

EXPLORING TODAY THROUGH THE LENS OF THE PAST

artistic director PJ Powers | executive director Mica Cole

Trouble in Mind

by **Alice Childress**directed by **Ron OJ Parson, SDC+**

scenic designer Caitlin McLeod
costume designer Christine Pascual, U.S.A.
lighting designer Brandon Wardell, U.S.A.
properties designer Jennifer Wernau
original music and sound designer Christopher Kriz, U.S.A.
wig and hair designer Megan E. Pirtle
dramaturg Martine Kei Green-Rogers
stage manager Miranda Anderson*

featuring Tim Decker*, Vincent Jordan*, Shariba Rivers*, Charles Stransky*, Guy Van Swearingen*, Tarina J. Bradshaw, Jordan Ashley Grier, Kenneth D. Johnson, and Adam Shalzi

November 10 – December 18, 2022 (previews 11/2 – 11/9)





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+ TimeLine Company Member

CAST

Tim Decker*	Al Manners
Vincent Jordan*	John Nevins
Shariba Rivers*	Wiletta Mayer
Charles Stransky*	Henry
Guy Van Swearingen*	Bill O'Wray
Tarina J. Bradshaw	Millie Davis
Jordan Ashley Grier	Judy Sears
Kenneth D. Johnson	Sheldon Forrester
Adam Shalzi	Eddie Fenton

UNDERSTUDIES: Chloe Belongilot (*Judy Sears*), Zach Bloomfield (*Henry*), Matthew Collins (*Bill O'Wray*), Breanna Ghostone (*Millie Davis*), Mike Jimerson (*Al Manners*), Andre McGraw (*Sheldon Forrester*), Brandon J. Sapp (*John Nevins*), Elliot Simmons (*Eddie Fenton*), and Tina Marie Wright (*Wiletta Mayer*). Understudies will never substitute for a listed player unless an announcement is posted at the performance.

SETTING

A Broadway theatre in New York City, 1957.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Vocal Consultant		Johan H. Gallardo Trey Brazeal Dina Spoerl Gianni Carcagno Aria Morris Ellen Willett Emmanuel Jimenez Jessica Kuehnau Wardell Lucy Elkin Mark Brown Averi Paulsen Mia Thomas Robin DaSilva
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CONVERSATION

TimeLine Theatre is dedicated to exploring today's social and political issues through the lens of the past. We share information and provide inspiration for conversation through this *Backstory* program book, the interactive lobby experience (with elements available in person at the theatre as well as online), discussion events (in-person and sometimes virtual), our blog Behind the 'Line, and more. Explore all the resources available at *timelinetheatre.com/trouble-in-mind*.

VISIT THE ONLINE LOBBY FOR TROUBLE IN MIND



To supplement the lobby experience available at our theatre on Wellington Avenue, we've created additional resources for you to explore online! Scan the QR Code at left or visit *timelinetheatre.com/trouble-in-mind-lobby* to find additional content, including:

- Online versions of some of the materials displayed in the lobby, for further perusal
- Further reading and activities related to the play's topics and themes
- Plus photos, videos, and much more!

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

TimeLine Theatre is on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube at @TimeLineTheatre. Don't forget to tag us and use the hashtag #TroubleInMind and/or #TimeLineTheatre.











TIM DECKER (AI Manners) is happy to be back at TimeLine, where he previously appeared in SPILL in 2015. Tim has appeared in dozens of productions both in Chicago and at regional theatres. Favorite local productions include a four-year run of MILLION

DOLLAR QUARTET at The Apollo, HAMLET and MARY STUART at Chicago Shakespeare, and TOYS IN THE ATTIC at American Blues Theatre (Equity Jeff Award – Actor in a Principal Role, Play). In addition to theatre work, Tim has had recurring and guest star roles in such television shows as BOSS, CHICAGO JUSTICE, CUPID, THE UNTOUCHABLES, and CHICAGO FIRE, as well as many commercials for both radio and television.



VINCENT JORDAN (John Nevins) is very excited to be making his TimeLine debut with this production. He hails from Chicago, where his spark for acting started off at a young age. After honing his acting skills in the Asante Childrens Theater in India-

napolis, Ind., he would later come back to Chicago to work with the Black Ensemble Theater. It was there that a star was born, as he would make appearances in numerous shows, including the lead role of Chuck Berry in HAIL HAIL CHUCK BERRY. Vincent is also a Jeff Award winner for his portrayal of Earth Wind & Fire's Maurice White in YOU CAN'T FAKE THE FUNK.



