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This production contains mature themes and the use of herbal cigarettes.

CAST OF CABARET

Emcee	Tell Williams IV
Sally Bowles	Rachael Opdenaker
Cliff Bradshaw	Zach Haines
Fraulein Schneider	Julia Smith
Herr Schultz	Marc Lubbers
Fraulein Kost	
Ernst Ludwig	Rogan Motter
Fritzie	Sean Davis
Texas	. Elizabeth Zorzopian**
Frenchie	Sarah Reynolds*
Lulu	Clara Laube
Helga	
Rosie	Amanda Phillips
Victor	
Bobby	
Hanz	Jeremy Andro
Herman	Sydney Thorpe
Max	Alec Skwara

PRODUCTION TEAM:

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Cheryl Markle	Music Director
Rebecca Gentry	Choreographer
Halligan Upton	Stage Manager
Jeff Cusano	Lighting Designer
Wyatt Burdick	. Light Board Operator
Andrue Morgan	. Scenic Designer/Artist
Grant Patrick Sound Designer	/Sound Board Operator
Lionella Darling	Costume Designer
Brody Eisenhour Assis	stant Costume Designer
Keith Eyrich	Properties
Alec Skwara	Managing Director
Steve Schelling	Technical Director
Zach Haines	Media Director
Preston Cuer	Fight Choreographer

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

Wilkommen	Emcee & Company	
So What?	Fraulein Scheider	
Don't Tell Mama	Sally & Ensemble	
Mein Herr	Sally & Ensemble	
Perfectly Marvelous	Sally & Cliff	
Two Ladies	Emcee & Kit Kat Girls	
It Couldn't Please Me MoreF	raulein Schneider & Herr Schultz	
Tomorrow Belongs to Me	Emcee	
Maybe This Time	Sally	
Money		
Married Fraulein Schneider, Herr Schultz, Fraulein Kost		
Tomorrow Belongs to Me (Reprise) Fraulein Kost, Ernst, & Company		
ACT II		
Entr'acte	Orchestra	
Married (Reprise)Fr		
If You Could See Her		
What Would You Do?	Fraulein Schneider	

The Orchestra

Piano/Conductor	Cheryl Markle
Piano/Conductor (July 25)	Ryan Dean Schoening
Reed I	Kayla Keating
Reed II	Rick Ferrarelli
Trumpet	Sandy Harris
Cello	
Percussion	Kathv Lubbers

Spotlight Operators:

Nicole Anderson, Damian Hemsley, Eric Hemsley

DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

When Cabaret first hit the stage in 1966, the Hal Prince helmed production sought to break the norms of the typical American musical and expose its audiences to a new kind of socially conscious and conceptually structured piece of musical theatre. In the midst of a politically active culture, Cabaret struck a chord with audiences. In 1972, the musical made its way to the big screen in Bob Fosse's celebrated film adaptation, where Fosse's choreographic style made an everlasting imprint on the show's public identity. Arguably, the most frequently recognized iteration of Cabaret did not emerge until 1993, when a new production directed by Sam Mendes fully realized the show's metaphor and completely reimagined the identity of its central figure. This bawdy representation of the Kit Kat Klub received two Broadway productions in 1998 and 2014, and has been aesthetically replicated in many regional and community theaters across the globe. Today, Cabaret has reentered the public conversation through a lavish production directed by the visionary Rebecca Frecknall, currently playing on Broadway and the West End. This production has reignited the debate over the musical's delivery systems and political function. Additionally, it has sparked conversation about the social responsibilities of artists who choose to put on this resonant piece of theatre.

