

**The Free Theatre Presents...**

**9 to 5**  
the MUSICAL

**June 9, 10, 11, 2023**  
**at Blackrock Center for the Arts**

**Music and Lyrics by Dolly Parton**

**Book by Patricia Resnick**

**Based on the 20th Century Fox Picture**

**Originally produced on Broadway by Robert Greenblatt, April 2009**

**Orchestration by Bruce Coughlin**

**Arrangements and Additional Orchestrations by Stephen Oremus and Alex Lacamoire**

**Produced in part by Free Range Humans**

# **About the Free Theatre**

The Free Theatre provides an inclusive, supportive environment in which passionate students have the opportunity to be at the helm of the collaborative and creative process of producing theatre, regardless of financial means.

The Free Theatre was formed in June, 2018 by a small group of dedicated high school seniors with the desire and drive to create a non-profit 501(c)3, student-run, tuition-free company for students who are passionate about creating theater.

All of our shows have been directed, choreographed, stage-managed and designed by high school students. Adults, professionals in all aspects of theater, are present as advisors and mentors to students, as well as serve as an advisory board to the company. The Free Theatre has existed completely on individual donations and grants since our inception.

We are currently looking for new avenues to keep us fully funded so that all students, regardless of financial means, may continue to attend tuition-free.

We acknowledge that this performance is being held on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Piscataway and Manahoac people.

# Statement

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# About 9 to 5

Based on the iconic film from 1980, "9 to 5: the Musical" debuted on Broadway in 2009. Since then, the musical has been performed continually around the world. The themes of workplace harassment and systemic misogyny are unfortunately still relevant today. Unlike many other pieces of media, however, 9 to 5 offers a different perspective. The story focuses on the friendship between three women, how their bond begins as a shared struggle and grows into something more. Judy, Violet and Doralee all have distinct personalities and goals yet are held back by the same thing. It is only through changing the system that they are able to move forward. not only are they able to change their external environment for the better, but they gain a camaraderie and confidence that they lacked before. Within the masterfully crafted Dolly Parton music that we all know and love is a story of resilience and revolution.

~ Molly Carson, Dramaturg

# Director's Note

9 to 5, at the heart of it, is about equality, friendship, and change. When beginning to direct this show, I wanted to make it a key point to involve women and feminine presenting people in the production process, as their voices need to be heard when discussing topics such as these. While this show is set in the late 70s, many of the events that occur throughout this production are events that could still occur today. As a director, it is my goal to portray these in the most authentic and appropriate manner. I want to promote to the audience and the company that if you witness injustice, you should always stick up for what you believe in.

As Violet, Judy, and Doralee say: “Nothing’s gonna change if you don’t change it.”

~ Chase Pasekoff, Director



# Musical Numbers

## Act One

9 to 5	Company
Around Here	Violet, Judy, Ensemble
Here For You	Hart
Here For You (Reprise)	Hart
I Just Might	Judy, Doralee, Violet, Ensemble
Backwoods Barbie	Doralee, Ensemble
Heart to Hart	Roz, Ensemble
Dance of Death	Judy, Hart, Ensemble
Cowgirl's Revenge	Doralee, Hart, Ensemble
Potion Notion	Violet, Hart, Ensemble
Joy to the Girls	Ensemble
Shine Like the Sun	Company

## Act Two

One of the Boys	Violet, Ensemble
5 to 9	Roz
Change It	Company
Let Love Grow	Violet, Joe
Get Out and Stay Out	Judy
Finale	Company



# Cast List

Violet Newstead

Judy Bernly

Doralee Rhoades

Franklin Hart Jr.

Roz Keith

Joe

Dwayne

Josh

Maria

Kathy

Margaret

Missy

Dick

Bob

Detective

Doctor

Candy Striper

Tinsworthy

Intern

Maren Lewis

Sonia Thanicatt

Joy Charbonneau-Lovaas

Bash House

Savannah Woolard

Nathan Campbell

Milo Dowling

Nate Kauffman

Naomi Conteh

Hailey Baker

Sophia Westman

Evan Wong

Danny House

Anderson Iazo

Sam Person

Sophia Westman

Wren Petersen

Zephyr Scalzi

Addy Hill

## Ensemble

Prisca Agbeyibor, Hailey Baker, Naomi Conteh, Milo Dowling, Danny House, Addy Hill, Anderson Iazo, Nate Kauffman, Sam Person, Zephyr Scalzi, Sophia Westman, Evan Wong

