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Wheelock Family Theatre creates intergenerational and multicultural productions that provide a shared experience for the whole family. Among increasingly few institutions, we are committed to serving and supporting families of all kinds. Our productions celebrate the diverse range of families found in the world today and seek to unite them in the shared experience of live theatre. We are especially dedicated to those who are historically under-served: people of color, people with disabilities, and low-income families. We know that it is not only children who are "at risk" in our society – but entire families and communities.

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### Wheelock Family Theatre Anniversary Events

Mark your calendar! In addition to our three productions, we have exciting special events in store to celebrate

25 years of award-winning family theatre:



In December, we'll present 'So Kaye: The Songs of Danny Kaye, a performance by cabaret artist John O'Neil and special guest Nina Vansuch. This "tongue-twisting tour de force" show-cases songs, stories, and monologues culled from Danny Kaye's illustrious career. (Sunday, 12/4, 2 pm)

March brings JazzArtSigns to WFT - an interactive fusion of improvisation, music, visual art, and language, founded by veteran jazz vocalist Lisa Thorson. This universally accessible concert experience features world-class jazz musicians, an improvisational painter, American Sign Language interpreters, live audio description, and text captioning. (Thursday, 3/9, 7:30 pm)





Our 25th season finishes with a bang with two big galas: the 2006 WHEEL Award in May and the Greatest Cast and Crew Party Ever in June. Stand by for more information on these events - and come celebrate with us as often as you can.

It won't be a party without you!



#### October/November 2005

Dear Theatre-goer,

Welcome to our 25th anniversary season - just cause for jubilation! September found us deeply engaged in bringing *Lord of the Flies'* New England premiere to life. It has been an exciting and challenging start to our seasonlong celebration of 25 years of making professional theatre accessible for all.

We were thrilled to receive a wonderful birthday present this fall from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and Christopher Reeve Foundation: the LEAD Award for exemplary leadership in the inclusion of people with disabilities in the performing arts. While this honor acknowledges our history of accomplishments, it also inspires us to continue to think creatively about ways to reach and serve new audiences.

In that spirit, we open the season with a play that, as it resonates with current world events, allows us to draw on the young people trained in our education program, bring excellent literature to the stage, and continue to expand the notion of family theatre. Working on this play has been a transformative experience for cast members and artistic team alike. If you agree that theatre should challenge, as well as entertain, that all of life's possibilities should be examined, then you are in for an electrifying experience.



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Andy Aldous (Sound Designer) is thrilled to be back as a part of WFT's 25th anniversary. Andy has worked on many productions here, from Our Town in 1999 to The Beanstalk, the Giant, and Jack last season. Andy was the production sound engineer at the Huntington from 1994 to 2004. He now works in industrial/commercial/audio visual, system consultation, and acoustic treatments.

Laurie Aldous (Production Stage Manager) is very excited to return to WFT for a third season and to be a part of the Theatre's 25th anniversary. A Wheelock College student when WFT premiered A Little Princess in 1994, Laurie served on the production's crew. She's looking forward to working on the production again, this time as stage manager. Happy birthday WFT!

Andrew Barbato (Jack) is thrilled to be working with WFT for the first time. Professional credits include Shadowlands, A Christmas Carol, The Who's Tommy, Pal Joey (Stoneham Theatre), and Cinderella (North Shore Music Theatre). He was the recipient of two MHSDG Awards for his portrayal of Tartuffe in Tartuffe (Drama Festival 2005). Andrew has been a proud member of the Stoneham Theatre's Resident Youth Ensemble for the past two years. Favorite roles include Joseph in Joseph . . . Dreamcoat, Jack in Into the Woods, and Sir Andrew in Twelfth Night. He thanks his loving family and beautiful friends for their love and support!

