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#### Cast of Characters

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Tracy Turnblad		
Edna Turnblad		
Wilbur Turnblad		,
Penny Pingleton		
Prudy Pingleton		, ,
Amber VonTussle		•
Velma VonTussle		
Corny Collins		
Link Larkin		, ,
Seaweed J. Stubbs		Uriah Williams
Little Inez		
Motormouth Maybelle		Amani Green
Prison Matron		Georgia Muttillo
Gym Teacher & Others		Sarah Price
Gentleman Authority Fig	jures	Neil Scheibelhut
Dynamite (Judith)		Lauren Sturdivant
Dynamite (Kamilah)		Blessing Gee
Dynamite (Shayna)		Hannah Floyd
Tammy / Tracy Turnblad	d u/s	Cameron Olin
Brad		Will DuPuis
Fender		Trevor Knierim
Brenda		Alivia Leyland
Sketch		Travis Kroggel
Shellie		Melanie Leibold
Sue Ann		Maggie George
Lou Ann		Molly Marquette
Mikey		
Darla		Bri Noble
Joey		Javi Vajello
Vicky		•
IQ		,
Betty		
Stooie		
Lorraine		,
Diane		
Thad		
Doris		
Phyllis		
Roddy		
Zeke		•
Beatnik Chick & Others		
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#### **Production Team**

Director	Brenton Cochran
Assistant Director	Amy McSweeney
Musical Director	
Choreographer	Melanie Leibold
Stage Manager	
Producer	Georgia Muttillo
Technical Director	
Sound Designer	Vic DiAngelo
Sound Operator	Isaac Siemer
Properties Designer	Lou Petrucci
Costumer	Katie Wells
Wig Designer	Tony Otto
Lightboard Op	
Spotlight Operator	
Photographer	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

#### Welcome to Parma Heights and the Cassidy Theatre.

We are so proud to have the Cassidy Theatre in our community and are so appreciative of your support of one of the finest community theatres in Northeast Ohio. To the actors, actresses, director, producer, costumes, props, wigs, lighting, sound, musicians and volunteers – thank you for sharing your time and talents.

To the audience – sit back and enjoy the show!

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#### <u>Orchestra</u>

Keyboard 1/Conductor	Mike Caraffi
Keyboard 2	Heidi Herczeg
Keyboard 3	Joel McDaniel
Guitar	Kristofer Downs
Guitar 2	
Woodwind	Linda Simon
Woodwind	
Trumpet	Matt Wirfel
Trombone	Brendan Loeb
Bass	Shawn Brandt
Percussion	Taylor Pohlig

#### Act 1

Good Morning Baltimore	Tracy, Company
The Nicest Kids In Town	Corny Collins, Company
Mama, I'm A Big Girl Now	Edna, Tracy, Penny,
	Velma, Amber, Company
I Can Hear The Bells	Tracy, Company
Miss Baltimore Crabs	Velma
The Nicest Kids In Town - Reprise	Corny Collins, Company
It Takes Two	Link, Tracy, Men
Velma's Revenge	Velma
Welcome To The 60's	Tracy, Edna, Company
Hear The Bells - Reprise	Link
Run And Tell That	Seaweed, Little Inez, Company
Big, Blonde & Beautiful Moto	ormouth, Tracy, Edna, Company

#### ♦———— Intermission



	Act 2
The Big Dollhouse	<u>Act 2</u> Women
Dollhouse Playoff	Matron, Company
Good Morning Baltimore - Re	prise Tracy
You're Timeless To Me	Edna, Wilbur
Timeless - Reprise	Edna, Wilbur
Without Love	Tracy, Link, Seaweed, Penny, Company
Without Love Playoff	
I Know Where I've Been	Motormouth, Company
(It's) Hairspray	Corny Collins, Company
Cooties	Amber, Council Members
You Can't Stop The Beat Parts	1 and 2 Company
Bows	Orchestra, Company

#### Who's Who in the Cast



**Andre Anderson** (Thad) is a senior in high school and is excited to play the role of Seaweed's best friend. Andre has recently appeared in projects including *The Wiz, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, the *Book of Life* and more.



