NEIGHBORHOOD 3: REQUISITION OF DOOM

BY JENNIFER HALEY
DIRECTED BY JOEL SCHUMACHER
FEATURING THE BATS

NOV 9 — DEC 20
THE FLEA THEATER
Niegel Smith artistic director  Carol Ostrow producing director
presents the new york premiere of
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Justin Ahdoot, Sydney Blaxill, Alexandra Curran, Eric Folks,
Adam Alexander Hamilton, Alex Haynes, Adelind Horan, Lindsley Howard, Kerry Ipeula,
Olivia Jampol, Connor Johnston, Hank Lin, Madeline Mahoney, Cristina Pitter,
Brendan Sokler, Kevin Argus, Thomas Muccioli

Simon Harding scenic design  Brian Aldous lighting design
Jessica Pabst costume design  Grace Interlichia assistant costume design
Janie Bullard sound design  John McKenna assistant sound design
J. David Brimmer fight choreography  Zach Serafin prop master
David Monteagudo assistant director  Zachary Golden assistant to the director
Abbey Bay production stage manager  Kaila Hill assistant stage manager

Ron Lasko/Spin Cycle press representative
CAST

Voiceover ................................................................. Justin Ahdoot
Makaela ................................................................. Adelind Horan
Trevor ................................................................. Alex Haynes
Steve ................................................................. Eric Folks
Leslie ............................................................... Olivia Jampol
Vicki ............................................................. Cristina Pitter
Kaitlyn ............................................................ Alexandra Curran
Doug ............................................................ Brendan Sokler
Ryan ............................................................. Justin Ahdoot
Jared ............................................................ Adam Alexander Hamilton
Madison ...................................................... Lindsley Howard
Tobias .......................................................... Hank Lin
Barbara ......................................................... Sydney Blaxill
Chelsea ....................................................... Madeline Mahoney
Blake .......................................................... Connor Johnston
Joy .............................................................. Kerry Ipema

UNDERSTUDIES

Steve ................................................................. Kevin Argus
Tobias ............................................................ Thomas Muccioli

SPECIAL THANKS:

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CREATIVE TEAM

Playwright ................................................................. Jennifer Haley
Director ................................................................. Joel Schumacher
Scenic Design .......................................................... Simon Harding
Lighting Design ......................................................... Brian Aldous
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Sound Design .......................................................... Janie Bullard
Fight Choreographer ............................................... J. David Brimmer
Props Master ......................................................... Zach Serafin
Assistant Costume Design ......................................... Grace Interlichia
Assistant Sound Design ............................................. John McKenna
Assistant Director ................................................... David Monteagudo
Assistant to the Director ............................................ Zachary Golden
Production Stage Manager ......................................... Abbey Bay
Rehearsal Stage Manager ........................................... Kaila Hill

FLEA STAFF

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CAST
(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

JUSTIN AHDOOT (Ryan, V/O Walkthroughs, u/s Trevor) NYC: Off-Broadway: Sleep No More (Punch Drunk); Off-Off Broadway: The Mysteries (The Flea Theater); Regional: Cymbeline (Richmond Shakespeare); performed his solo show Justin versus at Richmond Triangle Players, and Uncle Tom: Deconstructed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. TV: “The Americans”, “Blue Bloods”. He also appeared in a short film Army of God (Hayden 5) currently awaiting admission to the Sundance Film Festival. In March 2016 he will be involved in Disgraced at The Pittsburgh Public Theater. Graduated Virginia Commonwealth University BFA. www.justinahdoot.com

SYDNEY BLAXILL (Barbara, u/s Leslie) Recent Flea credits: Student Body (dir. Michelle Tattenbaum), The Nomad (dir. Liz Swados) and #serials (Notes to a Ghost). Sydney is a co-founding producer of Unabridged Productions with Zachary Infante, having just played Becca while producing the second reading of In Real Life (dir. Ashley Brooke Monroe) at Theatre for a New Audience. She is also a founding member of Madcap Repertory Theatre and co-directed (I think I made you up inside my head.) for the company’s inaugural season in September. BFA: NYU Tisch (New Studio on Broadway, RADA, Strasberg, and the International Theatre Workshop in Amsterdam).