## Swings

Grace Awono, Sabrina Steele

# Leadership

## Creative Team

Director

Chase Pasekoff

Choreographer

Grace Awono

Assistant Choreographer

Avery Hook

Music Director

Elias Bernstein

Assistant Music Director

Wren Petersen

## Administration

Company Manager

Naomi Conteh

Marketing Directors

Grace Awono, Chase Pasekoff

Dramaturg

Molly Carson



# Leadership

## Production

Production Stage Manager

Anna Klein

Asst. Stage Managers

Brinlyn Cohen-Rider, Tyler  
Singleton, Sabrina Steele,

Madison Stubbs

Costumes Designer

Jen Jeon

Asst. Costumes Designer

Taryn Ryan

Hair & Makeup Designer

Harley Craun

Asst. Hair & Makeup Designer

Zoey Scheraga

Lighting Designers

Sean Cooper, Melissa Szwed

Sound Designer

Amberlee Hsu

Scenic Designers

Andrew Papalia, Olivia Yuengling

Props Designers

Hailey Baker, Lingwen Xu

Spotlight Operator

Ethan Seldin

## Crew

Daniel Chernyak, Abby Mendez, Nise  
Mendez, Felix Nelson, Jack Sheedy

# Meet the Company

**Prisca Agbeyibor (Ensemble)** is a junior at Watkins Mill High School. This is her first production with The Free Theatre and her fifth show ever. In her free time, you can find her working on political campaigns, stage managing, or dancing on her school's POMS team.

**Grace Awono (Choreographer, Marketing Director, Swing)** is a senior at Northwest High School. She has been in The Free Theatre since the Fall of 2020! She would like to thank her fellow cast mates, and production and creative team for all the fun memories during her time in the company.

**Hailey Baker (Kathy, Props Designer)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Elias Bernstein (Music Director)** is a junior and is thrilled to be joining The Free Theatre for his second production. He would like to thank his family and the production team and wishes the cast and crew a safe and exciting run of the show.

**Nathan Campbell (Joe)** is a senior at Watkins Mill High School and is excited for his last Free Theatre production! He's been acting for 5 years and was previously seen as Shaw Moore in Footloose. Thanks to Jen, Simon, Bash, Naomi, his family, and his mentors for all they've done.



# Meet the Company

**Molly Carson (Dramaturg)** is a dual-enrolled homeschooler and music major at Frederick Community College. They have been with The Free Theatre since the Spring of 2022. They enjoy screenwriting, singing, comedy, musical theatre history, and media criticism. They hope you enjoy the show!

**Joy Charbonneau-Lovaas (Doralee)** is obsessed with this production! They are a sophomore in high school, and this is their first show with The Free Theatre. She writes her own music, thrifts, and plays guitar. She's hoping she can bring justice to Dolly and all she stands for. Socials: @joyyycharbonneau and @joysings\_\_ on Instagram (main and performance account, respectively).

**Naomi Conteh (Company Manager, Maria)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Sean Cooper (Lighting)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Harley Craun (Hair and Makeup Designer)** is a sophomore at Sherwood High School. She is so excited to be a part of 9-5. Harley enjoyed getting to spend time with her friends every Sunday. She wants to be a special effects makeup artist when she grows up.

# Meet the Company

**Milo Dowling (Dwayne)** is a junior at Sherwood High School, and this is his fourth show with The Free Theatre. You might have also seen him in Chicago, Urinetown, and Footloose! Musical theatre is his passion, but outside of that, he enjoys writing, listening to music, and hanging out with friends.

**Addy Hill (Ensemble)** is a junior at Northwest High School. This is her first show with The Free Theatre and her first time on the stage rather than behind the scenes. In her free time Addy enjoys participating in camping, robotics, girl scouts, reading garfield comics, and contemplating transcendentalism.

**Avery Hook (Asst. Choreographer)** is a Sophomore at Northwest High School. She has been apart of the Free Theatre company since the Fall of 2021. Aside from Free Theatre, Avery loves dancing, singing in her school choir, and reading in her free time.

**Bash House (Hart)** is psyched for his final show with The Free and promises he isn't this creepy in real life. He just graduated from St. John's and will study musical theatre at NYU next year. Credits: Rent, Godspell, Footloose, Peter and the Starcatcher, Lightning Thief, High School Musical, Urinetown, Clue, Chicago, Pippin.



# Meet the Company

**Danny House (Dick)** is playing the role of Dick in his 2nd show with The Free Theatre. He is an upcoming sophomore at DeMatha Catholic High School. Outside of theatre Daniel takes regular art lessons and draws in his free time.

**Amberlee Hsu (Sound)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Jen Jeon (Costumes)** is a junior at Urbana High. She has been a member of The Free Theatre since Pippin, and has designed Chicago and Urinetown, and wardrobe managed Footloose. Outside of theatre, they love baking, hanging with her friends and playing with their cat, Miso.

**Anderson Iazo (Bob)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Nate Kauffman (Josh)** is a freshman at Quince Orchard High School. This is his second show with The Free Theatre! Outside of theatre, he loves hanging with friends, and playing with his dog.

**Anna Klein (Stage Manager)** is a senior at St. John's College High School, who has been with The Free Theatre since 2021. Outside of theatre, she does robotics, and enjoys sewing, hiking, and spending time with her family. Anna is very excited to be stage manager!



