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Over the years we have presented a wide variety of shows. Our mission has always been to give the public a wonderful alternative to the hustle and bustle of the city by bringing high class entertainment right to their doorstep. We strive to present shows never before seen at Gateway, as well as mixing in classical favorites.

While we wait for shows like THE PRODUCERS and LES MISERABLES to become available. we have the opportunity to broaden our artistic scope by presenting cutting edge shows like COLD AS ICE and the much anticipated CIRQUE DREAMS. Then we add in a touch of the classic with Sinatra, a title made famous by Marilyn Monroe, the huge Broadway success DREAMGIRLS, recently brought back to the spotlight by Hollywood - and finish off with a country rockin' bull ridin' adventure - URBAN COWBOY.

I would like to thank you for your support in helping us achieve our continuous goals. Without our loyal patrons, our staff and our ever increasing list of professional actors, musicians and technicians - Gateway Playhouse would be nothing but a dream, and we are proud to make it a reality, season after season...

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Musical Direction and Orchestrations by

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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

## FIGURE SKATERS

Maya	OKSANA BAIUL
Josh	DERRICK DELMORE
David	PHILIP DEYESSO
Chelsea	ERICA STARKMAN
Lindsay	STEPHANIE ROSENTHAL
Dean	
Kelly	SHANNON LENIHAN

## **ACTORS**

Maya	STACIE BONO*
Maya	DENNIS KENNEY*
David	BRIAN GLIGOR*
Chelsea	JESSICA MORTELLARO
Lindsay	ELIZABETH DANIELS*
Dean	
John	
Jan	ALANNA WILSON
Jan (Weekends)	KT MILLS
Natalia	ROBIN IRWIN*
Veronica	
Gwen	TINA JOHNSON*
Coach Doug	MICHAEL BAKER*
Coach Steven, Jonathan Brown	JULIAN SCHRENZEL
Jack	KEITH FRANCIS

## **ENSEMBLE**

DANIELLE DOMINICI, CINDY GURKA, MIMI ISHIDATE, LISA LAMACCHIA, CHRISTOPHER LAROSA, MONICA MALCOMSON, JODI LYNNE SYLVESTER

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SAMANTHA BOYLE, MAYA GINOR, MARIA GOROKHOV, LANIE HALPERN, ALEXA KAMEN, LAUREL MALLARDI, ASHTON MALLARDI, JULIA PASSARO, JENNA POLITOSKI, ALEXA BLAISE SANDBERG, MARIA LIVIA SCARSELLA, DEVIN SIMPSON, JORDAN SIMPSON, BRITTNEY SKARULIS, ALEXANDRIA SOBELMAN, ADELAIDE PONTE USDIN



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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

## **UNDERSTUDIES**

Maya .	SHANNON LENIHAN
Josh	JULIAN SCHRENZEL
David .	MICHAEL BAKER*
Chelsec	SHANNON LENIHAN
Lindsay	SHANNON LENIHAN
John	MICHAEL BAKER*

Dean	JULIAN SCHRENZE
Gwen	LISA LAMACCHIA
Veronica	Jodi lynne sylvestef
Natalia	Jodi lynne sylvestef
Coach Doug .	JULIAN SCHRENZE

## **MUSICIANS**

Conductor/Piano	JEFF WAXMAN
Keyboards	Brendan Whiting
Trumpet	JOE BOARDMAN
Reeds	MARK GATZ
Bass	CATHERINE O'MALLEY
Percussion	RICHIE SHAPIRO

## **MUSICAL NUMBERS**

### **ACT I**

"Skate, Skate"	Doug, Dean, Coaches, and Skaters
	Chelsea Maya
"I'm King of the Ice"	Josh and Female Skaters
	Josh and DeanGwen, Veronica, and Moms
-	Veronica
"We Get Lots of Snow in Cand	Lindsay ada"David, Hockey Players, and Skaters Full Company

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## **ACT II**

"Nobody Knows"	Chelsea and Lindsay
"Until I Met You"	
"I Never Took the Time"	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
"What You Wish For"	David, Josh, Dean, Lindsay, Chelsea, Maya
"Finale – What You Wish For"	Full Company





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DERRICK DELMORE



PHILIP DEYESSO



JOHN FLYNN





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ROBIN IRWIN



MIMI ISHIDATE



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OKSANA BAIUL (Maya on Ice) When Oksana Baiul was only three years old, her Grandfather gave her, her first pair of ice skates. By the time she was just seven years old, she would have already won her first of many competitions. The Ukrainian Skating Federation immediately took notice of her natural balletic style on the ice. In 1994, at 16 years old, the whole world watched as Oksana captivated our hearts and won the Olympic Gold Medal, proving that she is the best in the world. Soon after Oksana moved to the United States, turned professional and Barbara Walter's named her "One of the 10 Most Fascinating Personalities of 1994." Born in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine, she was the only child of parents who divorced when she was two. Her father faded out of her life, leaving her mother and her grandparents to raise Oksana. When Oksana was 10, her grandparents died. Tragically, three years later, her mother died of ovarian cancer. Soon after, Oksana's coach immigrated to Canada and Oksana was totally alone. Since her victory in Lillehammer, Oksana has kept busy participating in figure skating tours and competitions around the country, including Champions on Ice, Stars on Ice, CBS Sports Ice

Wars, CBS Sports Olympic Winterfest, the Goodwill Games, Celebration of Gold and Hallmark Skaters'TM Championship to name a few. Additionally, Oksana's life story was depicted in a CBS TV movie, A Promise Kept: The Oksana Baiul Story and she has published two books, Secrets of Skating/Oksana Baiul (Universe Publishing, 1997) and Oksana; My Own Story (Random House, 1997). Oksana has been profiled in several televised biographies including Lifetime Television's, "Intimate Portrait" (1998) and A&E's "Biography" (2003). Oksana is thrilled to be taking on this new challenge in her life, expanding her skating and her natural ability to perform, to musical theater. She is pleased to be originating the part of Maya in this new "cutting edge" show. While the Olympic Gold Medal seems like the pinnacle of skating, Oksana reaches everyday for new challenges and innovative ways to express her extraordinary gifts.