ALEXANDRA CURRAN (Kaitlyn, u/s Makaela) is a NYC-based actress. She is very excited to be a part of this project and would like to thank Joel, Jenn, the incredible cast and crew, and the inspiring community of artists at The Flea. The Flea: Student Body. Film/TV: “Hawaii 5-0” (CBS), Femmes, Midori (Columbia Film).

ERIC FOLKS (Steve, u/s Doug) Previous Flea credits include Private Room Number 6, Job, The Wundelsteipen, Just Cause, The Flying Latke. Other New York credits: The Killer (TFANA), The Starter (The C.O.W.), We Are Animals (The Brick), A Man of No Importance (Gallery Players). Regional: columbinus (American Theater Company), Singin’ in the Rain (New London Barn Playhouse), Mrs. Mannerly (Dixie Theater), Don’t Dress For Dinner (Lake Dillon Theater Co.) Eric is a graduate of Otterbein College.

ALEX HAYNES (Trevor, u/s Blake, Jared) made his Flea debut in last year’s 5-hour epic, The Mysteries. He recently completed a life goal when he became the voice of Talonflame, a flying Pokemon on “Pokemon XY”. Alex is a graduate of the University of Kansas and the Upright Citizens Brigade. Stop by his website www.Alex-Haynes.com the next time you’re bored at work.

ADELIND HORAN (Makaela, u/s Madison) The Flea: The Old Masters, Smoke, The Mysteries. Other NY: The Dubliners: A Quartet (The Green Space/ NPR), Unsex Me Here (Dixon Place), Equus (Gallery Players). The tour of her award-winning documentary solo show about mountaintop removal in Appalachia, Cry of the Mountain included: United Solo, Judson Church, Edinburgh Fringe (Pleasance), and Capital Fringe. Film: Goldbricks in Bloom, Flytrap, Silo, many shorts. Trained in classical acting at LAMDA, UCB alum, BA from Hampshire College. Adelind is co-creating and starring in the original comedy series, “The Pioneers.” adelind.com

LINDSLEY HOWARD (Madison, u/s Chelsea) has a BFA in Acting from St. Edwards University, in Austin TX. The Flea: The Mysteries. Select NY Credits: Soho Rep, Buran Theater, Playwright’s Realm, Jewish Plays Project and Columbia Stages. Regional: Austin Shakespeare, Salvage Vanguard, and Mary Moody Northen Theatre. Special thanks to Joel, the cast, and our marvelous crew! lindsleyhoward.com

KERRY IPEMA (Joy, u/s Vicki) is an actor and improviser in New York City. Previous shows at The Flea include Restoration Comedy and #serials. She performs weekly in the interactive Off-Broadway show Accomplice and with house team Madam Vice at The PIT. She studied improv with the Upright Citizens Brigade, Shakespeare in Oxford at BADA’s Midsummer Intensive, and has a BFA from Indiana University in
OLIVIA JAMPOL (Leslie, u/s Barbara) grew up in Costa Rica and studied filmmaking at Harvard. Recent theater credits include: ANTI (Barrow Street Theater), Good Men Wanted (Ars Nova/ANT Fest), Tics, or Doing the Deed (Cutthroat Series, The Flea), Stranger Odds (The Wild Project). She has starred in many short film and web projects and is co-creator of Five Minutes Late, a platform for original comedic content. As a filmmaker, she has written and directed a handful of shorts and her film, JEANNEI, shot on 16mm, has garnered multiple accolades. She is very excited about being part of this production! www.oliviajampol.com

CONNOR JOHNSTON (Blake, u/s Ryan) graduated from NYU Tisch this past December, studying at The Meisner Studio, The Classical Studio, and the International Theatre Workshop in Amsterdam. Theatre credits include: Snow Falling on Cedars (Portland Center Stage), Oliver! (NAAP), House & Variations (Dixon Place). Film/TV credits include a co-starring role on NBC’s “Grimm”, and a supporting role in the independent film, Something Like Summer, coming out in 2016. Thanks to friends, family, Joel, and the #N3RDs. www.connorjohnston.com

HANK LIN (Tobias) has previously appeared at the Flea in Sarah Flood in Salem Mass and #serials@theflea. He has additionally collaborated with Classic Stage Company, Plastic Theatre, WNYC, the PIT, and Peculiar Works, among others. He is a graduate of Brandeis University.

