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**Hosted by** 

# Gregory Brown Gwendolyn Sampson Brown Kirk Waller

**Directed by** 

Dianna Schepers

### A Message from the Executive Manager...

I am honored to be Executive Manager of Pittsburg Theatre Company. Even though we've experienced a setback, we will continue to celebrate our mission and our promise to the community of Pittsburg, which is to enlighten, empower, and strengthen our community through theatrical education, exciting volunteer opportunities, and live performance events. I am in awe when I think about what our little Community Theater has accomplished over the past 40-plus years. I feel such a sense of pride to be part of something as magical as PTC. Through tragedy and seemingly unsurmountable obstacles this year, PTC continues to thrive as a community-based, volunteer-led organization. I initially felt sad about the recent fire that destroyed our warehouse. My sadness, however, was quickly replaced with gratitude and thankfulness to the community that we serve. People from all over the country have contacted us with their sentiments, words of encouragement, and donations. Your support is the backbone of our success, and we are deeply grateful for it.

Even through tragedy and uncertainties, PTC is still the place to be, and this is a fascinating time to be involved with PTC. The Board of Directors and I look forward to continuing to build positive relationships with our diverse community of patrons, supporters, and artists. We are committed to keeping you informed about our progress and challenges, as we believe in the importance of transparency and open communication. The phrase "Thank you" seems inadequate compared to how I genuinely feel. My sincere gratitude for our community's outpouring of love and generosity is plentiful. Thank you for reminding us of what's possible. You give us purpose in doing our best work. We could not do it without your support.

Lastly, it is no mistake that we chose the mythical Phoenix to be our mascot as we navigate our way post fire. The Phoenix is a symbol of renewal and it represent hope and a fresh start. WE WILL RISE FROM THE ASHES, because regardless what happens The Show Must Go On. Our resilience in the face of adversity is a testament to the strength of our community and our commitment to our mission.

With deepest gratitude, Gwendolyn Sampson Brown





August 2nd-11th

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## **MUSICAL NUMBERS**

#### "Pure Imagination" from Willy Wonka ~ Adam Green ~

#### "This Is Me" from The Greatest Showman

~ Dianna Schepers, Amy Mark, Clarisse Saam, Safira McGrew, Sean Hoffman, Justin Daily and Company ~

"Any Dream Will Do" from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

~ Keith Adair and Luke Cannon with the PTC Youth Ensemble ~

"A Poultry Tail" from Honk Jr.

~ James Coniglio, Lucy Rapolas, Simon Rapolas & the PTC Youth Ensemble ~

"Something's Coming" from West Side Story

~ Brian Doolittle ~

"Shelby's Wedding Day" (Scene) from Steel Magnolias

~ The original Cast of Steel Magnolias ~

"Bosom Buddies" from Mame

~ Sandy Wright and Tina Smith ~

"Ladies Who Lunch" from Company

~ Anita Viramontes ~

"Find Your Grail" from Spamalot

~ Jasmine Asoula, Chris Fallows & the Cast of Spamalot ~

~ INTERMISSION ~

"Together Again" from Young Frankenstein

~ Liam Cody and Phillip Leyva ~

"Mix Tape" from Avenue Q

~ Jennifer Stark and Mark Flores ~

"For Good" from Wicked

~ Carl Pantle and Adam Green ~

"Mr. Cellophane" from Chicago

~ Jim Coniglio ~

"Cell Block Tango" from Chicago

~ The Cast of Chicago with the Pinole Teen and College Ensemble ~

"All That Jazz" from Chicago

~ Shelly McDowell with Justin Daily, Brian Doolittle, Liam Cody, Leilani Ford, Cecily Hansson, Sean Hoffman, McLain Hunter and Makena Mueller~

"Sister Act" from Sister Act

~ Tanika Baptiste ~

"Raise Your Voice" from Sister Act

~ Tanika Baptiste, M.C. Miller, Atessa McAleenan Morrell, Teresa Grosserode and the original Sisters from Sister Act ~



