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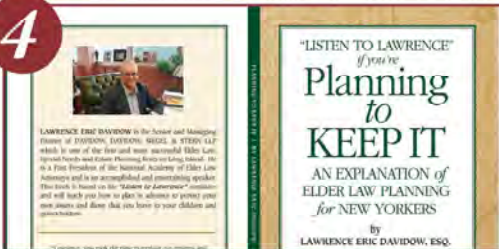
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Male soloist	IAN LORELLO
Female Soloist	COURTNEY HICKS
Aerialist.....	DAYRON TONDIKE
Fire Specialty.....	KAYLEIGH LINKOUS
Vocalists	JENNIFER BRETT, SHANNON GIBBONS, ZION MIDDLETON, TYLER SHORE
Young Skaters	GABRIELLE KANOG FREEMAN*, REESE SOPHIA WUSTENHOFF*
Tiny Skaters.....	ALEXANDRA "LEXI" KONONCHUK*, MACKENZIE ROWAN*
Youth Ensemble.....	SONNIE BETTS*, KAILYN COLLINS*, SOFIA DA COSTA-WILSON*, AVERY DAWSON*, EMILIA GILLIGAN*, GAVIN GRONENTHAL*, SAMANTHA HAYES*, ROSALIE KUBACKI*, JULIUS LOVELACE*, CHARLOTTE O'LEARY*, CHASE PETRUCCI*, ABIGAIL PIROZZI*, ELLA ROGACKI*, ANTHONY SCHEIFELE*, MOON SOSSICH*, LIAM VALENTI*, KYLE WALTERS*, BREE WILKINS*
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ACT I

Where Are you, Christmas?	GABRIELLE FREEMAN*, REESE WUSTENHOFF*, MACKENZIE ROWAN*, ALEXANDRA BOUTCHATSKI*, NANCY KERRIGAN, SONNIE BETTS*, SOFIA DACOSTA WILSON*
Holiday Shoppers	NANCY KERRIGAN, YOUNG SKATER, TINY SKATER, ENSEMBLE SKATERS
Welcome	NANCY KERRIGAN
Happy Holidays	SHANNON GIBBONS, JENNIFER BRETT, TYLER SHORE
Winter Wonderland	ZION MIDDLETON, TYLER SHORE, JENNIFER BRETT, SHANNON GIBBONS, MALE ENSEMBLE SKATERS, FRANK SWEIDING, ANITA HARTSHORN, NANCY KERRIGAN
Sleigh Ride	FEMALE ENSEMBLE SKATERS
Santa Baby	JENNIFER BRETT, MALE ENSEMBLE SKATERS
Toy Soldiers	NANCY KERRIGAN, TINY SKATER, TYLER SHORE, YOUTH SINGERS, FEMALE ENSEMBLE SKATERS, AARON J. GUTMAN
All I Want For Christmas Is You	JENNIFER BRETT, LAURA SEAL, IAN LORELLO
The Christmas Song	ZION MIDDLETON, TYLER SHORE, JENNIFER BRETT, SHANNON GIBBONS, ALIVIA SIGNORIO, ALLEN SHANNON, RACHEL THOMAS, AARON J. GUTMAN
Run, Run Rudolph	IAN LORELLO, MARINA NELSON, COURTNEY HICKS, ALEX HUGHES PARKER, LAURA SEAL, GIANVANA NERI, KAYLEIGH LINKOUS
Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree	ZION MIDDLETON, JENNIFER BRETT, AARON J. GUTMAN, RACHEL THOMAS
Two-Step Round The Christmas Tree	ZION MIDDLETON, JENNIFER BRETT, SHANNON GIBBONS, TYLER SHORE, NANCY KERRIGAN
Hangin' Round The Mistletoe	DAYRON TONDIKE
Two-Step (Reprise)	ZION MIDDLETON, JENNIFER BRETT, SHANNON GIBBONS, TYLER SHORE
Up On The Housetop	ENSEMBLE SKATERS
You Make it Feel Like Christmas	JENNIFER BRETT, TYLER SHORE, ANITA HARTSHORN, FRANK SWEIDING
Jingle My Bells	ENSEMBLE SKATERS, FRANK SWEIDING, ANITA HARTSHORN
Like It's Christmas	NANCY KERRIGAN, SHANNON GIBBONS
Feliz Navidad	ZION MIDDLETON, YOUTH SINGERS
Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer	YOUTH SINGERS, GIANVANA NERI
Frosty The Snowman	YOUTH SINGERS, ALLEN SHANNON, MARINA NELSON, GIANVANA NERI, RACHEL THOMAS, COURTNEY HICKS, ALIVIA SIGNORIO, ALEX HUGHES PARKER, KAYLEIGH LINKOUS
I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus	YOUTH SINGERS, JENNIFER BRETT, ZION MIDDLETON, MARINA NELSON, GIANVANA NERI, RACHEL THOMAS, COURTNEY HICKS, ALIVIA SIGNORIO, ALEX HUGHES PARKER, KAYLEIGH LINKOUS
Underneath The Tree	FULL COMPANY