MADELINE MAHONEY (Chelsea, u/s Kaitlyn) is overjoyed to be making her Flea Theater debut as Chelsey! A recent graduate of NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts, where she studied at the Stella Adler Studio and Stonestreet Studio, she is a founding member of Cue for Passion Collaborative, where she last appeared in the company’s production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream as Helena. Many thanks to Joel, David, and Zach, and to her ever-supportive parents! www.madelinemahoney.com
CRISTINA PITTER (Vicki, u/s Joy) Cristina is a Brooklyn based storyteller and artist of all mediums. She also has the best laugh ever. Credits include “Community Policing” (“Law & Order SVU”), Shooting Blanks In The Afterlife (EST Youngblood Brunch), WE ARE ANIMALS: F*CKIN (The PIT), See With Vision (Woodshed Collective), Kapowi-GoGo (The PIT). Member of The Bats with many a stint done within #serials@theflea, ensemble member of Barefoot Theatre Company, and recent NBC/PIT Diversity Scholar. BFA Brooklyn College. Feel free to follow her antics on Twitter @isisgypsy or Instagram @lavidagypsy.

BRENDAN SOKLER (Doug) is a Brooklyn resident and a proud new member of The Bats. His favorite roles have been Darren in Happily After Ever (Edinburgh, 59E59, Signature) Hamlet in Hamlet (Chashima/Spontaneous Shakespeare Players), CB in Dog Sees God (The Barrow Group), and of course this one. Brendan got his BFA in Acting at the University of Miami in Florida...not Ohio. He has also trained at Shakespeare and Company, UCB, Scott Freeman Studios, and The Barrow Group.

KEVIN ARGUS (u/s Steve) is excited to be a part of Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom! Originally from Indiana, Kevin performed with Iowa Summer Rep, Riverside Theatre in the Park, and Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival before moving to NYC. Most recently Kevin was seen in #serials@theflea. BA University of Notre Dame. MFA University of Iowa.

THOMAS MUCCIOLI (u/s Tobias) is a theatre artist from Sunnyside, Queens. He has produced, directed, performed or developed work at several theatre companies including New Ohio Theater, New Georges, Brooklyn Generator, Paradise Factory, The Flea Theater, Atlantic Stage 2, The Bushwick Starr, Crashbox Theater, The Tank, HIT, Theatre Row (The Samuel French OOB Short Play Festival), Ithe claquel, Dirty Blondes, Dixon Place and Fresh Ground Pepper. He is a founding member of Crashbox Theater Company, a member of The Bats and an alum of The Atlantic Theater Company’s conservatory program.
CREATIVE TEAM

JENNIFER HALEY (*Playwright*) is a playwright whose work delves into ethics in virtual reality and the impact of technology on our human relationships, identity, and desire. She won the 2012 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, a Los Angeles Ovation Award and Drama Critics Circle Award for her play, *The Nether*, which premiered at Center Theatre Group and was subsequently produced at The Royal Court Theatre with Headlong in London. *Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom* premiered at the Actors Theatre of Louisville 2008 Humana Festival, and *They Call Her Froggy* was produced in development with Center Theatre Group and American Conservatory Theater. Jennifer’s work has been developed at The Banff Centre, the Sundance Theatre Lab, O’Neill National Playwrights Conference, Lark Play Development Center, Ojai Playwrights Conference, PlayPenn, Page 73, and the MacDowell Colony. She is a member of New Dramatists in New York City and lives in Los Angeles, where she founded the Playwrights Union.

