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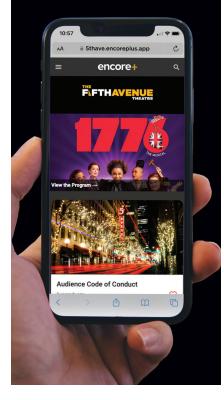
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As we gather and strive to share stories of our world with joy and clarity, we honor with gratitude the original stewards and storytellers of these lands—past, present and future. We value the immense and often unrecognized contributions, sacrifices and resilience of Indigenous people here, and acknowledge the profound multigenerational impact that colonization has adversely had on Native people everywhere, including ongoing disparities, racism and political and social invisibility. To heal, we need truth and understanding that everyone actively participates in, together.

This land acknowledgement is one small act in recognizing the importance of continuing to care for the land and our important relationship with the original people of this place we all call home, who are still here. We are all in relationship to each other.

### LETTER FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTORS



BILL BERRY PHOTO BY MARK KITAOKA



JOHN LANGS PHOTO BY TRUMAN BUFFETT

### A ROCKIN' COLLABORATION

It is our immense pleasure to welcome you to *Cambodian Rock Band*. The unique and wonderful show you are about to witness is the 11th product of the years-long collaboration between ACT and The 5th Avenue Theatre. Our partnership endeavors to bring novel musical visions to life, creating exciting new classics in the musical theater canon. As such, it is nothing short of an honor to welcome Lauren Yee back to ACT Contemporary Theatre with her modern epic. ACT has been fortunate to have a front row seat to Lauren's artistry, having workshopped and produced other works from the Yee canon, including *King of the Yees*. And The 5th can't wait to introduce it's audience to this prolific contributer to American theater for the first time.

*Cambodian Rock Band* is truly event theatre at its finest. This stunning production is equal parts rock concert, historical excavation, and familial revelation, told with the brash wit and theatrical daring that is the trademark of this great storyteller, Yee. To see this show bursting at the seams in this incredible dual theater collaboration in this intimate space is a wildly unique experience. It is a story we are especially honored to share with our Seattle Khmer community, and we promise you won't soon forget it.

Supporting new work is at the heart of, and happily shared by ACT Contemporary Theatre and The 5th Avenue Theatre. With our combined resources and creative efforts, we enthusiastically present the magic you are about to witness. We also want to give a special thanks to you, our theatre-goers, for supporting locally produced musical theater in downtown Seattle. Enjoy the show!

Bill Berry Producing Artistic Director The 5th Avenue Theatre

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John Langs Artistic Director ACT Contemporary Theatre

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# CAMBODIAN ROCK BAND

**BV LAUREN YEE** 

Featuring songs by **DENGUE FEVER** 

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KELSEY ANGEL BAFHRENS **BROOKE ISHIBASHI** ABRAHAM KIM TIM I IU JANE LUI ALEX LYDON JOE NGO VI TRAN PHIL WONG

Scenic Designer ΤΑΚΕΣΗΙ ΚΑΤΑ Costume Designer LINDA CHO

Lighting Designer DAVID WEINER

Projection Designer LUKE NORBY WITH FIVE OHM PRODUCTIONS

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Co-Sound Designers MIKHAIL FIKSEL & MEGUMI KATAYAMA

Associate Director GRAHAM SCHMIDT Associate Lighting Designer Associate Sound Designer DAVID SHOCKET

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Production Assistant MAX ZAMORANO

Music Supervisor & Co-Music Director Music Supervisor & Co-Music Director MATT MACNELLY JANE LUI

> Director CHAY YEW

New York Premiere produced by Signature Theatre, New York City Paige Evans, Artistic Director; Harold Wolpert, Executive Director

CAMBODIAN ROCK BAND was commissioned and first produced by South Coast Repertory with support from the Time Warner Foundation. This play is a recipient of the Edgerton Foundation New American Play Award. Developed with support from The Ground Floor at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Berkeley, CA. Produced by special arrangement with Broadway & Beyond Theatricals.

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### CAST

### (in alphabetical order by last name)

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Rom/Journalist	ABRAHAM KIM
Ted/Cadre/Leng	
Pou/S-21 Guard	JANE LUI
Chum	JOE NGO
Duch	PHIL WONG

### UNDERSTUDIES

Understudies never substitute for listed players unless a specific announcement for their appearance is made at the time of the performance.