It is not an accident when a new production of Cabaret springs up in a time of intense political turmoil. It is a show that speaks to any moment due to its consistently relevant themes of self-preservation, political apathy, and the seemingly inescapable forces of fascism. It explores the culture of progressive, queer artists in 1930's Weimar Berlin during a brief moment of sexual and artistic liberation. Opposing this culture is a nationalist political party that propagates the story of a once-great nation in decline, promising to restore its former glory by ridding the country of its impure internal enemies. The immediate translation of these paranoid obsessions into fascist language and behaviors is sickeningly recognizable for 21st-century audiences. Cabaret explores the dangers of our own complacency and political inaction when faced with the forces of evil. It is an audacious piece of political art that places a significant social responsibility on its audiences and the artists who choose to produce it. Therefore, it is irresponsible to engage with this piece of theatre without recognizing the presence of the dangerous behaviors and attitudes it portrays in our contemporary world. Our Kit Kat Klub, like the theatrical space that is housing it, represents a safe space for individualism and artistic freedom. We cannot underestimate how quickly these freedoms can be stripped from us and this temenos can be overrun.

This production of Cabaret is a celebration of all of its predecessors. It is both a compromise and a conversation between then and then and then and now and then. It is specifically tailored for this space and this community, and it would not be possible without the daring group of artists behind it and the generous support of the EPAC staff and board. Every artist and community member who has chosen to engage with this production is making the valuable choice to support theatre that matters. This choice molds our artistic present and future, supporting the essential survival of progressive artistic spaces.



Jeremy Andro (Hanz) - Jeremy is excited to be making his first appearance on the Ephrata Performing Arts Center stage. Some of his favorite credits within school include Clue, Once Upon a Mattress, and Beauty and the Beast. A proud moment of his was being dance captain and assistant choreographer for Beauty and the Beast. Other favorite credits include Mean Girls (Kevin G) with Popovsky Performing Arts and Hello Dolly (2nd Cook) with Susquehanna Stage. He would like to thank all of his past directors and mentors for helping him grow as a performer. He would also like to thank his friends and family for all of their love and support.



Dorian 'Sean' Davis (Fritzie) - Sean is thrilled to return to EPAC with Cabaret. Some of his favorite past credits include The Sponge-Bob Musical, The Color Purple, The Prom (EPAC) Big Fish (Servant Stage) LOVEBUG (FFRWD Dance Company) and most recently Jeter/u/s Ren in Footloose (Revival Productions) He'd like to thank EPAC, the entire cast, crew and creative team for their dedication, support and kindness. A very special thank you to his family and friends for all their love, patience and support! Enjoy the show!



Jeremy Ebert (Bobby) - Jeremy is very excited to be apart of Epac's production of Cabaret. He is overwhelmingly thankful to EPAC and its patrons for an over 12 year stretch of musicals, plays, friendships and joy, and he doesn't plan on stopping! Notable credits include Angels in America (Louis Ironson) Equus (Alan Strang), Rock of Ages (Drew) The Little Dog Laughed (Alex), Spring Awakening (George), 13: The Musical (Arichie), Suessical (The Cat in the Hat), The Odd Couple (Felix), The Crucible (Cheever), Grease (Rodger) Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead (Rosencrantz), Hair, West Side Story, Something Rottenl, The Who's Tommy, American Idiot, Passion, and The Prom. Special thanks to Ed, Ben, Halli, production teams, board of directors and patrons of EPAC. Thank you to his parents Marylee and Chris and sister Erica!



Rachel Faust (Fraulein Kost) - Rachel is both thrilled and anxious to return to the EPAC stage in her first musical since 2015. Audiences may recognize her from EPAC's The Little Dog Laughed and How I Learned to Drive last year, and most recently, Angels in America. Favorite roles include Abigail Williams (The Crucible), The Angel (Angels in America), and Megan Jones (Puffs). She would like to send her sincerest thanks to Ben, Halli, the entire cast and creative team, as well as her support system for their unwavering love and encouragement. Special shoutout to her favorite sound guy, Grant, for sharing all of his musical knowledge and for being so incredibly supportive. Last but not least, thank YOU for being here and supporting the arts in our community.



