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FEATURING:
Philip Torre  Jacquelyne Jones

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Music Director ..................................................................................................................Jeremy Ramey
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CAST

Mrs. Lovett .............................................................. Jacquelyne Jones
Begger Lady .......................................................... Megan Elk
Johanna ................................................................. Cecilia Iole
Judge ................................................................. John B. Leen
Beadle ................................................................. Kevin Webb
Sweeney Todd .................................................... Philip Torre
Toby ................................................................. Frankie Leo Bennett
Anthony ............................................................ Nathan Carroll
Pirelli ................................................................. Ryan Armstrong
Ensemble / Pirelli U/S ........................................ Grant Brown
Ensemble / Mrs. Lovett U/S ................................ Missy Wise
Ensemble / Anthony U/S ...................................... Trevor Vanderzee
Ensemble / Johanna U/S .................................... Hope Elizabeth Schafer
Understudies ................................................... Anna Blanchard, Chris Furrer, Matt McNabb, and Matt Miles

ORCHESTRA

Piano ................................................................. Jeremy Ramey
Violin ................................................................. Simeon Tsanev
Reeds ................................................................. Jay Gummert
Cello ................................................................. Rachel Schuldt

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**ACT I**

Prologue: The Ballad of Sweeney Todd ................................................................. Company, Todd
No Place Like London ....................................................................................... Anthony, Todd, Beggar Woman
The Barber and His Wife .................................................................................... Todd
Worst Pies in London .......................................................................................... Mrs. Lovett
Poor Thing ........................................................................................................ Mrs. Lovett
My Friends ......................................................................................................... Todd, Mrs. Lovett
Ballad (reprise 1) ............................................................................................. Ensemble, Judge, Beadle
Green Finch and Linnet Bird ............................................................................. Johanna
Ah, Miss ............................................................................................................ Anthony, Johanna, Beggar Woman
Johanna (part 1) ................................................................................................ Anthony
Johanna (part 2) ................................................................................................ Anthony
Pirelli’s Miracle Elixir ....................................................................................... Tobias, Crowd, Todd, Lovett
Pirelli’s Entrance .............................................................................................. Pirelli
The Contest (part 1): shaving scene ................................................................. Pirelli
The Contest (part 2): tooth-pulling scene ........................................................ Pirelli, Tobias
Ballad (reprise 2) ............................................................................................. Ensemble, Beggar Woman
Johanna (Mea Culpa) ........................................................................................ Judge
Wait .................................................................................................................. Mrs. Lovett, Beggar Woman
Pirelli’s Death .................................................................................................. Pirelli
Ballad (reprise 3) ............................................................................................. Tenor Trio
Kiss Me (part 1) ................................................................................................ Johanna, Anthony
Ladies in their Sensitivities ............................................................................... Beadle
Kiss Me (part 2): Quartet .................................................................................. Beadle, Anthony, Johanna, Judge
Pretty Women (part 1) .................................................................................... Judge, Todd
Pretty Women (part 2) .................................................................................... Judge, Todd
Epiphany ........................................................................................................... Todd, Judge, Anthony
A Little Priest ..................................................................................................... Mrs. Lovett, Todd

