24th Annual Festival of New Musicals

October 11 & 12, 2012
at New World Stages, NYC
Welcome to our 24th Annual Festival of New Musicals!

The Festival is one of the highlights of the NAMT year, bringing together 600+ industry professionals for two days of intense focus on new musical theatre works and the remarkably talented writing teams who create them. This year we are particularly excited not only about the quality, but also about the diversity—in theme, style, period, place and people—represented across the eight shows that were selected from over 150 submissions. We’re visiting 17th-century England and early 20th century New York. We’re spending some time in the world of fairy tales—but not in ways you ever have before. We’re visiting Indiana and Georgia and the world of reality TV. Regardless of setting or stage of development, every one of these shows brings something new—something thought-provoking, funny, poignant or uplifting—to the musical theatre field. This Festival is about helping these shows and writers find their futures.

Beyond the Festival, NAMT is active year-round in supporting members in their efforts to develop new works. This year’s Songwriters Showcase features excerpts from just a few of the many shows under development (many with collaboration across multiple members!) to salute the amazing, extraordinarily dedicated, innovative work our members do.

A final and heartfelt thank you: our sponsors and donors make this Festival, and all of NAMT’s work, possible. We tremendously appreciate your support! Many thanks, too, to the Festival Committee, NAMT staff and all of you, our audience. Enjoy the shows!

Rick Boynton
President, National Alliance for Musical Theatre
FROM THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MUSICAL THEATRE’S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Great to see you all here!

The 24th Annual Festival of New Musicals is the culmination of work that began very shortly after the 23rd Annual Festival concluded. Each year our incredible, hard-working Festival Committee of member volunteers has a daunting task: to select eight shows from a huge (more than 150!) and remarkably strong pool of submissions through a blind review process.

Even while selecting this year’s Festival shows, we were also busy helping last year’s shows and their writers forge their paths forward. And providing grants through our National Fund for New Musicals to member theatres working with talented writing teams on exciting new pieces.

In short, every day NAMT proudly pushes the envelope of what new musicals can be, what they can explore and how we can help bold new voices find their next stage.

For the Festival, we provide our writers with a creative development experience free from financial and administrative burdens. NAMT assumes the costs of producing and marketing the Festival, handles all administration and logistics and takes no royalty stake in future productions. The writers focus on writing, which allows them to showcase their best work to you.

The support of our sponsors, donors and advertisers makes this ardent dedication to new musicals possible. Thank you for sharing—and investing in—our passion!

And thanks to every one of you for attending. Each of you is a vital part of the development process—we hugely appreciate your participation.

Enjoy the Festival,

Betsy King Militello
Executive Director

NAVIGATING THE FESTIVAL

SCHEDULE:
We present each musical once on Thursday and once on Friday. You can find a copy of the schedule on the back cover. Feel free to see whatever shows you choose, even if you didn’t register for that presentation, but if the reading is full, those who registered for that presentation will get to enter first.

BADGES:
Your badge designates you as a member of the Theatre Industry. It is important that your badge is worn at all times and is visible to the ushers. There are 4 badge colors:

- **White**—Theatre Industry Members
- **Blue**—NAMT Members
- **Yellow**—NAMT Donors
- **Pink**—This year’s writers, directors & music directors

THE LINES:
There are 2 lines queuing up to enter each theatre: 1) White Badges and 2) Yellow/Blue/Pink Badges. The lines will start forming 20 minutes prior to each presentation. The Yellow/Blue/Pink Badge holders will enter the house first, followed by the White Badge holders. There will be signs directing you to the proper line (or ask an usher).

MEET THE WRITERS:
There will be 30 minutes between each reading, which is the perfect time to meet the writers at a special table just outside the theatre, drop off a business card (or fill out an inquiry card if you don’t have one) and pick up a demo. But don’t go too far away, because the next reading will start sooner than you think!

OTHER THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:
- **NEW THIS YEAR: The Time Out New York Lounge (sponsored by Travelzoo) will be open all day!** Located on the mezzanine level near registration, the lounge will be a great place to grab a soda (cash bar), meet with colleagues and take a break. Don’t forget to swing by the exhibitors just outside the lounge!
- Don’t forget your badge! Without a badge, you cannot gain access to the theatres.
- Please exit to the orchestra (lower) level after each reading.
- Please turn off your cell phone during the readings. The use of recording devices is strictly prohibited.
- Connect with us on Twitter! #NAMT24Fest, follow us @NAMTevents

QUESTIONS?
The NAMT Board, staff and Festival Committee have special ribbons on their name badges, so feel free to approach any of us about NAMT, the Festival or the shows being presented. We are here to answer your questions and ensure that you have a great time while at our 24th Annual Festival of New Musicals!

