# **The Program**

# **American Songbook**

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Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 8:30 pm

## Joe Iconis

The Family

Nick Blaemire, Amara Brady, Liz Lark Brown, Betty Buckley, Dave Cinquegrana, Katrina Rose Dideriksen, Badia Farha, Alexandra Ferrara, Danielle Gimbal, Annie Golden, Molly Hager, Joe Iconis, Ian Kagey, Geoffrey Ko, Rachel Lee, Eric William Morris, Will Roland, Lance Rubin, Brent Stranathan, Jared Weiss, Jason SweetTooth Williams

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Joe Iconis

Joe Iconis is a musical theater writer, composer, and lyricist. He has been nominated for a Tony Award, four Drama Desk Awards, two Lucille Lortel Awards, two Outer Critics' Circle Awards, and is the recipient of the Kleban Prize, a Jonathan Larson Grant, and a Richard Rodgers Award; he is also a former Ars Nova artist-in-residence. His musical *Be More Chill* (with Joe Tracz) debuted in March 2019 at Broadway's Lyceum Theatre, following a run at the Pershing Square Signature Center and a world premiere at Two River Theater.

Mr. Iconis is the author of Love in Hate Nation (directed by John Simpkins; Two River Theater), Broadway Bounty Hunter (with Lance Rubin and Jason SweetTooth Williams; Barrington Stage Company and Greenwich House Theater Off-Broadway), Bloodsong of Love (Ars Nova, NAMT), The Black Suits (with Robert Maddock; Center Theater Group, Barrington Stage Company), ReWrite (Urban Stages, Goodspeed Opera House), and Theaterworks USA's The Plant That Ate Dirty Socks and We the People. Musicals currently in development include The Untitled Unauthorized Hunter S. Thompson Musical for La Jolla Playhouse (directed by Christopher Ashley) and Punk Rock Girl.

His music appeared on Season Two of NBC's Smash. Albums: Be More Chill (OCR), which has been streamed more than 350 million times; Be More Chill (Broadway Cast Recording); Things to Ruin (OCR); Two-Player Game, The Joe Iconis Rock and Roll Jamboree, and the upcoming Broadway Bounty Hunter (OCR), all available on Sh-K-Boom/Ghostlight Records. Mr. Iconis is hugely inspired by Robert Altman, Dolly Parton, the Muppets, and the Family of artists he frequently surrounds himself with.

### **Nick Blaemire**

Nick Blaemire is an actor and writer living in Brooklyn with his wife, Ana, and their dog, Leo McGarry. Broadway: Godspell, Cry-Baby (Original Casts), and Glory Days (music/lyrics). Off-Broadway: Jon in Tick Tick Boom! (Keen Company; Drama Desk nomination), Davy in Found (Atlantic), Bernstein in Dogfight (2ndStage). Touring: Mendel in Falsettos (1st National), Abraham in Altar Boyz (1st National). Regional: Plankton in SpongeBob (Oriental Theatre), Benvolio in The Last Goodbye (Williamstown), Randall in Bring It On (Alliance Theatre). Film/TV: Fosse/Verdon, The Big C, Crossbones, The Good Wife, Zero Hour, Law & Order. Writing: A Little More Alive (Williamstown, KC Rep, Barrington Stage; film option), Soon (Signature Theatre; Steven Sondheim Young Artist citation), Fallout (with Kyle Jarrow), Space Dogs (with Van Hughes and Tina Landau). Pop music: The Ampersand EP and The Hustle EP. Upcoming: Dash & Lily on Netflix.

### **Amara Brady**

Amara Brady is a theater maker from Chicago. At the crux of her artistry is uplifting women of color, especially Black women and connecting underserved communities. As an actor she's been on stage at The Lark, Joe's Pub, NYU Skirball, The Duplex, Barrington Stage Co., NYTW, 54 Below, and others. As a writer she has been a semi-finalist for Space on Ryder Farm, an inaugural member of the Showdogs playwriting collective and the Parsnip Ship's Radio Roots Writers Group. She has had readings produced by the ShelterNYC and the Dare Tactic. Her work has been staged at the Drama League, the Dramatists Guild, Joe's Pub, and the Wow Cafe Theatre. She wants to remind you to resist, check your privilege, and then give some space to women of color and trans folx. Ashé to the ancestors. All Power to all people.