Zach Haines (Cliff Bradshaw) - Zach is thrilled to be playing this absolute dream role in an absolute dream show. Frequently seen on the EPAC stage, some of his favorite credits include Brick Pollitt in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Trent Oliver in The Prom, Lord Clapham in Something Rotten!, Hank/Larry in The Boys in the Band, and Action in West Side Story. He would like to extend thanks to the cast, team, and audiences for making this show an incredible experience, and love and gratitude to his friends and family for their support. 'Life is beautiful."



Clara Laube (Lulu) - Having most recently been in this season's Rock of Ages as Sherrie, Clara is so honored to be back on the EPAC stage.



Marc Lubbers (Herr Schultz) - Marc is pleased and proud to be making his EPAC debut in this fabulous production of Cabaret! Previous credits include A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (Pseudolus), Hairspray (Wilbur Turnblad), Inherit the Wind (Henry Drummond), An Enemy of the People (Peter Stockmann), Antigone (Kreon), and NBC's Young Rock (Rob Reiner). Marc is represented by CPM Talent Management and Affinity Artists Agency (NY & LA). He thanks Kathy, Anthony and Alex for their patience and support as well as this magnificent cast and crew for allowing him to be part of this experience! www.MarcLubbersActor.com



Rogan Motter (Ernst Ludwig) - Rogan is happy to be back on stage in Cabaret celebrating his 10th anniversary with EPAC. Rogan has a close relationship with Cabaret having worked as an usher at Studio 54 during the Sam Mendes production in the early 2000s. Previous EPAC credits include Sweeney Todd, Spamalot, Peter and the Starcatcher, Amadeus, Ragtime, King Lear, The Man Who Came to Dinner, Death of a Salesman, and The Temperamentals (staged reading). Much love and thanks to the EPAC staff, family and friends.



Rachael Opdenacker (Sally Bowles) - Rachael is a New York City based actress and queer nightlife performer. Previous Lancaster credits include Beauty and the Beast (Fulton Theatre), Footloose (Fulton Theatre), The Cripple of Inishmaan (Helen McCormick, EPAC), and Hello, Dolly! (EPAC). Most recent NYC credits include 54 Sings Bandstand (Julia Trojan) at 54 Below, Screenplay by Stalin (Narrator), and various burlesque shows throughout lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. Instagram: @thebarbieshowgirl



Amanda Phillips (Rosie) - Amanda is thankful to be back on stage at EPAC after spending time behind the scenes choreographing & focusing on her career in education. She previously appeared in The Rocky Horror Show (Columbia), Joseph...Dreamcoat (Wife), The Producers (Usherette), and Dog Sees God (Tricia). Some of her credits at Genesius Theatre include Legally Blonde (Elle Woods), Follies (Young Sally), and The Who's Tommy (Sally Simpson). She is humbled to help bring this story to life, and she hopes it inspires you to find a way to make a difference for someone who needs it. Action is the only remedy to indifference: the most insidious danger of all. -Elie Wiesel. 'All my love to Mom & Matthew. For Carol & Ed, always."



Sarah Reynolds (Frenchie/Dance Captain) - Sarah (she/her) is excited to make her EPAC stage debut! Sarah is a New Jersey native and is thrilled to be apart of the Ephrata community. She first worked with EPAC last season as a choreographer for *The Prom* and *The Phantom of the Opera*. Much thanks to her family for always supporting her and to Alec for being her anchor in life!



Alec Skwara (Max) - Alec emerges from his office in the depths of EPAC to assist in presenting Cabaret to the EPAC community, alongside the talented cast and exceptional production staff. Alec last appeared on EPAC's stage in Clybourne Park and remains the Managing Director of the theater full-time. He extends gratitude to Ben for welcoming him into this production as it will be Alec's first musical performance in over five years. He sends love to Sarah, Thomas, and his parents for their never-ending support.



