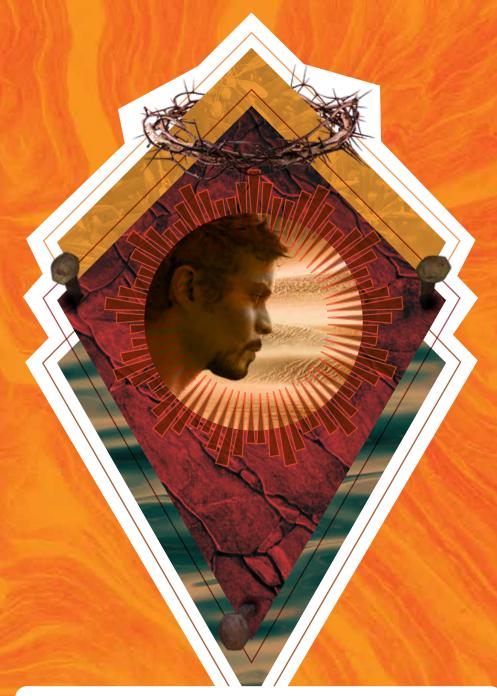
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ADAM BASHIAN*	Caiaphas, Apostle
ANNELIZA CANNING-SKINNER*	Apostle
TAYLOR COLLETON* ‡	Apostle
ALEX DROST*	Apostle
JAID GREEN	Apostle
JOHN GUARAGNA	Apostle
SARAH KAY*	Mary Magdelene
SHANE LONERGAN*	Simon Zealots
CJ LORENTZ*	Apostle
KELLY MCINTYRE*	
TRINA MILLS*\( \)	Apostle
ANN MORRISON*	King Herod, Apostle
JESSE NAGER*	Jesus of Nazareth
ARIEL NEYDAVOUD*	
JAY ROBERTS-MILLER* HEATH SAUNDERS*	Apostle
HEATH SAUNDERS*	Judas Iscariot
TALLY SESSIONS*	Pontius Pilate, Apostle
JARED SVOBODA	
SEAN WATKINSON*	Apostle

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#### **MUSICIANS**

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JENNY KIM-GODFREY - Music Director/Conductor/Additional Arrangements/Keys 3

ROBERT W. CARMICHAEL III	Trumpet
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JONATHAN GODFREY	Guitar
CARL HAAN	Associate Music Director/Keys 1
DAVE HARDMAN	Drums
JOSH HOLLENBECK	Reeds
MAURICIO RODRIGUEZ	
DANA WILLIAMS	French Horn

#### **MUSICAL NUMBERS**

#### ACT 1

Overture	Full Company	
	Judas	
What's the Buzz	Jesus, Mary Magdelene, Apostles	
Strange Thing, Mystifying		
Everything's Alright	Mary Magdelene, Judas, Jesus, Apostles	
This Jesus Must Die	Annas, Caiaphas, Priests	
Hosanna		
Simon Zealotes/Poor Jerusalem	Simon, Jesus, Apostles	
Pilate's Dream		
The Temple	Jesus, Merchants	
Everything's Alright (Reprise)	Mary Magdelene, Jesus	
	Mary Magdelene	
Damned for All Time/Blood Money	Judas, Annas, Caiaphas, Priests	
	ACT 2	
The Last Supper		
Gethsemane (I Only Want to Say)		
	Judas, Jesus, Peter, Caiaphas, Annas, Crowd	
eter's DenialMaid by the Fire, Old Man, Townsperson, Peter, Mary Magdelene		
Pilate and Christ/Herod's Song	Pilate Annas Jesus King Herod The Court	

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## CAST



ADAM BASHIAN (Caiaphas, Apostle) Asolo debut and second Caiaphas this year! Broadway/National Tour: The Phantom of the Opera, In Transit. Other favorites: Santa Claus in The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Love Life (Encores at City Center), original "Ed" in Dave Malloy's critically

acclaimed Octet (Drama Desk ensemble award), On Your Toes (Encores), Jesus Christ Superstar, Sweeney Todd, Tamar of the River, New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players (3 seasons). Bass voice in numerous cast recordings, www.AdamBashian.com @AdamBashian @Dark.Interiors



ANNELIZA CANNING-SKINNER (Apostle) AnnEliza "Liza" went to the University of Michigan for Musical Theatre. Her credits include Hannah/ Bowery Beauty/Understudy Medda in Disney's Newsies (Stages St. Louis), Sarah Rehearsal stand in for Ragtime: 25th Anniversary Concert, Eggie

White in Something Rotten (Sacramento Music Circus), the Fairy Godmother in Cinderella (Fulton Theatre), Star-To-Be in Annie (Papermill Playhouse), Leisl in Sound of Music (Alabama Shakespeare), and other various credits. Much Love to Liza's agents at HCKR, the SGI community, her fam, dear ones, and angels. www.AnnElizaCS.com.



