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Thomas Putnam.................................................................Bradley Anderson
Juyoung..................................................................................Jamie Bock
Haley Joel Putnam..................................................................Tom Carman
Narrator................................................................................Matthew Cox
Makepeace Nurse.................................................................Yonghyun Choi
Goody Good...........................................................................Whitney Conkling
Little Pride.............................................................................Hannah Finn
Ann Sr. Putnam........................................................................Glenna Grant
John Paul Farmer....................................................................John Paul Harkins
Liz Pharaoh.............................................................................Kana Hatakeyama
Old Becky Nurse...................................................................Christine Lee
Israel Pharaoh..........................................................................Hank Lin
Samm Pride...............................................................................Jeff Ronan
Laura Indian...........................................................................Isabella Sazak
Ann Jr. Putnam........................................................................Michelle Silvani
Mercy.....................................................................................Mariette Strauss
Sarah Flood...............................................................................Kate Thulin
Sheriff....................................................................................Nate Washburn

UNDERSTUDIES
Pharoah, John Paul Farmer, Haley Joel...............Yong Hyun Choi
Sarah Flood, Laura, Ann Sr. Goody Good, Liz........Elizabeth May
Sheriff, Thomas Putnam, Pride, Narrator, Makepeace..Jed Krivisky
Mercy, Ann Jr., Juyoung, Becky Nurse, Little Pride......Elly Smokler

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Bradley Anderson (Thomas Putnam) was most recently seen at Ensemble Studio Theater during the EST Marathon, where he played Joe in Clare Barron’s Solar Plexus. He has also been in Willie Orbison’s EST Brunch play Targeting Tranquility. At The Flea he has been in #serials@theflea, The Shakes, and last spring was in Tommy Smith’s White Hot. He is currently working with Rob Askins to develop his latest play Permission. Brad holds an MFA from the University of Iowa.

Jamie Bock (Juyoung) was recently seen in White Hot by Tommy Smith at The Flea, as well as Smith’s Nectarine EP. Additional Flea credits include The Shakes (Romeo & Juliet and The Honest Whore) and #serials@theflea. NYC credits: Ocean Kingdom (Magic Futurebox), Home (Theater for the New City), Treefall (Sargent Theater) and Breakers (Stage Left Studios). BFA NYU Tisch – Atlantic Theater Company. Special thanks to Rebecca, Adriano, Jacob, and the whole team at The Flea. www.jamiebock.com

Tom Carman (Haley Joel Putnam) is an actor and composer living in Brooklyn. Flea credits: The Flying Latke, The Shakes: The Honest Whore, The Rose Garden Recipe (workshop), and The Nomad (workshop). NYC credits: Anthem (Random Access Theatre), Miss Julie (Anne Troup dir.) and Selection (Wide Eyed Productions). DC credits: The Tooth of Crime (WSC Avant Bard), The Graduate
(Keegan Theatre), *The Oogatz Man* (Longacre Lea). Composing credits: *As You Like It* (Lean and Hungry Theatre), *The Tooth of Crime* (WSC Avant Bard), *The Ice Child* (Factory 449), and for ETC’s Teen Summer Camp. Much love to all his family and friends who have supported him along the way.

**Matthew Cox** (Narrator) At The Flea: *Restoration Comedy* (Host/Tunbelly); #serials@theflea; *The Shakes: Romeo & Juliet Act III* (Friar Laurence).

New York Theater Credits: *The Chicken Situation* (Samuel French OOB); *Brotherly Love* (Left Out Festival); *Blogologues* (Lively Productions). Matt is also a musician, writer, and improviser. He has studied at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting and The Upright Citizens Brigade. He performs on the improv teams Phat Brudder and the Fancy Dinner Club.

**Yonghyun Choi** (Makepeace Nurse, u/s Pharoah, Farmer, Haley Joel) is excited to make his theatrical debut at The Flea. He currently trains at Wynn Handman Studio, and is a graduate of the William Esper Studio and AMDA.

**Whitney Conkling** (Goody Good) was last seen as Narcissa in *Restoration Comedy* and New Nurse in *These Seven Sicknesses*, both directed by Ed Sylvanus Iskandar. She has worked regionally at T.U.T.S., Weathervane Rep., 11:11, and Gan-e-meed. Whitney is a proud Native Texan and while in Texas she was a country singer and an opening act for Clay Walker. She is a graduate of The Boston Conservatory. www.whitneyconkling.com
Hannah Finn (Little Pride) is an NYC based theater artist. Recent acting credits include *Jack the Bird* (Tugboat Collective), *The Shakes* (The Flea), *Oedipus Rex* (ATA), *Kisses from Fujiwhara* (Pencil Productions), and #serials@theflea (The Flea). Originally from San Francisco, CA, Hannah is a graduate of Oberlin College, where she earned her B.A. in Theater & Dance. Additional training: SITI Company, Berkeley Rep, Reed Birney.