Jacob Brandt (Piggy) has theatre credits that include Jason in Falsettos at the Huntington Theatre; Josh Dance/Boy in Approaching Moomtaj at New Repertory Theatre; Young Guido in Nine, David in Rags, and Charlie Bates in Oliver! at the Turtle Lane Playhouse; and Young Prince in The Phantom Tollbooth and School Child in The Trumpet of the Swan

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at WFT. His film credits include Tim in *Rooms* for a Child-Father, a Harvard University independent film, and his writing credits include "Irving the Frog," performed as *The Ballad of Irving the Frog* at Vital Children's Theatre in New York City. Jacob lives in Newton and is an eighth grader at the Park School in Brookline.

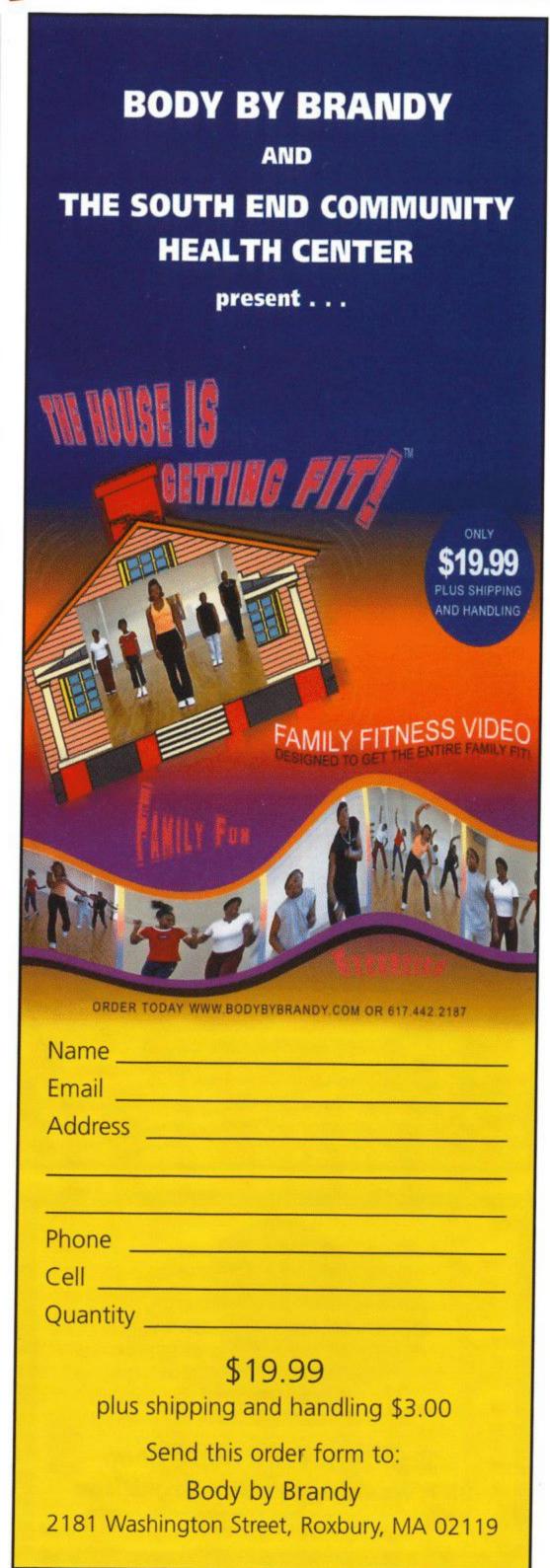
Armando Carlo-Gonzalez (Sam), a 13-year-old "sixy" at Boston Latin School, has been acting since the age of six, when he took his first improv class at WFT and decided he enjoys anything that has to do with theatre. He appeared in WFT's The Jungle Book and Pippi Longstocking and as Winfield in the Boston University production of Grapes of Wrath. For the last two summers, he has had a blast being a WFT Story Trouper - and, by now, he's taken a ton of classes at WFT, too. He also enjoys writing, reading, basketball, and football. Armando lives in Jamaica Plain with his Moms, sister Celín, and uromastyx lizard, Rocco.

