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Douglas Carter Beane

Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture "Sister Act" written by Joseph Howard

Direction & Choreography by

Music Direction by

Mark Minnick

Ross Scott Rawlings

Scenic Design by David A. Hopkins Lighting Design by

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Lynn Joslin

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Sarah King
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The CAST

(in order of appearance)

Deloris Van Cartier	Ashley Johnson-Moore
Tina	
	Asia-Ligé Arnold
	Ryan Holmes
Joey	Jordan B. Stocksdale
Pablo	Brian Dauglash
ТЈ	Anwar Thomas
Ernie	David James
Eddie Souther	Gerald Jordan
Cop	Jeffrey Shankle
Mother Superior	Lynn Sharp-Spears
Monsignor O'Hara	
Sister Mary Patrick	
Sister Mary Robert	MaryKate Brouillet
Sister Mary Lazarus	Lynne Sigler
Sister Mary Martin-of-Tours	Jane C. Boyle
Ensemble	Asia-Ligé Arnold, Adrienne Athanas, Brandon Bedore,
	Tina Marie DeSimone, Lydia Gifford, Patrick Gover,
	David James, Jeffrey Shankle, Patricia "Pep" Targete

UNDERSTUDIES

Deloris Van Cartier: Asia-Ligé Arnold, Curtis Jackson: Anwar Thomas,
Mother Superior: Jane C. Boyle, Joey: Brandon Bedore,
Monsignor O'Hara: David James, Sister Mary Robert: Lydia Gifford,
Sister Mary Patrick/Sister Mary Martin-of-Tours: Amanda Kaplan Landstrom,
Sister Mary Lazarus: Tina Marie DeSimone,
Eddie Souther/TJ/Pablo: Angelo Harrington II

SWINGS

Male Swing: Angelo Harrington II Female Swings: Amanda Kaplan Landstrom & Alexis Krey-Bedore

The ORCHESTRA

Conductor/Keyboard	Ross Scott Rawlings, Nathan Scavilla
Trumpet	Mike Barber, Tony Neenan
	ve Haaser, Denis Malloy, Charlene McDaniel, Katie Ravenwood
Guitar	Daniel Lewis, Rick Peralta, Kim Spath
Bass	Matthew Carroll, Linda Cote, Michael Kellam,
Drums/Percussion	

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

"Take Me to Heaven"
"Fabulous, Baby"
"Here Within These Walls"
"It's Good to Be a Nun" Deloris, Mary Patrick, May Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns
"When I Find My Baby"
"I Could Be That Guy" Eddie, Bums
"Here Within These Walls" (Reprise)
"Raise Your Voice" Deloris, Mary Patrick, Mary Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns
"Take Me to Heaven" (Reprise) Deloris, Mary Patrick, Mary Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns

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ACT II

"Sunday Morning Fever" Deloris, Mother Superior, Monsignor O'Hara, Eddie, Mary Patrick, Mary Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns, Ensemble	
"Lady in the Long Black Dress"	
"I Haven't Got a Prayer"	
"Bless Our Show" Deloris, Mary Patrick, Mary Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns	
"The Life I Never Led" Mary Robert	
"Fabulous, Baby!" (Reprise) Deloris, Eddie, Fantasy Dancers, Nuns	
"Sister Act"	
"When I Find My Baby" (Reprise) Curtis	
"The Life I Never Led" (Reprise)	
"Sister Act" (Reprise) Deloris, Mother Superior, Mary Patrick, Mary Robert, Mary Lazarus, Nuns	
"Spread the Love Around"	
"Raise Your Voice" (Reprise)	

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VALERIE ADAMS RIGSBEE (Sister Mary Patrick) Last seen in Escape to Margaritaville. DC-area credits include Keegan Theatre: Shakespeare in Love, Hands on a Hardbody, Next to Normal; 4615 Theatre: Museum 2040; Studio Theatre: The Remains; Constellation Theatre: Skin of Our Teeth, Urinetown; Monumental Theatre: Bonnie and Clyde; Next Stop Theatre: Much Ado About Nothing; Adventure Theatre: James and the Giant Peach. Has toured nationally.