**Sami Avon** (Little Inez) is a theater enthusiast who's been putting on shows since she was a little kid. She's been in many productions in Cleveland such as *Disney's Frozen* (Bulba), *Beetlejuice* (Lydia), *The Lion King* (Nala), and *Les Misérables* (ensemble). When not on stage, Sami takes vocal lessons, plays soccer, dances, swims, and even plays the cello. She recently showed off her

talents by being the emcee for her school's talent show and sang the song *Maybe This Time* from Cabaret.



**Cory Bryner** (Link Larkin) is thrilled to be back on stage at Cassidy's production of *Hairspray*. Some of his favorite roles include Charlie Price in *Kinky Boots*, Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* and Buddy Layman in *The Diviners*. He would like to thank his family & friends for being his biggest support through everything.



**Sam Caruso** (IQ) is excited to make his Cassidy Theatre debut. He is in the ninth grade at Saint Ignatius High School, where he will be performing in Shrek the Musical this spring. His favorite roles include Combeferre (*Les Miserables*), Sonny (*Xanadu*) and Harold Hill (*Music Man*). Outside of theater, Sam enjoys playing football for the Saint Ignatius Wildcats, reading, playing

guitar, and building Legos. He is excited to be on stage with this talented group of people. Enjoy the show!



**Giovanni Conti** (Mikey) is thrilled to join Cassidy Theatre's production of Hairspray. He's grateful for this opportunity to enhance his theater skills, he has previously taken on the role of Narrator/Mysterious Man in *Into The Woods* (Mad Factory) and contributed to the ensemble in *The Music Man* (Near West Theatre), *Head Over Heels* (Near West Theatre), *The Prom* (Near

West Theatre), *Cabaret* (The Brecksville Theatre), *Ragtime* (The Cassidy Theatre), and *The Prom* (CVLT). Outside of the theater, Giovanni enjoys singing, playing guitar, and practicing archery. Another fun fact: he was homeschooled his entire life. He is looking forward to collaborating with the remarkable cast of this production!



Liz Curtis (Diane) is very excited to return to Cassidy Theatre. She is an 8th grader at St. Mark School. Previous credits include Willy Wonka (Phineas Trout), Lion King ( Mufasa), and Bye Bye Birdie (Rosie) at Academy for Dramatic Arts, Legally Blonde (Ensemble) at Near West Theater, Snow White Variety Show (Evil Queen) and The Little Mermaid (Andrina) at St.Mark, and

Annie (July) at Cassidy theatre. She would like to give a special thank you to the amazing cast and crew of *Hairspray*.



**Madde Curtis** (Lorraine) is thrilled to be in the cast of *Hairspray*! She recently made her professional debut in *A Christmas Carol* at Great Lakes Theater. She is currently in rehearsal for *Seussical* at Academy for Dramatic Arts playing the role of Cat in the Hat. A few of her favorite previous shows are *The Lion King* as Simba, *Bye Bye Birdie* as Gloria Rasputin at Academy for

Dramatic Arts, and Legally Blonde as Ensemble at Near West Theater.



**Will DuPuis** (Brad) is happy to be making his Cassidy Theatre Debut as the role of Brad in this production of Hairspray! His professional work includes Porthouse Theater's *West Side Story* as Jet Swing/Riff Understudy as well as at Woodstock Playhouse as Sir Robin in *Spamalot* and Sasha/Featured Russian Soloist in *Fiddler on the Roof*. Most recently he was a part of the

Croswell Opera Houses production of *Newsies* as Davey. He is incredibly grateful for this opportunity to share the stage with such a wonderfully talented group of performers.



