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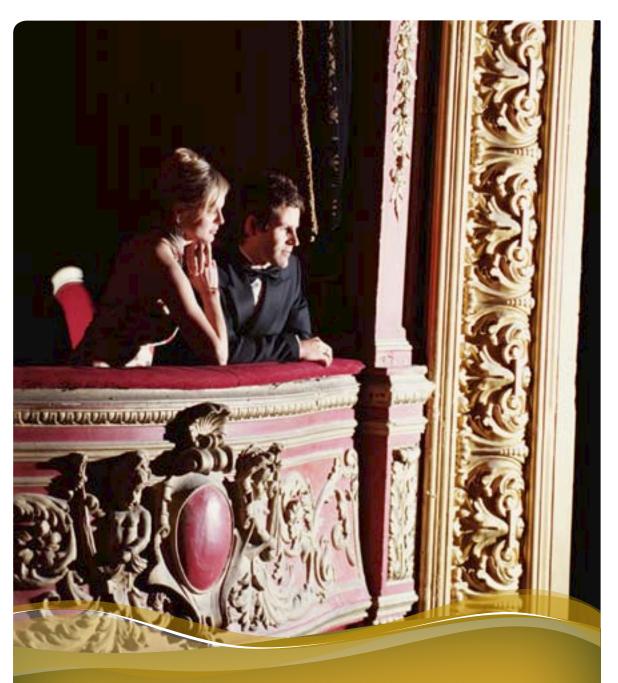
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The numbers speak volumes. This picture also says a thousand words, illustrating the depth added to the breadth of TPAC Education programs. When students from the Tennessee School for the Blind attend a performance, they arrive early for a touch tour of the stage and costumes (*Romeo and Juliet*, pictured left). During the performance, they use headsets to listen to live narration of the action on the stage from a specially trained describer. For more information on all TPAC Education programs, visit www.tpac.org/education.

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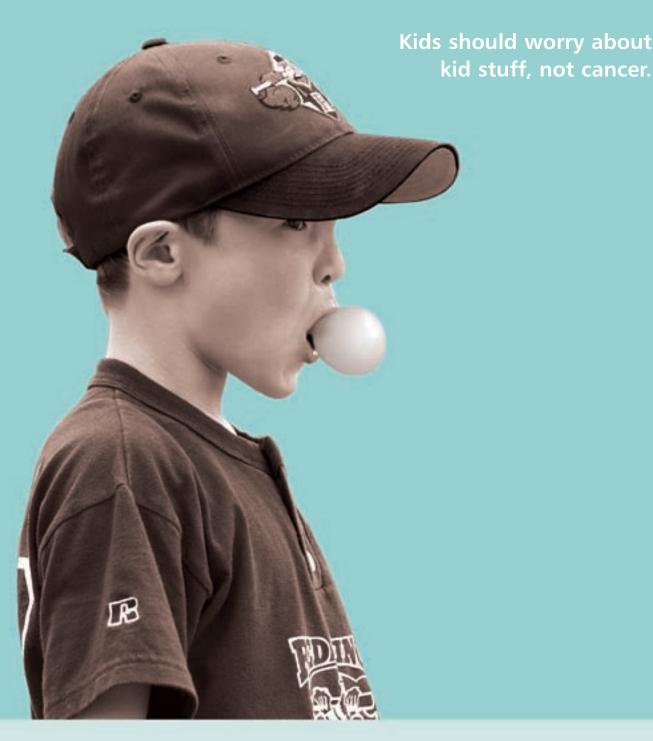
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CAST

(in order of appearance)

Celie	DAYNA JARAE DANTZLER
Nettie	TRACI ALLEN
Church Soloist	KADEJAH ONÉ
Church Lady (Doris)	NESHA WARD
Church Lady (Darlene)	VIRLINDA STANTON
Church Lady (Jarene)	DEAUN PARKER
Preacher/Prison Guard	PHILLIP BRANDON
P_2	MARK HALL
Mister	EDWARD C. SMITH
Harpo	LEE EDWARD COLSTON II
Sofia	PAM TROTTER
Harpo	ALLISON SEMMES
Shug Avery	TAPRENA AUGUSTINE
Ol' Mister	PHILLIP BRANDON
Buster	CHRISTOPHER SAMS
Grady	KEITH ADAMS
Bobby	KEYON POWERS
Olivia	
Adam	

ENSEMBLE

KEITH ADAMS, CLOTILE BONET, JULIUS C. CARTER,
ALLYSON KAYE DANIELS, TRACIE FRANKLIN, MELANIE L. GASKINS,
MARK HALL, DONALD JONES JR., MELANA L. LLOYD, CHRISTA OLIVER,
KEYON POWERS, CHRISTOPHER SAMS, ASHLEY WARE

STANDBYS AND UNDERSTUDIES

Standbys and understudies never substitute for listed players unless a specific announcement for the appearance is made at the time of the performance.

For Celie – CLOTILE BONET, ASHLEY WARE; for Shug Avery – TRACIE FRANKLIN, VIRLINDA STANTON; for Sofia – KADEJAH ONE, NESHA WARD, DEAUN PARKER; for Nettie – ASHLEY WARE, MELANA L. LLOYD; for Mister – MARK HALL, KEITH ADAMS; for Harpo – KEYON POWERS, JULIUS C. CARTER; for Squeak – MELANA L. LLOYD, MELANIE L. GASKINS; for Ol' Mister – MARK HALL; for Grady/Adam – CHRISTOPHER SAMS; for Preacher – DONALD JONES JR.; for Church Soloist – ALLISON KAYE DANIELS, ASHLEY WARE; for Olivia – CHRISTA OLIVER; for Church Ladies – CLOTILE BONET, ALLISON KAYE DANIELS

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

SETTING

The story takes place in Georgia between 1909 and 1949.

ACT I

Overture	Orchestra
"Huckleberry Pie"	
"Mysterious Ways"	Church Soloist, Church Ladies and Company
"Somebody Gonna Love You"	Celie
"Our Prayer"	Nettie, Celie, Mister
"Big Dog"	Mister and Field Hands
"Hell No!"	Sofia and Sisters
"Brown Betty"	Harpo and Men, Squeak
"Shug Avery Comin' to Town"	Mister, Celie and Company
"Too Beautiful for Words"	Shug Avery
"Push Da Button"	Shug Avery and Company
"Uh Oh!"	
"What About Love?"	Celie and Shug Avery

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ACT II

"African Homeland"	Nettie, Celie, Olivia and Adam, Villagers
"The Color Purple"	Shug Avery
"Celie's Curse"	
"Miss Celie's Pants"	
"Any Little Thing"	Harpo and Sofia
"I'm Here"	
"The Color Purple (Reprise)"	Celie, Nettie and Company

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WHO'S WHO in the CAST

DAYNA JARAE DANTZLER (*Celie*) is thrilled to embark on her next tour with this company. Recent credits include: Barter Theatre's *Little Shop of Horrors* (Ronnette), *Frankenstein* (Servant), Theatreworks/Two Beans Productions' *James and the Giant Peach* (national tour), and the Negro Ensemble Company's *Chronicles of Color* (NYC tour). Dayna gives thanks to her mother for her everlasting love and support.

PAM TROTTER (*Sofia*) is originally from St. Louis, MO, now residing in Los Angeles, CA. Pam is externely thankful for the opportunity to play the role of Sofia, another dreamcome-true. Selected TV: "Hawthorne," "Chuck," "Dollhouse," "Everybody Hates Chris," "My Name is Earl." Film: *Dreamgirls* (the movie). Stage: *Ain't Misbehavin', Smokey Joe's Café, Big River, Blues In The Night* and numerous others.

