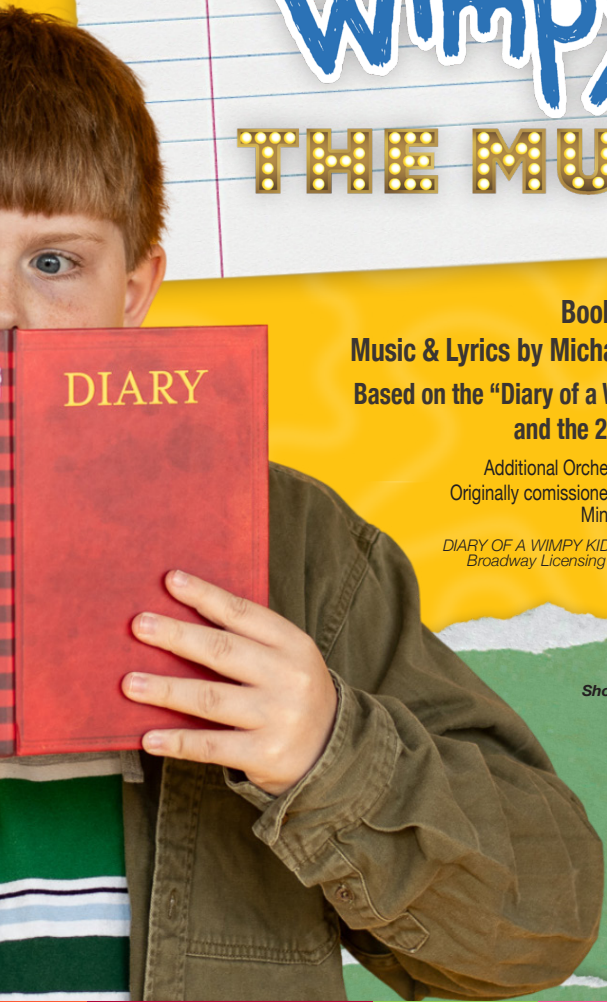


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Greg	Jack Reilly
Rowley	Landon Backhaus
Mom	Roz Parr
Dad	Jaylin Wiese
Manny	Finley McKamy
Rodrick	Sam Rhodes
Chirag Gupta	Cruz Martinez
Fregley	Leland Pfannenstiel
Patty Farrell	Adele Coffey
Joshie / Ensemble / US Greg & Rowley	Marcus Buttweiler
Mr. Huff / Mr Underwood / Bill Walters /	
Mr. Winsky / Ensemble / US Dad	Brendan Brown
Mrs. Clayton / Fregley's Mom / Ensemble / US Mom	Sarah Schrader
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The Cheese Touch	Claire, Students
The Middle of it All (Part 3)	Greg, Kids
Joshie Says	Rowley, Greg
Cheese Touch (Reprise)	Claire, Kids
Better Than You	Greg, Rowley, Patty Farrell, Kids
You're Changing	Dad
All About the Mom Bucks	Greg, Rowley, Chirag Gupta, Paparazzi, Fashionistas
Winter Talent Show (Part 1)	Greg
Winter Talent Show (Part 2)	Mrs. Clayton, Mom, Dad
Winter Talent Show (Part 3)	Greg, Rowley, Patty Farrell, Chris Hosey, Lionel James, Rodrick, Löded Diper, Fregley, Ensemble

ACT 2

Animal Heart	Joshie, Joshie Dancers, Rowley, Ensemble
Safety Patrol	Mr. Winsky, Greg, Rowley, Kindergarteners
Doin' My Thing	Greg, Rowley, Cartoons
He Made It	Greg, Kids
What Really Happened	Greg, Rowley, Kindergarteners
Do the Right Thing, Greg	Mom, Greg
Rodrick Rules	Rodrick
The Middle of it All (Fregley Reprise)	Greg
The Fregley Song (That'd Be Fun)	Fregley, Greg, Fregley's Mom, Dolls
Dear Diary	Greg, Rowley
Fregley's Apology	Fregley
You're Changing (Reprise)	Dad
The Cheese Touch (Reprise 2)	Kids
Zoo-Wee Mama	Cartoons, Kids
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Kevin Del Aguila