SHARIBA RIVERS (Wiletta Mayer) is making her Time-Line debut. Chicago stage credits include SCHOOL GIRLS; OR, THE AFRICAN MEAN GIRLS PLAY (U/S, Goodman); THE TASTERS (Rivendell); HOODOO LOVE (Raven); IN THE CANYON

(Jackalope); DONTRELL WHO KISSED THE SEA (First Floor); INSURRECTION: HOLDING HISTORY (Stage Left); and NEVER THE MILK AND HONEY (MPAACT). Regional credits include SWEAT (Paramount Theatre, Aurora, III.); SCHOOL GIRLS: OR, THE AFRICAN MEAN GIRLS PLAY

(TheatreSquared, Fayetteville, Ark.); WE ARE CONTINU-OUS (Geva Theatre, Rochester, N.Y.); and SMALL JOKES ABOUT MONSTERS (16th Street Theater). Television an film credits include SMOKING GUN, CHICAGO MED, CHI-CAGO FIRE, and CHICAGO P.D. (NBC); THE CHI (Showtime), and EMPIRE (Fox). She is represented by Gray Talent Group. Visit sharibatheactor.com.



CHARLES STRANSKY (Henry) is extremely pleased to be back with TimeLine, where he was last seen playing Mordechai Weiss in A SHAYNA MAIDEL. He has performed on Broadway and off-Broadway extensively. His Chicago and regional theatre credits

include productions at Goodman, Steppenwolf, Court, The Old Globe, Northlight, American Players Theatre, Wisdom Bridge Theatre, Cardinal Stage Company, Capital Rep, Riverside Theatre Company, Kitchen Theatre, Delaware Theatre, The State Theatre of Austin, and Vermont Stage Company. Television credits include CHICAGO P.D., PATRIOT, EMBEDS, ALL MY CHILDREN, LAW & ORDER, LAW & ORDER: CRIMINAL INTENT, THIRD WATCH, and many others. Charles has performed in many films, including THE SPANISH PRISONER, HOMICIDE, and THINGS CHANGE, all written and directed by David Mamet. Audible.com has a complete list of varied fiction and non-fiction audiobooks he has narrated. Charles has been a proud member of Actors' Equity since 1976. He is represented by the wonderful Paonessa Talent Agency.



GUY VAN SWEARINGEN (Bill O'Wray) is making his TimeLine Theatre debut. Off-Broadway credits include THE OPPONENT (59E59). Select regional credits include ARSENIC AND OLD LACE (Court), SWEAT (Huntington), THE SIGN IN SIDNEY BRUS-

TEIN'S WINDOW (Goodman), SIMPATICO (McCarter), THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE (Steppenwolf, Seattle Rep, A.C.T.), TAKING CARE (Steppenwolf), CLEANSED (Defiant), ELEVEN ROOMS OF PROUST (Lookingglass, About Face, Goodman), and MANN IST MANN (Famous Door). He is the founder of A Red Orchid, where he has more than 15 performance stage credits. Television credits include

POWER BOOK IV: FORCE (Starz), CHICAGO FIRE (NBC), FARGO (F/X), THE RED LINE (CBS), BOSS (Starz), and THE BEAST (A&E). Film credits include CAPTIVE STATE, TAKE SHELTER, THE DILEMMA, THE MERRY GENTLEMAN, THE WEATHERMAN, and ALI. He is a former Lieutenant on Truck 36 of the Chicago Fire Department. He is represented by Paonessa Talent and WEG Talent, NYC.



TARINA J. **BRADSHAW** (Millie Davis) is thrilled to return to TimeLine, where she previously understudied TOO HEAVY FOR YOUR POCKET. Tarina earned her BA degree in acting in New York and is a 2022 Stella Adler Summer Conservatory alum. She was

previously seen in Raven Theatre's production of THE LAST PAIR OF EARLIES (Equity Jeff Award nomination -Production, Play, Midsize), deemed the #1 Chicago show of 2021 by Newcity Stage and Let's Play. Tarina has also worked with Court, Windy City Playhouse, Oak Park Festival Theatre, and Black Ensemble, among others. She is dedicating her first performance to her wonderful fiancé. She is represented by DDO Artist Agency. For more, visit Linktr.ee/TarinaBradshaw.



JORDAN ASHLEY GRIER (Judy Sears) is thrilled to return to TimeLine, where she previously understudied RELENTLESS. Favorite theatre credits include ARSENIC AND OLD LACE (Court), THE-ATRE MACABRE (Tension, Los Angeles), MACBETH (LAMDA,

London), and JULIUS CAESAR (SDSU, San Diego), Film and television credits include THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD, BETRAYED, GRIT, and IMPOSTER. She graduated from the London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA) with an MA degree in Classical Acting. Jordan would like to thank her partner Alex, her family, and her team at Stewart Talent.



KENNETH D. JOHNSON (Sheldon Forrester) is happy to return to TimeLine, where he previously understudied SUNSET BABY and MY KIND OF TOWN. Kenneth is a Chicago native and has acted in many theatres around town. He was last seen at

Definition Theatre in AMERICA v.2.1 THE SAD DEMISE AND THE EVENTUAL EXTINCTION OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO. Other credits include BETWEEN RIVERSIDE AND CRAZY (Redtwist, Non-Equity Jeff Award nomination - Performer in a Principal Role, Play). Television credits include THE CHI (Showtime) and THE RED LINE (CBS). He received a BA degree in Theatre at Columbia College Chicago.



