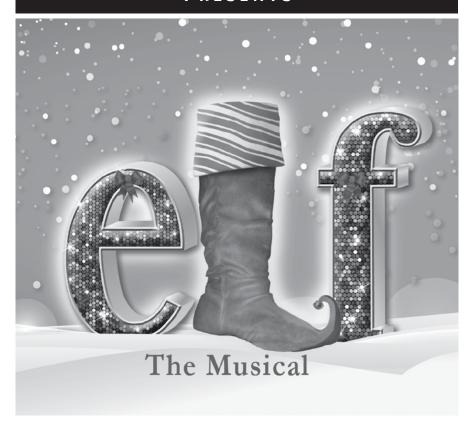


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#### The CAST

Buddy	
Jovie	
Walter Hobbs	David Bosley-Reynolds
Emily Hobbs	Janine Sunday
Michael Hobbs	. Partick Ford, Cato Huza, Luka Van Herksen
Santa Claus/Manager	DeCarlo Raspberry
Mrs. Claus/Deb	
Mr. Greenway/Charlie	David James
Tiara	Alexis Krey
Chadwick/Fake Santa	Justin Calhoun
Matthews	Shane Lowry
Macy's Saleswoman	Crystal Freeman
Jim/Boy	AJ Whittenberger
Charlotte/Waitress	

#### **ENSEMBLE**

Justin Calhoun, Crystal Freeman, David James Alexis Krey, Shane Lowry, Patricia Targete, AJ Whittenberger

#### UNDERSTUDIES

Shane Lowry (*Buddy*), Kalen Robinson (*Jovie*), Crystal Freeman (*Emily*), David James (*Walter*), Shawn Kettering (*Santa*), Heather Beck (*Deb, Female Ensemble*), Brandon Bedore (*Greenway, Manager, Male Ensemble*)

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## **MUSICAL NUMBERS**

#### Act I

<b>Overture</b>	Orchestra
"Happy All The Time"	Santa, Buddy & Company
"World's Greatest Dad"	Buddy
"In The Way"	Deb, Walter, Emily, Michael & Company
"Sparklejollytwinklejingley"	Buddy, Manager & Company
"I'll Believe In You"	Michael & Emily
"In The Way - Reprise"	Emily & Walter
"Just Like Him"	Buddy, Deb & Company
"A Christmas Song"	Buddy, Jovie & Company
"World's Greatest Dad – Reprise"	Buddy & Company

#### THERE WILL BE ONE TWENTY-MINUTE INTERMISSION

#### Act I I

Entr' Acte	Orchestra
"Nobody Cares About Santa"	Fake Santas, Manager & Buddy
"Never Fall In Love (With An Elf)"	Jovie
"There Is A Santa Claus"	Michael & Emily
"The Story of Buddy"	Buddy and Company
"Nobody Cares (Santa Reprise)"	
"A Christmas Song - Reprise"	Jovie, Buddy, Emily, Michael,
•	Walter & Company
"Finale"	Company



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#### **UNDER THE LIGHTS!**



HEATHER BECK (Deb US/Female Ensemble swing) Most recently seen at Toby's in Shrek and Home for the Holidays. 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



CRYSTAL FREEMAN (Macy's Saleswoman/ Ensemble, Emily US) Recent roles at Toby's include Dragon (Shrek) Effic (Dreamgirls), Mrs. Fezziwig (A Christmas Carol), Abuela Claudia (In the Heights). Morgan State University, BA Music. I dedicate this to Mack and Sky.



BRANDON BEDORE (Manager US/Male Ensemble swing) Brandon is a graduate of The Catholic University of America. Toby's credits include Shrek (Pinocchio), The Little Mermaid, Mamma Mia, Grease, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, and Young Frankenstein.



PATRICK FORD
(Michael) Last seen as Young
Charlie in Kinky Boots at
Toby's. Recent Roles: Randy (A
Christmas Story, Toby's); Bruce
(Matilda, Olney); Boy (Cabaret,
Olney); Jeremy (Chitty Chitty
Bang Bang), Chip (Beauty and
the Beast), and Alien (Gilligan's
Island) at Way Off Broadway
Dinner Theatre. Thanks to Toby,
Mark, Ross, cast, and crew.



**DAVID BOSLEY-REYNODS** (*Walter Hobbs*) is thankful to be part of *Elf*. David last appeared at Toby's in *Kinky Boots* and *A Christmas Story*. Other favorite Toby's roles include the Cowardly Lion, Daddy Warbucks, and Tevye. To absent friends!



