# Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through the Change®

Mar 30 / Cobb Great Hall

Seth Greenleaf, Director

The performance will run approximately 90 minutes, with no intermission.

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Original Stage Play: Jeanie Linders Additional Book and Lyrics: Karen Bishko and Jeanette Hopkins Director: Seth Greenleaf Arranger/Music Producer: Ross O'Connor Music Director: Peter Aylin Supervising Music Director: Alan J. Plado Choreographer: Jonathan Stahl

Stage Manager: Kim Simari Assistant Stage Manager: Lauren Schwartz Production Manager: Crystal Fasanya Production Coordinator: Kevin Patterson Assistant Production Coordinator: Aaron Gibson Audio Supervisor: Asher Georges Scenic Design: Sean McClelland Lighting Design: Jean-Yves Tessier Sound Design: David Lanza

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The use of cameras, videotape, recorders, or audio recorders by members of the audience during the course of this production is strictly prohibited. Recording devices will be confiscated by the House Manager.

### CAST

**INGRID COLE, Earth Mother,** is a critically acclaimed Actor/Singer who has been honored with The Suzi Bass Award for "Best Leading Actress in a Musical" for her role in A CATERED AFFAIR and for her role as Rose in GYPSY,

and as The Medium/Aunt in SEE WHAT I WANT TO SEE for which she won Best Actress in a Musical, Atlanta Theatre Fan Winner. She has been a member of MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL® since 2005. Other national credits include INTO THE WOODS, MARY POPPINS, GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING, CHICAGO, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, CALL ME MADAM, RAGTIME, THE MIKADO, CINDERELLA, THE MEDIUM, NATALIE NEEDS A NIGHTIE, PIRATES OF PENZANCE and NUNSENSE. Ms. Cole has written and produced a one-woman cabaret show COLE SINGS COLE Songs of Cole Porter.

**TERRI DIXON**, *Iowa Housewife/Dance Captain*, hails from the Maryland suburbs of Washington D.C. She now lives in Bonita Springs, Florida. Credits include: Broadway, *SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE*; National Tours, *MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL®*, *THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS* with Ann Margret, MY ONE AND ONLY; Regional Theatre, *ALWAYS*, *PATSY CLINE* (The Wick, New Harmony Theatre), *DROWSY CHAPERONE* (Alhambra Theatre), *SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE* (Maine State Theatre, Florida Studio Theatre), *WAITING FOR THE MOON* (World Premiere of Frank Wildhorn's Production at Lenape Performing Arts Center) and many others. Terri entertained on 5-Star cruise ships for many years-both on the Production Team and as a solo artist. <u>TerriDixonSings.com</u>. She thanks her husband and family for all their love and support. ADRIANNE HICK, Soap Star, is a native New Yorker! Recent credits include Francesca, THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY, Mother, RAGTIME (Riverside Center), Maria, THE SOUND OF MUSIC (Ivoryton Playhouse) and Anna, THE KING AND I (Interlakes). Others include B'Way National Tour of LES MISÉRABLES, (Fantine U/S/Factory Girl); International Tour of JEKYLL & HYDE (Lady Beaconsfield); SOUTH PACIFIC, Nellie (Ivoryton Playhouse & The Wick Theatre); COMPANY, April (Lyric Stage Co.); Alice, BRIGHT STAR (Riverside Center- Broadway World Award), Sister Margaretta/Elsa U/S, THE SOUND OF MUSIC (Asolo Rep), THROUGH THE INVISIBLE DOOR (MTL); Alison, FUN HOME (American Stage, Tampa Bay Theatre Award).

DONNA J. HUNTLEY, Professional Woman, has enjoyed performing Professional Woman/Soap Star since 2004. Broadway/Off Broadway credits include LENA HORNE: THE LADY AND HER MUSIC, HAIRSPRAY (Motor Mouth Mable), CHICAGO (Matron Mama Morton), BARNUM (Joyce Heath), and more. Donna has worked, performed, and toured such greats as Richard Pryor, Ben Vereen, Mary Wilson, El Puma and Chayanne. Donna's a proud Actor's Equity Association member and honored to be a part of MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL®. Find Donna on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook @donnajhuntley.