ADAM SHALZI (Eddie Fenton) is happy to be making his TimeLine debut with this incredible artistic team. Theatre credits include LORD OF THE FLIES (Steppenwolf), THE ORIGINAL GREASE (American Theater Company), BALM IN GILEAD and THE STINKY

CHEESE MAN (Griffin). THE DIVINERS and MACBETH (Organic), 10 OUT OF 12 (Theater Wit), and productions with Strawdog, Sideshow, Redtwist, Redmoon, Next, Emerald City, WildClaw, and the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. Television and film credits include PAPER GIRLS, CHICAGO FIRE, THE CHI, UTOPIA, BETRAYAL, JANIE JONES, NIGHTLIGHTS, THE WINDIGO, and THE CRUSADES. Adam holds a BFA degree in acting from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is a graduate of the iO improv program. He is represented by LEWK Management and Paonessa Talent. On Instagram and YouTube: @shalzinator.



CHLOE BELONGILOT (Judy Sears U/S) is a Chicagobased actress and teaching artist represented by Big Mouth Talent, and she is excited to be making her TimeLine debut! Chloe has her BFA degree in Musical Theatre from Coastal Caro-

lina University. Since recently moving to Chicago, she has performed in Porchlight Theatre's NEW FACES SING BROADWAY CABARET, the world premiere of RED SUMMER with MPAACT, and is an active performer with the ABLE Ensemble of Chicago. Chloe is thankful to have the opportunity to help bring this important story to life.



ZACH BLOOMFIELD (Henry U/S) is making his TimeLine debut. His film and television credits include RUNNER and ZEN ROOM (pilot). Chicago theatre credits include work with Shattered Globe, BoHo, City Lit, Promethean Theatre Ensemble, The Factory The-

ater, Oil Lamp Theatre, Clockwise Theatre, and many productions at Eclipse Theatre Company, where he was an ensemble member. He has a BFA degree in Acting/Directing from Kent State University, an MA degree in Theatre Arts from North Dakota State University, and a PhD in Theatre History from The University of Missouri-Columbia. He is a professor emeritus at Joliet Junior College. He is represented by Big Mouth Talent.



MATTHEW COLLINS (Bill O'Wray U/S) is thrilled to return to TimeLine, where he previously understudied DANNY CASOLARO DIED FOR YOU and SPILL. A transplant from Kentucky, he earned his BFA degree in Theatre Studies from Murray

State University and moved to Chicago, making it his home for the last 10 years. Recent theatre credits include SOUTHERN GOTHIC, NAUTILINA, and THE LIBRARY. Television credits include CHICAGO MED and CHICAGO FIRE. He's represented by Big Mouth Talent.



BREANNA GHOSTONE (Millie Davis U/S) is beyond grateful to be a part of her first show at TimeLine! Currently represented by Gray Talent Group, Breanna is a singer, actor and dancer who graduated with her Master's degree in Opera and Musical Theatre

Performance from Arizona State University. She also holds a Bachelor's degree in Opera Performance from the University of Michigan. Favorite musical credits include HAIRSPRAY (Power Center for Performing Arts), LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL (Evelyn Smith Theatre), WEST SIDE STORY (The Phoenix Theatre Company) and NEW FACES SING BROADWAY 1947 (Porchlight). More recently, Breanna has also appeared on camera in educational industrials with companies like Verizon Wireless and McGraw Hill, supported Black film projects such as THE DETROIT PROJECT and THE FUNNEL, and appeared in commercials for Gatorade and AutoZone.



MIKE JIMERSON (AIManners U/S) is delighted to return to TimeLine, where he understudied OSLO. A long-time Chicago improviser, his other stage credits include IMPROVISED SHAKESPEARE (formerly at iO Chicago) and THEE TRINITY (Polemic Theater).

His television credits include CHICAGO MED and CHICAGO FIRE (NBC), FARGO (FX), and NEXT (FOX), and he can be seen in the upcoming feature film TWAIN: CANCELLED (Kernel Productions). Mike is represented by Gray Talent Group.



ANDRE MCGRAW (Sheldon Forrester U/S) is making his TimeLine debut. A native of Omaha, Nebraska, he got his start at the John Beasley Theater and Workshop (JBT) in Omaha, where his credits included FENCES, MASTER HAROLD...AND THE BOYS,

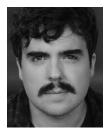
JITNEY, TWO TRAINS RUNNING, RADIO GOLF, SOUL SUR-VIVOR, GEM OF THE OCEAN, and MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM, among others. Other Omaha theatre credits include DEATH OF A SALESMAN. A RAISIN IN THE SUN.

