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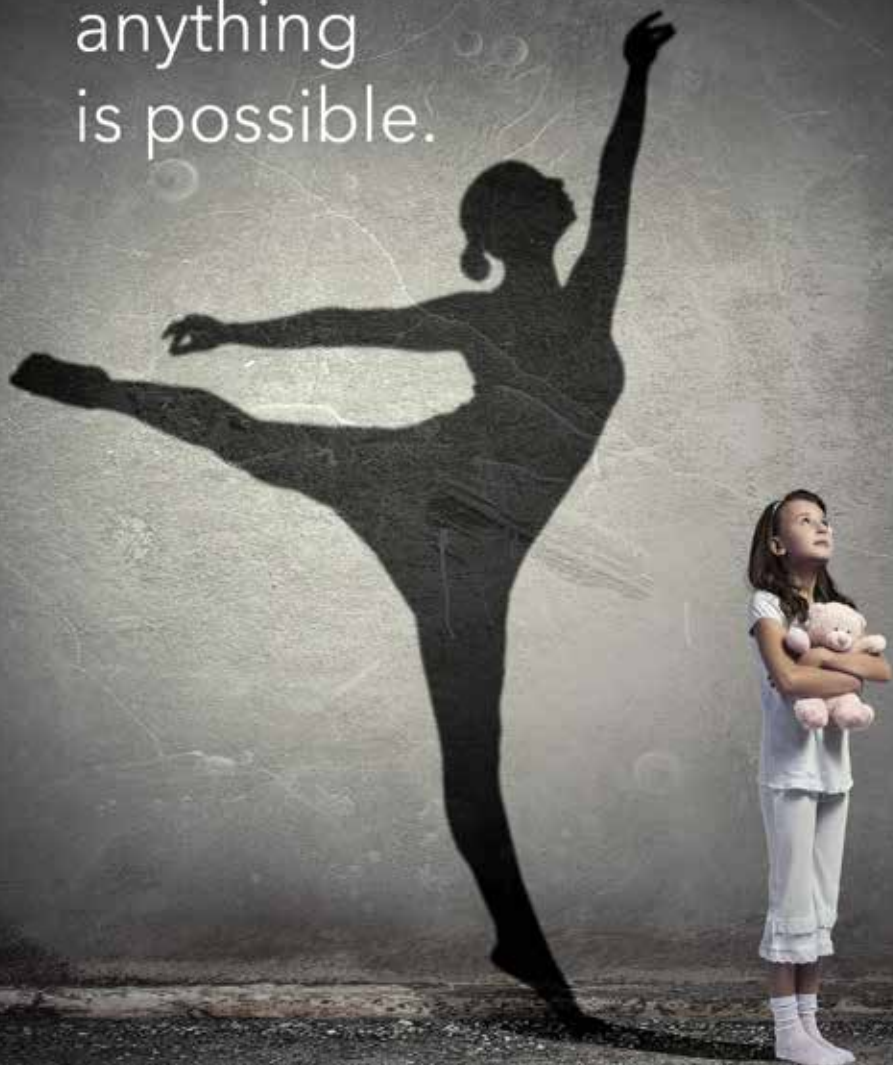
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**1** Luis Antonio Vilchez Vargas - LET'S DANCE (Photo by Rob Martel); **2** Alyson Snyder, Vasthy Mompount, Kelly MacMillan - HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD (Photo by Ray Mabry); **3** Cecil Washington Jr., Colin Campbell McAdoo, Jesse Nager, Kyle Kempf - GALA CELEBRATION (Photo by Rob Martel); **4** Sophie Lee Morris - LET'S DANCE (Photo by Ray Mabry); **5** Kyle Kempf, Joey Khoury, Arielle Crosby, Bebe Browning - HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD (Photo by Mimi Carroll).