Glenna Grant (Ann Sr. Putnam) is excited to be back onstage at The Flea! Previous NYC credits include *These Seven Sicknesses* (Nurse One), *The Electric Lighthouse* (Cynthia), #serials@theflea, *Project ‘68* (with LAByrinth Theater). In addition to her stage work, Glenna was seen earlier this year in a featured role on Fox Network’s *The Following*, and has done voice work on several video games, including *Grand Theft Auto*, and *Red Dead Redemption*. Glenna holds a BFA in Acting from Purchase College, and is a founding member of the Brooklyn based experimental theater group, The Glass Bandits.

John Paul Harkins (John Paul Farmer) has appeared in over 40 productions in New York City, favorite roles include: Richard II, Horatio, John the Baptist, and Ensemble in Judith Malina’s *Here We Are* at the Living Theater. Previous Flea credits include: #serials@theflea, *The Shakes* (Madman, County Paris) He was the understudy for playwright Adriano Shaplin during The Flea’s production of *I Hate Fucking Mexicans*. John Paul also works in film, television, voice over, and modeling. He is also lead singer of the 90’s grunge cover band 90 Proof.
Kana Hatakeyama (Liz Pharaoh) The Flea: Mary-Kate Olsen is in Love (upcoming, dir. Kristan Seemel), The Shakes: The Honest Whore (dir. Danya Taymor), The Flying Latke, #serials@theflea. Other NYC Theatre credits include: The Sonic Life of Giant Tortoises (La MaMa ETC), Tommy Smith’s Tangerine EP (The Brick). Film: Split (dir. Deborah Kampmeier). A Duke University graduate with a BA in Theater & International Studies, Kana also trained at The Eugene O’Neill Theater Center & Michael Howard Studios and has studied traditional theater in her native country of Japan.

Christine Lee (Old Becky Nurse) is a singer, dancer, actor, and a Bat. She is very excited to dive into the world of Salem as Rebecca Nurse. She wants to thank all her fellow artists who inspired her while working on this unconventional and totally cool play. The Flea Theater: Nectarine EP (dir. Tommy Smith), a cautionary tail, The Shakes: The Honest Whore (dir. Benjamin Kamine). New York: Show Way the Musical (dir. Melissa Maxwell), Lola Luning’s First Steps (dir. Andrea Andresakis). Hecuba (dir. Joyce Laoagan) Webseries: “Into Girls.” www.actorchristinelee.com

Hank Lin (Israel Pharaoh) has performed in original works with Classic Stage Company/Plastic Theatre, Peculiar Works Project, Everyday Inferno, PlaylabNYC, and Coffee Black, as well as in #serials@theflea. He is a graduate of Brandeis University.
Jeff Ronan (Samm Pride) Previous credits at The Flea include *These Seven Sicknesses* (Oedipus), *The Shakes*, and #serials@theflea, where he has been featured as an actor and a writer. Regional: *Henry V*, *The Electric Baby*, and *Seven Homeless Mammoths* all with Two River Theater, *Red* with Re-Visions, and *The Shape of Things* and *Humbug* with Premiere Stages. Film/Web: *Dead Souls* (Chiller TV original movie), *Stunods* (stunodswebseries.com) and web cartoon *Astro-Cons* (blip.tv/astrocons). BFA from Kean University and training at Moscow Art Theatre School. Additional credits at Jeffronan.com

Isabella Sazak (Laura Indian) Jacques-Louis David in *Vainglorious*, Applied Mechanics, PIFA Festival; Isabella in *Isabella With Her Head in the Clouds* (*a one-woman show*), Dixon Place; Nina in *The Seagull*, Culbreth Theater; Co-Artistic Director of *Idly Bent Theater Company*; National Theater Institute; SITI Co; University of Virginia.

Michelle Silvani (Ann Jr. Putnam) is a proud native New Yorker. Happy to have been with The Bats since the creation of #serials@theflea, additional Flea credits include other late night mayhem *The Shakes*, musical workshops of Jenny Schwartz’s *Iowa*, *I Hate Fucking Mexicans* - her first collaboration with Adriano Shaplin, and Tommy Smith’s *Nectarine EP*. Other favorite roles have been Van’s Sister from *Dog Sees God* at Adelphi University, where she received her B.F.A. in Acting, and Little Sally of *Urinetown*. 

