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# Ford's Theatre



Ford's Theatre explores the legacy of President Abraham Lincoln and celebrates the American experience through theatre and education. A working theatre, historical monument, world-class museum and learning center, Ford's Theatre is the premier destination in Washington, D.C. to explore and celebrate Lincoln's ideals and leadership principles.

### Ford's Theatre History

In 1861, theatre manager John T. Ford leased out the abandoned First Baptist Church on Tenth Street to create Ford's Theatre. Over the next few years, the venue became a popular stage for theatrical and musical productions. On April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln visited Ford's for a performance of *Our American Cousin*. At this performance, Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth, a Confederate sympathizer and white supremacist. Lincoln died the next morning in the Petersen House, a boarding house located across the street. Ford's Theatre remained dark for more than 100 years, officially reopening in 1968 as a national historic site and working theatre. It is operated through a public-private partnership between the National Park Service and Ford's Theatre Society.

### Ford's Theatre Today

Through its inspiring theatrical productions, live historic interpretation and engaging education programs, Ford's Theatre offers visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves in America's past while revealing meaningful connections to today.

As a working theatre, Ford's produces renowned plays, vibrant musicals and newly commissioned works that captivate and entertain while examining political and social issues related to Lincoln's legacy. With works from the Tony-nominated *Come From Away* and the nationally acclaimed *Big River* to the world premieres of *Grace, Meet John Doe, The Heavens Are Hung In Black, Liberty Smith, Necessary Sacrifices, The Widow Lincoln* and *The Guard*, Ford's Theatre is making its mark on the American theatre landscape. With the opening of the Aftermath Exhibits at the Center for Education and Leadership, Ford's Theatre has become a major center for learning, where people of all ages can examine Lincoln's multi-faceted legacy through exhibits, workshops and educational programs.

For more information on Ford's Theatre and Ford's Theatre Society, please visit www.fords.org.

# Welcome

Welcome to Ford's Theatre and our annual holiday tradition of *A Christmas Carol*. We are pleased to share with you the return of this classic tale of hope, charity and second chances. For more than 40 years, we have brought Dickens's story to life for audiences of all ages, and it continues to inspire and uplift us all. Through Ebenezer Scrooge, we take a journey of transformation and redemption and experience the joyous and celebratory spirit of the holidays.

This year marks the 14th consecutive season of our company charity collection. Every year, the company of *A Christmas Carol* collects donations for a Washington, D.C.-area charity. Through their efforts and our audiences' generosity, nearly \$1 million has been raised for local charities. This holiday, donations will benefit Hope and a Home.

Following A Christmas Carol, please join us for the second edition of A First Look a free, three-day play festival showcasing works from the Ford's Theatre Legacy Commissions. A First Look lineup will include Charlayne Woodard's A Designer of Note, A Woman of Style, an exploration of the life and work of fashion designer Ann Lowe, and Nambi E. Kelley's Sister X about the unknown role of women who worked closely with Malcolm X. I also hope you will join us for the much-anticipated spring musical, Little Shop of Horrors—the rollicking, roof-raising, doo-wop musical about a timid florist and a certain carnivorous plant from outer space.

Thank you for sharing your holiday season with us here at Ford's. I hope to see you at the theatre again soon.

Happy Holidays!

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Paul R. Tetreault Director Ford's Theatre Society

# Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) at Ford's Theatre

Ford's Theatre is committed to creating an equitable, diverse, inclusive and accessible environment for all artists, staff, students, educators, scholars, theatregoers, tourists and volunteers working and visiting our campus and engaging virtually. With renewed commitment, we have reexamined our practices, reassessed our vision for the future and have taken forward steps for needed reinvention. We want to share the principles that continue to sustain and guide our institution:

Ford's Theatre Society condemns all forms of racism, white supremacy, hate speech, police brutality and acts of violence against Black, Indigenous, People of Color and members of the LGBTQ+ community. We wholeheartedly believe that Black lives matter and support the international cry for equity and social justice. Ford's Theatre Society is fully engaged and committed to dismantling racism, discrimination, exclusion and systemic and social oppression. We are actively working to be an anti-racist, equitable, diverse and inclusive institution.

### **Ford's Theatre Values**

- **Courage:** Following Lincoln's example, we engage deeply with complex truths, explore new ideas and commit to evolving as an organization.
- **Empathy:** We cultivate the ability to see our shared humanity and act with compassion.
- **Equity:** We foster a community that amplifies underrepresented voices and provides equitable opportunities and access.
- **Inclusion:** We work to be an inclusive community based on respect. We celebrate commonalities and embrace differences.
- **Inspired Creativity:** We seek to inspire imagination and creative thinking as we collaborate with each other and our community.

Learn more about our EDI progress at bit.ly/3P55ngZ.

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# Ford's Theatre Rules of Engagement

We are glad that you are joining us at Ford's Theatre today. This is an inclusive and interactive community. Whether you are here to visit our historic site or to see a show, we invite you to be your authentic self.