ACT II

Christmas Eve/Sarajevo	COURTNEY HICKS
White Christmas	NANCY KERRIGAN, ZION MIDDLETON, JENNIFER BRETT, TYLER SHORE, SHANNON GIBBONS
Christmas Time Is Here	JENNIFER BRETT, SHANNON GIBBONS, ZION MIDDLETON, TYLER SHORE, IAN LORELLO, LAURA SEAL, DAYRON TONDIKE, RACHEL THOMAS, ALIVIA SIGNORIO, ALLEN SHANNON
Chanukah, O Chanukah	YOUNG SKATER, TINY SKATER, FEMALE ENSEMBLE
Baby, It's Cold Outside	JENNIFER BRETT, ZION MIDDLETON
Christmas (Baby, Please Come Home)	SHANNON GIBBONS, ANITA HARTSHORN, FRANK SWEIDING
Carol of the Bells	MALE ENSEMBLE
Silent Night	MARINA NELSON, RACHEL THOMAS, COURTNEY HICKS, ALIVIA SIGNORIO, ALEX HUGHES PARKER, LAURA SEAL, GIANVANA NERI
Code Name: Vivaldi	KAYLEIGH LINKOUS, ALLEN SHANNON, DAYRON TONDIKE, AARON J. GUTMAN
Hot Chocolate	NANCY KERRIGAN, IAN LORELLO, FRANK SWEIDING, ANITA HARTSHORN, RACHEL THOMAS, COURTNEY HICKS, ALIVIA SIGNORIO, ALEX HUGHES PARKER, LAURA SEAL, GIANVANA NERI, AARON J. GUTMAN, DAYRON TONDIKE, ALLEN SHANNON
Grown Up Christmas List	JENNIFER BRETT, MARINA NELSON, YOUNG SKATER, TINY SKATER
O Holy Night	IAN LORELLO, TYLER SHORE, YOUTH SINGERS
Let It Snow	NANCY KERRIGAN, ENSEMBLE SKATERS, YOUTH SINGERS, YOUNG SKATER, TINY SKATER
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WHO'S WHO



NANCY KERRIGAN has been one of America's most recognizable sports icons for over 25 years. She is set to reprise her starring role in this December's *Holiday*

Spectacular on Ice here at The Gateway. Kerrigan's rise to competing at a national level began when she placed 3rd at the 1991 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, allowing her to qualify for the 1991 World Championships, where she won the bronze medal as part of an American sweep. In 1992, she earned a bronze medal in the Albertville Winter Olympics and a silver medal at the 1992 World Championships. In 1993, Kerrigan became the United States Ladies Champion and followed that up with her historic silver medal performance at the 1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympics. Along the way, Kerrigan became known for her groundbreaking fashion on the ice, teaming up with Vera Wang and others to create some of the most memorable skating outfits in the history of the sport. In addition to her work on the ice, the two-time Olympic medalist has regularly appeared on television and movies as an actor (*Boy Meets World*, *Blades of Glory*, *Saturday Night Live*, *Skating with Celebrities*, *Fresh Off the Boat*) or commentator (Entertainment Tonight, The Insider, Lifetime Network, Fox Sports, NBC Sports, Inside Edition), and is well known for being instrumental in the creation of *Halloween on Ice* and other figure skating shows. Nancy has been a product endorser (Disney, Revlon, Reebok, Seiko, Campbell's Soup, Old Navy, Comcast Spotlight; ProMedica), author (*In My Own Words*, *Artistry on Ice*; *Stronger Than She Thinks*), motivational speaker, and advocate for issues related to infertility. The Nancy Kerrigan Foundation has raised significant funds for the vision-impaired in honor of her legally blind mother, and she has been recognized for her excellence on and off the ice (US Figure Skating