Neary/Sothea/Pou/S-21 Guard—KELSEY ANGEL BAEHRENS

Ted/Cadre/Leng/Rom/Journalist—ALEX LYDON

Duch/Chum-VI TRAN

### STAGE MANAGEMENT

Stage Manager MERRICK A.B. WILLIAMS Assistant Stage Manager QUY TON



The actors and stage managers are members of Actors Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

### FOR THIS PRODUCTION

Associate Costume Designer	HERIN KAPUTKIN
Associate Lighting Designer	DAVID SHOCKET
Assistant Lighting Designer	CASEY PRICE
Associate Sound Designer	BEN TRUPPIN-BROWN
Production Consultant	CHARLES M. TURNER III
Production Assistant	MAX ZAMORANO
Carpenters	MEGHAN BOYLE, ROBIN LOGERSTADT
Electricians	
A1	······ VALERIE TUROS
Sound Engineer	ROBERT "MAX" LANGLEY
Dressers	IMELDA DARANCIANG, K.D. SCHILL
Stagehands	

### **MUSICAL CREDITS**

"Uku," "Family Business," "One Thousand Tears of a Tarantula," "Cement Slippers," "Sni Bong," and "Tooth and Nail" all written by Dengue Fever.

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### WHO'S WHO



### **KELSEY ANGEL BAEHRENS**

(u/s Neary, Sothea, Pou, S21 Guard) is honored to join the Cambodian Rock Band family. Fave regional creds: Cambodian Rock Band (HI); Lizzie, the Musical (Playhouse Square, OH); Wild Swimming

(HI); Henry IV, part 1 (HI Shakes Fest). Tour: The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System (Theaterworks USA). Directing creds: Kate Hamill's Pride & Prejudice at KOA Theater, HI, associate to Erin Ortman on Jeannette, a new musical about the right to vote, associate to Jess McLeod on the NYCLU's "Sing Out For Freedom." Education: Baldwin Wallace University, Mid-Pacific School of the Arts. Mahalo nui loa to everyone who said yes, to the ohana, pamilya, and bong. IG: @kelseyangelb. kelseyangelbaehrens.com.



BROOKE ISHIBASHI she/her (Neary, Sothea) recently appeared as Florinda in the celebrated revival of Into the Woods (Broadway, City Center Encores, National Tour). After originating and developing the roles of Neary

and Sothea (South Coast Repertory, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, La Jolla Playhouse, Arena Stage), Brooke is proud to be returning to her bandmates, The Cyclos. She is a former Actors' Equity Association national councilor, Fair Wage Onstage core member, NYCLU ambassador, and Be An #ArtsHero/Arts Workers United cofounder. Arts & culture contributes \$919 billion+ to the U.S. economy, employing 5.2 million+ arts workers. There is no American economic recovery without a robust arts & culture recovery. Our fates are intrinsically tied together. BeAnArtsHero.com



ABRAHAM KIM (Rom, Journalist) Regional: Originated the role of Rom in Cambodian Rock Band (Signature Theatre Company, Pacific Playwrights Festival, South Coast Repertory, Oregon Shakespeare

Festival, La Jolla Playhouse); Son in LA Riots (Cafe-Club Fais Do Do). Music: National and International tours with Run River North, DANakaDAN and Magnetic North & Taiyo Na. Drummer on Magnetic North & Taiyo Na's album, Home: Word. Music band affiliations: IXS, Monroe St., The Blazing Rays of the Sun, Former Faces, Fyke, Ruth + the Library, Priska, Surrija. Music Producer: Priska (State Change), SGLA (*Be Thou My Vision*). TV/Film: Good Sessions (CBS pilot). *Jasyn's Theme* (YouTube). Education: Craig Kupka, Daniel Yoo, Angelica Thompson. Instagram: @OabrahamkimO.



TIM LIU (Ted, Cadre, Leng) was born and raised in NJ. He most recently performed Off-Broadway in the world premiere of *Good Enemy* directed by Chay Yew for Audible Theatre. Additional theatre credits include

Off-Broadway performances with the Pearl Theatre Company (A Midsummer Night's Dream, dir. Eric Tucker), Pan Asian Repertory Theatre, HERE Arts Center, and other NYC Theaters. Regionally he has worked with Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, B Street Theatre, Capital Repertory Theatre, The Shakespeare Theatre of NJ, and Centenary Stage Company. Recent TV and Film credits include: Pam and Tommy (HULU), The Endgame (NBC), New Amsterdam (NBC), Girls on the Bus (HBO), A Father's Son (w/ Ronny Chieng and Tzi Ma), Knock at the Cabin (M Night Shyamalan). Special thanks to RG.



