

A BRONX TALE

A NEW MUSICAL



JULY 22ND - AUGUST 14TH



The Ovation Theatre is proud to present:



July 22nd - August 14th, 2022

Directed By
TIMOTHY ADAMSON

Book by
CHAZZ PALMINTERI

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
GLENN SLATER

STARRING:

GABRIEL ABOUD, ZACHARY ALVA, AIDAN CLINE, XAVIER ELIZONDO,
FABIAN ESPINOZA, ADAM FERNANDEZ, JORDAN FULMER,
JERRY GARCIA, LEE GHOLZ, MACI GHOLZ, TY HALTON,
KARIN HARMON, KRISTEN McGUIRE, PATRICK McNEAL, SPENSER PROW,
JASON SANDERS, KRISTEN SANDERS, LUCAS SHEARSON, JACK SLIDER,
LIZ B. WILLIAMS, and KAYDANCE YOUNG

Vocal Director
KEN BURDICK

Choreographer
CODY GARCIA

Costume Designer
STEPHANIE PAYNE

Scenic Design
JASON McCLAIN and BIEN RESOLME

Set Construction
BIEN RESOLME

Lighting Design
BIEN RESOLME, TRENTON BENET
and BRIAN PURCELL

Set Painting/Dressing/Construction Interns
JOSEPHINE RESOLME
and SAMANTHA RESOLME

Stage Manager/Sound Designer
MEGAN DOWDA-GILLETTE

Assistant Stage Manager/Lightboard Operator
TERRY DOWDA-GILLETTE

Sound Operator Intern
RYLYNN COBLE

Backstage Manager
NICK CHAMBERLAIN

Props Design
NICK "DUCKY" FRENCH

Backstage Technicians
SARA GERVAIS, SARA GHOLZ, NIKKI GRISSO,
KAT KHOLER and JOANNA McGUIRE

PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH BROADWAY LICENSING

MUSICAL SYNOPSIS

ACT ONE

"Belmont Avenue".....	Calogero and Ensemble
"Look to Your Heart".....	Lorenzo and Young Calogero
"Roll 'Em".....	Sonny, Young Calogero, and Ensemble
"I Like It".....	Young Calogero and Ensemble
"Giving Back the Money".....	Lorenzo, Young Calogero, Rosina, and Sonny
"I Like It" (Reprise).....	Calogero, Young Calogero, Sonny, and Ensemble
"Ain't It the Truth".....	Calogero and Ensemble
"Out of Your Head".....	Calogero, Jane and Ensemble
"Nicky Machiavelli".....	Sonny, Rudy the Voice, Eddie Mush, Frankie Coffee Cake, JoJo the Whale, and Tony 10 to 2
"These Streets".....	Lorenzo, Sonny, Rosina and Ensemble

There will be a twenty-minute intermission.

ACT TWO

"Webster Avenue".....	Jane, Calogero, Tyrone, Jessie, Denise and Frieda
"Out of Your Head" (Reprise).....	Jane
"One of the Great Ones".....	Sonny
"Ain't It the Truth" (Reprise).....	Tyrone and Jesse
"Look to Your Heart" (Reprise).....	Rosina
"One of the Great Ones" (Reprise).....	Calogero
"Hurt Someone".....	The Company
"In a World Like This".....	Calogero, Jane and Ensemble
"The Choices We Make".....	The Company