Hall of Fame, Mother's Day Foundation Mother of the Year, New England Sports Hall of Fame, Fight for Sight Lifetime Achievement). More recently, Kerrigan has focused on her family (three children, ages 17, 20, and 28), choreography (*Halloween on Ice*, *SkateNiagara*, *Bryant Park Holiday Show*), while also appearing on *Dancing with the Stars* in Season 24. Nancy is currently executive producing the upcoming documentary *Why Don't You Lose 5 lbs*, which will examine the silent epidemic of eating disorders in sports, and *Fire & Ice*, a theatrical release about the world of women's sports. She is also still active in working with various companies, including Massachusetts-based Revise Energy.



JENNIFER BRETT (*Vocalist*) is thrilled to be back at The Gateway Playhouse! Previously seen in The Gateway's *Holiday Spectacular on Ice* 2023, *Fiddler on the Roof* (The Gateway), *Million Dollar Quartet*

(Saugatuck Center for the Arts), *Escape to Margaritaville* (Theatre SilCo.), *ELF: The Musical* (Fireside Theatre), *Chicago*, *The Little Mermaid* (Weathervane Theatre) inaugural casts for Celebrity Cruises, and headlining in the international girl group Unique3! Huge thank you to Paul, Rachel, Keith, Tara, and Nancy for having her back! Shoutout to Daniel Hoff Agency, Ricky, and her family for the support. Break legs, cast and crew!



SHANNON GIBBONS (*Vocalist*) is honored to take part in her third production at The Gateway as a featured singer in *Holiday Spectacular On Ice*. Shannon was a top 40 finalist on ABC's

American Idol, season 18. Born and raised in Bellport, NY, Shannon has performed countless

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THE GATEWAY'S COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

The Gateway has been a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization since 2011, dedicated to making live theatre accessible and inclusive for people of all ages and abilities.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We partner with over a dozen nonprofits—including Bellport Boys & Girls Club, East End Disability Associates, CEED, and Dancing Classrooms Long Island—to bring hands-on theatre experiences to youth and families. Programs include a ten-week theatre workshop, free backstage tours, Q&A sessions, and acting workshops. This month, we're collaborating with CEED on a nature-themed arts program for children.

ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION

- Library Partnerships: 44 libraries reached- 1,100 half-price tickets in 2024.
- Theatre Development Fund: 2,000 discounted tickets since 2023.
- Group Discounts: 15–25% off for underserved, elderly, and neurodiverse communities.
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CHARITABLE SUPPORT

In 2024, we donated 700+ ticket vouchers to local charitable organizations.

Through these efforts, The Gateway ensures theatre is welcoming, enriching, and accessible for all.

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shows with her bands across Long Island and New York City. She can be followed as "SHANNON" on music streaming platforms. You could follow Shannon with her newly released single "Later" as well as many other originals written by Shannon. For more, connect with her on instagram @shannongibbsonofficial. She feels very blessed to be part of such a talented and warm cast and crew. She dedicates her time here at the playhouse to her family and friends for their unwavering support. She is eternally grateful for the God given opportunities presented to her through the arts. Happy Holidays to all! Peace and love.



AARON J GUTMAN (*Skater*) The first time I ever skated was on a school field trip in first grade and immediately fell in love! I have competed nationally for over six years now across many levels, but I have always loved the theatrical side of skating so much. My dream since I first stepped on the ice was always, to be part of a professional show!



