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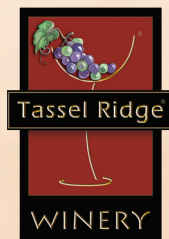
is a dry red with light, fresh notes. First impressions are tangy acid followed by black cherry fading to plum, a dry mid-palate, and a long, pleasing finish. Made from Marquette, St. Croix, Petite Pearl, and Steuben grapes grown in Iowa, it's a versatile wine that pairs well with grilled meat and spicy foods.

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Thank you for attending today's performance of *Last Stop on Market Street*. We are honored to be able to offer this production to our audiences. The book is a Newbery Medal winner that tells a story that all of us need to see: open your eyes and appreciate the world around you. What also makes this production special is it marks the return of our secondary theatre space. We have not presented a play in our studio space since May 2023. At last, our education programming, theatre for youth, and special events get a stage equal to their imaginations!

The real story behind this production is the collaboration between three performing arts companies: Pyramid Theatre Company, City Voices, and The Playhouse. Each shared their resources so that together we created a bigger theatrical experience for everyone.

Last Stop on Market Street also gives us the opportunity to put our values into action. We held auditions out in the community where potential actors gathered. To serve the community, literally, we are hosting a free meal. To serve the community, figuratively, we are taking the play out of The Playhouse and sharing at Phillips Elementary School, Moulton Elementary School, and Corinthian Baptist Church. Sometimes you go to the audience rather than hope the audience comes to you!

This play opens our 2024-25 Kate Goldman Family Series Season. The rest of the season, as always, offers something for everyone. We will be in the John Viars Theatre for *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, and back in the Studio Theatre for *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Musical* and *Alice in Wonderland*. Not part of the Family Series but certainly a show that will appeal to all ages at the holidays is *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*. November will be the return of The Adventure Clubhouse, our introduction to theatre for 4–6-year-olds. There is always something happening at The Playhouse.

For more than 90 years, The Playhouse has presented shows for and with youths. We do this with the support of parents, grandparents, siblings, and everyone else who believes in the power of theatre to transform lives. Thank you for playing your part. Most importantly, thank you for sharing the gift with our future audiences and performers.

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Cast

*Indicates Playhouse Debut

CJ	Caethen Stocker
Nana	Toné Chéré
Tatted Man and Others.....	Dionysus Lewis Manuel Jr.
Madam Butterfly, Grandma Posey, and Others	Kendall Bruce*
Mr. Dennis and Others.....	Owen Nicolino*
Jojo and Others.....	Jeanella McKinney
Ensemble.....	Jayden Keyon Hall*, Jackson Hamilton, Ian Williams*, City Voices Students – Alayah Brooks, Damaris Nelson

Time: Spring
Place: A Des Moines Neighborhood

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

"96 Hours!"	Ensemble
"Cause I Said So"	CJ, Nana
"Que Descanses (CJ's Lullaby)"	CJ, Nana
"Praise the Lord"	Nana, Ensemble
"Whatcha Lookin' At"	Tatted Man, Ensemble
"The Beat of Life"	Vernon, Ensemble
"Serving Up Love"	Nana, Grandma Posey, Mr Dennis, CJ, Jojo, Ensemble
"Finale: Hello/Goodbye (reprise)"	Cast

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Kendall Bruce (*Madam Butterfly, Grandma Posey, and Others*) was active in theatre at Des Moines Roosevelt High School, playing Fairy Godmother in *Shrek The Musical*, Maggie in *Anatomy of Gray*, and, a favorite role, Motormouth Maybelle in *Hairspray*. She also chaired the theatre department's makeup crew. Kendall is an esthetician and professional makeup artist at UBBHS. She enjoys working out, singing, writing, and watching true crime documentaries.



Toné Cheré (*Nana*) received her B.F.A. in musical theatre from Drake University where she played Maxine in *Harrison* and Catherine in *The Theory of Relativity*. At The Playhouse, Toné has appeared in *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella* and choreographed *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical* and *Beaufield Berry's Buffalo Women*. She also appeared in *The Black Feminist Guide to the Human Body* with Pyramid Theatre Company and *Bring It On* with Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre. Toné appreciates the support from her cast, friends, and family.



Jayden Keyon Hall (*Ensemble*) is a fourth grader at Joshua Christian Academy in Des Moines. He likes drawing, singing, dancing, studying bugs, and reading fantasy books. He loves the color purple because it represents royalty and, when he is performing, that is the way he feels. While this is Jayden's Playhouse debut, he has played Dr. Martin Luther King in productions with his church during Black History Month. He also sings with the church choir and helps clean the church on Saturday mornings.



