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A Brief History of The Brookfield Theatre for the Arts

The building that houses The Brookfield Theatre for the Arts (TBTA) was originally a gymnasium for The Curtis School for Boys. First established in 1875 in Bethlehem, Connecticut by Frederick S. Curtis, the school was moved to Long Meadow Hill in 1883 and then to the present site that was the former Goodsell Estate in 1886.

In 1906 the price for one school year was six hundred dollars. This included "tuition, board, a seat in church, lighting and worming, the care and mending of clothing, and the use of school books." In the 1920s, girls were allowed to enroll as day students. This is the second gymnasium for the Curtis School. The first was destroyed by fire in 1906. The present stone building was built in 1907. The Curtis School closed its doors in 1943.

The gymnasium was purchased by the Brookfield Country Players in 1959 and, since then, has been used as a theatre/playhouse for year-round plays and musicals. 2012 marks our 55th season.

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THE AMERICAN TRIBAL-LOVE ROCK MUSICAL book & lyrics by James Rado & Gerome Ragni music by Galt MacDermot

directed & choreographed by **Michael Burnett** musical directed by **Norris Person**

Produced by Sara Mariano, Kira Wallace & Meg Jones

CAST

Berger
Claude
Crissy Kristin Hoose
Dionne
Hud
Jeanie Kate McMorran
Margaret Mead Matt Austin
Sheila Lauren Brown
Woof
<i>Tribe</i> Yessica Braun, Ryan Bulson, John Duron,
Mallory Escott, Matt Farina, Joshua Friedmann,
Christopher Hunter, Willie Marte, Leila Noone,
Ralph Papp, Crystal Schewe, Holly Sorrells

Setting

There and then—here and now.

There will be a 15 minute intermission.

Please note: Strobe lights will be used during the show.

BAND

Norris Person Keyboard
Michael Mosca Lead Guitar
Nicholas Paul Panzarino Guitar
Mauro Campoverde Bass
Adam Heavens Percussion

TBTA Membership

Membership is still only \$20.00. Benefits include: recognition in all programs and on our web site, 10% discount on opening night tickets, invitation to opening night parties and Members Only events, early seating at performances, and inclusion on our mailing list. Join us today?

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Matt Austin (DAD/MARGARET MEAD) Laughter is his life. Creating it, partaking in it and encouraging it. He refuses to take himself seriously, both onstage and off, so neither should you. A typical Libra, he doesn't believe in astrology. He researched his sign and found that the great strength of Libras is their quest for fairness, peace and harmony. He can't really argue with that. Much love to his family and friends.

Robert Bassett (WOOF) a proper Libra ruled by the Seventh House: Equality, harmony, balance! A firm believer that the world would be a better place if everyone spent one day with a dolphin. Truly enchanted to be an element of this brilliantly talented tribe. Sending LOVE to my family, Matty, my unbelievably supportive friends, and to the beautiful individuals who have made this Summer of Love a wonderful possibility. "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." ~Dr. Seuss

Jamie Bishop (Sound DESIGN) is so grateful to have been welcomed into this melting pot of a Tribe for her third show at TBTA. Jamie is a typical devoted Leo who is thoroughly convinced that everyone has something worth standing up for. She would like to thank Michael for inviting her back to this encompassing environment, Justin for being her theater tech/life guru, Wendy for putting up with her when she is...less than harmonious, and of course, this LOVE-bearing Tribe for allowing her to share this experience.

Yessica Braun (TRIBE) is a witty, well poised and loving Virgo. She loves her Shih Tzu's Yoshi, Kenji & Hiro like they were her own children. A firm believer of when one door closes another door opens; also the world would be a better place if rainbow sprinkles were on top of everything. Singin' and groovin' are her ways of meditation. "I closed my eyes to watch tiny dancers like jeweled birds cross the dark screen of my eyelids" —Janet Fitch

Lauren Brown (SHEILA) is a true Cancer brought into this World to edify and inspire. Trilingual in music, love, and American English. Her roots flow, earthly and grounded in wetland, Danbur-ied and Content-cut! She followed her bliss and unearthed her kin, her community, her tribe! Self is a second to family and true-love, follow your bliss and sing peace!

Ryan Bulson (TRIBE) is a Scorpio who sees music louder than he hears it; who has seen the bullies and the critics and the light at the end of the tunnel and that light was called Dance; whose love for the Tribe and Hartt and Family transcends all boundaries. "All I can do is be me, whoever that is." NAMASTE.

