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BASED ON THE TOUCHSTONE PICTURES MOTION PICTURE "SISTER ACT" WRITTEN BY JOSEPH HOWARD starring

#### KERISSA ARRINGTON

MAGGIE CI ENNON REBERG

with F. TYLER BURNET SARAH MICHELLE CUC LAWRENCE DANDRIDGE NANCY EVANS GORDON GRAY KOLBY KINDLE LAMONT O'NEAL NICHOLAS ALEXANDER RODRIGUEZ EMILY KAY SHRADER and at certain performances RENÉE VERONICA FREEMAN plays the role of "Deloris"

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scenic design **KLARA ZIEGLEROVA** 

orchestration DOUG BESTERMAN **LF7 BROTHFRSTON** dance music arranger MARK HUMMFI

costume design

lighting design NATASHA KATZ music director

CHRISTOPHER BABBAGE

associate director

associate choreographer JANET ROTHERMEL

original wig and hair design DAVID BRIAN BROWN

music coordinator TAI ITHA FFHR TL MUSIC INTERNATIONAL casting **BINDER CASTING** JAY BINDER, CSA & JACK BOWDAN, CSA

sound design

PETER MCBOYLE

STEVEN BECKLER

music supervisor, vocal and incidental music arrangements

MICHAFI KOSARIN

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### ANTHONY VAN LAAST

director

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## **CAST** in order of appearance

Deloris Van Cartier	KERISSA ARRINGTON
Deloris Van Cartier (at certain performar	nces)RENÉE VERONICA FREEMAN
Tina	ADEWONU-OLA "WONU" OGUNFOWORA
Michelle	RENÉE VERONICA FREEMAN
	KOLBY KINDLE
Joey	F. TYLER BURNET
Pablo	NICHOLAS ALEXANDER RODRIGUEZ
ТЈ	LAWRENCE DANDRIDGE
	ZACH SUTTON
Eddie Souther	LAMONT O'NEAL
Сор	PATRICK CLANTON
Mother Superior	MAGGIE CLENNON REBERG
Monsignor O'Hara	GORDON GRAY
Mary Robert	EMILY KAY SHRADER
	SARAH MICHELLE CUC
Mary Lazarus	NANCY EVANS
Mary Martin-of-Tours	TARA TAGLIAFERRO
Waitress	TAYLOR MORGAN MARSH
Joey Finnochio	ZACH SUTTON

#### ENSEMBLE

PATRICK CLANTON, NICK CIRILLO, KAITLYN ETTER, HARMONY FRANCE, RENÉE VERONICA FREEMAN, JENNIE JOEFREE, KRISTIN LITZENBERG, TAYLOR MORGAN MARSH, ADEWONU-OLA "WONU" OGUNFOWORA, MEGAN OPALINSKI, EILEEN PATTERSON, ZACH SUTTON, TARA TAGLIAFERRO, DEONTÉ L. WARREN

#### SWINGS

NICOLE FERGUSON, STEPHANIE MILLER, SHAUN LESLIE THOMAS

#### DANCE CAPTAIN

NICOLE FERGUSON

#### UNDERSTUDIES

Understudies never substitute for listed players unless a specific notice is posted at the time of the performance.

For Deloris: RENÉE VERONICA FREEMAN, ADEWONU-OLA "WONU" OGUNFOWORA For Mother Superior: HARMONY FRANCE, MEGAN OPALINSKI For Curtis, Eddie, TJ: PATRICK CLANTON, DEONTÉ L. WARREN For Mary Robert: TAYLOR MORGAN MARSH, EILEEN PATTERSON For Mary Patrick: JENNIE JOEFREE, KRISTIN LITZENBERG For Mary Lazarus: HARMONY FRANCE, MEGAN OPALINSKI For Pablo: NICK CIRILLO, SHAUN LESLIE THOMAS For Monsignor O'Hara, Joey: NICK CIRILLO, ZACH SUTTON For Ernie, Joey Finnochio: SHAUN LESLIE THOMAS For Cop: SHAUN LESLIE THOMAS For Mary Martin-of-Tours: JENNIE JOEFREE For Waitress, Michelle, Tina: NICOLE FERGUSON, STEPHANIE MILLER