Jackson Hamilton (*Ensemble*) made his Playhouse debut as Tommy in *Pippi Longstocking*. More recently he was a Penguin Project mentor in *Disney's High School Musical Jr.* He has been active in shows at other area theatres and received a Jeanne Hopson Rising Star Cloris Award nomination for his role as Flounder in *Disney's The Little Mermaid* at Carousel Theatre, Indianola. A seventh grader at Des Moines Brody Middle School, Jackson is taking voice and bass

guitar lessons at City Voices and enjoys puppetry and 3D printing.



Dionysus Lewis Manuel Jr. (*Tatted Man and Others*) made his Playhouse debut as Howie Newsome in *Our Town*, following that up with a favorite, one of the Drifters in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*. More recently he was in the cast of *School of Rock* and worked backstage for *Jersey Boys*. Dionysus is an associate teacher at Jesse Franklin Taylor Education Center. In his free time, he enjoys reading and playing video games.



Jeanella McKinney (*Jojo and Others*), a junior at Des Moines Roosevelt High School, fell in love with musical theatre in third grade when she was in her first show, *The Music Man*. She has continued her career with shows at her schools, Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre (most recently *The Prom*), and The Playhouse where she played Lavender in *Ronald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* and was assistant stage manager for *Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors*. Jeanella studies vocal performance, ukulele, songwriting, music theory, and theatre mentorship at City Voices.



Owen Nicolino (*Mr. Dennis and Others*) is a sophomore at Drake University, where he played Atlas Konstrats in *The Art of Love*. He has performed at Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre, playing Orcus in *She Kills Monsters* and Job Anderson in *Treasure Island*. In his free time, Owen enjoys reading, playing video games, and script writing. He hopes to make this, his Playhouse debut, entertaining and memorable.



Caethen Stocker (*CJ*) is a junior at Dallas Center Grimes High School where he was in *Moana Jr.* At The Playhouse, he has been seen as Kurt von Trapp in *Rodgers & Hammerstein's The Sound of Music* and was in the cast of *Tinker Bell*. In addition to dancing and singing, Caethen likes driving his car. He is a scare actor at Adventureland's Phantom Fall Fest and also models.



Ian Williams (*Ensemble*), a sophomore at Des Moines Hoover High School, is excited to appear on The Playhouse stage for the first time. At Hoover, he played Luke and Mr. D in their production of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy*

Jackson Musical and is now rehearsing for the school's upcoming production of *Puffs*. He also participated in the 2024 Broadway Intensive. In his free time, Ian enjoys swimming, diving, and playing in the band.



Napoleon Douglas (*Director/Choreographer/Pyramid Theatre Company Artistic Director*) is an international actor, vocalist, and producer who is honored to be making his directorial debut at The Playhouse. Most recently,

audiences saw his work as choreographer for both *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* and *Jersey Boys*. Napoleon's stage credits include *Mr. Holland's Opus* (Louie, Ogunquit [ME] Playhouse, World Premiere), *BRUCE* (Joe Alves & Carl Gottlieb Cover, Seattle Repertory Theatre, World Premiere), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Judas Iscariot, Arvada [CO] Center), *Dreamgirls* (Jimmy "Thunder" Early, Playhouse on the Square – Best Supporting Actor in a Musical, Winner), *Festival of the Lion King* (Simba, Hong Kong), and principal roles in *Bright Star*, *5 Guys Named Moe*, *Miss Saigon*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Sister Act*, *Superior Donuts*, and *Hairspray*. His film credits include *Wu-Tang: An American Saga* (Hulu) and *Oscar Micheaux* (Cannes Film Festival, France; Urban Film Festival, New York - BET Selection). Napoleon is the artistic director for Pyramid Theatre Company, Iowa's only Black theater, and vice-chairman of the board of directors for City Voices, a community-centered music education program.



Mary Anne Sims (*Music Director/City Voices Executive Director*) is the founder/director of City Voices, a non-profit offering free music lessons to disadvantaged students. She is an accomplished accompanist and continues to

work as an adjudicator, consultant, and choral arranger, having written commissions for several schools and organizations including the World Food Prize and Bravo Greater Des Moines. She has teaching experience at every level, including 13 years at Des Moines Roosevelt High School.

She holds degrees from the University of Iowa and Ohio State University, focusing on urban music education. Mary Anne is the current diversity, equity, inclusion, and access (DEIA) chair for the Iowa Music Educators Association.