Michael Burnett (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER) is a clear Gemini and Wood-Tiger....a crazy combination when East meets West. He believes in LOVE and that someday there will be true equality in our ability to express love, holding open the hope that "liberty and justice for ALL" can and will be more than a theory. Movement is his spiritual practice, and he finds God in just about everything. Theatre is his tool to create positive change in the world and hopefully inspire others to do the same. He would like to live in warm colors, especially burnt orange. Michael would like to thank Pichest Boonthame for guiding him through the opening of his mystical third eye. He will be forever grateful for the gathering of this beautiful tribe. Shanti means "peace beyond understanding." Take some time to swim in that peace. Om Namo Bhagavate Vasudevaya.

Mauro Campoverde (BASS) es un Capricornio que se siente muy honrado por tener la oportunidad de cooperar en esta obra de teatro. A primera vista el te puede dar la idea de una persona seria y timida, pero no dejes que esto the engañe! Cuando lo llegas a conocer sentiras el humor y extroversion

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caracteristicos de los capricornios. Mauro es una persona que disfruta de varias actividades, pero su verdadera pasion en la vida es tocar y componer musica.

Bennett Cognato (BERGER) is a Pisces, a poet, and a person. He was born when the waning moon was in Virgo and has spent the last 18 years thinking. He has been a part of several shows and likes to perform when he feels that his work serves a greater purpose. He thanks Tribal Chief Big Bird for being an amazing teacher and friend, Crystal (fellow improv-er) and Lauren (first onstage kiss!) for the McDonald's dates, and all their love and advice, his amazing tribe, as well as his friends and family for their continuous support. Bennett believes everyone should be able to get married if they want to, and is thankful that today is a good day to breathe. End war and violence! Love each other! Enjoy the show!

Jenny Dear (Assistant Stage Manager) is a true Gemini and daughter of Air. She loves walking, even if it's in circles. She will be at SUNY Purchase this fall studying theatre design tech, and stage management. She has found a true home with her TBTA tribe for these past years and loves them with all her heart. Jenny sends vibes of love and thanks to all those involved in creating this art, especially Michael Burnett, Carol Martino,Justin Morgan, and the cast. Let the sun shine!

John Duron (TRIBE) an extraordinary Taurus, is thankful for the color green. With the beauty of nature surrounding his everyday life, John's life is filled with nothing but natural beauty. He loves animals and would like to experience living in a zoo to be a true wild creature. John also loves everything that involves mangos. Johns love is universal and FREE! With a Latin spice John is not your traditional warm gift basket, but, a kick ass adventure. He is also single looking for his beautiful wild one.

Mallory Escott (TRIBE) is a Zen wise, peaceful, gone berserk; down to the letter she's a piece of work! With a flower in her hair everyday she believes she can take on the world to spread peace, love & equality to all. In true Tropical Sagittarian nature with her energy, warmth and free-spirit she will fight for any cause she believes to be just. She would like to urge you all to keep your minds constantly open to explore new dimensions of thought. Breathe In, Breathe Out, Move On.

Matthew Farina (T_{RIBE}) is an Aquarius and a blue-eyed soul brother with a smile. He believes knowledge is power and dances to his early morning singing song. Matt is easy-going, adventurous, enjoys a good laugh, and loves his family and friends. Peace, love, and gratitude to the Tribe!

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Jill Hancock (COSTUME DESIGN) diplomatic, easygoing and sociable, idealistic and peaceable; all qualities of a true Libra. Owner and director of A Common Ground, Jill consistently works to create a community of both cultural and creative arts. Jill enjoys things that are shiny as well as things that are visually organized by row or color. Like Woof, she also grows things.

Adam Heavens (PERCUSSION) is a proud born Gemini and a son to Beth and John. He believes that there is a bit of fun in everyone and enjoys bringing happiness



PRODUCTION CREW

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MUSICAL DIRECTOR
VOCAL DIRECTOR
PRODUCERS Sara Mariano, Kira Wallace & Meg Jones
LIGHTING DESIGN Justin Morgan
Sound Design Jamie Bishop
SET DESIGN Michael Burnett, Justin Morgan, Bob Lane,
Jeanette Draper, Deb Farber, Kim Bald
Stage Manager / Properties Carol Martino
SET CONSTRUCTION Bob Lane, Andrew Okell
SET PAINTING Jeanette Draper, Deb Farber, Kim Bald
COSTUMERS Jill Hancock, Lena Negron,
Meg Jones, Mary Lou Nolan
Assistant Stage Manager Jenny Dear
Sound Execution Jamie Bishop, Wend Yung
LIGHTING EXECUTION Jill Hancock
LIGHTING ASSISTANTS Victoria Howe, Seth Baldwin
SPOT OPERATOR Courtney Tanner
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SRO/Concessions Jean Jackson
Opening Night Party Kristin Hoose