JANE LUI (Music Supervisor & Co-Music Director/Pou, S21 Guard) Singer, songwriter, keyboardist, percussionist. Recent credits include "Opera Evelyn" vocal contributions to the soundtrack of Everything Everywhere All At Once

(A24), Arranger/Pou in Cambodian Rock Band (Off-Broadway Signature Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, South Coast Repertory), Huong in Vietaone (East West Players), Original compositions in All's Well That Ends Well (OSF). Composer and Music Director in Secret In The Wings (Coeurage Theatre Co). Her electro project, SURRIJA, departs from her past work, exploring alitch and warm electronic design. The album earned a nomination for Best Pop Album at San Diego Music Awards 2021. Her music video "Southern Winds" earned Best Music Video at Dublin Web Fest 2017. She has worked with Matt Chamberlain. Son Lux. Felicia Day, CDZA, and toured internationally. @surrija // Surrija.com.



ALEX LYDON (u/s Ted, Cadre, Leng, Rom, Journalist) is thrilled to be joining The Cyclos for their national tour! Previous credits include As You Like It (Quest Players), Such Things As Vampires (People's Light), It Can't

Happen Here (Berkeley Rep), Sisters Matsumoto (CenterREP), and the Ground Floor workshop of Cambodian Rock Band. Many thanks to Lauren Yee, Chay Yew, and the rest of the Cyclos.



JOE NGO (Chum) is an Obie Award-winning actor, writer, and musician who most notably originated and developed the role of Chum in Lauren Yee's Cambodian Rock Band (Directed by Chay Yew, Music by Dengue

Fever), with productions at South Coast Repertory, La Jolla Playhouse, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Off-Broadway at the Signature Theatre in NYC; and was elated to make his debut at the Alley Theatre. Regional: *Mlima's Tale* (Repertory Theatre of St. Louis), *White Snake* (Center Stage/Baltimore), *King of the Yees* (ACT/Seattle, Center Stage/ Baltimore), *Vietgone* (Studio Theatre, DC) TV: *Crashing* (HBO) V/O: *Funan* (gKids) Education: MFA (UW Seattle) Joe-Ngo.com.



VI TRAN (u/s Chum, Duch) Born in the shadow of Sai Gon, Vietnam and raised in the cattle country of southwestern Kansas, Vi Tran is equal parts sea salt and wheat fields. Creator of *The Butcher's Son*, an autobio-

graphical refugee folk musical about his family's escape from Vietnam, their capture by the Khmer Rouge, and their resettlement in the meatpacking country of America. The Butcher's Son was nominated for 8 awards at the 2018 Chicago Musical Theatre Festival and winner of Most Promising Musical and Best Leading Performer (Tran). Watch and listen at YouTube.com/vitranmusic. Credits: Vietaone (Unicorn Theatre, American Stage); Miss Saigon (Paramount, Western Playhouse); M Butterfly (Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre); Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson (Unicorn); Lucy and Charlie's Honeymoon (Our Perspective/Steppenwolf/Lookout); Take Me Out (Unicorn, Playhouse on the Square); Molière's The Pests (Kansas City Actors Theatre); King Henry V (Heart of America Shakespeare Festival).



PHIL WONG he/him (Duch) is a theatre artist from Oakland, CA. He recently performed in Oregon Shakespeare Festival's 2022 Season as Louis in Revenge Song and Stephano (u/s) in The Tempest and is excited to be

continuing his theatrical adventures in the Pacific Northwest! Phil has been a part of the San Francisco Bay Area Theater Community since he was very young and his work there includes credits with American Conservatory Theater, California Shakespeare Theater, Berkeley Rep, TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, ZSpace & Word for Word, and Shotgun Players. As a rapper, musician, and improvisor, Phil has been a quest artist with the Tony Award–winning National Tour of Freestvle Love Supreme and is a member of the first Bay Area #BARS Cohort. He also co-founded Bay Area Theatre Cypher, a collective of hip-hop theatre artists who channel the cypher for empathetic and revolutionary storytelling. @phillywongsteak @ bayareatheatrecypher