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Bleeding Love

Book by Jason Schafer
Music by Arthur Lafrentz Bacon
Lyrics by Harris Doran

IDEAL CAST SIZE: 6
IDEAL BAND SIZE: Flexible
STYLE: Post-apocalyptic fairy tale in F minor

It’s always cold and nothing ever grows. A cloistered teen cellist must find a real live rose in order to thaw the frozen heart of the rebel punk next door. An eclectic score ranging from Broadway to classical to rock beats within this wickedly demented, post-apocalyptic fairy tale for grown-ups.

This will be the premiere of Bleeding Love, which was a finalist for the 2012 Richard Rodgers Award.

THE PLOT

It is a post-apocalyptic metropolis where it’s always night and it often snows. From her third-floor window, cloistered teen cellist Bronwyn witnesses badass Lolli threaten to dump her punk boyfriend Puppy unless he brings her a rose—something that no longer exists. Bronwyn vows to get Puppy a rose even as she is falling for him herself. By feigning a crush on Sweet William, the simpleton son of her building’s superintendent, Bronwyn gains access to a lifeless greenhouse on the roof where she attempts to revive the flowers with music. But when she learns Puppy stole her guardian’s medication, she must venture outside her building for the first time to confront him. After discovering he reunited with Lolli long ago, Bronwyn, betrayed, shows him the now thriving greenhouse. Puppy is moved by her sacrifice and they kiss, but Sweet William discovers them, setting in motion events that bring about the inevitable conclusion.

HARRIS DORAN wrote book and lyrics for Salvage (O’Neill NMTC Finalist), dTension and Oliver Button, as well as the play Beautiful. He’s written for recording artists Marion Raven (Top 10 European Single), A Band Called Freddy and Shane. He was in the BMI Workshop and is a member of ASCAP. As an actor, Harris’ credits include It Must Be Him, Reading Under the Influence, Hair, Love Jerry (NYMF Best Actor Award) and many regional productions. Film & TV: “The Black Donnellys,” “Malcolm In The Middle,” “Any Day Now,” 2+1 and the upcoming features Junction and My Best Day (Sundance 2012).

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ARTHUR LAFRENTZ BACON composed the music for the rock/R&B musical Salvage (O’Neill NMTC Finalist), Billy Sleepyhead (Center Stage) and Phenomenon, which was recently optioned for a Broadway production. He co-wrote “Stay Forever” for Joey Lawrence (Top 20 hit) and “Falling Away” for Marion Raven (#1 European Billboards), and was songwriter, arranger and keyboardist for Freddy and the Dials (Virgin Records), Kelli Price and Shane. Arthur formed the band The Erratics (Touchwood/Zero Hour Records) and was a member of Groovy Little Band on “The Caroline Rhea Show.” He has written music for over 100 national television and radio commercial spots and won two Clio Awards.

JASON SCHAFER wrote the acclaimed indie hit Trick (Fine Line Features), which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival. In addition to being a staff writer and co-producer for Showtime’s GLAAD Media Award-winning Queer as Folk, Jason has written for Warner Bros., Paramount, ABC and Fox Television. Upcoming projects include the film Princess and a screenplay for director Carl Byrd. Works for the stage: I Google Myself (Theatre Askew) and Notes on the Land of Earthquake & Fire (FringeNYC Playwriting Award). He holds a BA in Music Composition from UCLA and an MFA from NYU’s Department of Dramatic Writing.

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Bonfire Night

Book, Music & Lyrics by Justin Levine

IDEAL CAST SIZE: 6–12
IDEAL BAND SIZE: 10 to 16 men
STYLE: Dark Comedic Caper

A rousing band of repressed 17th-Century Englishmen, led by the radical Guy Fawkes, plot to bring their tyrannical monarch down with a bang! Inspired by the 1605 Gunpowder Treason Plot, Bonfire Night is the story of 13 Catholic radicals who conspire to blow up Parliament on Opening Day in an effort to kill King James and Britain’s entire governing body.

Bonfire Night was presented in 2007 at The Robert Moss Theater at the Playwrights Horizons Theater School at New York University and had a concert reading in 2010 at New York Stage and Film at Vassar College.