**Hannah Floyd** (Dynamite Shayna) is excited to be making her Cassidy Theatre debut in *Hairspray*. Hannah graduated in 2020 from Slippery Rock University with a double major in Voice Performance and Music Therapy. She is currently living in Cleveland where she is also a photographer for Shiny Penny Studios. She specializes in weddings, engagements, senior

photos, taking photos of her 4 cats, and more. Recent shows include Sandy Cheeks in SpongeBob the Musical (MGP) and Kinky Boots (MAD Factory). Hannah would like to thank her friends, family, and loved ones for always supporting her.



**Jaxon Floyd** (Stooie) is thrilled to be in his second show at Cassidy. In his free time he enjoys tennis, soccer, theatre, and spending time with his family and friends. Favorite past credits include *Beauty and the Beast, Jr* (Lefou) at 82nd Street Theatre, *High School Musical* (James/Jock) at The Brecksville Theatre, *Les Miserablès* (Sailor 1/Convict/Student), *Scrooge* 

Merchant/Phantom/Boy with Sled) at Near West Theatre, and *Beauty and the Beast* (Eggseller) at The Cassidy Theatre. He would like to thank his family for supporting his theatre ambitions. Enjoy the show!!!



**Mary Fowler** (Tracy Turnblad) is so ecstatic to be stepping into her dream role of Tracy Turnblad in this production of *Hairspray*! You may have seen her last on Cassidy's stage in the ensemble of *Beauty and the Beast* and as Lauren in their production of *Kinky Boots*. Mary has had the privilege to perform in various productions in the Northeast Ohio area, some including

Gypsy (Louise), 9 to 5 (Roz), Heathers (Martha), Spring Awakening (ensemble), and Xanadu (Calliope). Mary sends love to her family, friends, and partner Nick, who have been her number one fans and supporters over the many years! Lastly, she would like to thank you, the audience, for coming out and supporting the arts! Enjoy the show and welcome to the 60's!



**Justin Fulton** (Zeke) is pleased to return to Cassidy's stage having previously appeared in *Ragtime*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Kinky Boots*. He hopes you enjoy the show!



**Blessing Gee** (Dynamite Kamilah) is so excited to be doing her first production with Cassidy Theatre! She is currently earning her undergrad at Cleveland State University in Health Sciences on the Pre-Dental track. This would be Blessing's 17th production in her life, some of her favorite roles being Nautica (*Bring it On*) and Jasmine (*Beehive: The 60s Musical*). The story

of *Hairspray* is very important to her and she's so grateful to be apart of it. Many thanks to all her loved ones! Enjoy the show <33



**Maggie George** (Sue Ann) is a music teacher at NR Elementary and teaches private voice lessons to many students in the Cleveland area. She graduated from Baldwin Wallace's Conservatory of Music with a degree in Music Education. She is excited to return to the stage in one of her favorite shows after dedicating many years to teaching others to be on stage, rather than

being onstage herself! Maggie would like to thank her family & friends for always supporting her in her musical endeavors, Brenton for allowing her to be in her favorite show, Mom and Dad for bringing music and dance into her life, God for literally everything, and all of her students for bringing joy into her life every day!



Amani Green (Motormouth Maybelle) is excited to be in her first production at Cassidy Theatre! Recent credits include Ronnette in *Little Shop Of Horrors* at Blank Canvas Theatre, Vi Moore in *Footloose* at the Fine Arts Association, and Cindy Lou in *The Marvelous Wonderettes* at Clague Playhouse. She grew up as a third culture kid in Cairo, Egypt and graduated

from Stanford University with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Psychology. She hopes you learn from and enjoy the show!



**Octavius Hayes** (Roddy) is thrilled to be back at Cassidy Theater for his third production! He began his journey here with *Shrek the Musical* and followed it up with *Beauty and the Beast*. Octavius sends a huge thank you to wonderful audience and the incredible production team for making this possible. *Hairspray* has truly captured his heart with its powerful message of

acceptance. He is grateful to his fellow cast members for their warm welcome and support. "Together, let's make this a memorable experience!"



