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Titanic The Musical

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Filmed April and May, 2021
Captured at The Kasser Theatre



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An epic, sweeping musical drama, TITANIC examines the causes, the conditions, and the characters involved in the ever-fascinating drama of the RSS Titanic. This is the factual story of that ship- of her officers, crew and passengers, to be sure- but she will not, as has happened so many times before, serve as merely the background against which fictional, melodramatic narratives are recounted. The central character of our TITANIC is the Titanic herself.

TITANIC

The Musical

Story and Book by Music & Lyrics by
Peter Stone Maury Yeston

Produced on Broadway by Dodger Theatricals, Richard S. Pechter and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing arts.

Mark Hardy - Director
Kevin Stites - Music Director
Kim Whittam - Choreographer
Associate Choreographers:
Johanna Baronowitz - Production Stage Manager

Time and Place:

April 10-15, 1912
Place: Southampton, England and the North Atlantic Ocean

Run Time: 2 hours with no intermission

Show Synopsis:

The sinking of the Titanic in the early hours of April 15, 1912 remains the quintessential disaster of the twentieth century. A total of 1,517 souls- men, women, and children- lost their lives (only 711 survived). The fact that the finest, largest, strongest ship in the world- called, in fact, the unsinkable ship- should have been lost during it's maiden voyage is so incredible that, had it not actually happened, no author would have dared to contrive it.

Orchestra:

Musical Director.....**Kevin Stites**
Conductor/Piano.....**Greg Dlugos**

Cast of Characters:

Thomas Andrews.....**Alex Birchwale**
Barrett/ as Guggenheim, 1st Class Passenger/ as 3rd Class Passenger (L.M.)...**Zack Abbey**
Bride/ as John Thayer/ as 3rd Class (2nd Man in L.M.).....**Jason Yanto**
Fleet/ as George Widener/ as Stoker/ as 3rd Class (L.M.).....**Eric Sebek**
Officer Lightoller/ as 1st Class Passenger/ as 3rd Class Passenger (L.M.).....**Liam Driscoll**
Henry Etches, Senior 1st Class Steward/ as Officer Pitman.....**Anthony DaSilva**
First Officer Murdoch/ as Bass Player.....**Griffin Shoemaker**
Edgar Beane/ as Officer Boxhall/ as 2nd Class Passenger/ as 3rd Class Passenger (L.M.)..**Ben Strong**
J.J. Astor/ as Carlson/ as Band Leader Hartley/ as Hitchens.....**Chase Fontenot**
Captain E. J. Smith.....**Ben Daniel**
J. Bruce Ismay.....**Justin Sudderth**
Bellboy/ as 3rd Class Passenger/ as Mrs. DaMico (L.R.).....**Tiffany Furicchia**
Kate McGowan, 3rd Class Passenger/ as Stewardess.....**Ariana Rivera**
Kate Murphey, 3rd Class/ as Stewardess/ as Mrs. Widener, 1st Class.....**Amaya White**
Kate Mullins/ as Stewardess/ as Madeleine Astor, 1st Class Passenger.....**Jenny Brady**
Jim Farrell, 3rd Class/ as Steward (Launching)/ as Mr. Bell/ as Latimer/ as 1st Class (L.R.)..**Joey Cooper**
Caroline Neville, 2nd Class Passenger/ as Stewardess.....**Kate Mazza**
Charles Clarke/ as Steward (Launching)/ as 2nd Class/ as DaMico (L.R.).....**Joshua Cellar**
Alice Beane, 2nd Class Passenger/ as 3rd Class Passenger (L.M.).....**Lexie DeBlasio**
Isidor Strauss, 1st Class Passenger/ as 3rd Class Passenger (L.M.).....**Harrison Smith**
Ida Strauss, 1st Class Passenger/ as 3rd Class Passenger (R.A.).....**Katie Davis**
Mme. Aubert/ as 3rd Class/ as 2nd Class.....**Maggie Likcani**
Charlotte Cardoza/ as 3rd Class/ as 2nd Class.....**Gianna Grosso**