THE PLOT

The year is 1603 and England is divided. When Queen Elizabeth’s oppressive 45-year reign comes to an end, King James ascends the throne advocating religious tolerance. England’s Catholics believe they’ve finally found their savior... except one. Enter Robert Catesby, a young Jesuit rebel who has seen his land seized, his friends tortured and has survived the death of his wife and son. For him, the time has come to fight back. It becomes clear that James is not going to provide relief, and hope for peace quickly crumbles. Catesby and his bumbling band of rebels are driven to conjure a plan that will change England forever. In over their heads, Catesby and his cohorts seek the help of explosives expert and living legend, Guy Fawkes. In their fight for freedom of faith, the line between hero and villain begins to vanish like smoke on a bonfire night.

Justin’s biggest musical influences while writing Bonfire Night include the Rat Pack, Frank Loesser, Nelson Riddle, Frank Sinatra, Tom Waits, Kander and Ebb, Nat King Cole and Cab Calloway, to name a few. In addition to being a jazz-filled romp through the Gunpowder Plot, Bonfire Night aims to shed light on unanswered questions that still arise 400 years later, such as the relationship between government and terrorism.

Bonfire Night is a holiday that is observed in England to this very day. It is celebrated by setting off fireworks and burning Guy Fawkes in effigy. For some, it is a celebration of an evil plot averted, while for others it is the lamentation of a great plan gone wrong.

Bonfire Night lives in a world where Ocean’s Eleven meets The Usual Suspects.

Justin had the idea for Bonfire Night while taking a class in dramaturgy. The class wasn’t so much fun, but the result was well worth it.

JUSTIN LEVINE works as a writer, composer and performer in and around NYC. Writing credits include Tell Me Tomorrow (music & lyrics), Jump Jim Crow (music & lyrics), Naked Radio (music) and Pepper and Sam: Death by Vaudeville (co-creator). Musical direction: Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson (Broadway and The Public), Missed Connections (Ars Nova), Here Lies Love (MASS MoCA, Public Theater), Murder Ballad (MTC), Robber Bridegroom (Roundabout), Love’s Labors Lost (Public), Mo(art)town (Choreographer: Doug Elkins) and Like Water For Chocolate (Sundance). www.justinlevineonline.com

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5 Things You Should Know

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The Circus In Winter

Music & Lyrics by Ben Clark  
Book by Beth Turcotte  
Inspired by the book by Cathy Day  

**IDEAL CAST SIZE:** 7 Principals, 6-8 Chorus  
**IDEAL BAND SIZE:** 6  
**STYLE:** Folk Rock Musical

Meeting an elephant can change a man’s life. The Circus in Winter is based on the novel by Cathy Day, where legend and lore collide under the big-top filled with disheveled hustlers, death-defying acrobats and a dreamer named Wallace Porter searching for redemption and grace.

The Circus in Winter is the culmination of a three-year immersive learning journey that started at the Virginia Ball Center for Creative Inquiry at Ball State University. Fourteen students under the guidance of Beth Turcotte, Professor of Theatre, spent an entire semester writing and composing this musical inspired by the novel by Cathy Day. It premiered as a concert reading in May of 2010 with subsequent performances at the International Circus Hall of Fame in Peru, Indiana and Drury Lane Theatre, Chicago. In the fall of 2011, it was fully produced at BSU and selected for the American College Theater Festival. In the spring of 2012, The Circus in Winter won 11 awards at the ACTF/Kennedy Center Awards including Outstanding New Work.

**THE PLOT**

In 1896, Wallace Porter, a stable owner from Lima, Indiana, embarks on his first trip to NY, where he meets a young woman named Irene. After a romantic evening at the world-famous Hollenbach Circus, their whirlwind courtship and marriage follow. Irene moves to Indiana with Porter as they eagerly prepare for a child. Tragedy strikes as Porter loses both Irene and the unborn child. Surprisingly, circus owner Hollenbach walks into Porter’s stable and entices the distraught Porter to buy his circus, which Porter vows to rebuild in his wife’s honor. Porter meets the rag-tag circus family: Jennie Dixianna, an exotic circus acrobat; her abusive lover and animal handler, Elephant Jack; and Caesar, the last remaining elephant. A relationship sparks between Jennie and Porter, creating a dangerous love triangle. Jack vows to destroy Porter as he instigates a series of catastrophes. The tension among Jack, Jennie and Porter reaches a crescendo during a devastating flood that wipes out the town and the circus. After the water recedes, Porter and his circus are left with the opportunity to start anew.

**5 Things You Should Know**

- The Circus in Winter team is searching for passionate development and producing partners and is open to all levels and opportunities for development.
- The Circus in Winter was developed as an immersive learning project at Ball State University. The unique and remarkable birth took on a life of its own and now is led by Ben Clark and Beth Turcotte as it attempts to realize its full potential.
- While there are many locations throughout The Circus in Winter, there is no need for scenic elements to be interpreted literally. Designs should be suggestive, minimalistic and fluid, morphing from location to location, and there are no blackouts except where indicated.
- Caesar, the elephant, is intended to be a life-size puppet, full of lifelike qualities yet expressionistic in design.
- The band should remain onstage throughout the duration of the story as fully integrated storytellers.