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the alignment of the stars for the coming together of the Yava'Hasinai

IN OUR LOBBY

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Deyon Rosado (HuD) is a true Scorpio, very strong willed and pays close attention to detail. Serves as the protector of the tribe, but is also a very loving and charismatic individual. To be is what I've become, opportunity is what I live for, and peace & love is what I spread. I love that we live in a country where everyone can walk outside and enjoy life for what it is, choosing to become the beautiful jewels we mold ourselves to be. Life is a beautiful creation and I will like to thank my family and friends for supporting mine.

Crystal Schewe (TRIBE/MOM) is overjoyed to be part of this energetic and beautiful Tribe surrounded by unwavering LOVE. Crystal is a fiercely inquisitive Scorpio who loves being with people and learning new things. She believes it's most important to teach our children to love and respect each other. Crystal wants to thank her students for teaching her every day and her starshine Mom for all her support and encouragement. WEPA!

Holly Sorrells (TRIBE) is an old-soul Gemini with a love of simplicity and correct grammar. A poet, musician, and human being, she is thrilled to be a part of the Yava'Hasinai tribe and very thankful for the love created by everyone here. Much appreciation also goes out to Michael, Justin, and company for not only making the show possible but for also making Holly the poster child! Peace and love to all, and enjoy the show! Groove on it. Meditate. Repeat.

Courtney Tanner (SPOTLIGHT OPERATOR) is ecstatic to be given the privilege to work on Hair for her first production at TBTA and is honored to work with such an amazing group of individuals. Courtney is a patient Taurus of open-armed kindness. She believes people should never take a single moment for granted and should live to the absolute fullest. Courtney would like to thank her family and friends for their unending support.

Kira Wallace (PRODUCER) is a true Aries: adventurous, active and outgoing. No matter what upheaval, challenge or triumph they confront - an Aries has a wonderful ability to bounce back. Their faith in life and the future remains untouched by hardship. Their gift is that they are always children at heart and the world is always a magical place for them. Kira thanks Michael and the entire cast and crew for this magical place and time.

Wendy Yung (Sound Assistant), a Libra, is absolutely thrilled to be a part of the tribe. This is her first show at TBTA and she couldn't have asked for a more welcoming atmosphere. She thanks Courtney for relentlessly driving her around, Jamie and Justin for teaching her everything she knows, and her family and friends for their continued support. Enjoy the show!

*Zodiac description courtesy of the Universal Psychic Guild

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Zach Jackson (Junior Board Member)—Cancer

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out of his friends and family. Aside from playing drums, Adam knows how to do a lot of other cool things too. If you get to know him, you would find out that he acts occasionally, he knows how to sing (oftentimes without music at all), he knows a dance move or too, and he can make some pretty funky sounds with his mouth. He is a pretty groovy human being. "Never let anyone stop you from doing what you love."

Kristin Hoose (CRISSY) is a sensible Taurus. What she lacks in physical coordination she makes up for in her overall pleasant demeanor and animated story telling. Enjoys learning, laughing and libations. Loves her family, friends and the Yava'Hasinai. Live with passion.

Christopher Hunter (TRIBE) is a Scorpio-Sagittarius who believes in Romanticism, the daily consumption of tea, and asking the right questions even at the most inconvenient of times. He frequently reminds himself that nobody ever succeeded by doing only what they were supposed to (or expected to) do. Love to his friends, family, and of course the psychedelic TRIBE! Peace. Love. Freedom. & Happiness.

Meg Jones (PRODUCER/ COSTUMES) was born with sun in Taurus which has resulted in living life through the senses more than most. She believes in honesty, acceptance and the Boston Red Sox. Her wish is that you all remember to breathe love into the world with every step you take. Liberate your inner awesome and pay it forward!

Nick Kuell (CLAUDE) is an Aquarius, destined for greatness and already about half-way towards madness. He believes in the strength of the individual, but also submerges himself in the love of his family, friends, and the tribe. He urges you all to open up your minds and your being to the power of *HAIR*. Come out of the darkness, and let the sun shine in.