TAPRENA AUGUSTINE (Shug Avery). National tour: The Pajama Game (Mae), Regional: Little Shop of Horrors (Ronnette/Suzi Award nominee), Frankenstein (Midwife), Hairspray (Dynamite), West Side Story (Consuela), Cats (Bombalurina), Swing! (Lead) and Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies (Swing). She has performed at Carnegie Hall and with the San Jacinta Dance Company at the infamous Congo Square. After attending the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, she toured the country with the I.U. Soul Revue and African American Dance Ensembles and as a background vocalist with various R&B recording artists. She can also be heard on commercials overseas. Each performance is dedicated to her New Orleans family and Ahuacan DeGruy. CD and more available at www.taprena.com.

EDWARD C. SMITH (*Mister*) has been a lifelong disciple of the theatre. Favorite roles portrayed include: Coalhouse Walker Jr. in *Ragtime*, Judas Iscariot in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, John in *Miss Saigon*, Capt. Davenport in *A Soldier's Play*, Delbert Tibbs in *The Exonerated* and King Amonosro in *Aida*, which toured throughout China and North America. He is delighted to be a part of *The Color Purple* cast.

LEE EDWARD COLSTON II (*Harpo*) is a prison guard turned actor/playwright/author. After leaving the Dept. of Corrections he trained and graduated from the Brind School of Theatre at UArts (B.F.A.). Lee has 25 productions to his credit including *Avenue X* (Barrymore nomination), *Cradle Will Rock* (Irene Ryan nomination) and *Othello*. As a playwright, his play *Solitary* was a 2009 winner of the Philadelphia Theatre Workshop PlayShop festival. His book of poetry *Phenomenal Brotha* was released in 2005. Lee thanks God and his amazing family and friends for their continued love and support. (Special thanks to Derby and Adrienne.) www.LeeColston.com.

TRACI ALLEN (*Nettie*) is thrilled to be joining the cast of *The Color Purple*. It's a dream come true. Some of her favorite professional credits include *Footloose; Once On This Island; Bud, Not Buddy;* and *Five Fingers of Funk* (a world premiere), among others. Traci is a graduate of Howard University. To God be the glory!

ALLISON SEMMES (Squeak) is thrilled to be a part of The Color Purple cast. Chicago native. NYU grad. Credits: Bubbling Brown Sugar (Ella) at Stage Door Theatre, Dreamgirls (Lorrell) at Cohoes Music Hall, Town Hall Presents: Broadway's Rising Stars and NYU productions: Violet (Lula/Landlady), Tim Rice and Alan Menken's 10th anniversary King David (Wife) and Candide (Sheep). Much love to Semmes/Davis/Banks families, Phillipians 4:4–13.

DeAUN PARKER (*Church Lady Jarene*) is so honored to be part of such a great production. DeAun received her B.A. from Central State University in Music Education. Upon graduation she taught music in the Columbus and Los Angeles public school systems. Her credits include *Kwamina*, *The Wiz, Talkin Bout the Church* and *Black Resurrection*.

VIRLINDA STANTON (Church Lady Darlene) from Tyler, Texas to Johannesburg South Africa, this song bird has blessed the microphone and crowds with the best. Behind every good voice, there is that Gospel Soul that is undeniable. Credits: The Lion King, Hercules The Muse-ical, Blues In The Night, Tarzan, Once On This Island, Black Nativity. CBS pilot "Under One Roof," TBN "Praise The Lord" and "National Anthem" Vocalist. www.myspace.com/appointedangel.

NESHA WARD (*Church Lady Doris*). Regional: *Maxwell: A New Musical* (Ensemble), *Nunsense* (Sr. Mary Hubert), *Nunsense II* (Sr. Mary Hubert). NYC: *Til The Day I Die* (Major), *Under Milkwood* (Polly Garter), NYMF Broadway Idol 2008 Finalist, MetroStar Talent Challenge 2008 (second runner-up). Love and thanks to all her family and friends.

PHILLIP BRANDON (*Preacher/Ol' Mister*), a native of Los Angeles, was brought up in a very close and loving family. Since graduating from historic Morehouse College, he has had the opportunity to perform in works such as *Porgy and Bess*, as well as work with artists including Take 6, The Trans-Siberian Orchestra and many others. He is very excited to be a part of this cast. "The greatest failure is never having tried at all."

KADEJAH ONÉ (*Church Soloist*), a native of New Orleans, has been showcased in many off-Broadway productions, such as *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Dreamgirls* and *The Wiz*. She starred in the African Continuum Theater Company's adaptation of Zora Neale Hurston's *Spunk*, for which she won the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Residential Musical. She attributes her success to God, her mother, family and friends.

KEITH ADAMS (Grady/Ensemble) is excited to join The Color Purple. "I can remember when my mother took me to see it, I was blown away!" Other performances include: Jesus Christ Superstar (Simon/Jesus u/s) at the Tony Award-winning Alliance Theatre in Atlanta. He has sung the National Anthem for the Atlanta Thrashers and Atlanta Hawks for more than ten years and performs with an outstanding band, Bigswing and the Ballroom Blasters. Performances are dedicated to his wonderful family and friends. Peace and love.

CLOTILE BONET (*Ensemble*) recently graduated from BYU with her B.F.A. and is thrilled to be on her first national tour. Her previous roles include *Aida*, Sarah in *Ragtime*, Titania in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Lovely Lady in *Les Misérables*. Special thanks to beautiful parents Harry and Debra, and seven siblings. Nolong, Yunga, Mauli, Yahosh, Conlon, Oyoyo and Oba, I love you!

JULIUS C. CARTER (*Adam/Ensemble*) is thrilled to be joining the cast of *The Color Purple*. He graduated with honors from the University of Iowa where he pursued dance, history and prelaw. National tours: *Movin' Out* (Ensemble, u/s Tony and Drill Sergeant). Regional: *The Full Monty* (Keno). Dance Companies: The Seldoms Dance Company, SPDW Dance Company, Duarte Dance Works, Deanna Carter Dancers. Film: *Public Enemies* (Train porter). Love to Mum-G and Dad-R.

ALLYSON KAYE DANIEL (*Ensemble*) is thrilled to be a part of this production. Hailing from Washington, D.C., she is a recent graduate of The Pennsylvania State University where she received a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre, 2008. Recent credits: Disney Cruise Line, Peterborough Players, For The Glory – NETworks production. Big thanks to family, friends and teachers.

TRACIE FRANKLIN (Ensemble) is thrilled to be part of The Color Purple. International tours: Hairspray (Dynamite), Disney Live! (Storyteller Tracie). Off-Broadway: The Deciders. Regional: Ain't Misbehavin' (Charlaine), Sweet Charity (Helene), Into The Woods (Little Red), Little Shop of Horrors, Ragtime and All Night Strut. She shared the stage with Ben

Vereen, Debbie Allen, Tony Bennett and Bill Cosby. Thank you family and friends. www.TracieFranklin.com.