Jeremy Jenkins (Wilbur Turnblad) was last seen on the Cassidy stage wearing out knee pads as Lord Farquaad in *Shrek the Musical*. Years ago, he was seen in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Pseudolus), *Guys and Dolls* (Harry the Horse), and *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (Bert Jefferson). Favorite past credits include *Sherwood* (Robin Hood), *1776* 

(Richard Henry Lee), *Annie* (Rooster), *Chicago* (Fred Casely), *The Fantasticks* (Matt, the Boy) *The Odd Couple* (Felix Unger), *Death of a Salesman* (Happy Loman), and three different productions of *The Glass Menagerie* (The Gentleman Caller). Jeremy teaches Speech and Theatre at Strongsville High School, where he also directs the fall plays and spring musicals. Love to his "purty" wife, Debbie, his 5-year old son, Nolan, and his favorite deputies, Dylan and Nash! High Four! "You're timeless to me!"



**Tom Jones** (Edna Turnblad) is excited to be back on stage at Cassidy, most recently having appeared in *Shrek* last Christmas in the ensemble. He is excited to help begin the 51st season as Edna Turnblad, a bucket list role he has been waiting to play for a long time. Tom has been involved in theatre all around the NE Ohio area, but the one he calls home is the Chagrin Valley

Little Theatre. "We have one heck of a cast that is excited to perform for you this year. Thank you to my family and friends for their support and putting up with my constant craziness, especially this time as a woman." Recent theatre credits: Max Detviller (Sound Of Music) CVLT, Nostradamus (Something Rotten) CVLT, Bill Calhoun (Kiss Me, Kate Concert), Producer/Props (Elf the Musical) 2022 CVLT.



**Trevor Knierim** (Fender) is excited to be a part of this cast. "Break a leg, everybody!"



MaryBeth C. Knode (Amber VonTussle) is excited to be making her Cassidy debut! She was most recently seen in CVLT's production of 9 to 5: The Musical (Doralee Rhodes). Other credits include Lizzie: The Musical (Alice), Steel Magnolias (Annelle), The Addams Family (Wednesday Addams), Bus Stop (Cherie), Titanic (Madeleine Astor) with the Akron Symphony, It Shoulda Been

You (Rebecca Steinberg), and Guys and Dolls (Adelaide). A special thank you to Andy and Marlo for their love and support. Cheers!



Macey Kolodziej (Vicky) is 14 years old and is excited to make her big Cassidy debut in her favorite show! She is a freshman at Brecksville Broadview Heights High School where she enjoys participating in chamber and show choirs as well as drama club. Macey would like to dedicate this performance to her grandma who first introduced her to Hairspray and will

be smiling down on her throughout this run.



**Travis Kroggel** (Sketch) is happy to be finally making his way back onstage. Though he performed in his younger years, performing took a back seat during his college years. Now, he's back in full swing and making his debut at Cassidy! With excitement brimming, Travis is ready to finally shake out what has stood still for too long.



**Melanie Leibold** (Shellie, Choreographer) is thrilled to be a part of this production! Favorite credits include: Miss Adelaide (*Guys and Dolls*), Erma (*Anything Goes*), and Janet (*The Rocky Horror Show*). Favorite choreography credits include: *Chicago, Anything Goes, Kinky Boots* and *RENT*. Melanie would like to thank Brenton, Mike, Amy, and Georgia for the opportunity and to all

her family and friends for their support.



**Alivia Leyland** (Brenda) is so excited to be back on stage as one of the nicest kids in town after performing as a Hot Box Doll in Cassidy's latest production of *Guys and Dolls*! She is a native of the Pittsburgh area and a Baldwin Wallace alum. Favorite roles have included Princess Fiona (*Shrek*), Kitty (*The Drowsy Chaperone*), Hot Box Doll (*Guys and Dolls*), and Angel

(Anything Goes). Besides performing, other favorite things to do are spending time with her boyfriend Nathan and their corgi Sam and boxing at 30 Minute Hit out in Avon (shoutout). "Thank you to my family, friends, and vocal & dance coaches (past and present) for the support and push to help get me back on stage."