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### **CAST PERFORMERS**

#### ~ PTC Youth Ensemble & Cast of Honk Jr. — Pittsburg Theatre Company ~

Wyatt Andrews, Emma Borja, Hannah Borja, James Coniglio, Victoria Coniglio, Siena Coniglio, Kelsie Couchman, Sheena Davenport, Collin Davenport, Echo Paden, Ben Rapolas, Lucy Rapolas, Simon Rapolas, Heaven Rolland, Joey Saam, with special appearance by Benny Williams joining in singing "Any Dream with Do"

#### ~ Cast of Steel Magnolias — Pittsburg Theatre Company ~

TRUVY JONES —Juhandryn Dessames
ANNELLE DUPUY-DESOTO — Rachel McElroy
CLAIREE — Sandy Wright
SHELBY EATENTON-LATCHERIE — Sophia Amador
M'LYNN EATENTON — Kim Saunders
OUISER BOUDREAUX — Tina Smith

#### ~ Cast of Spamalot — Ghostlight Theatre Ensemble~

Jasmine Alejo, Briana Andrews, Chaz Callahan, Liam Cody, Kevin Coren, Justin Daily, Brian Doolittle, Chris Fallows, Katie Guilbeaux, Cecily Hansson, Amber Hill, Sean Hoffman, McLain Hunter, Kyle Jacques, Phillip Leyva, Shelly McDowell, Brian Moore, Harlen Morales, Makena Mueller, Linda Sciacqua, Melissa Slavick, Paul Slavick, Kyle Walz-Smith, Regina White

#### ~ Cast of Chicago — Pinole Community Players' Teen Company ~

Leah Anderson, Saturn Bright, Desiree Capote, Cameron Catley, Malia Duff, Elesa Evans, Ella Garcia, Olivia Hancock, Layla Lama, Lydia Lester, Megan Normington, Ell Novak, Bailey Rockeman, Davi Santiago, Leah Santiago, Jacob Silvestri, Joshua Symonds, Damien Thomas, Say Tomas, Jenna White, Finn Wilson

#### ~ Cast of Sister Act — Pittsburg Theatre Company ~

Tanika Baptiste, Desiree Capote, Cheryl Coniglio, Teresa Grosserode, Kim James, Barbara Kennick, Betsy Kohler, Amy Mark, Atessa McAleenan Morrell, M.C. Miller, Katie Rapolas, Cheryl Stewart

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Jean Ng

Normington Family (Susyn and Brian) Leah M MacLeod Sami Maher Yvette Niccolls MK Patterson Carmen Romero Clarisse Saam Judith Silva Jerome Solbera Kyle Walz-Smith Sandye Taylor Vicki Victoria Cecelia Wavrick Lisa Wang Matthew Wyman Patricia Wise Sandy Wright

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Finally, Thank you to all the individuals who donated specifically to

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(Full list of donors on subsequent pages.)

### PRODUCTION TEAM

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR..... Dianna Schepers

**ACCOMPANIST.....** Carl Pantle and Sue Stuart

DRUMS..... Wesley Booth

STAGE MANAGER..... Ava Duran

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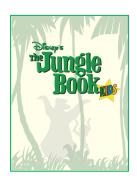
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To purchase season tickets, visit <u>www.Tickets831.com</u> or call the Box Office at 925-427-1611

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# **AUDITIONS**2025 Season

#### Announcing auditions for the 2025 Season



#### Harvey

by Mary Chase

Director: Dianna Schepers

Auditions: September 8 & 9, 2024 Callbacks: September 12, 2024

Production Dates: Feb 27—Mar 2, 2025

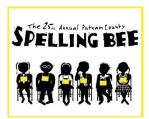


#### Spring Musical—TBA

Awaiting production rights before we can announce the show

Director: Dianna Schepers

Auditions: December 8, 9 & 10, 2024 Callbacks: December 15 & 16, 2024 Production Dates: May 9—18 2025



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For more information, visit www.ptcca.org/auditions or call 925-439-PLAY (7529).



... for your continued support. We appreciate every consideration made to our company and we look forward to many more years of service to our community.

Sincerely,

The PTC Board of Directors

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