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## **STANLEY BROWN - MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Stanley Brown is a legendary and award winning musical renaissance man. With an illustrious career spanning over 30 years, he has left an indelible mark on the world of music. Hailing from Brooklyn, New York, Brown's musical journey has taken him from music creative to music executive. Working with acts like Run-DMC, LL Cool J, Bell Biv DeVoe, Dru Hill, Israel Houghton, Donnie McClurkin, Karen Clark Sheard, TD Jakes, and John P Kee among many others. Brown was the co-founder and musical director of Hezekiah Walker's Grammy award winning Love Fellowship Crusade Choir. He has also served as MD for artist like Melanie Fiona, Michelle Williams (of Destiny's Child), Bebe Winans, and BET's reality show Sunday Best. In 2000 Stanley launched his own company Timeless Music Group (TMG). With a commitment to pushing artistic boundaries and a sincere dedication to the transformative power of music, Brown continues to enrich the world with his sound. In every note played and every melody woven, Stanley Brown radiates a profound sense of purpose and unwavering faith. His music is more than just a composition; it's a vessel that carries the many emotions of the human experience.



## **HARLAN PENN - SCENIC DESIGNER**

Harlan D. Penn is a proud graduate of Florida A&M University and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. The South Florida native has designed for Off-Broadway, Off-Off Broadway, cable television, regional theatre, and educational theatre. In addition, Penn has served as an Art Director and Assistant Art Director for film and television productions for NETLIX, HULU, ABC/DISNEY, NBC, HALLMARK MOVIE CHANNEL, CBS and TURNER BROADCASTING. Mr. Penn has served as assistant scenic designer to Scenic Designer Felix E. Cochren on productions at The McCarter Theatre, Geva Theatre, Syracuse Stage, The Goodman Theatre, Virginia Stage Company, and The Cleveland Playhouse. Mr. Penn is also a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and IASTE/United Scenic Artist Local 829 in the scenic design and Scenic Art category. In addition, Harlan made his operatic design debut with the Lyric Opera of Chicago's world premiere production of FACTOTUM (hip-hop opera) in January 2023. Mr. Penn is currently an Assistant Professor of Scenic Design at York College in Jamaica, Queens, New York.



## **PATRICK SHORTS & LU PRAISE - CHOIR**

LU Praise is a group of dynamic musicians dedicated to glorifying God through testimony, song, and worship. Members come to Liberty University from across the United States and other nations as a community of worshipers dedicated to spreading the Gospel through music. LU Praise is a multi-ethnic gospel choir devoted to leading God's people in genuine, heartfelt worship. The team uses ethnic and musical diversity to proclaim the Gospel through song, the Word of God, testimony, and service.

# PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer .....	Linda Cooper
Program Director of Production .....	Andy Geffken
Production Manager .....	Dana White, Jr.
Promotions & Theater Manager .....	Kelli Doby
Resident Designer .....	Mark Howieson
Technical Director - Scenic .....	Michael Perkins
Asst. Technical Director - Scenic .....	Matt Phillips
Asst. Technical Director - Properties Manager .....	Nathan Klein
Scene Shop Supervisor .....	Michael Wrape
Master Fabricator/Designer .....	Daniel Hayden
Technical Director - Lights & Sound .....	April McWilliams
Asst. Technical Director - Lights .....	Zane Cooper
Scenic Charge .....	Sarah Augustin
Sound Designer & Engineer .....	Greg Vinson
Technical Director - Costumes .....	Lynne Forth
Asst. Technical Director - Costumes .....	Tatiana Parada
Costume Shop Manager & Asst. Costume Designer .....	Salem Watson
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Administrative Assistant .....	Robyn Austin
Media Specialist & Graphic Designer .....	Matt Owen
Department Accompanist .....	Micah Pick

## WIZ CREATIVE TEAM

Director .....	Andy Geffken
Choreographer .....	Aubri Siebert
Music Director .....	Stanley Brown
Associate Music Director .....	Dr. Zachary Bruno
Choir Director .....	Patrick Shorts
Scenic Designer .....	Harlan Penn
Lighting Designer .....	Barry Gawinski
Costume Designer .....	Lynne Forth
Technical Director .....	Michael Perkins
Sound Designer .....	Greg Vinson

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Assistant Stage Manager .....	Becky Ernst
Assistant Stage Manager .....	John Wuest
Props Assistant .....	Jooye Kim
Props Assistant .....	Bethany Duff
Wardrobe Manager .....	Keighley Yarboro
Wardrobe Assistant .....	Daniel Arce
Wardrobe Assistant .....	Kathryn Keefe
Wardrobe Assistant .....	Monica Leon-York
Hair Stylist .....	Kimberly Brown
Hair Assistant .....	Chloe Terry
Makeup Artist .....	Olivia Reese
Deck Chief .....	Ben Wall
Programmer .....	Paige Wilson
Lightboard and Lighting Design Apprentice .....	Gianna Gould
Sound Assistant .....	Melody Wimberly
Running Crew .....	Jacob Hodges
Running Crew .....	Jesse Wilkerson
Rigging .....	Tatum Mahon
Spot Operator .....	Grace Eason
Spot Operator .....	Brenna Kay
Scenic Artist .....	Megan Kolegue
Scenic Paint Assist .....	Rachel Thompson
Scenic Paint Assist .....	Callie Hubing
Dog Wrangler .....	Angel Göbel