Kevin Del Aguila is an Emmy-winning writer and Broadway performer. He is the bookwriter of the Off-Broadway musical hit *Altar Boyz* (New York Outer Critics Circle Award, Best Off-Broadway Musical) and lyricist of *Click Clack Moo* (Lortel Award nomination for Outstanding Musical; Drama Desk nomination for Outstanding Lyrics). His other musical adaptations include the DreamWorks film *Madagascar* and *Dog*

Man: The Musical. Kevin has written for numerous children's television shows, including *Peg + Cat* (PBS), *Waffles + Mochi* (Netflix), and as head writer of *Blue's Clues & You* (Nick Jr.). Children everywhere have heard Kevin's voice as a Troll in the Disney movie *Frozen*.



Michael Mahler

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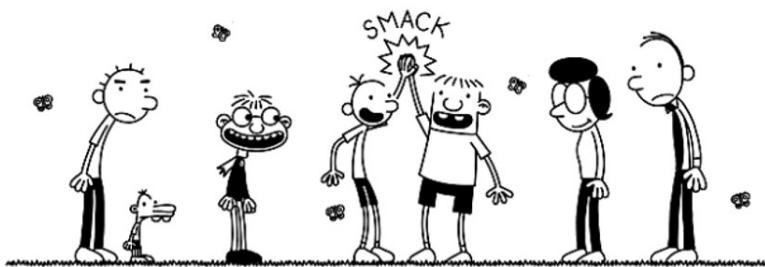
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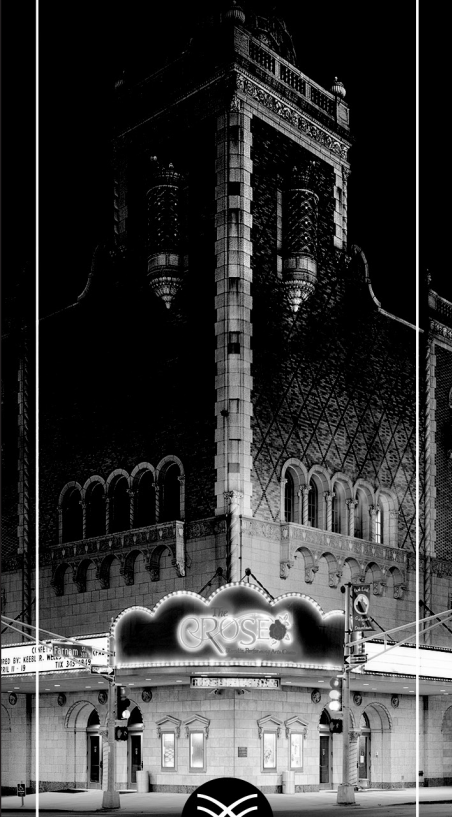
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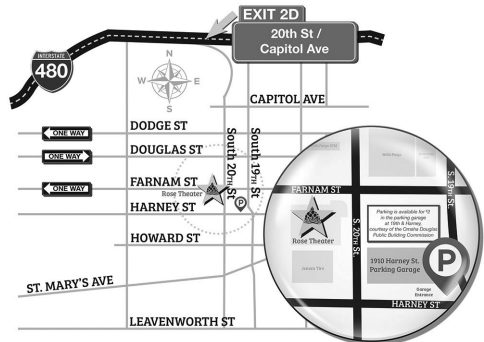
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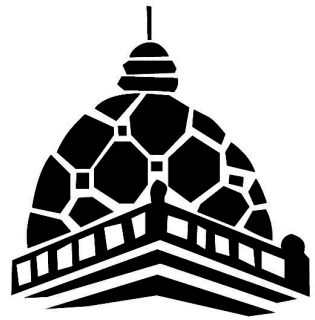
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Kiley Melean, Michael Montez, Moses Nebalasca, Benji Pettiford, Kaitlan Scates-Pettiford,

Litsa Shoemaker, Tyra Smith, Laurelin Sterns, Stephanie Tepox, Sue Valker, Sammy Wahl,

Monica Weber, Charity Williams

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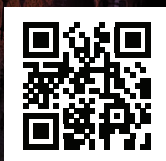
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