ANITA HARTSHORN (*Pair Skater*) grew up skating in the Chicago area, where she first met her future husband and skating partner, Frank Sweiding. After winning the Gold Medal at The World Professional Championships in Spain, Anita & Frank went on to perform in hundreds of different shows and television events. Anita & Frank also travel and work with skaters from around the world.



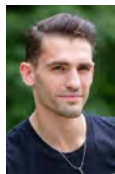
COURTNEY HICKS (*Skater*) is a two-time Grand Prix medalist and 2014 Olympic alternate, as well as the 2011 US Junior Ladies National Champion and the 2013 US Ladies National Pewter Medalist.



ALEX HUGHES PARKER (*Skater*) is thrilled to be making her debut at The Gateway this season! A New York native, she has been skating on Long Island for over sixteen years. Alex is a senior at Barnard College, majoring in French and Dance, and currently acts as the Vice President of the Columbia University Figure Skating Club. Many thanks to Tara Modlin-Maurizi! She sends love and gratitude to her friends and family (especially Riley and Rusty) for their unwavering support :)



KAYLEIGH LINKOUS (*Skater, Specialty*) is a US two-time Figure Skating Gold Medalist. She has had a passion for skating ever since she took her first steps onto the ice at five years old. In addition to skating, she is trained in fire spinning/juggling and in aerial acrobatics. Her first show was *Holiday Spectacular On Ice* in 2023, and she is excited to be back! Since then, she has performed at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tennessee, on the all-new *Wizard Of Oz On Ice* tour and will be returning to *Wizard Of Oz On Ice* in late January.



IAN LORELLO (*Skater, Pair Skater*) from Gambrills, MD, is a performer, choreographer and director. Currently the Artistic Associate of The Next Ice Age, Ian has performed with companies such as The Next Ice Age, Ice Dance International, Holiday on Ice, and Rand Productions, and is now a principal performer and host with Disney On Ice. He competed as an ice dancer from 2005 - 2015 qualifying for 10 US National Championships and representing Team USA for just as long in International

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Competitions, including the 2008 Junior Grand Prix Final in Tokyo, Japan. Ian was featured in American Public Television's "The World of Ice Dance International", and "In Flight", as well as New Black Films', "The Ice King", a documentary on British Olympic Champion John Curry. Ian was a recipient of the 2020 Maryland State Arts Council Independent Artist Award, choreographed and directed local shows and Theater on Ice teams, and opened an Artistic Skating School in 2018 with his wife, Laura.



ZION MIDDLETON (*Vocalist*) is elated to be spending the holiday season at The Gateway. Elon MT '23. Zion is indebted to his family, friends, and mentors who have supported him along his theatrical journey. Recent: *Ain't*

Too Proud National Tour (Swing), *A Strange Loop* (Thought 6), and *Hair* (Hud). Special thanks: HCKR, Mom, Gg, and Caleb. To God be the Glory! IG: @thezionm Middleton



MARINA NELSON (*Skater*) has been skating for seventeen years and is a six-time US Figure Skating Gold Medalist. She has earned two national medals at the US Synchronized Skating Championships at the collegiate

level and has extensive experience in singles, partnered ice dance, and synchronized skating. Marina is passionate about performance and continues to expand her skills across multiple disciplines, always striving to grow as both an athlete and an artist. You can follow along with her skating journey @marina.nelson.skates on Instagram!



GIAVANNA NERI (*Skater*) has been skating nationally at the highest level for two years as a senior lady and has been skating for close to a decade. She is able to do triple jumps and loves to perform.

Please enjoy all this show has to offer!



LAURA SEAL (*Skater, Pair Skater*) from Annapolis, MD, is a professional performer and choreographer. A former competitor in singles, synchronized skating, and ice

dance, she has performed with professional companies such as The Next Ice Age, Holiday on Ice, Ice Dance International, and Rand Productions, and is now a principal performer and host with Disney on Ice. Along with her husband, Ian Lorello, she founded an Artistic Skating School in 2018 with a mission of passing on the legacy of artistic skating to new generations of skaters. A graduate from George Washington University with a Masters in Public Health, Laura was a recipient of the 2020 Maryland State Arts Council Independent Artist Award.