LAUREN YEE (Playwright) Cambodian Rock Band premiered at South Coast Repertory, with subsequent productions at Oregon Shakespeare Festival, La Jolla Playhouse, City Theatre, Merrimack Rep, Signature Theatre, Victory Gardens, and Jungle Theatre/Theater Mu. Her play The Great Leap has been produced at the Denver Center, Steppenwolf, Seattle Rep, Atlantic Theatre, the Guthrie Theatre, American Conservatory Theatre, Arts Club, InterAct Theatre, Portland Center Stage, and Asolo Rep. Honors include the Doris Duke Artists Award, Whiting Award, Steinberg/ATCA Award, American Academy of Arts and Letters Literature Award, Horton Foote Prize, Kesselring Prize, Primus Prize, a Hodder Fellowship at Princeton, and the #1 and #2 plays on the 2017 Kilroys List. She's a Residency 5 playwright at Signature Theatre, New Dramatists member, Ma-Yi Writers' Lab member, and Playwrights Realm alumni playwright. Current commissions include Arena Stage/Second Stage, Geffen Playhouse, South Coast Repertory. TV credits: Pachinko (Apple), Soundtrack (Netflix), Interior Chinatown (Hulu), Billions (Showtime), The Sterling Affairs (FX). She is currently developing pilots for Netflix and Apple. BA: Yale. MFA: UCSD. laurenyee.com.

CHAY YEW (Director) His New York credits include the Public Theater, Playwrights Horizon, New York Theatre Workshop, Signature Theatre, Playwrights Realm, Audible Theatre, Rattlestick, Ensemble Studio Theatre, National Asian American Theatre, and Ma Yi. Regionally, he directed for the Humana Festival, Goodman

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MATT MACNELLY (Music Supervisor & Co-Music Director) is a musician and actor living in Los Angeles. He co-arranged Cambodian Rock Band and has worked as Music Supervisor on many previous productions, including Signature Theater (NYC), the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, South Coast Repertory, and Victory Gardens in Chicago, among others. He's been playing guitar and singing for over 20 years. Matt has a BA in Theater and Performance Studies from Georgetown University, and an MFA in Acting from the University of California, San Diego.

TAKESHI KATA (Scenic Design) Alley Theatre: Quixote Nuevo, Grounded, A Few Good Men. Other Desert Cities, Red, The Farnsworth Invention. Subject to Fits, and Orson's Shadow. Broadway: Clyde's, Derren Brown: Secret. Off-Broadway: Office Hour (Public); Man from Nebraska (Second Stage); The Great Leap, Through a Glass Darkly, The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow (Atlantic); Until the Flood (Rattlestick). Regional: American Players Theatre, Berkeley Rep, Central City Opera, Dallas Theater Center, Denver Theatre for the Performing Arts, Ford's Theatre, Geffen Playhouse, Goodman, Hartford Stage, Huntington Theater, La Jolla Playhouse, Long Wharf, Mark Taper Forum, Nashville Opera, Old Globe, Portland Center Stage, Steppenwolf, Williamstown and Yale Rep. Kata has been the recipient of Michael Merrit, Drama Desk, Obie and Jeff Awards and has been nominated for Ovation, San Francisco Critics Circle, Elliot Norton, TBA and Barrymore Awards. Kata is an Associate Professor at University of Southern California, School of Dramatic Arts.

LINDA CHO (Costume Design) Broadway: POTUS, Summer 1976, Take Me Out, Grand Horizons, Anastasia (Tony®, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Award nominations), The Great Society, A Gentlemen's Guide... (Tony® and Henry Hewes Awards), Lifespan of a Fact, Velocity of Autumn. Selected credits: Samson and Delilah, MET Opera, Michelle Dorrance at ABT City Center, Advisory Committee of the American Theatre Wing. MFA: Yale School of Drama. lindacho.com.

**DAVID WEINER** (Lighting Design) is thrilled to continue bringing Chay Yew's production of Lauren Yee's Cambodian Rock Band to audiences since its world premiere at South Coast Repertory in 2018. The Alley: Cleo, Leading Ladies. Broadway: The Great Society, The Price, Misery, Romeo and Juliet, Dead Accounts, Grace, Godspell, The Normal Heart (Tony Best Revival, Play), Reasons to Be Pretty, Butley, The Real Thing (Tony – Best Revival, Plav). Dinner at Eight. Betraval. Off-Broadway: The Public Theater, Manhattan Theatre Club, Second Stage Theatre, Playwrights Horizons, Manhattan Class Company, New York Theatre Workshop, Theatre for a New Audience, Vineyard Theatre, Atlantic Theater Company. Regional: Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Steppenwolf, Goodman, CTG, La Jolla Playhouse, McCarter, Huntington, American Repertory Theater, Williamstown. Theme Park: Frozen at Hyperion Theater, Disney California Adventure Park. Architecture: numerous projects including NYC Michelin Star Award Winning restaurants Al Coro, Saga, Crown Shy, and Cote. DavidWeinerDesign.com.