TAYLOR COLLETON (Apostle) Asolo Repertory Theatre debut! Broadway: Water for Elephants, Hadestown. Off-Broadway: Henry Box Brown: The Musical (Children's Theater Company). Regional: World Premiere of Water for Elephants (Alliance Theatre), Beauty and the Beast (Ordway Center for the

Performing Arts), Oklahoma (Denver Center for the Performing Arts), Drowsy Chaperone (Totem Pole Playhouse, Rock of Ages (Norwegian Cruise Line). National Tour: Beauty and the Beast. Carnegie Hall: Harmonic Convergence Guest Artist. Proud UArts alumni. Endless thanks and love to God, family and friends. IG: @taylorcolleton.



**ALEX DROST** (Apostle) is extremely honored to be a part of Asolo Repertory Theatre's production of Jesus Christ Superstar. Theatre: Saturday Night Fever (Tony Manero), Billy Elliot: The Musical (Tony Elliot), Randy Skinner's 42nd Street, Royal Caribbean International's Mamma Mia! (Eddie), amongst other

productions. TV: 1923 (CBS/ Paramount+). Western Carolina University alumni. Many thanks to my chosen family and to our queer ancestors who paved the way. For my Nini. @heyitsalexdrost.



JAID GREEN (Apostle) is a NYC-based performer and choreographer. She was recently an apprentice at Flat Rock Playhouse performing in Jesus Christ Superstar (Ensemble) and Slowpoke (Flora the Fox). She was Associate Director/Choreographer for Sweet Charity under the direction of Jane

Lanier (SSTI). She graduated from Elon University with a BFA in Music Theatre in 2024. She sends love to her family, her team at Avalon Artists Group, and her new friends at Asolo Rep! www.iaidgreen.com.



JOHN GUARAGNA (Apostle) is from Yonkers, NY. BFA in Theatre Arts from CAP21/Mollov University, National Tours: Summer: The Donna Summer Musical (Bruce Sudano) Chicago (Ensemble, Billy understudy) Theatre: Newsies (Tommy Boy/Spot), Footloose (Ensemble, Ren Understudy) A Chorus Line (Greg) and

has been in many other productions regionally. He is also a choreographer and passionate dance teacher. To everyone that believed in me and continues to, Thank you. @john\_guaragna.



SHANE LONERGAN (Simon Zealots) is a New York based actor and director. He is thrilled to be making his Asolo Repertory Theatre debut in one of his favorite musicals of all time. His professional acting credits include Rent (Roger), Rock of Ages (Drew), and Heathers: The Musical (JD). As a director, he has

helmed Exit Left Theater Company's Spring Awakening. Shane graduated from Oberlin College with a BA in Theater and Biology. While offstage he spends his time working as a photographer and software engineer. www.shanelonergan.com. @grain\_by\_shane.



SARAH KAY (Mary Magdelene) makes her Asolo Repertory Theatre debut! Recently seen as Ariel in The Little Mermaid (Drury Lane) in Chicago. BROADWAY: Here Lies Love (Ensemble/ Imelda understudy). Select regional credits: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Narrator), Grease

(Rizzo), Sarah has worked with Disney Theatrical Group on various projects such as the first reading of The Greatest Showman for stage (Jenny Lind). Pace University BFA Musical Theatre. Proud Filipina!



CJ LORENTZ (Apostle) is an actor, vocalist, songwriter, musician, and voice coach with Musical Theatre BFA training from Central Washington University. As a coach, he aims to help people uncover their sound and use it to communicate effectively with joy and compassion. Recent credits include Mamma Mia!

(Sky) and Festival of New Musicals (Wakeman: Henry Austin) at Village Theatre, Into the Woods (Jack's Cover), and Otto in Spring Awakening at The 5th Avenue. CJ is stoked for his debut at Asolo Rep and thanks his friends and family for their support. Visit www.cjlorentz.com for more.



KELLY MCINTYRE (Annas/Apostle) National tour: A Night With Janis Joplin (Janis Joplin), NYC: Begin Again (Orchard Project), Beau (Musical Theatre Factory). Regional: May We All (The Rev), Love In Hate Nation (Two River Theatre), world premiere of *Punk* Rock Girl (Argyle Theatre). You can find

Kelly performing around NYC in nightlife with Apocalypse Noir, and with her rock band "She's Everist" (Spotify, Apple Music, etc.). Thanks to MSD2, her gorgeous agents at DGRW, Philippe and Asolo Rep!



