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Friday, March 12, 2021

Live on YouTube

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WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Thanks for joining us for Step Into TimeLine: Back to Our Future!

Today marks an important anniversary. It was one year ago that we presented our final live performance of *Kill Move Paradise* before closing for the pandemic. It was and still is an uncertain time. But 365 days later, we're grateful that with your help, TimeLine is navigating through this historic challenge.

Thank you to the friends and family who have contributed to our theatre's success year after year, decade after decade. And we're excited to welcome new folks who are attending your very first TimeLine gala—due to this virtual format, you may be watching from well beyond Chicago!

Be ready for a fun, fast-paced hour! We're going Back to Our Future with appearances by many of the artists who've made TimeLine's first 24 years so special—retrospective looks at everything from the designs you've loved to the lobby displays you've explored, from the Living History students who've inspired you to the ensembles who've blown you away.

Tonight is an opportunity to stop and reflect. To honor the extraordinary time we're living through—a time of incredible learning, loss, isolation, and sacrifice. To celebrate the accomplishments that got us here. And to raise funds that will help ensure TimeLine can continue to grow and thrive for all the future to come.

Our art form—and this company—is focused on being together. On the immediacy, unpredictability, and beauty of sharing a moment in time, together. We can't wait to welcome you back for those in-person moments again! Tonight, you can engage in the chat on YouTube and share comments and pictures on social media, to let us know that you're with us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Company Members, and all of the artists and staff of TimeLine Theatre, we thank you for contributing—whether by sharing in our live YouTube event, offering words of encouragement and support, or by making a donation to help ensure TimeLine remains strong during this pandemic.

We've never done anything like tonight before. And we're so thrilled to share it with you. Enjoy!



Eileen LaCario
Board President



PJ Powers
Artistic Director



Elizabeth K. Auman
Managing Director

GIVE TO UNLOCK

When you donate tonight, you can vote for the never-before-seen clip that you'd like to see during the live program! Plus, everyone who donates will receive a link to watch all 3 clips after the event!



GASLIGHT
1999



THE HISTORY BOYS
2009




A RAISIN IN THE SUN
2013

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SIGNATURE DRINK



We're thrilled to have partnered with Chicago tavern The Long Room to offer an exclusive cocktail, the "Chronology," in honor of Back to Our Future! Order ahead for pick-up at their Ravenswood location—and for a limited time, 15% of proceeds benefit TimeLine!

More details at timelinetheatre.com/back-to-our-future

YOUR HOST



WARDELL JULIUS CLARK

**TimeLine Company Member
and Board Member**

An actor, director, activist, TimeLine Company Member and Board Member, and *Newcity's* 2020 "Player of the Moment," Wardell made his TimeLine debut in 2013, appearing in the acclaimed production of *A Raisin in the Sun*. He directed the company's Chicago premiere production of James Ijames' *Kill Move Paradise*. Other Chicago directing credits include *Sheepdog* (Shattered Globe), *Hoodoo Love* (Raven), *His Shadow* (16th Street), *Dutch Masters* (Jackalope), *The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963* (Chicago Children's Theatre), *The Shipment* (Red Tape), *Surely Goodness and Mercy* (Redtwist), and *Insurrection: Holding History* (Stage Left). As an actor, he has appeared at Raven, First Folio, Windy City Playhouse, Court, Northlight, and Victory Gardens, among others. He received the Black Theater Alliance Denzel Washington Award for Most Promising Actor for his performance in *Ghosts of Atwood* (MPAACT). Television and film credits include *Shameless* and *Chicago Fire*. Originally from Fairfield, Alabama, Wardell earned his BFA degree in Acting from The Theatre School at DePaul University. He also serves as a Teaching Artist in TimeLine's Living History Education Program. (Photo by Brave Lux, Inc.)