**Nick Carter** (Bill) is happy to be back at WFT, where he has been seen in The Hobbit, The Prince and the Pauper, Pippi Longstocking, The Sound of Music, and, as Howard, in Inherit the Wind. Recent credits include Roger in Grease (Riverside Theatre Works) and Manolin in The Old Man and the Sea (Stoneham Theatre). He has been a member of the Young Company at the Publick Theatre for the past two summers, where he was seen as Lorenzo in The Merchant of Venice and Antipholus of Ephesus in The Comedy of Errors. He has also been a member of the young men's chorus of Youth Pro Musica. Nick is a tenth grader at the Brimmer and May School in Chestnut Hill. Special thanks to all at WFT and to his friends and family for their continued support.

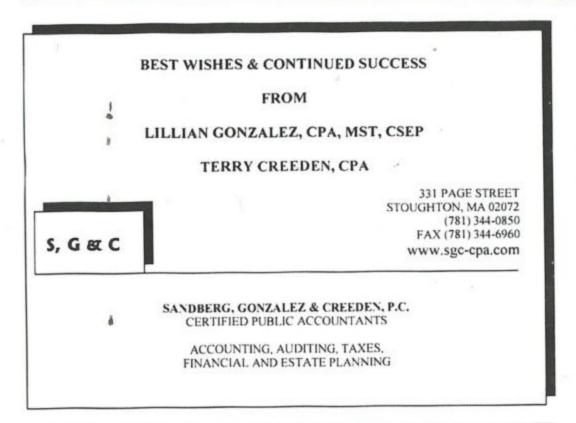
**Bikrum Chahal** (Simon) is a freshman at Milton Academy who has been seen here previously in *The Will Rogers Follies* and *The Phantom Tollbooth*. He has also performed at his school and at the Huntington Theatre. Along with acting, Bikrum enjoys singing and playing both football and soccer.

**Ben Duvall** (*Eric*) is thrilled to be back at WFT, where he last appeared in *The Phantom Tollbooth*. He has also appeared in *Oliver!* at the Turtle Lane Playhouse; *Inherit the Wind* and *All My Sons* at the Footlight Club; and in *Scrooge: The Musical* with Needham Community

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Theater. A sixth grader at Bigelow Middle School in Newton, Ben enjoys karate, nature, biking, walking his dog Rylie, and playing double bass with the Newton All City Orchestra. Thanks to his family for all their support.

**Neil Gustafson** (Fight Coordinator) has previously choreographed fights for Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, and The Prince and the Pauper. Trained as a combatant with the Society of American Fight Directors, he has taught classes in stage combat for WFT.

Tadesh Dow Inagaki (Henry) is a student at Boston Latin School, where he plays first violin in the Junior String Orchestra and enjoys participating in the Improv Comedy troupe. He plays the drums (rock and jazz) and guitar and enjoys playing baseball, snowboarding, tennis, swimming, photography, and creative writing. Tadesh made his WFT debut in multiple roles in the chorus in last season's The Beanstalk, the Giant, and Jack. He also appeared as Hamlet in a 2005 production at his school and performed a supporting role in the Camp Encore production of Man of La Mancha last summer. Tadesh has participated in theatre classes at WFT for the last three summers. He appreciates all of the terrific teachers/producers/directors he has had an opportunity to work with at WFT.

Danila Korogodsky (Set Designer) comes from St. Petersburg, Russia, where he studied at Leningrad Theater Institute and worked as a resident designer at the Theater for Young Spectators. Since his first US show at HTY Honolulu in 1989, Danila has designed and taught in America. He is currently the head of stage design at CA State University, Long Beach, and a resident designer at CA Repertory. Recent credits include Dante Club, Knights of the Round Table, Lamark, Ivona Princess of Burgundia, Among the Chosen Few, and Pilgrims (Cal Rep); Die Burgschaft (Spoleto Festival USA); Between Two Worlds (Lyric Opera of Chicago); Queen of Spades (Nantes Opera, France); Uncle Vanya (Bonn City Theatre, Germany); Curlew River (Japan Society, NY); Reluctant Dragon (MN Children's Theatre); View from the Bridge (Opera Theater of Pittsburgh); and Ithaka (Pittsburgh Playhouse).