MELANIE L. GASKINS (Ensemble) graduated with a B.F.A. in Dance from Temple University. She has performed as a member of the N.J. Nets NBA Dance Team, Danco II and Dance Theatre X. Favorite roles/features include the national tour of Joseph... (Mrs. Potiphar), The Wedding Singer (Crystal/Tina Turner), All Shook Up (Lorraine), A Chorus Line (Sheila), Show Choir! The Musical – 2007 NY Fringe Festival (Sabrina Turner), Black Nativity (Mary), Evita (Tango Dancer) and Dreamgirls (Steppe Sister). Melanie thanks friends and family for their continual support.

MARK HALL (Pa/Ensemble), a native of San Antonio, Texas has appeared in Porgy and Bess, Riverdance, Insurrection: Holding History, Jelly's Last Jam, Smokey Joe's Café, Isis in Nubia, Le Griffon, Dreamgirls, Show Boat, A Raisin in the Sun, A Soldier's Play, Once On This Island, The Ebony Game and Ragtime. TV/film credits: "General Hospital," "Cedric the Entertainer Presents," "Wanda at Large," "The Parkers," "All About the Andersons," "Stories from the ER," "The West Wing," "Judging Amy," "Crossing Jordan," "Fast Lane," "Dragnet," "Presidio Med," "Just Shoot Me" and "Getting Played." Mark is thankful to God for grace, love and purpose.

DONALD JONES JR. (*Ensemble*), a New Orleans native, is a graduate of Northwestern State University in Louisiana. Some of his regional credits include *Rent* (Benny), *A Chorus Line* (Richie) and *Smokey Joe's Cafe* (Ken). This is Donald's first national tour, and he is thrilled to make his debut with *The Color Purple*. Thanks to my loving family and friends for their endless support.

MELANA L. LLOYD (*Olivia/Ensemble*) is honored to be a part of this extraordinary production. A native of Lafayette, Louisiana by way of NYC, she has earned a B.S. in Education and an M.F.A. from NYU Tisch School of the Arts. Credits: *Hairspray* national/Asia tour. She thanks God for the dream and all those who have nourished a dream come true.

CHRISTA OLIVER (Ensemble) began dancing at age 12 with Archangel Dance Theatre in Youngstown, Ohio. She obtained her M.A. in Dance Performance at the age of 21 from the Laban Center in London, where she danced with Transitions Dance Company. Company work: Principle dancer with Lula Washington Dance Theatre 2007–2010. Films: dancer in James Cameron's Avatar and Tim Allen's Crazy on the Outside. Thanks God, her family, pastor and mentors. I am blessed to be part of The Color Purple.

KEYON POWERS (Bobby/Ensemble) originally hails from Rahway, N.J. and is a former student of the Boston Conservatory. He began his career in the Newark Boys Chorus School touring nationally and internationally. Favorite shows include Pippin, Aint Misbehavin' and Dessa Rose. Heartfelt thank you's go to God, Mom, Dad, Nana, Aunt Vikki, Lawrence, Anich, Joey, Matt and anyone who's ever been a part of me. I've got nothing but love. His path to this juncture has been mapped out beautifully by God.

CHRISTOPHER SAMS (*Buster/Ensemble*). After a five year hiatus, Christopher is thrilled to join this production of *The Color Purple*. This is Mr. Sams' third outing on the road, preceded by featured roles in the national tours of *Smokey Joe's Cafe* and *The Will Rogers Follies*. Christopher is blessed to have received his M.A. in Speech Communication in 2010, and to have the inexorable love and support of the Lowery-Hart family.

ASHLEY WARE (*Ensemble*) is a native of Washington, D.C. She studied voice under Samuel L.E. Bonds at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, received a Bachelor's of Science in Sociology from Shenandoah University, has studied at the Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory and privately with Vera J. Katz. Ashley has been a featured artist at the Kennedy Center sharing the stage with various well known artists. Professional credits: *Bubblin' Brown Sugar; Junkanoo; Breath, Boom!; Women's Peace; For Colored Girls Who've Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf; F*ing A;* and *Aida.*

ALICE WALKER (Original Author) is known for the Pulitzer Prize-winning The Color Purple, her many volumes of poetry and her powerful non-fiction collections, including In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens, The Temple of My Familiar, Possessing the Secret of Joy, By the Light of My Father's Smile and Anything We Love Can Be Saved. Ms. Walker has also published several children's books including There is a Flower at the Tip of My Nose Smelling Me, for children and adults. Her latest work, We are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For: Inner Light in a Time of Darkness, was published in the fall of 2006.

MARSHA NORMAN (Bookwriter) won the Pulitzer Prize for her play, 'night, Mother, and a Tony Award for her book of the Broadway musical The Secret Garden. She co-chairs the Playwriting Department of the Juilliard School and she is the former vice president of the Dramatists Guild of America. Plays: Getting Out, Traveler in the Dark, Sarah and Abraham, Trudy Blue and Last Dance. Published: Four Plays, Vol. I: Collected Plays of Marsha Norman and a novel, The Fortune Teller. She has numerous Grammy and Emmy nominations, and awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Rockefeller Foundation and the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

BRENDA RUSSELL (Composer/Lyricist). Brooklyn-born four-time Grammy Award-nominated singer/songwriter Brenda Russell's music has graced millions of albums sold worldwide. Author and performer of the Grammy-nominated "Piano in the Dark" and the anthem "Get Here," Brenda has written for superstars such as Sting, Mary J. Blige, Stevie Wonder, Tina Turner, Ray Charles, Luther Vandross and Diana Ross, among many others. A 2006 Tony nominee and 2007 Grammy nominee for the music of The Color Purple, she has recorded eight solo albums. Brenda's songs have also been featured in film and television including movies such as How Stella Got Her Groove Back and Liberty Heights. www.brendarussell.com.

ALLEE WILLIS (Composer/Lyricist) has sold 50 million records, including Earth, Wind & Fire's "September" and "Boogie Wonderland," The Pointer Sisters' "Neutron Dance" and Pet Shop Boys with Dusty Springfield's "What Have I Done to Deserve This?" Willis won a Grammy for Beverly Hills Cop and is Emmy nominated for the theme from "Friends." She's an award-winning artist, writer, director and cyber-pioneer having created the first social network in 1992. Willis curates one of the most famous vintage collections in the world. She recently launched a new social network called The Allee Willis Museum Of Kitsch at AWMoK.com. www.alleewillis.com.

STEPHEN BRAY (Composer/Lyricist) began music studies with choir practice and lots of Motor City Radio in Detroit. He continued training at Berklee College of Music and in 1980 began a collaboration with Madonna resulting in a wave of hits including, "Into the Groove," "Angel," "Papa Don't Preach," "Express Yourself" and "True Blue." Performing with Breakfast Club, he earned a Grammy Award nomination for Best New Artist. Along the way he also wrote and/or produced for the Jets, Gladys Knight and Kylie Minogue, among others. He would like to thank Mom, Dad, Stephanie, Milena, Wade and Jesse for their support and inspiration.

GARY GRIFFIN (Director) made his Broadway debut with The Color Purple. New York: The Apple Tree, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Pardon My English, The New Moon and Beautiful Thing. London: Pacific Overtures (Olivier Award for Outstanding Musical Production). Gary is associate artistic director of Chicago Shakespeare Theatre (A Little Night Music and Sunday in the Park With George). His production of My Fair Lady played both the McCarter Theatre and Hartford Stage after its debut at Chicago's Court Theatre. He has received eight Joseph Jefferson Awards and has twice been named a Chicagoan of the Year in the Arts by the Chicago Tribune.