**ACT II**

God That’s Good! ............................................................................................... Tobias, Customers, Mrs. Lovett, Todd, Beggar Woman
Johanna (Quartet): Act 2 Sequence ................................................................. Anthony, Todd, Beggar Woman, Johanna
After Johanna ................................................................................................... Johanna
By the Sea (part 1) ............................................................................................ Mrs. Lovett, Todd
By the Sea (part 2) ............................................................................................ Mrs. Lovett
Wigmaker Sequence (part 1) ........................................................................... Todd, Anthony
Ballad (reprise 4) ............................................................................................. Anthony, Todd
Wigmaker Sequence (part 2) ........................................................................... Quintet
Not While I’m Around ...................................................................................... Tobias, Mrs. Lovett
Parlour Songs (part 1): Sweet Polly Plunkett .................................................. Beadle
Parlour Songs (part 2): Tower of Bray ............................................................. Beadle, Tobias, Mrs. Lovett
Parlour Songs (part 3): Sweet Polly Plunkett .................................................. Mrs. Lovett
Ballad (reprise 5)/ Fogg's Asylum .................................................................. Lunatics, Johanna
City on Fire/ Searching (sequence) ................................................................. Lunatics, Johanna, Mrs. Lovett, Todd, Beggar Woman
Ah, Miss (reprise) ........................................................................................... Anthony, Johanna
Beggar Woman’s Lullaby ................................................................................. Beggar Woman
The Judge’s Return ........................................................................................... Todd, Judge
Ballad (reprise 6) ............................................................................................. Company
Final Scene (part 1) ........................................................................................... Todd, Mrs. Lovett
Final Scene (part 2) ........................................................................................... Todd, Tobias
Epilogue: The Ballad of Sweeney Todd ........................................................... Company, Todd, Mrs. Lovett (Full Cast)
ABOUT THE CAST

Ryan Armstrong
(Pirelli) is thrilled to be returning to the Theo Ubique stage for the sixth time. Previously seen in An Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse Songbook, Passion, Jesus Christ Superstar (Pilate), and most recently in The Most Happy Fella. Other credits include Les Mis at Timber Lake Playhouse and Mr. Munch has a Murmur at Underscore Theatre. Ryan originates from St. Louis and received his bachelors degree in Theatre from Millikin University. Ryan would love to thank Fred and Courtney for, once again, an exciting opportunity.

Grant Brown
(Ensemble/ Pirelli) Having recently moved to the city, Grant couldn’t be more excited to have his first Chicago production be with Theo Ubique! When he’s not acting on stage, he’s playing music at the NYC Kids Club or with his band, Day Off. Favorite credits include the regional premieres of Spring Awakening (Ulbrecht, Generations: A Theatre Co.) and VOTE! A New Musical (Mark Boyd, TUTS), Big River (Huck Finn), Our Town (Stage Manager), 25th Putnam Spelling Bee (Barfee), Songs for a New World (Man 1), Crazy For You (Bobby Child), Jane Eyre (Rochester), and Mary Poppins (Bert). Special thanks goes out to friends, family, TLP Alumni, Courtney, and Fred. Love you Mom!

Nathan Carroll
(Anthony) is making his Theo Ubique debut! He was last seen in Bonnie and Clyde (Preacher) with Kokandy Productions. Other Chicago credits: Kiss of the Spider Woman (Molina – Non-Equity Jeff Nomination, Best Actor Musical), Parade (Young Soldier/Britt Craig), and Floyd Collins (Ensemble, u/s Bishop) all with BoHo Theatre, and Annie Get Your Gun, Oliver, The Student Prince, Brigadoon, and Hello Dolly with Light Opera Works. Readings: Flight (Daedalus - Chicago Musical Theatre Festival) and Harold and Maude (Harold, Chicago Reading). Columbia College Chicago alum.

Megan Elk
(Beggar Lady) is an interdisciplinary performer, composer, and director who has worked extensively throughout Europe and the US. Favorite roles include Madame Flora (The Medium), Edna Crabapple (Mr Burns: A Post-Electric Play), and Cecilia March (Adamo’s Little Women). Frequently working as a composer and music director, she has enjoyed stints at both Lifeline Theatre and Lyric Opera of Chicago, having been commissioned to compose and music direct Freedom Out of Order for Lyric’s Chicago Voices initiative in 2016. In addition to her theatrical compositions, her discography as composer and producer for The Loom and The Shuttle (2012) and Miss Alexandra Huntingdon: LIVE at Survival Kit (2015) has garnered much critical acclaim. Ms. Elk currently serves as guest artist and director for Northern Illinois University’s studio theatre series, as well as curating the cabaret performances as talent manager and producer at Davenport’s Piano Bar and Cabaret. For more information, please visit www.meganelk.com.