**BEN CLARK** hails from Floyds Knobs, IN. Ben has been writing music since age 14 and The Circus in Winter is his full-length musical debut. He is a recent graduate of Ball State University (’11) with a degree in Musical Theatre Performance. Ben currently lives and works in Chicago as a recording artist/composer.

**BETH TURCOTTE** is a Professor of Theatre at Ball State University and received her MFA from Southern Methodist University. During her tenure at Ball State University, Beth directed three productions ('Company, Cabaret and Jesus Christ Superstar) for the American College Theater Festival. This past January, The Circus in Winter was selected to participate in and was honored by The American College Theater Festival/Kennedy Center with 11 awards including Outstanding New Work and Outstanding Director of a New Work. Internationally, Beth has directed and taught throughout China, Korea and Japan.

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Funked Up Fairy Tales

Book, Music & lyrics by Kirsten Childs

IDEAL CAST SIZE: 6
IDEAL BAND SIZE: 4–7
STYLE: Musical Comedy

Funked Up Fairy Tales—a collection of delightfully twisted urban fairy tales for sophisticated children and grown-up kids—welcomes you to the world of Titania, Faireetheeya and Magikwanda, teenage fairies with attitude. They wag their heads and suck their teeth as they turn things upside down to pass their Fairyland Academy exam. Will they pull through with flying colors and earn their Happy Ending Crowns?

Funked Up Fairy Tales had a workshop production at Barrington Stage Company (August 2007), a staged reading at The Sundance Institute Theatre Lab at White Oak (December 2007) and a staged reading at Manhattan Theatre Club’s Ernst C. Stiefel 7@7 Reading Series (2009).

THE PLOT

Titania, Faireetheeya and Magikwanda, three teenage fairy BFF’s, have been friends since grade school, and they can’t conceive a world where they’re not together. They’re about to take their final high school exam to determine whether they have the skills to guide humans in a fairy tale to a happy ending. If they pass, they’ll receive the thing every fairy covets—the Happy Ending Crown. If they fail, they’ll be doomed to lurk forever in the background of a fairy tale. Faireetheeya passes her exam with flying colors. But Magikwanda fails, due to her nerves, and poor Titania gets completely sidetracked, helping out nursery rhyme characters. Faireetheeya must decide whether friendship’s more important than personal glory. She goes to save her fairy godsistahs, and with determination, magic and some major hoodwinking, they bring about their own happy ending.

KIRSTEN CHILDS wrote The Bubbly Black Girl Sheds Her Chameleon Skin (NAMT Fest ‘98) which premiered at Playwrights Horizons, earning her Obie, Kleban, Audelco, Richard Rodgers and Gilman Gonzalez-Falla awards; Rockefeller and Jonathan Larson grants; Lucille Lortel, NAACP & Drama Desk nominations. She is currently writing lyrics for Fly with Rajiv Joseph and Bill Sherman, to be presented this season at Dallas Theater Center. Recently, she created Disney’s Wishes and Disney’s Believe for Disney Theatricals and Miracle Brothers at the Vineyard Theatre (NEA, Larson grants, Meet The Composer and Kitty Carlisle Hart Musical Theatre awards; Sundance Ucross). Additional works include: American Songbook series at Lincoln Center, “The New Electric Company” (songwriter), House of Flowers (adaptation) for City Center Encore!, Wasted at George Street Playhouse, If You Give a Mouse a Cookie at Theatreworks/USA, Guggenheim Museum Works & Process compositions with poets Paul Muldoon and Dana Gioia, Doris to Darlene at Playwrights Horizons and book & lyrics for The Princess and the Black Eyed Pea at San Diego Rep. She is also working on a commission for Playwrights Horizons with Lynn Nottage and Steve Cosson.

5 Things You Should Know

• K-Pig, the original Funked Up Fairy Tale story, is adapted from a story (“The Pig Prince”) by Straparola, the 16th-century Italian writer who gave us Beauty and the Beast and Puss In Boots.
• I see the show as a melange of styles—elements of a traditional storybook world, infused with modern day trappings. A set and a design scheme that suggests a land where grandeur meets hardcore, where Versailles meets the trailer park, where Charles II meets Christian Louboutin meets Fubu. A place where the audience connects their real world with their fantasy.
• The energy, verve and undaunted spirit of my three heroines comes directly from the energy, heart and undaunted spirit of all the brilliant, sweet, funny, bold, shy and opinionated students I have had the pleasure of accompanying to the theater in TDF’s Open Doors program. This program connects theatre professionals with a group of 8 NYC high school students for a year of seeing Broadway shows together.
• For the next stage of the show, my hope is that my fairy godsistahs Faireetheeya, Magikwanda and Titania are channeling the proper “Pick this thing up, yo!” spells as they wave their wands over producers’ heads!
• I began to write the show a white back to have something to do while I waited for a collaborator of mine to finish the book for a musical we were working on. I’m still waiting for that book :) All joking aside, I would love for the bookwriter to finish it, because it could be fantastic.