# Meet the Company

**Maren Lewis (Violet)** is in 11th grade at Quince Orchard High School. She has done community and school theatre productions for 8 years, but this is her first show with The Free Theatre. Most recently, she played the roles of Anna in Frozen Jr, Ariel in The Little Mermaid Jr (Kat 2nd Stage), and the Dowager Empress in Anastasia (Quince Orchard High School). Outside of theatre, she enjoys throwing in Track and Field and running in Cross Country, lifting, writing songs, and spending time with her friends and brother.

**Abby Mendez (Crew)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Nise Mendez (Crew)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Mayana Morales (Crew)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Felix Nelson (Crew)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Andrew Papalia (Scenic Designer)** is a junior at Sherwood High School and this is his first production with Free Theatre. Outside of theatre, he loves shopping, drawing, and traveling.

**Chase Pasekoff (Director, Marketing Director)** is a junior at Quince Orchard High School. He has been a member of The Free Theatre since the summer of 2020. He is so excited to be directing this production and is so proud of everyone's hard work!



# Meet the Company

**Samantha Person (Ensemble)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Wren Petersen (Asst. Music Director)** is a senior at St. John's College High School. She has been a member of The Free Theatre since Urinetown! She loves animals, especially raccoons :)

**Brinlyn Rider-Cohen (Asst. Stage Manager)** is a freshman at Winston Churchill High School. She has been a member of The Free Theatre since the Fall of 2022. Outside of theatre, she enjoys crochet, listening to music, baking, and her guinea pigs.

**Taryn Ryan (Costumes)** is a junior at Stone Ridge. She has enjoyed being part of The Free Theatre since Fall of 2022. Some of her hobbies include photography and trying new things. She would like to thank this wonderful company and her parents for all of their support.

**Zephyr Scalzi (Tinsworthy)** is a junior at Good Council High School. This is their second production with The Free Theatre. Outside of theater, he loves dancing, reading, painting, drawing, and hanging out with friends.

**Zoey Scheraga (Costumes)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Ethan Seldin (Spotlight Operator)** is a junior at Watkins Mill. He has been a member of the free theater since footloose. Ethan enjoys not just theater but baseball and film.

**Jack Sheedy (Crew)** is a freshman at Quince Orchard High School. This is his second play here, and he loves to play computer games.

# Meet the Company

**Tyler Singleton (Asst. Stage Manager)** is a junior at Northwest High school. This is Tyler's first production for Free Theater and he is so excited. Outside of theater he is an active member of his rotc program and loves golfing with his grandfather and friends.

**Sabrina Steele (Asst. Stage Manager)** is so excited to be a part of 9 to 5!

**Madison Stubbs (Asst. Stage Manager)** is a senior at Northwest High School. She has been involved with theatre programs since middle school and this will be her first and last production with The Free Theatre. Other than theatre she enjoys being with friends and get to try new things.

**Melissa Szwed (Lighting)** is a senior at Northwest High School. She has been a member of The Free Theatre since the Winter of 2021. Melissa is thankful for the friendships and memories she has made and is sad that this will be her last show with the Free. Outside of theatre, she loves dancing, rock climbing, and swimming.

**Sonia Thanicatt (Judy)** is a junior at Watkins Mill High School. She is so excited to be in her second production with The Free Theatre! Outside of theatre, she loves skating, baking, student advocacy, and playing video games. She'd like to thank Maren and Joy for being the best trio ever. <3





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**Sophia Westman (Margaret, Doctor)** is a Sophomore at Watkins Mill High School This is her first production with The Free Theatre. Outside of theater she loves spending time with friends, cuddling her dogs and bonding with family.

**Evan Wong (Missy)** is a junior at Richard Montgomery High School who enjoys singing, art, and taekwondo. This is their first production with Free Theatre, and they are super excited to participate in this show with so many amazing people!

**Savannah Woolard (Roz)** is a junior at St. John's College High School. This is her first show with The Free Theatre. Outside of theatre, she loves playing rugby and listening to yacht rock.

**Lingwen Xu (Props)** is a junior at Winston Churchill High School. She has been a member of The Free Theatre since 2019 and has been involved with props since 2021. Outside of theatre she enjoys creating art, hanging out with friends, and shopping.

**Olivia Yuengling (Scenic)** is a sophomore at Sherwood High School. This is her first production at The Free Theatre. She is a member of her school's stage crew, and has participated in multiple productions there. She would like to thank her co-designer Andrew Papalia for being a great co-designer and friend, along with her friends and family for supporting her.



# Adult Staff & Mentors

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Production Manager  
Choreography Mentor  
Directing Mentor  
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Keyboard  
Drums  
Guitar  
Bass  
Trumpet  
Woodwinds

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Nathan Weisbrod  
Alex Galiatsatos  
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