Cecilia Iole
(Johanna) Theo debut! Chicago credits include Sweeney Todd (Johanna) at Paramount and Candide (Cunegonde) at Music Theatre Works. Regional credits:
Jacquelyn Jones (Mrs. Lovett) Jacquelyne Jones is over the moon to be returning to Theo where she was last seen as Sue Ellen in Honky Tonk Angels! Chicago credits include: Lizzie the Musical (Firebrand Theatre) Pump Boys and Dinettes (Timberlake Playhouse), Company (Writers Theater), Heathers the Musical (Kokandy Productions), Mill Girls (American Theater Company), The Gilded Age (City Lit Theater), and Pericles (Chicago Shakespeare Theater). Regional credits include: the National Premiere of Zorro the Musical; Oliver (Hale Center Theater), and the west coast tour of One Nation (American Heritage Orchestra). She would like to thank her family at Theo Ubique for giving her the chance to tackle this role and her husband for being the real baker of sweets at home.

John B. Leen (Judge) is honored to be back with Theo after appearing in The Light in the Piazza, Passion and Chess, for which he won a Non-Equity Jeff Citation (Best Supporting Actor in a Musical). Favorite recent roles include Javert in Les Mis and Edward Rutledge in 1776. To name some, John has worked locally at Drury Lane Water Tower, Court, Theatre at the Center, Light Opera Works, Bailiwick, BoHo, Apple Tree, Porchlight, and Northlight, and regionally at Music By the Lake, Okoboji Summer Theatre, Farmers Alley and the Asolo Rep in Florida. John B. can also be seen & heard on TV and radio spots for the likes of the Chicago Bulls, The Onion Productions and Cellcom. Thanks for coming and enjoy the show!

Frankie Leo Bennett (Toby) returns to Theo Ubique following his performance as the ever-effervescent Mark in Altar Boyz this past holiday season. Regional credits include: In the Heights (Broadway World Chicago Award – Best Actor in a Musical/Revue), New Faces Sing Broadway 1985 (Porchlight Music Theatre); Triassic Parq (Circle Theatre Chicago); The Wiz (Emerald City Theatre); Christmas Dearest (Hell in a Handbag Productions); and was featured in the concert presentation of Flies! The Musical at Uptown Underground. Bennett is also a playwright and lyricist and has trained at Chicago Shakespeare Theater and Second City Training Center. #ProudEMC www.frankieleobennett.com

Trevor Vanderzee (Ensemble / Anthony U/S) is an active member of Chicago’s theatre scene and has performed with companies such as Music Theatre Works, Highland Park Players, Chicago Fringe Opera and Opera for the Young. This past summer he was seen in 4 different shows as a young artist at Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theater. Recently he was seen in Peter Pan at Music Theatre Works. His favorite roles include Sid (Pajama Game), Belcore (L’elisir d’Amore), Papageno (The Magic Flute), Fred (Kiss Me Kate), and Tony (The Most Happy Fella). In 2017, he won 1st place in the Hal Leonard Competition and the NATS Chicago Musical Theatre Competition, and received an Emerging Artist award through the Lotte Lenya Competition. Trevor is a proud
Hope Elizabeth Schafer (Ensemble / Johana U/S) is originally from Oklahoma, and is a senior musical theatre major at The Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University. She was most recently seen this past summer performing in *Mary Poppins*, *Evita*, *Carousel*, and *Cinderella... After The Ball* at Timber Lake Playhouse. Hope is so happy to be back at the No Exit Café with her Theo family where she was last seen in *The Most Happy Fella*. Love to her family, friends, and the girls of 2025! Thank you for attending the tale and enjoy the show!