ALLEN SHANNON (*Skater*) has been a principal performer for Royal Caribbean for nine years. Holiday On Ice, as well as Dancing On Ice. He also was a pair technical specialist for the movie

Sonja Queen Of Ice.



TYLER SHORE (*Vocalist*) is elated to be back for a second time spending the most wonderful time of the year singing at the most wonderful Gateway! Tyler was recently seen this season at The

Gateway in *Phantom* as Joseph Buquet. Other Credits: TV: Thomas D'Angelo in *Law & Order: SVU* (S26, CBS), Shawn in *Betrayal* (*Upcoming January 2026* - S3, ABC). Off-Broadway: Paul Langevin in *Finding Madame Curie* (Theatre Row), Swing in *The Clowns Aren't Funny* (Jerry Orbach Theater). Regional: Vocalist in *Holiday Spectacular on Ice* starring Nancy Kerrigan

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ALIVIA SIGNORIO (*Skater*) is a member of the Boise Figure Skating Club. She has been skating for 18 years, competing for 15, but has been in love with the sport since her first day on the ice. She began competing through St. Peter's Figure Skating Association (St. Louis Synchro). Alivia has found a passion for the mix of athleticism and artistry and is eager to advance her career.



FRANK SWEIDING (*Pair Skater*) teamed up with Anita Hartshorn in 1987, and together they won numerous competitions, including the World Professional Championships, the Trophy Laliue in Paris, and the Legends Champions. Frank's remarkable career also saw him representing the United States at seven World and Professional World Championships and performing in 49 states and 27 countries.



RACHEL THOMAS (*Skater*) has been figure skating for 18 years and is a double gold medalist in freeskate and moves in the field. She is 23 years old and has been coaching figure skating and creating YouTube videos (Rachel Liza) around

figure skating. She is passionate about figure skating, not just as her job, but also to inspire others around the world through her YouTube channel and the shows that she is in.



DAYRON TONDIKE (*Skater, Aerialist*) is of Cuban origin. He is 27 years old and has been practicing ice skating for three years. He also belonged to the Cuban National Circus, where Dayron practiced aerial disciplines for more than 15 years. He has been honored to audition for Disney On Ice and for *America's Got Talent*.



GABRIELLE KANOG FREEMAN (*Young Skater*) Meet Gabrielle Kanog Freeman, a talented nine-year-old and 2024 State Game of America Gold medalist, as well as a two-time Thailand National Championship silver medalist (2024, 2025). Having performed in 2021 and 2023 productions, Gabrielle is thrilled to return to this spectacular show for her third time. With her dog CoCo by her side, she would like to give special thanks to mom, dad, extended family, friends, and coaches for their unwavering support. Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season.



REESE SOPHIA WUSTENHOFF (*Young Skater*) from Dix Hills (LI), New York, has been ice skating since she was 18 months old. Representing the Skating Club of New York, Reese competes annually at the Empire State Games and qualified for the State Games of America. This is Reese's second appearance with the *Gateway's Holiday Spectacular On Ice* and is excited to perform with such talented people, including Olympic great Nancy Kerrigan. Reese continues to make her Mom and Dad proud.

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MACKENZIE ROWAN (*Tiny Skater*) is delighted to make her debut at The Gateway! She is a seven-year-old figure skater who has medaled in silver at the Cantiague (2024) and Dix Hills (2025) competitions.

She would like to give special thanks to mom, dad, family, friends, and coaches for their constant support and encouragement.



ALEXANDRA "LEXI" KONONCHUK (*Tiny Skater*) is nine years old and first stepped on ice at the age of five, and has since been an avid skater. She competes regionally and nationally, and enjoys travel.

In addition to skating, Lexi enjoys ballet and currently holds a Junior Black Belt in Taekwondo. When not skating or performing, Lexi enjoys spending time with friends. She is a caring sister to a big brother, and they both love mac and cheese. She adores her Bengal kitten, Spots, and takes great pleasure in teaching him tricks. She enjoys sleepovers and the theater summer camp.