## **SCENES and MUSICAL NUMBERS**

### ΑСΤ Ι

"Take Me to Heaven"	Deloris, Michelle, Tina
"Fabulous, Baby!"	Deloris, Michelle, Tina
"Here Within These Walls"	Mother Superior, Deloris
"It's Good to Be a Nun"Delor	is, Mary Patrick, Mary Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns
"When I Find My Baby"	Curtis, Joey, Pablo, TJ
"I Could Be That Guy"	Eddie, Bums
"Raise Your Voice"Delor	is, Mary Patrick, Mary Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns
"Take Me to Heaven" (Reprise)	Deloris, Mary Patrick, Mary Robert,
	Mary Lazarus, Nuns

## INTERMISSION

#### ACT II

"Sunday Morning Fever"Deloris, Mary Patrick, Mar	other Superior, Monsignor O'Hara, Eddie, y Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns, Workers
"Lady in the Long Black Dress"	Joey, Pablo, TJ
"Haven't Got a Prayer"	Mother Superior
"Bless Our Show" Deloris, Mary F	Patrick, Mary Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns
"The Life I Never Led"	Mary Robert
"Fabulous, Baby!" (Reprise)	Deloris, Eddie, Nuns, Fantasy Dancers
"Sister Act"	Deloris
"When I Find My Baby" (Reprise)	Curtis
"The Life I Never Led" (Reprise)	Mary Robert
"Sister Act" (Reprise)	
	Mary Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns
"Spread the Love Around"	The Company

#### SISTER ACT ORCHESTRA

Conductor/Keyboard: Christopher Babbage Associate Music Director/Keyboard: John Conway Guitar: Michael Karcher Bass: John Toney Drums: Taurus Lovely

Music Coordinator: Talitha Fehr (TL Music International Ltd) Keyboard Programmer: Stuart Andrews

Please be advised that strobe and flashing lights, as well as gunshot effects, are used in this production.



The use of any recording device, either audio or video, and the taking of photographs, either with or without flash, is strictly prohibited.

**KERISSA ARRINGTON** (*Deloris*) is making her national tour debut! Favorite credits: *The Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy) and *Rent* (Mimi Marquez). Thanks to Binder Casting; KMR talent; Mommy, my #1 fan; my amazing fiancé, Willer; my FABU-LOUS family; and friends! All the glory to GOD! Mark 10:27.

MAGGIE CLENNON REBERG (Mother Superior) Regional: Iolanthe (Iolanthe), Die Fledermaus (Prince Orlofsky), Hansel and Gretel (The Witch), Candide (The Baroness). Chicago: Sweeney Todd (Mrs. Lovett), A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (Domina), The Merry Widow (Olga Kromov), Darling of the Day (Lady Vale), The Sound of Music (Sister Margaretta).

LAMONT O'NEAL (Eddie Souther) is a southern California native and trained at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City. Regional credits: Hairspray (Seaweed), Smokey Joe's Cafe (Victor), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Judah). Cruise line: Disney (mainstage vocalist). Many thanks to Mom and Bro for their continuous love and support!

**KOLBY KINDLE** (*Curtis Jackson*) National and international tours: *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Cogsworth u/s), *Dreamgirls* (Marty). New York City: Negro Ensemble Co. Regional: MTW, Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma, WVPT, New Stage, and Westchester Broadway Theatre. Kindle earned a B.F.A. in musical theatre from Otterbein University. Love to family, friends, and CTG. Philippians 4:13.

**F. TYLER BURNET** (*Joey*) is happy to be back on the road after touring last year with *West Side Story*. He is very grateful to be part of this wonderful show, and that you came to see it. @ftylerb

**SARAH MICHELLE CUC** (*Mary Patrick*) is overjoyed to finally be a sister—a dream

twenty years in the making! Credits: Grease (Jan), Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Mrs. Potts), South Pacific (Bloody Mary), and john & jen (Jen). Thanks to Binder Casting, Mom, Dad, and Elizabeth! Bless our show!

