



A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, THEATRE, MUSIC & FILM

Welcome, everyone, to the Jack and Darlene Poole Theatre for our annual Winter Shorts festival. This is our chance to share with you all the work from the first half of our year, applying tools we learned in years past, and putting new skills into practice. My warmest congratulations to the students for the work they have put in up to this point, some of whom are getting their first chance to perform material in front of an audience. A thank you, too, to the parents and families of the students whose work you are watching today. This work takes time, dedication, and consistent presence to build trust and awareness of what this ensemble art form is and does. Your commitment matters.

And one more note of thanks: this time of year, when the sun starts to retreat and the nights become cold and long, has always reflected a rich, internal space. It's a time for increased introspection, and increased learning. Our spring and summer Expressions shows are about celebrating the accomplishments of young people, but Winter Shorts is about celebrating their work – the work of learning. I want to offer my deepest appreciation to each of the instructional teams responsible for the work we are sharing at this show. These early months in training and development each year is where our teams truly shine. I am very grateful for the work they continue to do.

Cheers!

Andy Toth

Artistic Director, Robert M. Ledingham School of Theatre, Music & Film

ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

Arts Umbrella Intensive and Advanced Theatre Programs are year-long programs intended for students ready for a larger commitment to the art and craft of theatrical and musical performance. From September to June, students work with industry professionals to develop the on and off-stage skills with an emphasis on teamwork, discipline, process, creative input and cooperation. From playwriting to directing, voice to movement, musical theatre to acting for stage and screen, each year-long program is one of structure, offering young aspiring artists the space to sharpen their skills in creative expression and individual artistry. The Arts Umbrella Theatre, Music & Film Department presents two theatre festivals throughout the year; the Winter Shorts Festival and the Expressions Theatre Festival; as well as school tours and cabaret nights to give students in each program the opportunity to share their work. We are proud to say that many of our alumni are in post-secondary theatre programs as well as having gone on to work as professional actors around the world.

For more information on Arts Umbrella Theatre, Music, & Film programs, visit: www.artsumbrella.com/theatre

WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL STAFF


Theatre Operations Manager – Alan Brodie

Stage Manager – Julia Lank

House Technician - Matthew Piton

WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL THANK YOU

Thank you to: Alexandra Eaton, the Yearlong Theatre, Music & Film instructional teams, the Arts Umbrella Programming Team, Alan Brodie, and to all the volunteers.



WINTER SHORTS FESTIVAL 2023 - SHOW SCHEDULE

December 8-10, 2023

Click the day you are attending for full show credits and running order.

Friday, Dec 8th - 7:00PM

Musical Theatre Troupe

Saturday, Dec 9th - 3:00PM

Musical Theatre Intensive Level 2

Musical Theatre Intensive Level 4 (Group Karen)

Musical Theatre Troupe (Team Jamie)

Saturday, Dec 9th - 7:00PM

Musical Theatre Intensive Level 1

Musical Theatre Intensive Level 4 (Group Gretchen)

Musical Theatre Troupe (Team Maria)

Sunday, Dec 10th - 3:00PM

Musical Theatre Intensive Level 1

Musical Theatre Intensive Level 2

Musical Theatre Intensive Level 4 (Group Karen)

Musical Theatre Intensive Level 4 (Group Gretchen)

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Musical Theatre Troupe



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SPRING BREAK 2024

Week 1: March 18-22

Week 2: March 25-28

Musical Theatre, Theatre, Improv, and more!

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 8 - 7:00 PM

MUSICAL THEATRE TROUPE

Directors - Kayla Dunbar and Erika Babins

Music Directors - Patrick Ray and Eric Biskupski

Young Director - Claire Zhong

The Students: Amélie Andrade, Iliana Apostolopoulou, Hannah Behnke, Sierra Birarda, Ellington Campbell, Sage Collins, Eliana Couchman, Elizabeth Dicken, Neha Dutta, Gen Duval, Sienna Fetigan, Rebecca Floresco, Reina Grosch, Reyna Hansen, Rachel Jia, Erin-Rose Kelly, Amelia Kondor, Amelia Landels, Lucia Liberato, Sal Lorimer, Chloé Lukac, Jessica Main, Oli Neufeld, Juanita Pardo Romero, Leah Park, Lily Patton, Lila Quezada, Nika Quezada, Elizabeth Quin Ilay, Dalilah Rattlesnake, December Shields, Wylie Shufelt, Leo Teixeira, Olivia Tsoi, Elli Wessel-Boyd, Olivia Wong, Lina Wozniak, Jaeger Yee, Cyrus Yekani

