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LIVE Theatre at USM

COMPANY

A collaboration between the USM School of Music and the USM Department of Theatre

music/lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by George Furth

directed by Wil Kilroy
musical direction by Ed Reichert
choreography by Raymond Marc Dumont

Main Stage, Russell Hall, USM Gorham campus

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Last year more than 1,300 productions were entered in the KCACTF involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. By entering this production, our theater department is sharing in the KCACTF goals to recognize, reward, and celebrate the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.

Company
music/lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
book by George Furth
Setting: New York City, 1975

Director
Musical Director
Choreography
Scenic Design
Costume Design
Lighting Design
Sound Design
Robert
Sarah
Harry
Susan
Peter
Jenny
David
Amy
Paul
Joanne
Larry
Marta
Kathy
April
Waiter
Wil Kilroy
Edward Reichert
Raymond Marc Dumont
Charles S. Kading
Jodi Ozimek
Jamie Grant
Adam Ames

Cast
Anthony J. Teixeira
Rosie Schoneberg
Brian Wilson
Kristin Messana
Graham Allen
Anna Gravel
Jason E. Cook
Casey Pratt
Nate Greene
Chrystal Thorne
Andrew Menard
Rachel Garfield
Sara Johnson-Berz
Ashley Emerson
Nick MacDonald

Orchestra
Piano/Conductor
Keyboard 2
Reed 1
Reed 2
Reed 3
Trumpet
Trombone
Bass
Percussion
Edward Reichert
Jeffrey Coggins
Sean Dietze
Joshua Witham
Jason Mink
Matthew Lagarde
John Miley
Colin Winsor
Scott Ciprari

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Director’s Note

Stephen Sondheim, composer and lyricist for Company, felt that this was the musical in which he found his “artistic voice”. First presented on Broadway in 1970, Company was deemed a ‘concept’ musical, winning multiple Tony Awards, including one for ‘Best Musical’. Revived by New York’s Roundabout Theatre Company in 1995 and in 1996 in London at the Donmar Warehouse, the themes of commitment, romance, and friendship are as vital now as when Company was originally produced. Although we’ve chosen to keep the setting of the 1970’s, the prevalent theme of marriage is certainly making headlines recently as our country debates over its definition, making Company a timely production indeed!

-Wil Kilroy

Cast Biographies

Graham Allen - Peter
Graham has performed various roles at USM including "Dr. Parker" in Bat Boy: The Musical and "Cliff Bradshaw" in Cabaret. At The Waldo Theatre: "Will Parker", Oklahoma! In addition to performing the role of "Lysander" in A Midsummer Night’s Dream at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, he was a senior counselor at the Waldo Theatre Youth Camp for two seasons and he won 3rd Place in the Maine NATS Competition. Thanks to all of his family and friends.

Jason E. Cook - David
Jason E. Cook is a sophomore musical theatre major. Previously at USM he appeared as "Bat Boy" in Bat Boy The Musical, "The Emcee" in Cabaret for which he received an Irene Ryan nomination, and "the Steward" in Into The Woods. He was also seen in the Maine premiere of Songs For A New World. Favorite roles include "Mary Sunshine" in Chicago, "Ren" in Footloose, and "Snoopy" in You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown. He has also received Best Cameo and Best Leading Male SPA Awards, and placed 1st at Maine NATS Musical Theatre competition 2003.

Ashley Emerson - April (Marta / Amy Understudy)
At USM Ashley has appeared in Bat Boy as Shelley", in Cabaret as "Texas" and in Songs for a New World. Other appearances include Chicago ("Mona") with Portland Players and Lucia di Lammermoor (chorus) with Portland Opera Repertory Theater. A second-year vocal performance major from Bangor, Ashley will sing with the PORT chorus again this summer in their operas I Pagliacci and Cavalleria Rusticana.

Rachel Garfield - Marta
Rachel Garfield is a senior theater major, recipient of the Grannia Theater Scholarship. Most recently seen as "Maria" in Lyric Music Theater's West Side Story, Rachel has received two Student awards for her choreography in Dance USM! You may have seen her as the kiss girl in Cabaret. Rachel would like to thank Wil for letting her break her stereotype! Mom and Dad, Father God, thank you for your unfailing love and guidance.
Anna Gravel - Jenny
Anna is a senior theatre major. Company will be her last performance at USM. She is infinitely grateful for her time here and recently competed as an Irene Ryan candidate. Other roles include "Kate", Dancing at Lughnasa; "Mona", Finger Food; "Jack's Mother", Into the Woods and "Fraulein Kost", Cabaret. Anna thanks her family and friends for their love and support. Farewell...