Julia Smith (Fraulein Schneider) - Julia is delighted to make her EPAC debut as Fraulein Schneider. A veteran of professional theatre, Julia travelled Western Europe, Brazil and the south western United States in Smokey Joe's Cafe, by Lieber and Stoller, with direction from Broadway director, Jerry Zacks. She enjoyed summer stocks in Maine and New Hampshire playing such favorite roles as Adelaide in Guys and Dolls, Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady, Ado Annie in Oklahoma! and Meg Brockey in Brigadoon. She studied theater at Bard College where she met, unbeknownst to her, the man she would marry 15 years later. She lives happily with said man, two children and her cat in nearby Berks County.



Kat Thorpe (Helga) • Kat is thrilled to be part of her first production at EPAC! Kat is a Communications Theatre major with a minor in Music at Millersville University. Some of her favorite roles include Sue Snell in Carrie, Rona Lisa in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, and the Emerald City Guard in The Wizard of Oz. At Millersville, Kat's latest project was directing and choreographing Big Fish. Currently, she serves as Assistant Director and Choreographer for You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. Beyond theatre, Kat loves teaching color guard and twirling baton in the marching band. She is thrilled to perform with this incredible cast in her EPAC debut!



Sydney Thorpe (Herman) - Sydney is over the moon to be featured in her second production here at EPAC. Coming from a long history on stage, her favorite roles have been Constance in Rock of Ages, Ugly in Honk: the Story of the Ugly Duckling, Frankenfurter in The Rocky Horror Show, and Annelle Dupuy-Desoto in Steel Magnolias. Sydney is honored to be a part of this diverse and talented cast.



JP Welliver (Victor) - JP is so thrilled to be returning to the EPAC stage! He was last seen as Robin in Something Rotten! back in 2021! Since then, he has been House Managing and bartending with EPAC and cotinuing to work full time as an Account Manager at Webstaurantstore. He got to live out his childhood dream and make his national TV debut this year on Wheel of Fortune too! He writes a weekly blog on Mondays, so you can follow along at mrsunshinesmiles.com. He is thankful for this opportunity and grateful to the cast and production team (and his front of house staff) for giving him the chance to be under the lights again! All the love to family and friends and please remember to be kind to all!



Tell Williams IV (Emcee) - Tell, Puerto Rican-born and raised in Indiana, is thrilled to debut his German-ish accent in his first show at EPAC. Since moving to the Philly suburbs in 2018, Tell has toured the U.S. in the Bored Teachers Comedy Tour and starred in the Emmy Nominated HBO/ Discovery+ tv series 'The Book of Queer'. Tell's previous stage credits include: Paul (A Chorus Line), The Cat in the Hat (Seussical), Bernardo (West Side Story), Lumiere (Beauty and the Beast), Link (Hairspray), Chad (All Shook Up). Tell holds a masters degree in social work, and works as an educator and therapist. When not on stage, in the classroom, or in therapy sessions, Tell can be found on TikTok or Instagram (@MrWilliamsPrek) where he uses humor to advocate for the LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities, as well as work with local, state, and federal politicians on legislation to protect marginalized groups and end gun violence in schools. Thank you to EVERYONE at EPAC, my family, my friends, my amazing husband, and my one-eyed Corgi Sir Theodore Woofington.



Elizabeth Zorzopian (Texas/Dialect Coach) - Elizabeth Sollecito Zorzopian is a singer and actor based in Lancaster, PA. She most recently appeared at EPAC in The Prom. Past theatre credits include Sister Berthe (u/s Elsa) in The Sound of Music, Jenny in Company, Blanche Barrow in Bonnie & Clyde, Thea in Spring Awakening, the Servant in Blood Wedding, and the Baker's Wife in Into the Woods. Opera roles include the Second Witch in Dido and Aeneas, Laetitia in The Old Maid and the Thief, and the Squirrel in L'enfant et les sortilèges. She holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Voice Performance from Gettysburg College and a Masters of Science In Nonprofit Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. Love to W, O, family, and chosen family.