TRINA MILLS (Apostle/ Associate Choreographer) is so happy to be back with her Asolo Repertory Theatre family! Born and raised in Seattle, WA, Mills' regional acting credits include Evita and Sound of Music at Asolo Rep. A Chorus Line (Sheila) and The Wiz (Glinda) at The 5th Ave Theatre. Legally Blonde

(Paulette), Mamma Mia! (Tanya) at Village Theatre. Jersey Boys, Paint Your Wagon, and Chess at The Muny. Cabaret at The Old Globe. The Who's Tommy at The Kennedy Center. All the love in the world to Josh and Lee!



ANN MORRISON (King Herod/Apostle) has worked as an actor, singer, writer, director for 48 years. Ann starred in original roles on Broadway: Merrily We Roll Along, Love Musik; London's West End: Peg: Off Broadway: Goblin Market; and leading roles at regional theaters throughout the country. Ann

has recorded more than a dozen albums and is a celebrated solo cabaret artist. She is the recipient of the Theatre World Award, Drama Desk Award© Drama-Logue Award, United Solo Award, SAMMY, HANDY, Sarasota Magazine Award, John Ringling Towers Award, Best Plays Citation, 2020 Outstanding Contribution to Florida Professional Theatre, and 2023 NY BISTRO Award. Ann plays herself in the documentary Best Worst Thing That Ever Could Have Happened.

## CAST



JESSE NAGER (Jesus of Nazareth) is excited to debut at Asolo Repertory Theatre. He starred as Smokey Robinson in the Broadway revival of Motown The Musical (NAACP Theatre Award nomination). Original New York/ Broadway productions of *Motown the* Musical, Mamma Mia!, Mary Poppins,

Scandalous, Good Vibrations, Windows, and Fame! Regional: Being Alive (dir. Billy Porter), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Paper Mill), and A Grand Night for Singing (Goodspeed). He performed with Mariah Carey and Shania Twain at Madison Square Garden and contributed to NBC's Smash and Hairspray. Jesse founded The Broadway Boys, blending traditional showtunes with pop sounds. Love you, Justin!!! More info: @thebroadwayboys @touringbwayboy.



ARIEL NEYDAVOUD (Peter/Apostle) An LA Native, Ariel is a multidisciplinary artist currently living in NYC. He has worked with some of theatre's most innovative minds, including Daniel Sullivan, Kathleen Marshall, Warren Carlyle, Bill T. Jones, Stephen Brackett and Lonny Price. Deeply committed to

utilizing theatrical storytelling as a medium for activism, he is a contributing member of the SWANA Writers' Co-op. Selected credits include: The Public Theatre, PAC NYC, The Old Globe, and Center Theatre Group. www.arielneydavoud.com.



JAY ROBERTS-MILLER (Apostle) is so excited to make their Asolo Repertory Theatre debut! National Tours: Tina: The Tina Turner Musical (Swing, Co-Dance Captain), A Bronx Tale (Handsome Nick, Understudy Calogero). Off-Broadway: From Here to Eternity, (Anderson, Baryshnikov Arts Center). Regional:

Trading Places (Swing—Alliance Theater), Spamalot (Ensemble— Ogunquit Playhouse), Kiss Me, Kate (Gremio, Understudy Bill-Arts Center of Coastal Carolina), A Christmas Carol (Ensemble-Zach Scott Theatre), Footloose, South Pacific, Mamma Mia (Ensemble-The Rev), Secret Garden (Dickon-New London Barn Playhouse). Many thanks to their incredibly kind friends and family, and the folks at the Daniel Hoff Agency. Social: @jacobtwolastnames.



**HEATH SAUNDERS** (Judas Iscariot) is a multidisciplinary theater artist who is constantly developing new musicals. Select acting credits: Love Life (NY City Center Encores), Rent (The Atlanta Opera), Company (Broadway), Jesus Christ Superstar (NBC Live!, Chicago Lyric), *Alice By Heart* (MCC Theater),

The Great Comet (Broadway). They wrote the score for the new musical Newton's Cradle, and their 2020 EP "Does Not Play Well With Others" can be heard wherever you stream music. In 2021, they co-founded Spectra Theater with their family. You can learn more about it at "spectra.theater" and you can keep track of their personal antics everywhere else @feeltheheath.