Nate Greene - Paul
Nate is a senior theatre major and has been in many main stage shows.

Sara B. Johnson-Berz - Kathy
Sara is a sophomore musical theatre major from Limestone, Maine. She is pleased to be performing in her first main stage production at USM. Her other musical theatre experiences include roles in Cats, West Side Story, Godspell, The Best of Broadway, Songs For A New World, Bat Boy, and The Rocky Horror Show. She also was in the cast of Asylum and Hard Candy, which won first place in the state One-act drama festival division II, and has received an All-Festival cast award. Sara would like to thank God, her parents, siblings, and friends for their loyalty and support.

Nick MacDonald - The Waiter (David Understudy)
Nick is a sophomore music education major who found his way to USM from New Hampton, NH. He is so honored to be involved with such a remarkable cast of talented performers...Thank you for including me in your thoughts, your lives, your rehearsals.

Andrew Menard - Larry
Andrew, a senior and Maine native from Standish last performed "Brad" in The Rocky Horror Show. Other recent credits include Bat Boy (ensemble) and "Herr Schultz" in Cabaret. He placed first at the 2003 Maine Nats Musical Theatre Division, has been an Irene Ryan semifinalist, and sings with the USM Chamber Singers.

Kristin Messana - Susan
Kristin is a senior sociology major, minoring in music. Some of her past roles include Gloria Thorpe in Damn Yankees, Irene Roth in Crazy For You and Iris in The Silver Lining at The Schoohouse Arts Center. This is Kristin's first show on the main stage and she is thrilled to be working with such a talented cast and crew. She would like to thank her family for their undying love and support!

Casey Pratt - Amy
Casey Pratt is a junior theatre major from Greene, ME. Her recent credits include "Mayor Maggie" in Bat Boy, "Lady Macduff" in Macbeth and "Go To Hell Kitty" and ensemble in Portland Players production of Chicago. Casey would like to thank Wil, Ed, Ray, and Josh for all their hard work. Thanks to family and friends!

Rosie Schoneberg - Sarah
Rosie Schoneberg is currently a sophomore vocal performance major. Some of her favorite roles include "Sally" in Cabaret, "Woman" in the Maine Premiere of Songs For a New World, and "Meredith" in Bat Boy: The Musical. Most recently Rosie won the 2003 Best in Broadway category at the Best New Talent Awards in Los Angeles, California. Many thanks to family, friends, teachers and Dan.

Anthony J. Teixeira - Robert
Anthony J. Teixeira is a musical theatre major from Sandwich, MA. Previous USM roles include "Rapunzel's Prince" in Into the Woods, "Abdullah" in Camino Real, "Ethan" in We All Fall Down (Irene Ryan Acting Nomination), "Rodolpho" in A View From The Bridge, and "Victor" in Cabaret. He would like to thank his family and friends, as well as the cast and crew, for their continued support.

Chrystal Thorne - Joanne
Chrystal is a two time Irene Ryan nominee and Grannia Theatre Scholarship recipient from Jay, Maine. Here, as a USM graduating theatre major you may have seen her in Phaedra, Dance USM, Into the Woods, and as "Fraulein Schneider" in Cabaret. She would like to thank Wil for his six years of guidance, friendship, and unforgettable heart.

Brian Wilson - Harry
Brian Wilson is a senior Music Ed/Music Theatre major. Some roles he has performed on the main stage include Wong in the Good Woman of Setzuan, the Baker in Into the Woods, and Figaro in the Marriage of Figaro. He also appeared in Songs for a New World and Bat Boy. This marks the end of Brian's USM career as he plans to pursue greater endeavors in New York next year.

Understudies (If performing an announcement will be made)
Sara Baglione - Susan / Jenny Understudy
Sarah has been acting, singing and dancing since the age of ten. She has had lead roles in numerous productions in school and community theatre. She is a freshman at University of Southern Maine where she is majoring in musical theatre. All of my love to Mom, Dad and Alexa!

Alexandra A. Dietrich - Sarah Understudy
Alexandra is a freshman musical theatre major from Freeport, Maine. She most recently performed here at USM as "Mrs. Taylor" in the Mainstage production of Bat Boy and at Lyric Music Theatre in West Side Story as Rosaliaii, where she had the great privilege of singing "Somewhere". Other favorite parts include "Robin" in Godspell, "Ronnette" in Little Shop of Horrors, and "Jan" in Grease. Alexandra is also a member of the USM Chamber Singers.