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Emma Grimsley in Transcendence's Holiday Spectacular (Photo by Rob Martel)



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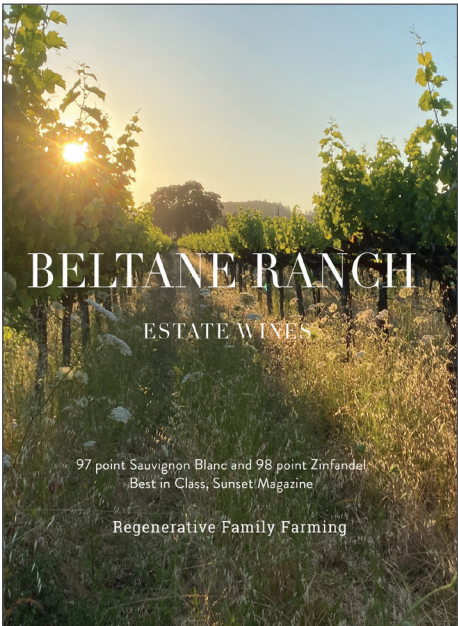


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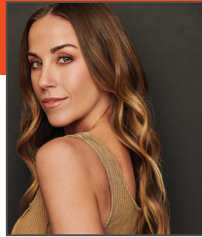


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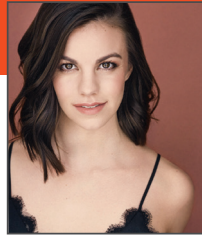
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**NILS ERICKSON** (*Sound Designer/Engineer*) is a 20-year veteran freelance sound designer and engineer of theatre, concerts, and special events. He studied at the College of Wooster and Berklee College of Music before starting his own sound company, Traveling Monkey Sound. He is a three-time winner for Best Sound Design of the year and decade from *BroadwayWorld*.

**JENNA MORRIS** (*Costume Designer/Costume Supervisor/Lead Wardrobe*). Born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, Jenna is a costume designer and seamstress now living in Los Angeles. She graduated with a Bachelor's in Theater from Occidental College, where she now works as a seamstress. Jenna is excited to be joining Transcendence for the summer 2023 season!

**SARAH E. T. JACKSON** (*Production Stage Manager*) is thrilled to be back at Transcendence! Recent credits: *Fiddler on the Roof* (UMS/Philadelphia Orchestra); *The Lion King* (National Tour); *Into the Woods* (Juilliard); *Kiss, Mary Jane* (Yale Repertory Theatre); and many wonderful shows with Transcendence, among others. Education: M.F.A. Stage Management, Yale School of Drama.

**KAREN WEBB** (*Assistant Stage Manager*) is grateful to return for her 13th show with Transcendence! From GA to NYC to CA - much love to all my family and friends . . . and of course my Sonoma Host Mom Judith for the continual support! Enjoy the show!

**AMY MILLER** (*Artistic Director*) is proud to have founded Transcendence Theatre Company alongside her husband Brad Surosky. Broadway/National Tour: *42nd Street* (u/s Anytime Annie). Greatest role: Mom to Micah William Surosky. Amy is immensely proud of her husband for directing this heartfelt and beautiful show!



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**ALYSON SNYDER** (*Performing Artist*) is thrilled to return to Sonoma after performing last year in *Hooray for Hollywood!* Recent credits: *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* – Short North Stage; *Sister Act* – Paper Mill Playhouse; *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* – Norwegian Cruise Line. She also understudied Jinkx Monsoon and Ginger Minj in the workshop of *Xanadu*. [www.AlysonSnyder.com](http://www.AlysonSnyder.com)

**KYLE WHITE** (*Performing Artist/Dance Captain*). Originally from Pocatello, Idaho, Kyle now lives in New York City. Some of his favorite credits include Emcee (*Cabaret*), Bobby (*A Chorus Line*), Angel (*Kinky Boots*), North American tour of *The Wizard of Oz*, and the Chinese tour of *Legally Blonde*. @kylewhite20

**BRAD SUROSKY** (*Co-Conceiver/Director*) is excited to be directing his first ever Transcendence production! Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, he holds a B.F.A. in Drama from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. In addition to having produced every Transcendence production, he has also performed Off-Broadway and regionally, and has appeared in various films, television and commercials. Love to Amy and Micah.