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**Susan Kosoff** (*Director*), a founder of WFT and a professor of theatre and education at Wheelock College, has directed many productions here. She serves on the boards of Cultural Access Consortium and StageSource, New England's alliance for theatre artists and producers.

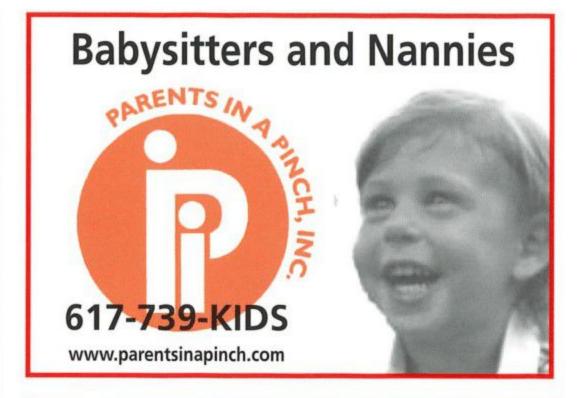
**Matthew T. Lazure** (Associate Technical Director/Props), most often seen behind the scenes at WFT, enjoyed playing Father of the Bride in last season's The Beanstalk, the Giant, and Jack. A visual artist, Matthew has also worked with the Gold Dust Orphans and Provincetown Theatre Co. He's glad to be back for a fourth season at WFT.

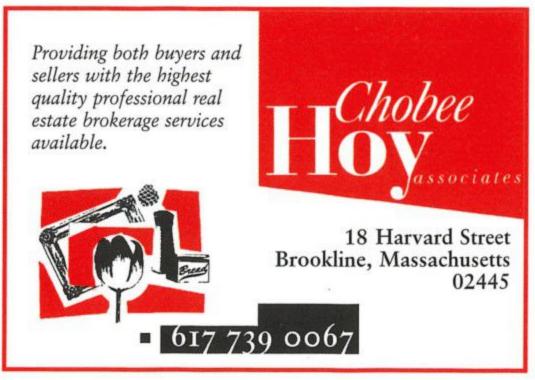
Jacob Liberman (Ralph), last seen here as Rolf in The Sound of Music and as Howie in Ramona Quimby, is delighted to be in his ninth WFT production. Recent credits include Fame (North Shore Music Theatre), Jack in Into the Woods (Wellesley Players), and Jeff in Boston Theatre Works' acclaimed production of Kimberly Akimbo, for which he received a 2005 IRNE nomination. Other favorite WFT credits include The Phantom Tollbooth; Pippi Longstocking; The Will Rogers Follies; Tuck Everlasting, Hello, Dolly!; and Anne of Green Gables. A senior at Gann Academy, Jacob sends his love and thanks to his WFT family, especially Sue, Jane, Laurel, Laurie, Jonathan, Matt, and Charles for bestowing the gift of growing up on this stage. Jacob is also a proud member of the celebrated theatre community which has studied and played at Stagedoor Manor. Much love and thanks to Mom, Dad, Katie, and Mimi.

**Vince Lombardi** (Audio Describer) finds audio-description a wonderful way to combine his love for theatre with his commitment to the blind community. Previous credits include productions at Worcester Foothills, Yale Rep, the Colonial, and the Huntington. Vince was named after his extremely inventive grandfather, who had no connection to, nor any knowledge of, American football. He sends love to his beautiful children and exquisite granddaughters.

**Bill Mootos** (Naval Officer) is very pleased to return to WFT, where he appeared last spring in The Beanstalk, the Giant, and Jack. Other recent projects include Arcadia and The Comedy of Errors at Boston's Publick Theatre, Perfect Crime

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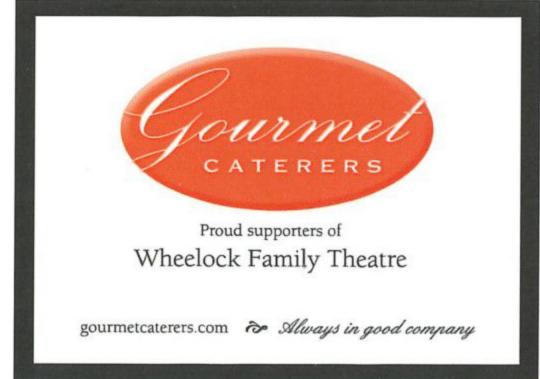


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Henry Tadesh Dow Inagaki

Maurice Dan Reulbach

Bill Nick Carter

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Lord of the Flies is produced by special arrangement with Simpson Fox, London, England.