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Jenny Lynn Christoffersen**

**LIVE STREAM DIRECTED BY
Nick Bowling**

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Elle Erickson
Host Style Designer

Olivia Canaday
Host Stylist

FEATURED VIDEO PACKAGES

THE [HE]ART OF ENSEMBLE

DIRECTED BY
Nick Bowling

VIDEO DESIGN BY
Jenny Lynn Christoffersen

ARTISTIC ASSISTANCE BY
Brittainy Barattia

FEATURING
Will Allan
Behzad Dabu
Alex Weisman

EXPERIENCE THE SOUNDSCAPE (FEATURING *PARADISE BLUE*)

DIRECTED BY
Nick Bowling

VIDEO DESIGN BY
Andrew Carter

ARTISTIC ASSISTANCE BY
Brittainy Barattia

FEATURING
Tyla Abercumbie
Orbert Davis
Ron OJ Parson

RENDERING THE STORY (DESIGN AT TIMELINE)

DIRECTED BY
Maggie Fullilove-Nugent

VIDEO DESIGN BY
Tony Churchill

FEATURING
Brian Sidney Bembridge
Regina García
Vivian Knouse
Christine Pascual
Collette Pollard
Mike Tutaj

CRAFTING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS

DIRECTED BY
Nick Bowling

VIDEO DESIGN BY
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ARTISTIC ASSISTANCE BY
Brittainy Barattia

FEATURING
Kate Hennig
James Ijames
Moisés Kaufman
John Logan

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VOICEOVER BY
Mildred Marie Langford

FEATURING
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Tiffany Fulson

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DIRECTED BY
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VIDEO DESIGN BY
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ARTISTIC ASSISTANCE BY
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FEATURING
Jared Bellot
Josie Kearns
Maren Robinson
Dina Spoerl
Regina Victor

HOME ▄▄▄▄▄

PERFORMED BY
Keirsten Hodgens

DIRECTED BY
Nick Bowling

VIDEO DESIGN BY
Tony Churchill

ARTISTIC ASSISTANCE BY
Brittainy Barattia

“HOME” FROM THE WIZ
Written by Charlie Smalls

SOCIAL JUSTICE ▄▄▄▄▄

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Wardell Julius Clark

VIDEO DESIGN BY
Mike Tutaj

VOICEOVER BY
Anish Jethmalani

FEATURING
David Cromer
Charles Andrew Gardner
Mildred Marie Langford
Ron OJ Parson

A WRINKLE IN TIMELINE ▄▄▄▄▄
(A SILENT FILM)

DIRECTED BY
Nick Bowling

CINEMATOGRAPHY BY
Jenny Lynn Christoffersen

VIDEO DESIGN BY
Andrew Carter

MUSIC BY
Kevin Macleod

FEATURING
PJ Powers
Juliet Hart

WITH
Janet Ulrich Brooks
Maggie Fullilove-Nugent
Dawn Gray

AND

Elizabeth K. Auman
Nick Bowling
Brigid Broderick
Nick Chinaris
Ebony Chuukwu
Lara Goetsch
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INTRODUCTION BY
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Will Allan
Nick Bowling
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Wardell Julius Clark
Behzad Dabu
Charles Andrew Gardner

Lara Goetsch
Juliet Hart
Anish Jethmalani
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David Parkes
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Benjamin Thiem

'TIL TOMORROW ▄▄▄▄▄

DIRECTED BY
PJ Powers

VIDEO DESIGN BY
Tony Churchill

VOCALS BY

Cassie Slater

“TIL TOMORROW” FROM *FIORIELLO!*

Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick

Music by Jerry Bock

GIVE TO UNLOCK 

DIRECTED BY

Lara Goetsch

VIDEO DESIGN BY

Jenny Lynn Christoffersen

FEATURING

Andrew Carter

Jerod Haynes

David Parkes

GASLIGHT SCENE

Juliet Hart

PJ Powers

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Will Allan

Donald Brearley

Brad Bukauskas

Behzad Dabu

Rob Fenton

Joel Gross

Govind Kumar

Michael Peters

Alex Weisman

A RAISIN IN THE SUN SCENE

Jerod Haynes

Greta Oglesby

ROUND OF APPLAUSE 

DIRECTED BY

Lara Goetsch

VIDEO DESIGN BY

Jenny Lynn Christoffersen

FEATURING

Kellyn Henthorn

Lexi Saunders

Chelsea Smith

and

YOU, our Audience!