MICHAEL BAKER (Coach Doug) is pleased to be returning to the Gateway Stage after performing in A Christmas Carol this last holiday season. Michael has performed in several shows at Gateway on and off

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for the past six years making New York his home after college. Favorite shows at Gateway include: Miss Saigon (Capt. Shultz); Jekyll and Hyde (Newsboy); and Scarlet Pimpernel (Tussaud). When not on the Gateway Stage or teaching at the Gateway Acting School, Michael has been seen touring in shows throughout the country and in New York. He does miss his mother back at home on Bainbridge Island, Washington, and sends his love and thanks to her and his brothers, with special thanks to his Gateway family. He holds a B.F.A. in Acting from CW Post/LIU, and is a member of Actor's Equity Association. Cold As Ice has truly been an experience and he is excited to be a part of this brand new project with such a great cast and crew...and yes, he can now ice skate.

**STACIE BONO** (Maya) is thrilled to be performing in the first ever ice skating musical. Recently, Stacie originated the role of the villainess Laverna in the first national tour of Barbie Live! In Fairytopia. Film: When a Man Falls in the Forest (Sadie). Regional credits: Bingo the Musical (Honey), Guys and Dolls (Adelaide), Me and My Girl (Sally), Crazy for You (Polly), Spring Awakening (Martha) and Brigadoon (Fiona). Graduate of NYU (Tisch-CAP21). Proud AEA member. For GMA M.

**ELIZABETH DANIELS** (*Lindsay*) is very excited to be making her Gateway Playhouse debut! Previous credits include: *Cinderella* (Cinderella, Inside Broadway); *The Sound of Music* (Asian Tour); *The Music Man* (Zaneeta Shinn, La Comedia); *The Parrot* (Flea Theatre). Elizabeth has a B.F.A. from NYU, CAP 21. Many thanks to Dina and to Robin for giving me a job! Love as always to Mom and Dad for their constant support and to B., E., C., S., and all my friends in NYC! Proud new member of AEA.

**DERRICK DELMORE** (Josh on Ice) is a world renowned figure skater who has been a member of the U.S. Figure Skating International Team for 14 consecutive years. He has won numerous medals, including the 1998 World Junior title, and has made 17 straight appearances at the U.S. National Championships. Delmore has guest starred in shows throughout the world, and will be performing this fall in the nationally televised Stars, Stripes and Skates. Known for his combination of artistry and athleticism, he is credited as the first Junior to successfully complete a triple axel at the U.S. Championships.

He was also trained as a classical pianist in his early years, and earned the Paderewski medal for 10 years of playing at the national level. Delmore received an A.B.in Psychology and Communication from Stanford University in 2000, and currently coaches skaters in the Washington, D.C. area.

PHILIP DEYESSO (David on Ice) is extremely psyched to be making his Gateway Playhouse debut. His regional music theatre credits include: Footloose, Silk Stockings, Phantom, and Forum. He has also sailed the Caribbean for Disney Cruise Line performing in their mainstage musicals. Philip started figure skating after watching Ms. Baiul win her Olympic title. He has obtained three regional medals in freeskating, which qualified him for Sectional and National competitions. Special thanks to his family for their undying support and love, Frank and Tara for granting him with this wonderful opportunity, Tom and Lisa for their guidance, and also all his friends and fans who keep him going with their unending belief.

JOHN FLYNN (John) is delighted to be returning to the Gateway Playhouse, where he last appeared as Gregory Gardner in A Chorus Line. John is the co-creator of the underground hit Showgirls: The Best Movie Ever Made. Ever!. He can often be found performing at the Upright Citizen's Brigade, where he has written and performed in Nights of Our Lives, Project Improviser, and Themepark Superstar. John is a graduate of Hofstra University. www.allthingsflynn.com

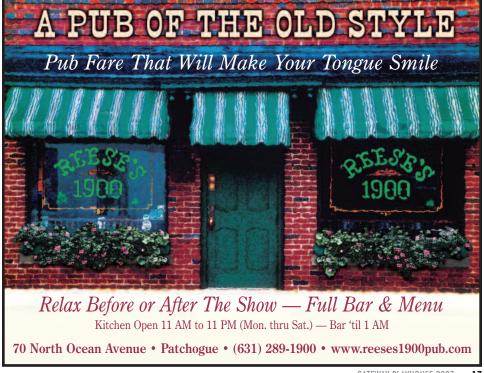
**KEITH FRANCIS** (Jack) is excited to be a part of his first production at the Gateway Playhouse. Over the years, Keith has performed in theaters throughout New York City and the region. Favorite credits include: Crazy for You (Bella Zanglar), Sound of Music (Capt. Von Trapp), As You Like It (Orlando), Moon Over Buffalo (Paul), Taming the Shrew (Pretucio), Midnight Interlude (Lord Derek Kensington) and more. He has trained in New York City at the Lee Strasberg Institute with Elaine Akins, he was a Member of Ensemble Studious NYC, and studied at Corner Loft Studios with Mark Lenard. Television Credits include One Life to Live, Another World, the Hollywood E Channel, and more. He has also performed as a SAG member in several feature films. He sends his appreciation and thanks to the entire cast and crew- with special thanks to his family for their love, support, encouragement and patience.