### At Ford's Theatre:

- We are allowed to be human, in all the ways that make us unique.
- We are allowed to be human together. We encourage you to find moments of respectful connection and engagement with other members of the community.
- We are on common ground. We are all here to enjoy a shared experience and though our reactions and responses may vary, we will remain respectful.
- We are creating a live theatrical experience together; audible reactions and responses are welcome. The actors need you to engage with what you see but not to distract them from their performances.
- We also welcome the use of personal communication devices if they help you to better experience the show, but we encourage you to respect the actors' work and the other audience members around you. Please note that the taking of photographs, video or sound recordings of the performance is not permitted.

Let's create something beautiful together.

# Up Next at Ford's: Winter/Spring 2024





# The Second Ford's Theatre Legacy Commissions: A First Look

### January 26 - 28, 2024

*Sister X* by Nambi E. Kelley *A Designer of Note, A Woman of Style* by Charlayne Woodard

# **Little Shop of Horrors**

### March 15 - May 18, 2024

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# Christmastime with Craig: Craig Wallace On A Christmas Carol and Scrooge

Craig Wallace has played Ebenezer Scrooge on our historic stage since 2016. In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Craig voiced Scrooge on a radio play collaboration of *A Christmas Carol* between Ford's Theatre and *WAMU 88.5*, Washington, D.C.'s *NPR* affiliate. To mark the eighth year of Craig's indispensable presence in Ford's Theatre's beloved holiday classic, our very own Director of Artistic Programming José Carrasquillo asked Craig a few questions. The resulting exchange below has been edited for clarity and conciseness.

JOSÉ CARRASQUILLO (Director of Artistic Programming): When were you first exposed to Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol? What was your impression of it?

**CRAIG WALLACE** (Ebenezer Scrooge): The 1951 film version of *Scrooge* starring Alistair Sim. The film used to air on television every Christmas when I was a child, and it was my mother's favorite version. It became mine too. I loved watching it. It always meant Christmastime was here!

**CARRASQUILLO:** When you were first approached to play the role of Scrooge, what were your immediate thoughts?

**WALLACE:** As an actor, I thought, "What an excellent opportunity to take on an iconic character." That initial thought

was followed by a wonderful feeling of having a person of color playing the role.

**CARRASQUILLO:** You have been playing Scrooge at Ford's since 2016. Has there been an evolution through the years in how you approach playing him?

WALLACE: Scrooge's journey is his journey and that doesn't change. The challenge (and fun) is to approach each year's rehearsal process as if it's the very first time we are doing the play. I keep track of my choices and try to play those differently every year.

**CARRASQUILLO:** As an actor, is there a specific character trait in Scrooge that you look forward to exploring?

WALLACE: I'm always looking to deepen Scrooge's desire and need to keep himself isolated. The more I can lean into him "wishing to be left alone," the wider the contrast is between the man young Scrooge was and the man he became. When this character trait is fully realized, I believe there's an unmeasurable dramatic payoff. For me, this moment is distilled when Scrooge sees his grave towards the end of the play. In that moment, he realizes what being alone truly means.

**CARRASQUILLO:** Why do you think people from all walks of life continue to find a connection to Dickens's story?

WALLACE: Christmastime is a universal celebration of peace on earth and goodwill toward all. We want it for ourselves and our loved ones. That holiday spirit is a joyous feeling, and we get to experience it anew when others feel it as well. I think the connection to the story is that Scrooge's redemption warms our hearts.

**CARRASQUILLO:** In the play, Scrooge gets to look back at past experiences. Could you speak of the impact that these moments have on him?

WALLACE: Those past moments represent vulnerability and, in many instances, pain. Scrooge has come to learn that things like love, trust and vulnerability are weak and prefers to keep himself protected, so he can remain in control.

**CARRASQUILLO:** You are one of our region's foremost classical actors with many Shakespearean credits under

your belt. Does Scrooge bear a passing resemblance to any character in the Shakespeare canon?

WALLACE: I can't think of a one-onone comparison, but Scrooge, like so many kings, thinks that he can control the universe and that things like fate and karma don't apply to him. That, of course, is a foolish notion, but it might be something that Scrooge shares with some of the Bard's heavies.

**CARRASQUILLO:** What do you look forward to exploring in this year's production?

WALLACE: As I said earlier, my goal is for it to feel like the first time, so that audiences engage with a fresh theatrical experience. Back in 2016, I was that nervous, freaked actor facing an iconic role. Those feelings are long gone. The idea that together we are building it... not rebuilding it, keeps me coming back for more.

"No. Spirit! Oh, no, no, no!

Spirit! Hear me! I am not the man I was. I will not be the man I must have been. Tell me I may sponge away the writing

on this grave.

Why show me these things if I am beyond all hope..."

-Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol

Explore more stories behind the scenes of *A Christmas Carol* at Ford's Theatre at **www.fords.org.** 

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A Christmas Carol

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<u>A Christmas Carol</u>

A Ghost Story of Christmas

with

By Charles Dickens Adapted by Michael Wilson

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### Debora Crabbe Tori Gomez Troy Hopper Christopher Mueller Craig Wallace

Scenic Design Lee Savage

Jonathan Atkinson

John Floyd

Kaiyla Gross

**Emily Kester** 

Stephen F. Schmidt

Michael Bunce Kristen Garaffo Ayanna Hardy Joe Mallon Chris Stinson

Kimberly Gilbert Tyler Herman Justine "Icy" Moral Tom Story

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> Original Direction by Michael Baron

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# Cast

### Cast

Bob Cratchit Solicitor #2/Undertaker Fred/Young Scrooge Belle Fruit Vendor/Ghost of Christmas Present	Michael Bunce* John Floyd* Kristen Garaffo*
Mrs. Fred's Sister/Beggar Woman	Tori Gomez*
Mrs. Fred	
Mrs. Dilber/Mrs. Fezziwig	
Solicitor #1	,
Mrs. Cratchit	
Clock Vendor	
Doll Vendor/Ghost of Christmas Past/Ghost of Christmas Future	
Jacob Marley/Old Joe	Stephen F. Schmidt*
Topper/Young Marley	Chris Stinson*
Mr. Fezziwig	Tom Story*
Ebenezer Scrooge	
Martha Cratchit	
Tiny Tim/School Kid	
Fan/Want	Adrianna Weir/True Kelly
Peter Cratchit/School Kid	Kieran Tyan/Elmer Killebrew
Turkey Boy/Ignorance/Boy Scrooge	William Morford/Nicolas Cabrera
Belinda Cratchit/Rich Daughter/School Kid	Somaya Litmon/Riglee Bryson
Understudies	Jessica Bennett*, Debora Crabbe*, Troy Hopper*, Christopher Mueller*
Dance Captain	Justine "Icy" Moral*

Setting: Mid-19th-Century London

### Understudies

Jonathan Atkinson (for Stephen F. Schmidt), Michael Bunce (for Craig Wallace), Jessica Bennett and Debora Crabbe (for Kristen Garaffo, Tori Gomez, Kaiyla Gross, Ayanna Hardy), Tori Gomez (for Justine "Icy" Moral), Kaiyla Gross (for Emily Kester), Ayanna Hardy (for Kimberly Gilbert), Tyler Herman and Troy Hopper (for John Floyd), Troy Hopper and Christopher Mueller (for Tyler Herman, Joe Mallon, Chris Stinson, Tom Story), Christopher Mueller (for Michael Bunce), Chris Stinson (for Jonathan Atkinson).

Understudies never substitute for listed players unless a specific announcement is made at the time of performance.

This performance of A Christmas Carol will be performed with one 15-minute intermission.

Originally produced by the Alley Theatre, Houston, TX.

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# **Cast Photos**



Jonathan Atkinson



Michael Bunce



Jessica Bennett



Debora Crabbe



John Floyd



Kristen Garaffo



Kimberly Gilbert



Tori Gomez



Kaiyla Gross



Ayanna Hardy





Troy Hopper



**Emily Kester** 



Stephen F. Schmidt



Joe Mallon



Chris Stinson



Justine "Icy" Moral



Tom Story



Christopher Mueller



Craig Wallace

# Cast Photos (cont.)



**Riglee Bryson** 



Nicolas Cabrera



Taylor Esguerra



True Kelly



Elmer Killebrew



Harlan Killebrew



Somaya Litmon



Kieran Tyan



Harrison Morford



Adrianna Weir



William Morford



Ainsley Zauel



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### Jonathan Atkinson

Ford's: One Destiny, Ragtime, A Christmas Carol. Regional: Signature: Daphne's Dive, Chess. D.C.-Area: Olney: Evita, The Crucible; Imagination: Mr. Popper's Penguins; Kennedy Center: The Mortification of Fovea Munson. Latinx Horror Movie Podcast: @uyquehorror. Training: Interlochen Arts Academy, Boston Conservatory.

### **Michael Bunce**

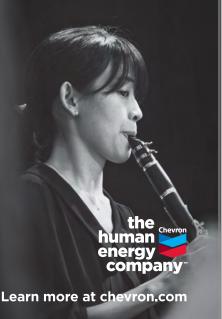
Ford's (Associate Artist): 110 in the Shade, Our Town, 1776, Liberty Smith, A Christmas Carol, Meet John Doe, One Destiny. Regional: Signature: La Cage aux Folles, Beaches, Sweeney Todd, Urinetown, Pacific Overtures; Geva: Camelot. D.C.-Area: Kennedy Center: Regina with Patti LuPone, My Fair Lady in Concert; Rep Stage: The Fantasticks; Olney: South Pacific, 1776, Anything Goes. Other: Barrington Stage: South Pacific; Cumberland: Hay Fever, The Full Monty, Camping with Henry and Tom. Touring: The Scarlet Pimpernel, Victor/Victoria (with Toni Tennille), 42nd Street (Troika Moscow).

### Jessica Bennett

Ford's: SHOUT SISTER SHOUT! Off-Broadway: The Actor's Temple: Honestly, Abe. Regional: Baltimore Center Stage: Lookingglass Alice; Fulton: Smokey Joe's Cafe. D.C.-Area: Olney: Beauty and the Beast (2021-2022), Cabaret, South Pacific, Elf; Signature: After Midnight, Blackbeard; Keegan: Chicago (Helen Hayes nom., Lead Actress); Toby's: Hunchback of Notre Dame, Christmas Story; ArtsCentric: Chicago, Smokey Joe's Cafe; Iron Crow: Wild Party, Fucking A; Stillpointe: The Last Five Years. Training: BFA, Ithaca College.