There will be two 15-minute intermissions between the acts.

Ask the House Manager for individual sound enhancement devices. The taking of photographs and use of recording devices is strictly forbidden. Please turn off cell phones and beepers. Please, no eating or drinking in the theatre.

WFT's wireless amplification system was made possible by a generous grant from the Cabot Family Charitable Trust.

Costumes for this production were created with the support of Suzanne Weinstein in honor of Frederic Weinstein.

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at Foothills Theatre, *The Last Sunday in June* with SpeakEasy Stage Company, *Private Lives* at Maine's Public Theatre, and *The Dazzle* at Stoneham Theatre. Previous credits include productions with the Huntington Theatre Company, the Lyric Stage, Merrimack Rep, Gloucester Stage Company, the Vineyard Playhouse, Coyote Theatre, Ryan Landry's Gold Dust Orphans, and many others. Bill is the current President of the New England Branch of the Screen Actors' Guild, a member of AEA's Boston Liaison Committee, a Board Member of StageSource, and a founding member of the newly formed Village Theatre Project. Many thanks to Sue and Jane.

Marian Piro (Costume Designer) co-founded Costumes by Illusions in 1986 and designs for theatres nationally and locally. In and about the Boston area, the company has worked with Chiswick Park, the Lyric, North Shore, and WFT. Among the many shows she has designed professionally are The King and I, Lend Me a Tenor, As You Like It, The Man Who Came to Dinner, The Secret Garden, and Chicago.

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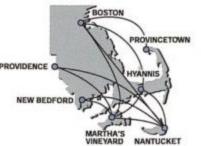
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**Dan Reulbach** (*Maurice*) is thrilled to be back for his fourth WFT production. He was previously seen here in *The Beanstalk*, the Giant, and Jack; Pippi Longstocking; and The Trumpet of the Swan. A sophomore at Milton High School, Dan enjoys playing guitar, going to concerts, playing football and soccer, and running track.

Carlos Rojas (Perceval), a sixth grader at the James P. Timilty Middle School, appeared in the Actors' Shakespeare Project inaugural production of Richard III in the role of Richard, Duke of York. Other credits include Lucius in Julius Caesar (Actors' Shakespeare), The Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz (Roxbury Community College), and Mamullius in The Winter's Tale (Boston Conservatory). Next up in December is the title role in Oliver! The Musical with Friendly Thimble Droll Players. Carlos sings with the Hennigan chorus and studies dance (ballet, jazz, modern, and ethnic) at the Topf Center for Dance Education. He enjoys practicing guitar, writing songs, and rowing with the B-row team. Carlos has taken many classes at WFT and is excited to be working with such a great cast and crew. This experience at WFT has definitely been an incredible one!

Laurel Stachowicz (Choreographer) returns to WFT, having also choreographed The Sound of Music, Ramona Quimby, Snow White, The Phantom Tollbooth, Pippi Longstocking, and The Will Rogers Follies (for which she won the IRNE Award for Best Choreography). Other credits include Ragtime and Chicago (Foothills) and the East Coast premiere of Aida (Wachusett), as well as works with SpeakEasy

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and Barrington Stage. Laurel recently finished her BFA in dance, graduating with high honors from Smith College. Thank you Jane, Susan, Michael, Molly, Nyssa, and this wonderful cast!

**Jody Steiner** (ASL Interpreter) is Access Coordinator at WFT and a nationally certified ASL/English interpreter. She is proud to have been associated with WFT for the past 15 years, and looks forward to the next 15.