**BRIAN GLIGOR** (David) grew up in New Jersey, graduated Syracuse University, and now lives in New York City. Theatre credits include Mark in the National and Japan tours of *Rent* and Ethan in *The Full Monty*. TV credits include: "Guiding Light," "One Life to Live," and "All My Children." www.briangligor.com

TAMRA HAYDEN (Veronica) Broadway: Les Miserables (Cosette); Cabaret (Texas - Studio 54). Off Broadway: Jacques Brel...(Zipper). National Tours: Phantom of the Opera (Christine); Les Miserables (Cosette - a role she performed over 1800 times!); Fiddler on the Roof (Hodel - opposite Theodore Bikel). Regional: The Haunting of Winchester (Sarah Winchester - San Jose Rep.); It Ain't Nothin' But The Blues (Arizona, Missouri and Seattle Reps.); Eleanor: An American Love Story (Alice Roosevelt - Ford); Company (Marta - Denver Center); Carousel (Julie Jordan - Casa Manana). Tamra's solo singer/songwriter CD is available on CDBaby: www.tamrahayden.com.

MIMI ISHIDATE (Ensemble Skater) is very happy to be a part of this brand new dream production. She is originally from Tokyo, Japan. She has worked in various projects in the past as a skater, dancer, and actress. Her theatrical credits include: The King and I and Miss Saigon. She also performed with Disney on Ice, Prince Ice World, and Ice Theater of New York. Her love of the performing arts extends to circus, cruise lines, and music video. She is featured in Madonna's, "Nothing Really Matters." Thank you to my family and friends for their love and support.

**ROBIN IRWIN** (*Natalia*) is delighted to be returning to Gateway after appearing last season as Ms. Pennywise in *Urinetown*. Broadway/National Tours include; The Tony Award-winning *Titanic, Grease!*, and even the ill-fated *Dance of the Vampires*, all original casts. Regional/Off-Broadway credits include a number of sassy, scheming maids, and well-meaning prostitutes. Favorites: Aldonza in *Man of La Mancha*, and Sarraghina in *NINE* with D.J. Salisbury, Petra in *A Little Night Music*, and Dorine in *Tartuffe*. TV/Radio – "Sex in the City", "Jack and Mike", "Law & Order", and



voice-overs for everything from baby products to chain saws. Robin was invited to be a part of the Broadway All-Star Chorus celebrating Stephen Sondheim's 75th Birthday. She has also toured and sung with symphony orchestras around the world. Robin is a graduate of Northwestern University and teaches and coaches dynamic theater workshops throughout the country, and begins pursuits of a Masters Degree in Directing this summer. Love to Erick and my friends and family.

TINA JOHNSON (Gwen) is thrilled to be returning to Gateway this year after appearing as Miss Flannery in last year's Thoroughly Modern Millie. She has appeared on Broadway in State Fair, Damn Yankees, She Loves Me, South Pacific, Festival, and as Angel in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas! Off Broadway credits include: Christina Alberta's Father at the Vineyard, Blue Plate Special at MTC, Just So, Personals, Angry Housewives, The Audience and most recently Anne of Green Gables. National Tours: Maggie in 42nd Street, Lulu in Footloose, and Mrs. Claus in The Radio City Christmas Spectacular. T.V.: "Law and Order: SVU," "Murphy Brown," "Empty Nest," "Newhart," and Lurlene in NBC's Soap "Texas." Film: Saving Face, Fireflies. Proud

member of A.E.A. for 40 years. Yes, I was a child actor! Love to Mark and Alice.

**DENNIS KENNEY** (Josh) is honored to be sharing the stage with such talented performers. Credits include the production of Mame at the Kennedy Center starring Christine Baranski and Harriet Harris; the role of Eddie in the Las Vegas Company of Mamma Mia!; the first national tour of 42nd Street (U/S Andy Lee); The Pajama Game at Baltimore Center Stage (Charley); Bernardo in West Side Story (Gateway Playhouse). He holds a B.F.A. in Drama from Carnegie Mellon University. He would like to dedicate this show to Robin Joy Allan. Thank you for always believing in me!

LISA LAMACCHIA (Skating Mother/Ensemble) is thrilled to be making her first appearance at Gateway Playhouse. Credits include: Crazy for You (Irene); Pippin (Catherine); Grease (Marty) and Debbie Does Dallas The Musical (Debbie). To my Mom, the beautiful and talented Linda Lemac. I'm all that I am because of you. Rest in Peace.

SHANNON LENIHAN (Kelly on Ice) recently graduated with Honors from Queen's College earning a Bachelor's degree in Theater and Dance. She is currently the Head Coach of Parkwood Skate School in Great Neck and a Choreographer for the Stars, Stripes, and Skates 2007 show. She is a former Cheerleader/Icegirl for the NY Islander's and a former North Atlantic Regional Competitor. This is Shannon's favorite role she has ever played as it combines her theatrical passion and figure skating ability. She would like to thank her family, Mark, Tara Modlin, Mori and the Parkwood team for all their love and support. A special thanks to Marie Lester, as it was Marie who instilled in Shannon the love of skating.