TALLY SESSIONS (Pontius Pilate/ Apostle) Asolo: The Sound of Music (Captain Von Trapp). Broadway: A Wonderful World, Company, Anastasia, War Paint, Falsettos, Paramour, School of Rock, Big Fish, The House of Blue Leaves. Off-Broadway: The Gardens of Anuncia (Lincoln Center), Giant

(The Public), Queen of the Mist (Transport Group), Anyone Can Whistle (Encores!), Yank! (York). Regional: Leading roles at The Old Globe, Paper Mill Playhouse, Goodspeed Opera House, The Muny, Barrington Stage, The Kennedy Center, Alliance Theatre, Signature Theatre, Kansas City Rep, Milwaukee Rep, Olney Theatre, Studio Theatre, Cape Playhouse, Westport Country Playhouse and more. TV: ... Maisel, Falling Water, Elementary. @tallysessions.



JARED SVOBODA (Apostle) is ecstatic to be part of his first production at Asolo Repertory Theatre. Past credits include: Dear Evan Hansen (Tour), Bat Out of Hell (Vegas Residency), Jersey Boys and Newsies (The Rev), Footloose (NCL), fans of documentaries might recognize Jared as Jesus from Morgan Freeman's Story

of God. Jared is a proud graduate of NYU Tisch. Thanks to his loving fiancé and son for always being the most loving support system. Social @jaredsvoboda



**SEAN WATKINSON** (Apostle) Broadway: A Beautiful Noise. National Tour: Hadestown. Other credits include Signature Theatre, Cape Playhouse, George Street Playhouse, Oklahoma Lyric. Florida State University BFA Alum. All my love and thanks to my family, friends, DGRW, and this incredible JCS

team here at Asolo Rep. @seanwatkinson.



MADDIE MOSSNER (Swing) is thrilled to be performing at Asolo Repertory Theatre! Other professional credits include American Psycho (Kokandy Productions). Maddie graduated from The Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, performing in shows such as 42nd Street and Head

Over Heels. Massive thanks to friends and family for supporting me on this journey! @maddie.mossner.



TREVOR SHINGLER (Swing) is thrilled to be making his Asolo Repertory Theatre debut! He attended Rider University, where he played Billy Crocker in Anything Goes and Clifford Bradshaw in Cabaret. Regional Credits Include Beauty and the Beast (Gaston), Xanadu (Terpsichore), The Wizard of Oz (Uncle

Henry/Oz Guard). Many thanks to his friends and family for their unending love and support. @trevorshingler.



JOHN ZAMBORSKY (Swing) or just "Zamb," is a NYC-based Performing Artist and Arts Educator. Touring: Cats. Jesus Christ Superstar. Regional: Ogunguit Playhouse, North Shore Music Theatre, Portsmouth Music Hall, John W. Engeman Theater, Hope Repertory Theatre, Forestburgh Playhouse.

Offstage, Zamb is a teaching artist at the Dr. Phillips Center in Orlando, FL. Endless thanks to the JCS Team, the Asolo Rep Staff, Geoff Josselson Casting, and Mikey at The Collective. For my family. #SwingNation @izamwhoiam.

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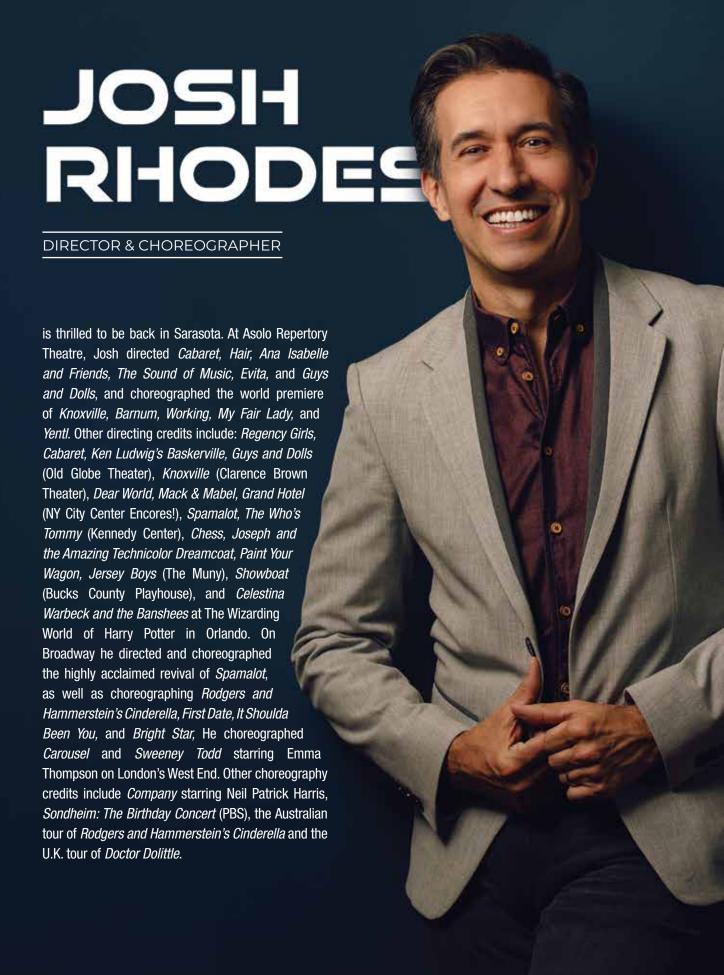
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Ana Isabelle as Eva Peron in Asolo Rep's production of Evita in 2017. Photo by Cliff Roles.