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### Debora Crabbe

Ford's: A Christmas Carol. Regional: Round House: School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play (Helen Hayes Award, Ensemble). D.C.-Area: Keegan: As You Like It: The Musical (Helen Hayes Award, Outstanding Actress). Theater J: Gloria: A Life. Kennedy Center: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!; Shear Madness. We Happy Few: Iphigenia; The Dog in the Manger; Loveday Brooke Lady Detective series; Sherlock Holmes series. Training: Virginia Commonwealth University.

### John Floyd

Ford's: A Christmas Carol. D.C.-Area: Folger: Our Verse in Time to Come, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Timon of Athens, Antony and Cleopatra, Macbeth. Training: BA, University of South Carolina. Instagram: @john.floyd

### **Kristen Garaffo**

Ford's: Into the Woods, Spelling Bee, 110 in the Shade, A Christmas Carol (2011-2016, 2018-2022). D.C.-Area: The Hub: Big Love; A Man, His Wife and His Hat. Folger: Orestes; A Tragic Romp. Adventure: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day. 1st Stage: Suburban Motel. Training: Boston Conservatory. Instagram: @kristengaraffo

### **Kimberly Gilbert**

Ford's: Trip to Bountiful, Born Yesterday, Jefferson's Garden, The Laramie Project. Regional: Denver Center: Human Error. Cincinnati Playhouse: The Last Wide Open. Round House: Jennifer, Who Is Leaving; Oslo; The Book of Will; Angels in America. Shakespeare: Red Velvet; The Panties, The Partner and the Prophet. Studio: Three Sisters/No Sisters; Jumpers for Goalposts. D.C.-Area: Folger: The Winter's Tale; Olney: The Humans; Woolly: Fairview, The Arsonists, Marie Antoinette, Stupid F-ing Bird; Theater J: Compulsion, Sheltered, Broken Glass, Life Sucks; Mosaic: Charm; Taffety Punk: La Salpetriere, Much Ado About Nothing, Phaeton, The Rape of Lucrece. Other: Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival: Henry IV, Part 2. Training: MFA in Classical Acting, George Washington University.

### Tori Gomez

Ford's debut. Regional: Signature: *The Bridges* of Madison County. Arena: *My Body, No Choice*. D.C.-Area: Keegan Theatre: *Seussical*; 1st Stage: *Mojada*; NextStop Theatre: *Little Women*. Training: BM Musical Theatre Major 2024, The Catholic University of America. Instagram: @tori.gom. Upcoming: Ford's: *Little Shop of Horrors*.

### Kaiyla Gross

Ford's debut. Regional: Signature: The Color Purple, Disco Fever, Hotter Than July: Stevie Wonder, RENT. D.C.-Area: Folger: Our Verse in Time to Come; Olney: Kinky Boots, Miss You Like Hell; NextStop: Beehive: The 60's Musical; Virginia Stage Company: A Christmas Carol. Other: Duluth Playhouse: Ragtime; World Stage Theatre: Amazing Grace; Norfolk State University Theatre Company: The Color Purple, Once on This Island, Eclipsed.

### Ayanna Hardy

Ford's debut. Off-Broadway: New Victory Theatre: *Bob Marley's Three Little Birds*. Regional: Signature: *Xanadu*. D.C.-Area: Kennedy Center: *Earthrise*; 1st Stage: A Civil War Christmas; Imagination: 101 Dalmatians, Seussical, Mulan; Adventure: Bob Marley's Three Little Birds (Helen Hayes nom.), Mirandy and Brother Wind, BIG; Theater Alliance: Black Nativity. International: Singapore Rep: Just A Dream. Training: Howard University.

### **Tyler Herman**

Ford's: A Christmas Carol. Regional: Shakespeare: Servant of Two Masters. D.C.-Area: Theater J: Trayf; Kennedy Center: Shear Madness; Trinity Rep: Death of a Salesman; Beowulf: 1000 Years of Baggage; Imagination:

# Cast Bios (cont.)

101 Dalmatians, The BFG, Perseus Bayou; Faction of Fools: Titus Andronicus, A Commedia Christmas Carol, Romeo and Juliet, The Mandrake; Adventure: Cat in the Hat, Five Little Monkeys. Training: MFA, Brown University/Trinity Rep; BA, Cornell University; Acrobat of the Heart (Grotowski); Shakespeare and Company. Upcoming: Chesapeake Shakespeare Company: Merry Wives of Windsor (Directing).

### **Troy Hopper**

Ford's: SHOUT SISTER SHOUT!, Violet. New York: Reginald: From Baltimore to Billionaire. Regional: Signature: Dreamgirls. D.C.-Area: Discovery Theatre: Black Diamond; Olney: The Joint (Workshop), The Little Mermaid; Vagabond Players: Company; Spotlighters Theatre: A New Brain, Angels in America: Perestroika; Winters Lane Productions: Ain't Misbehavin', Once on This Island, Smokey Joe's Café; Laurel Mill Playhouse: The Actor's Nightmare; Fells Point Corner Theatre: The Spitfire Grill. Training: Towson University.