**KT MILLS** (Jan) After hosting Gateway shows for 13 years, this is the second production that KT has had the pleasure of being a part of. Thank you Ruth, Robin, and Paul for the opportunity! And thanks to everyone for their support, especially, Jo, Nick, Karen, and Neil. In her other life, KT hosts Afternoon-Drive on WALK Radio. Favorite parts include leading

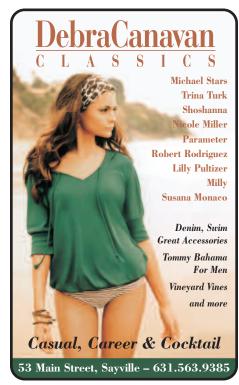
roles in Christopher Fry's, *The Lady's Not For Burning* and Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet.* Musical Theater credits include: *The Boys From Syracuse* and *Side by Side by Sondheim*. KT will always be grateful for her unusual theatrical upbringing – her parents, themselves, are Broadway veterans.

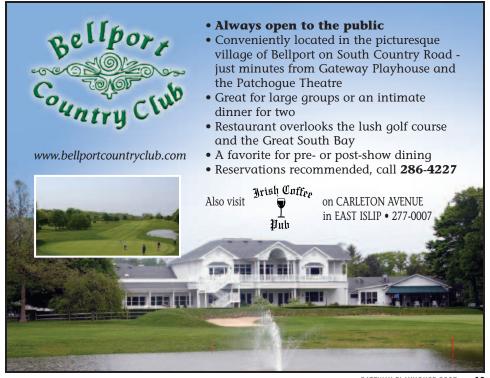
JESSICA MORTELLARO (Chelsea) is thrilled to be returning to the Gateway stage. She has been a part of the Gateway family for 15 years starting with her role as the Balloon Girl in Gypsy at age 8. Since then, she has been seen at Gateway in The Sound of Music (Brigitta); Big (Ensemble); Titanic (Stewardess Hutchingson); Gypsy (Hollywood Blonde); as well as numerous Children's Theater and Acting School productions. Other credits include: The Real Thing (Debbie) at Syrcause Stage, The Teaspoon One Act Festival at The Producer's Club, and The Bruins, an independent film, which will premiere on Long Island in October. Much thanks to Robin, Paul, and everyone at Gateway for more and more wonderful memories at this theater; and all my love to my Mom, Dad, and brother Michael.

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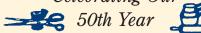
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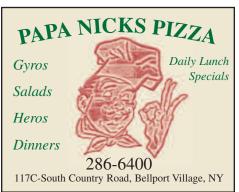
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STEPHANIE ROSENTHAL (Lindsay on Ice) has been figure skating for over fifteen years. She is a four-time US National competitor. At the 2006 National Championship, where she placed 8th, she received the Professional Skaters Association "Most Outstanding Performance" award. She is known for her innovative style and unique choreography, especially her ability to bring hip hop dance onto the ice. Steph has been skating in shows from the time she was ten years old. She was a Child of Light in the Olympic Opening and Closing Ceremonies. She has had the honor of being a soloist and guest star in several shows in her hometown of Salt Lake City. Utah as well as, the Sun Valley Ice Show, Champions on Ice, and the Jimmy Fund Show. She has been dancing since she was four years old and has been a choreographer and dancer in several different companies. She currently attends Yale University, where she most recently choreographed, Little Shop of Horrors, the musical. She is also a performing and choreographing member of both Yaledancers and Rhythmic Blue hip hop dance company at Yale. She is absolutely honored to be a part of this production. This has been an incredible and exciting expe-

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rience. She would like to thank the rest of the cast, her friends,her parents Lisa and Harry Rosenthal, and her sister Mallory for their love and support.

**JULIAN SCHRENZEL** (Coach Steven, Jonathan Brown) is very happy to be making his Gateway Playhouse debut in Cold As Ice. Originally, from Seattle, WA, Julian has lived in New York City for the past three years. Musical stage roles include: Sky Masterson in Guys and Dolls, Max in Lead Me a Tenor, Riff in West Side Story, Jesus in The Passion, and Perchik in Fiddler on the Roof. T.V and film credits: "Law and Order" and industrial films for I.B.M. and New Balance. Feel free to check him out at www.schrenzel.net. Julian dedicates these performances to his beautiful and supportive fiancé Jenny.

**ERICA STARKMAN** (Chelsea) is originally from Miami, Florida and now lives in Princeton, New Jersey. She is a member of the Skating Club of New York and has been trained by Andrei Pachin, Debbie Starkman, Robin Wagner, Bonni Retzkin, Peter Burrows, Ron Ludington, and Jeff DiGregorio. Erica is a USFSA Double Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field and

Freestyle, North Atlantic Regional Senior Competitor and International Competitor. She has also been a New York Islanders Pepsi Girl Cheerleader at Nassau Coliseum and has performed at Madison Square Garden, Rockefeller Center and Wollman Rink.