### **PRODUCTION TEAM**

KRISTEN WETTSTEIN, Stage Manager, graduated from West Chester University with a BA in Technical Theater with a focus in Stage Management. Kristen has worked regionally as a Stage Manager and Production Manager, most recently with Interlakes Summer Theatre. She also works in film as an Art Director. Her work can be seen in the recently released film Saint Nick of Bethlehem. Many thanks to the GFour team for bringing her "aboard!".

LAUREN SCHWARTZ, Assistant Stage Manager, is an experienced Assistant Stage Manager based in New Jersey. Having honed her craft at The Grunin Center for The Arts and the Ocean County College Repertory Theatre Company, she looks forward to bringing precision and passion to every production with a meticulous eye for detail and a dedication to seamless performances.

JEANIE LINDERS (Original Stage Play Creator) created and wrote the original MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL® and was a passionate voice for a generation of women facing more than just hot flashes. She was the recipient of the Veteran Feminist Medal of Honor presented by Gloria Steinem, and funded women's education and housing programs from New Orleans to Kenya and Ghana, as well as raising over a million dollars for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, as well as other charities. Jeanie's work in entertainment spanned three decades and included theatre, multistage music festivals, and celebrity-driven events. She also launched The Center for Art & Entertainment and completed her Marge Potter book series. We continue to honor Jeanie's memory and legacy by sharing her humor, heart, and wit onstage each night, spreading her healing laughter across the world.

KAREN BISHKO, Additional Book & Lyrics, in 2007 Karen opened for UK boyband Take That at London's 18,000 capacity O2 Arena. Karen's first musical SINGLE has received exceptional reviews and was programmed in 2020 to have its first full production but cancelled due to COVID-19. Karen wrote songs for the musical SHADOWS and was nominated for Outstanding Original Music by the NY Innovative Theatre Awards. Most recently, Karen has written a musical entitled THE FAN. One of the songs was a finalist for The Stiles and Drewe New Song Award. MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL 2<sup>®</sup> has been a dream job, as she thrives on making audiences laugh while maintaining pathos. https://karenbishko.com

JEANETTE HOPKINS, Additional Book & Lyrics, writer, playwright, composer, vocal/acting coach. Alumni of Ohio University. Body of work includes words/music/book for the musicals BOMBSHELLS and LINCOLN TUNNEL. End credit songs for film and television. Creator and writer for series: Sherlock, Main St. Gym, A Place Called Rockwell, as well as Las Vegas and Atlantic city shows: Here's to the Ladies, and Multiple Personalities. Her vocal/acting students have starred on Broadway, film and TV.

SETH GREENLEAF, Director, A Tony Award<sup>®</sup> winner for his work on THE INHERITANCE, STEREOPHONIC, and the 50th anniversary production of WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF. Seth would be the first to tell you that he's lived a theatrical life. A graduate of UCLA's School of Theatre, Film and Television, he was bitten early by the entertainment bug and has worked in theatre and film ever since. Some of his favorite highlights include producing 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL on Broadway with Dolly Parton, co-financing the Tony Award® and Olivier Awardwinning musicals THE BOOK OF MORMON and MATILDA THE MUSICAL and directing the award-winning documentary F(L)AG FOOTBALL (FlagFootballTheMovie.com). He currently has DEAD OUTLAW, GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS, STEREOPHONIC, SIX, and THE BOOK OF MORMON running on Broadway; and FUNNY GIRL and TINA: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL on national tour in the U.S. and THE SHARK IS BROKEN on tour in the UK. Seth is also a founding member of the Broadway Green Alliance, helping to green the Great White Way, for more information on that effort please visit BroadwayGreen.com.