DONALD BYRD (*Choreographer*) is the artistic director of Spectrum Dance Theater in Seattle. Prior, he was the artistic

director of Donald Byrd/The Group. He is best known for his reworking of the Christmas classic, *The Nutcracker*, into *The Harlem Nutcracker*, which received critical acclaim and toured nationally for five years. Other: New York Shakespeare Festival, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, San Francisco Opera, New York City Opera and collaborations with Anna Deavere Smith, Peter Sellars and the jazz great Max Roach. Received a 1992 Bessie Award for *The Minstrel Show* and was a 2006 Tony Award nominee for *The Color Purple*.

JOHN LEE BEATTY (Set Design). Broadway: The Color Purple, Doubt, Rabbit Hole, Chicago, Dinner at Eight, Proof, Frankie and Johnny..., The Last Night of Ballyhoo, The Little Foxes, A Delicate Balance, The Heiress, The Most Happy Fella, The Sisters Rosensweig, Burn This, Penn & Teller (twice), Ain't Misbehavin' (twice), Talley's Folly, Fifth of July, Crimes of the Heart, among 80 others. Off-Broadway: Sylvia, Substance of Fire, Road to Mecca, A Life in the Theatre and many seasons at Lincoln Center, Circle Rep and City Center's Encores! Tony, Obie, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle awards; Theatre Hall of Fame. Graduate of Brown and the Yale School of Drama.

PAUL TAZEWELL (Costume Designer). NYC: In the Heights; The Color Purple (Tony Award nomination); Caroline, or Change; A Raisin in the Sun; Drowning Crow; Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk (Tony Award nomination); Elaine Stritch at Liberty; On the Town; McReele (Roundabout); Flesh and Blood (NYTW); Fame on 42nd Street; and Harlem Song. Mr. Tazewell has designed extensively for the Joseph Papp Public Theater and for regional theatre, opera and dance companies around the country. Mr. Tazewell has received many awards for his work, including the Lucille Lortel Award, three Helen Hayes Awards and the 2005 Princess Grace Foundation Statue Award.

BRIAN MacDEVITT (Lighting). Recent NYC: A Behanding in Spokane, Race, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Nearly Ninety with Merce Cunningham, Blithe Spirit, You're Welcome America, Accent on Youth, Dr. Atomic at the MET and ENO, Speed-the-Plow, 13 – A New Musical, Puncture by Nancy Bannon. Other: The Color Purple, Urinetown the Musical, Into The Woods, Three Sisters at the Abbey Theater. Dance: The Joffrey, ABT, Tere O'Connor Dance, Lar Lubovitch, et al. Recipient: Tonys, Obie, Bessie, Outer Critics', Hewes awards, Drama Desk, et al. Film: Cradle Will Rock. Member: Naked Angels. Faculty: U of Maryland. Father: Jake and Georgie.

CRAIG CASSIDY (Sound Design) has been providing sound reinforcement for the theatre for 25 years, having designed sound for productions here in the USA and around the world. Recent productions include, Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy, Ring of Fire, Gypsy, Man of La Mancha, Grease, The Will Rogers Follies, Smokey Joe's Cafe, Fame and Phantom. Regional productions include: Joseph... Dreamcoat; Crazy For You; Wuthering Heights; Jekyll and Hyde; Up, Up and Away; and Follies. When he is not behind a sound console he can be found sailing the Long Island Sound with his wife Dina and daughter Kealy.

STEPHEN M. BISHOP (Orchestrations/Arrangements) has composed three musicals and has written more than 50 reviews. He is the arranger/composer for the demo of the upcoming Broadway show, Genius. He recently served as the musical supervisor for the national tour of The Pajama Game, was the Conductor for the first national tour of Dirty Rotten Scoundrels and the Musical Director/Conductor for the off-Broadway run of Bingo! Other credits include: Riverview (Goodman Theatre), Arthur (Marriott Lincolnshire), Evita (Jupiter Theatre) and the tours of Ziegfeld, Gypsy, Grand Hotel and Jolson The Musical. His arrangements have also been heard on "The Today Show," AMC Discovery, TNT's "Nashville Now" and he has provided orchestrations for the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics.

JOSEPH JOUBERT (Additional Arrangements).
Orchestrations: Caroline, or Change. Orchestrator/musical director: "Three Mo' Tenors" (PBS). Accompanist/arranger: Patti LaBelle, Kathleen Battle, Judy Collins, Ashford &

Simpson, Diana Ross, George Benson, Nnenna Freelon and Jennifer Holliday. With Twine, score, We Shall Not Be Moved (Emmy nomination). Orchestrator (Drama Desk nomination), *Violet;* and co-producer CD, *Beautiful Star* (Grammy nomination). Orchestrator, Great Joy (Broadway Inspirational Voices CD, Grammy nomination). Composer/arranger/co-producer, Making Music, Silver Burdett. Publications: Hal Leonard, Hinshaw Music and GIA.

JASPER GRANT (Music Director) was Musical Director and/or Conductor for more than 80 professional productions from California to China, including the national tours of Altar Boyz, Smokey Joe's Cafe, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, The Wizard of Oz and the International tour of Fame. Regional credits include: A Chorus Line; The Who's Tommy; Quilters; Diamonds; My Fair Lady; Company; Merrily We Roll Along; Beehive; and the West Coast premiere of You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown. Jasper was recently voted one of the top five audition pianists in NYC for the past two years by AEA. Graduate of The Boston Conservatory. "Live with intention!"

CHARLES G. LAPOINTE (Hair Design). Broadway: Jersey Boys, A Raisin in the Sun, The Rivals, Henry IV, Good Vibrations, High Fidelity, Julius Caesar, The Lieutenant of Inishmoor, Sight Unseen, Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me and associate designer to Tom Watson on Wicked. Many off-Broadway and regional credits including Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf, Alliance Theatre, ART, Huntington, Public Theater, La Jolla and Pasadena playhouses and MET. Opera: St. Louis, Philadelphia, Minnesota, Santa Fe, the Cleveland Opera and Opera Omaha. "James, here's to many more years. I love you!"

CHRISTOPHER LOCKLEAR (Production Stage Manager) is excited to be working with this talented group of artists on The Color Purple. Chris began his theatre life in 1994 as an Apprentice Stage Manager at The Alliance Theatre of Atlanta where he has resided for 23 years. National touring credits include ten years as Stage Manager for Tyler Perry. Off-Broadway: Stupid Kids (Assistant Stage Manager). Regional Theatre: Pecos Bill, Livin' In The Garden (Assistant Stage Manager), Alliance Theatre Company. Special thanks to my fantastic family and friends.

STEPHANIE GUILAND-BROWN (Associate Choreographer) Donald Byrd/The Group (10 years). Original company member of Complexions, regular with Spectrum Dance Theater. Broadway: DC/Swing for The Color Purple, Disney's The Lion King. Regional/tours: Associate Choreographer, ADC and understudied the role of Squeak for first national of The Color Purple, Assisted Mr. Byrd on BRT's What You Will, Workshop of White Noise and re-staging several of his works on AAADT. AEA, AFTRA.

