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## FULL CASTING ANNOUNCED FOR PITTSBURGH CLO'S 2023 SUMMER OF MUSICALS

Every Show Features Broadway Names And Pittsburgh Favorites To  
Lead The 2023 Pittsburgh CLO Summer Series!



**Pittsburgh, PA • June 2, 2023:** As the curtain is about to rise on Pittsburgh CLO's 2023 Summer of Musicals at the Benedum Center between June 13 - August 27, 2023, now is your chance to meet the cast and creative teams which include Broadway and TV stars along with Pittsburgh native Stephen Flaherty, American Idol's Frenchie Davis, 3 time Tony Award Nominee Carolee Carmello and many more! Tickets start at \$29 and are now available online or by calling 412-456-6666.

"We are proud to offer a Summer of Musicals created by Pittsburgh, for Pittsburgh, and partnered with Pittsburgh" said CLO Executive Producer Mark Fleischer. "We take pride in employing talent from Broadway, film and television, as well as local favorites you know and

love."

Pittsburgh CLO celebrates 77 years of producing shows locally in Pittsburgh and sharing musical theater with audiences of all ages. The 2023 Summer of Musicals will feature three American musical classics **ANYTHING GOES**, **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** and **GUYS & DOLLS** as well as three award-winning contemporary musicals **INTO THE WOODS**, **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND** and **NATASHA, PIERRE & THE GREAT COMET OF 1812**.

## MEET THE ENTIRE 2023 CASTS AND CREATIVE TEAMS

*\*Indicates PCLO Alums!*

### **ANYTHING GOES**

**June 13-18, 2023**

*Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter*

*Original Book by P.G. Wodehouse & Guy Bolton and Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse*

*New Book by Timothy Crouse & John Weidman*

Director: Ameenah Kaplan

Choreographer: Mara Newbery Greer\*

Musical Director: James Cunningham\*

"All ashore that's going ashore!" Put on those tap shoes and hop on board the S.S. American for the hilarious shipboard romp wrapped in a timeless Cole Porter score. It is delightful, delicious, and de-lovely!

**Liz Leclerc** as Hope Harcourt

**Jeff Howell\*** as Moonface Martin

**Geoff Packard** as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh

**Rashidra Scott** as Reno Sweeney

**A.J. Shively** as Billy Crocker

**Andrea Weinzierl\*** as Erma

**Theo Allyn\*** as Mrs. Evangeline Harcourt

**Ryan Cavanaugh\*** as Purser

**Joseph Domencic\*** as Captain

**Ted Guzman** as John (Spit)

**Jerreme Rodriguez\*** as Luke (Dippy)

**Allan Snyder\*** as Elisha Whitney

**Ensemble:** Ashely Agrusa, Sean Bell, Kristen Grace Brown, Bobby M. Davis, Zachary Doran, Kylie Edwards\*, Brady Miller, Marjorie Failoni\*, Mathew Fedorek\*, Nathan Fister, Jordan Giles, Laura Guley, Michael Pesko, Madysen Piper, Myah Segura, and Renell Taylor.

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### **INTO THE WOODS**

**June 27-July 2**

*Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim*

*Book by James Lapine*

Director: Scott Weinstein\*

Choreographer: William Carlos Angulo

Musical Director: James Cunningham\*

"Careful the wish you make!" This dark musical comedy by the legendary Stephen Sondheim is inspired by the Brothers Grimm fairy tales you loved as a child and reminds us that sometimes-granted wishes bring unwanted consequences.

**Carolee Carmello\*** as The Witch

**Patti Murin** as The Baker's Wife

**Manu Narayan\*** as The Baker

**Joe Serafini\*** as Jack

**Kyla Jordan Stone** as Cinderella

**Jordan Tyson** as Little Red Riding Hood

**Gene Weygandt\*** as Narrator/Mysterious Man

**Theo Allyn\*** as Jack's Mother

**Conor Bahr** as Steward

**Allison Cahill\*** as Cinderella's Mother/Granny

**Joe Carroll** as Cinderella's Prince/Wolf

**Melessie Clark\*** as Lucinda

**Alyssa Gianetti** as Rapunzel

**Haley Holmes** as Florinda

**Christine Laitta\*** as Cinderella's Stepmother

**Jhardon DiShon Milton** as Rapunzel's Prince

**Brady Patsy\*** as Cinderella's Father  
**Lu Zielenski\*** as Milky White

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## **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**

**July 11-16**

*Music by Richard Rodgers*

*Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II*

*Book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse*

Director/Choreographer: Marc Robin\*

Music Director: Thom Culcasi

In this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, Maria, a young and quirky nun, fills the lives of the Von Trapp children with joy, laughter, and music. This inspiring true story won the hearts of millions with its unforgettable melodies and deeply moving message of taking great risks for the ones you love.

