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Mark Minnick

**Music Director**

Ross Scott Rawlings

**Scenic/Lighting Designer**

David A. Hopkins

**Sound Designer**

John Pantazis

**Costume Design by**

Janine Sunday

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Heather Beck, MaryKate Brouillet, Crystal Freeman, David James,  
DeCarlo Raspberry, Jeffrey Shankle, Janine Sunday, Russell Sunday,  
Taylor Washington, AJ Whittenberger

## ORCHESTRA

Conductor/Keyboard 1 ..... Ross Scott Rawlings, Nathan Scavilla  
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## UNDER THE LIGHTS!



**HEATHER BECK** Most recently seen at Toby's in *Kinky Boots*. Credits Include: *Mamma Mia*, *A Christmas Story*, *Cats*, *Spamalot*, *The King and I*, & *Little Shop of Horrors*. Sign language interpreter and business owner by day. Love to Shawn, Mathis, and her whole family.



**JEFFREY SHANKLE** Toby's credits include *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Phoebus), *A Christmas Story* (Old Man), *Mamma Mia* (Sam), *Young Frankenstein* (Frederick), *1776* (John Adams), *Shrek* (Lord Farquaad – Helen Hayes Nomination) among many others. Jeffrey toured the US and Canada in productions of *Spamalot* and *Gypsy* and was a performer on Disney Cruise Line.



**MARYKATE BROUILLET** Most recently seen at Toby's as Nicola in *Kinky Boots*. Other Toby's favorites include Louise in *Gypsy*, Katherine in *Newsies*, Peter in *Peter Pan*, Eponine in *Les Miserables*, and Wednesday in *The Addams Family*. Keegan Theatre: Marian in *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Spring Awakening*. Riverside Center, Creative Cauldron: *Nevermore*.



**JANINE SUNDAY** Four time Helen Hayes Nominee: Sylvia (*Danny and Sylvia* - American Century Theatre), Lucy (*Jekyll and Hyde* - Toby's), Maria (*West Side Story* - Toby's), Fiona (*Brigadoon* - West End Dinner Theatre). Other Toby's roles: Witch (*Into the Woods*), Betty (*White Christmas*), Amneris (*Aida*), Grizabella (*Cats*), Kim (*Miss Saigon*). Favorite role: Mommy to Trey! Love to Russell!



**CRYSTAL FREEMAN** Recent roles at Toby's include Effie (*Dreamgirls*), Mrs. Fezziwig (*A Christmas Carol*), Abuela Claudia (*In the Heights*). Morgan State University, BA Music. I dedicate this to Mack and Sky.



**RUSSELL SUNDAY** Last seen at Toby's as Don in *Kinky Boots*. Toby's Credits Include: Frank (*The Bodyguard*), Frollo (*Hunchback*), King Triton (*The Little Mermaid*), Bill (*Mamma Mia*), R.H. Macy (*Miracle on 34th Street*), and the Beast (*Beauty and the Beast*). Other Credits include: *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Aida*, and *Miss Saigon*. Carpe Diem! Stay safe and Happy Holidays!



**DAVID JAMES** Actor, director, Helen Hayes winner (5 nominations, 2 wins), director of CCTA youth theatre, Commission on Presidential Debates (2004-2016), hairdresser, visual merchandiser, plumber, dog rescuer, bartender, world traveler, last seen here in *Kinky Boots* and now this... ENJOY!



**TAYLOR J. WASHINGTON** Taylor J. is blessed to be back with Toby's Dinner Theatre. She was last seen performing on Disney Cruise Line. She is a graduate of Berklee College of Music and is founder of her company Queens Sing. Select Credits: *Dreamgirls* (Toby's), *Showboat* (Toby's), *On The Town*, *The Color Purple*, *Brooklyn* (Helen Hayes Nomination). She would like to thank God for her talents. Find out more at [www.queenssing.com](http://www.queenssing.com)



**DECARLO RASPBERRY** Boston Conservatory Graduate, Opera and Musical performer. Credits: *Kinky Boots*, *Bodyguard*, *Grease*, *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *The Little Mermaid* (Helen Hayes Recipient), *Pippin*, *Smokey Joe's Cafe*, *Brooklyn*, *Miracle..34th*, *Dreamgirls*, *Joseph and the Amazing.. Dreamcoat*, among others. Thanks to Toby, Mark, Kate and Crew. [www.decarloraspberry.com](http://www.decarloraspberry.com)



**AJ WHITTENBERGER** Recent Toby's: *Kinky Boots*, *A Christmas Story*, *Grease*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Mamma Mia*. Nat'l Tour: *Big Nate*. Regional: Signature, Bucks County Playhouse, Studio, Media, Constellation, Nextstop, Imagination, Adventure, Riverside, Compass Rose. Producer: *AJ's Flashiest Mobs!* Graduate Indiana Univ.