STEPHEN B. KANE (*Executive Producer*) is delighted to be part of the *The Color Purple* phenomenon as it continues to touch audiences throughout North America. After completing degrees in both Business and Arts Management, Mr. Kane spent the past three decades supervising every aspect of touring show business. He has mounted more than 70 Broadway musicals in North America and has produced and/or managed major productions throughout Europe, South America and Asia. Since the start of his collaboration with partner and Artistic Producer Michael McFadden in 1999, Mr. Kane has been afforded the opportunity to extend his international show business experience with first class performing arts organizations and venues around the globe. Most recent collaborations include the China tour of Fame, Grease in Istanbul and the all new North American touring production of Monty Python's Spamalot. He is the CEO for Baker Park Associates, Inc., a theatrical management and consulting firm, a member of ISPA, the National Alliance for Musical Theatre and was co-founder of both Phoenix Productions in North America and Phoenix Asia Group, a Singapore based theatrical think-tank dedicated to the networking of production, marketing and entertainment investment opportunities throughout the Far East. For real

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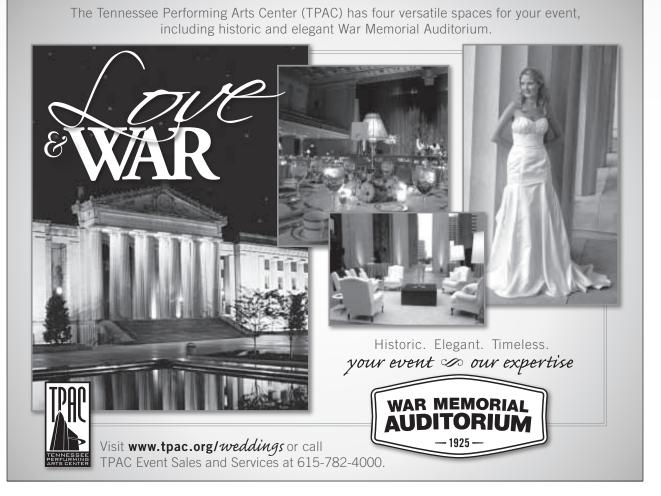


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adventure, he spends post-production time in sunny south Florida raising his 5-year-old sons, Andrew and Aidan.

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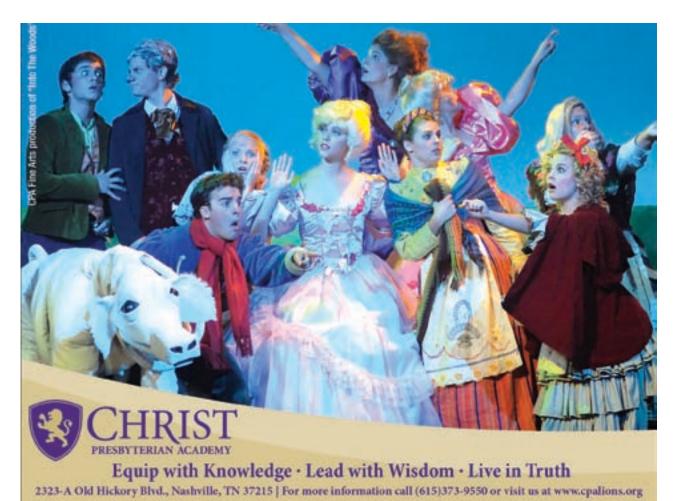
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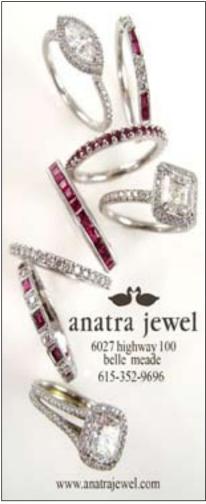
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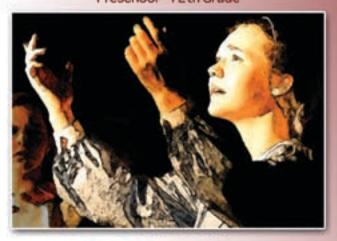






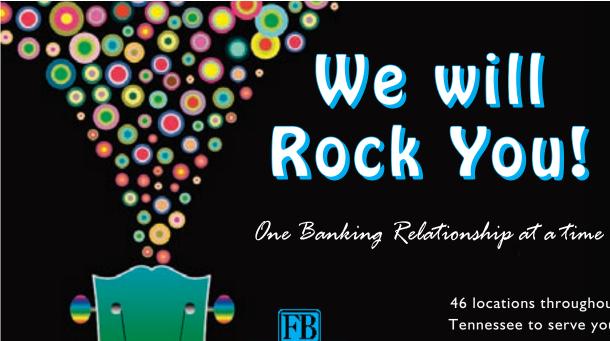


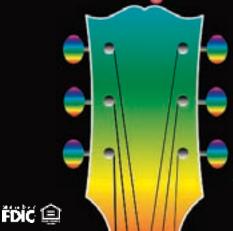
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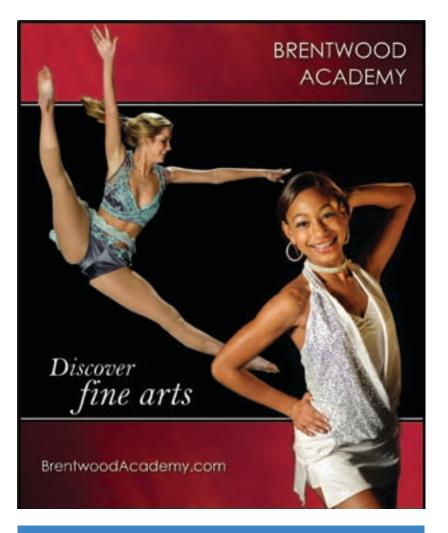
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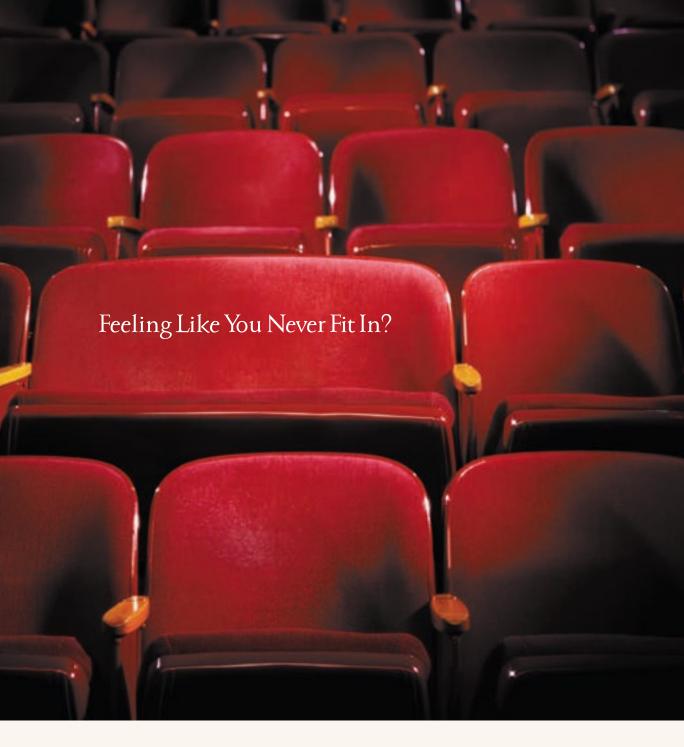
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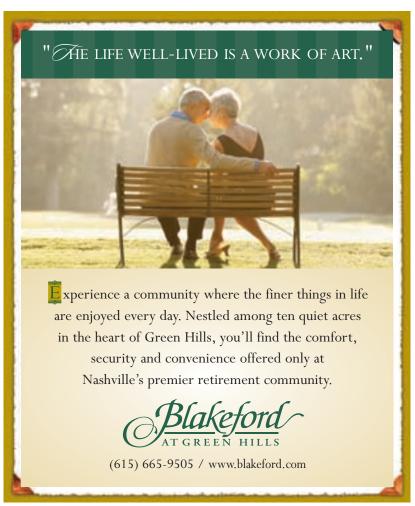