## **CREATIVES**

**ROSS EGAN** (Managing Director) Ross' arts administration career began in Chicago where he was a co-founder of Jeff award-winning Refuge Theatre Project. Ross has served as Managing Director at Barter Theatre, the nation's longest-running professional theatre, and as Director of Marketing & Operations at Illinois Shakespeare Festival. Ross holds a BFA in acting from Michigan State University and an MBA from Illinois State University. He lives with his family in Lakewood Ranch and proudly serves as a den leader for the Boy Scouts of America.

JENNIFER GREGORY (Assistant Stage Manager) is thrilled to be making her Asolo Repertory Theatre debut! She was last in Sarasota with the Chicago Children's Theatre tour, X Marks the Spot. Her regional credits include: Betraval. Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil, The Penelopiad, A Christmas Carol, and War Paint (Goodman Theatre), The Year of Magical Thinking, Bloomsday, and Frankenstein (Remy Bumppo Theatre Company), Ain't Misbehavin' and The Messenger (Pioneer Theatre Company), and A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder, Kinky Boots, and Jersey Boys (Saugatuck Center for the Arts). She has also worked with Arkansas Repertory Theatre and The Kitchen Theatre Company.

CARL HAAN (Associate Music Director, Keys 1) is a musical director/vocal coach/pianist from Chicago who relocated to Sarasota after 18 years in NYC. He has played on Broadway, Off-Broadway, all around Chicago, for the My Fair Lady national tour, & for Second City on Norwegian Cruise Line. This is his 3rd year at Asolo Repertory Theatre after working on Cabaret, Man of La Mancha, Crazy for You, Twelve Angry Men and Beautiful: The Carole King Musical. He is also a company pianist for the Sarasota Ballet. Much love to Tugba. XOOX

MICHELLE HART (Hair, Wig, and Makeup Design) designs for Asolo Repertory Theatre and FSU/Asolo Conservatory. Other credits: Sarasota Ballet, Palm Beach Dramaworks, freeFall Theatre, Urbanite Theatre, Florida Studio Theatre, West Coast Black Theatre Troupe, Banyan Theatre, Ruth Eckerd Hall, Venice Theatre, Dorset Theatre, Barrington Stage and Open Stage Theatre. She has also done hair and/or make-up for Joan Rivers, Doris Roberts, Martin Short, Jane Russell, Arlene Dahl, Soledad Villamil, Jane Pauley, Richard Dreyfuss, Castille Langdon, Christopher Higgins, Mary Mara, Heather Robb, Lauren Sweetser, Justin Long, Paul Downs, Douglas Sills and Nia Hills; music videos: "Second Chance" by Shinedown, "Reverse Cowgirl" by T-Pain; film and television: Lady Of The Manor, Paradise, FL. and The Real Stephen Blatt.

GEOFF JOSSELON, CSA (New York Casting) Broadway credits include: Into the Woods revival (Artios Award), Sweeney Todd revival. Spamalot revival, The Velocity of Autumn. Off-Broadway includes: Cellino v. Barnes, Kinky Boots, Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors, Altar Boyz, Southern Comfort, Yank! Select Regional and Off-Broadway Theatre companies: Alley Theatre, Arena Stage, Asolo Rep, Baltimore Center Stage, The Civilians, Irish Repertory Theatre, Kennedy Center, Long Wharf Theatre, The Old Globe, Paper Mill Playhouse, Pasadena Playhouse, Pittsburgh CLO, Pittsburgh Public Theatre, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Signature Theatre, South Coast Rep. Studio Theatre, Village Theatre, Woolly Mammoth Theatre, and the York Theatre Company, www.josscasting.com.