### **Emily Kester**

Ford's: A Christmas Carol, Trip to Bountiful, Silent Sky. Regional: Signature: Detroit '67; Everyman: The Revolutionists, Noises Off; Studio: The Hard Problem, Edgar and Annabel. D.C.-Area: Olney: Labour of Love; Theater J: The Last Schwartz; Solas Nua: Maz and Bricks; Constellation: Equus; Rorschach: She Kills Monsters; NextStop: Eurydice; Imagination: Anatole: Mouse Magnifique!, Davy Copperfield, The Little Mermaid, The BFG, 101 Dalmatians, Double Trouble. Training: University of North Carolina at Greensboro. www.emilykester.com



# **Cast Bios (cont.)**

### Joe Mallon

Ford's: SHOUT SISTER SHOUT!. One Destinv. Trip to Bountiful, A Christmas Carol, Death of a Salesman. Regional: Arena: Fiddler on the Roof; Round House: Beauty Queen of Leenane; Shakespeare: Midsummer Night's Dream, Wallenstein, Coriolanus: Studio: Translations. D.C.-Area: Imagination: Charlie Brown (Helen Hayes Best TYA Production); KCTYA: Earthrise, Elephant and Piggie; Woolly: Kiss; Kennedy Center: Shear Madness; No Rules: Sketch!; Folger: Romeo and Juliet. Other: Virginia Shakes: Hamlet; Act II Playhouse: Greater Tuna; Montgomery Theater: Picnic, Last Night of Ballyhoo; Azuka: KidSimple; Kimmel Center: The Fantasticks. Training: NYU Tisch; University of South Carolina.

### Justine "Icy" Moral

Ford's: Ragtime, Into The Woods, A Christmas Carol. Off-Broadway: Elephant and Piggie. D.C.-Area: Kennedy Center: The Mortification of Fovea Munson, NSO Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs; Rep Stage: Songs for a New World, Sweeney Todd; Olney: Brothers Paranormal, King and I; Constellation: Avenue Q (Helen Hayes nom.), Journey To The West (Helen Hayes nom.); Imagination: Mulan. Other: Dallas Summer Musicals: King and I; Colorado Springs FAC: Working; Flatrock: Miss Saigon; Wheelock: Beauty and the Beast (IRNE nom.). Training: BM, Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University. Instagram: @JustinelcyMoral



### **Christopher Mueller**

Ford's: A Christmas Carol, Into the Woods, Ragtime. New York: LaGuardia Arts: Chess in Concert. Regional: Signature: Pacific Overtures, She Loves Me, Simply Sondheim, Assassins, Blackbeard, Titanic, The Fix, Crossing, Miss Saigon, Spin, Brother Russia, Chess, Sweeney Todd, The Hollow, The Boy Detective Fails, Giant, Kiss of the Spider Woman; Shakespeare: Two Gents (A Rock Opera); Arena: Redhand Guitar (Workshop), Skindiver (Reading). D.C.-Area: Kennedy Center: Camelot in Concert, My Fair Lady in Concert; Olney: My Fair Lady, Carousel, Godspell, Spring Awakening; Keegan: Spelling Bee, RENT. Instagram: @christopher\_mueller

### Stephen F. Schmidt

Ford's (Associate Artist): Guys and Dolls; A Christmas Carol; Ragtime (Helen Hayes Award); Hello, Dolly! (Helen Hayes Award); 1776; Parade; One Destiny. Regional: Signature: Urinetown (Helen Hayes Award); Arena: Great Society, All The Way, Death of a Salesman, Noises Off. D.C-Area: Olney: Kinky Boots; Mosaic: Native Son; Kennedy Center: Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka (Helen Hayes Award); Woolly: The Rocky Horror Show (Helen Hayes Award). Television: House of Cards, The Wire, Homicide. Film: J. Edgar, My One and Only, La Bamba.

### **Chris Stinson**

Ford's: A Christmas Carol, One Destiny. D.C.-Area: Olney: The Diary of Anne Frank; Washington Stage Guild: Memoirs of a Forgotten Man, Pen; The Hub: Failure: A Love Story (Helen Hayes nom.); Kennedy Center: Shear Madness, Digging Up Dessa; Theater J: Another Way Home; Imagination: Cinderella; Spooky Action: Among the Dead; Constellation: The Lieutenant of Inishmore; Keegan: The Magic Tree; Capital Fringe: We Tiresias. Other: Meadow Brook Theatre: Clue: On Stage. Training: Theatre Lab. www.chrisstinsonactor.com

### **Tom Story**

Ford's: Something Moving, Glass Menagerie, 1776, Sabrina Fair, A Christmas Carol, Our Town. Regional: Arena: Oliver!, The Book Club Play; Shakespeare: Henry V, Richard II, Design For Living, Great Lakes; Round House: Angels In America, Georgia McBride; Studio: The Pillowman, A Number, Pop, Moth, Terminus, At the Wedding; Kansas City Rep; McCarter; Seattle Rep; Yale Rep. D.C.-Area: Folger: Henry IV, Part 1; As You Like It. Woolly: Shipwreck. Other: Berkshire Theatre Festival (12 Seasons); Barrington Stage. Directing: Berkshire Theatre Festival: Design For Living. Training: Duke University; Juilliard. Awards: Seven Helen Hayes noms., Fox Foundation Fellowship.