Nicholas Amundson (*Scenic Designer*) earned his B.F.A. in theatre design and technology from the University of South Dakota. Working on theatre all over town, he has designed in many different styles with

StageWest Theatre Company (*Ugly Lies the Bone*, *Marjorie Prime*), Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre (*The Hobbit*, *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*), Noce (*bare: A Pop Opera*), and Kata Klysmic Productions (*The Rocky Horror Show*, *Reefer Madness*). He served as scenic designer for *The New Mel Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein*, *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*, *A Chorus Line*, *Choices*, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, *Ragtime*, *Catch Me If You Can*, and many more at The Playhouse. He is designing and directing *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* this holiday season. His favorite thing about theatre is creating out-of-the-box ways to present a story that gives the audience something fun to experience.



Tiffany Johnson (*Costume Designer*) was born in St. Louis, MO, but raised in Iowa and considers herself an Iowa native. Acting has always been a passion of hers as she feels it gives her a unique opportunity to ask

tough questions, raise awareness of issues, and many times walk right up and touch the elephant in the room. Her stage credits include *Good People* and *Clybourne Park* with StageWest; *The Jack Trice Story* for Juneteenth; *The Mountaintop* for Westminster Presbyterian Integral Arts; *Silent Victory* and *The Amen Corner* for Pyramid Theatre Company (PTC); and Berniece in *August Wilson's The Piano Lesson*, a co-production of The Playhouse and PTC. In 2014, under the direction of Ken-Matt Martin, she played Rose in *Fences* at Des Moines Social Club, receiving an acting award from Broadway World. She moved to the production side of theatre with *A Soldier's Story* at Des Moines Social Club, serving as the show's associate director. In August 2015, Tiffany became one of the founding members of Pyramid Theatre Company which was established to serve as a gateway to the arts and to enhance the experience by illuminating

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the presence of Black artists and providing opportunity for more diverse artistic expression. Tiffany made her directorial debut in 2016 with PTC's first production, *A Raisin in the Sun*. She has since directed *Akeelah and the Bee* for Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre, *Dead Dog Park* for Open Door Rep, *Intimate Apparel* for PTC, *How I Learned What I Learned*, a co-production of PTC and Iowa City's Riverside Theater, and *A Love Offering* and *Beaufield Berry's Buffalo Women*, co-productions of PTC and The Playhouse. Tiffany was featured by the Des Moines Register as one of the people to watch in 2019 and the State of Iowa awarded her the 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award for her contributions to art and her commitment to the community utilizing art to educate and enhance the Black experience in Iowa. More than anything, Tiffany loves to give of herself to her community as she firmly believes "as you empty your vessel, your vessel is filled." She also believes it takes a village to raise our children, to support our communities, and to nurture our tomorrows, and intends to use her gifts to make room for others to utilize theirs. Tiffany is the community impact specialist at Bravo Greater Des Moines.



Angela Lampe (*Costume Designer*) began her tenure with The Playhouse in 1993 and has designed costumes, sets, and props for 300 productions including *Guys and Dolls*, *Meredith Willson's The Music*

Man, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, *Ella Enchanted*, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, *Ragtime*, *Les Misérables*, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, *West Side Story*, *Into the Woods*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Sunset Boulevard*, and *Hairspray*. She has a B.A. from Central College in Pella and an M.F.A. in theatre from the University of Nebraska. She is the recipient of four Cloris Awards for excellence in costuming and puppetry.



Tinika Roland (*Costume Designer*) is a graduate of Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in apparel/fashion design. She earned a master's degree in business leadership from Upper Iowa University with

an emphasis in quality management and human resource management. Performing arts has always been one of Tinika's first loves. Although she never pursued performing arts, she had the opportunity

to perform in Dr. Rosenna Bakari's production of *Talking Trees* at DMACC's Ankeny campus which was the first time she shared the stage with her son, former Pyramid Theatre Company (PTC) actor, Khalil D. Adams. Tinika's love for theatre opened opportunities to serve as house manager for PTC beginning with the 2015 production of *A Soldier's Play* at the Des Moines Social Club. She served as assistant costume designer for the productions of *A Raisin in the Sun*, *Hooded: Being Black for Dummies*, *Amen Corner*, *Mississippi Goddamn*, and *Prowess*. She also assisted with props on the production of *Intimate Apparel*. In 2022, Tinika served as assistant stage manager for *Beaufield Berry's Buffalo Women*, a co-production of PTC and The Playhouse. In addition, she served as the costume designer and props designer for PTC's 2024 summer production of *The Black Feminist Guide to the Human Body*. Tinika served as wardrobe assistant for Iowa Stage Theatre Company for the 2023 performances of Lyn Nottage's *Sweat*. Tinika is currently working in higher education serving in various capacities as outreach coordinator, orientation coordinator, and academic advisor. She is the owner of INIKATAE' Fashions & Consulting. Tinika is excited to work with the *Last Stop on Market Street* cast and production team.