JANE C. BOYLE (Sister Mary Martin-of-Tours) Blessed to return to the convent for her 32nd production at Toby's!! Previous appearances include: White Christmas (Martha), Beauty & The Beast (Wardrobe), Show Boat (Parthy), Pirates of Penzance (Ruth), Fiddler on the Roof (Golde), Nunsense (Reverend Mother) and Phantom of the Opera (Carlotta). THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LIVE THEATRE!!!



ASIA-LIGÉ ARNOLD (Michelle) Toby's: Margaritaville, Grease. REGIONAL: ArtsCentric: CROWNS (Wanda), The Wiz (Ensemble, Aunt Em/Glinda cover); Constellation Theatre: Once On This Island (Little Ti Moune cover); Iron Crow Theatre: Collective Rage (Betty 3), Rocky Horror Show (Columbia), Head Over Heels (Mopsa); ZACH Theatre: CROWNS (Yolanda), Once On This Island (Little Ti Moune).



MARY KATE BROUILLET (Sister Mary Robert) Olney Theatre Center/Everyman Theatre: The World Goes Round. Favorite Toby's roles include: Ghost (Molly), Gypsy (Louise), Les Misérables (Eponine), Shrek (Fiona), Kinky Boots (Nicola), Newsies (Katherine), and The Addams Family (Wednesday). Keegan Theatre: The Bridges of Madison County (Marian), and Spring Awakening. "For my Dad, I will always sing."



ADRIENNE ATHANAS (Ensemble) First appeared on Toby's stage 40 years ago, in the 1983 production of Sweeney Todd. She has had the honor of working on more than 2 dozen productions at Toby's, most recently in It's A Wonderful Life (Ma Bailey). Each outing is a gift that she treasures, and thanks Toby and Mark for including her. "I am looking forward to a rollicking good time."



BRIAN DAUGLASH (Pablo) Previously seen at Toby's as a swing in Rocky and Ghost.
Recent Credits - Iron Crow Theatre: The Rocky Horror Show (Rocky) and Head Over Heels (Basilius); Fredericktown Players - RENT (Roger); Other Voices Theatre - Evita (Che). Brian is proud to announce he will be playing Paul in Toby's upcoming production of A Chorus Line. As always, for Dolores.



BRANDON BEDORE
(Ensemble) Brandon is a graduate
of The Catholic University of
America. Toby's credits include:
Grease (Doody), Something
Rotten, White Christmas, The
SpongeBob Musical, Spamalot,
Godspell, Elf, Shrek (Pinocchio),
The Little Mermaid, Mamma Mia,
The Hunchback of Notre Dame,
and Young Frankenstein.



TINA MARIE DESIMONE (Ensemble) Tina is thrilled to be returning to the Toby's stage with the "Old Gang". Most recent Toby's credits: Something Rotten, It's a Wonderful Life (Aunt Tillie), White Christmas, Godspell, Mamma Mia (Rosie), Gypsy (Mazeppa). As always, love to her rock star nieces: Lily and Ella!! Praise the Lord, it's good to be a nun!



ROBERT BIEDERMANN 125 (Monsignor O'Hara) Tours: The Wizard of Oz (27 months 193 cities 601 performances), Lincoln Center: South Pacific, Unsinkable Molly Brown, 7 Brides for 7 Brothers, Urban Cowboy, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, Little Women, Titanic, Sweet Charity. 3 HH Noms. MFA Acting, 50+ productions at Toby's. Salute Veterans. In memory of my 104-year-old friend Dr. Bob McAllister. Thank you Mark and Toby.