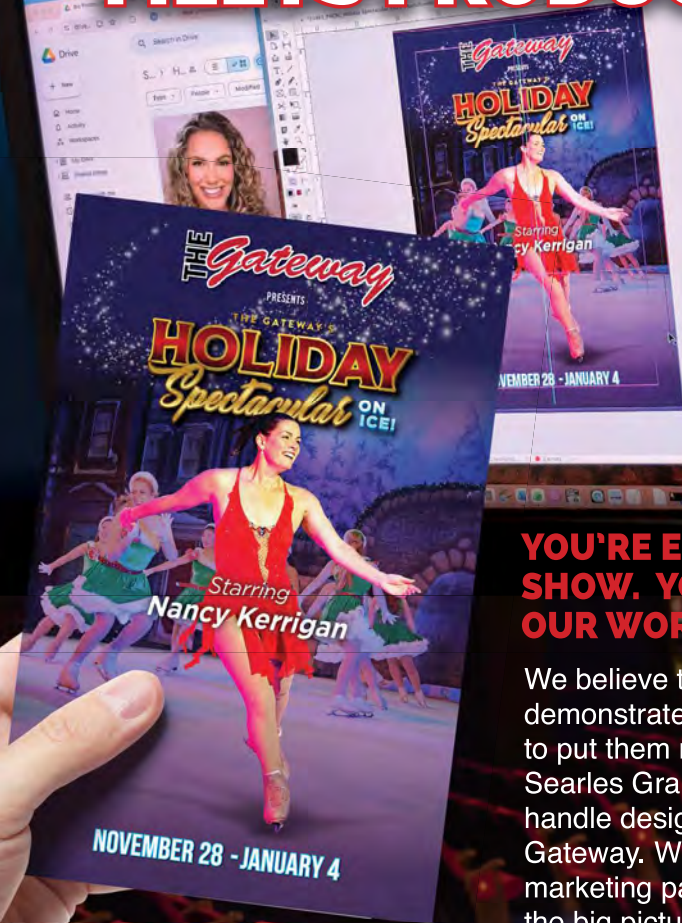
KEITH ANDREWS (*Director/Choreographer*) is thrilled to be back directing the Holiday Spectacular on Ice for the fifth time! Keith loves being at The Gateway for the holidays and has also directed the Holiday favorite Elf! Other shows directed and/or choreographed at The Gateway include this past summer's *Pretty Woman: the Musical*, *The Addams Family*, *Rock of Ages*, *Evita*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Wedding Singer*, *The Bodyguard*, *On Your Feet!*, *Flashdance- the Musical*, *Nunsense*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Avenue Q*, *Saturday Night Fever*, *South Pacific*, *Spamalot*, *My Fair Lady*, *9 to 5: the Musical* (starring Sally Struthers), *Happy Days*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (starring Joe Piscopo), *My Way*, *Cold as Ice*, *Urinetown*, and *The Full Monty*. He has also directed *The Buddy Holly Story*, six productions

of *Million Dollar Quartet*, and *Million Dollar Quartet Christmas* last December at St. Louis Rep. He directed and choreographed *A Wall Apart* - an original rock musical about the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall, with music and lyrics by Lord Graham Russell of the rock group, Air Supply. In educational theater, he has directed and choreographed over 100 student industry showcases at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in NYC. Keith wants to wish a big happy holiday to Paul, and so much thanks to Tara for her amazing creativity and expertise! Keith sends all the holiday love to everyone in the Gateway family and especially his own family- Amy and his tiny tot with her eyes all aglow- Melody!

TARA MODLIN-MAURIZI (*Figure Skating Casting and Choreographer*) A former national competitor, coach, and choreographer, Tara has a lifelong love for figure skating. She runs Fireworks Sports Marketing, a leading agency supporting Olympic athletes for over two decades. She's attended five Olympics representing Team USA and has produced skating shows nationwide since 2002. Her greatest joy is giving elite skaters the chance to perform live while sharing the beauty of skating with the world. Tara has produced countless shows, including the national *Ice Dreams* Tour, *Holiday Dreams On Ice*, *Blades for the Brave*, *MAC Glitter on Ice*, *Stars, Stripes and Skates*, and holiday tree lightings across the country. She has also cast for the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* and represented National and Olympic champions such as Oksana Baiul, Johnny Weir, Gracie Gold, John Coughlin & Caydee Denney, Jeremy Abbott, and more. This marks Tara's sixth production with the Gateway family, and she's grateful for every chance to work with this incredible team. She thanks Keith for his magical ability to turn skaters into

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actors and bring unforgettable stories to the frozen stage. She also thanks her best friend and hubby, Craig Maurizi, for always clearing the path for her dreams. And most importantly, she dedicates this to her greatest blessings — Kirsten, Rebecca, Conalie, Dylan, Benji and Nicky.