MIKHAIL FIKSEL he/him (Co-Sound Design) is a Tony Award-winning designer, composer, audio producer, and DJ working in theatre, dance, film and audio-forward media. Besides numerous productions of Cambodian Rock Band, other projects include collaborations with Playwrights Horizons, The Public, Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf, Chicago Shakespeare, La Jolla Playhouse, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Victory Gardens, Albany Park Theatre Project, Audible Originals, and Make Believe Association (where he serves as the Director of Audio Production and with whom he just released a new audio drama series "Lake Song" featured at Tribeca Audio Premieres). Film credits include original scores for Glitch. The Wise Kids, and In Memoriam. Other awards include three Lucille Lortel Awards, multiple Jeff Awards, 2020 Obie Award for Sound Design. Fiksel is on the faculty at Columbia College Chicago and is a proud member of USA and TSDCA.

MEGUMI KATAYAMA (Co-Sound Design) is a NY-based sound designer. Her design credits include New York: The Nosebleed (Lincoln Center Theatre LCT3), The Life (City Center Encores!), for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf (The Public), Our Brother's Son (Signature), Generation Rise (Ping Chong and Company/ New Victory), The Gett (Rattlestick). Regional: 72 Miles to Go... (Alley Theatre), My Body No Choice (Arena Stage), Dinner and Cake, The Skin of Our Teeth, An Almost Holy Picture (Everyman Theatre), Sister Act (Geva Theatre Center), Pride and Prejudice (Long Wharf), El Huracán (Yale Rep/The Sol Project), Pass Over (Studio Theatre), Rooted (Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park), Mary's Wedding (Kansas City Rep), Two River Theater, Virginia Stage Company, Dorset Theatre Festival, Chautauqua Theater Company, Skylight Music Theatre, and more. MFA: Yale School of Drama. Member of IATSE USA 829.

TOM WATSON (Wig Design) Originally from N. Ireland, headed the wig/makeup department at the Metropolitan Opera for 17 years. He has designed more than 100 Broadway productions: Wicked, Rock of Ages, The King & I, Fiddler on the Roof, Oslo, Falsettos, The Little Foxes, Junk, My Fair Lady, King Kong, All My Sons, Great Society, and Plaza Suite.

FIVE OHM PRODUCTIONS (Projection Design) is a New York City-based production company specializing in theatrical and experiential audio and video applications. Five OHM has employed hundreds of design and technical artists and has an ever expanding roster of technicians and venues in New York City and beyond. Notable design credits include Video Design with Tal Yarden for the Apollos original production of Ta- Nehisi Coates' Between the World and Me, performed at the Apollo and Kennedy Center, and the eventual subject of an HBO documentary of the same name. Other notable credits include: New York Times Dealbook Conference with Jazz at Lincoln Center, Original Animations and Design for Fahrenheit 451 at the Hippodrome, and Cambodian Rock Band Video Design with Luke Norby at Signature Theatre. Special thanks to Luke and Scott on the Seattle team.

**GRAHAM SCHMIDT** (Associate Director) is a Brooklyn-based theater director. Graham has directed and developed work at the Orchard Project, Ensemble Studio Theatre, the Lark Theatre, the Wild Project, the National Winter Playwrights' Retreat, Salvage Vanguard Theater, Aye Defy, the Blue Theater, the Off Center, NYU Grad Acting, Fordham University, the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, and UT-Austin. Graham teaches acting in BFA programs at Pace University and Brooklyn College.

CHARLES M. TURNER III (Production Consultant) Broadway: Death of a Salesman, The Skin Of Our Teeth, The Parisian Woman, Hand to God, The Heidi Chronicles, The Performers, Golda's Balcony, and Metamorphoses. Other credits include: 25 years of Off-Broadway, Regional, and International work.

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MERRICK A.B. WILLIAMS (Stage Manager) Broadway: The Book of Mormon, Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune. NY City Center: Call Me Madam (Encores). Off-Broadway: Sanctuary City, Othello, Dreaming Zenzile, An Ordinary Muslim (NYTW); Good Enemy (Minetta Lane); Somebody's Daughter, The Layover, Invisible Thread, The Other Thing (Second Stage); Gently Down The Stream, Sweat Mobile National, Measure for Measure Mobile (The Public); Daphne's Dive (Signature). Regional: Seder (Hartford Stage); 10x10 2016 (Barrington Stage); On the Town (Boston Pops).

