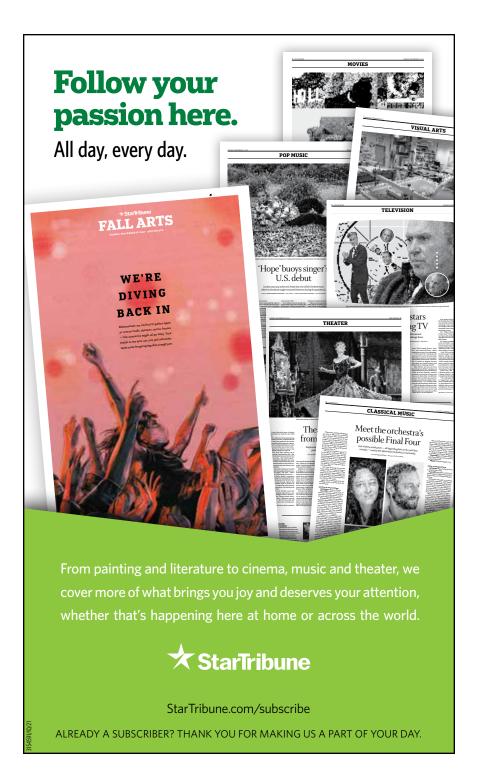
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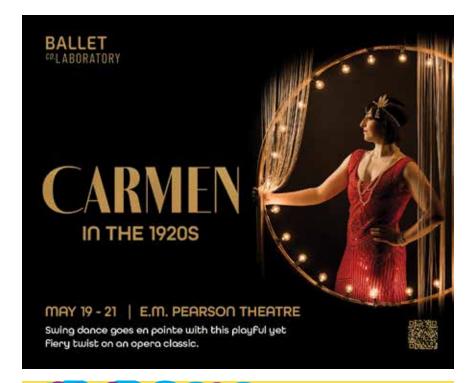
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UHG Head Stage Carpenter | Charles Fillmore An American Tail Run Crew | Matt Arcand, Taylor Engel, Melissa Johnson, Eric Lucas, Rick A. McAllister, David Pisa, Nicholas Prax, Ashlev Stock

An American Tail Run Crew Swing | Evangelen Lee

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An American Tail Electricians |

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