JOEL SCHUMACHER (*Director*) is renowned for his versatility, style and ability to move seamlessly between film genres with equal popular success and critical acclaim. He began his film career as a costume designer for such legendary directors as Woody Allen (*Sleeper, Interiors*) and Herbert Ross (*The Last of Sheila*), before making his own name as a screenwriter with *Sparkle* and *Car Wash*. After cutting his teeth directing two television movies, Joel made his feature film directorial debut on *The Incredible Shrinking Woman* in 1981. His career soon took off with such iconic fare as *St. Elmo’s Fire* and *The Lost Boys*, followed by other successes – *Cousins, Flatliners, Dying Young, and Falling Down*. He would go on to direct film versions of two best selling novels by John Grisham (*The Client* and *A Time to Kill*) as well as two installments of the blockbuster Batman film series, *Batman Forever* (at the time, the #1 box office opening of all time, with Jim Carrey as ‘The Riddler’) and *Batman & Robin*.

As his career entered the 21st century, Joel brought audiences the films *8MM, Flawless* (which he also wrote), *Tigerland, Phone Booth, Bad Company, Veronica Guerin, The Number 23*, and *Trespass*. In 2004 he adapted Andrew Lloyd Webber’s hit musical, *The Phantom of the Opera*, for the screen. The film was nominated for three Academy Awards and a Golden Globe for Best Musical.
or Comedy. *Twelve*, based on the groundbreaking novel by Nick McDonell, was honored as the closing night presentation of the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. Since then, Joel returned to television, directing two episodes of the Emmy-nominated Netflix series “House of Cards”, starring Kevin Spacey and executive produced by David Fincher. Most recently, Joel acted as Executive Producer on *Do Not Disturb: Hotel Horrors*, a true-crime series for Investigation Discovery.

**SIMON HARDING** (Scenic Design) is an award-winning designer for live performance. He has designed nationally and internationally for theater, dance, and performance art work. Harding was a co-founder and the resident designer for SaBooge Theatre, designing all of their productions including the critically acclaimed shows *Hatched, Fathom*, and *Every Day Above Ground*. Upcoming/Recent: *Up and Away* (Trusty Sidekick), *BAM Poetry Project* (BAM), *Custodians of Beauty* (Palissimo). www.simonhardingdesign.com

**BRIAN ALDOUS** (Lighting Design) has been with the Flea since its inception. Plays he’s designed here include Kate Robin’s *I See You*, Hamish Linklater’s *The Vandal, Future Anxiety* by Laurel Haines, Bathsheba Doran’s *The Parent’s Evening*, and A.R. Gurney’s *Post Mortem, Heresy* and *Mrs. Farnsworth*. Other NYC theatres he has designed at include Signature, MCC, Playwrights’ Horizons and Dixon Place. He is resident designer for Symphony Space, on the board of Triskelion Arts and teaches at CCNY.

**JESSICA PABST** (Costume Design) Broadway; *The Heidi Chronicles*. At the Flea: *She Kills Monsters* (Drama Desk nomination), *The Great Recession, Office Hours, Love Stories*. Recent Off-Broadway: *Kill Floor* (Lincoln Center); *King Liz* (Second Stage Theatre); *The Qualms, Grand Concourse, Pocatello, Assistance, The Whale* (Lucille Lortel Award)(Playwrights Horizons); *The Nether* (MCC Theater); *I’m Going to Pray for You So Hard* (Atlantic Theater Company); *Fortress of Solitude* (Public Theater); Many productions with Manhattan Theater Club, The Rattlestick Theatre, Clubbed Thumb. Regionally; Williamstown Theatre Festival

**GRACE ELIZABETH INTERLICHIA** (Assistant Costume Design) is an independent professional specializing in costumes, wardrobe, hair, and makeup. She has
contributed to a variety of Manhattan based theatre and film projects, most recently working as Assistant Costume Designer for off-Broadway theatre companies including Second Stage Uptown, Primary Stages, Ars Nova, and the Claire Tow at Lincoln Center. Grace was also Wardrobe Supervisor for Ars Nova’s productions of Small Mouth Sounds and Jacuzzi. Grace is a graduate of the International Theatre Program at the University of Rochester.