LUCAS SHEARSON
as
Calogero



ADAM FERNANDEZ
as
Sonny



LIZ B. WILLIAMS
as
Jane



JACK SLIDER
as
Lorenzo



FABIAN ESPINOZA
as
Young Calogero



KARIN HARMON
as
Rosina





GABRIEL ABOUD
as
Eddie Mush



ZACHARY ALVA
as
Doo-Wop Member



AIDAN CLINE
as
Frankie Coffee Cake



XAVIER ELIZONDO
as
JoJo the Whale



JORDAN FULMER
as
Rudy the Voice



JERRY GARCIA
as
Doo Wop Member



LEE GHOLZ
as
Doo Wop Member



MACI GHOLZ
as
Ensemble



TY HALTON
as
Tyrone



KRISTEN MCGUIRE
as
Ensemble



PATRICK McNEAL
as
Tony Ten to Two



SPENSER PROW
as
Doo Wop Member



JASON SANDERS
as
Jesse



KRISTEN SANDERS
as
Frieda



KAYDANCE YOUNG
as
Denise

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

GABRIEL ABOUD (Eddie Mush) Debuted at The Ovation Theatre as The Big Bopper in the 2021 hit production of *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*. Gabriel would like to send a special thank you to his mother and father for their unwavering support.

ZACHARY ALVA (Doo Wop Member) Past Ovation credits as an ensemble member in *Something Rotten* and *The Producers*. Other notable performance credits include Kenickie in *Grease* and Lucas in *The Addams Family* at East Bakersfield High. He would like to thank everyone who supported him in his journey as a performer and for helping to instill confidence and trust within himself to continue to try new things.

AIDAN CLINE (Frankie Coffee Cake) Past Ovation performances include a Protean in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, Race in *Newsies*, and a featured ensemble member in *Gypsy*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Rent*, *Disaster* and *The Producers*. Other notable credits include Young Patrick in *Mame* at Stars Theatre Restaurant, Willy Wonka in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* with Bakersfield Youth Fine Arts Academy, and *The Cowardly Lion* in *The Wizard of Oz* with Stars School of the Performing Arts. Aidan would like to thank his family who he loves very much!

XAVIER ELIZONDO (JoJo the Whale) Past Ovation credit as Mulley Graves and Ensemble in *The Grapes of Wrath*.

FABIAN ESPINOZA (Young Calogero) Ovation Theatre debut! Fabian has been dancing since he was 5 years old and is currently training at the Mallory Academy of Dance where he is also on the MAD Krew Competition Team.

ADAM FERNANDEZ (Sonny) Past Ovation performances as Senex in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and Max Bialystock in *The Producers*. Other notable credits include Jesus is Godspell, Toby in *Twelfth Night*, and David in *In the Heights*. Adam received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Vocal Performance from CSU Fresno and his Musical Theatre Certification from AMDA - LA. He is currently a teacher for the Panama Buena Vista School District. He would like to thank his family and friends for always supporting him.

JORDAN FULMER (Rudy the Voice) Past Ovation credits as The Wolf in *Into the Woods* and Emmett Forrest in *Legally Blonde*. Other notable performances include Glen Guglia in *The Wedding Singer*, Harold Nichols in *The Full Monty*, Mordred in *Camelot*, and Dr. Rank in Stars Playhouse West's production of *A Doll's House*. He would like to give a special thanks to the cast and creative team and to his sublime girlfriend/queen Missy Lonsinger.

JERRY GARCIA (Doo Wop Member) Ovation Theatre debut! Notable performance as Danny Zuko in *Grease* at West High School. In his free time, Jerry enjoys building computers.

LEE GHOLZ (Doo Wop Member) Ovation Theatre debut! Lee is a trained dancer who would like to thank her dance instructors at Dancer's Turnout Academy and Mrs. Tara Haner at Theatrix Kids. She would like to dedicate her performance to her Mom, Dad, and siblings for loving and supporting her through everything.

MACI GHOLZ (Ensemble) Past Ovation credits as Ensemble in *Elf* and Lee Bouvier in *Grey Gardens*. Maci would like to thank her dance instructors at Dancer's Turnout Academy and Mrs. Tara Haner at Theatrix Kids. She dedicates her performance to her Mom, Dad, and siblings for their love and support.

TY HALTON (Tyrone) Past Ovation performances include John Hancock in *1776* and Ensemble in *Rent* and *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*. Other notable performances include Pete in *Dogfight* and Alex in *Obrouni* at The Empty Space, Porter in *Deathtrap* at BCT, and Cousin Kevin in *Tommy* at CSUB. Ty graduated with a BA in Theatre Arts from CSUB in 2020 and earned an MA/MFA in Literary Analysis and Writing & Contemporary Media from Antioch University, Los Angeles in June 2022. He would like to thank the love of his life, Taylor Clark, and his friends and family for their unwavering support.