LAWRENCE DANDRIDGE (*TJ*) Credits: West Side Story (Bernardo), Cabaret (Emcee), Hairspray (Gilbert), Urinetown (Hot Blades Harry), Once on this Island (Storyteller), Into the Woods (Wolf/ Steward), Carrie (Freddie), and A Night in New Orleans (Happy). Dandridge is a member of Performing Artists United (New Jersey).

NANCY EVANS (*Mary Lazarus*) is thrilled to be on her second national tour. Credits: *Fiddler on the Roof, Affluenza, Psychobabble, Other Desert Cities, Secret Garden,* and *Steel Magnolias.* TV: *Cash Cab.* nancyevansactor.com

**GORDON GRAY** (*Monsignor O'Hara*) A road warrior, this is Gordon's fifteenth national tour. Favorite credits include Herr Schultz in *Cabaret*, Pop Carnes in *Oklahoma*, and most recently Santa in *Elf*. A graduate of Yale School of Drama, he is formerly a professor of theatre at Barnard College.

#### NICHOLAS ALEXANDER RODRIGUEZ

(*Pablo*) is from Bordentown, N.J. He earned a B.F.A. in musical theatre from Montclair State University. Favorite credits: *Kiss of the Spider Woman* (Valentin), *Rent* (Tom Collins). Many thanks to family and friends for constant support! NicholasAlexanderRodriguez.com

**EMILY KAY SHRADER** (*Mary Robert*) is overjoyed to "raise her voice"! Favorite roles: Maggie (*A Chorus Line*, Connecticut Repertory) and Beth (*Little Women*, Sierra Repertory). Love and gratitude to God, YES Company, teachers, and Adam. Proud graduate of Marymount Manhattan College. Matthew 5:14-16. For Mom and Dad!

**RENÉE VERONICA FREEMAN** (*Deloris Alternate, Michelle, Ensemble*) Sending gratitude to Jay and Jack at Binder Casting and Frontier Booking International; sending eternal love to Daddy, Mommy, and my supportive family. For LARRY, who planted the seed! Learn all you need to know at reneeveronicafreeman.com Raise your voice!

**PATRICK CLANTON** (*Ensemble*) National tour debut! Regional credits: *Hairspray*, *Miss Saigon*, and *My Fair Lady* at Flat Rock Playhouse; *Rent* (Collins), *Hair* (Hud), *Ragtime* (Coalhouse). B.F.A. in music theatre from Elon University; thanks to God, Mom, Dad, friends, and family for their love and support!

**NICK CIRILLO** (*Ensemble*) is extremely excited to be making his national tour debut! He is a graduate of Shenandoah Conservatory and has worked regionally throughout the United States. Sending much love to my family and friends! nickcirillo.com

**KAITLYN ETTER** (*Ensemble*) national tour debut! Favorite credits: Rusty in *Footloose*, Shelley in *Hairspray*, Homeless Lady in *A New Brain*. B.F.A. in musical theatre from Cal State Fullerton. Thanks to the cast, creatives, Troika, Binder, and Dave. Love to my family and friends!

NICOLE FERGUSON (Dance Captain, Swing) Favorite credits: The Pajama Game (Babe), High Fidelity (Laura), and Annie (Lily St. Regis). Thanks to everyone at Binder Casting and Troika for this opportunity. Many thanks to my family, Eric, and friends for their love and support!

HARMONY FRANCE (Ensemble) Regional: Fiddler on the Roof (Paramount), A Little Night Music (Peninsula Players), Violet (Jeff Award nomination: Best Actress; Broadway World Award: Best Actress) and Dessa Rose (Jeff Award nomination: Best Actress-Bailiwick Chicago). Thanks to family, friends, Kyle, and Roberta! harmonyfrance.com

JENNIE JOEFREE (Ensemble) is ecstatic to be a part of Sister Act! Credits: Hairspray (Tracy), Grease! (Cha-Cha), Titanic, Merrily We Roll Along, and ArtsPower. CAP21 and OCSA alumni. Thanks to Binder, creative team, cast, and crew. Love to friends and family. Follow your dreams! jenniejoefree.com

KRISTIN LITZENBERG (Ensemble) National tour debut! Favorite credits include Children of Eden (Eve/Mama Noah), The Secret Garden (Martha), and I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change (Woman 2). Proud AMDA alum. Love to my family and friends for their love and support.