BOYS NEXT DOOR (2008 Omaha Entertainment Award – Best Supporting Actor), THE PIANO LESSON, RACE (2014 Award – Best Supporting Actor), THE EXONERATED, PRAYING FOR A HURRICANE, A MAN OF FISH, and TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD, among others. Since moving to Chicago, his credits include THE OLYMPIANS (Northwestern University/Piven), TITUS ANDRONICUS (Haven). and TWO TRAINS RUNNING (Court). He studied theatre in the BFA program at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and the 2008 August Wilson Festival & Workshop at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.



BRANDON J. SAPP (John Nevins U/S) is making his TimeLine debut. Born and raised in Chicago, he received his BFA degree in Acting from Northern Illinois University and intensively studied under Sanford Meisner's acting method. Post-graduation the-

atre credits include A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM (Ohio Shakespeare Festival) and ROMEO AND JULIET, TUBMAN: ROAD TO FREEDOM, and A CHRISTMAS CAROL at Chicago's Great Works Theatre. He is represented by Gray Talent Group.



ELLIOT SIMMONS (Eddie Fenton U/S) is very excited to be making his TimeLine debut. He graduated in 2017 with a BA degree in Acting from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was recently seen in LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (Orin U/S) at Cita-

del Theatre and was the season one host for SPACE GREED on Curiosity Stream. He is represented by Big Mouth Talent.



TINA MARIE WRIGHT (Wiletta Mayer U/S) is making her TimeLine debut. A Chicagoan, she has performed with numerous Chicago-area theaters throughout the years. Selected credits include ARSENIC AND OLD LACE (Court, u/s); HUNGRY GHOST FESTI-

VAL (Lifeline, reading); ONE FOR THE ROAD, FIRST WORDS, RADICAL HEARSAY, and TROUBLE THE WATER (MPAACT);

SHAKIN' THE MESS OUT OF MISERY (Pegasus); FIELD OF SOULS, THE DREAMERS, A LOVESONG FOR MISS LYDIA, ONE MONKEY DON'T STOP NO SHOW (ETA Creative Arts); THE NAT KING COLE STORY and A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE (Black Ensemble); and SHAKIN' THE MESS OUT OF MISERY (Chicago Theater Company).

ALICE CHILDRESS (Playwright, 1916–1994) was raised during the Harlem Renaissance under the watchful eye of her beloved maternal grandmother and grew up to become first an actress and then a playwright and novelist. She was a founding member of the American Negro Theatre. Her play TROUBLE IN MIND debuted in 1955 at the Greenwich Mews Theatre, received a well-reviewed off-Broadway revival in 1998 by the Negro Ensemble Company and has since been produced by a multitude of prestigious theaters such as Yale Repertory Theatre, Centerstage, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Arena Stage, and Roundabout Theatre's Tony Award-nominated revival in 2021. Her other plays are FLORENCE (1949), GOLD THROUGH THE TREES (1952), JUST A LITTLE SIMPLE (1950), WEDDING BAND: A LOVE/HATE STORY IN BLACK AND WHITE (1966), and GULLAH (1984). She's also known for A Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Sandwich, her 1973 novel about a 13-year-old Black boy addicted to heroin, which was made into a movie in 1978. Throughout her career. Childress examined the true meaning of being Black, and especially of being Black and female. As she herself once said, "I concentrate on portraying have-nots in a have society."

RON OJ PARSON (Director) is a TimeLine Company Member. His TimeLine credits include RELENTLESS (Equity Jeff Award - Direction of a Play, Large), TOO HEAVY FOR YOUR POCKET, TO CATCH A FISH, PARA-DISE BLUE, SUNSET BABY, and A RAISIN IN THE SUN. He is a native of Buffalo, New York, and a graduate of the University of Michigan's professional theater program. He is the co-founder and former Artistic Director of Onyx Theatre Ensemble of Chicago, Ron is a Resident Artist at Court Theatre. Since moving to Chicago from New York in 1994, he has worked as both an actor and director. His Chicago credits include work with The Chicago Theatre Company, Victory Gardens, Teatro Vista, Goodman, Steppenwolf, Chicago Dramatists, Northlight, Court, Black Ensemble Theatre, Congo Square, Urban Theatre Company, City Lit Theater, ETA Creative Arts, and Writers, among others. Regionally, Ron has directed shows at Studio Arena Theatre, Alliance Theatre, Actors Theatre

of Louisville, Milwaukee Repertory, South Coast Repertory, Pasadena Playhouse, Geva Theatre, Virginia Stage, Roundabout Theatre, Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati, Wilshire Theatre, The Mechanic Theatre, CenterStage, St. Louis Black Repertory, Pittsburgh Public Theater, Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre, Signature Theatre (New York), Kansas City Rep, and Portland Stage, among others. In Canada, he directed the world premiere of PALMER PARK by Joanna McClelland Glass at the Stratford Festival. He is a member of AEA, SAG-AFTRA, and SDC. For further information, visit *ronojparson.com*. Ron would like to dedicate this production to Bert Williams, Hattie McDaniel, and the many Black actors who paved the way.