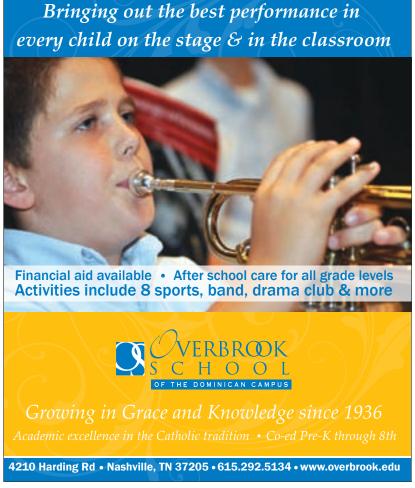


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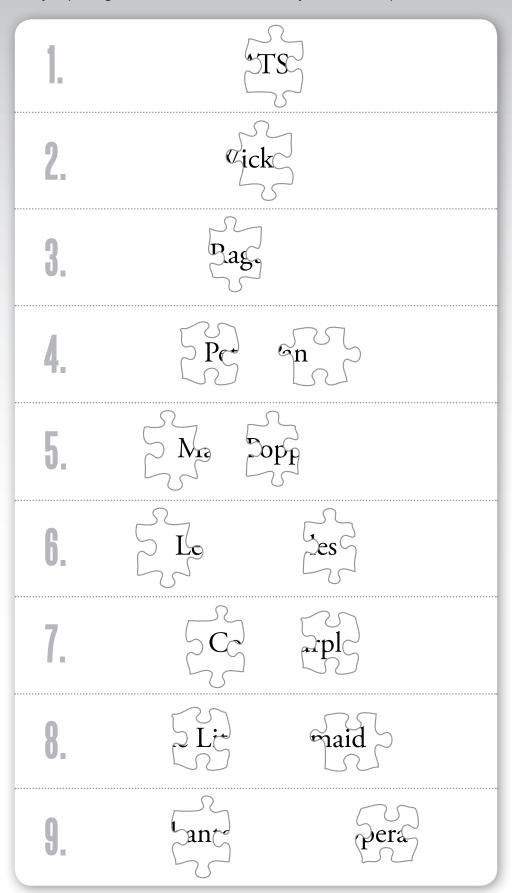
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Topdog/Underdog at TPAC on May 21

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Amun Ra Theatre (ART) will present *Topdog/Underdog* in Polk Theater at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Suzan-Lori Parks, will star jeff obafemi carr as Lincoln and NFL Star-turned-actor Eddie George as his brother Booth, with all proceeds funding the ART To Africa Initiative. The play is a darkly comic fable of brotherly love and family identity. Lincoln, a retired master of the 3-card street hustle, and Booth a master thief, have shared a lifetime of hard times, played out and explored in a one-room apartment that is their field of

unrealized dreams. Haunted by a past of abandonment and struggle, the brothers are forced to confront the shattering reality of their future when they are faced with a chance to return to their glory days of hustling, or play life in the accepted straight and narrow way.

After winning the Heisman Trophy in 1995 as a running back for the Ohio State University, Eddie George was drafted in the first round by the Tennessee Titans and named NFL rookie of the year for 1996. He was the Titans' starting running back until 2003, leading the AFC Champion Titans to Super Bowl XXXIV in 2000 and holds a host of NFL records. Since George's football career ended, his business and philanthropic interests have been focused on creating a stronger America through the development of healthy people and healthy places. He has developed programs to promote healthy lifestyles because he believes that each of us has the ability to reach our full potential as human beings through personal choices that impact our mind, body, and spirit. This led him to a budding acting career that has including film, television, and now stage appearances. George finds his work with charities very rewarding, donating his time and money to various organizations, including his own non-profit organization, Visions with Infinite Possibilities (V.I.P).

Dr. jeff obafemi carr, the co-star of the 2006 Sony film The Second Chance, earned his nickname "The Media Scientist" as a social commentator, actor, playwright, director, essayist, and producer of radio, television, stage, and film. He is the Founder and Artistic Director of Amun Ra Theatre, Nashville's history making African-American professional theatre company, and was appointed a Commissioner on the Metro Arts Commission. A veteran of over 30 professional stage productions as an actor or director, carr has written 7 plays and 2 musicals, and his essays have



Eddie George, left, as Booth and jeff obafemi carr as Lincoln square off as conflicted, card-hustling brothers in Suzan-Lori Parks' Pulitzer-Prize winning drama *Topdog/Underdog*.

been published in 3 books and national publications including *Essence Magazine*. carr has blended his artistic and intellectual pursuits across genres, having released two independent Spoken Word CDs: *Before The People Came* and *How Blak Kin Eye Bee?*

Immediately following the performance, the "Party with a Purpose" will take place at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Nashville. All the proceeds will go towards the summer 2010 ART to Africa trip. The ART's youth Performing ARTs Academy and staff will travel to Ghana, West Africa for a two-week residence at the Village of Champions Orphanage. Instructors and the facility staff will trade lessons and cultural arts with ART and Village young people, while ART staff, partnering with ibuildbyfaith.com outreach workers, build a theater space for the facility.

Amun Ra Theatre is a non-profit professional performing arts ensemble located in Nashville, Tennessee. Founded in 2001, the mission of ART is to explore the universal themes of humanity as experienced through the worldview of African-American Drama, Music, Dance and the Spoken Word. Amun Ra is Egyptian for "The Hidden Light" and defines the focus of the only Nashville African-American theater company that boasts Adult and Teen Acting Ensembles, A Choral Ensemble, Dance Ensemble, New Playwrights Series, and a Youth Performing ARTs Academy. In the Fall of 2008, ART mobilized over 100 volunteers from all sectors of the city to transform an abandoned mosque into the first and only African-American theater facility in Nashville in over 100 years. ART is the standard bearer for the renaissance of Black culture in a city known by most as Music City.

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Instead of asking them to read a short audition scene, Zach asks them to share their personal histories: how they got into "show business," why they became dancers, what their hopes and dreams are. As he calls upon them individually, they react in different ways, from boldness to hesitation. Their stories and memories emerge, blending into a series of musical numbers and monologues – some humorous, some touching and

some intimate as when he calls upon Cassie, his former lover who has returned from California to ask for a job after working as a featured performer.

Between the telling of individual stories that are told, the artists learn dance routines, revealing their abilities to perform as a faceless drill team. The audience gets to know each one individually. By show's end, they identify with and root for their favorites, while empathizing that all need a job and want to work at their craft.

After these brave dancers explain why they go through a life filled with rejection and injury, Zach makes his selection, eliminating the last group who reluctantly leave the stage. The lights fade on the remaining eight ecstatic dancers as they are told to prepare for rehearsals of their new Broadway show. The lights come up as each performer, now dressed in full, shimmering finale costume, reappears for an individual bow before joining together to perform the brilliant dance finale and showing the talent it takes to make it into a chorus line.