**QUY TON** (Assistant Stage Manager) is ecstatic to reunite with Cambodian Rock Band in Seattle. Prior highlights include: Here Lies Love at Seattle Repertory Theatre. The Three Musketeers, Where We Belong, Cambodian Rock Band, and Destiny of Desire at OSF. Disney's The Little Mermaid (2017) at The 5th.

MAX ZAMORANO he/they (Production Assistant) is ecstatic to be back at ACT, and thrilled to be a part of this wonderful production! Recent credits include: King Lear, Just Deserts, The Tempest (Santa Cruz Shakespeare), Lydia and The Troll, Metamorphoses, Mr. Dickens and His Carol (Seattle Rep), and Every Brilliant Thing (ACT Theatre). Much love to all who make this crazy life possible! ACTORS' EQUITY ASSOCIATION ("Equity"), founded in 1913, represents more than 51,000 professional Actors and Stage Managers nationwide. Equity seeks to foster the art of live theater as an essential component of society and advances the careers of its members by negotiating wages, improving working conditions, and providing a wide range of benefits, including health and pension plans. Equity is a member of the AFL-CIO and is affiliated with FIA, an international organization of performing arts unions. #EquityWorks

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Director. He's directed West Side Story (Seattle Times Footlight Award, 2007), Wonderful Town (Seattle Times Footlight Award), Wizard of Oz, and Smokey Joe's Café at The 5th; Beatsville (Asolo Rep), On the Town (Paper Mill Playhouse), and Cabaret (The 5th, Ordway Center, American Musical Theatre, and Theatre Under the Stars); and made his Broadway directorial debut in 2014 with First Date (Longacre Theatre). From 2002-2009, he was also the Producing Director for The 5th's education and outreach programs, for which he spearheaded Fridays @ The 5th and The 5th Avenue Theatre Awards: Honoring High School Musicals, and substantially increased the reach of the Educational Touring Company, which, combined, now serves nearly 30,000 students annually throughout the Northwest. He serves on the board of NAMT is a proud SDC member.



**KATIE MALTAIS** she/her (*Managing Director*) was recently appointed as the new Managing Director for The 5th Avenue Theatre. She is a values-driven leader who centers teamwork, transparency, and striving towards

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### ACT CONTEMPORARY THEATRE EXECUTIVE BIOS



JOHN LANGS (Artistic Director) has served as Artistic Director since 2016. He joined ACT in 2013 as Associate Artistic Director. Langs' 16-year freelance career afforded him the opportunity to work with many prestigious

theater companies across the country. He has directed productions at Playwrights Horizons NY, Ensemble Studio Theater NY, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Lookingglass Theater Company in Chicago, Circle X in Los Angeles, The Resident Ensemble, New Century Theatre Company, Washington Ensemble Theatre, and Seattle Shakespeare Company. Some of his favorite directing credits include The Shaggs Philosophy of the World (Los Angeles Drama Critic Circle Award for Best Original Musical and Nominated NY Drama Desk and Lucille Lortel Award), Brothers Karamazov (seven LADCC Awards, including Best Production of the Year and Best Direction), and directing Kurt Beattie in King Lear. Langs received the first annual Seattle Gregory Award honoring excellence in direction for The Adding Machine. As a dedicated fan of original work, Langs has shepherded over a dozen projects to their premiere production. Langs received his directing degree from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.



ANITA SHAH (Managing Director) is an accomplished arts and entertainment executive with 25+ years of experience in the arts, entertainment, and events industry. Anita hails from New York City, where she worked with

organizations such as Lincoln Center, Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet, Good Morning America, New York Live Arts, Blue Man Group, and numerous Broadway productions, such as the Tony Award-winning productions Once and Clybourne Park. Anita has had a long career in the theater, beginning as a technician and designer, then transitioning into production management, venue management, producing, and executive organizational leadership. Anita has stewarded productions across the nation and internationally. This unique perspective of insight at numerous areas of our industry informs her work in creating more supportive and equitable work spaces in the pursuit of making transformative theatrical experiences. Anita is a strong advocate of the arts with a proven track record of accomplishments, including the ability to generate and implement vision and strategy on all levels of an organization while prioritizing team leadership. Anita received her BFA from Emerson College.

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