CAITLIN MCLEOD (Scenic Designer) is a costume, scenic, and puppet designer; TROUBLE IN MIND is her TimeLine debut. Most recent credits include EXQUISITE CORPSE (Rough House), GET OUT ALIVE (Haven), CELESTIAL BALLAD (Chicago Puppet Lab), SEAGULL (Steppenwolf), NOW AND THEN (Oil Lamp), SEA CHANGE (Cabinet of Curiosity), WHEN HARRY MET REHAB (Pemberley Productions), HERSHEL AND THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS (Strawdog), DIAMOND'S DREAM (Chicago Children's Theatre), STICK FLY (Writers), and MLIMA'S TALE (Griffin). She also is a co-founder of the Chicago based costume crafts company Craftiga (Craftiga.com), a co-curator of NBS Chicago's Puppet Slam, and a company member of Rough House. She earned her MFA degree from Northwestern University. Visit CaitlinMcLeodDesign.com

CHRISTINE PASCUAL (Costume Designer) returns to TimeLine with TROUBLE IN MIND, having previously designed RELENTLESS (Equity Jeff Award nomination - Costume Design, Large), OSLO, TO CATCH A FISH, PARADISE BLUE, BAKERSFIELD MIST, SUNSET BABY, and HANNAH AND MARTIN. Previous design credits include I.CINNA (Chicago Shakespeare), HOW TO DEFEND YOURSELF and THE FIRST DEEP BREATH (Victory Gardens), DANCE NATION and LA RUTA (Steppenwolf), THE TOTAL BENT and THE DISPLACED (Haven). LADY IN DENMARK and FEATHERS AND TEETH (Goodman), DUTCH MASTERS and THE LIGHT FANTASTIC (Jackalope), CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY (Raven), EAST TEXAS HOT LINKS (Writers), and PUT YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER (The Roustabouts). Christine holds an MFA degree from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She is a member of United Scenic Artist Local 829.

BRANDON WARDELL (Lighting Designer) is a Chicagobased lighting and scenic designer returning to TimeLine with TROUBLE IN MIND, having previously designed RUTHERFORD AND SON, CARDBOARD PIANO, and IN THE NEXT ROOM, OR THE VIBRATOR PLAY. He is an Artistic Associate of Steep Theatre and Associate Professor at Northern Illinois University.

JENNIFER WERNAU (Properties Designer) is a free-lance properties designer in Chicago, originally from New York. She's returning to TimeLine, where she previously worked on RELENTLESS and CARDBOARD PIANO. She has worked for companies like Metropolis Performing Arts Center and Peninsula Players. Past credits include LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, BASKERVILLE, ANYTHING GOES, and A CHRISTMAS CAROL (Metropolis Theatre); SUNSET BOULEVARD and GYPSY (Porchlight); DARKNESS AFTER DAWN (Factory Theatre); HOODED, OR BEING BLACK FOR DUMMIES (First Floor); THE ARC TRIALS (Mudlark Theater Company); and SMALL WORLD (The New Colony).

CHRISTOPHER KRIZ (Original Music and Sound Designer) is a composer and sound designer based in Chicago and is pleased to return to TimeLine, having previously designed RELENTLESS (Equity Jeff Award nomination - Original Music in a Play), TOO HEAVY FOR YOUR POCKET, PARADISE BLUE, SUNSET BABY, and others. Other Chicago credits include work with Goodman, Steppenwolf, Chicago Shakespeare, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Court, Remy Bumppo, Victory Gardens, Northlight, Shattered Globe, The Gift Theatre, and many others. Regional credits include productions with Seattle Repertory, Kansas City Repertory, Indiana Repertory, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Crossroads Theatre, TheatreSquared, Montana Shakespeare Festival, Nebraska Repertory, Michigan Shakespeare Festival, and others. A winner of five Joseph Jefferson Awards. Christopher is a proud member of United Scenic Artists 829. To hear more of his work, please visit *christopherkriz.com*.

MEGAN E. PIRTLE (Wig and Hair Designer) is excited to return to TimeLine, having previously designed the wigs for CAMPAIGNS, INC. (with Katie Cordts), RELENTLESS, and RUTHERFORD AND SON. Selected wig and hair design credits include L'INCORONAZIONE di POPPEA, L'AMANT ANONYME (Haymarket Opera); TWO TRAINS RUNNING (Court); HER HONOR JANE BYRNE (Lookingglass); DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE and SONGS FOR NOBODIES (Northlight); THE LAST PAIR OF EARLIES

and CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY (Raven); and HELLO DOLLY, THE WIZARD OF OZ. and THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA (Marriott). She received BFA degrees in both Costume Design and Costume Technology from DePaul University and is a licensed cosmetologist of Illinois, having graduated from Tricoci University of Beauty Culture. For more, visit meganpirtledesign.com.