## ORCHESTRA

Conductor .....	Dr. Zachary Bruno
Violin .....	Miriam Thompson, Hannah O'Berry
Cello .....	Jonathan Blake
Woodwinds .....	Kenna Provence, Cole Johnson, Aliza Nogueras, Caroline Harper, Zach Kneeland
Trumpet .....	Joseph Taylor, Zak Bonham, Emily Carroll
Horn .....	David Toothman
Trombone .....	Arica Poorman, Thomas Roder
Keyboards .....	Chris Tirado, Patrick Shorts
Drums .....	Nate Gilmore
Bass .....	Eric Hollandsworth
Guitar .....	Matthew Petralia
Percussion .....	Xavier Garland, Joshua Davis
Rehearsal Pianist .....	Micah Pick

## CHOIR

Isabella Botero	Jairus Mullen
Eriance Couamin	Monti Nash
Aunalyse Darby	Amarachi Nnandozie
Tamara Dhaity	Levi Penrod
Savanna Geiger	Charnay Sampson
Jaydon Hanna	Jada Smith
Lexi Hart	Faith Stepney
Jalin James	Chris Tshiteya
Destinee Lee	Madi Vargo
Martia McDaniel	Joshua Ward

# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT 1

<b>Overture</b> .....	Orchestra
<b>The Feeling We Once Had</b> .....	Aunt Em
<b>Tornado</b> .....	Tornado Dancers
<b>He's the Wiz</b> .....	Addaperle, Munchkins
<b>Soon as I Get Home</b> .....	Dorothy
<b>Born on the Day Before Yesterday</b> .....	Scarecrow, Crows, Yellow Brick Road
<b>Ease on Down the Road #1</b> .....	Dorothy, Scarecrow, Yellow Brick Road
<b>Slide Some Oil to Me</b> .....	Tin Man
<b>Ease on Down the Road #2</b> .....	Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Yellow Brick Road
<b>Mean Ole Lion</b> .....	Lion
<b>Ease on Down the Road #3</b> .....	Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Yellow Brick Road
<b>Kalidah Battle</b> .....	Friends, Kalidah, Yellow Brick Road
<b>Be a Lion</b> .....	Dorothy, Lion
<b>Poppies</b> .....	Poppies, Lion
<b>Emerald City Dance</b> .....	Friends, Citizens
<b>Meet the Wizard</b> .....	The Wiz
<b>What Would I Do if I Could Feel</b> .....	Tin Man

\*There will be a 15-minute intermission\*

## ACT 2

<b>Entr'acte</b> .....	Orchestra
<b>Don't Nobody Bring Me No Bad News</b> .....	Evillene, Winkies
<b>Funky Monkey</b> .....	Winged Monkeys, Friends
<b>Everybody Rejoice</b> .....	Friends, Winkies
<b>Who Do You Think You Are</b> .....	Friends
<b>Believe In Yourself</b> .....	The Wiz
<b>Y'all Got It</b> .....	The Wiz, Citizens, Friends
<b>A Rested Body</b> .....	Glinda
<b>Believe In Yourself (Reprise)</b> .....	Glinda
<b>Finale (Home)</b> .....	Dorothy





## TRINITY WOOD // DOROTHY GALE

Orlando, FL  
Credit: A Christmas Story: The Musical, Writes of Spring, EAT! It's Not About Food, Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing (Orlando Repertory Theatre); The Music Man (Alluvion Stage Company) Film Credit: Mother Goose Club  
BFA in Acting, Liberty University, Currently Enrolled



## JOSH THOMAS // SCARECROW

Sterling, VA  
Credits: A Christmas Carol, Fiddler on the Roof, The Music Man (Alluvion Stage Company)  
BFA in Musical Theatre, Liberty University, Currently Enrolled



## ARMON DAVIS // TIN MAN & DANCE CAPTAIN

Suffolk, VA  
Credits: Fiddler on the Roof, A Christmas Carol (Alluvion Stage Company); Matilda (Virginia Stage Company)  
BFA in Acting, Liberty University, Currently Enrolled



## JUSTIN JACKSON // LION

Addis, LA  
Credits: The Music Man (Alluvion Stage Company)  
BFA in Musical Theatre, Liberty University, Currently Enrolled



## JOEL ASHUR // THE WIZ

Washington, DC  
Credits: Sister Act, Little Mermaid (Alluvion Stage Company), Samson (Sight and Sound), Sister Act (North Carolina Theatre)



## NIRVA READY // GLINDA & AUNT EM

Lynchburg, VA  
Professional Debut  
B.A., Fisk University; M.Ed. Liberty University