Cap Lights – Captain, Murdoch, & Lightoller
To Be A Captain – Murdoch
Lady's Maid – The Three Kates, Farrell, & 3rd-Class Passengers
I Give You My Hand – Charles & Caroline
The Proposal – Barrett & Bride
The Night Was Alive – Barrett & Bride

Violin.....**Katia Baranova**
 Viola.....**Jason Menow**
 Cello.....**Nicole Stites**
 Percussion.....**Derek Wohc & Jim Nozzetti**
 Bass.....**Kara Delonas**

Scene Breakdown & Musical Numbers:

Act 1

In Every Age – Full Company
 How Did They Build Titanic? – Barrett
 Fare-Thee-Well – Barrett, Bride, & Fleet
 There She Is – Barrett, Bride, Fleet, Pitman, Lightoller, & Murdoch
 Loading Inventory – Pitman, Lightoller, Baxhall, Murdoch, Hitchens, Captain, Andrews, Bellboy, Etches, & Stewardesses
 The Largest Moving Object – Ismay, Andrews, & Captain
 Pitman’s Announcement #1 – Pitman
 I Must Get On That Ship #1 – The Three Kates, Farrell, Andrews, Barrett, Bride, Fleet, Captain, & Ismay
 Pitman’s Announcement #2 – Pitman, Edgar, Alice, Charles, & Caroline
 I Must Get On That Ship #2 – Pitman, Edgar, Alice, Charles, Caroline, & Ensemble
 Mrs. Beane (The First Class Roster) – Pitman & Alice
 Opening Finale (Godspeed Titanic) – Pitman & Full Company
 Wolf Rock – Murdoch, Lightoller, & Captain
 Barrett’s Song – Barrett
 The Glinka #1 (Beanes) – Alice & Edgar
 The Glinka #2 (Charles) – Charles & Caroline
 What A Remarkable Age This Is – Etches, 1st-Class Passengers, Andrews, Ismay, & Captain

Bios:

Rachel Hirshorn-Johnston (Dialect Coach), MFA is an Associate Professor of Voice and Speech at Texas Tech University, a certified teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework®, and an active member of Actors’ Equity (AEA), the Voice & Speech Trainers Association (VASTA), and the Pan-American Vocology Association (PAVA). Additionally, Rachel coaches regionally in

Hymn: God Lift Me Up – 1st-Class Passengers, Andrews, Ismay, Captain, Etches, Lightoller, & Bellboy
 Doing The Latest Rag – Hartley, Bass Player, 1st-Class Passengers, Andrews, Ismay, Captain, Etches, Lightoller, & Bellboy
 I Have Danced – Alice & Edgar
 No Moon #1 – Fleet, Farrell, McGowan, Ida, Isidor, Captain, Lightoller, Murdoch, Caroline, & Charles
 Autumn – Hartley
 No Moon #2 – Fleet, Andrews, Barrett, Bride, Captain, Ismay, Charles, Edgar, Isidor, Farrell, Etches, Murdoch, Lightoller, Bellboy, Alice, Caroline, Kate McGowan, Kate Murphey, Kate Mullins, & Ida

Act 2

Wake Up, Wake Up! – Etches & Bellboy
 Dressed In Your Pyjamas In The Grand Salon – Etches, Bellboy, Alice, Isidor, Ida, Charles, Edgar, Caroline, Murdoch, Lightoller
 Staircase – The Three Kates & Farrell
 The Blame – Ismay, Andrews & Captain
 To The Lifeboats – Man, Woman, Lightoller, Murdoch, Isidor, & Ida
 Reprise: I Must Get On That Ship – Murdoch, Lightoller, Captain, Alice, Etches, Andrews, Charles, & Bellboy
 Reprise: Lady’s Maid – Farrell
 Reprise: The Proposal / Reprise: The Night Was Alive / Getting In The Lifeboat: Barrett, Bride, & Charles
 Reprise: The Blame – Andrews & Company
 We’ll Meet Tomorrow – Barrett, Bride, Charles, & Company
 To Be Captain – Etches
 Still – Ida & Isidor
 Mr. Andrews’ Vision – Andrews
 The Foundering – Bride, Survivors (Farrell, Alice, Caroline, McGowan, Ismay, 1st-Class Passenger, 1st-Class Mother, Fleet, & Etches)
 Finale – Reprise: In Every Age – Full Company
 Finale Part II – Reprise: Godspeed Titanic – Full Company