### Liz Lark Brown

Liz Lark Brown is an NYC-based actor/singer/voiceover artist and a longtime member of Joe Iconis & Family. Together with this group of talented weirdos, they've happily played concert halls, street corners, basements, mansions, theaters, and driveways around the east coast and LA. The Family collectively became part of the founding members of The Musical Theatre Factory, which has afforded Ms. Brown the opportunity to collaborate on many new works by up-and-coming, award-winning composers. For her solo show *Tarnished*, she won the 2011 MAC, Bistro, and Nightlife Awards. She is a graduate of the William Esper Studio and Syracuse University, and a proud member of AEA.

### **Betty Buckley**

Betty Buckley is a legendary, multi-award-winning actress/singer whose multifaceted career spans theater, film, television, and concert halls around the world. She won a Tony Award for her performance in *Cats*, is a 2012 Theater Hall of Fame inductee, and the 2017 recipient of the Julie Harris Award for Artistic Achievement from The Actors Fund. She received her second Tony nomination for *Triumph of Love*. Most recently she starred in the National Tour of the new Broadway production of *Hello*, *Dolly!* She co-starred with James McAvoy in M. Night Shyamalan's international box-office hit *Split* and guest-starred in Season Three of the AMC hit show *Preacher*. Ms. Buckley has been nominated for two Emmy Awards for her work in television. A two-time Grammy nominee, she has recorded 18 solo CDs. She has received two honorary doctorates and has been a teacher for more than 40 years of scene study and song interpretation.

### **Dave Cinquegrana**

Dave Cinquegrana is a New York-based guitarist. Broadway: *Be More Chill* (sub), *Frozen* (sub), *Next to Normal* (sub), *Once on This Island* (sub), *Beetlejuice* (sub). Regional/Off-Broadway: *Desperate Measures* (sub), *Mad Ones* (sub), *The Last Goodbye* (Williamstown Theatre Festival), *Be More Chill* (TRT, extension only), *Be More Chill* (Off-Broadway sub), *Next to Normal, Bare, Legally Blonde*. Other: *21 Chump Street* (BAM/*This American Life*), *The Midtown Men* (OBC Jersey Boys) since 2014, as well as many cabarets/concerts at Carnegie Hall, Beacon Theatre, Blue Note, 54 Below, Green Room 42, and just about every bar and venue in NYC and elsewhere. Studied jazz performance at William Paterson University and City College of New York.

### Katrina Rose Dideriksen

Favorite roles include *A Night with Janis Joplin* (Janis; 2nd North American Tour, Houston, Off-Broadway), *Rent* (Mimi; Off-Broadway, Surflight), *Monstersongs* (Medusa/Vampire, 54 Below), *Jerry Springer The Opera* (Shawntel; Carnegie Hall), *Hairspray* (Tracy Turnblad; Broadway, Vegas, 1st National Tour). You may have seen Ms. Dideriksen on NBC's *The Voice*, Season 13, as a part of Team Miley Cyrus and Team Jennifer Hudson. She is an original member of the Joe Iconis Family, singing around New York and can be heard on his albums, *The Rock and Roll Jamboree, Things to Ruin*, and the *Bloodsong of Love* (demo). Member of AEA and SAG.

### Badia Farha

Badia Farha is inspired by her longtime friend and collaborator Joe Iconis, and is always excited to perform with him! Broadway: *School of Rock*. Broadway tours: First National of *Little Shop of Horrors*, International/National of *Rent*. Off-Broadway: *Broadway Bounty Hunter, Sistas: The Musical, We the People: America Rocks!*, *Things to Ruin*, and *Rewrite*. Some favorites: *The Mystery of Edwin Drood, The Resurrection of Son House, The Wiz*, Lincoln Center's American Songbook with Alan Menken, *Sister Act, Dreamgirls, Ragtime*, and *Smokey Joe's Café*. Film/TV: *FBI's Most Wanted, A Gifted Man, All My Children, The Wolves*, and *Book Club*. Ms. Farha is also a recording artist who can be heard on releases such as *Still Waiting?*, various singles, and *Things to Ruin* (Joe Iconis). M.A., NYU; B.A., Kean University. Love to Al + Alanna, + Creya, and everyone who makes this a fun journey! Proud member of AEA, and Joe Iconis & Family.