KARIN HARMON (Rosina) Past Ovation performance as Adult Woman in *Spring Awakening*. Other notable performances include Joanne in *Company* at Stars Theatre Restaurant, Dinah in *The Quality of Life* at The Empty Space, and Anne Marie in *A Doll's House Part 2* at Stars Playhouse. Karin sends her love and thanks to Kevin, Amanda, Sarah and Ryan for always supporting her. Cheers!



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KRISTEN MCGUIRE (Ensemble) Past Ovation performances as an ensemble member in *Something Rotten* and *The Producers*. Other notable credits include *Katehrine* in *Newsies* and *The Ghost of Christmas Present* in *A Christmas Carol* at the Shafter Young Adults Theatre, as well as *Arty* in *Lost in Yonkers*, *Belle* in *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Margot* in *The Diary of Anne Frank* at Shafter High School. Kristen has been dancing for 15 years and is currently teaching dance at Linda Larma's Academe of Dance. She would like to thank Tim Adamson, Cody Garcia, and Ken Burdick for giving her the opportunity to be a part of this amazing show. She would also like to thank her family for their constant love and support.

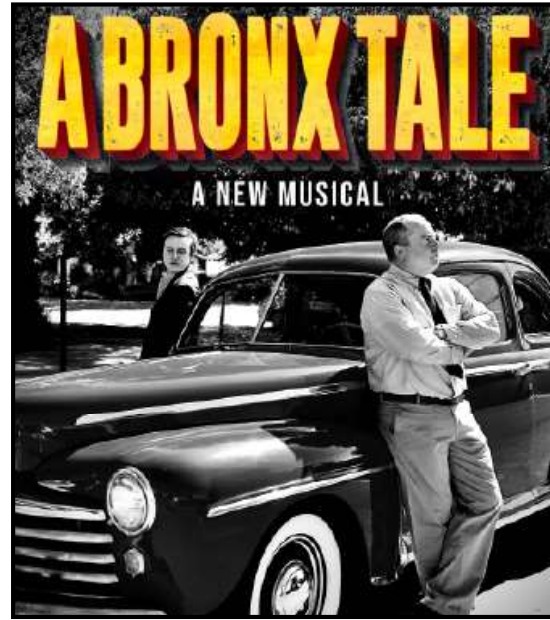
PATRICK McNEAL (Tony Ten to Two) Ovation Theatre debut! In addition to playing Trombone and Euphonium in dozens of musicals in Bakersfield community theatres, Patrick has appeared onstage as Ewart Dunlop in *The Music Man*, Father Alexandrios/Ensemble in *Mamma Mia*, and Ensemble in *Always, Patsy Cline* at Stars Theatre Restaurant. Patrick is delighted to be a part of Bakersfield's amazing theatre community. Over the past six years, he has made many friends and has had unforgettable experiences bringing musicals to life. Special thanks to his wife, Karri McNeal, and daughters, Aminah and Meilindah Fogle, who always support his love for and appreciation in music, theatre, and whatever crazy interests and hobbies he comes up with!

SPENSER PROW (Doo Wop Member) Past Ovation performances as *Mush* in *Newsies* and a featured ensemble member in *Something Rotten* and *The Producers*. Other notable credits include ensemble members in *The Little Mermaid* and *On Your Feet* at Stars Theatre Restaurant. Spenser sends a special thank you to his parents for their encouragement and support.

JASON SANDERS (Jesse) Ovation Theatre debut! Past credit as Valencio DiCarpathio/John in *The Bold, The Young, and The Murdered* at Ridgeview High School.