For more information on Funked Up Fairy Tales, contact:
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Nobody Loves You

Book & Lyrics by Itamar Moses
Music & Lyrics by Gaby Alter

IDEAL CAST SIZE: 8 (4 men, 4 women)
IDEAL BAND SIZE: Rock Quartet
GENRE: Romantic Comedy

Filled with tuneful pop songs, Nobody Loves You takes audiences on a hilarious behind-the-scenes ride through reality television and into real life. When Jeff, a philosophy grad student, joins a dating show to win back his ex, he breaks all the rules and tries to blow the game wide open...until he meets Jenny. In a world where every kiss is staged for the cameras, can two people find a real connection?

Nobody Loves You received a 2011 NAMT National Fund for New Musicals Project Development Grant and recently finished its world premiere production at The Old Globe, where it also received three developmental readings since 2010. In addition, it had staged readings at Goodspeed Musicals’ Festival of New Artists in 2011 and the Cape Cod Theatre Project in 2008. It was part of Rhinebeck Writers Retreat in 2011.

THE PLOT

When Jeff, a philosophy grad student, gets dumped by his girlfriend Tanya so that she can compete on the hit reality-dating show “Nobody Loves You,” Jeff gets himself on the show in order to win her back, only to discover that she’s already dating someone new. Determined to use his position as a contestant to get revenge on Tanya, he decides to subvert the show and reveal the lie of reality TV. Then, Jeff meets Jenny, a crew member and aspiring indie filmmaker and finds she shares his clear-eyed philosophy of life. But when his subversive antics on the show make him famous, Jeff’s desire for fame destroys this new chance at love, forcing Jeff to decide between the adulation of millions of fans and the true love of just one person.

5 Things You Should Know

• Nobody Loves You is a romantic musical comedy set on a reality TV dating show.
• While the show is filled with humor and satirizes pop culture, it actually takes its characters seriously and asks real questions about how romance and connection are affected by our cultural obsession with being seen.
• After five years in development, the show had its world premiere at The Old Globe this year and received critical acclaim from The New York Times, Variety, The Los Angeles Times and The Wall Street Journal.
• The show is a smart, contemporary comedy that looks at a timeless theme—how you find real connection in a world of forced personalities. Though it takes a look at pop culture, it is suitable for all ages. We found that audiences at The Old Globe who had never seen a reality TV show still loved and connected with the musical.
• While the show takes place on the set of a reality TV show, the show can be done very simply. The production at The Old Globe was successfully realized with minimal scenery, in the round and without video or projections.

ITAMAR MOSES is the author of the full-length plays Outrage, Bach at Leipzig, Celebrity Row, The Four of Us, Yellowjackets, Back Back Back and Completeness, the collection of short plays Love/Stories (or But You Will Get Used To It) and the musical Fortress of Solitude (with Michael Friedman). His work has appeared Off Broadway and at regional theatres across the country, and is published by Faber & Faber and Samuel French. Itamar has taught playwriting at both Yale and NYU. On television, he has written for both TNT’s “Men of a Certain Age” and HBO’s “Boardwalk Empire.”

GABY ALTER’s musicals include Band Geeks! (NAMT Fest ‘09, Goodspeed Musicals), now licensed by MTI, 29 (NYU Steinhardt) and Young Zombie in Love (FringeNYC). Other credits include music for PBS, MTV, the theme for NPR’s “Backstory with the American History Guys” and the films Nerdcore Rising (South by Southwest Film Festival) and The Muslims Are Coming by director Negin Farsad. He is the recipient of a Jonathan Larson Grant, awards from the Bay Area Theatre Critics’ Circle and the New York Fringe Festival, and a MAC nomination.
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Sleeping Beauty Wakes

Book by Rachel Sheinkin
Music by Brendan Milburn
Lyrics by Valerie Vigoda

IDEAL CAST SIZE: 4 men, 4 women
IDEAL BAND SIZE: 8
STYLE: Modern Fairy Tale

A young beauty is brought to a sleep disorder clinic and soon all the patients find themselves sharing a fairy-tale dream. With beguiling characters, hypnotic lyrics and a rocking score, Sleeping Beauty Wakes delves into the magical space between dreaming and waking.