LYDIA GIFFORD
(Ensemble) Most recently seen in Grease (Jan), debuted at Toby's in Rocky (Adrian). Additional Toby's credits: The SpongeBob Musical, Ghost, It's A Wonderful Life, and Something Rotten. Other credits: Angel Number Nine (Rorschach), Natural (The 4208 Group), West Side Story (MC SDT). CUA MT '21. Orlando native. Much love to all her family, friends, and mentors. lydia-gifford.com.

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PATRICK GOVER

(Ensemble) Toby's credits: Escape to Margaritaville (Tully), Grease (Danny), Something Rotten (Robin), Ghost (Sam), Rocky (Rocky). Howard County native and 2021 Salisbury U. graduate, with a BA in both Vocal and Theater Performance. Patrick's previous credits include Hairspray (Link Larkin), Jesus Christ Superstar (Caiaphas) and Medea (Creon). He is so grateful for this opportunity and hopes you enjoy the show.



GERALD JORDAN

(Eddie Souther) Toby's Credits: It's a Wonderful Life (Sam Wainright), Rocky (Apollo Creed), Dreamgirls, Hairspray, MVP (Jackie Robinson). Offstage, Gerald works fultime as Executive Director for CCTA, and as the lead instructor for drama programs throughout Maryland! He thanks Mark, Toby, his beautiful wife, and his students for serving as an inspiration every day.



ANGELO HARRINGTON II

(Swing) Recently seen at Toby's in the ensembles of Escape to Margaritaville and Grease. He's very appreciative of his cast and everyone who has worked and helped bring this show to life. A special thanks to his family for supporting him always!



AMANDA KAPLAN

LANDSTROM (Swing)
Previous credits include:
Something Rotten, The
SpongeBob Musical, Spamalot,
White Christmas, On The Town,
South Pacific, Mary Poppins,
The Producers, Guys & Dolls,
Legally Blonde, Hairspray,
Gypsy, The Addams Family,
Grease, Shrek, Chicago, Cabaret,
Parade, Les Mis, Crazy For
You. Love to my family and
David. For my Dad, who
always supported my dreams.



RYAN HOLMES

(Curtis Jackson) Ryan returns to Toby's after having performed in Freaky Friday (MTC) and Rocky here at Toby's. Away from the stage Ryan is a father of two and social media influencer (@Blackacrombie). Thanks to family and friends for support.



ALEXIS KREY-BEDORE

(Swing) Recent Toby's Credits: Margaritaville, Grease, Shrek, Spamalot, The SpongeBob Musical, Elf, White Christmas. Regional: Olney Theatre's Kinky Boots; NextStop Theatre's Catch Me If You Can; Cumberland Theatre's Reefer Madness (Mary Lane) and Gypsy (June). Washington Capitals NHL Cheerleader for 3 years! Graduate of Catholic University. Love to Brandon and family.



DAVID JAMES

(Ernie) 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 Escape to Margaritaville and now this ... ENJOY!!



JEFFREY SHANKLE

(Ensemble) Toby's credits include: Something Rotten (Nick Bottom), Spamalot (Sir Robin), White Christmas (Bob), Godspell, Elf (Buddy), Hunchback (Phoebus), A Christmas Story (Old Man), Mamma Mia (Sam), 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.



ASHLEY JOHNSON -MOORE

(Deloris Van Cartier) Ashley is excited to be back with her Toby's family! Favorites include Ghost (Oda Mae-2023 Helen Hayes nominee, Best Supporting Performance), The Wiz (Dorothy), The Color Purple (Squeak), Memphis (Felicia Farrell) and Sister Act (Deloris Van Cartier -2017 Helen Hayes nominee, Best Actress). Thank you to the cast & staff! All my love to Hubby, Luke & Noa.



LYNN SHARP SPEARS

(Mother Superior) Toby's: Little Mermaid (Ursula), Beauty and the Beast (Mrs. Potts), Phantom OTCO (Sally). Olney Theatre: Oliver (Mrs. Sowerberry), Man of LaMancha (Maria), Cinderella (Stepmother). Studio Theatre: Habit of Art (Joan - HH Nom), Adding Machine (Mrs. One). Washington Shakespeare Co.: Richard III (Duchess of York), Cherry Orchard (Lyubov Ranevskaya). Happy to be within these walls!