**JONATHAN STAHL, Choreographer,** is honored to have been working on *MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL 2: CRUISING* 

THROUGH 'THE CHANGE'® since its beginnings. Having done everything from Ballet to Broadway, from Denver to Dubai, he is thankful to add this choreographic credit to his eclectic career. Although starting as a performer, now his career mostly consists of directing and choreographing. For other current projects and more on his career, please visit jonathan-stahl.com or #fromballet2broadway on Instagram. He hopes you enjoy this awesome show!

ALAN. J. PLADO, Supervising Music Director, Conductor for the Broadway national tours of BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL, JERSEY BOYS, DIRTY DANCING, LEGALLY BLONDE, ELF THE MUSICAL, MEMPHIS. Broadway: DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, KINKY BOOTS. Off-Broadway: WE'RE STILL HOT, JERSEY BOYS, JUST A MATTER OF TIME, THE LAST WORD, SHOOTING STAR (NYMF). Alan has worked regionally at Ogunquit Playhouse, Alabama Shakespeare, Laguna Playhouse, Mill Mountain Theater, Theater Aspen, and Geva Theater. Recent credits include SCROOGE (Arizona Theatre Co.), BEAUTIFUL, JERSEY BOYS, and A CHORUS LINE (The REV). He also serves as the Music Supervisor for MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL<sup>®</sup> (since 2004), and internationally, was the music director/arranger for the show on the West End (Shaw Theater), and in Dublin, Ireland. He is a long-time member of AFM Musicians' union. For my Dad.

**PETER AYLIN**, *Music Director*, conducted his first show at nineteen in the UK. He has performed for the late Princess Diana, worked with Britt Ekland, Cilla Black, Bonnie Langford, Wayne Sleep, and Victor Spinetti. He has conducted Dora Bryan in the UK revival tour of *HELLO DOLLY* and led the Players Theatre (West End) at the piano for many years. In 1994 Peter moved to Toronto, Canada and has worked there ever since. In 2006, he conducted the Canadian Premier of "Song & Dance." Peter is privileged to have been a part of the *MENOPAUSE* "family" since its Canadian debut, seventeen years ago.

**ROSS O'CONNOR, Arranger/Music Producer,** is a highly experienced musical director, composer, and lyricist with over 20 years of experience. He honed his musical talents at the Conservatory of Music Dublin before premiering his own original musical, *NEW FISH,* in 2019. As an arranger, Ross has worked on various productions, including *MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL* 2<sup>®</sup> in the UK and Ireland. He has also composed and scored music for films, including the upcoming Hallmark Channel feature "From Paradise With Love." Ross's versatile and creative musical talents, coupled with his passion and dedication to his craft, have earned him respect and recognition within the industry.

**SEAN MCCLELLAND, Scenic Design,** Sean, now residing out of Santa Fe, NM, has previously spent 15 years in South Florida from which he designed around 200 shows with the top theatres in the area and beyond. Along with designing, he has painted most of his sets and backdrops over the years and spends time on his paint easel oil painting. To view more of his work please visit <u>www.symbiontscenic.com</u>.

JEAN-YVES TESSIER, Lighting Design, Original MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL® lighting designer Jean-Yves Tessier hails from the cold reaches of Canada and once had a sexy French accent. He has since lost it. If found, please take good care of it. He has been rained on exactly 1,452 times. Incredibly this is also his PIN number. The universe is weird that way. What a pleasure returning to the wonderful GFour family and meeting with our four dear friends once again. Enjoy!

DAVID LANZA, Sound Design, is a sound designer based out of Fort Worth, TX. Previous collaborators include Dallas Theater Center, Amphibian Stage, Jubilee Theater, Stage West, Nickelodeon, Alfalfa Studios, Kate Spade, and The Ford Foundation. Love to Nikki, Maggie, Peter, and the Oxford comma. <u>www.DavidLanzaAudio.com</u>

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