**Daniella Dalli** as Mother Abbess  
**Maddie Dick\*** as Liesl Von Trapp  
**Blake Hammond\*** as Max Detweiler  
**Will Ray** as Captain Von Trapp  
**Katie Sina** as Elsa Schraeder  
**Hanley Smith** as Maria  
**Susan Cella\*** as Frau Schmidt  
**Sam Greene** as Rolf  
**J Alex Noble\*** as Franz  
**Anna Bakun** as Sister Sophia  
**Rebecca Robins** as Sister Berthe  
**Erika Strasburg\*** as Sister Margareta

**Ensemble:** Savannah Lee Birdsong\*, Madeline Dalesio\*, Joseph Domencic\*, Jake Emmerling, Zanna Fredland\*, Michael Greer\*, Ashton Guthrie\*, Lara Hayhurst\*, Kyra Klonoski, Christine Laitta\*, Betsy Lawrence\*, Liz Leclerc, Heather Poland, Jason Shavers\*, Alex Sheffield, Allan Snyder\*, David Toole\*, and Melissa Young.

### **The Von Trapp Children:**

*Students of the Pittsburgh CLO Academy*

Carlianna Connors as Brigitta  
Emily Harajda as Louisa  
Emmett Kent as Kurt U/S  
Charlotte Kinslow as Louisa U/S  
Aubree Liscotti as Gretl  
Delaney Nagle as Gretl U/S  
Sloane Masula as Marta  
Max Peluso as Fredrick  
Henry Thomas as Kurt  
Cameron Tino as Fredrick U/S  
Savannah Wiles as Marta U/S

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## **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND (Pittsburgh CLO Premiere)**

**July 25-30**

*Music by Stephen Flaherty*

*Book & Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens*

Director/Choreographer: Gerry McIntyre\*

Music Director: James Cunningham\*

From the Tony Award-winning songwriting team of Ahrens and Flaherty (*Seussical*, *Ragtime*) comes this lively and colorful story of a young peasant girl who is destined for something greater. Told with Caribbean rhythms and instruments, this Tony Award winner is a testament that a beautiful story simply told has the power to inspire all.

**Frenchie Davis\*** as Asaka  
**Melessie Clark\*** as Mama Euralie  
**Zephaniah Divine** as Agwe  
**Darius Harper\*** as Papa Ge  
**Najah Hetsberger** as Ti Mouné  
**Mason Reeves** as Daniel Beauxhomme  
**Hailey Thomas** as Erzulie  
**Siggy Bijou** as Andrea

**Brady Patsy** as Tonton Julian  
**LaTrea Rembert\*** as Armand  
*Students of the CLO Academy:*  
**Eden Greene** as Young TiMoune  
**Sedona Greene** as Young TiMoune U/S

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### **GUYS & DOLLS**

**August 8-13**

*Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser*  
*Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows*

Director: Darren Lee

Choreographer: Mark Esposito\*

Music Director: James Cunningham\*

Hailed as the perfect musical comedy, this award-winning classic gambles with luck and love under the bright lights of Broadway. *GUYS & DOLLS* features some of Frank Loesser's most memorable tunes including the hilarious "Adelaide's Lament" and the crowd-pleasing classic "Luck Be a Lady."

**Nikki Renée Daniels\*** as Sarah Brown  
**John Treacy Egan\*** as Nicely-Nicely Johnson  
**Aaron Galligan-Stierle** as Benny Southstreet  
**Jeffrey Howell\*** as Arvide Abernathy  
**Jeff Kready\*** as Sky Masterson  
**Chris Laitta\*** as General Cartwright  
**Lesli Margherita** as Miss Adelaide  
**Richard McBride** as Lt. Brannigan  
**J Alex Noble\*** as Harry the Horse  
**Brady Patsy\*** as Angie the Ox  
**Matt Saldivar** as Nathan Detroit  
**Herschel Sparber** as Big Julie

**Ensemble:** Andres Acosta\*, Grace Arnold\*, Ryan Cavanaugh\*, Bobby M. Davis, Zephaniah Divine, Austin Taylor Dunn, Kylie Edwards\*, Mathew Fedorek\*, Zanna Fredland\*, Michael Greer\*, Jessica Ice\*, Jolina Javier\*, Caroline Kane\*, Alex Manalo\*, Tay Marquise, Brittany Pent Rohm, Filip Przybycien, Austine Schulte\*, Ben Sears, and Allan Snyder\*.