TAYLOR MORGAN MARSH (*Ensemble*) is thrilled to be a part of her first national tour! Favorite credits: *Totally Tubular Time Machine* (Debbie Gibson), *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (Missy), and *Grease* (Patty). Proud graduate of New York University and Atlantic Acting School. Jeremiah 29:11

**STEPHANIE MILLER** (*Swing*) is thrilled to have so many new sisters. Regional: *Princesses* (Goodspeed). Other: *Gershwin Spectacular* (Boston POPS). B.F.A. in musical theatre from Boston Conservatory. Love to my family and friends. Thanks to Take 3 Talent and most importantly, God.

#### ADEWONU-OLA "WONU" OGUNFO-

**WORA** (*Tina* and *Ensemble*) Past professional credits include: *Little Shop of Horrors, Smokey Joe's Café, Hairspray,* and *Godspell*; B.F.A. from Montclair State. Thanks to my beautiful family and friends for their endless love, encouragement, and support. *E yin Oluwa logo*!

**MEGAN OPALINSKI** (*Ensemble*) Tour debut! Highlights: *Les Misérables, The Music Man, Urinetown, Church Basement Ladies, The Sound of Music, 42nd Street, A Man of No Importance, Menopause the Musical,* multiple Off-Broadway credits, and fourteen months singing opera in China. Much love to friends and family. Romans 8:31

**EILEEN PATTERSON** (*Ensemble*) is thrilled to be touring with *Sister Act!* Favorite credits: Anastasia Steele in 50 *Shades! The Musical* (national tour); *The Sound of Music*; and *Central Avenue Breakdown* (NYMF 2011). Education: University of Scranton, AMDA. Thanks to my family for their unwavering support. eileen-patterson.com

**ZACH SUTTON** (*Ensemble*) National tour debut! Favorite credits: *Sweeney Todd* (Sweeney), 42<sup>nd</sup> Street (Dance Caption), *The Sound of Music* (Captain), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Audrey II). Proud graduate OCU. Thank you family, friends, Binder Casting, Troika, and About Artists Agency. For you, Mom and Dad. www.zachsutton.biz

**TARA TAGLIAFERRO** (*Mary Martin*of-Tours and Ensemble) is a proud Sunday school graduate! National tour: *Grinch* (Mama Who). Regional: Walnut St./Riverside Theatres' co-productions of *Grease* (Jan) and *H2\$* (Miss Krumholtz). Thanks to the company and creatives, Binder, and the Mine. Love to family and Patrick. taratag.com

**SHAUN LESLIE THOMAS** (*Swing*) is thrilled to be doing his first national tour. Favorite credits include Amos (*Chicago*), Billis (*South Pacific*), and Seymour (*Little Shop of Horrors*). Thank you Jim Sayers for your guidance. Thank you Kris, Pebbles, Rylan, Grandma, Mom, and Dad. I love you. **DEONTÉ L. WARREN** (*Ensemble*) is from Nashville. National tour credit: *Dreamgirls* (Curtis). Regional: *Hairspray* (Seaweed), *Smokey Joe's Café* (Ken), Disney's *Tarzan* (Terk); B.M. from Belmont. Many thanks to family and friends for continued support and love, Artists Agency, and Troika for this incredible opportunity! deontewarren.com

ALAN MENKEN (Composer) has garnered eight Oscars, twelve Grammys, and a Tony for his scores, including Little Shop of Horrors, The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin, A Christmas Carol, Newsies, Pocahontas, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Hercules, Enchanted, Tangled, Sister Act, Leap of Faith, God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater, King David, and The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz. Inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame. Earned doctorate degrees from New York University and North Carolina School of the Arts.