MARTINE KEI GREEN-ROGERS (Dramatura) is making her TimeLine debut. Dramaturgical credits include THE CATASTROPHIST (Marin Theatre Company, Calif.); HE BROUGHT HER HEART BACK IN A BOX and THE OHIO STATE MURDERS (Round House Theatre, Bethesda, Md.); KING HEDLEY II, RADIO GOLF, FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE, BLUES FOR AN ALABAMA SKY. GEM OF THE OCEAN. SEVEN GUITARS, THE MOUNTAINTOP, (Court); and HAIRSPRAY, THE BOOK OF WILL, SHAKE-SPEARE IN LOVE, COMEDY OF ERRORS, THE AFRICAN COMPANY PRESENTS RICHARD III, and FENCES (Oregon Shakespeare Festival). She also serves as Dean of The Theatre School at DePaul University.

MIRANDA ANDERSON (Stage Manager) is delighted to be back with TimeLine, where recent credits include CAMPAIGNS, INC; RELENTLESS; and KILL MOVE PARA-DISE. Other Chicago PSM credits include productions with Writers, Rivendell, First Folio, and The Hypocrites, as well as work with Steppenwolf and Lookingglass. From 2012-2018 she toured with The Hypocrites' Gilbert and Sullivan productions to regional theaters, including Olney Theatre Company, Pasadena Playhouse, Skirball Center at New York University, Berkeley Repertory, Actors Theatre of Louisville, and American Repertory Theatre in Boston. Miranda is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association.

DERON S. WILLIAMS (Associate Director, Assistant Dramaturg) is excited to work with TimeLine for the first time. As a freelance director and dramaturg, he has worked in several cities. Other recent credits include THE LIL' FLO AND BIG MO SHOW! (Hartford Stage), THE EXON-ERATED (Spectrum Theatre Ensemble), AFRICA TO AMERICA (Eastern Connecticut State University), and CLYBOURNE PARK (Texas Tech University). He is an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Loyola University Chicago. He received a BA degree in Theatre from Albany State University, an MA degree in Arts Administration from Eastern Michigan University, and Ph.D. in Theatre from Texas Tech University.

JOHAN H. GALLARDO (Associate Costume Designer) is excited to join their first production at TimeLine. They work as a costume designer and illustrator in the Chicago area, along with being the Costume Supervisor at Chicago Children's Theatre, Chicago design credits include LAST HERMANOS at A Red Orchid and TOMMY ON TOP at PrideArts. Assistant design credits include KING JAMES, SEAGULL, I'M NOT YOUR PERFECT MEXICAN DAUGHTER, and THE BROTHERS SIZE at Steppenwolf Theatre and A RAISIN IN THE SUN at American Players Theatre, Visit JohanHGallardo.com.

TREY BRAZEAL (Associate Lighting Designer) is happy to be working with TimeLine for the first time on this show and wants to thank Maggie and Brandon for allowing him this collaboration! Past credits include MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING and FENCES (The Olney Theatre Center). THE LAST FIVE YEARS (Third Avenue Playworks). MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL (2nd Assistant, American Tour. Nederlander Theatre). LEONARDO! A WON-DERFUL SHOW ABOUT A TERRIBLE MONSTER TOUR (Manual Cinema), THIS WIDE NIGHT (Shattered Globe, Interrobang), and LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS and MY WAY: A FRANK SINATRA TRIBUTE MUSICAL (Metropolis Performing Arts Center).

DINA SPOERL (Dramaturgical Display Designer) returns to TimeLine for TROUBLE IN MIND, where her recent credits include CAMPAIGNS, INC; THE CHINESE LADY; RELENTLESS: KILL MOVE PARADISE: TOO HEAVY FOR YOUR POCKET; CARDBOARD PIANO; A SHAYNA MAID-EL; TO CATCH A FISH; THE AUDIENCE; PARADISE BLUE: and A DISAPPEARING NUMBER, among many others. She has almost 20 years of graphic design and exhibit design experience. Past and current clients include the American Library Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, The National Museum of Natural History, The Newberry Library, FINRA, Nextbook, National Building Museum, Children's Home & Aid, and Indiana State Museum. She is currently Exhibits Team Leader at Naper Settlement. She sends love and immense gratitude to Mark, Jack, and Zoe.