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LYNNE SIGLER

(Sister Mary Lazarus) This Toby's veteran is glad to be back in "the-round" as the rappin' nun and working with talented performers, musicians, technicians, and crew. If not for Toby Orenstein giving me a chance in 1986, I would not have been part of this show. Enjoy! Without you, the audience, there would be no show! Bless you, Toby and Hal!



PATRICIA"PEP"TARGETE

(Tina) Pep is an actor, choreographer, and dance teacher in the DC area. Last seen at Toby's in Margaritaville. Other Toby's credits include: Other Toby's credits include: Ghost, Rocky, Spamalot, White Christmas, Elf, A Christmas Story, The Bodyguard, Mamma Mia, Ragtime, Memphis, Color Purple. Regional credits: Maine State Music Theatre, Monumental, Keegan, Constellation, NextStop, and Cumberland theatres. Love to Toby Mark, Smilly and Friends! Toby, Mark, family, and friends!



JORDAN B. STOCKSDALE (Joey) Toby's credits: Marga-ritaville (Brick), Something Rotten (Nostradamus), Spamalot (King Arthur), The SpongeBob Musical (Patchy), It's a Wonderful Life (Carter). Regional Credits: The Addams Regional Credits: Ine Aaaams Family (Gomez), Hairspray (Edna), Les Mis (Val Jean), Damn Yankees (Applegate), Beauty and the Beast (Cogsworth), The Producers (Max), Oklahoma (Jud). In DC: Amazing Grace (Captain

Newton). Love to Ari and family.



ANWAR THOMAS

(TJ) Anwar is happy to be back here at Toby's. Started as a pupil with CCTA's Summer Teen Professional Theater (Ragtime and Aida). Previous Toby's credits: Rocky, Thoroughly Modern Millie, George M, and Little Shop of Horrors. Most notable his Helen Hayes Awards nomination for Outstanding Choreography for The Color Purple. Cheers!

THEATRE STAFF

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PRODUCTION STAFF

Director/ Choreographer	Mark Minnick
Assistant Conductor	
	David A. Hopkins
Lighting Designer	Lynn Joslin
Sound Designer	
Costume Designers	Sarah King, Carrie Seidman
Wig Designer	
Properties Designer	Shane Lowry
	Tina Marie DeSimone, Amanda Kaplan-Landstrom
Assistant Stage Manager	
Technical Director	Jimmy Engelkemier
Assistant Technical Director	
Set Construction	David A. Hopkins, Jimmy Engelkemier, Johnny Pantazis
Running Crew	Kristin Rigsby, Sarah Tossman, Vanessa Vincent, Brian Wensus
Light Board Operators	Jimmy Engelkemier, Heather Williams, Amy Williamson
Sound Board Operators	Betsy Burnett, Johnny Pantazis
Head Wardrobe	Janine Sunday

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) Over the years, Mark has received 18 Helen Hayes Award nominations for his Direction and/or Choreography. He is extremely proud of the work he and his team of artists have created

over the years. Productions of Something Rotten, The SpongeBob Musical, Monty Python's Spamalot, Disney's The Little Mermaid, Crazy for You, West Side Story, Mamma Mia, Young Frankenstein, Grease, Kinky Boots, Elf and many, many more have entertained thousands all over the world and he is so proud to have cultivated such a rich, full life in the theatrical industry. Prior to joining the Toby's team full-time, Mark spent 15 years as Producer/ Casting Director for Phoenix Entertainment. With Phoenix, he choreographed the National Tours of The Pajama Game and Camelot and worked all over the globe, mounting productions of Grease, Fame, The Addams Family, The Color Purple and Rock of Ages in Seoul, San Juan, Istanbul, Bermuda, Macau, Singapore, Shanghai, and Beijing to name just a few. As a performer, Mark has performed in casinos, on national tours, is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and considers it an honor to now work side by side with Toby Orenstein!