GLENN SLATER (Lyrics) Tangled (2011 Grammy Winner; 2010 Oscar and Golden Globe nominee); Sister Act (2011 Tony nominee for Best Score); Andrew Lloyd Webber's Love Never Dies (2010 Olivier nominee for Best Musical); Disney's The Little Mermaid (2008 Tony nominee for Best Score, Grammy nominee for Best Cast Album); Leap of Faith (Tony nominee for Best Musical, 2012); Disney's Home on the Range (2004). Glenn lives in New York City with his wife, composer/lyricist Wendy Leigh Wilf, and sons Benjamin and Daniel.

CHERI AND BILL STEINKELLNER (Book) Multiple Emmys, Golden Globes, People's Choice, BAFTA, Writers Guild, and TV Land Legend Awards for writing/producing Cheers and Teacher's Pet. 2011 Tonynominees for Sister Act. Bill co-wrote The PeeWee Herman Show, Cheri the awardwinning Hello! My Baby, California's first All-State Musical. Founders of Instaplay, Los Angeles's original all-improvised musical, the Steinkellners teach at Stan-

ford, USC, and UCSB in Santa Barbara, where they raised their children Kit, Teddy, and Emma.

DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE (Additional Book Material) Broadway: Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, The Nance, Lysistrata Jones (Tony nom.), Sister Act (Tony nom.), Xanadu (Tony nom.), The Little Dog Laughed (Tony nom., GLAAD Media Award). London's West End: The Little Dog Laughed (Olivier nom.) Off-Broadway: As Bees in Honey Drown (Outer Critics Circle Award), Mr. & Mrs. Fitch, Music from a Sparkling Planet, The Cartells, Mondo Drama, The Country Club, Advice from a Caterpillar. Thanks to Paul Rudnick for the original idea and Paul Downs Colaizzo for his assistance.

JERRY ZAKS (Director) has directed more than thirty-five productions in New York City. His credits include Sister Act, The Addams Family, Guys and Dolls, Six Degrees of Separation, Lend Me a Tenor, House of Blue Leaves. The Front Page. A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Forum, Smokey Joe's Café, Anything Goes, La Cage aux Folles, Little Shop of Horrors, The Man Who Came to Dinner, The Foreigner, A Bronx Tale, Laughter on the 23rd Floor, Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All for You, Beyond Therapy, Baby with the Bath Water, and The Marriage of Bette and Boo. He has received four Tony Awards and seven nominations. He is a 2013 inductee to the Theatre Hall of Fame.

ANTHONY VAN LAAST (Choreography) Theatre: Mamma Mia! (Worldwide-Dora Mavor Moore Award); Bombay Dreams (London and Broadway: Tony nomination); Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (worldwide: Olivier nomination, Drama-Logue Award); Jesus Christ Superstar (United Kingdom and Broadway); Song & Dance (worldwide-Green Room Award); Candide (London-Olivier Award for Best Musical); *Hair* (Olivier nomination). Films: *Mamma Mia!, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, and *Never Say Never Again*. Her Majesty, the Queen, awarded Laast an MBE for his work in dance.

KLARA ZIEGLEROVA (Scenic Designer) Broadway: Sister Act, The Farnsworth Invention, Jersey Boys, and The Search for Signs of the Intelligent Life in the Universe. London's West End: Sister Act and Jersey Boys. Zieglerova has designed sets for numerous Off-Broadway and regional theatres. Interior Design: New World Stages in Manhattan. Awards: The Green Room Award (Australia); Tony Award nomination for Jersey Boys; London's Theatregoers Choice Award, Lumen Award, Drammy Award, Carbonell Award, and Ovation Award.

LEZ BROTHERSTON (Costume Designer) is an associate artist of Matthew Bourne's company New Adventures, a set and costume designer. Productions include Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, Dorian Gray, Edward Scissorhands, Cinderella, Sister Act, The Empress Design for Living, Long Day's Journey into Night, Umbrellas of Cherbourg, My City, and Measure For Measure. Awards: Swan Lake (1998), Tony Award; Cinderella (1998), Olivier Award; and Sleeping Beauty (2013), Los Angeles Critics Circle Award.