**Molly Marquette** (Lou Ann) is so excited to be back at the Cassidy Theatre as one of the Nicest kids in town! Most recently she has been in *Shrek* and *Beauty and the Beast* at Cassidy, and 9 to 5 at CVLT. Molly grew up in Stow, dancing and singing on stage, and got her degree in Musical Theatre at BGSU. She wants to thank her family and friends for always supporting her,

and she hopes you enjoy "Hairspray" as much as she has!



**Jordon Matthew** (Corny Collins) is very excited to finally return to Cassidy Theatre with this outstanding production of *Hairspray*! He was last seen at Cassidy as George in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, but some of his other notable roles have been Trent Oliver in *The Prom*, Tulsa in *Gypsy*, Harry in *Kinky Boots*, and Ernst in *Spring Awakening*. His Choreography work has also been

seen in shows such as *Matilda the Musical*, [title of show], and most recently, Sound of Music. Jordon can be found literally running all over Northeast, Ohio maintaining his Real Estate business under The Matt Shafer Real Estate Group, powered by RE/MAX Infinity, and teaching Musical Theatre dance classes at Dianna Durkin Dance Studio. In his free time, he is also the co-host of the highly acclaimed podcast, "By The Way... w/ Jordon & Chris" (new episodes every Monday!) To his friends and family, he simply says, "Thank you always."



**Kim Mihalik** (Velma VonTussle) has been performing and directing in area community theatres like Cassidy, Clague, Strongsville Community and Berea Summer Theatre since 1981. Having grown up on the Cassidy (Greenbrier) stage, she is especially happy to be a member of the board! Her background is in education, and she has been a fifth-grade teacher, drama coach, and

corporate trainer during her career. She has developed, curated, and facilitated arts curriculum in both the elementary and secondary spaces. Further, she developed a Care Actor program integrating local actors into training programs for healthcare professionals. She is currently completing her master's degree in clinical counseling and looks forward to assisting patients in the future. She also looks forward to co-directing *Holiday Inn* next Christmas here at Cassidy with Brenton Cochran. "I hope everyone enjoys this amazing production and takes a moment to think about the fact that we are stronger together. Empathy and kindness are needed more than ever. I hope you take those messages with you. Love to Mackenzie, Jake and Mark."



**Riss Nawa** (Penny Pingleton) cannot contain her excitement to be a part of this incredible show! She was most recently seen here at Cassidy in the revival of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Silly Girl), and Olde Towne Hall's *A Night of One Act Plays* (Meg/Trixie Flanders). A few of her other favorite roles include: 9 to 5 (Margaret) and *Clue!* (Miss Scarlet). Special thanks to the

entire production team for this opportunity, it all still feels like a dream. To her husband Nathan and extraordinary friends for their constant encouragement which helped get her here today. Riss would like to dedicate this show to her father as thanks for all his love and support, reminding her to always follow her dreams. Finally, to you, the audience: while the cast entertains you tonight with song and dance, please embrace the show's message of diversity and inclusion and help spread kindness wherever you go, thank you.



**Bri Noble** (Darla) Bri is excited to return to the Cassidy stage to play Darla! She is a proud graduate of Kent State's Musical Theatre program, and is grateful to be sharing the stage with so many friends. Thank you to our audiences for supporting local theatre and accessible arts!