GIANNI CARCAGNO (Production Assistant, COVID Compliance Officer) is excited to return to TimeLine after previously working on CAMPAIGNS, INC. and THE CHI-NESE LADY. Other credits include BLUES IN THE NIGHT, PUMP BOYS & DINETTES, and NUNSENSE (Porchlight): LA CAGE AUX FOLLES and MAMMA MIA (Music Theater

Works); POLAROID STORIES (Loyola University Chicago); and two storytelling workshops with Mentor Artists Playwrights Project. Gianni has a BA degree in Theatre and Sociology from Loyola University Chicago.

PJ POWERS (Artistic Director) was a co-founder of TimeLine in 1997 and became Artistic Director in 1999. Since then, he has overseen the production of more than 80 plays, including 12 world premieres and more than 38 Chicago premieres. During his tenure, TimeLine has garnered 60 Jeff Awards, including 11 for Outstanding Production, as well as awards for excellence in arts management, including the 2016 MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions. PJ also has been instrumental in establishing TimeLine's home on Wellington Avenue in 1999; expanding the company's programming to include productions in numerous other venues, including the Broadway Playhouse; creating the TimePieces play reading series and First Draft Festival of new work; launching the Living History Education Program in Chicago Public Schools under the direction of TimeLine co-founder Juliet Hart; and planning for TimeLine's new home in Uptown. As an actor, he has appeared in 18 productions at TimeLine, including the APPLE family plays: That hopey changey THING, as well as THE FRONT PAGE, THE FARNSWORTH INVENTION, FIORELLO!, and HAUPTMANN. He also has appeared at Writers, Northlight, and Shattered Globe, among others, A graduate of The Theatre School at DePaul University, PJ has served on the Board of Directors for the League of Chicago Theatres, was awarded the Meier Achievement Award for mid-career artists, and received a Goldman Sachs Senior Fellowship at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. He directed the Chicago

premiere of J.T. Rogers' ONE GIANT LEAP: THE APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING in a one-night event at the Broadway Playhouse.

MICA COLE (Executive Director) was named TimeLine's Executive Director in April 2022, A Chicago native raised on the South Side, she has worked as an arts administrator and changemaker for nearly two decades. Most recently, she has been a national consultant providing executive coaching and strategic planning for cultural institutions working to embrace an antiracist leadership paradigm. Mica is a consultant with artEquity, a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training, and resources for individuals and organizations working at the intersection of art and activism. She co-led its BIPOC Surviving Predominantly White Institutions Series and the BIPOC Leadership Circle—both aimed at providing resources and mentorship to leaders of color. Prior to her work as an organizational consultant, Mica served eight seasons as the Repertory Producer at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. As a senior leader at OSF, she played a key role in guiding the company's equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives, many of which now serve as foundational organizational models for institutions around the world. Mica has produced more than 80 shows, including a dozen transfers and national co-productions of new plays with theatres such as American Repertory, Seattle Repertory, South Coast Rep., Arena Stage, Portland Center Stage, and Berkeley Repertory. She worked in Chicago as the Executive Director of Free Street Theater and as the Director of Education and Engagement at Writers Theatre. Mica served on the advisory committee for the Latinx Theatre Commons and is a founding member of the Black Theatre Commons. She is a graduate of The Theatre School at DePaul University.

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TimeLine is working to make our productions accessible to all patrons. The following are only a few of the services available; we invite you to visit *timelinetheatre.com/accessibility* for a complete list of offerings.



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TimeLine offers RF assistive listening devices for those who request them. Ask the Box Office and provide an ID to check out a listening device.



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- Trouble in Mind Friday, December 9 at 8pm
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Audio description allows patrons who are blind or low vision to access the visual experience of our performances. A live narrator gives verbal descriptions of actions, costumes, scenery,

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• Trouble in Mind— Friday, December 16 at 8pm

If you would like to suggest services that you believe would make our theatre more accessible, please contact Audience Services Manager Kellyn Henthorn at *kellyn@timelinetheatre.com*.

ABOUT TIMELINE

OUR MISSION

TimeLine Theatre Company presents stories inspired by history that connect with today's social and political issues. Our collaborative organization 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.



Pat Tiedemann (from left), PJ Powers, and Juliet Hart in TimeLine's inaugural production SUMMIT CONFERENCE, 1998.

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.

Now celebrating our 26th season, TimeLine has presented 85 productions, including 12 world premieres and 39 Chicago premieres.

Our work has been recognized in Chicago and beyond: TimeLine received the prestigious 2016 MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions and has been named "Company of the Year" in *The Wall Street Journal* (2010), one of the American Theatre Wing's top 10 emerging professional theatre companies nationwide (2011) and *Chicago* magazine's "Best Theatre" in the city (2011). And we have been honored with 60 Jeff Awards, including an

award for Outstanding Production 11 times.



Ayanna Bria Bakari (left) and Jaye Ladymore in the world premiere of Tyla Abercrumbie's RELENTLESS, 2022.