### Craig Wallace

Ford's (Associate Artist): Fences, Twelve Angry Men, Death of a Salesman, A Christmas Carol, The Guard, Driving Miss Daisy, The Laramie Project, Our Town, Necessary Sacrifices, Sabrina Fair, Jitney. Regional: Multiple productions with Shakespeare, Arena, Signature, Everyman, Actors Theatre of Louisville. D.C.-Area: Olney, Mosaic, Folger, Woolly. Other: Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Shakespeare Santa Cruz, Hangar Theatre, others. Training: BFA, Howard University; MFA, Pennsylvania State University; Royal National Theatre, London.

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# **Production Bios**

### **Michael Wilson**

### Adapter

Wilson directed the premiere of his popular adaptation at Houston's Alley Theatre in 1990, where it ran happily for 24 years. This season, he returns to Hartford Stage (Artistic Director, 1998-2011) to revive his celebrated staging for its 23rd run, which is the first run since it was shuttered due to the pandemic. Arena Stage Artistic Director Hana Sharif's acclaimed production of the adaptation has run for two seasons at Repertory Theatre of St. Louis. Dramatists publishes and licenses the play. Wilson is delighted to have Michael Baron's staging back at Ford's, where his adaptation has been lovingly produced and played—on stage or over radio waves—for 20 uninterrupted years. After directing The Trip to Bountiful with a standout D.C. company led by Nancy Robinette, Wilson dreams of more Ford's in his future.

### Michael Baron

Original Director

Ford's: The Civil War (Associate Director). Selected Credits: Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma: The Prom. Carousel. Head Over Heels. Master Class, Frost/Nixon, Titanic, Bright Star, Fun Home, Assassins, Fiddler on the Roof. Dreamgirls, Big Fish, Oklahoma!, A Little Night Music, Les Misérables, Spring Awakening, Ragtime, Oliver!; ZACH Theatre: Cinderella, Peter and the Starcatcher; Olney: ASLintegrated The Music Man; Adventure: Big *River, James and the Giant Peach*. Training: MFA, Trinity Repertory; BA, Wake Forest. Awards: Two-time Helen Haves Award winner and Oklahoma Governor's Arts Award. Currently the Producing Artistic Director of Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma - The Official State Theatre of Oklahoma.



### José Carrasquillo

### Director

Ford's: A Christmas Carol (2021). Regional: Olney: Sueño; Studio: A Language of Their Own, Clean; Signature: Donna Q. D.C.-Area: 1st Stage: Mlima's Tale, The Brothers Size (Helen Hayes Award, Directing); Mosaic: In His Hands; Forum: Nat Turner in Jerusalem: Theater J: Sotto Voce, The Body of an American, After the Fall; GALA: Don Juan Tenorio, El Paso Blue, La Señorita de Tacna; Kennedy Center: Perdita, The Magic Rainforest; Woolly: The Obituary Bowl; Avant Bard: The Maids (Mary Goldwater Lobby Award, Directing), Happy Days. Other: Tantrum Theatre: Rhinoceros: Forum for Cultural Engagement: Flash Acts—Untranslatable. Training: Indiana University, American University, Studio Acting Conservatory.

### Shea Sullivan

### Choreographer

Sullivan is a director, choreographer and producer. Select credits: Ford's: A Christmas Carol. Recent: Last of the Red Hot Mama's; YES! The Musical; Broadway Salute to NYC. Off-Broadway: Neurosis, R.R.R.E.D. (Chita Rivera Award nom.), Polkadots (Atlantic Theatre, Off-Broadway Alliance Award), Pageant! (Drama Desk nom. Best Revival). Regional: Maltz Jupiter Theater: The Music Man (Carbonell Award), Crazy For You (Carbonell Award), The Producers, The Will Roger Follies; Barrington Stage: Ragtime, Southern Comfort, The Hills Are Alive; Bay Street: Dames at Sea. www.SheaSullivan.com

### Lee Savage

### Scenic Designer

Ford's: A Christmas Carol. New York: Second Stage, Labyrinth, Primary Stages, LCT3, Roundabout, Atlantic, Clubbed Thumb, Mabou Mines. Regional: Alliance, Asolo, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Baltimore Center Stage, Chautauqua, Cleveland Playhouse, Dallas Theater Center, Glimmerglass Festival, Goodman, Guthrie, Long Wharf, Milwaukee Rep, Old Globe, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Trinity Rep, Two River, Westport Country Playhouse, Washington National Opera, Wilma and Yale Rep among others. Awards: Helen Hayes, and Connecticut Critics Circle. Training: BFA, Rhode Island School of Design; MFA, Yale School of Drama. Member of Wingspace Theatrical Design, Head of Scenic Design, Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University.