KRISTEN SANDERS (Frieda) Ovation Theatre debut! Kristen is currently a sophomore in university, pursuing a law degree. She would like to thank her amazing brother, Jason, for encouraging her to take this opportunity to be in such a wonderful production. Kristen sends her love to the cast and the crew who she says is "an honor to work with."

LUCAS SHEARSON (Calogero) Past Ovation credit as Mark Anthony in *A Chorus Line*. Other notable performances as *Huck Finn* in *Big River* at Stars Theatre Restaurant and *Ernst Robel* in *Spring Awakening* at Drew University. Lucas would like to thank you for coming to the show and supporting the arts in this time that still makes it so difficult. We hope you enjoy the show!



JACK SLIDER (Lorenzo) Past Ovation credits as *Nick Bottom* in *Something Rotten*, *The Narrator* in *Into the Woods*, and *Walter Hobbs* in *Elf: The Musical*. Other notable performances include *Sweeney* in *Sweeney Todd*, *Collins* in *Rent*, *Jake* in *Evil Dead: The Musical*, and *Rob* in *High Fidelity*. Jack would like to send a huge thank you to the entire Ovation family for continuing to allow him opportunities to perform. He sends a special thanks to Tim, Cody, and Ken, not only for their faith in him, but most importantly for their friendship. And, as always, endless and unfailing love and gratitude to his wife, Allison, for encouraging him to play. He truly is the luckiest.

LIZ B. WILLIAMS (Jane) Past Ovation credits as *Joanne* in *Rent*, *Brooke Wyndham* in *Legally Blonde*, and *Diana Morales* in *A Chorus Line*. Other notable performance credits as *Chiffon* in *Little Shop of Horrors* at Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theatre and *The Empty Space*, *Helga* in *Cabaret* at Imaginary Theatricals, *Golde* in *Fiddler on the Roof* at Temple Beth El, and *Bonnie* in *Anything Goes* and *Anyboys* in *West Side Story* at Stars Theatre Restaurant. Liz is thrilled to be back on the Ovation stage! She has a degree in Dance and years of theatrical experience, both on and off the stage. She is a professional performer, working at theatre companies throughout Southern California. Liz sends a special thanks to Chad, Bear, and Mr. Pickles for always being the best support system and cuddle buddies a girl could ask for! Follow Liz on Instagram @lizwithab

KAYDANCE YOUNG (Denise) Ovation Theatre debut! Kaydance is a student at Ridgeview High School who participates in Choir and Cheer. She would like to thank her parents for allowing her this opportunity to perform and for taking her to rehearsals.

THE BAND

Piano/Conductor
DAVID COLLINS

Drums/Music Contractor
JEFF INGLE

Trumpet
ANTHONY STONE

Trombone
OMAR MURILLO

Bass
JACK OCAMPO

Guitar
JEFF ARDRAY

Saxophone
ABIGAIL WILSON

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OWNERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Adam Cline (Business Development Director) has been involved in the Bakersfield theatre scene since 1992. For the past 30 years he has assumed every role from leading characters to producing, writing, teaching, and directing many shows for Stars Theatre Restaurant, Bakersfield Music Theatre, and The Melodrama. From 1994-1997 Adam taught acting classes to hundreds of adults and children at The McCright Agency and Stars School of Fine Arts. In 1995 Adam started a production company called A.C.T.S. Productions (Adam Cline's Theatrical Services), where he met the needs of local theatres and schools to provide sets, lighting, sound and crew to help run productions. In 1996 Adam joined the family business, Kern Glass, and began to increase the sales and growth of the company. In 2006 he became the Vice President of Operations and by 2010 was the President of the company. He continues to develop great relationships with other local businesses while enthralling the community with his entertaining commercials to promote the family business.