Michael Sullivan (ASL Interpreter) is a freelance American Sign Language/English interpreter working in Boston. He has interpreted productions around New England and has been seen at WFT, the New Rep, and Boston Playwrights' Theatre. Michael is happy to return to Wheelock and would like to thank his beautiful fiancee, Lucy.

Rich Testa (Lighting Designer) is pleased to be starting his ninth season at WFT, where he has designed lighting for shows such as The Phantom Tollbooth, The Will Rogers Follies, Pippi Longstocking, and Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm to name just a few. Other theatrical credits include: Romeo and Juliet at North Shore Music Theatre, Don Giovanni at Syracuse Opera, Die Fledermaus at Opera Memphis, Bartered Bride at El Paso Opera, and Crossing Too with The Alvin Ailey Rep Dance Co. Rich is the principal lighting

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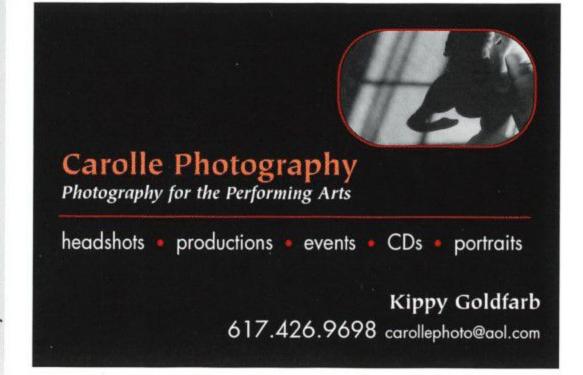
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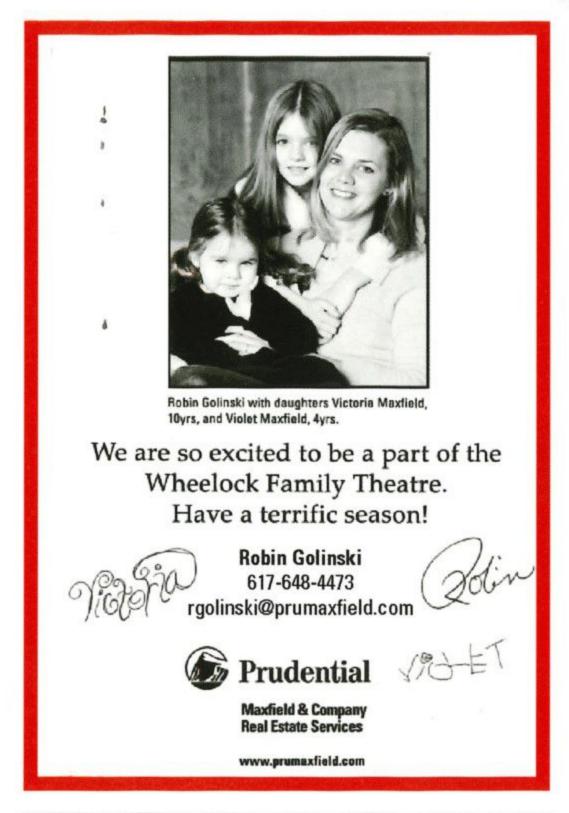