NATASHA KATZ (Lighting Designer) has designed extensively for theatre, opera, and dance throughout the world. She designed the lighting for all productions of Sister Act. Broadway: The Glass Menagerie (Tony Award); Aladdin; Motown; Once (Tony Award); Sister Act; The Coast of Utopia (Tony Award); A Chorus Line (revival); Tarzan; Aida (Tony Award); and Beauty and the Beast. Other designs include ballets, operas, permanent installations, and concert acts for Shirley MacLaine, Ann-Margret, and Tommy Tune.

**PETER McBOYLE** (*Sound Designer*) has worked with artists including Des McAnuff, Christopher Plummer, Twyla Tharp, Gary Griffin, Sergio Trujillo, and Stafford Arima. He lives in Stratford, Canada, where he has designed more than sixty productions at the Stratford Festival. Notable credits elsewhere include *Come Fly Away* and *Barrymore* (Broadway); *Sinatra Dance with Me* (Vegas); *Arrabal* (BASE Entertainment); *West Side Story, Catch Me if You Can, Come Fly Away*, and *Legally Blonde* (National Tours).

**BINDER CASTING** (*Casting*) Select Broadway: A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, Nice Work if You Can Get It, Born Yesterday, Finian's Rainbow, A Chorus Line, Gypsy, The 39 Steps, Virginia Woolf, Movin' Out, 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Iceman Cometh, The Lion King, Beauty and the Beast, Chicago, The King and I, Lost in Yonkers, Jerome Robbins' Broadway. Film/TV/Other: Carousel, Six by Sondheim, So You Think You Can Dance, West Side Story, Hairspray, Dreamgirls, Chicago, and Nine. Ten-time Artios Award winner.

DAVID BRIAN BROWN (Original Wig/ Hair Design) Broadway highlights: If/ Then. The Bridges of Madison County. Macbeth. The Nance. Death of a Salesman, Follies, Sister Act, Arcadia, A Steady Rain, Shrek, The Little Mermaid, Legally Blonde, Spamalot, Tarzan, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. Fiddler on the Roof. Nine, Gypsy, Sweet Smell of Success, The Invention of Love, Aida, The Iceman Cometh, Chicago, Side Show, and Steel Pier. Off-Broadway: Far from Heaven and Giant. Film credits: The Sound of Music-Live NBC, It's Complicated, Angels in America (Emmy Nominated), and To Wong Foo.

**STEVEN BECKLER** (*Associate Director*) is also associate director of the United States, United Kingdom, and Brazilian tours of *Sister Act*. He also worked with Zaks on the national tours of *Guys and Dolls, Six Degrees of Separation, Lend Me a Tenor, Smokey Joe's Café*, and *Laughter on the 23rd Floor.* He's been the original production manager of more than thirty-five Broadway shows, including *Wicked, Hairspray, Footloose, Moon Over Buffalo, and Sister Act.* 

JANET ROTHERMEL (Associate Choreographer) Associate Choreographer for Broadway and national tours: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Mamma Mia!, Sister Act, Side Show (Kennedy Center), Mamma Mia! (Mexico City, Sao Paolo and Buenos Aires). Television: Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants and The Carol Burnett Show. Grateful to be a long-standing member of Actors' Equity Association.

MICHAEL KOSARIN (*Music Supervisor*/ *Vocal and Incidental Music Arranger*) is a Grammy-nominated recording and concert artist/arranger/producer. Broadway: *Nine, Grand Hotel, Secret Garden, A Chorus Line, Triumph of Love, Little Shop of Horrors, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Sister Act, Leap of Faith, Newsies, and Aladdin. Films: Captain America, Tangled, Enchanted, Home on the Range, Hercules, and Pocahontas. TV: A Christmas Carol, The Music Man, Once Upon a Mattress, Galavant, Sesame Street, and Wonder Pets.* 

**CHRISTOPHER BABBAGE** (*Music Director/Conductor*) is pleased to return to *Sister Act* after nearly two years on the road with the first national touring company as associate conductor. He was musical director at Tuacahn for *Disney's The Little Mermaid* and *The Wizard of Oz.* He has toured with *Cats* (North and Latin America), *Smokey Joe's Café*, and

*Grease* (Asia). Regional credits: Merry-Go-Round, St. Louis MUNY, Circa '21, Forestburgh, and Struthers Library. Babbage earned a master's degree in music from SUNY Fredonia.