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Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*, music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice

Featuring Ellington, Gen, Elizabeth QI, Sierra, Amelia K, Lily, Olivia W

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Time and Music/I Feel So Much Spring from *A New Brain*, music and lyrics by William Fin

Featuring Iliana, Jaeger, Lina

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Tonight Quintet from *West Side Story*, music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Featuring December, Amelia L, Dalilah, Jess, Erin-Rose

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Everybody's Talking About Jamie from *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*, music by Dan Gillespie Sells, lyrics by Tom MacRae

Featuring Elizabeth D, Hannah, Juanita, Lila, Rachel, Reyna, Sage, Sal
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We Beseech Thee from *Godspell*, music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Featuring Nika, Leo, Reina, Olivia T
And the "Team Maria" Ensemble

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 - 3:00 PM

MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE LEVEL 2

Instructor – Laurin Kaardal
Accompanist - Aidan Farrell

The Students: Isobel Alexander, Iris Lam Antonijoan, Cullen Frederickson, Andrew Gao, Livia Germani, Jasmine Lemieux, Cynthia Lian, August Rodriguez-Lau, Dylan Taylor, and Kajza Wallberg

MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE LEVEL 4K

Instructor – Laurin Kaardal
Accompanist - Aidan Farrell

The Students: Eli Stewart-Barrett, Eleni Blackstock, Amelie Castrillo, Mira Clark, Vera Frederickson, Zachary Ho, Chloe Klein, Jayden Margetts, Lillian Munro, Marko Villalon, Trixie Watson, Lu Ella Woffinden, Kaitlin Yung

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Hope by Emily Dickenson

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To Be of Use by Marge Piercy

Louder Than Words from *Tick Tick Boom*, music and lyrics by Jonathon Larson

Beautiful from *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, music and lyrics by Carol King and Gerry Goffin

Excerpt from **The Hill We Climb** by Amanda Gorman

Beautiful City from *Godspell*, music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

I Promise Myself by Christian D. Larson

It’s Today from *Mame*, music and lyrics by Jerry Herman

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Assistant – Holly Collis Handford

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MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE LEVEL 4G

Instructor – Britney Buren & Andy Toth

Assistant – Patrick Ray

The Students: Satya Angell-Besseling, Tessa Bird, Arianne Casey, Abigail Hann-Ann Chiang, Ace Chittock, Pippa Cochrane, Morgaine Gilligan Cook, Olivia Hai Lai Jiao, Evelina Harder, Frankie Lund, Bailey Skelton, Ivan Sorokin, Nina Turin, Teodora Vasic

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“**Big Blue World**” by Kirsten Anderson- Lopez and Robert Lopez

“**Waiting for Life**” by Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens

“**Big Blue World (reprise)**” by Kirsten Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, adapted by Holly Collis Handford

Performed by Musical Theatre Intensive Level 1

Riley as Nemo

Damian as Marlin

Molly as Dori

Lani as Dorina

Mei-Lin as Teacher Raymond


Gloria as Teacher Ray


Marti as Tad

Cameron as Kathy

Norah as Pearl

Cathy as Shelly





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Featuring Chloe, Ellie, Sienna, Eliana, Cyrus, Lucia, Leah, Rebecca
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Selected Poems by A.T Mc Williams

“**Nothing**” from *A Chorus Line* by Marvin Hamlisch and Edward Keiban

“**Freak Flag**” and “**Freak Flag (reprise)**” from *Shrek* by David Lindsay-Abaire and Jeanine Tesori

Performed by Musical Theatre Intensive Level 4G

Ivan as Finley

Abigail as Rowan

Bailey as Quinn

Tessa as Blake

Teodora as Rory

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