CECILIA FUNK (*Production Stage Manager*) (she/her) is a stage manager and theatre maker from Maryland and is excited to return to the Gateway. She holds a B.S. in Applied Mathematics and Theatre from William & Mary and has credits in stage management, directing, and performance. Most recently she completed an apprenticeship in production and stage management with Perseverance Theatre in Tlingit Aaní (colonially known as Juneau, AK). Credits include: *The Unplugging*, *The Thanksgiving Play*, *Full Contact* (NNPN RWP), and *Cold Case* (Premiere) (Perseverance Theatre); *How I Learned to Drive*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *Company* (W&M Theatre); *MADam Lucy: Deceased* (William Schermerhorn Productions).

KEIRA BALLAN (*Assistant Stage Manager*) was a student of the Gateway Acting School from 2012-2023 and graduated from the Institute for American Musical Theater (IAMT) in May. This past summer at Gateway she choreographed *The Spongebob Musical: Youth Edition* and was the Stage Management Apprentice/Assistant Director for Disney's *The Lion King Jr.*, as well as an Assistant Stage Manager for this year's Haunt. Additionally, she has been teachers assisting and choreographing for the acting school since 2018. Congrats to everyone on another great Ice Show!

BRIAN LOESCH (*Lighting Designer, Director of Production*) is proud to be part of the Gateway family for his twenty-eighth season. Previous Gateway Lighting Design credits include: *The Gateway's Holiday Spectacular On Ice* (2004, 2009, 2016, 2021, 2023), *Irving Berlin's White Christmas* (2024), *Cirque La Masque – Noel* (2011 & 2014), *Smokey Joe's Cafe* (2014), *Sweeney Todd* (2011), *A Christmas Carol* (2006 & 2010), *Avenue Q*, *Sophisticated Ladies*, *The Full Monty*, *South Pacific* (2000), *Forbidden Broadway* (2008 & 2019), *Forbidden Broadway Holiday Edition* (2011), *Footloose*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Holiday Hop*, *Urinetown*, *Mooseltoe*, *Beauty And The Beast* (2013), *Cabaret* (2004 & 2018) and numerous Gateway children's theatre productions including *Peter Pan* (2004) and *Jungle Book* (2005). Brian graduated with a Degree in Technical Theatre from Suffolk County Community College. Other design credits include *Language of Angels* (Henry Street Experimental Theatre, NYC), *Paraffin Touch* (World Premiere at Suffolk County Community College), *The Man Who Would Be King* (World Premiere at the Antrim Playhouse), and *Kiss Me Kate* (Cape Fear Regional Theatre). National Tour credits include *George M!* (2003 Candlewood Int./Mainstage Productions), *Titanic* (2004 Candlewood Int.), *Holiday Spectacular On Ice* (2004 A Gateway/Candlewood Production), *Mame* (2005-06 Candlewood Int.), *Camelot* (2006-07 Candlewood Int.), *Smokey Joe's Cafe* (2014 The Gateway), the 2007 and 2008 productions of *Mooseltoe* (Sammelman Productions) and *Gateway's Haunted Playhouse* (2009 – 2025). He would like to thank Kunia & Kaiju, the rest of his family, but most of all, his wife, Brittany, for her continued love, support, and patience.