Zachary Trefsgjer - Harry Understudy
Zachary is a Studio Art major entering his Freshman year. A graduate from Edward Little, he has been involved with performing and visual arts for ten years. Previous projects include the rebirth of the All Student Theatre Project, and directing Stephen Sondheim's Sweeney Todd, and Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Janelle LoSciuto - April / Kathy Understudy
Janelle is a sophomore vocal performance major. Recently she has played "Philila" in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum and "Virtue" in Anything Goes. Other favorite roles include "Ariel" in Footloose and "Cassie" in A Chorus Line. Janelle is thrilled to have been a part of this production. Break a leg everyone!
Artistic Staff Biographies

Wil Kilroy - Director
Professor Wil Kilroy is part of the acting/directing faculty here at USM, having previously taught at Santa Monica College and for the Michael Chekhov Studio in Los Angeles. He has also taught master classes at the University of Illinois, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Worcester State College, Grand Valley College in Michigan and this February at the University of California, San Bernadino.

Directing credits include Cabaret and Into The Woods for the USM Musical Theatre Program, with prior directing at other venues such as Portland Players, Schoolhouse Arts Center and the play development program of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education. Wil has been honored by the Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival for his direction of the productions A Midsummer Night's Dream, Everything Sprite and Purple Breasts - which was also presented in Washington, D.C. for the National Breast Cancer Coalition. Everything Sprite was also chosen for a performance at New York's Village Gate. Wil is now a national committee member for the Kennedy Center's ACTF program. As a SAG actor, Wil recently enjoyed working on scenes in the HBO Film, Empire Falls and the TV pilot of The Brotherhood of Poland, NH.

You may have also seen him on several recent cable commercials, or as the TV/Radio spokesperson for the Maine State Tax program. Last summer in New York, Wil appeared as Joe in a new play, Scenes from a Romance. With his own company in Maine, Renegade Productions, Wil has written and appeared in several shows, including Tammy and Billy-Bob’s Wedding. He has also appeared at Mad Horse Theatre, the Chocolate Church in Bath, in The Fantasticks with Maine Play Productions, as Tom in the musical Pulp Alley for New York's West Bank Theatre, Philip in the Hollywood premiere of Hotel Universe, the daytime serials All My Children and As the World Turns, and as an alien on Babylon 5. In the summer, Wil is the Director of the USM Theatre Academy, a week-long acting intensive for ages 13-18, and is a founder of the National Michael Chekhov Association which presents a summer institute here at USM (For info: www.usm.maine.edu). Wil has been a recipient of a Kennedy Center scholarship, a Kennedy Center Bronze Medalion, the Moss Hart Award, USM's Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award and has studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Art and the National Shakespeare Conservatory in New York, and holds theatre degrees from the University of Rhode Island and the University of Illinois.

Edward Reichert - Musical Director
Ed is proud being part of the Artist Faculty in the School of Music at USM where he works as the vocal coach within the new musical theater program. Last year he served as music director on Cabaret in Russell Hall, and has directed the Maine premieres of Songs For A New World and Bat Boy: The Musical in Corthell Hall. He’s quite impressed with the talent on display in Company! Off-Broadway credits include Equity Library Theatre, Circle Rep, AMAS Musical Theatre, Chelsea Rep, and Riverside Shakespeare. The NYC Board of Education employed Ed as music director/arranger at Talent Unlimited High School, one of three performing arts programs in Manhattan. Lisa Valez (of Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam) was his star student there. Highlights (since moving to Maine): thirteen seasons in residence at Maine State Music Theatre; conducting Evita with the Portland Symphony Orchestra featuring Andrea McArdle and Adrian Zmed, She Loves Me (Walnut Street Theatre), and Grease (North Shore Music Theatre); staging Titanic (Seacoast Repertory Theatre), I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change (Ogunquit Playhouse), and Nunsense A-Men! (Arundel Barn Playhouse); numerous productions for Portland Stage Company; producing the critically acclaimed Songbook Series at the Portland Museum of Art beginning in 1994. Ed is a member of Actors’ Equity Association and has appeared onstage as “Manny” in productions of Master Class opposite Lucie Arnaz (SRT), Rosemary Prinz (PSC), and Melinda Tanner (Florida Repertory Theatre). His collaborations with Marie Pressman took them to Eighty Eights in NYC with their gender-bending cabaret act Loved Her, Hated Him!, and the LeFrak Concert Hall at Queens College (his alma mater) with Maury Yeston’s December Songs. He has been on staff at St. Joseph’s College for the past eight years directing their annual musical, and his production of Blood Brothers at UNH was one of six finalists in the New England Division of the ACTF Competition. Upcoming: Musical Theatre Residency at California State Univ./Sacramento; directing Perfect/Change for Portland Players; Follies and Kiss Me Kate at MSMT; 3 Divas in Concert (10th Anniv.) in Corthell Hall.