ROSS SCOTT RAWLINGS (Music Director)

Ross resides in Westminster, MD and currently serves as Director of Choral Activities at Marriotts Ridge High School. He is a sought-after mentor, conductor, clinician, and arranger-orchestrator (both instrumental and choral.) Outside of his teaching duties, Mr. Rawlings is a renowned musical director/conductor, orchestrator, and pianist. He began his "professional life" at age eleven. Since then, he has acquired an impressive list of over four hundred music and theatrical credits across the region as well as nationally. For over thirty years he has served as Resident Musical Director at Toby's. As a musical director he has received seven Helen Hayes nominations, as well as the Maryland Theatrical

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award for Outstanding Musical Direction. He was also awarded the Kevin Kline award for Outstanding Musical Direction for *Hairspray* at the MUNY in St. Louis, Missouri. Other local venues include Rep Stage and The Olney Theatre. For over eighteen years he traveled extensively across the globe supervising and musically directing over twenty-two of Broadway's most spectacular hits. He holds advanced degrees in Music Education, Piano Performance, and Teacher Education. Mr. Rawlings was most recently inducted into the Who's Who in America 2023.

DAVID A. HOPKINS (Scenic 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 lighting 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.

LYNN JOSLIN (Lighting Designer)

Lynn is happy to be back at Toby's. Some favorite designs for Toby's Dinner Theatre include: Shrek, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Newsies and Gypsy. Some other favorite designs include: Sweet Charity and Monty Python's Spamalot for Montgomery College Summer Dinner Theatre, Aida with ArtsCentric, Matilda with NextStop Theatre Company, Frozen with Drama Learning Center, and Nevermore and On Air (Helen Hayes nomination) with Creative Cauldron. www.lynnjoslinlightingdesign.com

MARK SMEDLEY (Sound Designer)

Design credits include: Dorian's Closet, Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill, Sister Act, Into the Woods, Ragtime, Peter Pan, Show Boat, Hairspray, and Kinky Boots. While well versed in all areas of theatre, as Associate Technical Director for The Horowitz Center, his primary areas of concentration are professional audio and video systems.

SARAH KING (Co-Costume Designer)

Sarah began as a volunteer for Reservoir High School's theatre program and continued on for several years after her children graduated. She loved working with the kids and the creative outlet of designing costumes and seeing the vision come to life! Reservoir's production of *Newsies* introduced her to Janine Sunday and led to a costume assistant job at Toby's. She was recently lead costumer for Toby's *It's a Wonderful Life* and is happy to be back for *Sister Act*. She hopes you enjoy the show!

CARRIE SEIDMAN (Co-Costume Designer)

Carrie was introduced to the world of theatrical costuming through a high school apprenticeship at the historic Dock Street Theater in Charleston, SC. She continued to sew through college and after, until joining the wardrobe teams at the Drama Learning Center and Toby's. She has since worked at several

theatres around the DMV area, including Signature Theatre and Center Stage.

JANINE SUNDAY (Wig 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...Dreamcoat. 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.

JIMMY ENGELKEMIER (Technical Designer)

Jimmy has held many technical positions at Toby's over the years and is thrilled to return to the team as the Technical Director. Enjoy the show!

CHERYL STANSFIELD (Production Stage Manager)

Cheryl is thrilled to be back at Toby's, having previously worked in the Toby's Baltimore location for four years before leaving in 2010. She then spent a decade living out of a suitcase, touring all over the USA and Canada with National Tours of My Fair Lady, On Your Feet: The Emilio & Gloria Estefan Musical, and Dirty Dancing, and three years at sea with Carnival Cruise Lines. Thank you to Toby, Mark, Tina, and the entire Toby's production staff, cast and crew for welcoming her home! She works hard so her dog, Mulder, has a good life.





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