JENNY KIM-GODFREY (Music Director, Conductor, Additional Arrangements, Keys 3) is a Korean-American music director. voice coach, and an award-winning opera singer. She is a resident voice coach with Cirque du Soleil, resident MD with Norwegian Cruise Lines, and most recently earned the new title of "mom" last September with the birth of her daughter, Josie. Some of her favorite directing credits include *Cabaret*, (Peterborough Players), The Choir of Man (NCL), and Broadway World's award-winning production of Man of La Mancha for Best Music Direction & Orchestra Performance (Asolo Rep: Dir. Peter Rothstein). Jenny holds her Master's in Opera and Conducting from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. A proud immigrant from South Korea, Jenny owes everything to her iconic parents and husband Jon (heard in this show on the guitar!). www.JennyKimGodfrey.com @JennyKimGodfrey.

**ADAM KOCH** (Scenic Design) Previously at Asolo Repertory Theatre: Crazy for You, The Three Musketeers. On Broadway: A Wonderful World. Additional credits include Off-Broadway, national tours, and projects around the world, including: Dreamgirls (Seoul); Sister Act (Tokyo); Pretty Woman, Mean Girls (São Paulo). Hundreds of regional productions, with multiple awards and nominations, including an "Outstanding Scenic Design" Carbonell Award for A Wonderful World (Miami New Drama). Additional projects for Virgin Voyages, Norwegian Cruise Lines, live events, and immersive outdoor production designs. Education: Carnegie Mellon University. For William and Mary. @instadamkoch www.adamkochassociates.com.

## **CREATIVES**

**KIMBERLY ANN MCCANN** (Production Stage Manager) is in her first season at Asolo Repertory Theatre, previously working on *Anna in the Tropics* and *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical.* Broadway credits include *Curtains*, and Off-Broadway credits include *Bill W. and Dr. Bob, How to Save the World* and *John Ferguson*. Kimberly has also worked with Goodman Theatre, Northlight Theatre, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Peninsula Players Theatre, Skylight Music Theatre, Tuacahn Center for the Arts and The Julliard School.

JAMES MONAGHAN (Director of New Works and Dramaturg) Previous dramaturgy for Asolo Repertory Theatre includes: *Good Night, Oscar; The Great Leap; The Sound of Music; Into the Breeches; Murder on the Orient Express; Knoxville* and *Hood* (Workshops); as well as supporting the outdoor season during the pandemic. Prior to returning to the Asolo James served the Programs Director at the Hermitage Artist Retreat, wrote about theatrical design as the Tow Foundation Fellow in the Roundabout Theatre Company Archives, created a one-on-one theatrical experience for the National Theatre of Croatia in Rijeka, and worked in the literary department of PlayCo. He has been a resident artist at the Catwalk Institute, featured in the Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas' newsletter, and directed a digital production of *Spring Awakening* with the Georgetown Gilbert and Sullivan Society. He holds an MFA from Columbia University and a BFA with honors from NYU and is originally from Houston, TX

AYDA OZDOGANLAR (Assistant Dramaturg) is delighted for her second season with the Asolo Repertory Theatre! She attended Carnegie Mellon University, where she played Sophie in *Mamma Mia!* and received her B.S. in Biology and Minor in Drama with a dramaturgical focus. Last year, she served as production dramaturg for *Clyde's* with the FSU/Asolo Conservatory, where she also received her MFA in Acting this April. Recent credits with the Asolo Rep include: Swing/Uunderstudy Cynthia Weil in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* and Cabaret Singer in *Ken Ludwig's Lady Molly of Scotland Yard*. Ayda would like to thank Cat Brindisi and James Monaghan!

CORY PATTAK (Lighting Design) Asolo Repertory Theatre: The Sound of Music, Cabaret. Broadway: The Great Gatsby, Spamalot, A Wonderful World. West End: The Great Gatsby. Off Broadway: The Lucky Star, Final Follies, Stalking the Bogeyman, Handle with Care, Skippyjon Jones, Unlock'd, and The Eyes of the World at Carnegie Hall. Over a dozen shows at the Kennedy Center including Nine, Guys & Dolls, and tick, tick... Boom. Regional credits for The Old Globe, Paper Mill Playhouse, Weston Playhouse, Portland Stage, Goodspeed, Kansas City

Rep, Barrington Stage, Everyman Theatre, Philadelphia Theatre Company, Alabama Shakespeare, Ogunquit Playhouse. Other: *In the Heights* in Puerto Rico, shows for Norwegian Cruise Line, MSC Cruises. National Tour: *Flashdance*. International: *Sunset Blvd, Singin' in the Rain, Pretty Woman* (São Paulo, Brazil). www.corypattak.com. @corypattak.