Sleeping Beauty Wakes premiered at Center Theatre Group/Deaf West in 2007 (winning Best World Premiere Musical and Best Musical Direction at the LA Ovation Awards), followed by a co-production between McCarter Theatre and La Jolla Playhouse in 2011.

THE PLOT
Sleeping Beauty Wakes is a fractured fairy tale in a modern-day sleep disorder clinic. An ageless man bearing an unconscious girl in his arms comes to a hospital’s sleep clinic, seeking to wake her. He claims he “traded all the magic in his kingdom” to live until she wakes. Her presence affects everyone: the patients have their first restful night of sleep in ages dreaming her fairy tale; the nurse feels less time driving and more time creating projects when it is adventurous, inventive and nourished rather than limited by convention. She teaches on the part-time faculties of Yale School of Drama and NYU Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program.

BRENDA MILBURN writes musicals (mostly with Valerie Vigoda), produces records, plays in a band called GrooveLily and is a mostly-stay-at-home dad to a terrific kid named Mose. Off-Broadway: Striking 12 (NAMT Fest ‘04). Regional: Sleeping Beauty Wakes, Toy Story: The Musical, Long Story Short, Tina Landau’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Wheelhouse, Ernest Shackleton Loves Me, Watt?!? (NAMT Fest ’11 with David Javerbaum), The Behavior of Broadus (with The Burglars of Hamm). Songs in four films & one TV special about Tinker Bell (with The NAMT Festiv). Songs in four films & one TV special about Tinker Bell (with The

RACHEL SHEINKIN As book writer and sometimes lyricist, she has been part of the creative teams of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Striking 12 (also with Milburn/ Vigoda at NAMT Fest ’04), Little House on the Prairie, Serenade and Blood Drive. She received Tony and Drama Desk Awards for the book of Spelling Bee. Rachel is interested in independent-minded musicals and loves the form when it is adventurous, inventive and nourished rather than limited by convention. She teaches on the part-time faculties of Yale School of Drama and NYU Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program.

VALERIE VIGODA has toured the world as an electric violinist/vocalist with Cyndi Lauper, Joe Jackson and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. An honors graduate of Princeton and former army lieutenant, she founded the band GrooveLily and toured relentlessly on the indie circuit. Now she spends less time driving and more time creating projects with her collaborators: Striking 12 (NAMT Fest ’04), Wheelhouse, Toy Story: The Musical, Long Story Short, Tina Landau’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Ernest Shackleton Loves Me and many songs for Disney. With husband/longtime collaborator Brendan Milburn, Val’s proudest production is seven-year-old son Mose. valerievigoda.com and GrooveLily.com

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Southern Comfort

Book & Lyrics by Dan Collins
Music by Julianne Wick Davis
Based on the Sundance Award-Winning Documentary by Kate Davis
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IDEAL CAST SIZE: 3M, 3F plus 2M/2F ensemble/chorus/band
IDEAL BAND SIZE: 2M/2F ensemble/chorus/band and a music director
STYLE: Folk/Bluegrass - Drama

Based on the Sundance Award-winning documentary, this heartwarming musical about a group of transgender friends living in rural Georgia is, at its core, a love story between their patriarch, Robert Eads, and newcomer Lola Cola. Through a unique folk and bluegrass-inspired score, the musical chronicles a year in the lives of this unique American family as they courageously defy the odds by simply remaining on the land to which they were born, reminding us that home is where we find comfort in our skin.

Southern Comfort was a recipient of a 2010 NAMT National Fund for New Musicals Writers Residency Grant for a reading at Playwrights Horizons and a 2011 Project Development Grant for a workshop production at CAP21. From 2010 to 2011, the show had three closed-room readings at CAP21 leading up to the workshop production in 2011, which garnered them critical praise from The New York Times, TimeOut NY and The Advocate, and a GLAAD Award for Best Off-Off Broadway Production in 2012. The writers also received a Jonathan Larson Grant in 2012 for Southern Comfort.

THE PLOT
Based on Kate Davis’ Sundance Award-winning documentary, this heartwarming love story unfolds through a unique folk and bluegrass inspired score as it chronicles exuberant good ole boy/female-to-male transgender Robert Eads and his tight-knit ‘Chosen Family’ living in the hills of rural Georgia. When Robert discovers he has ovarian cancer, he refuses to let it dampen his spirits or his determination to attend this year’s annual transgender Southern Comfort Conference with his sweetheart Lola Cola by his side, calling it their ‘prom that never happened.’ As the year progresses, Robert and his Chosen Family navigate the changing seasons and surmounting obstacles posed by their relationships with each other, their biological families, their rural homeland and the future’s inevitable loss. All the while, the clock ticks toward Robert’s ultimate goal: Southern Comfort, Atlanta, where—for a few short days—he and his Chosen Family can simply belong.