We work to match artistic excellence with sophisticated business management, and these efforts also have been recognized. TimeLine was the first arts organization to receive the Alford-Axelson Award for Nonprofit Managerial Excellence of a small company, and we have received the Association for Strategic Planning's Richard Goodman Strategic Planning Award in the Non-Profit category.

For more about TimeLine's history and programs, please visit timelinetheatre.com

TimeLine Theatre is a member of the League of Chicago Theatres, Chicago Cultural Alliance, Choose Chicago, the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce, Uptown Chamber of Commerce, Lakeview's Belmont Theater District, the Chicago Green Theatre Alliance, and Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for the American theatre.

LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM



Living History students in the lobby at a matinee performance of CARDBOARD PIANO, 2019.

earning and discovery have always been central to TimeLine's mission, driven by our belief that live performance can connect people and illuminate ideas.

Founded in 2006, TimeLine's Living History Education Program brings that mission to Chicago Public Schools, working with students on creative exercises related to historically inspired stories on TimeLine's stage and beyond.

Living History is an arts integration residency that features

curriculum designed to teach theatre skills while fostering the capacity to think creatively, to make connections, and to provide new ways of understanding history and the world around us. Over six to 13 sessions, students explore connections between history, art and their own lives, developing critical thinking and communication skills.

"It made me feel that I was part of that moment in history. As if I was experiencing it firsthand. It made me understand it better."

During Living History residencies, TimeLine teaching artists and classroom teachers collaborate on lesson plans that illuminate the themes of the play and their connection to each classroom curriculum. Students work on several scenes from a TimeLine production and are provided with a study guide. They experience visits from the production's actors and dramaturg and attend a student matinee and post-show discussion with the cast.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Living History revisioned its play- and field trip-centered residencies to respond to the unique needs of students and teachers who are living through history and looking for ways to express their experiences. The need for partnership, collaboration, and creative problem-solving is more important than ever, and Living History has provided virtual and real-time opportunities to use theater-based exercises to amplify student voices, challenges, hopes, and dreams.

Since its inception, more than 9,000 students have actively explored history through Living History. TimeLine currently partners with nine schools to present the program.

TIMELINE SOUTH



Tiffany Fulson (right) with a TimeLine South ensemble member in 2019.

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—just celebrated its 5th anniversary, this year in partnership with the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts. Offered free of charge for six weeks during the summer, TimeLine South promotes leadership in the arts and introduces teens to the idea that theatre can also be a vehicle for social justice.

Major supporters of Living History include Crown Family Philanthropies, Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation, Lloyd A. Fry Foundation, John and Jessica Fullerton, Robert and Eleanor Meyers, Stanley and Vivian Nitzberg, Polk Bros. Foundation, Walder Foundation, and multiple anonymous contributors, as well as the donors to TimeLine's Annual Fund and Step Into Time gala. The growth of TimeLine South was supported over multiple years by Anita Samen and David Follmer in memory of their son, Daniel Samen Follmer. TimeLine South is currently sponsored by Walder Foundation.

COMPANY MEMBERS



Company Members are the artistic leaders of TimeLine Theatre Company, working collaboratively together to shape the artistic vision and choose the programming for the organization.

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TimeLine's Associate Artists have made enormous contributions to the work on TimeLine's stage, and they also have been leaders off stage, making the company a better place to work and serving as ambassadors in the community. The group plays an important role in shaping TimeLine's artistic growth.

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TimeLine has an ongoing commitment to developing the work of established as well as emerging playwrights. The Playwrights Collective, founded under the leadership of Ben Thiem, offers a supportive environment over multiple years for a group of Chicago-based playwrights to develop new plays that are inspired by history and explore the social and political events of today.

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CREATING A NEW CULTURAL ASSET FOR CHICAGO, IN UPTOWN.

TimeLine is laying the foundation for our next era. After 25 years of adapting within rented facilities, we're establishing a purposefully built theatrical hub in Chicago's vibrant Uptown neighborhood. Far more than just a theatre, this inviting and accessible facility will be a welcoming gathering space for entertainment, education, and community engagement.

Joining other venerable performance venues in the historic Uptown Entertainment District, TimeLine's new home will feature:

- An intimate and flexible 250-seat black box theatre that can be reimagined for every show
- Exhibit galleries that enhance the production experience
- A dedicated Education and Engagement room for student and community programming
- Expanded social spaces, including a bar and café open day and night
- Office, rehearsal, and production space for staff and artists
- Plus opportunities for future expansion, and much more!

Join us in taking this bold step together toward a new home, where everyone is welcomed and where great artistry collides with topics relevant to today's social and political issues.

"It's Time to create a space to grow and innovate
... a space where past and present intersect and where collaboration
and togetherness will lead us to a better future."

- Artistic Director PJ Powers

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Explore more about this thrilling project—including interior and exterior design renderings—online at *timelinetheatre.com/its-time*.

IT'S TIME: THE CAMPAIGN FOR TIMELINE'S NEW HOME

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