Raymond Marc Dumont - Choreographer
Ray recently came to USM as Director of Annual Giving & Stewardship/Special Events Coordinator. He also has managed to teach Musical Theatre Dance in the Theatre Department. Prior to coming to USM, Ray was Managing Director at Maine State Music Theatre. He has performed professionally all over the east coast and is a member of Actors Equity Association. He is a graduate of Boston University School of Management and calls Portland home. As always Ray shares any success he may experience with his partner, Rodney, and the amazing Dumont family that has always been his best audience.

Charles S. Kading - Scenic Designer
Charles has taught design and stage craft at USM for 25 years. His professional credits include Titanic, Hans Christian Andersen, Ragtime, and Scarlet Pimpernel for Maine State Music Theatre; Big River, My Fair Lady, She Loves Me, Cabaret, and Annie for Philadelphia’s Walnut Street Theater; Noises Off! and Blithe Spirit at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. He worked extensively at The Alley Theater in Houston where his credits include the US premiere of Alan Ayckbourn’s Hencenforward. Charles has also designed scenery for the Seattle Repertory Theatre, Intiman Theatre, Cabaret Repertory Theatre and Portland Stage. He is currently chair of the Theatre Department.

Jodi Ozimek - Costume Designer
Jodi Ozimek is Jodi’s fourth costume design at the University of Southern Maine. She is honored to spend the year at USM as the costume designer and lecturer for the Department of Theatre. Jodi spent the summer as an assistant designer at American Players Theatre. She received her M.F.A. in costume design from Purdue University, and her B.A. in theatre from Michigan State University. Recent design projects include Little Shop of Horrors, Candida, Hamlet, and The Cherry Orchard. USM designs include The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon-Mariogold, Shakuntala and The Glass Menagerie. Jodi thanks her husband for his undying love and support.

Jamie Grant - Lighting Designer
Jamie's previous designs here at USM have been The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon-Mariogold, Life in the Late 20th, We All Fall Down, Student Written One Acts, and Characters and Space. At Good Theater he designed for Little Me, Shirley Valentine, The Big Picture, Baby, and Loot. Jamie has also worked at The Originals, designing Eleemosynary and Nunsense 2. At Mad Horse Theatre he designed for Suburban Motel. Jamie is also the Resident Designer for the Portland...
Ballet. Other designs include work done for Choreographers Tere O’Connor, Kevin Wynn, Chris Elam, Diane Coburn-Bruning, Lisa Hicks, and Nancy Salmon.

Matthew Meeds - Technical Director
Matthew Meeds joined the Department in September of 2000. Matthew came to us from the local theatre community where he has worked at the Mad Horse Theatre, the Public Theatre, and the Theatre at Monmouth, as well as "away" theaters such as George Street Playhouse in NJ, Syracuse Stage, and Pennsylvania Centre Stage. Most recently he designed the set for last year’s production of The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-In-the-Moon Marigolds.

Kris Hall - Costume Shop Supervisor
This is Kris' fourth year as Costume Shop Supervisor. Last semester she designed costumes for the student-written one-act Ghosting. This summer she will design costumes for Maine State Music Theatre's first show of the season, Pump Boys and Dinettes.

Joshua G. R. Hurd - Stage Manager
Josh is a senior theatre major here at USM. Recent productions he has stage managed include A View From The Bridge (a staged reading), Characters In Space directed by Nancy Salmon, and Dance USM! 2003. Last year Josh also received a nomination for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, Stage Manager’s Fellowship. Most recently Josh was featured in Massabesic High School’s production of Once On This Island as Daniel. Josh would like to thank God, his family and friends for all their love and support.

Jillian Shapleigh - Assistant Stage Manager
Jillian is a senior theatre major from Bridgewater, MA. Other credits include: "Germaine" in Picasso at the Lapin Agile, Multimedia@tion, Into the Woods and Cabaret. She would like to thank Wil, Ed, Ray, Josh and the cast for being cooperative and helpful.

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