### Alexandra Ferrara

Alexandra Ferrara graduated with a B.F.A. in musical theater from the Hartt School in Connecticut. Most recently, she wrapped shooting the short film *Second Date*, set to be released this spring; was highlighted in print in *InStyle* magazine for the new swimsuit and lifetstyle brand Summersalt; was featured in a national Hulu commercial; originated the role of Jordan in the staged reading of the new musical *Millennial*, and produced and hosted a video interview segment for Playbill.com. She is so proud to be here with Iconis & Family, her frequent collaborators and favorite people!

### **Danielle Gimbal**

Danielle Gimbal is beyond thrilled to be sharing the stage with this family tonight. In addition to performing, she works as a music copyist and has worked with Joe Iconis on Broadway with *Be More Chill*, Off-Broadway with *Broadway Bounty Hunter*, and most recently, *Love in Hate Nation* at Two River Theater, as well as doing music prep for live concerts and film. Favorite roles as an actor include Sara (*Murder Ballad*) and Cordelia (*Falsettos*). Ms. Gimbal has previously worked for the Tony Awards as the operations associate and ticketing manager, as well as a general management associate for Live Wire Theatrical Management. Thanks to Joe for including me in this crazy and loving family.

### Annie Golden

Annie Golden considers herself the illegitimate child of the legitimate theater, having been discovered on the Bowery fronting a rock band and cast by Milos Forman as Jeanie in *Hair*, the 1978 film. On Broadway and off, she has been seen in *Big River*, *Violet*, *Xanadu*, *Ah*, *Wilderness*; *On the Town*; and *Little Shop of Horrors* as Audrey. She originated the role of Georgie Bukatinsky in *The Full Monty* and was Sondheim's original Squeaky Fromme in *Assassins*, directed by Jerry Zaks (Playwrights Horizons). Her numerous film credits include *Twelve Monkeys*, *Baby Boom*, *Brooklyn Rules*, *Suddenly Seeking Susan*, *I Love You*, *Philip Morris*, and *Miles*. Her television credits include *The 2-2*, *Law & Order*, *Law & Order*: *SVU*, *Cheers*, *Miami Vice*, *Third Watch*, *Difficult People*, *High Maintenance*, and most notably as Norma Romano for five seasons in the award-winning Netflix series *Orange Is the New Black*.

### Molly Hager

Original cast of *Waitress* on Broadway and *Heathers: The Musical* (New World Stages). Other theater credits include *A Walk on the Moon* (ACT), *Pump Boys and Dinettes* (Weston Playhouse), *Fat Camp* (Off-Broadway, regional and NYMF productions). Film/TV: *Happyish* on Showtime, *Young Hearts Unlimited, Life Itself, It's Kind of a Funny Story* (Focus Features). Recordings: "Broadway Here I Come" on *The Joe Iconis Rock and Roll Jamboree* album, and original cast recordings of *Heathers: The Musical* and *Waitress* (all on iTunes). Check out her band Molly and the Memphis Thunder! Upcoming: *Whisper House* at 59E59 by Kyle Jarrow and Duncan Sheik.

### lan Kagey

lan Kagey is a New York City-based musician, producer, and Grammy-nominated engineer. He has been a proud member of Joe Iconis & Family since 2008. He has worked on numerous professional recordings, including the theatrical cast albums for *Come From Away* (Grammy-nominated), *Hello Dolly* (Grammy-nominated), *Be More Chill* (Original Broadway Cast), *Tina the Musical*, and *Hundred Days*. He is currently the director of operations of Power Station at BerkleeNYC (formerly Avatar Studios), the largest dedicated recording studio facility in New York City.