DAN COLLINS’ other works with Julianne Wick Davis include: Wood (NYMF, starring Tony Award-winner Cady Huffman), Our Lady of the Viaduct and Time to Kill (The York Theatre Company), and When We Met (co-conceived with performers Sally Wilfert and Michael Winther), which was selected for development at The O’Neill this summer. Other recent projects include the book for Our Country with composer/lyricist Tony Asaro (produced at NYMF and Planet Connections Theater Festival, where it was honored with awards for Best Book and Best Musical) and lyrics for Professor Von Awesome’s Traveling Caravan of Cautionary Warnings and Johnny 15, both with composer Nick Sula and The Serious Theater Collective. Dan’s work has been published in Plays and Playwrights 2010 (NYTE Small Press), and he was selected along with Julianne Wick Davis as a 2011-2012 Dramatist Guild Fellow. Dan holds an MFA in Musical Theatre Writing from Tisch School of the Arts at NYU and a BFA in Playwriting from The Theater School at DePaul University.

JULIANNE WICK DAVIS received the 2012 Jonathan Larson Grant with Dan Collins for their work on Southern Comfort. She wrote music and lyrics for When We Met with Dan Collins (book), in collaboration with Sally Wilfert and Michael Winther, which was part of The O’Neill’s 2012 conference and also received readings at TriArts Sharon Playhouse, Williams College Summer Theatre Lab and Two River Theater. Wood (music) with Dan Collins (book & lyrics) was part of NYMF 2008. Other work with Dan Collins includes Our Lady of the Viaduct and Time to Kill commissioned for York Theatre’s 4@15 series. Julianne was also commissioned to write An Orchestra Imagined (music) with Sophia Chadaj (book & lyrics) for York Theatre’s 4@15, which also received a production at NYU Steinhardt. Her musical She Would Never Leave (lyrics) with Will Aronson (music) and Rachel Jett (book) received developmental readings at Adelphi University. Her work has been featured in the Broadway’s Future @ Lincoln Center, New Voices Concert, “Songs by Ridiculously Talented Composers and Lyricists You Probably Don’t Know But Should” at Barrington Stage, Joe’s Pub and Merkin Hall. She is a recent graduate from NYU’s Tisch Graduate Musical Theater Writing Program, is a proud ASCAP member and was named a Dramatist Guild Fellow for 2011-2012.

5 Things You Should Know

- Southern Comfort is based on Kate Davis’ 2001 documentary of the same name, which was the recipient of The Grand Jury Prize at The Sundance Film Festival.
- While the majority of the principal characters are transgendered, the narrative’s focus is on the dynamic of a group of friends and the universality of their experiences and relationships. A love story and family drama at heart, Southern Comfort is a musical for all audiences.
- Of the principal characters, five out of the six are transgendered. The gender casting of these roles is open to interpretation and should not be dictated by the casting in this or any presentation.
- The musical features a folk band (piano/acoustic bass/percussion/acoustic guitar/violin). All of these band members, except for the pianist, sing and act as secondary characters in the show. However, this is also open to interpretation, and the show may be performed with an ensemble of singers/performers who are separate from the instrumentalists.
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Triangle was originally commissioned in 2005 by Williamstown Theatre Festival (Artistic Director Roger Rees) as part of their LeapFROG new works program and further developed at The O’Neill’s 2006 National Music Theater Conference (directed by Robert Longbottom). Following a hiatus to pursue other projects, the authors returned to the piece in 2010 with a series of readings at CAP21 in New York and a Fall 2011 workshop at Northwestern University’s American Musical Theatre Project. Triangle was seen this August at the New Works Festival at TheatreWorks in Palo Alto (directed by Meredith McDonough).

THE PLOT

Inspired by the infamous fire that swept through New York’s Triangle Shirtwaist Company a century ago, Triangle tracks parallel stories through two time periods. In 1911, Sarah, a Jewish immigrant, lands a job at the Triangle only to discover that she must work on the Sabbath. Unsure in this new world, Sarah becomes entangled in a romance with her Italian foreman, as the traditions of her past collide with the realities of her present and the fire looms. In 2011, Brian, a chemistry grad student working in the same building, begins to see visions of a mysterious couple. With the help of a young man who has a family connection to the history, Brian confronts the ghosts of both the Triangle and his own life. Ultimately, the two worlds intersect; Sarah and Brian must help each other choose between staying with what they know and risking everything for love.