Sarah Flood in Salem Mass
Mariette Strauss (Mercy) The Flea: *The Shakes* and #serials@theflea. Mariette just filmed *After Tomorrow* (dir. Jill Campbell) produced by Christine Vachon of 20/20/20 Killer Films. She has worked regionally with Michigan’s Williamston Theatre and the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival. Mariette is a proud Michigan State University graduate. She would like to thank the Flea family for making this possible and her family and friends for their endless love and support.

Kate Thulin (Sarah Flood) The Flea: *a cautionary tail* by christopher oscar peña, dir. Benjamin H. Kamine, development lab for *IOWA*, a new musical by Jenny Schwartz and Todd Almond. Kate has also performed with TheaterworksUSA and at Wiliamstown Theatre Festival. Recent film: Janky Clown Production’s *High Maintenance* (w/ Hannibal Buress). Kate does improv and stand-up, and draws creepy cartoons for her blog, (mysisteriscoolerthanyou.tumblr.com). B.A. Vassar College. Coming up: Tugboat Collective/HERE Arts Center’s *OBEIDENT STEEL* by Chloe Brown, dir. Rebecca Wear, HERE Arts Center, November 2013.
Nate Washburn (Sheriff) is a proud member of The Bats, other shows at The Flea include *These Seven Sicknesses* (Ed Iskandar), *American Song* (Jim Simpson and Arthur Yorinks), and many weeks of #serials@theflea. A Connecticut native, he was recently seen in *The Odyssey Experience* (McCarter Theatre), *Henry V* (Arkansas Rep) and *Love’s Labour’s Lost* (The Shakespeare Forum). His film and TV work include *Wicked Attraction* (Investigation Discovery) and *Can You Survive a Horror Movie?* (SyFy Channel) and *The Sonnet Project* (NY Shakespeare Exchange). He wishes the best to his friends and ultra-supportive family.

UNDERSTUDIES
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Jed Krivisky (Sheriff, Thomas Putnam, Pride, Narrator, Makepeace) has been a resident actor with The Flea since September 2012 and has been seen in The Shakes: The Honest Whore, The Shakes: Romeo and Juliet, and serials@theflea. Past regional credits include A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (The Theater Barn), Wrong Window and Next Fall (Curtain Call Theatre) and the world premiere of Good-Bye Mary Rose (Cape Repertory Theatre). Jed has his BA in Fine and Performing Arts from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and is currently a resident of Westchester County.

Elly Smokler (Mercy, Ann Jr., Juyoung, Becky Nurse, Little Pride) Previously at The Flea: The Flying Latke, The Shakes: The Honest Whore and Romeo and Juliet, serials@theflea. New York select credits: Stop the Virgens (St. Ann’s Warehouse; dir. Adam Rapp); Andre Washington (The Chain Theatre); Reconcile, Bitch (Brooklyn Lyceum; dir. Lisa Szolovits). Various readings/workshops through select venues: The Flea, MCC Theater, and Joes Pub. Regional: Two Slatterns And A King (Williamstown Theatre Festival; dir. Knud Adams); Sitstandwalkliedown (Williamstown Theatre Festival; dir Phil Soltanoff). Elly graduated from Skidmore college with a degree in Acting. Thank you Alma.
CREATIVE TEAM

Adriano Shaplin (Playwright, Sound Designer) is a playwright, performer, sound designer, and artistic director of the Riot Group, an ensemble he co-founded in 1997. He is the author of 11 plays for the Riot Group including *Wreck the Airline Barrier, Pugilist Specialist, Victory at the Dirt Palace, Freedom Club* and *Sophie Gets the Horns*. In 2004 Adriano joined Pig Iron Theater Company to create the OBIE-award winning *Hell Meets Henry Halfway*, an adaptation of Witold Gombrowicz’s *The Possessed*. In 2006 Adriano became the first International Playwright-in-Residence with the Royal Shakespeare Company and his first play for the RSC, *The Tragedy of Thomas Hobbes*, opened at Wilton’s Music Hall in London in 2008. Adriano is a four-time recipient of the Scotsman Fringe First, a Sloan Foundation grant recipient, and has been commissioned by Playwrights Horizons, the Royal Shakespeare Company, New Paradise Laboratories, and Interact Theatre Company. His plays have been produced at the Soho Theater and Riverside Studios in London, the Arches in Glasgow, the Magic Theater in San Francisco, the Theater Der Welt Festival in Germany, the Philadelphia Live Arts Festival, Princeton University, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the Ice Factory Festival, 59e59 and The Culture Project. His most recent play, *Sophie Gets the Horns*, debuted at the Incubator Arts Project in May 2012. His plays have been published by Oberon Books, Playscripts Inc, and in the Yale School of Drama’s Theater journal.