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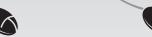
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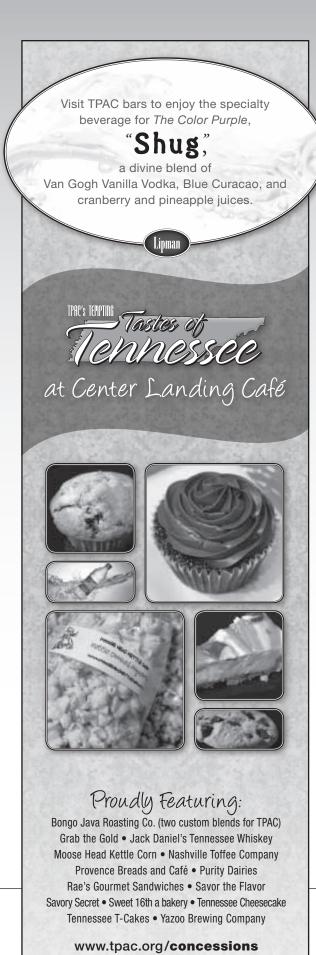
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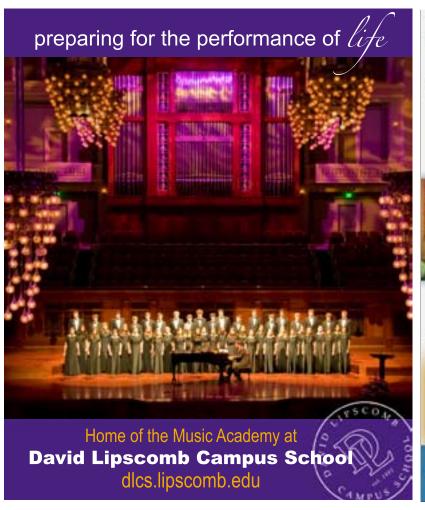
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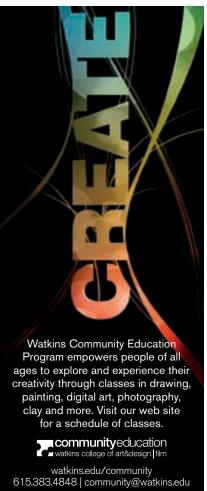
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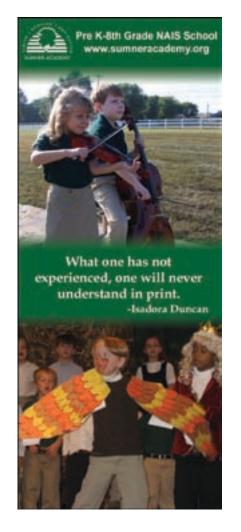




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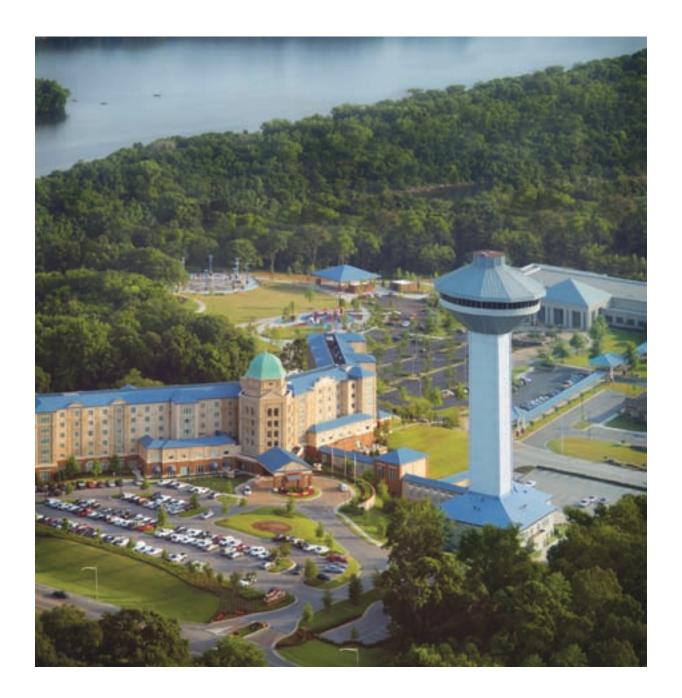


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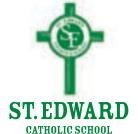
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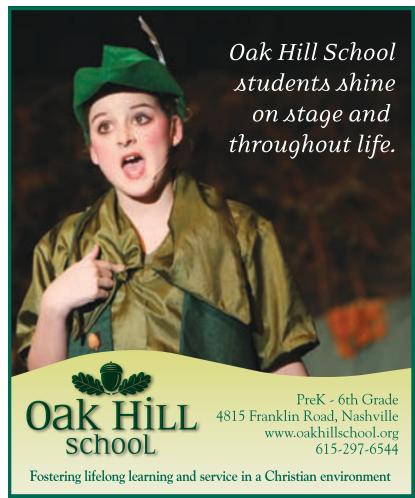
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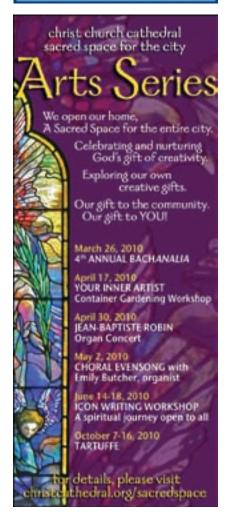
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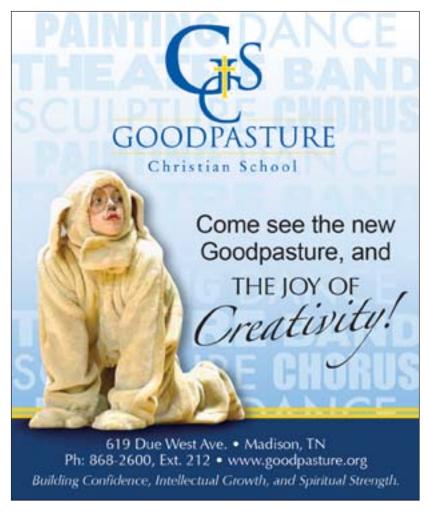












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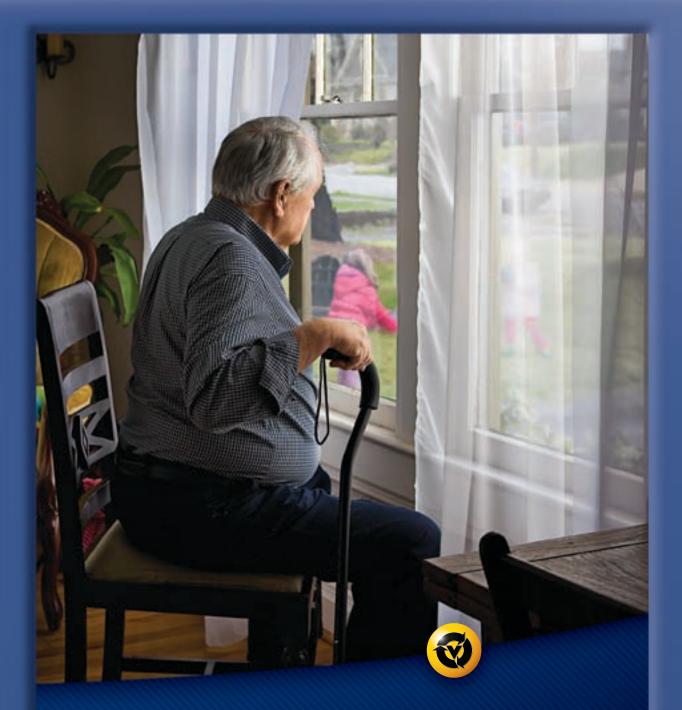
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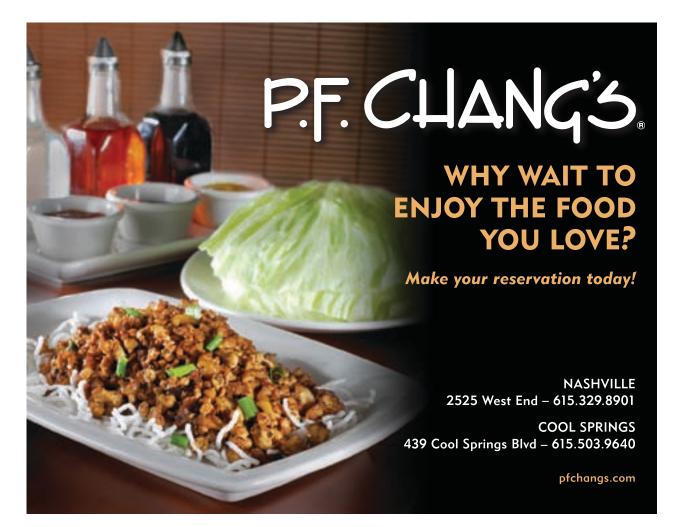