## PRODUCTION STAFF

Director/Choreographer .....	Mark Minnick
Musical Director/Orchestrations .....	Ross Scott Rawlings
Production Stage Manager .....	Kate Wackerle
Scenic/Lighting Designer .....	David A. Hopkins
Sound Designer .....	John Pantazis
Costume Designer .....	Janine Sunday
Technical Director .....	Emily Thompson
Assistant Technical Director .....	John Pantazis
Set Construction .....	David A. Hopkins, John Pantazis, Emily Thompson
Properties Coordinator .....	Kate Wackerle
Stage Managers .....	Brandon Bedore
Light Board Operators .....	Jimmy Engelkermier, Heather Williams
Sound Board Operator .....	John Pantazis
Running Crew .....	Alexis Krey
Lead Wardrobe Assistant .....	Mary Quinn
Wardrobe Assistants .....	Sarah King

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## THEATRE STAFF

Artistic Director .....	Toby Orenstein
Associate Producer/Casting .....	Mark Minnick
Associate Artistic Director .....	David A. Hopkins
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## BEHIND THE SCENES



**TOBY ORENSTEIN (*Artistic Director*):** An alumna of New York's High School of Performing Arts & Columbia University, Toby has combined her roles as educator and director throughout her theatrical career. She's taught at Catholic University, her own

Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts, and has directed most of the productions at Toby's Dinner Theatre of Columbia since it's opening in 1979. Since 1975, Toby has been the creative force behind *The Young Columbians*, a touring musical troupe that has played at the White House and Wolf Trap among other places. In the last twenty-five years, Toby's Dinner Theatre has received over 120 Helen Hayes Award Nominations. Toby herself has been nominated 12 times and won the 2003 Helen Hayes Award for her direction of *Jekyll and Hyde*.



**MARK MINNICK (*Associate Producer/Casting/Director/Choreographer*):** Mark has received 15 Helen Hayes Award nominations for direction and choreography, winning the award for Monty Python's *Spamalot* at Toby's. His most recent credits

include direction/choreography for *Kinky Boots*, *The Little Mermaid* (HH Nominated Best Musical & Director), *Young Frankenstein* (HH Nominated Best Choreography), *Mamma Mia!*, *The Addams Family*, *Hairspray*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Joseph... Dreamcoat*. Mark spent 15 years as Producer/Casting Director for Phoenix Entertainment. He also choreographed their National Tours of *The Pajama Game* and *Camelot* and worked all over the globe mounting productions of *Grease*, *Fame*, *The Addams Family* and *Rock of Ages* in Seoul, San Juan, Istanbul, Macau, Singapore, Shanghai and Beijing to name a few. It is a honor to work side by side with Toby Orenstein!

**ROSS SCOTT RAWLINGS (*Musical Director/Conductor*):** An accomplished pianist, arranger/orchestrator and conductor, holds over three hundred professional credits since the age of fifteen. Mr. Rawlings resides in Mount Airy, Maryland and serves as Director of Choral Activities at Marriotts Ridge High School.

**DAVID A. HOPKINS (*Scenic/Lighting Designer/Associate Artistic Director*):** has worked for Toby's for more than a few years in many jobs. He is proud to be a Helen Hayes Award nominee for his light design of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* and his set design for *A Christmas Story*. David is also a MAC Award winner for his work in New York. Thanks to all for their hard work. Here's to another great night of live theater.

**JOHN PANTAZIS (*Sound Designer/Assistant Technical Director*):** Johnny has worked as a Sound Technician/Designer for 12 years and worked with Toby's for 6 years. He holds a BS in Theatre Design and Production. Thank you to my family and friends.

**JANINE SUNDAY (*Costume Designer*):** Janine has performed many roles on stage at Toby's, but she also enjoys being part of the creative team. As the resident costume designer for CCTA, she designed for many Toby's mainstage productions including *All Shook Up*, *The Buddy Holly Story*, *Happy Days*, *Dreamgirls*, and *Joseph*. Janine designs for MetroStage, Red Branch Theatre Company/DLC, and designed wigs for Rep Stage and Olney Theatre. She looks forward to more design opportunities.

**EMILY THOMPSON (*Technical Director*):** Emily holds a BS in Theatre, with a concentration in Design and Technology. Thank you to Toby for taking a chance on me, and many thanks to friends and family!

**KATE WACKERLE (*Production Stage Manager*):** is in her 11<sup>th</sup> year with Toby's and holds a BFA in Theatre Technology and Stage Management. Thank you to friends and family.

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