Ben Daniel (Captain E.J. Smith) is a Senior MT major at MSU. He is very excited to be a part of his fifth and final Montclair State production. Ben has been doing shows since the age of 12. He won the National Youth Art award for playing Carl Hanratty (*Catch Me If You Can*). Ben truly cherishes his time spent at MSU. There, he was able to hone in his skills with the support of many wonderful professors.

professional theatre and with private clients (corporate, government) on dialect acquisition, modification, and presentation skills. As an actor and coach, her work has been praised (New York Times, Washington Post, Huffington Post, among others) throughout the US and Europe in professional regional theatre. She is a founding company member of Outpost Repertory Theatre (the first and only Equity company between Dallas and Las Vegas), and lives in Lubbock with her husband, newborn son (Aaron Joseph), and dachshund babies (Samson and Rosie).

Zack Abbey (Barrett) is a Junior BFA Musical Theatre Major from Union Beach, NJ. His favorite credits include Frank Decker from *Working the Musical*, and the Squip from *Be More Chill*. He is super excited to get to FINALLY finish this amazing show with this fantastic cast and crew! Sail on!

Alex Birchwale (Thomas Andrews) a junior BFA Musical Theatre student, is honored to be a part of Titanic. MSU: *Working (Raj)*, *Smalltown Boy*. Alex works as a music director/conductor in the tri-state area. Music director/Conductor credits: *Spring Awakening*, *Tick...Tick...Boom!*, *The Little Mermaid*. See what's next @alex.birchwale.

Jenny Brady (Kate Mullins) is finishing up her sophomore year as a BFA Musical Theater Major here at Montclair State. Jenny was previously seen in *Working* and she is beyond excited to finally set sail on the Titanic this semester! Big thanks to all the cast and crew who made this incredible production possible.

Joshua Cellar (Charles Clarke) is a sophomore in the Musical Theatre program. He recently was in *A Chorus Line* as Don on the Kasser stage. Last year, he worked alongside Joey Cooper in both *Really Really* and the Dirty 9. He is excited to finally perform on the Titanic as Charles Clarke!

Joey Cooper (Jim Farrell) is a sophomore Musical Theatre major at Montclair State, and is very excited to continue sailing on the Titanic. Previous credits include; *Really Really* (Johnson) and a member of The Dirty 9, Improv Group. Joey is also excited to be reprising the role of the Notorious Jay Yates.

Gianna Grosso (Charlotte Cardoza) is a senior in the BFA Musical Theatre program. Her most recent credits include Countess Aurelia in *Dear World*, Pam Sakarian in *Baby*, Georgie Bukatinsky in *The Full Monty*, and Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*. Gianna is thrilled to be a part of Titanic.

Anthony DaSilva (Etches/Pitman) is thrilled to be ending his MSU career on the RMS Titanic with this incredible cast, group of creatives, and crew. These last four years have been quite the expedition. anthonymdasilva.com

Katie Davis (Ida Straus) is a Sophomore Musical Theatre Major at MSU. She is absolutely thrilled to finally get the chance to perform in Titanic along with her cast mates. This is her first show here due to COVID-19 putting this production on hold last year. She wants to thank Mark, Kevin, the Sardelets, the cast and crew for bringing this show to life! Sail on!

Lexie DeBlasio (Alice Beane) is a junior BFA Musical Theatre major from Nyack, NY. She was recently seen in MSU's productions of *Urinetown* and *Baby*. Her favorite roles include Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde*, Ellen in *Miss Saigon*, and Miss Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*. @lexiedeblasio

Liam Driscoll (Lightoller), a Sophomore Musical Theatre Major, is super excited to be in Titanic! Previous credits include Anthony Coelho/First Responder in *Working* and Phoebus in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

Chase Fontenot (Band Leader Hartley) is a Sophomore Musical Theatre Major. Previous credits at MSU include: *Dear World* (President) and *A Chorus Line* (Roy). He is very excited to be a part of this production! Sail on!