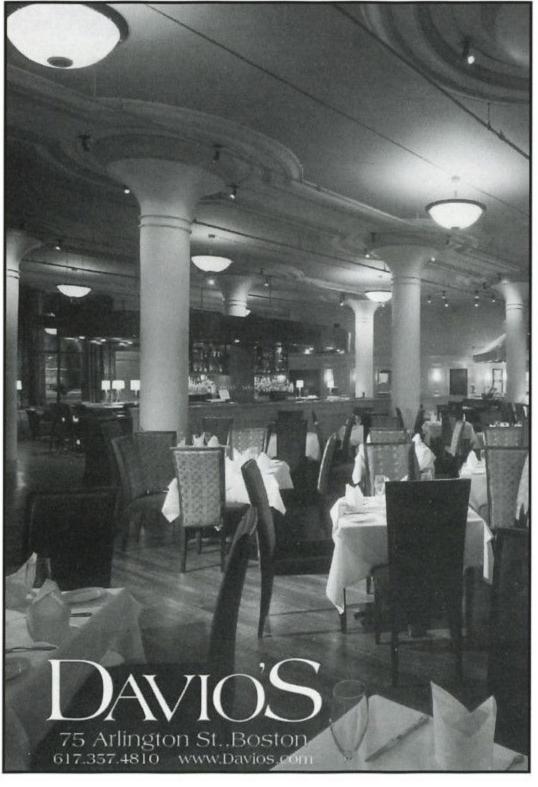
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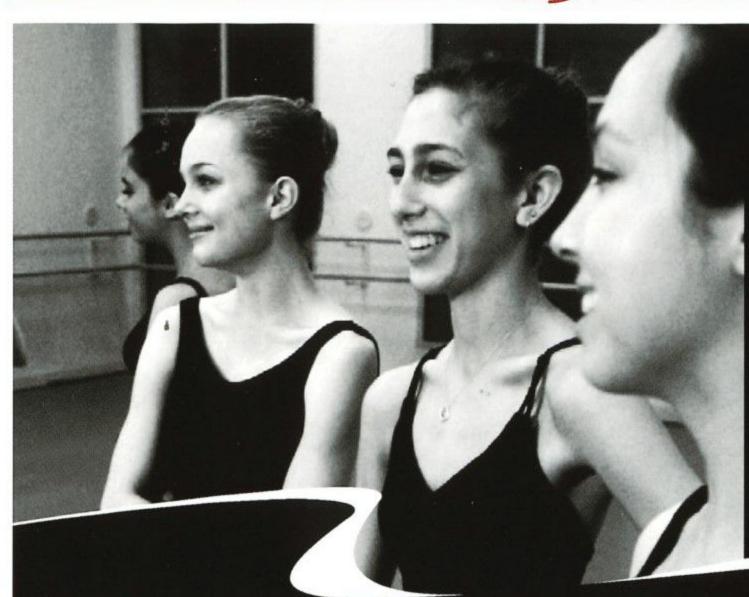
designer with Testa Lighting Design (TLD), a design firm specializing in theatre, sporting events, industrial, and architectural lighting clients. His next project is to light the Nashville production of Radio City's Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes, in conjunction with Agress Lighting Design.

James H. Williston (Technical Director) is pleased to join the WFT staff, having been seen here last onstage as the Baby Prince in The Beanstalk, the Giant, and Jack. He got his start in stage construction while a student at William Chrisman High School in Independence, Missouri, and majored in theatre at Oklahoma City University. James moved to Boston in 1997, where he has enjoyed simultaneous careers as professional actor, scenic carpenter, and stone mason (the latter as sole proprietor of Williston Stone).

Russell Woron-Simons (Roger) discovered acting in eighth grade, when he made his debut as the "good man" Charlie Brown. Currently a senior in high school, he is proud to be part of this production. (Lord of the Flies was one of his favorite books as a young teen.) Russ recently performed in The Racing Life in SlamBoston and is a member of Another Country Ensemble. He is passionate about Shakespeare and has enjoyed performing the roles of Angelo in the Publick Theatre's production of The Comedy of Errors, Gratiano in The Merchant of Venice, Hortensio in The Taming of the Shrew, and reading Sonnet #55 at the 2005 Sonnet-thon. Russ feels strongly that theatre can be used to make positive change in the world and is determined to be part of that possibility. To this end, he has played the part of John in MEDA's The Mind/Body Dialogues, a show that promotes awaren'ess of body-image disorders and eating disorders. Thanks to everyone at WFT, Fran Weinberg, Lyralen Kaye, Hawk Circle, his family, and his mentors.

**Samuel Young** (Naval Officer) is very happy to be returning to WFT. Previously, he has performed in The Sound of Music, Inherit the Wind, and The Witch of Blackbird Pond. He was last seen in the SpeakEasy/Boston Theatre Works' production of Take Me Out as Takeshi Kawabata. Thanks to all the people involved with this production.





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