### Alejo Vietti

### Costume Designer

Ford's: A Christmas Carol, Meet John Doe. Broadway: Holiday Inn, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (West End—Olivier nom., National tour, Japan and Australia), and Allegiance (Drama Desk nom.). Off-Broadway: Titanique (Lucille Lortel Award). As well as works for Radio City Rockettes, Roundabout, Manhattan Theatre Club, NYC Opera and City Center Encores among others. He has extensively worked in regional theatres across the U.S., commercial projects, operas, and for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Awards: Recipient of the 2010 TDF Irene Sharaff Young Master Award. Instagram: @alejo\_vietti\_costume\_design

### Rui Rita

### Lighting Designer

Ford's: Trip to Bountiful, The Wiz, Ragtime, A Christmas Carol, Silent Sky, Laramie Project, Fly, Meet John Doe, Trying. Broadway: Skeleton Crew, Trip To Bountiful, Velocity of Autumn, Present Laughter, Dividing the Estate, Old Acquaintance, Enchanted April, The Price, A Thousand Clowns. Off-Broadway: New World Stages: Sherlock Carol; Second Stage: Happiest Song Plays Last; Roundabout: Talley's Folly, Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore; Signature-NY: Paradise Blue, Piano Lesson,

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Horton Foote's The Orphans' Home Cycle; TFANA: Engaged (Obie Award); Manhattan Theatre Club: Nightingale, Moonlight and Magnolias; Lincoln Center: The Carpetbagger's Children, Far East.

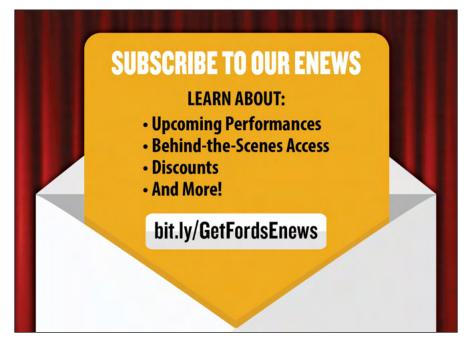
### Josh Schmidt

Composer and Sound Designer Ford's: A Christmas Carol, Grapes of Wrath. Broadway: Therese Raquin (Roundabout/ Studio 54), House of Blue Leaves. Selected Off-Broadway: Minetta Lane: Adding Machine; Atlantic: 3 Kinds of Exile; Second Stage: Water By the Spoonful; Lincoln Center: A Minister's Wife; 59E59: Whida Peru. Regional: Signature: Midwestern Gothic. Selected Chicago: Writers Theatre: A Minister's Wife; Goodman: Sweet Bird of Youth; Steppenwolf: Bug, The March, Time Stands Still, Detroit, The Tempest. Regional: American Players Theatre (19th Season), Alley Theatre, Kennedy Center, Stratford Shakespeare Festival. Commission: Met Opera: *Fallingwater*. www.fortytwofootforward.com

### Charles G. LaPointe

### Wig Designer

LaPointe is an award-winning designer who maintains a highly successful career on stages throughout the United States and abroad. Numerous Broadway, Touring, Regional, West End and International productions including: *Hamilton* (Make-Up Artists and Hair Stylist Guild Award), *MJ*, *Ain't Too Proud*, *Beetlejuice*, *The Cher Show* (Drama Desk Award), *SpongeBob SquarePants* (Drama Desk Award), *Jersey Boys*. Television: *The Wiz Live!* (Emmy Award nom.); *Jesus Christ Superstar Live!* (Emmy Award nom./Make-Up Artists and Hair Stylist Guild Award).



# **Production Bios (cont.)**

### Jay Crowder

### Choral Director

Ford's: 110 in the Shade (Helen Hayes nom.), Violet (Helen Hayes nom.), 1776, Liberty Smith (Helen Hayes nom.), A Christmas Carol, Civil War (Helen Hayes nom.). Regional: Studio: A New Brain; Olney: Annie; Signature: Urinetown (2006 Helen Hayes Award), Hedwig and the Angry Inch, A Christmas Carol Rag, Side Show (Helen Hayes nom.). D.C.-Area: Metro Stage: Starting Here, Starting Now. Imagination: Twice Upon a Time. Atlas: Goodnight Moon. Kennedy Center Assc. Music Direction: Mame, Company, Passion. Crowder is the Music Director of Musical Theater and Television at the John K. Kennedy Center.

### **Rachel Hirshorn-Johnston**

*Dialects and Vocal Director* Hirshorn-Johnston is the Assc. Professor of Voice and Speech and Head of Acting and Directing at Texas Tech and an Assc. Teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework<sup>®</sup>. She coaches regionally in professional theatre, with private clients (corporate, government) on presentation skills and dialect modification, performs regularly around the country and internationally and is an active member of VASTA, PAVA and AEA. Training: MFA Acting and Directing, UMKC; BFA Acting, UMBC.

### Erika Scott

Associate Director

Ford's: Artistic Programming Manager. Recent credits: Assistant Director: Ford's: The Trip to Bountiful, A Christmas Carol; Mosaic Theater: In His Hands; First Stage: Brothers Size. Acting: Anacostia Arts Center: Lady in Brown in for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf.



