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book by Allen Parker music & lyrics by PAUL WILLIAMS



directed & choreographed by SARAH GLARE music direction by HEIDI HERCZEC

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TABC is comprised of families of students enrolled in Theater Education courses and/or who perform in the Youth Theater productions at Beck Center. Our primary responsibilities are to support and enrich the youth student theater education experience and to provide hands-on support to Youth Theater productions and events throughout the season.

Through simple fundraising efforts and amazing volunteers, we are able to provide support to our students and Beck Center. Some of what we contribute with funds raised are funding the pit orchestra for the spring musical, hosting end of semester and opening night receptions, and purchasing new equipment for the Theater Education department. Recent TABC purchases include booster seats for our younger theater patrons and upgrades to youth theater department equipment. Our many volunteers provide countless hours of service each year by planning special events for theater students, organizing dinner for cast and crew during Youth Theater tech weeks, designing and implementing Youth Theater cast tables and cast boards, and so much more.

We are grateful for each of our members and we can't do what we do without your help! Please consider joining TABC. For more information on joining and volunteering with us, please contact Jessica Eidson at BeckTABC@gmail.com.

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Who can use an Assistive Listening Device?

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Are Assistive Listening Devices available for every show and event at Beck Center? YES! As long as the event is held inside the Senney or Studio Theater.

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You do not need to request an ALD in advance of arriving at the theatre and an ALD can be requested at any time during an event. ALDs are distributed on a first-come-first-served basis free of charge. You may request your ALD at the Customer Service desk in the Beck Center lobby.

Is there a cost for using an Assistive Listening Device?
No, ALDs are distributed free of charge on a first-come-first-served basis.

Do I need to sit in a specific place to use an Assistive Listening Device? No, all of our ALDs will work from any seat in any of our three theatres.

Do you clean your Assistive Listening Devices?

Yes, we follow the manufactures maintenance recommendations and use antimicrobial wipes to clean all earpieces and neckloops when they are returned before placing them back into storage.

Do I need to arrive early to obtain an Assistive Listening Device?

While obtaining an ALD will not take very long, we strongly recommend that all patrons arrive AT LEAST 20 minutes before the performance to allow time to park, get to the theatre, and find your seat.

I have a hearing aid or cochlear implant, will an Assistive Listening Device work for me? Induction neckloops are also now available for patrons who use hearing aids and cochlear implants with a "T" switch. Ask your audiologist whether your hearing aid or cochlear implant has a "T" switch (telecoil) and how to use it with an assistive listening headset. Patrons find this to be the best way to use the ALD's.

I have severe hearing loss, will an Assistive Listening Device work for me? ALDs will generally help anyone who can understand normal conversation either without aid or with a hearing aid. For more severe hearing loss, an ALD alone may not be enough.

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RECYCLING – Beck Center believes in recycling. If you decide to discard your playbill, bottles or cans, please do so in the designated recycling receptacles.

RESTROOMS – Restrooms are located on the ground floor near the garden court at the west end of the Galleria and on the second floor just outside the elevator.

SMOKING – Beck Center is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is permitted outdoors.

#### **About Beck Center**

Beck Center for the Arts is proud to be a part of Northeast Ohio's professional theater landscape. Like our colleagues Playhouse Square, Cleveland Play House, Dobama Theatre, and Great Lakes Theater, Beck Center has a letter of agreement with Actors' Equity Association. We hire professional actors from the Northeast Ohio region, including members of Actors' Equity. Specifically, we are a Small Professional Theater (SPT) based on the number of seats, number of our performances, and the maximum weekly hours of work we provide to actors. We are also a producing theater. We produce every show on our stages. Meaning we choose the play, cast and rehearse it, build the sets, props, and costumes, direct and perform the music, and design lights and sound, utilizing regional resources and talent, all for you, our valued patron of the arts. Thank you for supporting live theater!

Scott Spence, Artistic Director



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music director HEIDI HERCZEG stage managers
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There will be a 15 minute intermission for this show.