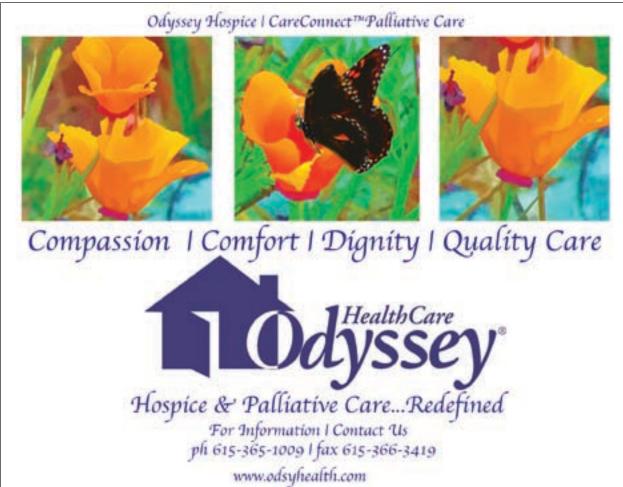
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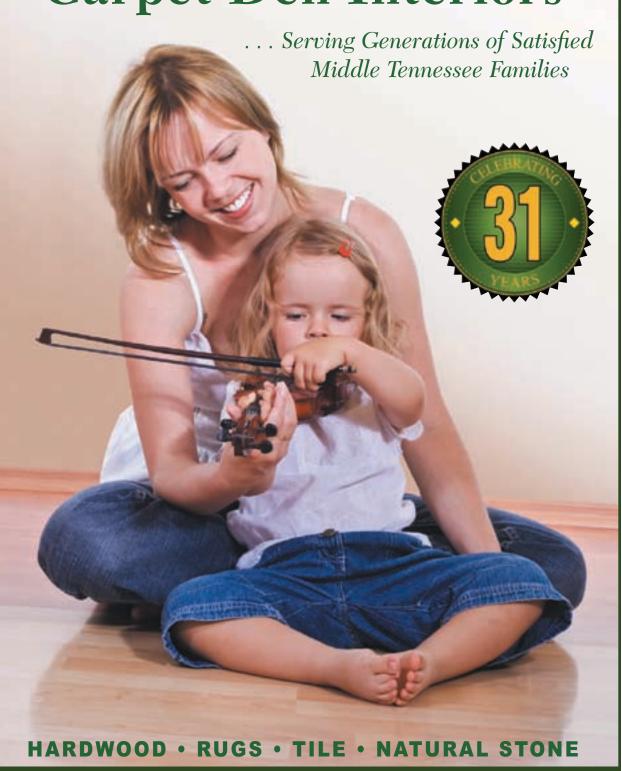
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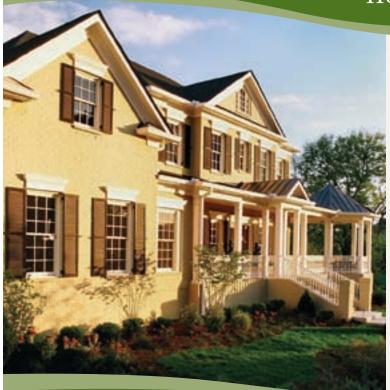
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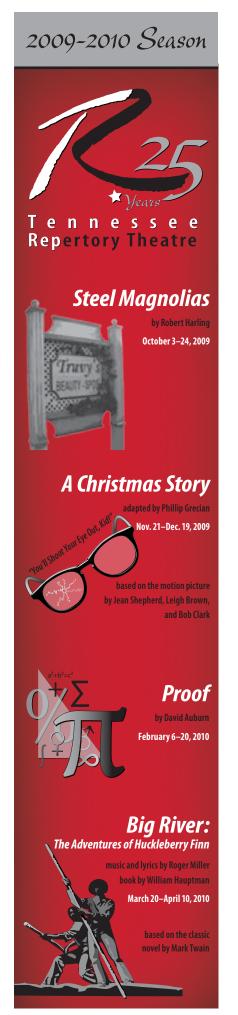
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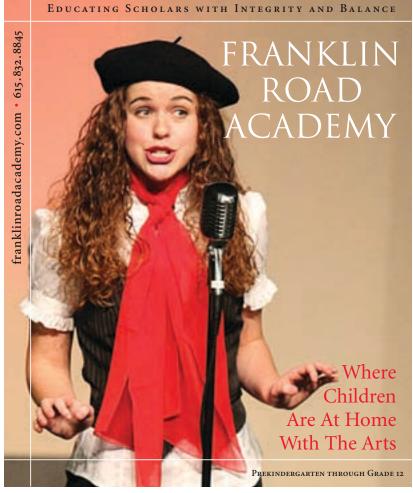
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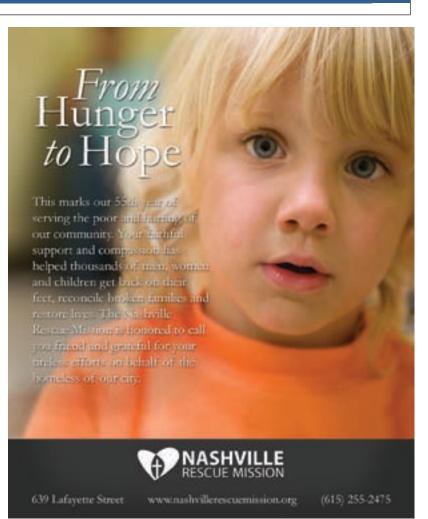


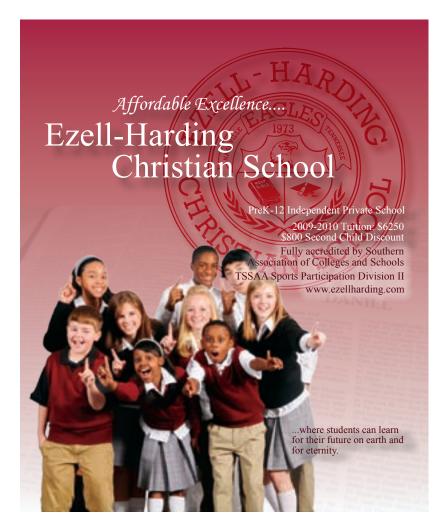
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