**JANIE BULLARD** *(Lighting Design)* Recent: DISGRACED at The Goodman (associate), What I Did Last Summer with The Signature Theatre Company and Assistant Sound Design for Hand To God on Broadway. Off-Broadway: Rattlestick Playwrights Theater, Cherry Lane Theatre, The Flea, Ensemble Studio Theatre, Flux Theatre Ensemble, Sonnet Repertory Theatre, The York Theatre Company, Lesser America, Rising Phoenix Rep. Janie was the recipient of the USITT/LDI Rising Star Award for 2014, and was named an Indie Theatre Person of the Year for 2013. She also received 3 Best Sound Design nominations for the 2014 NYIT awards for Jane The Plain, Pirira, and Sans Merci. Janie received her MFA in Theatre Sound Design from the North Carolina School of the Arts. [www.janiebullard.com](http://www.janiebullard.com)

**JOHN MCKENNA** *(Assistant Lighting Design)* hasn’t given me a bio. So here’s some placeholder text. Talking about theater. Talking about art. Talking about credits. I’ve worked here and here and there. And over there as well. Here are more words so that I can space things out. Spacing spacing spacing. Words words words. Spacing spacing spacing. Words words words. Spacing spacing spacing. Words words words. Spacing spacing spacing. Words words words. Spacing spacing spacing. Words words words.

**J. DAVID BRIMMER** *(Fight Director, Fight Master, SAFD)* has choreographed some stuff (Broadway: Spring Awakening, The Lieutenant of Inishmore, Grace, Wit, Speed the Plow, NY Premieres: An Octoroon, Gloria, Punk Rock, We are Proud to Present, Bethany, Mr. Burns, Blasted, The Whipping Man, Bug, Killer Joe, Fulfillment), and worked with some great folks (David Mamet, Sam Shepard, Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, Ethan Coen, Conor McPherson, Martin McDonough, Tracy Letts, Kenneth Lonergan, Neil LaBute, Ken Russell, Franco Zeffirelli). “Walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone.” G. Fox
ZACH SERAFIN *(Props Master)* Zach is a scenic designer/carpenter/props master/artist/maker, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Buffalo State College. Currently he is the resident set designer for Red Monkey Theater Group at Mount St. Vincent College in the Bronx. This is his first gig with the Flea and he has previously propped shows at Rattlestick Playwrights Theater. For more info please visit www.zachserafindesigns.com.

DAVID MONTEAGUDO *(Assistant Director)* is a brooklyn-based director and producer. He has developed and produced work with The Flea, The Atlantic, Theater for the New City, and Ma-Yi Theaters amongst others. His project *Under the Hood* which melds game theory and theatrical conventions was featured in the 2014 Come out and Play Festival and will be presented as part of The Best Games Festival in Pittsburgh. He is a founding member of State of Play.

ABBEBY BAY PRODUCTION *(Production Stage Manager)* This is Abbey's first production at The Flea. Select Recent Productions: *Las Polacas* (GALA Hispanic Theatre), *R&J&Z* (Hard Sparks), *I Like To Be Here* (Theatre 167), *Normalcy* (Theatre East), *My Name is Rachel Corrie* (Culture Project)

Thanks to the cast, crew, and design team. Extra thanks to the most stellar ASM, Kaila. Lots of love to James! It's a beautiful day in the Neighborhood.