Jason McClain (Director of Facilities) was born and raised in Bakersfield by a wonderful Italian family who instilled in him a love and appreciation for art and music. He has been a local entertainer and audience favorite for over 30 years, portraying such standout roles as Joseph in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (BMT 1994, 1996, 2004), Che in *Evita* (BMT 2003), The Baker in *Into the Woods* (Stars 2009), and Pseudolus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Ovation 2018). Jason also regularly delights audiences with his one-man cabaret act as Dean Martin titled *A Rat Without a Pack*, which was developed while serving as an entertainer on cruises throughout Europe with Silversea Cruise Lines. Jason is an accomplished and highly sought-after set designer, artist, and interior designer who has been meeting the needs of local theatres, schools, businesses and homes since the inception of his business, Gogogo Design, in 2010. He is a licensed Insurance Agent and in 2007 became the CFO for Assist Business and Insurance Services. Jason is now the Theatre teacher at Del Oro High School where he gets to impart his love of theatre, music and design to the eager young minds of Bakersfield.

Hal Friedman (Artistic Director) has directed over 100 shows and has worked at regional theatres such as the Kennedy Center (D.C.), Arena Stage (D.C.), Signature Theatre (Arlington V.A.), Stage 52 (L.A.),

Rescue Agreement (N.Y.C.), the prestigious Tisch School of the Arts (N.Y.C.), Baltimore Theatre Project (Baltimore, M.D.), Roundhouse Theatre (Bethesda M.D.), and the Smithsonian Discovery Theatre (D.C.). Hal worked for Scott Rudin Productions on such films as *The Royal Tennenbaums*, the Academy Award winning *The Hours*, and *Changing Lanes*. He worked for the local Spotlight Theatre and has directed locally at Stars Theatre Restaurant, The Empty Space, BCT, and The Gaslight Melodrama. Hal has published a novel (*Afterwinds* under the name Hal Dennis), sold two screenplays, and is now the Theatre Teacher at Shafter High School. He graduated with honors from New York University in Film and Television. Hal dedicates the future of the Ovation Theatre to the Bakersfield community and sends his love to his amazing children: Piixie, Carter, Isla and Owen and also to his wife Chriistina who is his shinning light.

Bien Resolme (Managing Director) was born and raised right here in Bakersfield, leaving for four years to serve his country in the US Navy. He has been involved in the Bakersfield theatre community for over 25 years, first as a performer and more recently on the technical side of local productions by volunteering his time to build sets and manage tech crews at local high schools and community theatres. Bien is currently the Assistant Principal of Evening Operations at both the ROC and CTEC campuses for the Kern High School District. Prior to this, Bien taught Business, Technical Theatre and Digital Arts. While at Arvin High, his Virtual Enterprise business plan team earned the right to compete at the national level in New York City. The nine years prior to teaching, Bien was a network administrator for the Kern High School District. His passion for theatre and education has driven Bien to form the Ovation Theatre with his partners and friends to ensure that the Bakersfield theatre community continues to thrive for decades to come.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Each one of us reaches a point in our lives, as we are growing up, that we rebel against our parents and seek to define who we are in this world. Throughout our lives we meet people who will be role models and influence us for better or worse. And then there are the friends and loves within our lives who enter and leave us over the years. This is that story. *A Bronx Tale* is a story about a boy caught between his father who wants to raise a good man, and a mobster who mentors the boy to survive the streets. As he ages into adolescents, he falls in love with a girl that society and culture do not approve of.

The story is based on the life of Chaz Palminteri growing up in the Bronx during the 1960s. Life isn't easy for him or his family. It's especially not easy when you are Sicilian immigrants in a mob run neighborhood where racial tensions are high.

Putting this show together was no easy task. It took the collaborative work of myself, the choreographer/assistant director, vocal director, costumer, band director, set designer, light designer, producers, stage manager, crew and the cast. Everyone has a voice and something to contribute. The best part of being a director is getting to work with each person directly. I share my vision with them, they share their ideas with me, and we incorporate them together. The goal is to prepare a presentation from our hearts to our audience. Blood, sweat, and tears went into this show, and we did it for you. This is our art, good or bad, weak or strong, and we put it now on display for the community.