TIM RICE (Lyricist) has worked in music, theatre, and films since 1965 when he met Andrew Lloyd Webber, a fellow struggling songwriter. Their first collaboration was based on the life of Dr. Thomas Barnardo, the Victorian philanthropist, *The Likes of Us.* Their next three works together were much more successful – *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Evita.* Tim has since worked with other distinguished popular composers such as Elton John (*The Lion King, Aida*), Alan Menken (*Aladdin, King David, Beauty and the Beast*), Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson (*Chess*), and Stuart Brayson (*From Here to Eternity*). As an EGOT, he is one of only 21 people in the world to have won an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony award, and was knighted by HM Queen Elizabeth II in 1994.

MATTHEW ROHAN (Assistant Stage Manager) Previously at Asolo Repertory Theatre *Ken Ludwig's The Three Musketeers, Chicken & Biscuits, Looking for Ithaca: An Odyssey.* Other regional credits include productions at Arizona Theatre Company, American Players Theatre, Goodman Theatre, and Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theatre. Matthew is a proud graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

PETER ROTHSTEIN (Producing Artistic Director) directed the world premiere of Ken Ludwig's Lady Molly of Scotland Yard, All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914, Twelve Angry Men: A New Musical, Inherit The Wind, Man of La Mancha, Sweeney Todd, and *Ragtime.* He works extensively as a director of theater, musicals, opera, and new work development. For 25 years Rothstein served as the Founding Artistic Director of Theater Latté Da, a Minneapolis-based company dedicated to new and adventurous music-theater. Other collaborations include the Guthrie Theater, Children's Theatre Company, Ten Thousand Things, and Seattle's 5th Avenue, as well as the Minnesota Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Florida Grand Opera, and Chicago Opera Theater. Rothstein is the creator of All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914, which had its Off-Broadway debut in 2018 receiving the Drama Desk Award for Unique Theatrical Experience and has been seen around the globe airing on PBS. Rothstein served on the board of directors

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ROBERT W. CARMICHAEL III (Trumpet) is a professional trumpet player, trained in both classical and jazz trumpet. His performances cover a wide variety of music genres including jazz, classical. modern, pop, funk and many others. Robert is also a trumpet teacher with a degree in music education from Appalachian State University in North Carolina and a Performance Degree from University of South Florida. He has taught musicians and classes of all grade levels, from elementary to collegiate students.

**JUDI GLOVER** (Keys 2) Asolo Repertory Theatre credits include: Josephine, Guys and Dolls, Beatsville, The Music Man, Sound of Music, We Need a Little Christmas, Camelot and Man of La Mancha, National Tours include Wicked and The Little Mermaid. Judi is currently the Principal Pianist with the Venice Symphony and has performed with the Naples Jazz Orchestra and Disney's Society Orchestra, and also performs in the Sarasota area with the Motown band Soul Sensations. She teaches classical and jazz piano instruction privately and is a former faculty member at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

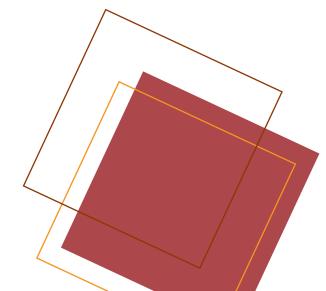
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DANA WILLIAMS (French Horn) earned her Master of Music in French Horn Performance from the University of New Mexico. She has been a member of Suncoast Brass Quintet for over a decade and regularly performs in pits and orchestras around the state of Florida. Career highlights include performances with The Who, The Beach Boys, Kristin Chenoweth, Idina Menzel, and Barry Manilow. In her spare time, Dana volunteers for Gulf Coast Humane Society and for Suncoast Basset Rescue.