CHRYSAETOS"CATO"HUZA (Michael) A rising 8th grader in Howard County, Cato was last seen as Flick in Toby's production of A Christmas Story. He is happy to be a part of this uplifting cast and crew during 'Christmas in July' at Toby's. Special thanks to Toby & Mark.



MARYKATE BROUILLET (Jovie) Recently seen at Toby's in Shrek (Princess Fiona), Home for the Holidays and Kinky Boots (Nicola). 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.



DAVID JAMES (Mr. Greenway/Charlie/ Ensemble) Actor, director, Helen Hayes winner (5 nominations, 2 wins), director of CCTA youth theatre, Commission on Presidential Debates (2004-2020), hairdresser, visual merchandiser, plumber, dog rescuer, bartender, world traveler, last seen here in Home for the Holidays and now this... ENJOY!



JUSTIN CALHOUN (Chadwick/ Fake Santa/ Ensemble) Last seen at Toby's in Shrek and A Christmas Story. Toby's credits include: The Little Mermaid (Prince Eric), Young Frankenstein (Victor), Grease (Roger), The Bodyguard (Stalker). JMU Alum. Thanks to Toby, Mark, family, and friends!



SHAWN KETTERING (Santa US) Credits include: The Addams Family (Uncle Fester), Spamalot (Sir Bedevere), Fiddler on the Roof (Perchik), Seussical (Horton), A Year With Frog and Toad (Frog), The Buddy Holly Story (Big Bopper), and many more. Much love to my beautiful wife, Heather and my amazing son, Mathis. Enjoy!

#### UNDER THE LIGHTS! (CONTINUED)



A L E X I S K R E Y (Tiara, Ensemble) Last seen at Toby's in Shrek and The Bodyguard. Recent credits: Sophie (Mamma Mia, Way Off Broadway), Mary Lane (Reefer Madness, Cumberland Theatre), Rosie (Cabaret, Annapolis Shakespeare). She was also a cheerleader for the Washington Capitals' for 3 years. Graduate of Catholic University for Musical Theatre. www.alexiskrey.com



JANINE SUNDAY (Emily Hobbs) 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: Betty (White Christmas), Amneris (Aida), Grizabella (Cats), Kim (Miss Saigon). Favorite role: Mommy to Trey! Love to Russell!



S H A N E L O W R Y (Matthews/Ensemble/Buddy US) Last seen at Toby's in Shrek and Kinky Boots. Recent Roles: Chad (Disaster, Cockpit) Sky (Mamma Mia, DCT), St. Jimmy (American Idiot, MST). Thank you to Toby, Mark, and this production for this opportunity! Love to my Family and Friends!



PATRICIA "PEP" TARGETE (Charlotte/Waitress/Ensemble)
Pep is an actor, choreographer and dance teacher in the DC area. Last seen at Toby's in A Christmas Story. Other Toby's credits include The Bodyguard, Mamma Mia, Ragtime, Memphis, The Color Purple. Regional credits: Maine State Music Theatre, Monumental, Keegan, Constellation, NextStop, and Cumberland theatres. Love to Toby, Mark, family and friends!



DECARLO RASPBERRY (Santa Claus/Manager)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, Beauty & the Beast, Showboat, Sister Act, among others. Special Thanks to Toby, Mark, and Crew www.decarloraspberry.com



LUKA VAN HERKSEN (Michael) is 14 years old and thrilled to make his debut at Toby's. YAA credits include The Tin Man (Wizard of Oz), Bruce Bogtrotter (Matilda, Jr.) and Omar (Aladdin, Jr.). His first lead role was Sebastian (Little Mermaid, Jr.) at Rocky Hill Middle School. He is an avid drummer and speaks three languages fluently (English, Spanish and Dutch). Originally from Mozambique, he has lived on 3 continents.



KALEN ROBINSON (Mrs. Claus/Deb/Ensemble) Received her BFA in Musical Theatre at Howard Univ. Recently seen narrating for Shakeapere's Theatre Gala at Shakeapeare Theatre. Regional theatre credits: Spring Awakening (Thea) at Round House Theatre and Grease (Jan) at Toby's. She thanks God and her supportive family for her success! ◆IG: k\_nicole143 ◆ Facebook and YouTube: Kalen Robinson



AJ WHITTENBERGER (Jim/Boy/Ensemble) Recent Toby's: Shrek, 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.