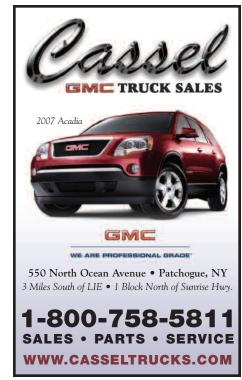
**STEVEN DOUGLAS STEWART** (Dean) is thrilled to be making his debut performance with Gateway Playhouse in Cold As Ice. Hailing from a small town in Texas, Steven has now become a proud New Yorker. His other regional credits include: A Chorus Line (Mike); Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Lumiere); Cats (Skimbleshanks); Forever Plaid (Sparky); You're a Good Man Charlie Brown (Snoopy); and Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida. Steven holds a B.A. in Musical Theatre from West Texas A&M University. He would like to thank God, as well as, his family and friends, without whom he would be nothing.

JODI LYNNE SYLVESTER (Skating Mother/ Reporter/Ensemble) is elated to once again be part of the Gateway Family where she was last seen in A Christmas Carol this past December. She holds a voice degree from the Opera Institute at Boston

University. Dedicated to show business for 15 years, Jodi has traveled the world in operas, musicals, plays, film, TV, radio and as a spokesmodel. Off-Broadway: Antigone (Chorus Leader), Swamp Fever (World Premiere), No Greater Love (Virgin Mary) Regional Favorites: Hello Dolly! (Dolly), Phantom (Christine), Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (Miss Mona), Jekyll and Hyde (Emma), Carousel (Julie), South Pacific (Nellie), Little Women (Aunt March), Beauty and the Beast (Mrs.Potts)...to name a few. Tours: Kiss Me Kate (Kate), Music Man (Marian), A Christmas Carol (Christmas Past), Titanic: The Musical (Alice Beane), Man of La Mancha starring Sheena Easton and Walter Charles, TV: HBO'S "Sex and the City." Many thanks to the Lord, family and friends for their gifts of love and support. What an honor to be a part of this exciting World Premiere!!!!

**ALANNA WILSON** (Jan) is thrilled to be performing with Gateway for the first time! In NYC, she was last seen in *Christmas Interruptus* (The Producer's Club) and *Wishing Time* and *The Mask of the Dancing Princess* with Vital Theatre Company. Regional credits include: *Into the Woods* (Little Red); *Hair* (Crissy);







Once Upon a Mattress (Winnifred); and Annie (Lily St. Regis). Alanna can also be seen in the upcoming feature film, My Sassy Girl. Special thanks to Robin and everyone at Gateway, as well as my family and friends for their love and support.

**LANCE VIPOND** (Dean on Ice) is excited to be making his debut with the Gateway Playhouse. Stage credits include: Gypsy, The Life, Me and My Girl, and Oklahoma!. As a figure skater, Lance was a

Canadian National team member and a World Junior Competitor. Thanks to Frank and the entire Gateway team for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

**PAUL ALLAN** (*Producer*) has been involved in theatre since before he can remember. In the early days of Gateway, he spent his summers following around his grandfather who had his hands full trying to make ends meet - running a theatre in the 60's. Paul grew up here, looking forward to each summer and

being able to do more each year. By the time he was a teenager he was beginning to take charge of maintaining this 7 acre complex as well as becoming an integral part of the back stage crew. In the 80's as a young Gateway producer, Paul spent part of the winter months working in NY on many off-Broadway shows - serving as technical supervisor, production manager, and/or show carpenter. At the same time he co-founded a touring company whose shows traveled throughout the US and other countries worldwide. The set rental company was also founded at this time and Gateway scenery is constantly being trucked to various theatres across the country. The main focus, though, is still the productions he produces here for our patrons. This season begins with his 159th production.

**KEITH ANDREWS** (*Director/Choreographer*): is especially excieted to be back at Gateway after directing last years production of *Urinetown* and 2005's *The Full Monty.* He started at Gateway by perfoming in *The Music Man* and *Big: The Musical* as well as being assistant choreographer for the latter. Previously

Keith has directed the National Tours of The Full Monty and Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah, Recent credits include: Pirates of Penzance and My Way, the Sinatra Tribute at St. Michael's Playhouse, Dirty Blonde at the Barnstormers Theater, Sweet Charity, Godspell, Pump Boys and Dinettes, Forever Plaid, and many more. Keith choreographed the off-Broadway revival of Hello Muddah..., as well as productions of Joseph..., Little Me, and Promises, Promises, to name a few. As a performer, Keith has toured around the world with shows such as: West Side Story, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Mame, and The Radio City Christmas Spectacular. In educational theater, he associate directs and choreographs the student showcases at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in NYC and has directed in the musical theater program at the USDAN Center for the Creative and Performing Arts here on Long Island. Thanks so much to Frank for his vision, patience and faith and to Robin and Paul for everything and then some.



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## WHO'S WHO

**JEFF WAXMAN** (Musical Director) has worked in New York as a musical director, arranger, composer, musician and producer for over 25 years. He owns Dancing Bull Music and Waxtrax Recording where he produces and composes music for television and film (commercials, television themes, documentaries, etc.) and for pop, rock, folk and country artists. Most recently Jeff was the orchestrator, vocal arranger and musical director for the new musical. "Almost Heaven. Songs and Stories of John Denver", which made its world premiere recently at the Tony Award-winning Denver Center Theatre Company. He received a Drama Desk nomination for his orchestrations for the hit Off-Broadway Musical, Woody Guthrie's American Song. Jeff produced the Grammy nominated cast album of the Broadway Musical, Doonesbury, which he also arranged, conducted and musical directed. Other Broadway work includes: Gorey Stories, The Cherry Orchard at Lincoln Center and Into The Light. Jeff has also created original music for several Emmy Award winning video projects. Artists Jeff has produced appear on BMG, Sony, Casablanca/ Polygram, MCA, Epic and various independent labels. Jeff has written, arranged and produced music for commercial children's educational products, including product for Sesame Street, Berlitz, Scholastic and many other publishers.