**Cameron Olin** (Tammy/Tracy u/s) is so excited to be back on Cassidy Theatre's stagewelcoming in the 60s with this phenomenal cast and crew. Recently you may have seen her in *Beauty and the Beast* at Cassidy Theatre (Belle), *The Crucible* at Blank Canvas Theater (Mercy Lewis/Abigail Williams u/s), 9 to 5 at CVLT as a principal swing/ensemble dancer, *Shrek* at Cassidy

Theatre (Dragon/Humpty Dumpty), Anything Goes at Independence Community Theater (Hope Harcourt), Sondheim on Sondheim at Cain Park (Swing), and Disney's: Freaky Friday at Kent State (Ellie Blake). Cameron is incredibly grateful for all of the love and support from all of her wonderful friends and family, without whom she would not be where she is today! JPO <3



**Emma Pasciak** (Beatnik Chick/Ensemble) is so excited to be a part of this fabulous show! She was last seen at Cassidy in *Beauty and the Beast* (Flower Seller/Napkin). Other previous credits include *The Prom* (Teen/Godspell Ensemble) at Chagrin Valley Little Theatre, *9 to 5* (Margaret/Doralee US) at Brecksville Theatre, *Shrek the Musical* (White Rabbit/Duloc Dancer),

Cinderella (Footman/Ensemble), and Kinky Boots (Ensemble) at Cassidy Theatre, Into the Woods (the Baker), The Sound of Music (Sister Sophia), and Children of Eden (Snake/Aphra) at MAD Factory, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Ensemble) at Mighty Goliath Productions. She would like to thank the Hairspray production team for this opportunity.



**Jaclyn Phelps** (Prudy Pingleton) has been involved with community theater for over the last 30 years. Jackie has enjoyed performing in musicals, dramas, and comedies. Jackie is grateful that she found her niche in theater, playing character roles. Some of her favorite roles include Gretchen in *Boeing Boeing*, Sister Mary Lazarus in *Sister Act*, and Evangeline Harcourt in

Anything Goes. When Jackie isn't on stage or hanging out with her adorable nephews, she is a property manager for a multi-family residential management company. Jackie wants to thank her family and friends for all of their love and support.



**Sarah Price** (Gym Teacher/Ensemble) has been participating in theatres around the area for a long time. She's always thrilled to return to Cassidy and hopes you all enjoy the show.



**Neil Scheibelhut** (Authority Figure, Ensemble) returns to the Cassidy stage after playing Nicely Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls* in August. Audiences have seen him as Billy Flynn in *Chicago*, Thomas Jefferson in *1776*, Bert in *Mary Poppins*, and Sam in *Mamma Mia!* He thanks you for your support of the arts, and hopes you enjoy the show!



**Kaylee Starek** (Phyllis) is excited to return to the Cassidy Theatre stage to perform alongside her sister in one final production before heading off to college. Her previous credits include *Children of Eden* (Young Abel) and Annie (Orphan Ensemble) at Cassidy Theatre, as well as The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (Ensemble) at The Brecksville Theatre. Kaylee would like

thank her parents for all their love and support, as well as her sister, Mari, for encouraging her to go out for this show.



Mari Starek (Doris) is so happy to be back at Cassidy Theatre to perform in one of her favorite shows! Recent credits include: Scrooge The Musical (Ensemble) at Near West Theatre, High School Musical (Ensemble) at The Brecksville Theatre, Ragtime (Harlem Ensemble), Legally Blonde Jr. (Pilar), Children of Eden (Storyteller), Annie (Orphan Ensemble), Aladdin Jr.

(Agrabhan), *Elf the Musical* (Ensemble), *The Little Mermaid* (Ensemble) at The Cassidy Theatre, and *Frozen Jr* (Pabbie) at Independence Community Theatre. In her free time, Mari enjoys playing various sports and hanging out with friends. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support!



**Lauren Sturdivant** (Dynamite Judith) is excited to return to Cassidy's stage for the third time. Lauren is a performer and stage manager in various theaters around Ohio. Other roles include Squeak in *The Color Purple* and Deanna Jones in *Dreamgirls* (Weathervane Playhouse), the lead role of Prix in Kia Corthron's *Breath, Boom*, Lorrell Robinson in *Dreamgirls* (Karamu),

Jamaica Pearl in the world premiere of *THE MIGHTY SCARABS!*, For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide (Lady in Red), and Gem of the Ocean (Black Mary). A Hiram College (BA Music) and Kent State (M.Mus.Ed) alum, she teaches and directs 7-12 grade vocal music and directs the drama program for South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools.



