



*The*  
FREE THEATRE  
*Presents:*



*December 20th - 22nd*

*The Silver Spring  
Black Box*



# *Credits*

Concieved and Developed by David DeSilva

Book By Jose Fernandez

Lyrics by Jacques Levy

Music by Steve Margoshes

Title Song, "Fame" written by Dean Pitchford and Micheal Gore

Originally produced at the Coconut Grove Playhouse

Arnold Mittleman, Producing Artistic Director

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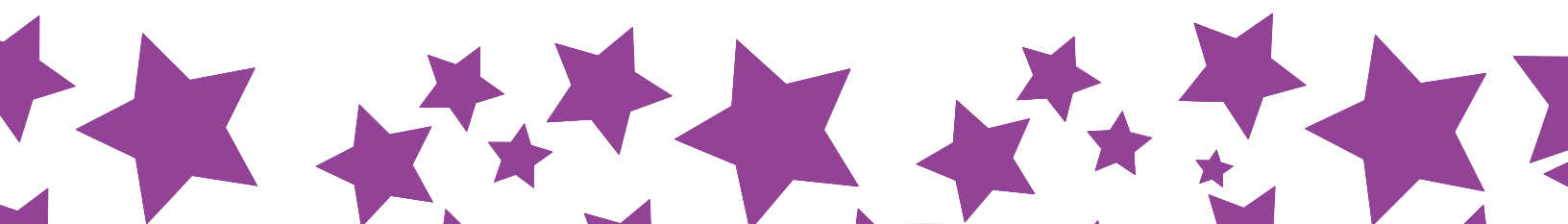
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<b>Role</b>	<b>Fri Night/Sat Matinee</b>	<b>Sat Night/Sun Matinee</b>
Serena Katz:	Lindsay Kaplan	Kiley Dollymore
Nick Piazza:	Christopher Gresh	Gerrel Marquez
Joe Vegas:	Ben Molina	Ben Molina
Carmen Diaz:	Isabella Russo	Claire Gellilo
Tyrone Jackson:	Andre Lewis	Andre Lewis
Iris Kelly:	Hannah Ngyuen	Ella Ryan
Schlomo Metzenbaum:	Ari Rubenstein	Ari Rubenstein
Grace Lamb:	Izzy DeSando	Gabriella Fine
Goodman King:	Gus Martone	Gus Martone
Mabel Washington:	Maddie Sebastian	Sophia Harrison
Ms. Sherman (English teacher):	Kat Gorlenko	Sophia Anthony
Ms. Bell (Dance teacher):	Paloma Boccasam	Hana O'Looney
Ms. Scheinkopf (Music teacher):	Josie Reich	Josie Reich
Mr. Meyers (Acting teacher):	August VanDerWerf	August VanDerWerf

Acting students: Isley Gold, Alexis Miskelly, Anna Well, Lindsay Kaplan, Kiley Dollymore

Dance students: Rochelle Berman, Beth Brady, Meredith Jones, Jadyne Kelly, Christina Williams, Michelle Williams, Ella Ryan, Hannah Nguyen, Sophia Harrison, Maddie Sebastian

Music students: Meredith Abramson, Gus Martone, Jasmine Wang, Isabella DeSando, Gabriella Fine





# *Production*

Director: Gillian Gravatt

Assistant Director: Kat Gorlenko

Choreographer: Paloma Boccasam

Ballet Choreographer: Ella Ryan

Music Director: Marci Shegogue

Asst. Music Directors: Andre Lewis, Ari Rubenstein, Nathan Weisbrod

Company Manager: Christopher Gresh

Production Manager: Hope Villaneuva (w/Seoyoung Kim)

Stage Manager: Aidan Moorehead (w/ Rebecca Talisman)

Sound Design: Brianna Kelly

Lighting Design: Hailey LaRoe, Porter Orvetti

Costume Design: Simone Arrington, Hana O'Looney and team

Props Manager: Hannah Nguyen

Master Builder: Jose Abraham

Scenic Designer: Megan Holden

Program: Lindsay Kaplan

## *Our Mentors*

Megan Behm, Sara Herrera-Kopetchny, Jenny Dalrymple, Mady Jones, Emmy Lane, Emily Gordon