### **Geoffrey Ko**

Geoffrey Ko is a New York-based music director, orchestrator, arranger, and copyist. Broadway: Be More Chill. Off-Broadway/regional: Broadway Bounty Hunter, Billy and the Killers, Generation Me, Renascence, Love in Hate Nation (Two River), The Honeymooners (Paper Mill Playhouse), Sweet Charity (Marriott), and October Sky (Marriott). Other work includes Hear Her Song, The Double Standards Benefit Concert for Planned Parenthood, Naamah's Ark, Little Dancer, Becoming Nancy, orchestrations for Symphony Space and the American Pops Orchestra, and multiple productions with Pixie Dust Players. Several projects in development with Lively McCabe including Punk Rock Girl and Pop Goes the World. Mr. Ko is a New Jersey native, Northwestern University graduate, and budding gamer.

### Rachel Lee

Rachel Lee is a musical theater artist and educator. Currently, she is a member of the Education and Audience Engagement team at Disney Theatrical Group; she has also worked for the New Victory Theater, Pace University, and the Harlem School for the Arts. Ms. Lee is a frequent collaborator with Joe Iconis & Family and is a proud graduate of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television.

### **Eric William Morris**

Broadway: King Kong, Coram Boy, Mamma Mia! He frequently collaborates with composer Joe Iconis, starring in Be More Chill (Original Cast Recording, Two River Theater), Things to Ruin (OCR, 2nd Stage), and Bloodsong of Love (Ars Nova). TV/film credits include Mind Hunter, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, FBI, Quantico, Blue Bloods, and the feature film Trust, Greed, Bullets, & Bourbon. Other regional/Off-Broadway: Richard Greenberg's The Perplexed (MTC, upcoming), Songbird (59E59), The Ballad of Little Jo (OCR, Two River), The Last Goodbye and Dog and Pony (both at The Old Globe), and Talk to Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen (Theatre Row Studio).

### Will Roland

Will Roland is a Brooklyn-based actor/singer/human. Recently: *Be More Chill, Dear Evan Hansen, The Black Suits, LoserSongs.* TV: *Billions, Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt, Red Oaks.* Proud longtime member of Joe Iconis & Family. Passionate about new work: new plays and musicals developed with 2ndStage, La Jolla, Arena, NYMF, NAMT, Hartford Stage, and more. Thanks Mom, Dad, Val, Steph, Station3, SRDABD, Abrams, Wolf Kasteler, and my many loving teachers for their support throughout this crazy endeavor.

### Lance Rubin

Lance Rubin has been performing with Joe Iconis & Family for more than a decade and originated roles in Iconis musicals including *Bloodsong of Love, Things to Ruin, The Plant That Ate Dirty Socks,* and *The Black Suits.* Along with Joe and Jason SweetTooth Williams, Mr. Rubin co-wrote *Broadway Bounty Hunter,* which ran Off-Broadway last summer at the Greenwich House Theater. He is also the author of YA novels *Crying Laughing, Denton Little's Deathdate* (now a Snapchat original series), and *Denton Little's Still Not Dead,* all from Knopf, and the co-author of Rhett & Link's *The Lost Causes of Bleak Creek.* He often sings his young sons to sleep with "Albuquerque Anyway."

### **Brent Stranathan**

Brent Stranathan is excited to return to the role he originated in 2006 of "loud drummer pulling focus." He lives in LA and plays in a band called Near Beer.

### **Jared Weiss**

Jared Weiss is an actor and singer-songwriter from NYC. Over the last dozen years, he has had the pleasure and honor of collaborating with Joe Iconis on numerous workshops, musicals, and concerts. His new Bob Dylan cabaret act, *Dylan on Dylan*, premiered at Feinstein's/54 Below last fall and is set to tour later this year. Mr. Weiss recently created the role of Bob Dylan in Larry Mollin's *Search: Paul Clayton* (Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, The Triad). Favorite credits include *Hair* (La Mama), *Rent* (Sharon Playhouse), *The Joe Iconis Christmas Extravaganza* (Feinstein's/54 Below), *Things to Ruin: The Songs of Joe Iconis* (Le Poisson Rouge). Recordings: *Lady Monday* (David Alan Thornton), *Campfire Songs* (Rob Delgaudio), *The Joe Iconis Rock and Roll Jamboree*. He holds a bachelor's degree in vocal performance from NYU. His debut indie-rock album *Isolated Thunderstorms* came out in 2018 to rave reviews.