**Javi Vallejo** (Joey) is enjoying his first appearance on the Cassidy stage and is learning a lot about theatre and being part of a team. He started to participate in musical theatre about 3 years ago and has also appeared in *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Chicago*. He enjoys hanging out with his family in his spare time and is thankful for their warm support.



**Brooke Victoria** (Betty) is thrilled to be part of Hairspray! Past credits include: *Cabaret* (Lulu), *Dangerous Liaisons* (Emilie), *Avenue Q* (Bad Idea Bear), 9 to 5 (Kathy), and *Guys and Dolls* (Hot Box). Brooke has also performed with The Ohio Light Opera in *The King and I, Utopia Limited*, and *Miss Springtime*. She is a graduate of Cleveland State University's Department of Theatre and

Dance, where she had the privilege of working under the direction of Russ Borski, Holly Holsinger, Dr. Michael Mauldin, and Lara Mielcarek.



**Uriah Williams** (Seaweed J. Stubbs) has volunteered as an intern for the Cassidy Theatre summer camps and has been on the run crew for a number of other productions. He's excited to appear on stage this time. In his spare time, he likes to spend time with his best friend Issac. Past favorite productions include *Bye Bye Birdie, The Addams Family*, and *The Little* 

*Mermaid.* He would like to thank his mom for her continued love and support and his brother who inspires him everyday.

#### Who's Who Behind the Scenes



**Vic DiAngelo** (Sound Design) has been involved in nearly every facet of theatre production from directing and performing, to tech crew and sound design. He won the category of Best Sound Design in Broadway World Cleveland's "2022 Regional Awards" for *RENT* at Cassidy Theatre. Other production credits include: *Into the Woods* (Director – Olde Towne Hall

Theatre), *The World According to Snoopy!* (Director - OTHT), *Mamma Mia!* (Harry Bright – OTHT), *Kinky Boots* (Sound Design – Cassidy Theatre). Vic is thankful for the support and encouragement of his family and friends.



**Mike Caraffi** (Music Director) (he/him) wears many hats here at the Cassidy Theatre. Some of you may have seen him in our box office or know him as our board president. Others may know him as a Director or Musical Director. Mike is pleased to join the team for this production of *Hairspray*. A heartfelt word of THANKS to all the hard working, dedicated actors and

actresses who have brought this production to life – you are an absolute inspiration and joy to work with. Congratulations to all!



**Brenton Cochran** (Director) Brenton Cochran (Director) has been fortunate enough to direct over 90 productions across Northeast Ohio for over 20 years. Brenton most recently directed 9 to 5 the Musical at CVLT and Les Miserables: School Edition at ICT. Some of his favorite directorial credits include 9 to 5 the Musical at CVLT, Disney's Beauty and the Beast,

The Addams Family and RENT at Cassidy Theatre, South Pacific, Funny Girl, Anything Goes, Bus Stop, Gypsy, Boeing Boeing and The Secret Life of Girls. Brenton is the Leasing Manager for Realty Now Property Management and your favorite handbag enthusiast. Brenton also serves on the Board of Directors at Cassidy. Special thank you to his friends and loved ones for their never-ending love and support, his mom who is his best friend and backbone, Gerard, Carlton and the entire cast and crew for all of their hard work and dedication.



**Amy McSweeney** (Assistant Director) is thrilled to be a part of this amazing production. 2024 was a busy year, as Amy was part of the production team for four of Cassidy's shows and on running crew for the other two. Amy is a member of the board of trustees at Cassidy. Amy has worked in many community theaters over the years and is so grateful to the impact theater

has had on her life. When Amy is not doing theater, she spends her time working in multifamily housing management. Amy is also a licensed real estate agent. Amy wants to thank Erich for his love and support, she couldn't do shows without him to keep the house together and take care of the fur babies.



