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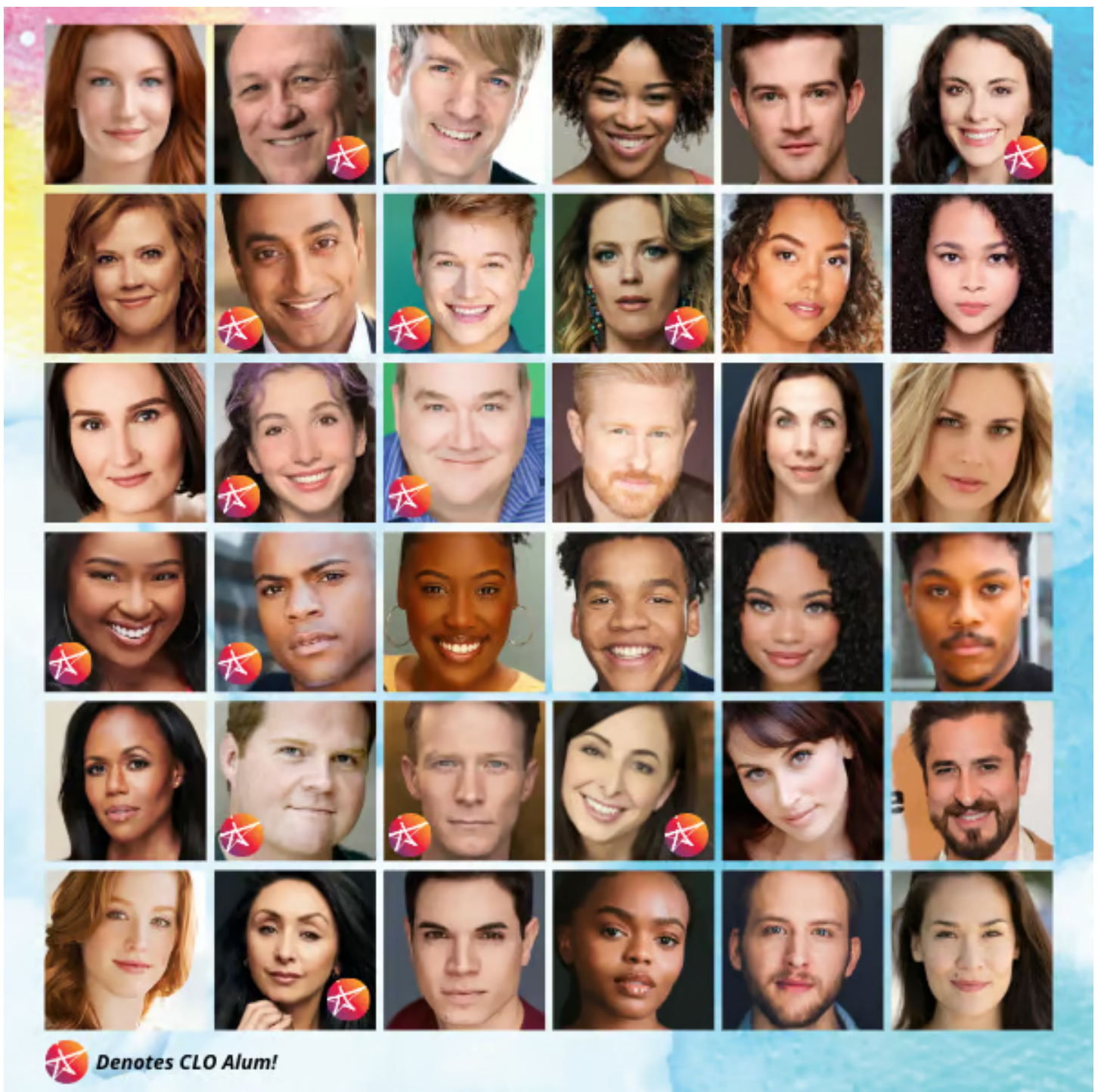
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ANNOUNCING PITTSBURGH CLO'S STARS OF THE SUMMER

Patti Murin, Lesli Margherita, Manu Narayan, Elizabeth Stanley, and more to lead Pittsburgh CLO's 2023 Summer of Musicals



Pittsburgh, PA • April 19, 2023: Pittsburgh CLO's 2023 Summer of Musicals at the Benedum Center between June 13 – August 27, 2023, will be highlighted by Broadway and TV stars, as well as beloved Pittsburgh favorites. [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 2023 CASTS AND CREATIVE TEAMS

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

Rashdra Scott As Reno Sweeney

A.J. Shively as Billy Crocker

Andrea Weinzierl* as Erma

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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.

Patti Murin as The Baker’s Wife

Manu Narayan* as The Baker

Joe Serafini* as Jack

Elizabeth Stanley* as The Witch

Kyla Jordan Stone as Cinderella

Jordan Tyson as Little Red Riding Hood

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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

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.

Melessie Clark* as Mama Euralie
Zephaniah Divine as Agwe
Darius Harper* as Papa Ge
Najah Hetsberger as Ti Moune
Mason Reeves as Daniel Beauxhomme
Hailey Thomas as Erzulie

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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
Jeff Kready* as Sky Masterson
Chris Laitta* as General Cartwright
Lesli Margherita as Miss Adelaide
Matt Saldivar as Nathan Detroit

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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.

Kennedy Caughell as Sonya
Nataschia Diaz* as Marya
Jason Gotay as Anatole Kuragin
Sandra Okuboyejo as Natasha Rostova
Nick Rehberger as Pierre Bezukhov
Lili Thomas as Hélène Bezukhov

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Full casting will be announced soon.

Individual tickets start at \$29 and can be purchased online or by calling **412-456-6666**. **Flexible 3 and 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.*

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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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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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