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### **NATASHA, PIERRE & THE GREAT COMET OF 1812 (Pittsburgh CLO Premiere)**

**August 22-27**

*Book, Music & Lyrics by Dave Malloy*  
*Adapted from War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy*

Director: Dontee Kiehn\*

Choreographer: Charlie Sutton

Music Director: James Cunningham\*

Get swept away by the opulence and glamor of "one of the decade's best musicals" (*Time Out NY*). This "vibrant, thrillingly imagined new musical" (*NY Times*) follows Natasha, a naïve young woman who falls for the attractive rebel Anatole while her betrothed Andrey is off fighting in a war. Full of romance and passion, this musical has a groundbreaking score that mixes rock, pop, soul and folk, and is unlike anything you've seen before.

**Austen Danielle Bohmer** as Mary  
**Billy Cohen** as Andrey/Bolkonsky  
**Kennedy Caughell** as Sonya  
**Natascia Diaz\*** as Marya  
**Jacob Dickey** as Dolokhov  
**Jason Gotay** as Anatole Kuragin  
**Sandra Okuboyejo** as Natasha Rostova  
**Nick Rehberger** as Pierre Bezukhov  
**Lili Thomas** as Hélène Bezukhov  
**Jamari Williams** as Balaga

**Ensemble:** Lawrence Alexander, Anna Bakun, Siggy Bijou, Matthew Diston, Zephaniah Divine, Kylie Edwards\*, Logan Farine\*, Mathew Fedorek\*, Nathan Fister, Katie Griffith, Kyra Klonoski, Kiara Lee\*, Alicia Newcom, Alexander Podolinski, Kiana Rodriguez, Austin Schulte\*, Laura Yen Solito\*, David Toole\*, Joseph Torello\*, Elizabeth Yanick, Genny Lis Padilla\*, and Sam Marzella.

**Individual tickets start at \$29** and can be purchased **online** or by calling **412-456-6666**.

**Flexible 3 to 6-show season ticket packages** are available **online** or by calling Patron Services at **412-281-2822**. *Season ticket holders can take advantage of great benefits including exchange privileges, reserved parking, behind-the-scenes email updates and much more.*

**Groups of 8+ Guests enjoy exclusive discounts and specialty packages. Order online** or contact **Groups@pittsburghclo.org / 412-325-1582** for more information.

Since 1946, the name Pittsburgh CLO (PCLO) has been synonymous with summer musical theatre in Pittsburgh. It's created by Pittsburgh, for Pittsburgh and PARTNERED with Pittsburgh. Every ticket purchased impacts our own hometown in a variety of ways beyond the stage performance. Pittsburgh CLO has always been a proud economic generator, hiring hundreds of local theatre professionals to bring the summer's best musical theatre to life.

PCLO is excited to announce is a new partnership with the Carnegie Libraries of Pittsburgh (CLP) -- working together in perfect harmony! The CLP will be hosting a Quiet Space at every show this summer at the Benedum Center. The Quiet Space will be an area to provide calm, focus and comfort to neurodivergent patrons. Within this Quiet Space, patrons will find puzzles, story books, fidgets and coloring pages provided by the Carnegie Libraries of Pittsburgh.

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*Thank you to our 2023 Summer Partners: Gateway Clipper Fleet, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Mancini's Bread Co., and The Storyville Lounge at Dr. Tumblety's.*

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*Pittsburgh CLO has been a driving force behind the preservation, creation, and promotion of live musical theater since 1946. As one of the largest regional musical theater organizations in the country, it is fortunate for the yearly support of nearly 200,000 audience members. In addition to producing fresh new productions of Broadway classics, the not-for-profit's mission is to develop new works and highlight emerging talent and has been credited with launching the careers of numerous artists such as Billy Porter, Renée Elise Goldsberry, Rob Marshall, Kathleen Marshall, Rob Ashford, Bernadette Peters, and Shirley Jones. The organization's dedication to musical theater extends beyond its six-show Summer Season at the Benedum Center to year-round programming at the 250-seat Cabaret Theater, which saw the world premieres of *Up and Away* and *Game On* in 2018 and *The Double-Threat Trio* in 2019. Its extensive education efforts include the Pittsburgh CLO Academy of Musical Theater; a university internship program; New Horizons, and in-school programs Gallery of Heroes and Creative Vision. Other ongoing initiatives include the Construction Center for the Arts, the Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theater and SPARK, a festival for new small-cast musicals launched in 2018. The organization also founded the National High School Musical Theatre Awards/ Jimmy Awards®. To further its mission to grow the art form, Pittsburgh CLO has been involved with 31 Broadway shows (32 Tony Awards®), and in 2014 produced the world premiere of *An American in Paris* in Paris, then on Broadway, where it won 4 Tony Awards®, and in London, Tokyo, Pittsburgh and throughout the U.S. and Europe. Pittsburgh CLO is the subject of a film starring Jeff Goldblum titled "Pittsburgh." For more information: PittsburghCLO.org.*

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