MEET THE TEAM

Wyatt Burdick (Light Board Operator)

Preston Cuer (Fight Choreographer)

Jeff Cusano (Lighting Designer) - Recent designs: Next to Normal, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Something Rotten!, Ragtime, Fun Home, Sweeney Todd, Hair, American Idiot, Sunday in the Park with George, Angels in America, Spring Awakening, Miss Saigon, The Producers, Jesus Christ Superstar, Beauty and the Beast. Jeff owns Arethusa Designs, a lighting and event design company.

Lionella Darling (Costume Designer) - Lionella has been a personal stylist for imaginary characters for 13 years. Her designs can be found world wide. Selected regional shows include: Chess; Burt & Me; Jekyll & Hyde; Gypsy (Gretna Theater) Angels in America; Cat On A Hot Tin Roof; Little Dog Laughed; Prom (EPAC) Rocky Horror; Jesus Christ Superstar; Hair; Chess (Mickey's Black Box Theater). Selected national and international credits include The Resting Place; The Gangster of Love; The Eva Trilogy (World Premier, Fort Mason Center Theater, SF) So She Heard; Home We Go (World Premier, Int). She sends her love to all of her friends and loved ones for supporting her on this remarkable journey. A heartfelt thank you to all who attend; she hopes you enjoy.

Brody Eisenhour (Assistant Costume Designer) - Brody has been in love with fashion and design ever since the second grade. In middle school, he gave it a go at theater and fell in love with the world of costuming, hair, and makeup. He has designed many shows, including Wicked Christmas Carol, Moana, Into the Woods, Elf, Peter Pan, Flat Stanley, Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, Curious George, and Oliver! He has assisted with many other shows including Charlotte's Web, Suessical, Shrek, Christmas Carol, The Wizard of Oz, and The Prom. He would like to thank his family for trusting his instinct, his friends for being his lifeline, Kristi and Sam for trusting his visions, and Lio for being an unwavering inspiration and role model. Thank you to the cast and crew for all your hard work, and to the audience for coming! Enjoy the show!

Keith Eyrich (Properties) - 'Into the night!" We will not vanish without a fight! We're going to live on! We're going to survive!

Edward R. Fernandez (Artistic Director) - See Artistic Director section.

Ben Galosi (Director) - Ben is grateful for the opportunity to be working with such talented, generous, and inspiring artists. This is his fourth year as a part of the EPAC family, and he is extremely blessed to be given this space to learn and grow as a theatre maker. He resonates heavily with EPAC's mission to create theatre that is ambitious and culturally significant, and would like to encourage audience members to continue supporting theatre that challenges them.

MEET THE TEAM

Rebecca Gentry (Choreographer) - Rebecca is a professionally trained ballet and ballroom dancer, though she dabbles in a variety of dance styles, from Bachata to Bollywood, Tap to Tango. She is the owner of City Ballroom Ballroom Dance Studio and the director of The Dance Collective, Lancaster's only youth ballroom and latin competitive dance team. She has performed locally with the Grant Street Dance Company, UpFront Theatre Company, and PRiMA Theatre, has choreographed for both UpFront and PRiMA, as well as Encore! Home School Productions, the Lancaster Academy for the Performing Arts, Lancaster Shakespeare Theatre, and Popovsky Performing Arts. She is resident choreographer in the Manheim Central High School theatre department. This is her first production at EPAC, and she is thrilled to be on board! Much love and gratitude to Ben, Cheryl, Halli, Lio, and the cast. Shall we?

Cheryl Markle (Music Director) - Cheryl has been working on shows at EPAC ever since Candide back in 1991. She has served as music director in such musicals as Anything Goes (1998 and 2012), The Rocky Horror Show (2001), She Loves Me, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (2009), Man of La Mancha (2010), Evil Dead: The Musical, Avenue Q, Shrek: The Musical, Oliver!, Newsies, Les Miserables, and most recently co-MD for The Phantom of the Opera. She is a tax preparer and lives in Leola with husband Steve and three cats.