Rebecca Wright (Director) has directed and dramaturged for PlayPenn, the Lark Play Development Center, and InterAct Theatre Company. She has developed work with Philadelphia-based performers for First Person Arts, The Philadelphia Fringe Festival, Micro-Fest Philadelphia, and SoLow Festival. Recent directing credits include *Sophie Gets the Horns* with the Riot Group, *Merry...*
Wives of Windsor with Shakespeare in Clark Park, 17 Border Crossings with Lucidity Suitcase Intercontinental, and Joan of Arc: Voices in the Fire with graduating MFA students at Columbia University, co-directed with Kristin Linklater. Rebecca is a co-founder of Applied Mechanics, with whom she creates immersive performance pieces, including Philadelphia Fringe Festival hit Overseers, and the 26-person historical fantasia Vainglorious: The Epic Feats of Notable Persons in Europe after the Revolution. She is a recipient of a 2012 Independence Fellowship in the Arts and a graduate of Artists U.

Caitlin Lainoff (Set Designer) is an LA based scene and production designer and puppetry artist who received her MFA from CalArts. She has designed for theater, opera, television and film, in Los Angeles, Philadelphia and New York. She has been the Independent Shakespeare Company’s scenic designer since 2010 and has been teaching at CSU Northridge since 2008. Sarah Flood is her second production design with the Riot Group; Sophie Gets the Horns premiered at Incubator Arts Project and was voted highbrow/brilliant by New York Magazine. She also devises experimental puppetry and recently participated in Soulographie at La MaMa.

Dante Olivia Smith (Lighting Designer) is a Lighting and Scenic Designer for theatre and dance. She is delighted to be at The Flea and to work with Rebecca again after a previous collaboration on Joan: Voices in the Fire (Columbia) New York: Waiting for Waiting for Godot (The Collective), Carcass (New Worlds Theatre) Tender Napalm and Love in Transit(The Shop), Romeo and Juliet(Empirical Rogue), Stabat Mater Fabulosa (Morningside Opera), In the Company of Jane Doe and Modern Dance for Beginners (Cake Productions). Notable productions include: the first production of Tony Kushner’s The Henry Box Brown Play, various Mike Daisey Monologues and Umo Ensemble’s Final Broadcast. In addition to
designing she is the Creator of Pandora’s Box Project, a play from many voices and collaborative art project committed to promoting a more productive dialogue about reproductive justice. MFA in lighting design, NYU/Tisch. BFA in lighting and scenic design, Cornish College of the Arts.

Nikki Delhomme (Costume Designer) is a freelance costume designer who recently moved to New York. Her designs have been presented in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles at companies that include: Yale Repertory Theatre, CalArts University, Disney’s RedCat Theatre, A Noise Within, Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Los Angeles Theatre Center, Avant Musical Festival, Theatre at the Center Indiana, Light Opera Works, Piven Theatre Ensemble, Strawdog Theatre, Evanston Dance Ensemble, and the Appletree Theatre. Her work has been showcased at the Praque Quaddrenial. She is the recipient of the Donald and Zorka Oenslager award for Stage Design, the Elizabeth Schrader Award, and was nominated for a Joseph Jefferson Equity award (2008) and a Garland award (2010). MFA Yale University, BFA Carnegie Mellon University. www.nikkidelhomme.com

THE FLEA STAFF

Jim Simpson (Artistic Director and Founder) Jim was a child actor in his hometown of Honolulu, as a teenager worked with Jerzy Grotowski in Poland, and holds degrees from Boston University School for the Arts and the Yale Drama School. He’s worked at many venues in New York City, Nationally and Internationally. Drama Desk cited for Downtown Adventurous Theater, Two-time OBIE-award winner, National Board of Review Excellence in Filmmaking, and cited for artistic leadership in Downtown New York by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council.

Carol Ostrow (Producing Director) joined 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, where she produced The Merchant of Venice, directed by Jim Simpson, the world premiere of Ezra Pound’s Elektra, directed by Carey Perloff as well as the acclaimed 30th anniversary production of Pinter’s The Birthday Party, among others. She was also the founder and original Producing Director of The Powerhouse Theater at Vassar, now in its 28th 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 dozens of world premieres and has been responsible for sound fiscal management of the theater’s $1M budget for eleven years. In addition to expanding and professionalizing infrastructure at The Flea, she helped to develop the theater’s current 18-member board of directors and has overseen the launch of a patron program that has raised more than $300,000 in the past three years. She has produced the theater’s successful galas and has helped The Flea win prestigious grants from The Andrew W. Mellon
Theater Program, The National Endowment of The Arts, The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, The Empire State Development Corporation and The Shubert Foundation, among many others. Carol is a graduate of Vassar College and the Yale Drama School. She is a board member of LAVA, an acrobatic dance collective, serves on the President’s Advisory Council of Vassar College and the Board of Advisors of the Yale Drama School, and on the executive committee of one of the oldest congregations in New York City, Central Synagogue. Married and the mother of four incredible young adults, she and her family count Pittsburgh, London, Montreal and now New York City once again as home.