John Pomeroy (*Lighting Designer*) is in his 37th year as a theatre designer and technician, with 30 years as a professor of technical theatre with Drake University. John has served as technical director and lighting designer with Pyramid

Theatre Company for the past nine years and has been a union stagehand as a member of IATSE since 1997 having previously served as president of Local #67. For Drake, John teaches a variety of technical theatre courses, works as the technical director for the Department of Theatre Arts and The School of Fine Arts, engineering scenery and stage effects, and supervises the scene shop. John's family provides continued love, encouragement, and support of his involvement in this wonderful profession.



Rachel Elizabeth Meyer (*Stage Manager*) made their Playhouse debut as Cinderella's Stepmother in *Into the Woods* and later won a Dionysos Award for Outstanding Performance as Mrs. Wilkerson in *Billy Elliot The Musical*. More

recently, they have been involved at The Playhouse as a stage manager, dialect coach, and assistant director. Rachel works for Fetch Pet Care and relaxes with cross-stitch, animé, and playing The Legend of Zelda video games.



Bridget Grace Sheaff (*Assistant Stage Manager*) is a director and playwright. Her directing work has been seen across stages in Washington D.C., Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Illinois, and Missouri. Her writing can

be found on stages and in classrooms across the U.S. and Canada. She works in development for Hoyt Sherman Place. Bridget is a member of the Lincoln Center Directors Lab 2019 and Directors Lab North 2022. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from The Catholic University of America. www.bridgetgracesheaff.com



Cheryl L. West (*Playwright*) has written *Something Happened in Our Town*, *Last Stop on Market Street*, *Akeelah & the Bee*, *Mwinda*, *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*, *Addy: American Girl Story*, and *Pullman Porter Blues*. Her

plays have been seen in England, Off-Broadway, on Broadway (*Play On!*), and in numerous regional theaters around the country. She has written TV and film projects at Disney, Paramount, MTV Films, Showtime, TNT, HBO, and CBS and is the Webby-nominated writer for the original web series *Diary of a Single Mom*. West is the recipient of several awards: American Alliance for Theatre & Education (AATE) Distinguished Play Award (2016); the 2016 Charlotte B. Chorprenning Playwright Award; the Helen Hayes/Charles McArthur award for outstanding new play; the Susan Smith Blackburn prize, an international playwriting award for distinguished new plays; the National Endowment Playwriting Award; and the Beverly Hills/Hollywood NAACP Best Playwright Award. As said by The L Magazine, "Cheryl L. West writes plays that often trump those of master playwright August Wilson - not only meticulous neo-realist slices of African-American life, but dense, ethereal explorations of language and the inner regions of her character's souls. They are vigorously expressionistic, and yet remain grounded, entertaining theater."



Pyramid Theatre Company

(*Collaborator*) has as its mission to provide a gateway to the arts for the Des

Moines community by illuminating the presence of Black artists in the theatre canon and providing a means of artistic expression to emerging Black voices. The company commits itself to the tenet of Sankofa, a word in the Akan language of Ghana meaning "return to retrieve." With this in mind, PTC offers works firmly rooted in the lessons of the past in order to serve needs of the present. The theatre's four core principles are artistic excellence, community engagement, artist education, and Black community collaboration.



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(*Collaborator*) is a nonprofit organization that provides free, high quality,

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Katy Merriman (*Playhouse Artistic Director*) has been an active

member of the local theatre community since moving to Des Moines in 2013. Her Playhouse directing credits include *Go, Dog. Go!*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Sound of*

Music; the world premiere of *Escaping the Labyrinth*; *A Love Offering* (co-directed with Tiffany Johnson and Pyramid Theatre Company); and *I and You*. Other local performance and directing credits include *Once (Girl)* at The Playhouse and *The Glass Menagerie* (Laura), *King Lear* (Cordelia), *Our Town* (Emily), and *Fun Home* (director) with Iowa Stage Theatre Company. She has coached for IHSSA and will adjudicate the monologue competition this summer at American Association of Community Theatre's national festival. Prior to her time in Des Moines, Katy worked with numerous theatres in the Midwest as a performer, director, musician, and administrator.



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We denounce racism and violence against all people. Our team makes it our mission to engage and enrich all people to provide lifelong educational opportunities and is committed to creating and supporting an inclusive theatre that will give everyone a platform to heal and to move forward into better days.

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All volunteers who come to audition for a show at The Playhouse are welcome, and we do not ask or keep a record of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, age, or disability status.

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