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JANINE LOESCH (*Costume Designer*) is a New York-based Costume Designer. Previous costume designs include: *Welcome to the Big Dipper* (The York, Off-Broadway World Premier), *Evita* (The Gateway, Broadway World Best Costume Design Nominee), *Summer: The Donna Summer Musical* (The Gateway), *Jersey Boys* (The Gateway, Broadway World Best Costume Design Nominee), *Fiddler on the Roof* (The Gateway), *Rock of Ages* (The Gateway, Broadway World Best Costume Design Nominee), Jimmy Buffet's *Escape to Margaritaville* (The Gateway, Broadway World Best Costume Design Nominee), *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (The Gateway, Broadway World Best Costume Design Nominee), *The Addams Family* (The Gateway), *King Lear* (South Shore Experience, Broadway World Best Costume Design Nominee), *The Mikado* (New York Tour),

Finding Nemo, Jr (The Gateway Conservatory), *Matilda, Jr* (The Gateway Conservatory), *The Little Mermaid, Jr* (The Gateway Conservatory), *Willy Wonka, Jr* (The Gateway Conservatory), *Legally Blonde, Teen Edition* (The Gateway Conservatory). Janine was the Wardrobe Supervisor on the World Premiere Off-Broadway Production of *The Last Supper: Musical*, the Original Off-Broadway Premiere of *Americano*, and the Off-Broadway Production of *Fiddler on the Roof: In Yiddish with English Supertitles*. She also most recently costume-coordinated The First National Tour of *The Cher Show: A Broadway Musical*, and the National Tour of *Little Women: The Broadway Musical*



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HOSUN MOON (*Music Director*) is the winner of the American Prize 2017-2018 for Conducting Musical Theater. She has served as Keyboard 1 chair for the North American Tour of *The Phantom of the Opera*. She has worked as a music director for numerous musicals, as well as teaches at Five Towns College, Suffolk County Community College, Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School, Huntington High School, and USDAN. Previous Gateway Shows: *A Christmas Story*, *A Chorus Line*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Les Misérables* (School Edition). She also served as a keyboard chair for *On The Town*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Memphis*, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Bodyguard*, *Kinky Boots*, and Disney's *Newsies*. She also served as a K1 chair in regional theatres: Argyle Theatre (*Mamma Mia!*, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*),

John W. Engeman Theatre (*Kinky Boots*), and the American Theatre Group (*Parade*). Her chamber music performances with numerous ensembles have been heard in Carnegie Hall, 92nd St. Y, Merkin Concert Hall, The Riverside Church, St. John the Divine, LeFrak Concert Hall in The Aaron Copeland School of Music, Columbia University, Hofstra Cultural Center, Union Square Park, Bryant Park, SUNY at Stony Brook, and various churches in the New York area. She also worked with the San Francisco Early Music Society Baroque Music Seminars, CW Post Chamber Music Festival (LIU Chamber Music Festival).

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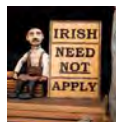
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DRUM TAO | THE BEST

Sat. Jan. 31 @ 7 pm

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Sat. Feb. 7 @ 8 pm

THE TRAGEDY OF HAMLET

Fri. Feb. 13 @ 8 pm

CRYSTAL CIMAGLIA CELINE DION TRIBUTE

Sat. Feb. 14 @ 8 pm

EMERSON LEGACY CONCERT

Wed. Mar. 4 @ 7 pm

MATTHEW MORRISON RHYTHMS & REVELATIONS

Sat. Mar. 7 @ 8 pm

RHYTHM OF THE DANCE

Sat. Mar. 14 @ 8 pm

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER GREAT AMERICAN CROONERS

Fri. Mar. 20 @ 8 pm

GRAND PISTACHIO LAYER THE WALLS PT. 1

Sun. Mar. 22 @ 4 pm

PARSONS DANCE COMPANY

Sat. Apr. 11 @ 8 pm

STARRY NIGHTS

Thu. Apr. 16 @ 7pm

AN EVENING WITH VIC DIBITETTO

Sat. Apr. 18 @ 8 pm

STONY BROOK OPERA GLUCK'S ORFEO ED EURIDICE

Apr. 25 @ 7:30 pm
& Apr. 26 @ 3 pm

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MANDY PATINKIN | JUKEBOX

Sat. May 2 @ 8 pm

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Feb. 28 & Mar. 28 @ 7:30 pm

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