Andrue Morgan (Scenic Designer/Artist) - Andrue is a south central PA local, and happy to be returning for his 4th season at EPAC. Previous EPAC designs include Rock of Ages, The Phantom of the Opera, Passion, The Color Purple, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, and Matilda. He also designs for ATOMIC at Rock Lititz, Millersville University, he has also worked with The Fulton Theatre and Totempole Playhouse. Andrue would like to thank the team at EPAC, and his friends and family for continuing support.

Grant Patrick (Sound Designer/Sound Board Operator) - Gran, our Lead Audio Engineer here at EPAC, is excited to bring *Cabaret* to the EPAC stage. He is a local sound designer from the Lancaster County area and was recognized for Best Sound Design of a Play or Musical in 2022 by Broadway World for his work in EPAC's *Amadeus*. Grant designs and sponsors these shows through his audio business, Anarchy Sound LLC. Just coming off of our production of *Angels in America*, it has been a nice change of pace working on this musical. Most of all it's been wonderful working on two shows in a row with his wonderful girlfriend, Rachel Faust.

Steve Schelling (Technical Director)

Alec Skwara (Managing Director) - See Meet the Cast section.

Halligan Upton (Stage Manager) - Halligan is thrilled to be part of this perfectly marvelous production of Cabaret. With fourteen years of experience at Ephrata Performing Arts Center, she grew up here attending camps and acting in youth productions. Halligan has stage managed numerous productions, including Passion, How I Learned to Drive, Color Purple (ASM) and Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder (ASM). Additionally, Halligan is the Co-owner of Crowns and Corsets, a character entertainment company, and is currently attending Temple University for Theater. When not backstage, Halligan enjoys all things art, with a love for costume creation. Halligan would like to thank the incredible cast and crew for their hard work and dedication! She would also like to thank her parents who have made her passion for the arts possible!

IEPAC ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Edward R. Fernandez (Artistic Director) • This is Ed's 28th year as Artistic Director of the Ephrata Performing Arts Center. A native of New York City, Ed studied theatre arts at the Leonard Davies Center for the Performing Arts at the City College of New York, as well as Acting and Scene Study with the renowned acting teacher and theorist Herbert Berghof at his studio in Manhattan. In 1987, he came to Lancaster to perform in the EPAC (Ephrata Performing Arts Center) production of *The Mousetrap*, fell in love with EPAC, and decided to move to Lancaster County.

After two years of acting in the Lancaster and Berks County area, Ed was asked to perform the leading role in Edward Albee's *The Man Who Had Three Arms* at the Albee Festival at Albright College. The production was moved to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival (Scotland), where it took the First Fringe Award. Upon returning to Lancaster County, Ed directed his first show at EPAC, *Golddust*, and a western musical based on Moliere's *The Miser*. After the opening of *Golddust*, Ed went on to become one of the most prolific directors of musical theatre in the Lancaster Area. In 1996, Ed took over the reins as Artistic Director at the Ephrata Performing Arts Center.

His EPAC directing credits are too numerous to mention, besides producing all the productions over his 28 years as Artistic Director, he has directed most of them. In addition, he has directed Pacific Overtures, Macbeth and Oedipus Rex for Theatre of the Seventh Sister, Cinderella, Pippin, Wizard of Oz, Man of La Mancha, Fiddler on the Roof and Peter Pan for the Fulton Opera House, and Bus Stop and Dancing at Lungasha for the York Little Theatre, now known as The Belmont. Ed's commitment to theatre education is reflected in the classes he has taught, including Basic Acting Technique, Advanced Scene, Monologue workshops, and Musical Theatre Technique.

Ed has seen the Ephrata Performing Arts Center grow incredibly over the 35-plus years that he has been here, from a small hot barn to the beautiful year-round facility you are sitting in tonight. It was a long hard road but a wonderful, fun one as well, filled with laughter, love, creativity, and great memories.