# *Musical Numbers*

Hard Work .....	Company
I Want to Make Magic .....	Nick
Can't Keep it Down .....	Joe and Ensemble
The Music Room .....	Music students
Tyrone's Rap .....	Tyrone
There She Goes/Fame .....	Carmen and Company
Let's Play a Love Scene .....	Serena
Bring on Tomorrow .....	Schlomo and Carmen
The Teacher's Argument .....	Ms. Sherman and Ms. Bell
Hard Work reprise .....	Company
The Junior Festival .....	Company
Think of Meryl Streep .....	Serena
Mabel's Prayer .....	Mabel and Ensemble
Dancin' on the Sidewalk .....	Tyrone and Company
These Are My Children .....	Ms. Sherman
Pas de Deux .....	Iris and Tyrone
In L.A. ....	Carmen
Let's Play a Love Scene reprise .....	Nick and Serena
Bring on Tomorrow reprise .....	Company

## *Musicians*

Marci Shegogue, Garrett Jones, Jennifer Curtis, Rodrigo Posada, Alex Galiatsatos, Brian Bera, Devon Callan, Nathan Weisbrod





**Maddie Sebastian (Mabel Washington)** is a junior at Clarksburg High and is so excited to be in her first production with The Free Theatre as Mabel Washington! She has also played Humpty Dumpty in "Shrek: the Musical" (Clarksburg HS), and recently sang with the Maryland All-State Senior Treble Choir, National Youth Choir at Carnegie Hall, and the All-Nationals Honors Choir in Orlando, Florida. Outside of theatre, she loves Forensics (the public speaking, not the science!) and creative writing. She'd like to thank her family, friends, and mentors for their endless love and encouragement. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!

**Jadyn Kelly (Dance Student)** is a freshman at Marriotts Ridge High School. She has been in more than 30 musicals and is ecstatic to be in her first production with The Free Theatre. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her, as well as the directing team for all the hard work they put into this production. Enjoy the show!

**Meredith Jones (Dance Student)** is an 8th grader at Holy Trinity. She is in the dance ensemble. This is her 3rd show with The Free Theater and she is so happy to be working with such an amazing cast. She has been in many shows, her favorite roles include, The Little Girl in Ragtime, Reno in Anything Goes, and Sally Brown in Your a Good Man Charlie Brown.

**Beth Brady (Dance Student)** is so excited to be joining the Free Theatre family! Her previous roles have included dancing in Once on This Island and Kylar in Bring it On. Dancing in Fame has been a great experience and she is so thankful for the cast and crew.

**Christopher Gresh (Nick Piazza/Company Manager)** is incredibly excited and thankful to be performing in Fame! This is his 3rd show with the Free Theatre company, the other two being Mama Mia, where he performed as "Eddie", and In the Heights, where he performed as "Sonny". Chris also enjoys performing in shows at his school, Winston Churchill High School. He has most recently played "Emmet Forrest" in his school's production of Legally Blonde. When Chris is not performing, he enjoys hanging out with his friends, playing basketball, and writing music.



**Lindsay Kaplan (Serena Katz)** is a junior at the Field School. Past shows include Mamma Mia, Oklahoma, and Catch Me If You Can. She'd like to thank Marci, the incredible production team, and her voice teacher Carly Harvey.

**Gillian Gravatt (Director)** is a junior at Walt Whitman High School and is very excited to be directing her first show this year! Gillian has performed in many productions previously; her favorites include You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (Linus), Ragtime, Chicago, Oklahoma!, Catch Me if You Can, and In the Heights. She would like to thank the incredible cast of the Free Theatre and all of the professional mentors with whom she has worked throughout the process.

**Meredith Abramson (Music Student)** is an 8th grader at Lakelands Park Middle School. This is her first show with The Free Theater. She is very excited to be playing the flute onstage! Some other credits include Helen Keller in The Miracle Worker and Mary in The Secret Garden. She enjoys reading, writing and drawing. Thanks to the cast and crew for making a great production!

**Anna Well (Acting Student)** is very excited to be a part of the Free Theater's production of "Fame!". She is a sophomore at the Berman Hebrew Academy. She has had the privilege of being in past productions of the Free Theater and can't wait to be in more!

**Isabella Russo (Carmen Diaz)** is a junior at H-B Woodlawn in Arlington, VA. Previous shows include The Wolves, Grease, and In the Heights. She is so grateful to have had this amazing opportunity and is so proud to be able to perform with this group!