**Georgia Muttillo** (Prison Matron, Producer) has been a staple for Cassidy Theatre for decades. Serving as Vice President on the Board of Trustees, as well as producing countless productions, and even has appeared in numerous productions throughout Northeast Ohio. Georgia is a jack of all trades. Georgia's favorite productions she's produced are *The Addams* 

Family and The 39 Steps. Some of Georgia's favorite productions she's been seen in onstage are Bonnie and Clyde, Plaza Suite, and Gypsy. Georgia is thankful for the many patrons that come thru our doors every season, as well as all of the volunteers and staff who help bring every production to life!



**Tony Otto** (Wig Design) is a retired hair stylist after over 40 years in the hair business. He was most recently at Vibe Salon in North Royalton and previously at Maxelles at Parmatown. Originally from Republic, Pennsylvania, Tony has lived in Parma Heights most of his time in Ohio. His talents were recently featured with Lola and the Angels in Cassidy Theatre's

production of *Kinky Boots*, the cast of *Cinderella*, and the cast of *Shrek*, but you will usually see him in the audience as a long time Cassidy Theatre season ticket holder.



**Lou Petrucci** (Props Master) is glad to be back to working in a field he loves - prop design! Lou previously was one of the prominent props masters/designers from 2015-2021 here at the Cassidy, having designed the props for *The Addams Family* (2021), *Clue* (2021), *The 39 Steps* (2020, also Director), *Plaid Tidings* (2019), *Annie* (2018), *Pippin* (2017), *Steel Magnolias* 

(2015), and others across the years, and has also worked as a performer, stage manager, sound designer, and more for the house. "Thank you to Brenton for having me back on board for another go around - welcome to the 60's!"



**Jen Sindyla** (Stage Manager) is the resident stage manager, Youth Summer Camp director, and board member here at Cassidy. She is an active board member for Independence Community Theater where she is the Youth Summer Camp Director and has directed *Once Upon a Mattress*, and *Godspell*. In addition to Cassidy and ICT, Jen is also on the board of

directors at The Brecksville Theatre and works as the Summer Camp Director. Favorite onstage roles inclue *Annie* (Miss Hannigan) and *Nunsense* (Sister Robert Anne). Jen also Co-Directed Cassidy Theatre's first teen production of *Legally Blonde Jr*. She holds a BA in theater from Baldwin-Wallace - but theater is just Jen's "hobby job." During the day she works for the Cleveland Metropolitan Schools teaching 4th and 5th grades.



**Katie Wells** (Costumer) is thrilled to continue her work at Cassidy Theatre as resident costume designer. After attending CSU with a Scholarship in Costume Design, her designs have been seen on stages and screens through out Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Over the last decade she has held over 9 design residencies in Northeast Ohio. She has

won several awards for her costume designs including a Certificate of Honor from the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Also an actor she is a proud Actor's Equity Membership Candidate. You can see her ON stage making her Playhouse Square acting debut this fall as Agnes in the two person drama *Ludlow Fair*. Thank you for supporting local theatre!



**Tom West** (Set Design) BFA '06 - Ohio University, MFA '16 - Kent State University. From 16, Tom started working professionally with CVLT, Beck Center, and Great Lakes Theater Festival. His Cleveland designs have been seen at Karamu House, Blank Canvas Theatre, Porthouse Theatre, Near West Theatre, Lake Erie College, OYES, BTOTS, GLTG, CPT, CVLT, and HBTI.

He has served as Technical Director/Designer at Western Reserve Academy, CVLT and Valley Forge High School. NYC: Bently Meeker, The Lighting Syndicate, Playwrights Horizons, Barrow Street Theatre, NJ Shakespeare Festival, Fela! The Musical (Off-Broadway). National/International: Bodies: The Exhibition

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