### Craig A. Horness

Production Stage Manager/Associate Director Ford's: Grace; Into the Woods; The Wiz; Ragtime; 110 In The Shade; Freedom's Song; Hello, Dolly!; 1776; Liberty Smith; Little Shop of Horrors; A Christmas Carol (2004-2018); The Civil War; One Destiny; Meet John Doe; Leading Ladies; State of the Union; Big River; The Member of the Wedding. Other: Broadway Sacramento/Music Circus, Center Stage, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Opera, New York City Opera, North Shore Music Theatre, Opera/Omaha, Portland Opera, Theatre Under the Stars.

### **Brandon Prendergast**

Production Stage Manager Ford's: More than 25 productions including Silent Sky, Twelve Angry Men, Come From Away, Fly, Parade. New York: The Green Bird (Julie Taymor), Les Enfants Terribles (Susan Marshall), Yemayá (Twyla Tharp). Regional: Signature: Spunk, Girlfriend, La Cage aux Folles; Shakespeare: 23 productions. D.C.-Area: Kennedy Center: 20 productions including Side Show, Follies, Ragtime, Mame. International: Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Musical in Bahrain. Teaching: University of Mary Washington. Training: Mary Washington College.

### **Taryn Friend**

Assistant Stage Manager Ford's: SHOUT SISTER SHOUT!; Grace; Guys and Dolls; Into the Woods; The Wiz; Ragtime; 110 In The Shade; Freedom's Song; Spelling Bee; Hello, Dolly!; 1776; Liberty Smith; Little Shop of Horrors; One Destiny; A Christmas Carol; Meet John Doe; Shenandoah. Arena: Oklahoma! Signature: The Bridges of Madison County; The Color Purple; Broadway in the Park; Assassins; Passion; A Little Night Music; Jelly's Last Jam;

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Sunday in the Park with George; Miss Saigon; Spin; Hairspray; The Visit; Kiss of the Spider Woman; The Witches of Eastwick. Kennedy Center: 50th Anniversary Concert; Barrio Grrrll; Unleashed!; Oliverio; Bud, Not Buddy.

### **Kristin Fox-Siegmund**

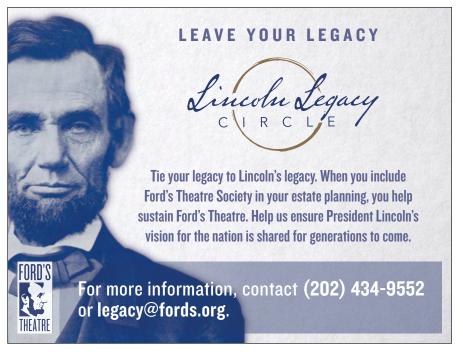
# Deputy Director and Director of Programming

Since joining Ford's in 2006, Fox-Siegmund has overseen the creation of the Center for Education and Leadership and the renovation of the historic theatre and museum, as well as the world premiere productions of *The Guard, The Widow Lincoln, Necessary Sacrifices, Liberty Smith, Meet John Doe* and *The Heavens Are Hung In Black.* Prior to Ford's, she spent 11 years at the Alley Theatre in Houston, Texas. Her tenure as Production Manager included premieres of Horton Foote's *The Carpetbagger's Children*, Ken Ludwig's *Be My Baby* and *Leading Ladies* and Edward Albee's *The Play About the Baby* and *The Goat, or Who Is Sylvia?*, as well as Michael Wilson's production of *A Christmas Carol.* She oversaw the design and relocation of the theatre's new production facilities in 2002 and the renovation of its Neuhaus Stage after the destruction of Tropical Storm Allison in 2001. Other work includes Santa Fe Opera and Houston Grand Opera.

### Paul R. Tetreault

### Director

Since joining Ford's in 2004, Tetreault has enhanced the quality of the institution's artistic programming and expanded its mission to include a stronger focus on education. He led a \$50+ million capital campaign, the most extensive renovation to



# **Production Bios (cont.)**

the theatre and museum since the building reopened to the public in 1968, and the creation of the Center for Education and Leadership, which seeks to further explore Lincoln's legacy. Tetreault served as Managing Director of the Alley Theatre for 10 years, producing more than 100 productions and working with artists such as Edward Albee, Tony Kushner, Trevor Nunn, Nicky Silver, Frank Wildhorn and August Wilson, among others. He has held senior management positions with Crossroads Theatre Company, New Jersey; Berkeley Repertory Theatre, California; and Circle Repertory Company, New York City. He served as Director of Finance at Madison Square Garden and as a vice president with C.W. Shaver and Company, Inc., a New York management and fundraising consulting firm. He has served as a panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts and has taught and guest lectured at Brooklyn College, Columbia University, New York University, the University of Houston and Rice University. He is a graduate of Emerson College and received his MFA from the City University of New York-Brooklyn College. He serves on the Board of the Downtown DC BID.

### Staff for A Christmas Carol

Prop Designer/Coordinator Marie Schneggenburger
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The director and choreographer are members of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, an independent national labor union.

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Our visitation schedule varies. Parts of the campus may not be available at the time of your visit.

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- When there is an evening performance: 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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GalaPro closed captioning will be available for all performances starting Friday, November 17. Search for GalaPro on the Google Play or Apple Store and download the app.



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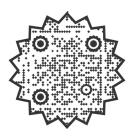


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