KAILA HILL *(Assistant Stage Manager)* is a recent graduate from Otterbein University with a BFA in Theatre: Design/Technology. She has previously worked with the Williamstown Theatre Festival in their 2014 season, the Sanguine Theatre Project Playwright Festival, Hard Spark’s *R&J&Z*, The Flea Theater, the Public Theatre, the NYC Fringe Festival, and Half Moon Theatre.
THE FLEA STAFF

Niegel Smith (Artistic Director) is a theater director & performance artist. His theater work has been produced by Classical Theatre of Harlem, HERE Arts Center, Hip Hop Theatre Festival, The Invisible Dog, Luna Stage, Magic Theatre, Mixed Blood, New York Fringe Festival, New York Live Arts, Phoenix Theatre Ensemble, The Public Theater, Summer Play Festival, Todd Theatre and Under the Radar, and his participatory performances have been produced by Abrons Arts Center, American Realness, Dartmouth College, Elastic City, The Invisible Dog, Jack, The New Museum, Prelude Festival, PS 122, the Van Alen Institute and Visual AIDS. He often collaborates with artist Todd Shalom and playwright/performer Taylor Mac.

Smith, a graduate of Dartmouth College, was the associate director of the Tony Award winning musical FELA!, assistant directed the off-broadway production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee and both the broadway and off-broadway productions of Tony Kushner’s Caroline, or Change. He has received residencies, grants and/or fellowships from Brooklyn Arts Council, Brooklyn Arts Exchange, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Sundance Theatre Lab, Theater Communications Group, Tucker Foundation, Van Lier Fund and VoxFest. Before surviving high school in Detroit, he grew up in the North Carolina piedmont, fishing with his dad, shopping with his mom and inventing tall-tale fantasies with his two younger brothers.

Carol Ostrow (Producing Director) Carol Ostrow (Producing Director) joined founder Jim Simpson at the helm of The Flea in 2001 and The Guys marked her return to Off-Off-Broadway. She was the OBIE-award winning Producing Director of the Classic Stage Company as well as the founder and original Producing Director of The Powerhouse Theater at Vassar, now in its 30th season. In between, she has been an adjunct professor of theater at Vassar College, Chatham College and McGill University. For The Flea, Carol has produced 15 seasons of world premiere productions and has been responsible for the sound management of the theater’s increasing programming and budget. She is also overseeing The Flea’s capital campaign that will result in a new performing arts center for The Flea to be launched in 2017. (Stay tuned!!) Carol is a graduate of Vassar College and the Yale 3
Drama School. She is a new trustee of Vassar and she also serves on the Board of Advisors of the Yale Drama School. Beyond her alma maters, she is a member of the board of Central Synagogue, the National Psoriasis Foundation, the MacDowell Colony and LAVA, an acrobatic dance collective in Brooklyn. She is also a Wall Street Journal Expert, where she writes on small business for the paper’s online edition. Married and the mother of four incredible and launched young adults, she and her family count Pittsburgh, London, Montreal and now New York City once again as home.

Joshua Cohen (General Manager) previously worked at Roundabout, holds degrees from Amherst College and NYU/Tisch, and has been a stage manager/lighting designer in downtown modern dance. He is also a writer for the theater, a Jonathan Larson Grant winner whose work includes The Thirteenth Commandment (Libra Theater Co., seven NYIT Award nominations, two wins); lyrics, Keep On Walkin’ (Anna Zornio Children’s Theater Playwriting Award); and book/lyrics, Tamar of the River (Prospect Theater Co., two Drama Desk nominations; world premiere recording, Yellow Sound Label). He lives in Washington Heights with his wife Anne and two children.

Erin Daley (Company Manager) Prior to The Flea, Erin produced the Eugene O’Neill festival at Arena Stage and spent three years as a coordinator in Los Angeles working in film and commercials. After cutting her teeth as an independent producer and director, Erin is thrilled to have found a home at The Flea where she can continue to work with exciting and innovative artists. Erin is proud to have graduated from Skidmore College.