**Kat Gorlenko (Assistant Director/Ms. Sherman)** is a junior at Walt Whitman High School and is beyond excited to be in her second year with the Free Theatre on both the creative team and on stage! Aside from musical theatre, Kat loves to draw, paint and work with children, making this role a perfect fit for her to bring to life! Some of her other favorite roles include Gertrude in Suessical The Musical and Marian Paroo in The Music Man! She hopes you adore the show and wants to thank everyone in the Free Theatre family for the hard work that they put into it!



**Sophia Anthony (Ms. Sherman)** is a senior at Northwest High School who loves acting, singing, and writing. This is Sophia's first production with the Free Theatre and she's ecstatic to have met and worked with these amazing people. She would like to thank her parents for all their support, Mrs. Shegogue, and everyone on the production staff! Some of her previous roles include Skylar in Bring It On, Carolyn in Bridges of Madison County, and Eva in Kindertransport.

**Ari Rubenstein (Schlomo Metzenbaum/Assistant Music Director)** is a Junior at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. He has been involved in theater for over 6 years and has played many roles such as Jack Kelly (Newsies), Kermit the Frog (Muppets), and Horton the Elephant (Seussical). Ari is excited to be in his second show at the Free Theater, specifically being in, Fame!

**Rochelle Berman (Dance Student)** is a sophomore at CESJDS, and this is her first show with the Free Theatre. She has been dancing her whole life, and since being introduced to musical theatre in third grade has been performing nonstop. Some of her favorite roles include Ladybug in James and the Giant Peach, Sour Kangaroo in Seussical, and Ursula in the Little Mermaid. Rochelle is thrilled to be in Fame with the Free Theatre, and is so grateful for the opportunity to be in a student-led production with an amazing community.

**Ben Molina (Joe Vegas)** is excited for his second production in The Free Theatre; he's played Twig and Papa Ge in Bring It On and Once on this Island at Northwest High School. Though only doing theatre for a year and a half, starting his sophomore year, it's helped him grow so much as a character.

**Gus Martone (Goodman King)** is 14 years old and in 8th grade. this is his first show with the Free Theatre. he is very excited to be working on Fame.

**Gerrel Marquez (Nick Piazza)** is a Junior at Gaithersburg High School and is very excited to be part of his first Free Theatre production! He had previously been Jonas in the Giver, Corny Collins in Hairspray, and Lefou in Beauty and the Beast. He thanks his parents for being supportive and friends for just being friends. :)





**Ella Ryan (Iris Kelly/Choreographer)** is a junior at Walt Whitman High School. Previous shows include In the Heights, Mamma Mia!, Catch Me If You Can, Fame!, Oklahoma, and Chicago. She would like to thank the cast and crew, her friends and family, Marci, Gillian, Paloma, Chris, and Kat. Thanks for such a wonderful show everyone!

**Gabriella Fine (Grace Lamb)** is thrilled to a part of the Free Theatre! Gabriella is a Junior at The Berman Hebrew Academy in Rockville. She has been doing musical theatre since kindergarten. Some of her favorite productions include "Fiddler on the Roof " (Shprintze), "The Boyfriend" (Maisie), "The Music Man" (Gracie Shinn), "Catch Me if You Can" (Judge), "Chicago," "Hairspray," and "The Wizard of Oz." She would like to the thank her family and friends for their support.

**August Van Der Werf (Mr. Meyers)** is a senior at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. In addition to acting, he is also a filmmaker, writer, and critic. This is his first show with The Free Theatre, and he'd like to thank the cast for being so welcoming!

**Hana O'Looney (Ms. Bell)** is a sophomore at Richard Montgomery High School and is ecstatic to be in her second production with The Free Theatre! She would like to thank her talented castmates, techies, Marci, and her family for crafting an incredible show. Previous works include Hortensio in Taming of the Shrew (Shakespeare Theatre Company), Aladdin in Aladdin Jr., and Perchik in Fiddler on the Roof (Kensington Arts Theatre).

**Hannah Nguyen (Iris Kelly)** is a sophomore at Northwest High School and she is very excited to be in her first show with The Free Theatre!