DOUG BESTERMAN (Orchestrations) Broadway: Bullets over Broadway, Rocky, On a Clear Day, How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Elf, Young Frankenstein, Tarzan, Dracula, Thoroughly Modern Millie (2002 Tony/Drama Desk), The Producers (2001 Tony/Drama Desk), Seussical, The Music Man, Fosse (1999 Tony), Big, and Damn Yankees. International: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Guys and Dolls, and Der Schuh Des Manitu. Film/Television: Frozen, Winnie the Pooh (2010), Nine, The Producers, Mulan, Anastasia, The Sound of Music (2013), and Smash.

MARK HUMMEL (Dance Music Arrangements) Broadway musicals: Newsies, Hugh Jackman: Back On Broadway, Sister Act, Platinum, The First, Merlin, The Goodbye Girl, Legs Diamond, Guys and Dolls (1992), The Boy from Oz, Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life, and Radio City Christmas Spectacular 75th Celebration. A three-time Emmy Award nominee, Hummel creates music with Liza Minnelli, Tommy Tune, Bernadette Peters, Rufus Wainwright, Donna Murphy, Shirley MacLaine, Julie Wilson, Amra-Faye Wright, Peter Allen, Barbara Cook, Marcia Lewis, and Brian Stokes Mitchell.

### TALITHA FEHR

**TL MUSIC INTERNATIONAL, LTD.** (*Music Coordinator*) strives daily to carry on the traditions of her mentor, Sam Lutfiyya. Broadway: A Christmas Story. National tours: Sister Act; The Wizard of Oz; Ghost the Musical; West Side Story; Evita; Catch Me If You Can; Priscilla, Queen of the Desert; Come Fly Away; Mamma Mia!; Fiddler on the Roof; Jesus Christ Superstar; Cats; Chicago; Chitty Chitty Bang *Bang*; and *Movin' Out*. International/ Other: *West Side Story*, *The Sound of Music*, *Swing!*, *The King and I*, *The Pirate Queen*, and the 2010 Olympics Ceremonies.

**MOLLY GOODWIN** (*Production Stage Manager*) is elated to join the convent for her fifth year on the road! Previous national tours: *Ghost, West Side Story, Blast,* and *Legally Blonde.* Her other credits include Holland America Line and Celine Dion's *A New Day: Live in Las Vegas.* Goodwin earned a B.A. in theatre and dance (Luther College) and an M.F.A. in stage management (UNLV). Thanks to friends and family, the roots who give her wings. For Dr. Jack, Anna, Kerry, Gregg, and Trevis. xoxo

ANDREW TERLIZZI (*Company Manager*) previously worked on the national tours of *Ghost the Musical* and *Priscilla*, *Queen of the Desert*. Prior to joining Troika, he was assistant company manager for the first national tour of *West Side Story*. He was also company manager for Williamstown Theatre Festival and The Studio Theatre in Washington, D.C. He earned a B.F.A. from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

**RYAN P. MURPHY** (*Production Manager*) is from Buffalo, N.Y. He's worked on more than forty national and international tours with a wide range of artists. Projects include the first national tours of *Sister Act; Ghost the Musical; Evita; West Side Story; Bring it On*; and Andrew Lloyd Webber's new production of *The Wizard of Oz.* Prior to joining Troika, Murphy spent time as a production supervisor, stage manager, and executive producer. Thanks to family, friends, and husband, Joe, for their love and support.

JOE CHRISTOPHER (General Manager) Broadway: Follies and Ragtime. National tours: Sister Act, Shear Madness, Evita, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and The Wizard of Oz (also Toronto). Worked on more than sixtyfive productions and special events as the associate general manager and coordinator of theatre programming at the Kennedy Center, including festivals celebrating the works of August Wilson and Terrence McNally; *Master Class* starring Tyne Daly and *Thurgood* starring Laurence Fishburne. Christopher earned a B.F.A. in theatre from Niagara University, where he also met his husband, Production Manager Ryan Murphy.

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