Tiffany Furicchia (Bellboy / Mrs. DaMico) is a junior BFA Musical Theatre major at Montclair State University. Some of her past credits include Hot Box Dancer in *Guys and Dolls*, Ensemble in *Reefer Madness* and Val in *A Chorus Line*. Instagram: @tiffanyfuricchia

Harrison Smith (Isidor Straus) is a Junior BFA Musical Theatre major from Cherry Hill, New Jersey. He is thrilled to be in his 5th production at MSU! His favorite credits include Zach in *A Chorus Line* and *Hot Blades Harry* in *Urinetown*. Aside from his studies in theatre, Harrison is completing a second major in American Sign Language-English interpreting, and is a member of MSU's flagship choir: the Montclair State University Singers. @harrisonashersmith

Ben Thomas Strong (Edgar Beane) is thrilled to be revisiting *Titanic* (and Edgar) after the Covid-19 shutdown last year! A Junior Musical Theatre Major, Ben's past MSU credits include Mayor Wappler in the new musical *Cold Turkey*, and most recently, Mike Dillard in *Working*. Ben is so grateful and excited to be collaborating during these times with such fantastic colleagues and mentors on this production.

Maggie Likcani (Mme. Aubert) is a sophomore musical theatre major here at MSU. She is playing the role of Madame Aubert. Her previous credits here at Montclair State include Maggie Winslow in *A Chorus Line*, and the pre-covid *Titanic* ship! She is so excited and grateful that the production is able to officially set sail this semester. @maggielikcani

Kate Mazza (Caroline Neville) is a senior in the BFA Musical Theatre program. She is so proud to be finishing her time at Montclair and sailing on in this production of *Titanic*. Recent credits include *A Chorus Line* (Sheila), *Urinetown* (Soupy Sue), and *Guys and Dolls* (Sarah Brown u/s). Many thanks to the guest artists, production team, and entire cast of *Titanic* that made this experience possible!

Ariana Rivera (Kate McGowan) is a current senior in the BFA Musical Theatre program here at MSU. She is so excited to have the chance to come back to this production and finish it out with such an amazing team. Ariana was seen most recently in the filmed production of *Working*, produced this past fall.

Eric Sebek (Frederick Fleet), a Sophomore Music Theatre Major at MSU, is excited to work with Director, Mark Hardy, and an amazing cast and crew. He is reunited with Musical Director Kevin Stites with whom he worked when he played Patrick in Radio City's Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes. Eric has also played Jack Kelly in *Newsies* and Pippin with NHS.

Griffin Shoemaker (Murdoch) is a sophomore attaining his BFA in musical theatre at Montclair State University. Recent credits include *Les Miserables* (Dallas Young Artists), *Spring Awakening* (Uptown Players), *American Idiot* (Junior Players), *Newsies* (Lyric Stage), Griffin is an Equity Membership Candidate studying here all the way from Dallas, Texas. He'd like to thank his family and friends for putting up with him and supporting his dreams. @griffinsshoes

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Justin Sudderth (J. Bruce Ismay) is currently a Junior in the B.F.A. Musical Theatre Program. Some of his previous credits include *The Mason Singer (Working)*, *Reefer Madness*, and *Cold Turkey*.

Amaya White (Kate Murphey / Mrs. Widener) is a Junior Musical Theater major from Old Bridge, New Jersey. Some of her favorite credits include Lizzie in *Baby*, Bebe in *A Chorus Line*, and *Reefer Madness*. @yourstrulyamaya

Jason Yanto (Harold Bride) feels bittersweet to set sail on the *Titanic*. This will be his seventh and final production at Montclair State. Previous credits include Jack in *Reefer Madness*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. Farewell, farewell!

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