Ellie Philips (Marketing Associate) is a native New Yorker with a deep love for both acting and marketing. An alumna of Oberlin College, Ellie has worked as a graphic designer, marketing associate, social media advisor, and press rep with and for a variety of companies and productions, including her alma mater, Boneau/Bryan-Brown, Slightly
Altered States, and Hedgepig Theater Ensemble. She is a proud former-member of the Bats, and is very excited to promote the fantastic work happening at The Flea. www.eleanorphilips.com

Kayla Sklar (Audience Development Associate) Passionate about non-profit theater, Kayla has previously worked at 59E59, Ars Nova, and The Public. She graduated from the University of Georgia with degrees in Digital Marketing and Mass Media, and is proud to have been the Artistic Director of The Thalian Blackfriars, one of UGA’s oldest organizations. Having lived in Atlanta for most of her life, she’s excited to finally call this wonderful city her home.

Alvin C. Taylor (Development Associate) comes to The Flea Theater from Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute where he served as their first Fellow. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Instrumental Music from Mississippi State University and a Masters of Education in Higher Education Administration from The University of Southern Mississippi. He also serves as Program Assistant for Jazz at Lincoln Center’s youth music education program, WeBop. Alvin is excited to call New York City and The Flea home. He currently lives in the Upper West Side with his wife, Annie, a lighting designer and production manager.

Reece Arthur (Technical Director) has been living and working in New York for the past three years. Past credits include Our Lady Of Kibeho and And I And Silence, at The Signature Theatre, The Three Penny Opera at The Atlantic, and has been a regular electrician for the BAM Fisher venue. I would like to thank The Flea for this opportunity and I’m looking forward to many more.
WHAT IS THE FLEA?

The Flea is our theater: two unique and intimate performance spaces, located here at 41 White Street in Tribeca. But The Flea is also an award-winning producing organization, founded in 1996, that offers more than 250 cutting-edge theatrical and multi-disciplinary performances each year and gives voice to some of the most exciting and innovative writers of our time.

Founded from the purely artistic impulse to create “joyful hell in a small space,” our body of work has earned us accolades from across the globe including two Obie Awards for Best Production, an Otto for Courageous Political Theater, and a Drama Desk Award Special Award for our commitment to adventurous theater. Our 2001 production of The Guys, a raw artistic response to the events of 9/11, became a phenomenon that played to sold-out houses for 13 months and quickly cemented our leadership role in the downtown, Off-Off-Broadway and Lower Manhattan communities.

The Flea is a beacon for adventurous audiences and creative artists of all stripes, from the young striver to the legendary veteran. More than 150,000 people have come to The Flea to witness the rare spark created when artists are given free rein to play, experiment and invent—often in ways that the commercial theater can’t support. And it is that spark that fulfills our mission, pure and simple: to embody the spirit of adventure and excitement that has defined Off-Off-Broadway since its inception.
WHO & WHAT ARE THE BATS?

The Bats is our critically acclaimed resident company, cast anew each year from over 1,000 aspiring young actors. Voted “Best Off-Off-Broadway Company to Act In” by Backstage, being a Bat offers young artists the rare opportunity to break into the field with real life experience, performing in front of an audience on a regular basis and working to support The Flea and its visiting artists. All in one night, a Bat may tear your ticket, pour you a drink and rivet your soul to the stage.

WHAT IS OFF-OFF-BROADWAY?

Dating back almost fifty years, Off-Off-Broadway began informally—an alternative, non-commercial environment where new ideas and projects were born out of energetic and often happenstance encounters. Hundreds of well-known artists credit this adventurous and free-spirited time with their falling in love with theater, and getting good at what they do.

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THE FLEA CAMPAIGN

Fifteen years ago The Flea’s founders undertook an artistic experiment, renting an old TriBeCa factory in the wilds of Lower Manhattan and opening the doors to the most iconoclastic and talented artists they could find. Since then The Flea has evolved into an award-winning theater known for presenting the very best of Off-Off-Broadway theater, music and dance.

We have also become an emblem for the resilience of Lower Manhattan, drawing more than 150,000 people to the area since the 9/11 attacks. To continue in that leadership role, we recently purchased a site nearby that is soon to become our permanent new home. Our goal is to continue producing our own intimate and exhilarating work while providing stability to dozens of other artists and performance groups. We are grateful to the following for their lead gifts to the project:

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