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### CAST

CASI	
BUGSY MALONE	FERGUS DONNELLY
DANDY DAN	ZAIN ABBAS
FAT SAM	EMALINE BUBNICK
BLOUSEY	CANNON CONLEY
TALLULAH	AMALEA SANABRIA
FIZZY	TORI SEQUERA
CAGEY JOE/ RADIO ANNOUNCER	JOSHUA BROWNING
LENA MARELLI	
LEROY/OSCAR DEVELT	EJ WENDT
LOUELLA/ (US TALLULAH)	
O'DREARY/VELMA	SARAH BAHR
SMOLSKY/WAITRESS	KENDALL PALLETT
CHORUS GIRLS AT FAT SAM'S	
BILLIE	CHARLOTTE HOFELICH
DOTTY/BUGSY MALONE SOLOIST/ (US BLOUSEY)	CLAIRE CARSON
LORETTA	DEMI EIDSON
TILLIE	PENNY GUZOWSKI
BANGLES	GRACE BENNETT
DANDY DAN'S GANG	
BENNY LEE	BRIELLE SCHAEFFER
BRONX CHARLIE	EVE BUEHRLE
DOODLE/SHADY	OONA LOUIS
LAUGHING BOY	RORY PETRULIS
SHOULDERS	CLARE GRADY
YONKERS	MAEVE GIBBS
VIOLINIST	EVELYN RITZERT
FAT SAM'S GANG	
KNUCKLES	LOGAN CERRITO
ANGELO/ PICKETTALEK	
LOUIS	
RITZY	
ROXY ROBINSON/SEYMOUR SCOOP	
SNAKE EYES	

#### **ENSEMBLE**

Zahra Abbas, Clementine Brinich-Bratz, Alexa Frederick, Anne Groza, Piper Kane, Norah McKay, Ellie Pallett, Hazel Petrasek, Charlotte Stafford, Aislin Tischler, Grace Wilson

#### PRODUCTION STAFF

Director/Choreographer	Sarah Clare
Music Director	Heidi Herczeg
Stage Managers	Joy DeMarco, Beth Gaertner
Set Designer/Technical Director	Mark DeVol
Sound Designer	Carlton Guc
Sound Board Operator	Merrill Edleman
Lighting Designer	Patrick Ciamacco
Costume Designer	Betty Pitcher
Lighting Assistant	Noah Hrbek
Stage CrewAnna Buehrle, Luke Buehrle, Isa	abelle Goulding, Carter Riordan
Spotlight Operators	Sam Browning, Willa Kenny
Costume Crew	Audrey Carson, Jill Carson
Assistant Technical Director	Simon Sedmak
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CONDUCTOR/KEYBOARD	HEIDI HERCZEG
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Eric Fancher, Laura Gaertner, Ed Gallagher, Rennie Tisdale, Members of TABC, and the friends and family of our cast and crew!

#### MUSICAL NUMBERS

Overture
That's Why They Call Him Dandy Dan Dandy Dan, Louella, Butler, Dandy Dan's Gang
Tomorrow
INTERMISSION
Entr'acte

There will be a 15 minute intermission for this show.



"....All the best performers bring to their role something more, something different than what the author put on paper. That's what makes theatre live. That's why it persists."

Stephen Sondheim

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#### **WELL WISHES**

Charlotte Ann, break a leg in your first musical! We love you always, Mom, Dad, and Clare

Never stop spreading your joy to others and keep following your passions! We love you so much! Mom, Dad, Josie, and Bowie

Kochany Olusiu! Zyczymy Ci powodzenia i dobrej zabawy! Buziaczki!!! Mama, tata, Ela, babcia Jola, dziadek Andrzej, babcia Sheila, dziadek Jim, Gary, ciocia Agnieszka, wujek Jacek, Stas i Leonek

Demi, You're our favorite actress! Love you and have fun! Grandma and Papa

Keep Shining Demi! We love you! Mom, Dad, Shaya, Jada, Isaiah and Amari

Kendall: You are amazing! Keep reaching for the stars, kiddo! You're almost there. Love: Mommy & Daddy

Ellie: We are so proud of you for trying out and making this show! Your love of life is contagious! Love, Mommy & Daddy

Kendall: We are so proud of you! Break a leg! Love, Papa, Grandma, Jen, Darleen and Family

Ellie: Shine bright, little star! Break a leg! Love, Papa, Grandma, Jen, Darleen and Family

Break a leg, BANGLES. You are Regina Ready!!