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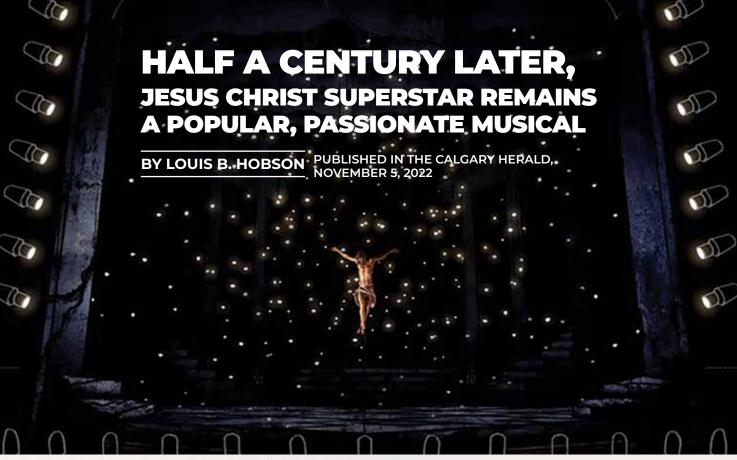
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Jesus Christ Superstar, Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's 1971 pop-rock opera, changed the face of musical theatre. It paved the way for other mega-

hit, sung-through musicals such as Les Misérables, The Phantom of the Opera, Rent, Miss Saigon, and Cats plus Rice's own subsequent collaborations—Evita with Lloyd Webber, Chess with Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus and Aida with Elton John.

Superstar remains one of the most produced, popular and profitable musicals of all time.

"Not too shabby for a show we couldn't get anyone to produce. No director would put his hands on it and no producer showed any interest in it but that was because Andrew and I were unknowns." Rice said from his London, England, residence.

"Andrew and I had written Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor

Dreamcoat two years earlier but that was for schools. They were doing it regularly but it certainly wasn't making us any money and theatre producers hadn't seen it.

JESUS CHRIST SUPER STAR The Rock Opera Andrew Lloyd Webber Murray Head SUNDAY NIGHT, Nov. 8, 7 p. m.

Ad for WMMS radio station in

Cleveland in 1970.

"A lot of producers were worried about the (Superstar) subject matter. They didn't think theatre audiences would be interested in anything religious."

However, Rice and Lloyd Webber had a major fan in their manager who Rice recalls "thought the show was great. It was his idea to produce a concept album. That record was a huge and immediate success. We started producing concert versions in stadiums in America and their popularity led to a Broadway opening in 1971."

But Superstar and Broadway were not an ideal fit. The show received mixed reviews and closed after only 711 performances.

"Andrew and I had conceived *Superstar* with a rock band inside a traditional orchestra. The Broadway producers thought it made the show too loud and noisy, and there were major technical problems. The Mark Hellinger Theatre, where we opened, was not equipped to handle the sound requirements of such a pairing. The actors' body mics were picking up feedback, so we had to get rid of them and give the actors handheld mics instead and that made the show look more like a concert."

Even as the Broadway production was floundering, producers in Australia, Sweden, Denmark and France quickly mounted their own versions. It was the Australian version directed by Jim Sharman that proved the most impressive, so he was hired to direct the London version at the Palace Theatre which ran for eight years.

"We had learned a lot of lessons by the time we opened in London, the most important being that it takes time to get things right with a new show."

By 1980, eight years after it had opened in London, *Superstar* had grossed \$237 million worldwide, making Rice and Lloyd Webber the most sought-after musical theatre team on both sides of the Atlantic.

In the 52 years since Superstar, Rice has written the lyrics for 14 stage musicals including The Lion King, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin, The Wizard of Oz, From Here to Eternity and King David. He admits it's difficult to pick favourites but when pressed, he says he is most proud of his work on Evita with Lloyd Webber and Chess with Andersson and Ulvaeus of ABBA fame.

## "...THE MOST IMPORTANT [LESSON] BEING THAT IT TAKES TIME TO GET THINGS RIGHT WITH A NEW SHOW."

"Superstar holds a very special place in my heart because it was written so quickly. The bulk of the show was written in just three months. Andrew and



Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice in 1978.

I had nothing else to do. We didn't have families. We didn't go out clubbing. We were broke. Writing was our whole life back then."

Rice recalled that when he and Lloyd Webber decided to write a musical loosely based on the Gospel accounts of the Passion of Christ, they decided to take these events from the viewpoint of Judas instead of the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke or John.

"The apostles who wrote the Gospels were promoting Christianity. In their accounts, there is no questioning what Jesus was up to and there was no room for questioning Jesus's divinity. We don't say he was God, and we don't say he wasn't. I wondered what I would have thought about him had I lived back then, and that's how Jesus Christ Superstar was born.

"This approach connected especially with a lot of young people and continues to do so. The fact it appeals to younger people is part of what has kept it so relevant. I think it's safe to say, *Jesus Christ Superstar* has a great deal of life left in it. It's in for a very long run. I certainly don't see an end in sight."

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