HERE COMES THE SUN 

DIRECTED BY

Nick Bowling

VIDEO DESIGN BY

Andrew Carter

ARTISTIC ASSISTANCE BY

Brittainy Barattia

FEATURING

Emily Berman

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Molly Hernandez

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Bri Sudia

WITH CONTRIBUTIONS BY

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Behzad Dabu

Tina El Gamal

Megan Geigner

Lara Goetsch

Dawn Gray

Rae Gray

Dennis Grimes

Terry and Laurie Hamilton

Juliet Hart

Jana Henthorn

Kellyn Henthorn

Anish Jethmalani

Michael Kingston

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Mechelle Moe

Nina the Wonder Dog

PJ Powers

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Demetrios Troy

Regina Victor

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“HERE COMES THE SUN”

Written by George Harrison

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ABOUT TIMELINE

— OUR MISSION AND HISTORY —

TimeLine Theatre Company presents stories inspired by history that connect with today's social and political issues. Our collaborative artistic team produces provocative theatre and educational programs that engage, entertain and enlighten.

From the moment in 1997 that six founders each pitched in \$50 to launch this company, TimeLine has worked to become one of Chicago's leading cultural institutions by creating theatre that is more than just a few hours in a seat. Our team of Company Members works collaboratively to present riveting stories that link our past, present, and future—exploring today's social and political issues through the lens of the past and inspiring ourselves to re-imagine tomorrow. And the TimeLine experience extends well beyond the stage, encompassing meticulously researched and interactive lobby experiences, opportunities to discuss the show with artists, ways to take action on whatever the art inspires, and more. It is a mission unique in Chicago, and beyond.

Our work has been recognized in Chicago and elsewhere with more than 50 awards for artistic and business excellence, including the prestigious 2016 MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions. And we have been honored with 58 Jeff Awards, including an award for Outstanding Production 11 times.

— LIVING HISTORY EDUCATION PROGRAM —

Founded in 2006, the Living History Education Program brings TimeLine's mission to Chicago Public Schools, working with students on creative exercises related to historically inspired stories on TimeLine's stage and elsewhere in literature. During arts integration residencies of six to 13 sessions, students explore connections between history, art, and their own lives, developing critical thinking and communication skills.

In 2018, Living History launched a new program, **TIMELINE SOUTH**—a unique arts program that provides teens a safe space for self-expression, creativity, and ensemble building on the south side of Chicago.

Major supporters of Living History include Allstate Insurance Company, The Crown Family, Joseph and Bessie Feinberg Foundation, Lloyd A. Fry Foundation, John and Jessica Fullerton, A.L. and Jennie L. Luria Foundation, Robert and Eleanor Meyers, Polk Bros. Foundation, and multiple anonymous contributors, as well as the donors to TimeLine's Annual Fund and Step Into Time gala. TimeLine South is sponsored by Anita Samen and David Follmer in memory of their son, Daniel Samen Follmer.

— A NEW HOME —

As TimeLine looks to its future, the company has purchased property in Uptown near the corner of Broadway and Argyle to be the site of its new home. TimeLine also has announced the selection of HGA as architect and is in the process of designing its new home. In the meantime, TimeLine continues to maintain its operations at its current home at 615 W. Wellington Avenue in Chicago's Lakeview East neighborhood.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT TIMELINETHEATRE.COM

ABOUT TIMELINE

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COVID PROTOCOLS

TimeLine has taken the following measures to keep our staff and performers safe while creating tonight's event:

All pre-planning for tonight's event happened virtually from our staff and production teams' homes.

Many of the interviews you will see tonight took place in artists' homes to avoid travel risks.

For artists and technicians working together in our theatre, TimeLine has created a COVID-19 Protocol, which uses CDC-recommended guidelines for risk mitigation, including health-screenings, double masks, face shields, and physical distancing.