FRANK A. D'AGOSTINO (Creator of "Cold As Ice"/ Playwright, Composer / Lyricist). Frank holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing with a minor in Theatre from Siena College in Loudonville, New York and has written and produced many full length plays, musicals and cabaret shows throughout the United States. His nationally released album "Moments" was nominated for album of the year by the Manhattan Association of Cabaret's (M.A.C). He is a member of ASCAP and the Dramatist Guild. His list of musicals include: Vivianna, which is a modern day version of La Traviata, (2002 Perry Award nomination for outstanding production of a new musical), the Grand Theatre at the Producer's Club Theatres on West 44th Street, My Heinous Life finished a successful run at the William S. Buck Memorial Theatre in New Hope PA and The Eatontown Playhouse and Dramatist Guild, New York (2003 Perry Award nomination for outstanding original production of a new musical). His musical, Cravings, played at the Phillips Mill Playhouse in Pennsylvania and at the Kraine Theatre in New York City. Frank has also received stellar reviews for the musical revue entitled, If The Boy Is Prettier Than You, which played at Danny's Skylight Room, Judy's in

New York City and Odett's in New Hope PA. Frank is an accomplished figure skater and coach. He is a United States Figure Skating Association Gold Medalist and has skated to his own musical compositions at the United States Open in (1993) and (1994). Frank is a member of the Dramatist Guild, Inc., where he has appeared as a panelist and moderator several times discussing Playwriting and Producing. Cold As Ice is his latest musical and he is thrilled that tonight his worlds of figure skating and theatre will meld together for this first time performance. Thanks to Paul Allan and Robin Allan of the Gateway Playhouse, for taking on this new project. Also Tara Modlin, of Fireworks ICS for publicity / promotion. Jeff Waxman and Keith Andrews for their care and diligence. The cast and crew at Gateway for bringing the script to life. Special thanks to Angelo Del Rossi for his invaluable assistance and auidance.

TARA EVE MODLIN (Associate Producer, On-ice Choreography, Skater Casting, Marketing) is a former national competitive figure skater and current coach, originally from Great Neck, Long Island. Since she graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2000, she has become Founder and President of Fireworks ICS, a New York-based sports and entertainment marketing firm. Events that Tara has produced and marketed include "Stars, Stripes, and Skates ICEtravaganza" which has raised funds for The Heritage Foundation of 9/11. The foundation educates young Americans about the events of 9/11 and the heroic efforts that were shown by people around the world. The past five annual skating spectaculars were presented with a who's who in the world of figure skating including Oksana Baiul, Nancy Kerrigan, Sasha Cohen, Johnny Weir, and many other well known entertainers. These events were presented at Madison Square Garden and Nassau Coliseum and have been televised nationally on NBC, Comcast's CN8, SportsNet New York, WABC, and other networks. Fireworks has also produced the Reckson Plaza Christmas Spectacular televised on CW11 and other major sporting events. Fireworks has also provided corporate hospitality and athlete representation at two Olympic Games. Tara is also Oksana Baiul's Personal Manager. Tara is thrilled to be part of the original production of "Cold As Ice" here at the Gateway Playhouse which she feels will take the world of ice skating to a new level. On behalf of Skating Professionals around the world Tara would like to personally thank Frank D'Agostino (her "Will")

for giving these skaters and actors an opportunity to create this new art form.

**DEAN ANDERSON** (*Playwright*) holds a Master of Arts in Theater and Communication from Idaho State University. He taught theater and speech for over twenty years at Tusculum College, ISU, and the University of Florida. He is a former Board Member of the Monmouth County Arts Council. He is on the Board of Directors of Monmouth Players in Red Bank, New Jersey. He has co-authored *My Heinous Life* with Frank D'Agostino and continues to act, direct, and write. Dean and Frank have worked together since 1994.

**ROBIN JOY ALLAN** (Casting and Artistic Director) has been the Casting Director at Gateway for the last twelve years. Four years ago, she became the Artistic Director at Gateway which includes not only several Manhattan excursions to cast all productions, but involves planning advertising strategies for all productions, hiring creative staff, designing season ads, posters and booklets, overseeing artistic aspects of each production, costumes, sets and wigs, overseeing Children's Theatre, beautifying the Gateway property from choosing paint colors for actor housing, to adding new perennial floral additions to the Gateway landscape. Prior to moving back home into the wonderland setting of her childhood, she did thrive in Corporate America, spending five years in Los Angeles, casting several TV pilots, MOW's and feature films. You'll find her name on the feature films; Parenthood, When Harry Met Sally, Lord of the Flies, Side Out and Ghost. Along with her Artistic and Casting Director duties, she is the force behind Gateway's Acting School Division, where she teaches the advanced classes. This is her most impassioned work. Her daughter Hayley, inspires her every day. She hopes her effort is good enough to honor her family, and their amazing effort all these years to bring theatre with integrity to Long Island.