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



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## **PRODUCTION STAFF**

Director/Characaranhar	
Director/Choreographer	
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Assistant Conductor	
Production Stage Manager	
Assistant Stage Manager	
Scenic/Lighting Designer	David A. Hopkins
Sound Designer	
Costume Coordinator	
Technical Director	Emily Thompson
Assistant Technical Director	John Pantazis
Set Construction	Jimmy Engelkermier, David A. Hopkins,
	John Pantazis, Emily Thompson
Set Decoration	Shane Lowry, David A. Hopkins
Properties Coordinator	Shane Lowry
Light Board Operators	Jimmy Engelkermier, Heather Williams
Sound Board Operator	John Pantazis, Molly Klezer
Running Crew	
_	Vanessa Vincent, Brian Wensus
Dance Captain	
Lead Seamstress	
Lead Wardrobe Assistant	Sarah King
Wardrobe Assistant	
Wig Stylist	Jason Keuberth

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## THEATRE STAFF

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Associate Producer/Casting	Mark Minnick
Associate Artistic Director	David A. Hopkins
General Manager	
	Steve Lewis
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#### **BEHIND THE SCENES**

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THOMAS MEEHAN (Book) received the Tony Award for co-writing the book for The Producers in 2001 and in 2003 for co-writing the book for Hairspray. He received his first Tony Award in 1977 for writing the book of Annie, which was his first Broadway show, and has written the books for the musicals Rocky, Elf the Musical, Cry-Baby, Young Frankenstein, Chaplin, Bombay Dreams, I Remember Mama, Ain't Broadway Grand and Annie Warbucks. In addition, he was a long-time contributor of humor to The New Yorker, an Emmy-Award winning writer of television comedy, and a collaborator on a number of screenplays, including Mel Brooks' Spaceballs and To Be Or Not To Be. Mr. Meehan was also a member of the Council of the Dramatists Guild. He and his wife, Carolyn, divided their time between a home in Nantucket and an apartment in Greenwich Village, near which, on Hudson Street, she owned and presided over the long-running and near-legendary children's store Peanut Butter & Jane.

BOB MARTIN (*Book*) has been working as an actor and writer in Canadian theatre, film and television for over 3 decades. He has had a long association with the Toronto Second City, where he co-wrote and performed in four Second City revues, directed three, and had a stint as Artistic Director. He is a co-creator of The Drowsy Chaperone, and has performed in many of its incarnations including Ahmanson Theatre (Los Angeles), Marquis Theatre (Broadway), Novello (London). Bob has won a number of awards for his work including an LA Drama Critics Circle

Award, an L.A. Stage Alliance Ovation Award, a Drama Desk Award, a Theatre World Award, and a Tony Award. He is also co-creator of the critically acclaimed dramatic series Slings & Arrows. Recent TV projects include Michael: Tuesdays and Thursdays I & II (CBC), Sensitive Skin I & II (HBO), and Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas (NBC). Recent theatre projects include Elf (Broadway), Minsky's (Ahmanson LA), and in dev., Gotta Dance, The Sting, and Millions. Bob reunited with Elf collaborators Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin to create the new musical The Prom, which ran on Broadway at the Longacre Theatre and was nominated for seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

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## **BEHIND THE SCENES cont'd**



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 (Director/ Choreographer/Associate Producer) 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 Grease, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Little Mermaid (HH Nominated Best Musical & Director), Young Frankenstein (HH Nominated Best Choreography), Mamma Mial, 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 an honor to work side by side with Toby Orenstein!

ROSS SCOTT RAWLINGS (*Music Director*) An accomplished pianist, arranger/orchestrator and conductor, holds over three hundred professional credits since the age of fifteen. Mr. Rawlings resides in Westminster, 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. SHANE LOWRY (Properties Coordinator) Shane has worked in tech theatre since he was introduced to it in grade school. Having designed props and sets for more than 25 productions, his craft was honed in from assisting professional designers while attending school in NYC, at Pace University. Some of his favorite show designs include Jekyll & Hyde, Disaster!, Bonnie & Clyde, Into The Woods, Little Shop of Horrors, American Idiot, and Toby for this opportunity and lots of love to my Mom and Dad for introducing me to Legos, K'nex, and Erector sets at a young age.

JOHN PANTAZIS (Sound Designer) 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 Coordinator) 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.

CHERYL STANSFIELD (Stage Manager) After a decade-long hiatus, Cheryl is so happy to be backstage again at Toby's! She had previously stage managed at the Toby's Baltimore location for four seasons, before leaving in 2010. Since then she has worked for Carnival Cruise Lines, Round House Theatre, and Imagination Stage. For the past seven years, she has been zig-zagging across the country, working the national tours of My Fair Lady, On Your Feet: The Story of Emilio and Gloria Estefan, and Dirty Dancing. Much love and thanks to Mark, Tina and the entire Toby's company for welcoming her back home.

**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!