**Kiley Dollymore (Serena Katz)** is so excited to be joining The Free Theatre! She is a senior at St. John's College High School, where she is the Theatre President. At St. John's, she is a member of Advanced Vocal Studies and the Chamber Choir. Most recently at SJC, she performed in The Marvelous Wonderettes (Betty Jean Reynolds). She is thrilled to be a part of The Free Theatre and she can't wait for the future.



**Josie Reich (Ms. Scheinkoff)** is very excited to be part of this season of the Free Theatre and perform her third show with the company. Past shows include Saturday Night Fever (Pauline), Into the Woods, Jr. (The Baker's Wife), You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown (Snoopy), Anything Goes, Jr. (Moonface Martin), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Joseph), and Seussical the Musical (Sour Kangaroo). Josie would like to thank her parents, her brother, and her entire family, as well as her voice teacher Nakia Verner for being so supportive.

**Paloma Boccasam (Ms. Bell/Choreographer)** is a senior at Washington International School. Some of her favorite productions include, Catch Me If You Can (featured dancer), 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Olive), and Chicago (Hunyak). Besides Musical Theatre, Paloma has been dancing for many years. She loves being a part of the Free Theatre and wants to thank Gillian, Marci, and Chris for their work on this incredible production

**Andre Lewis (Tyrone Jackson/Assistant Music Director)** is a senior at Northwest High School and is humbled to be part of his first Free theatre show. Andre is grateful that he has been given the opportunity in this program. This is only his second production outside of his high school, so he is still kinda nervous.

**Sophia Harrison (Mabel Washington)** is a senior at St. John's College High school. She is thrilled to be a part of her first Free Theatre production. Previous shows include Newsies, Ragtime, The Wild Party and most recently The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time. She would like to thank her friends and family and the amazing cast and creative team

**Claire Gelillo (Carmen Diaz)** is a junior at Richard Montgomery High School. She is very excited to be doing her second show with The Free Theatre. She would like to thank everyone involved in the show for making it a truly special experience, and her family and friends for their love and support



# *Shout-Outs*

Chris,

We are so proud of you. It is such a joy to see your performances.

Love, Mom, Dad & Nick

"Way to go, Ari!"

Love, JoJo

Congrats to our amazing 5 daughters - Gillian, Kat, Sophia, Ella, and Lindsay. Go zig-zag boys! Love Hugh, Caroline, Allison, and Kirby

-Congratulations to Kat Gorlenko and all Free Theatre company of Fame show! Seeing your talent and effort is a gift and joy! Love, Gorlenko family -



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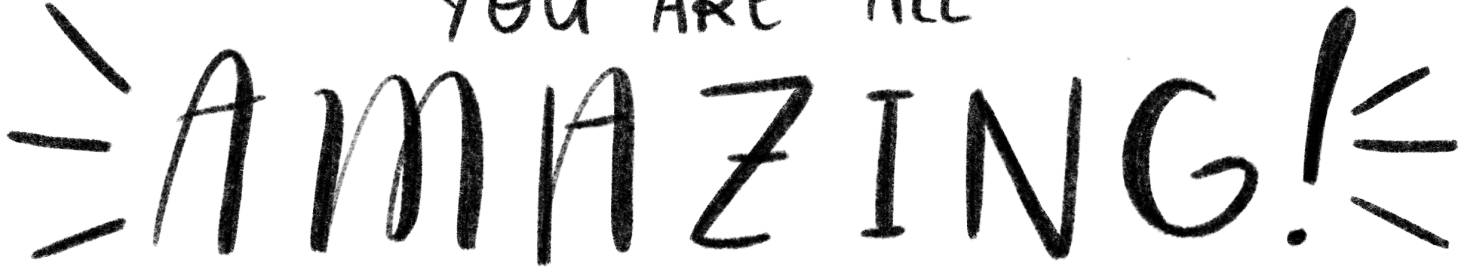


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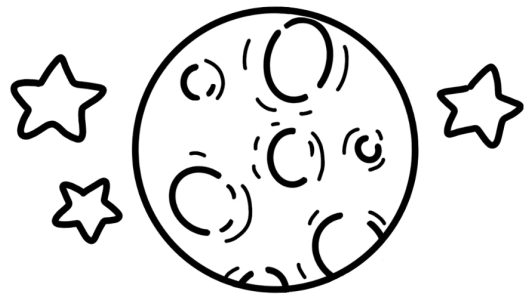
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