AARON SPIVEY (Lighting Designer) Off-Broadway: From My Hometown, 4 Guys Named José, Golf: The Musical and Elle with Alan Cumming. On Broadway: Aaron has served as the Associate or Assistant designer on several productions including all three parts of The Coast of Utopia, Tarzan, Little Women, Glengary Glen Ross, and The Pirate Queen. Currently, Mr. Spivey is the associate designer for the new Broadway production of Grease. Other New York credits include, From My Hometown, and Starmites 2001 (Amas Musical Theater), King Lear (Aulis Collective), Waiting for Godot

(The Actors Institue), The Naked Earth and The Life and Times of Ng-Chung Yin (Yangtze Rep) and assiciate designer for Chess: In Concert at the New Amsterdam. Regional credits include include 4 Guys Named José (Actors Playhouse), Mame (The Helen Hayes Performing Arts Center), Little Shop of Horrors and Beautiful Dreamer (Cherry County Playhouse), The King and I and Joseph (Carousel Dinner Theater), Big River and Annie Get Your Gun (Seacoast Repertory Theater.)

KELLY TIGHE (Scenic Designer) Off Broadway: The Fantasticks, Almost Heaven. Regional: Aida, Cats, The Full Monty, and Jesus Christ Superstar (Gateway Playhouse); Beauty and the Beast, Grease, Titanic, The Who's Tommy, My Fair Lady (Contra Costa Musical Theatre); Annie, Kiss Me Kate, Joseph/Dreamcoat (Ohio's Carousel Dinner Theater); West Side Story, The Scarlet Pimpernel (Diablo Light Opera Co.); Around The World In 80 Days, The Pavilion, Picasso at the Lapin Agile (Center Repertory Co.); The Laramie Project, A Midsummer Nights Dream (PPAS/ NYC). Mr. Tighe served as the resident Scenic designer for Western Michigan's Cherry County Playhouse (The Music Man starring William Katt and Josie DeGuzman, and the world premiere of Will's Women starring Amanda McBroom), as well as Center Rep in the San Francisco Bay Area. Television: "Sunday Night Woah!" (starring Mo Rocca) for Animal Planet as well as several spots for Verizon, Kit Kat, Disney, and the Oxygen network. Awards and recognitions: Northern California's "Shellie", Drama-Logue, and the S.F. Bay Area's Outer Critic's Circle. Kelly resides in New York City.

JIMMY JOHANSMEYER (Costume Designer) is happy to mark his Gateway Playhouse debut with Cold As Ice. He recently made his New York debut with Phil Hail's Matthew Passion. Other recent credits include: Brighton Beach Memoirs and Murder on the Nile at The Emelin Theatre in Mamaroneck and the world premiere of two new musicals, Cinderella Skeleton and Oliver Twist at the Downtown Cabaret Theatre in Bridgeport, CT. His work has also been seen at Cortland Repertory Theatre (NY), The Theatre Barn (NY), Gorilla Theatre (FL), Theatreworks New Milford (CT), Stamford Center for the Arts (CT), Arundel Barn Playhouse (ME), and on the mainstage of the Downtown Cabaret Theatre, where he continues his work as Wardrobe Supervisor and Resident Designer for the Children's Company. Special thanks to Bert for always being there with a smile.\*

## FEATURED PERFORMERS: THE FIGURE SKATING COMPANY

Never before has a book musical been written incorporating figure skating, and Cold As Ice is written by, about, and starring world-class skaters. The six lead performers enjoy successful competitive careers and appear in ice shows around the world, but there are different challenges playing a character and

skating on a surface 1/32 the size of a typical ice arena. However, the Cold As Ice company couldn't be more excited by the opportunity to be part of a completely new, innovative project.

In January, Oksana Baiul (Maya) was asked by her manager to come into her office to read a script. "They said she's the one, and that's it – we went right into preproduction and promoting the play," Baiul said. Philip Deyesso (David) threw himself into the show wholeheartedly, he was inspired to start skating after seeing Baiul win the 1994 Olympic gold medal, and has appeared in regional musicals. "I was doing Footloose in Kansas when my friend forwarded me the audition notice. I thought, oh, this is my calling, sign me up now!" he said. "The timing was perfect for me, too" said Derrick Delmore (Josh), "I was thinking this might be my last year of competitive skating, and this would be a good transition into the world of acting."

Compared to a huge arena, the 35' x 40'stage ice is far more intimate and requires skaters (used to broad gestures designed to reach a crowd of thousands) to scale down their movements and increase their acting skills. "It took a while for me to become comfortable in my shoes," Baiul said, "People are sitting right there and will see you up close. This is a very different type of work, but I was looking for a project like this, I love challenges." Stephanie Rosenthal (Lindsay), who has worked with Baiul before and recently choreographed Little Shop Of



Horrors for Yale University thinks the show is great for the skating community. "I feel skating is kind of stuck artistically and it is exciting to be blended with some of the other arts," she said.