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Fred Ebb - was an award-winning lyricist, librettist and director who frequently and successfully collaborated with composer John Kander. Ebb's work for the theatre included Flora, The Red Menace; Cabaret; The Happy Time; Zorba; 70, Girls, 70; Chicago; The Act; Woman of the Year; 2x5; The Rink; And The World Goes Round - The Kander and Ebb Musical; Kiss of the Spider Woman; and Steel Pier. His film work included Cabaret; Norman Rockwell: A Short Subject; Lucky Lady; New York, New York; Funny Lady; Kramer vs. Kramer; A Matter of Time; Places in the Heart; French Postcards; Stepping Out, and the 2003 Academy Award winner for best picture, Chicago. For television, Ebb wrote Liza with a Z; Goldie and Liza Together (starring Goldie Hawn and Liza Minnelli); Ol' Blue Eyes is Back (starring Frank Sinatra); Baryshnikov on Broadway; An Early Frost; and Liza in London. His last projects included a musical version of The Skin of Our Teeth and Curtains, with book by Rupert Holmes. Ebb also provided additional material for the updated script of Rodgers & Hart's By Jupiterand additional lyrics for the 1997 TV remake of Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella.

Christopher Ishwood - was a novelist, playwright, screen-writer, autobiographer, and diarist. He was homosexual and made this a theme of some of his writing. He was born near Manchester in the north of England in 1904, became a U.S. citizen in 1946, and died at home in Santa Monica, California in January 1986.

John Kander - is a Tony, Emmy and Grammy-winning composer, a recipient of the Kennedy Center Honors Award, and a member of the American Theatre Hall of Fame. With frequent collaborator Fred Ebb, he composed the score to dozens of Broadway musicals, including Cabaret, Zorba, Chicago, The Act, Woman of the Year, The Rink, Kiss of the Spider Woman and Steel Pier. As a composer, Kander made his Broadway debut in 1962 with A Family Affair, produced by Harold Prince. A year later, in 1963, Kander met lyricist Fred Ebb. Kander and Ebb began to work together, and their first song, 'My Coloring Book," was nominated for a Grammy award. Kander and Ebb's first theatrical collaboration, The Golden Gate, never opened on Broadway. However, the score convinced Harold Prince to hire the pair for his next production, Flora, the Red Menace, which opened in 1965, starring Liza Minnelli in her Broadway debut.

Joe Masteroff - Born in 1919 in Philadelphia, Joe Masteroff had only one dream from infancy: to write for the theatre. After the essential lonely childhood and four-year stint in the Air Force, he came to New York to face his future: book writer or book seller? Luckily, luck intervened. Before long he had three shows on Broadway bearing his name: The Warm Peninsula starring Julie Harris, and two musicals, She Loves Me and Cabaret, for which he was the book writer. His other work included the libretto for 70, Girls, 70 and Desire Under The Elms and book and lyrics for Six Wives and Paramour. Thanks to indulgent parents, the New Dramatists, Hal Prince and many others, Joe Masteroff retired and lived in subdued luxury until his death in 2018.

John Van Druten - was an English playwright and theatre director. He began his career in London, and later moved to America, becoming a U.S. citizen. He was known for his plays of witty and urbane observations of contemporary life and society.

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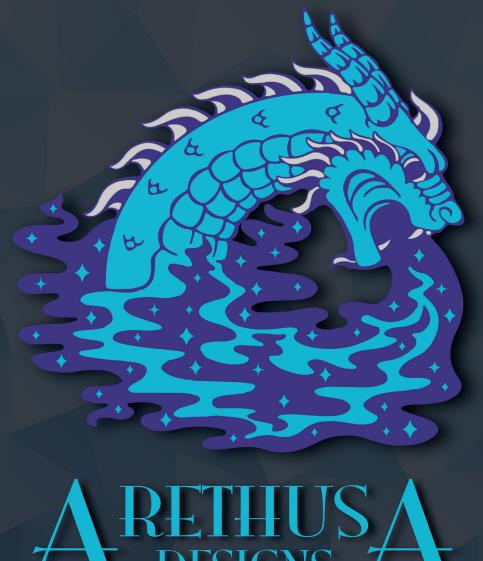


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