Break a leg, Maeve! We can't wait to watch you knock 'em dead as Yonkers! Go out there and live your dreams! We love you! Love, Mom, Dad, Gus, Ruby, Ginger and Sgt. Pepper

Norah- We love watching you show the world what you've got to give... keep it up, kid! You can be anything! Love Mom, Dad, Aiden, Clare, & Bailey

Break a leg, Penny! We are so proud of you and love you so much! Love, Mom, Dad, and Louie

Penny - You're a Star! We're so proud of you! Love You, Gammy and Pop

#### **WELL WISHES**

Good luck, Penny! We know you'll be a star! We love you and are proud of you! Grandpa and Sharon

Have the time of your life, Tillie! Love forever, Grandma and Papa xo

Break a leg! Can't wait to see you rock the violin on stage. Love Mom and Dad

Evie, we can't wait to watch you on stage again! Have fun! Love, Grandpa and Grandma

Cannon - We'd always knew you'd make the Big Time. We are so proud of you! Love, Ma & Pa

Cannon, What a terrific job! Love, Grandma and Grandpa

Well Done Cannon! May your hard work, passion, and commitment continue to carry you forward. So proud of you. Love, Grampa and Nunu

So proud! Love Mom, Dad and Malcolm

Aria, good luck with your performance. You are a natural and we are sure you will do very well! I like to think of you as a young Winona Ryder! Anyway, we cannot wait to see you perform and most of all, HAVE FUN!!! Love, Uncle Cheese and Aunt Sofi

Congratulations Grace! We are so proud of you. You're on your way to fame! Love Mom, Dad, James and Sailor

I can't wait to see you perform Clare! Love, Ethan Congratulations on your first Musical! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad

Aria, we're so proud! You are kind, funny, hardworking and so loved. Hit it, Joe! Love, Mom, Dad & The Boys

Aria, always follow your dreams. Be the best Lena Marelli you can be. Break a leg! Love, Papa Tommy

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#### **WELL WISHES**

Aria, you rock! You will be the best Lena Marelli ever. We are sending good vibes! Love, Nana & Papa

Great job Num-Nums! We are so proud of you!

Emaline, you're no dumb salami! But you ARE an incredible Fat Sam! Tutto coso sono buono! Mom, Dad, Ana, Josie

"Fat Sam I am," Says Emaline. Commanding the stage at such a young age! Love, Grandma Yuzwa

Sarah, We love your shenanigans on and off stage! Mom and Baba

Sarah, break a leg and do your best! Grandma, Papa and Uncle Dave

To our Irish girl Sarah, Cos a bhriseadh! Love you bunches! Aunt Sherry

Piper, you've worked hard and we can't wait to see you in you're first musical performance! Love, Mom and Dad

We are so proud of you, Rory!!! Congrats on all your hard work! You've been making us 'Laugh' for years!!! Lots of Love, Mom, Dad, Maia, Brady and Leila

Hazel, we are SO proud of you. Keep shining bright and working hard. Love, Mom, Dad, Cora and everyone else!

Melina, your family is so proud of you! Enjoy the stage!

There's pie in the sky and it belongs to Z! The sky's the limit, Dandy. Love you! Mom, Dad, & Zahra

Zahra: You always Pop on stage! So proud of your hard work, Pop Becker! Love from Mom, Dad, & Zain

Audrey Kukay- Suddenly everybody wants to be in show business. We are so proud You are! Love Dad & Nate

Audrey Kukay- Poysonally, I think you were fabulous in all the roles! Break a leg! Love Papa Tom

### **WELL WISHES**

Audrey Kukay- SO proud of you! And like your mom, I like my men at my feet too!