CURTIS MOORE recently returned from conducting and performing in Sam Mendes’ production of Richard III starring Kevin Spacey. With lyricist Thomas Mizer, he was awarded a Jonathan Larson Grant in 2009; together, they wrote The Legend of Stagecoach Mary (NAMT Fest ’08) and The Bus to Buenos Aires (EST). His new musical Venice (with Matt Sax and Eric Rosen) will be produced next spring at The Public Theater in New York, where he recently composed the score for Timon of Athens. He wrote and performed songs in the Todd Solondz film Palindromes and composed the score for Clear Blue Tuesday.

THOMAS MIZER has written lyrics and collaborated on the book for musicals including The Legend of Stagecoach Mary (NAMT Fest ’08), The House of the Seven Gables, (ASCAP Workshop) and The Bus to Buenos Aires (EST). An honors graduate of Northwestern University, he received a 2009 Jonathan Larson Grant and has twice been an artist in residence at the National Music Theater Conference. In addition to his theatre work, he is a copywriter at Comedy Central, edits The Broadway Blog and writes features for national travel magazines. www.thomasmizer.com

JOSHUA SCHER wrote the play The Footage, which recently had its Australian debut at The Staged Theatre (world premiere in 2008 at The Flea Theatre). In between these two, his work Marvel was included in Roundabout Theatre’s New Voices Program, Scher has also worked with Huntington Theatre, Portland Stage, O’Neill Theatre Festival and Williamstown Theatre Festival. His first play, Velvet Ropes, was published while he was still a student at Yale School of Drama. In 2010, his play Flushed was published by Baker’s Plays. In film, Scher recently finished writing Envoy for Bunce Media and producer Dan Halsted (Garden State). In the TV world, Scher’s one-hour action drama, “Jigsaw,” was developed by Danny Glover. He holds a BA with Honors in Creative Writing from Brown University.

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Cheryl L. Davis & Douglas J. Cohen

**Beatsville**  
Glenn Slater & Wendy Leigh Wilt

**The Cuban And The Redhead**  
Robert Bartley & Danny Whitman

**The Legend Of Stagecoach Mary**  
Thomas Mizer & Curtis Moore

**Ordinary Days**  
Adam Gwon

**Pamela's First Musical**  
Wendy Wasserstein, Cy Coleman & David Zippel

**The Yellow Wood**  
Michelle Elliott & Danny Larson

#### 2009

**Band Geeks!**  
Mark Allen, Goby Alter, Gordon Greenberg & Tommy Newman

**Factory Girls**  
Creighton Iorns & Sean Mahoney

**Hostage Song**  
Clay McLeod Chapman & Kyle Jarrow

**How Can You Run With A Shell On Your Back?**  
Michael Mahler & Alan Schmuckler

**The Memory Show** (F.K.A. Memory Is The Mother Of All Wisdom)  
Sara Cooper & Zach Redler

#### 2010

**Big Red Sun**  
John Jiler & Georgia Stitt

**The Bowery Boys**  
David H. Bell, Jeremy Cohen & Aaron Thielen

**The Giver**  
Nathan Christensen & Scott Murphy

**Heartbreakers**  
Robert Cary, Benjamin Feldman & David Gursky

**Lizzie** (F.K.A. Lizzie Borden)  
Steven Cheslik-deMeijer, Alan Stevens Hewitt & Tim Maner

**Play It Cool**  
Martin Casella, Larry Dean Harris, Phillip Swann & Mark Winkler

#### 2011

**Bernice Bobs Her Hair**  
Julia Jordan & Adam Gwon

#### Recent Festival Show Highlights

- **Pregnancy Pact** [developed at The Memory Show '09](#)
- **Lizzie** [practiced at The Trouble With Doug '10](#)
- **Golden Boy of The Blue Ridge** [revised at The Dogs of Pripyat '10](#)

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- **Bloodsong Or Love** (Fest ’11) has a commercial producer eyeing future productions.
- **The Dogs Of Pripyat** (Fest ’11) was given a workshop at The University of Miami (FL) last weekend.
- **The Memory Show** (Fest ’09) will be produced next spring at The Transport Group (NY).
- **notes to MariAnne** (Fest ’11) had a reading at New York Theatre Workshop (NY) last month.
- **Play It Cool** (Fest ’10) was presented Off Broadway at Theatre Row last season.
- **Watt??!** (Fest ’11) had a workshop at Trinity Repertory Theatre Co. (RI) this summer.

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