Diane LaPine (VOCAL DIRECTOR), a veteran TBTA performer, is happy to be returning to TBTA to join the Tribe. Her element is air. Born under the sign of Aquarius, she not only marches to a different drummer, she makes up new music as she goes along.* She thanks her family for all their love and support.

Sara Mariano (PRODUCER) is an over-analytical, practical and perseverant Virgo. Virgos born on September 15th "are truthful but need a dream world that lets them escape from harsh reality." She thanks TBTA so much for being her dream world and a place of escape. She also thanks her husband Joe and almost 6 month old son Martin for making her reality a little less harsh and sometimes, downright amazing. So proud of this tribe for their talents and heart!

Willie Marte (TRIBE) is a loving Aries, enjoys making people laugh. He believes that his purpose on earth is to motivate and inspire others. He likes cheese and chocolate milk, but not together. It makes him gassy. Nothing can wipe the smile off his face and he'll be positive at all times. Love you Mom!

Carol Martino (STAGE MANAGER) is a fiery LEO who spends her time day-dreaming, reading an endless pile of books, and laughing...*loudly!* She aspires to live life doing what makes her happy, letting music fill her soul, and finding the beauty in this crazy world. Gratitude and love goes out to the all of the awesome people who love and support her, quirks and all.

Kate McMorran (JEANIE) considers herself to be one of the luckiest Aries in the world, as she is a part of this beautiful tribe. If she had her way, she would subsist solely on avocados and spend all day in her hammock. Love to all and remember, right over left.

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Jean Hatcherson, Menoo Jared, Ed Verdi

Justin Morgan (LIGHTING DESIGN) is a typical, humorous Capricorn who can maintain his composure even when dealing with irascible people. He loves designing at TBTA, loves his family, friends, the tribe (he still can't pronounce or spell the name), and the lights. Justin would like to thank this amazing group of human beings for the opportunity to go on this journey with them. Pick up your glow worms and glow.

Michael Mosca (LEAD GUITAR) is extremely honored to be part of the Tribe and this production of *Hair*. He was born a Leo and music is one of the most important aspects in his life, along with his friends and family. He believes that no one should give up on their dreams because it's too hard to accomplish. As long as you put your mind to it, it will happen.

Lena Negron (COSTUMES) As a Horse, I am naturally attracted to the arts and good with my hands. My innate desire to delight audiences brought me to create magic with this Tribe at my first TBTA production. Influenced by my Metal element, I am driven by having fun in work and life, with friends, family and backstage.

Mary Lou Nolan (COSTUMES) was once told she wasn't a typical Aries. However, in reading about her sign, she discovered that Arians are creative, passionate, loyal to the end and the life of the party. This Aries hopes she brings all these qualities to her work with TBTA. J.M. Barrie wrote, "Those who bring sunshine to others cannot keep it from themselves." Thanks for the sunshine and thanks to my Sagittarius, Leo and Aries and to my special Virgo who got me hooked in the first place.

Leila Noone (TRIBE) is a curly-haired Sagittarius who enjoys discovering new and interesting ways to move, breath, and think. She believes in the powers of stretching, miso soup, bare feet, and handstands. She would like to thank her fellow Yava'hasinai for being so open and willing to dance with, through, around, on top of, and underneath her. In this dive we rediscover sensation. Stay moving, stay curious.

Nicholas Paul Panzarino (GUITAR) is happy to be back at TBTA for his 5th straight season. He is a Sagittarius, which means he is full of warmth and energy as well as having love for archery. Nick thanks Michael and the HAIR band for the opportunity to be a part of the tribe. Shalom ve ahavah!!

Ralph Papp (TRIBE) loves you long time. He believes in harmony, equality, and Lady Gaga. A Taurus, Ralph often lies in fields of flowers waiting for his compatriot in sign and peace, Ferdinand. He is known to "reappropriate" luxury goods, especially Vuittons. And for your safety, and that of your Wedgewood, Ralph strongly recommends that you lock your china closets—just like all bulls (and Jack McFarland!), he was not gifted with "the dance!"

Norris Person (MUSICAL DIRECTOR) was more than excited to have been asked to play piano for *HAIR*. Like most Geminis, Norris is quick thinking and creative, which he shows by playing different genres of music. He believes that war can always be avoided if a little more love was shown. In a short time, Norris feels that the Tribe is the most talented and inviting group people he has ever had the opportunity to work with.

Janina Reiner (DIONNE) opens on stage singing *Aquarius* but is really a Virgo who lives in New York. All you need to know is that she loves animals, good people and bringing her passion, which is theatre to life on stage. Love to my family and AJ this performance is for you.

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