Beth Dembrow (Managing Director) has been with The Flea since 2007 working on Oh, The Humanity and other exclamations by Will Eno, Lower Ninth by Beau Willimon, Kaspar Hauser by Liz Swados & Erin Courtney, Love/Stories (or But You Will Get Used to It) by Itamar Moses, The Great Recession, an evening of short plays by Thomas Bradshaw, Sheila Callaghan, Erin Courtney, Will Eno, Itamar Moses and Adam Rapp, Girls in Trouble by Jonathan Reynolds, Parents’ Evening by Bathsheba Doran, She Kills Monsters by Qui Nguyen, These Seven Sicknesses by Sean Graney and all other mainstage and downstairs productions. Prior to her arrival, she spent two and half years at Lincoln Center Theater where she worked on all mainstage and second stage productions, including the Tony-Award winning productions, The Light in the Piazza and Tom Stoppard’s The Coast of Utopia. Other management experiences include various Broadway and Off Broadway with Snug Harbor Productions (Steven Chaikelson and Brannon Wiles). Beth holds a B.A. from Cornell University and an M.F.A. in Theater Management and Producing from Columbia University.
Liz Blessing (Technical Director) Liz is happy to have found a home at The Flea Theater. Before coming to the Flea she was the Draftsperson for I. Weiss, creating construction drawings for rigging system installation on Broadway and beyond. Previous to that she was an Engineering Assistant for City Theatrical, Inc, where she helped test the W-DMX system. Liz has a B.S. from The College of William and Mary.

Erin Daley (Company Manager) comes to The Flea after spending last year producing Arena Stage’s Eugene O’Neill Festival in Washington D.C. Prior to this; she spent three years as a coordinator in Los Angeles working in film and commercials before her love of theater tore her away. After cutting her teeth as an independent producer and director, Erin is thrilled to have a found a home at The Flea where she can continue to work on exciting and innovative new theater. Erin is proud to have graduated from Skidmore College, Class of 2008.

Dominic Spillane (Audience Development Associate) began working with The Flea Theater in 2009 as an actor in The Great Recession performing in Sheila Callaghan’s Recess directed by Kip Fagan, Classic Kitchen Timer by Adam Rapp, and Severed by Erin Courtney. In 2011 he and partner Stephen Stout created and produced the hit late-night play competition #serials@theflea, now in its second year running. As a producer Dominic created the short film “Falling Down” which toured 4 international film festivals, and the one-act festival Dancing With Myself at the Working Stage theater in Los Angeles. In 2012 Dominic directed Bea Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table by Joe Tracz (Ars Nova’s ANT Fest), and Lighthouse by Charlotte Miller (Rattlestick Playwrights Theater’s TheaterJam). He has also directed short plays by Stacy Davidowitz and Leslye Headland.
David Sernick (Marketing Associate) graduated from Indiana University with a double BA in Political Science and Theatre & Drama along with a Certificate in Arts Administration. From 2009 – 2012 David was the Marketing Associate at Barrington Stage Company where he cultivated younger audiences with new media strategies thanks to a Future Audiences Grant from TCG. David founded Black Swan Theatre Project in Grand Rapids, MI and InPulse Productions in Bloomington, IN where he directed, produced and occasionally acted. Other directing credits include assistant directing at Barrington Stage Company and directing for Barrington Stage’s inaugural 10×10 New Play Festival.

Alek Deva (Development Associate) received a degree in English with a focus in Poetry Writing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During his tenure at UNC-CH, Alek worked nearly full time as the Master Electrician and in-house Lighting Designer at the University’s world-class Memorial Hall, the main performance venue of Carolina Performing Arts. After working with numerous theater, dance, and music artists from around the world, he decided to make the transition to the other side of the curtain. Alek studied for a year at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in their Performing Arts Management MFA program, during which time he produced a world premiere percussion and piano performance featuring award-winning percussionist Scott O’Toole and composer/pianist Alicia Willard. He most recently worked at the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company as their Marketing Associate, where he developed a dynamic and successful marketing campaign for world premiere musical Pregnancy Pact (by Gordon Leary and Julia Meinwald).
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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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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