**MATT SMART** (*Co-Conceiver/Music Director/Keys 1*). Music director: *A Christmas Carol* (SF tour). Assistant conductor/keyboards: *Hamilton* (And Peggy tour). Matt has worked with Michael Feinstein, Michael Tilson Thomas, Bonnie Raitt, and Alex Lacamoire, among others. Eternally grateful to be doing what he loves with such a special group of people.

**AMANDA M. STUART** (*Co-Conceiver*) has worked for Transcendence Theatre Company on and off for the last 10 years. In the fall, she will be making her Broadway debut as the assistant stage manager on Barry Manilow and Bruce Sussman's new musical, *Harmony*. National Tours: *Mean Girls*, *The Phantom of the Opera*. Off-Broadway: *Harmony*, *Jersey Boys*. IG: @amandamstuart914

**NICOLAS PEREZ** (*Associate Music Director/Keys 2*) is a freelance accompanist, music director, and arranger/orchestrator. He has worked for the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, the San Francisco Girls Chorus, and several theater companies in the Bay Area. He plays at the historic San Francisco piano bar, Martuni's, every Tuesday.

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE | BRAD SUROSKY

My favorite part of sitting in an audience is when you watch a song or dance and it moves you to emotion as you think about something in your own life. I call that the "Transcendent Moment". Maybe it is a moment shared with your kid, a romance, a loss, a triumph, a good friend, a childhood memory, or maybe it is just a random moment of inspiration.

The definition of "Enchanted" means to "be placed under a spell". These songs will cast a spell on you and take you on a two hour ride.

All you need to do is sit back, relax, and enjoy the journey. And...hopefully you will have many "Transcendent Moments"!



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# AN ENCHANTED EVENING

## ACT ONE

### OVERTURE

#### PURE IMAGINATION

*Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*

#### I PUT A SPELL ON YOU / LOVE POTION #9

*Screamin' Jay Hawkins / The Searchers*

#### BEWITCHED, BOTHERED AND BEWILDERED

*Pal Joey*

#### MOON MEDLEY

#### SOME ENCHANTED EVENING

*South Pacific*

#### FRIENDS MEDLEY

#### THE DANCE

*Garth Brooks*

#### AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH

*Motown: The Musical*

#### TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART

*Bonnie Tyler*

#### LOVE / HEARTACHE MEDLEY

## ACT TWO

### DUELING PIANOS

### THE TEXT MESSAGE

#### SOME ENCHANTED EVENING / PURE IMAGINATION

*South Pacific / Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*

#### NO ONE IS ALONE

*Into the Woods*

#### THE SUMMER OF '69

*Bryan Adams*

#### GOODBYE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

*Elton John*

#### QUANDO M'EN VO'

*Puccini*

#### I AM WHAT I AM

*La Cage Aux Folles*

#### BEING ALIVE

*Company*

#### DON'T STOP ME NOW

*We Will Rock You*

## BIOS | AN ENCHANTED EVENING

**MICHAEL CALLAHAN** (*Performing Artist/Associate Director/Choreographer*).

Broadway: *Aladdin* (Dance Captain/Fight Captain/Swing/u/s Iago & Omar), *Cinderella* (Raccoon/u/s Jean-Michel). National Tours: *Aladdin*, *Cinderella*. Michael has worked at numerous regional theatres and is a guest teacher at Broadway Dance Center. B.F.A. Elon. Special thanks to Cody, Darcy, my family, and DGRW. [www.michaelcallahan.me](http://www.michaelcallahan.me)

**WHITNEY COOPER** (*Performing Artist*). Credits include tours of *Hello, Dolly!*; *Memphis*; *Flashdance*; *The Music Man* (Zaneeta). Off-Broadway: *Trip of Love*, *Radio City Christmas Spectacular*, and *Radio City NY Spectacular*. *West Side Story* (Lyric Opera), *Jerome Robbins' Broadway* (The Muny), *Carousel* (Louise Bigelow, MTWichita), and Broadway at Music Circus. This is for Nick, my constant support.