Lance Vipond (Dean), said of the playwright, Frank D'Agostino, "You don't come across

someone like that often, an author of musicals who has a background in skating. I think if someone who hadn't been a skater wrote it, it wouldn't have the heart it does." Vipond is a choreographer who has created programs

for Canadian National Champion Jamie Sale and 2006 Junior National Champion Joey Russell. Working with Baiul has been a wonderful experience for the skaters as well. Erica Starkman (Chelsea) said, "She has a lot of insight on how to connect with the audience and has helped me a lot." Vipond agrees, saying, "She tells a story on ice like no one else." Baiul, though, is modest. "It is a team effort," she said, "You give to them, and they give to you." This Cold As Ice team is proud to give this show to Gateway Playhouse patrons.\*

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## THE GATEWAY WINDMILL

One of the most recognizable features of the Gateway property is the wisteria-covered wooden windmill that stands next to the office building. The exact origins of the structure are lost to time: it was probably built between 1868 when the house that is now the office was built, and 1884 when the Mott family acquired the former Osborne estate. The brick building attached to it was built first and the windmill went up around it. Gateway's founder, Harry Pomeran, along with his wife Libby and their children, Sally, David and Ruth, bought the property in the early 1940's and began operating it as a hotel. "We never called it a windmill, it was always 'the pump house', because under the stairs there is a huge artesian well," executive producer Ruth Allan remembers, "It pumped all the property's water and it was known as the best water in Bellport."

The family made the hotel as self-sufficient as possible, raising chickens, and growing fruit and vegetables. The Pump House became something of a fruit cellar, where Libby stored all her canned goods. "During the 1940's we had 200 chickens, and because we didn't have hotel guests in the winter, Mom preserved the eggs in brine. She also made jelly, and pickled pears from the pear tree. For us, the pump house was also my Dad's toolshed," said Ruth. The local wildlife found uses for the building as well - a family of white owls took up residence in the top of the tower.

On September 15, 1944, the Great Atlantic Hurricane made land for a second time on the East Coast, slamming into Long Island with 85 mph winds. The windmill's wheel fins were the only casualties of the storm on the Gateway property. "They were found as far away as Head of the Neck Road," said Ruth, "That night we stayed up praying and not one of those fins came down on anyone's house." Harry Pomeran had installed an electric pump by then, so the fins were not replaced. Harry also reinforced the interior corners of the tower with steel.

The building became a landmark, being the tallest structure around, it could be seen comina in from Bellport Bay. "It would be easy just to take it down, but it would be very hard not to have it. That, the barn, and the old wing of the house, that's Gateway. It's important to preserve it because of its antiquity," declared Ruth

Over the years, age and weather took their toll on the windmill. The top of the structure had been steadily leaning at the rate of 2-3 degrees a year, but

by this past autumn, the pitch had worsened to where the Allan family began to worry that a bad nor'easter would blow it off. The Bellport Fire Dept was called in to lend the services of their snorkel truck to temporarily shore up the building. Two weeks later a crane was hired to remove the top, and the family decided to begin restoration.

Architects Keith DeLucia from J&B Designs and Jack Rosebery from Rosebery Architectural Studio,



Medford firms specializing in historic buildings, have created a design that will bring the windmill back to its 1940 look including the roof, picket fence around the top, wheel and fins. Paul plans for the restored windmill to be functional, "It should generate enough electricity to power itself, its lighting, etc," he said. Gateway Playhouse will offset the restoration costs with a special event, "The Summer Wind" a concert that will feature songs and singers from Gateway's bestloved productions.

What everyone associates most with the windmill is the wisteria that grows over it, probably planted in the 1880's. Every year, the Allans, the Gateway staff, and patrons eagerly look forward to its blooming. "We've had to cut it back several times because it gets so heavy," said Ruth, "but it always comes back". As will the windmill.★





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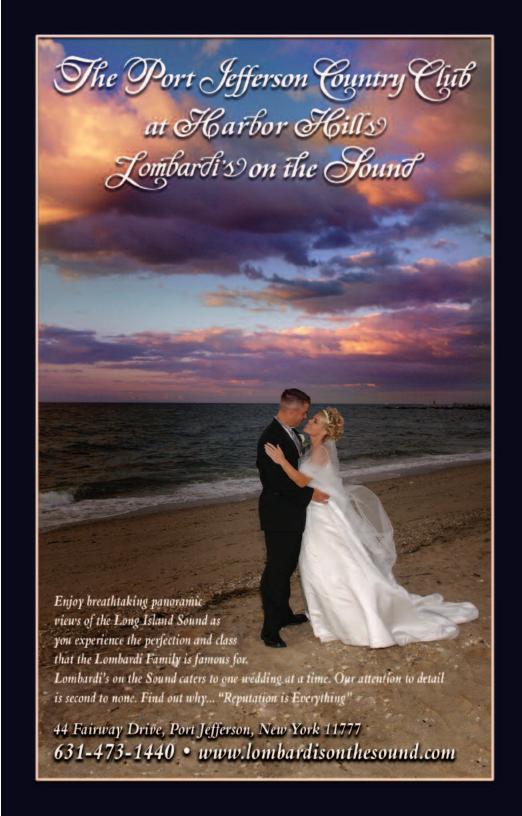
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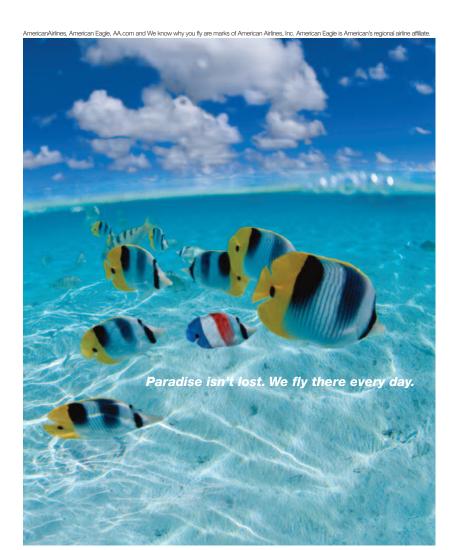
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