Joshua (aka Cagey Joe), we always think "you've got it." We are so proud of you, Love Mom and Dad

Proud of you, Joshua! Love Auntie B

Attention Cagey Joe (aka Joshua): We will learn to box for treats. Love, Gracie and Ellie

Break a leg, Joshua! Love, Grandma and Grandpa "D"

Break a leg, Ruby! We love you!

Aislin, We are so exited for you to be part of the Bugsy Malone performances! Proud of your dedication and love of acting! Love, Mom and Dad

Aislin- We can't wait to see you as "Joe the Bartender"! Break a leg! All Your Cousins

Aislin, we are so proud of you! Love, Grandma and Grandpa

Love you to the moon and back Logan! Shine on! Love Auntie Mara & Uncle Dave

Kill it Knuckles! Love, your fan club; Mom, Travis, Finn & Blake (Greta too)

Charlotte - So excited to see you in your first show of many! Break a leg! - Dad, Mom, Jasper and Maebelle

Serena, Can't wait to see you on stage . . . so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad

Your very first show - Clementine, we are so proud of you for taking on this fun, new challenge!

Oona, even when you act a little Shady, you are the star of Doodles! Kudos Doodles aka Shady! Love, Ghee

Oona, we are oodles and doodles proud of you!! Love, Mom, Dad, and Kai



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ZAHRA ABBAS Westlake Elementary School | Grade 4 | Age 10 | Westlake



SARAH BAHR Avon Middle School Grade 8 | Age 13 Avon



GRACE BENNETT Lee Burneson Middle School | Grade 7 Age 13 | Westlake



CLEMENTINE BRINICH-BRATZ Hayes Elementary Grade 1 | Age 7 Lakewood



JOSHUA BROWNING Garfield Middle School | Grade 7 Age 13 | Lakewood



EMALINE BUBNICK Gilles-Sweet | Grade 4 Age 10 | Fairview Park



EVE BUEHRLE Kensington Intermediate School Grade 5 | Age 11 Rocky River



CLARE CARSON Garfield Middle School | Grade 7 Age 12 | Lakewood



LOGAN CERRITO Bay Middle School Grade 8 | Age 14 Bay Village



CANNON CONLEY Bay Middle School Grade 8 | Age 14 Bay Village



FERGUS DONNELLY Roxboro Middle School in Cleveland Heights | Grade 7 Age 13 | Cleveland Heights



DEMI EIDSON Lewis F Mayer Middle School | Grade 6 Age 12 | Fairview Park



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MAEVE GIBBS Westlake Elementary School | Grade 4 Age 10 | Westlake



PIPER KANE Goldwood Primary School | Grade 2 Age 8 | Rocky River



CLAIRE GRADY Lakewood Catholic Academy | Grade 6 Age 12 | Lakewood



AUDREY KUKAY Rocky River Middle School | Grade 8 Age 14 | Rocky River



ANNE GROZA Goldwood Primary School | Grade 2 Age 8 | Rocky River



OONA LEWIS Bay Middle School Grade 5 | Age 10 Bay Village



PENNY GUZOWSKI Lakewood Catholic Academy | Grade 5 Age 11 | Lakewood



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AISLIN TISCHLER St. Angela Merici Grade 3 | Age 8 Fairview Park



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EVELYN RITZERT Homeschool Grade 6 | Age 11 Bay Village



GRACE WILSON Goldwood Primary School | Grade 2 Age 8 | Rocky River



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# ALL EVENT LISTINGS JUNE 4 - 13, 2022

**SUPER SATURDAY @ BECK CENTER** will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This free event invites young families to join in on the fun, creativity, and excitement at Beck Center as they explore music, dance, theater, and the visual arts at this free experience for children ages 1 to 8 years. Beck Center collaborates with community partners to bring the arts alive with featured musical guest Kraig Brock, a steel drum player and percussionist who will perform and share hands-on music-making experiences with all. Please RSVP for your free "ticket" today.

**POETRY READING & STORYTELLING** will take place Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 2:30-4:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public. All readers, poets, writers and listeners are welcome, as well as all ages and experience levels to take part in an afternoon of poetry and storytelling at Beck Center. Bring your favorite poem and/or your original poems to share. Numerous poetry texts and passages will be on hand for you to find a piece that may fit you as well if you choose to read a-loud. All topics are welcome; for the purpose of this celebratory event we invite all participants to share a piece about diversity, and what that means to you. Please RSVP in advance for a timeslot during this free event at SignUpGenius.com.

**THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE**, by Tony Award ® winning playwright Latine playwright Matthew López, directed by Eric Schmiedl, with Veranda L'Ni serving as Director of Drag, runs May 27 to June 26, 2022 in the intimate Studio Theater as part of the 2021-2022 Professional Theater Season. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets range from \$10 Smart Seats ® to \$34 each, plus a \$3 per ticket service fee. Group and student discounts are available at 216-521-2540 x10. Tickets are on sale now. This production of The Legend of Georgia McBride will include a special post-show reception immediately after the matinee on Sunday, June 5, 2022 hosted with Plexus, The LGBT + Allied Chamber of Commerce for Greater Cleveland. With special guest Senator Nickie Antonio.

The Legend of Georgia McBride will include a free post show talk back discussion on Friday, June 10, 2022, immediately following the 7:30 performance. Attend and take part in a post-show discussion on the History of Drag which will be hosted by Dr. Lady J of the W. 117 Foundation and sponsored by the LGBT Community Center of Cleveland.

MADJAX DANCE COMPANY will perform on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 2:30 PM. MadJax Dance Company creates movement full of power, passion, and reflection on the human experience. Furthering the community is as much a priority to MadJax Dance Company as getting on stage; making its mission to foster growth in others through training, performance, and interconnection. It is considered an all-level, multi-generational dance company allowing for inclusivity to all technical skill sets and abilities. The afternoon's performance will be newly created pieces and dances from their ever-expanding repertoire. For tickets and more information please visit beckcenter. org.



#### WHEN ART COMES TO LIFE: A CONVERSATION WITH DONTE WOODS-SPIKES AND RICHARD DUARTE BROWN, on Monday, June 13

at 7:00 PM in the Studio Theater. Spend an evening in conversation with artists, authors, educators, and community influencers Donte Woods-Spikes and Richard Duarte Brown as they discuss their artistic relationship, overcoming creative differences, and finding ways to connect with everyone through art. At 14 years of age Richard "Duarte" Brown promised himself he'd become a world-renowned artist so he could support his family with finances and happiness. After 50 years, Duarte has painted and mentored many artists. In 2015 Duarte painted a picture of Donte Woods-Spikes entitled Pass The Brush, with hopes of passing on his legacy of artistry and community-based engagement to Donte. From TEDx talks, working with children, and sharing the power of the arts and involvement, both Duarte and Donte have brought painting to life in ways neither of expected. Mr. Brown will receive the Governor's Awards for the Arts in Arts Education on May 11, 2022, and Donte's film, As A Matter of Black was screened at Sundance in 2021.

Students of all ages are welcome to begin Beck Center Summer Camps and classes starting June 13, 2022. All are invited to participate in the Community Art board on the theme of "Celebrating Diversity."

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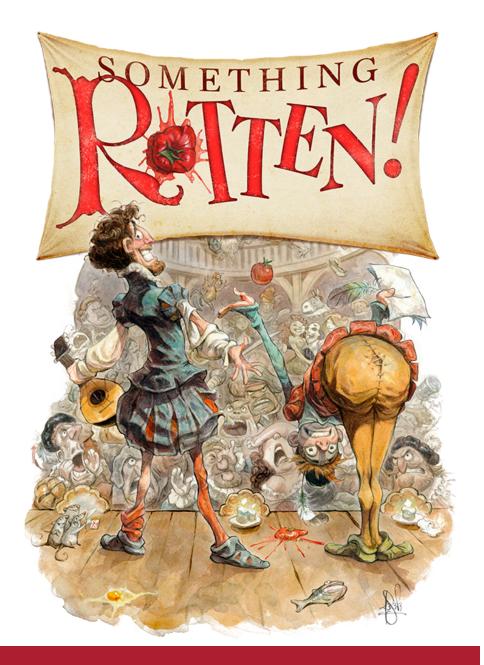
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