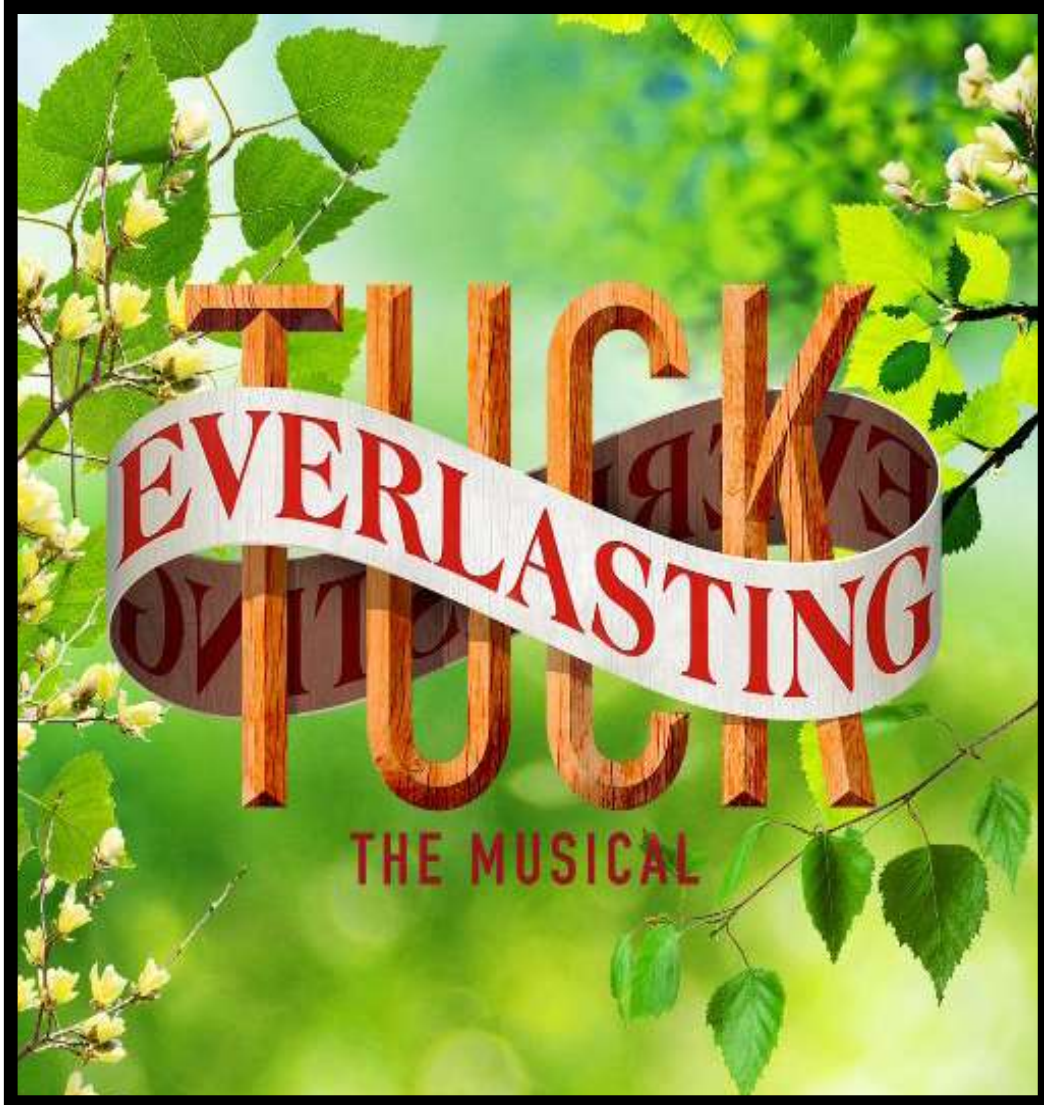
- TIMOTHY ADAMSON

STAFF

Business Development Director..... Adam Cline
Artistic Director..... Hal Friedman
Director of Facilities..... Jason McClain
Managing Director..... Bien Resolme
Production Photographer..... Aaron Van Cleave
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Becky Ingle
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