**ALLORIA FRAYSER** (*Performing Artist*). Regional: *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (Shirelle, Tuacahn Centre for the Arts); *Chicago*; *The Little Mermaid* (The Lex); *Elf Jr.* (Jovie, The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati). B.F.A. Musical Theatre CCM. Alloria extends gratitude and love to her family, friends, the team at The Price Group, and her cat Lucy for their endless support. <3 [alloriafrayser.com](http://alloriafrayser.com)

**EMMA GRIMSLEY** (*Performing Artist*) is excited to be returning to Transcendence! Previous credits include Christine Daaé in *The Phantom of the Opera* (National Tour), Barbarina in *Figaro 90210* (Off-Broadway), Johanna in *Sweeney Todd*, Cunegonde in *Candide*, Kate in *Favorite Son*, Young Alyce in *Glory Denied* (Regional), and Transcendence's 2022 *Holiday Spectacular!*

**JOEY KHOURY** (*Performing Artist*). Originally from Kaysville, Utah. NYC: *Altar Boyz*, *Radio City Christmas Spectacular*. National Tours: *Cabaret* (Roundabout Theatre Company), *Altar Boyz* (1st National), *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* (Arena Tour). Regional: *The Pirates of Penzance* (Frederick), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Motel), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Seymour).

**COLIN CAMPBELL MCADOO** (*Performing Artist*) has performed Off-Broadway and at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, over 25 regional theatres, and with symphonies all over the country. He is a singer/songwriter, voice-over artist, director of education and outreach at Transcendence, and the artistic director at a school in Philadelphia. Love to his fiancé. For Ankur. [@colinmca2](http://@colinmca2)

**TAYLOR NOLL** (*Performing Artist*), a Richmond, VA, native, couldn't be happier to make her Transcendence debut! Her favorite credits include Percy Talbott (*The Spitfire Grill*), Mrs. White (*Clue: The Musical*), and Leaf Coneybear (*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*). She thanks her family and friends, Michael Callahan, and her cat George Gershwin for believing in her.

**NATHAN ANDREW RILEY** (*Performing Artist*) is thrilled to be back with TTC this summer. Previously here in 2021's *Road Trip* and last year's *Hooray for Hollywood*. Nathan was just seen at Broadway at Music Circus in Sacramento (*Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*; *Cinderella*; *The Music Man*; *The Addams Family*; *Ragtime*) and can be seen as a swing in the Disney's *The Lion King* national tour.



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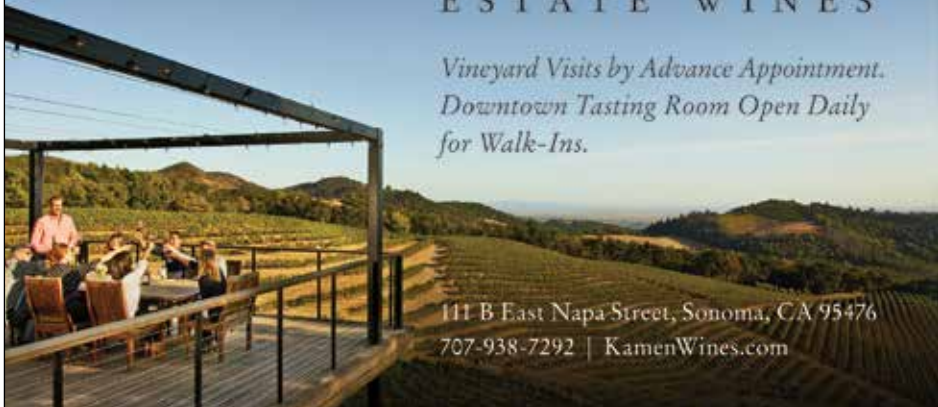
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