### Jason SweetTooth Williams

Jason SweetTooth Williams is an actor and writer currently living and making theater in NYC. Most recently he was seen on Broadway in *Be More Chill*. He has worked extensively with writer Joe Iconis, appearing in such Iconispenned musicals as *Bloodsong of Love* (Ars Nova), *The Black Suits* (SPF-Public Theater), *ReWrite* (Urban Stages), *Things to Ruin*, and others. Mr. Williams has also originated roles in Disney's *Freaky Friday* (La Jolla Playhouse, Signature Theatre), *Benny and Joon* (Old Globe), and *Crossing Brooklyn* (Transport Group). He appeared opposite Jackie Hoffman as Prince Dauntless in the Off-Broadway revival of *Once Upon a Mattress*. As a writer, he is co-book writer (with Iconis and Lance Rubin) of the new musical *Broadway Bounty Hunter*, which premiered last summer in NYC at Greenwich House Theater and starred the great Annie Golden.

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### Matt Berman

Matt Berman is the resident lighting designer for Lincoln Center's American Songbook. He most recently designed the lighting for Kristin Chenoweth's For the Girls at the Nederlander Theatre. In the summer he designs in Provincetown for producer Mark Cortale's concerts and shows at the both the Art House and Town Hall. This past spring, Mr. Berman had the honor of designing the lighting and sound for South Florida Symphony Orchestra's remarkable production of Porgy & Bess, directed by Richard Jay-Alexander. This past summer he designed a small promotional tour of the U.S. with Meow Meow and Thomas Lauderdale of Pink Martini for their collaboration album, Hotel L'Amour. Additonally he has designed shows with Meow Meow for the London Philharmonic Orchestra and many other concert appearances.

Mr. Berman's international touring with stars such as Liza Minnelli, Kristin Chenoweth, Alan Cumming, Meow Meow, and Elaine Paige has allowed him to design for such iconic venues as Royal Albert Hall, the Paris Opera, Olympia Theater in Paris, Royal Theatre Carré in Amsterdam, the Sporting Club in Monte Carlo, The Acropolis, the famed amphitheater in Taormina, Sicily, Luna Park in Buenos Aires, the Sydney Opera House and, closer to home, the Hollywood Bowl, Alice Tully Hall, and Carnegie Hall. Other Broadway credits include Kristin Chenoweth's My Love Letter to Broadway at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, the Tony Award—winning Liza's at the Palace, Bea Arthur on Broadway at the Booth Theatre, Nancy LaMott's Just in Time for Christmas, and Kathy Griffin Wants a Tony at the Belasco Theater.

### Scott Stauffer

Scott Stauffer has been the sound designer for Lincoln Center's American Songbook since 1999. His Broadway design credits include *A Free Man of Color, The Rivals, Contact* (also in London and Tokyo), *Marie Christine, Twelfth Night,* and *Jekyll & Hyde*. Off-Broadway Mr. Stauffer has worked on *Mother Freaking Hood, Subverted, Promises, Hereafter, A Minister's Wife, Bernarda Alba, Third, Belle Epoque, Big Bill, Elegies, Hello Again, The Spitfire Grill, Pageant, and Hedwig and the Angry Inch.* His regional credits include productions at the Denizen Theater, Manhattan School of Music, Capitol Repertory Theatre, University of Michigan, Hanger Theatre, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and Alley Theatre. His concert credits include many Lincoln Center galas, as well as the Actors Fund concerts of *Frank Loesser, Broadway 101, Hair,* and *On the Twentieth Century*. At Carnegie Hall he has worked with Chita Rivera and Brian Stokes Mitchell. As a sound engineer, Mr. Stauffer has worked on *The Lion King, Juan Darién, Chronicle of a Death Foretold, Carousel, Once on This Island,* and the original *Little Shop of Horrors*.