## LIBBY JEFFERSON // ADDAPERLE

Forest, VA

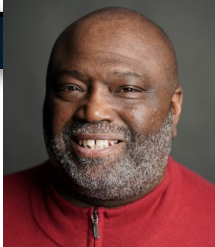
Credit: Ain't Misbehavin, Ragtime (Academy Center of the Arts), Nunsense (Commerce Street Theatre), Buried Deep, Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story (Endstation Theatre Company), Candle Light Tours (Old City Cemetery)  
B.A. in Drama and African & African American Studies, University of Virginia



## TEMIKA YOUNGER // EVILLENE

Lynchburg, VA

Credits: Seussical the Musical (University of Lynchburg), Sunday Morning the Stage Play (Daniel Barksdale Productions), Seven Guitars (Charlottesville Players Guild), Sister Act (Renaissance Theater), Color Me Beautiful, An American Odyssey (Building Bridges Productions)  
MSN, Nurse Educator, University of Lynchburg



## DARYL DUFF // LEAD MONKEY & ENSEMBLE

Lynchburg, VA

Credits: Chief Musician U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters (Ret) 1990-2013, Fiddler on the Roof (Alluvion Stage Company)  
B.M.Ed. Vocal Music, University of Central Missouri; M.A. in Music and Worship-Commercial Music Performance, Liberty University; PhD. Christian Worship (ABD)



## DELBERT JONES // UNCLE HENRY & ENSEMBLE

Washington, DC

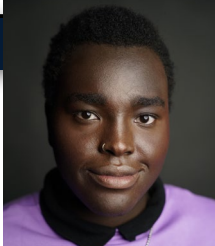
Credits: The Streets Can't Have My Son (Touring Cast), Mama, I Want to Sing (Off-Broadway), Final Departure (Broadway) Film Credits: Snoop's, Homicide NBC  
B.A. in Theatre, Liberty University



## STEPHEN SHELTER // GATEKEEPER & MESSENGER & ENSEMBLE

Lynchburg, VA

Credits: Rock of Ages, Jekyll & Hyde, Clue: On Stage, Xanadu, Young Frankenstein (Wolfbane Productions)  
B.A. in Theatre Performance, Liberty University



## LUCAS DISHONG // LORD HIGH UNDERLING & ENSEMBLE

Virginia Beach, VA

Professional Debut

B.M. in Commercial Music, Liberty University (Currently Enrolled)





## KEELAN BURNS // FIRST MOUSE & ENSEMBLE

Lynchburg, VA  
Credit: Buried Deep (Endstaion Theatre Company), Puffs (InTuition Group)  
B.A. in Digital Media and Graphic Design



## TY DAVIS // ENSEMBLE

Hampton, VA  
Professional Debut  
B.S. in Youth Ministry, Liberty University (Currently Enrolled)



## JORDAN MOSER // ENSEMBLE

Lynchburg, VA  
Professional Debut  
B.A. in Communication, George Mason University



## AMENA BROWN // ENSEMBLE & DANCE CAPTAIN

Martinsburg, WV  
Professional Debut  
BFA in Musical Theatre, Liberty University (Currently Enrolled)



## DANIE ETIENNE // ENSEMBLE

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B.A. in Dance, University of Florida; B.S. in Psychology, University of Florida; MFA in Choreography and Performance (Dance), Florida State University



## SHANIA THORPE // ENSEMBLE

Lynchburg, VA  
Credits: In the Heights, The Little Mermaid, Hairspray (Masterworx), Tarzan (Academy Center of the Arts)  
B.S. in Strategic Communications, Liberty University; MBA with a Concentration in Leadership, Averett University



## SHALIAH PEEPLES // ENSEMBLE

Youngstown, OH

Credits: Nutcracker, Spring Gala, The Wizard of Oz, Sleeping Beauty (Ballet Western Reserve)

B.S. in Family and Child Development, Liberty University (Currently Enrolled)



## MELE THOMPSON // ENSEMBLE

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Professional Debut



## MAIA ANDERSON // ENSEMBLE

Hayward, CA

Credits: Parade (Alluvion Stage Company)

B.A. in Theatre Performance, Liberty University



## BECKY TILLMAN // ENSEMBLE

Waldorf, MD

Credits: Fiddler n the Roof, The Music Man (Alluvion Stage Company)

BFA in Acting, Liberty University (Currently Enrolled)



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Middletown, CT

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BFD (Bachelor's in Fine DOGS), 2024



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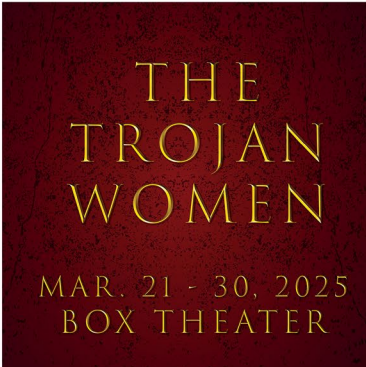
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