Philip Torre (Sweeney Todd) is thrilled to debut one of his dream roles right in his own back yard at Theo Ubique (literally—he lives in the neighborhood!). Philip has appeared in leading roles with opera companies in the U.S. and abroad including Lyric Opera of Chicago, New York City Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, Manitoba Opera, Opera Maine, Opera Delaware among others. On the concert stage, past performances include engagements as a featured soloist with the Grant Park Music Festival, Seattle Symphony (Bellingham Music Festival), Calgary Philharmonic, Chicago Sinfonietta, NYC Opera’s VOX Festival of New Music and Festival d’Art Lyrique, France. He is an alumnus of Lyric Opera of Chicago’s Ryan Opera Center, Pittsburgh Opera Center at Duquesne, and holds a MMus. in Voice Performance from Manhattan School of Music.

Kevin Webb (Beadle) is absolutely giddy to be making his Theo Ubique debut. Kevin is a company member with Pride Films and Plays and has been featured in their productions of *Songs From an Unmade Bed, Angry Fags, Design for Living, Under A Rainbow Flag* and *Bite*. Chicago credits: *The Secret Garden* (Court Theatre); *Sweeney Todd* (Porchlight); *Marie Christine* and *Myths & Hymns* (BoHo); *WOZ* (Victory Gardens); *Nevermore, Shockheaded Peter, Coraline* and *Amour* (Black Button Eyes); *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* and *The Duchess of Malfi* (Trap Door); *The Pitchfork Disney* (Interrobang); *Assassins* (The Viaduct).

Missy Wise (Ensemble/ Mrs. Lovett U/S) is thrilled to be making her Theo debut with such an incredible cast! Chicago credits include: *Bonnie & Clyde* (Blanche Barrow), *Little Fish* (Charlotte US), *Big Fish* (Sandra Bloom), *Amour* (Claire), 24 Words (Rosie), *Guys & Dolls* (Martha/ Adelaide US), *Legally Blonde* (Judge), *Hair* (Dionne). Other regional credits include: *Into the Woods* (The Witch), *Bonnie & Clyde* (Blanche Barrow), *Ragtime* (Mother), *Evita* (“Eva Peron”), *The Civil War* (Sarah), Elton John and Tim Rice’s *Aida* (Amneris). Missy was the 2016 Grand Prize Winner of the National Musical Theater Competition sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Singing. www.missywise.com
**ABOUT THE DIRECTORS**

**Fred Anzevino** (Director) is Co-founder/Artistic Director of Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre. He has been producing-directing for Theo here at No Exit Cafe since 2003 making this intimate cabaret space a “home” for himself and hundreds of other Chicago theatre artists. Fred is thrilled to be directing *Sweeney Todd* with this incredibly talented group of people. 2017-2018 is our final season of programing here at No Exit Cafe and Fred would like to thank our patrons, donors, subscribers and the entire Rogers Park community for all the love and support you’ve shown us throughout the years. We hope that you will continue to show us your love and support as we prepare to move into our new home at 721 Howard Street Evanston, Illinois in September 2018. Thank you and enjoy the show!

**Courtney Crouse** (Assistant Director) most recently directed Theo Ubique’s production of *The Honky Tonk Angels* and co-directed last year’s *Newley-Bricusse Songbook* with artistic director, Fred Anzevino. Other directing credits include *Big Fish*, *A Marvin Hamlisch Songbook*, *Always Patsy Cline*, *Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver, Big River, Million Dollar Quarter, Pump Boys and Dinettes.* and *Shout: The Mod Musical*. Many thanks to Fred and Mom and Dad

**Jeremy Ramey** (Music Director, Pianist and Arranger) is a concert pianist, conductor and music director based in Chicago. For 2017, Jeremy received his eighth non-equity Jeff nomination and fourth Jeff Award for his music direction on *Most Happy Fella* with theater company Theo Ubique. He received previous Jeff awards for *Light in the Piazza*, *Smokey Joe’s Cafe* and *Rent*. Also in 2016, he won his second Broadway World Award for Music Direction for his work on *Bette, Live at the Continental Baths* with the production company Hell in a Handbag. Some of his favorite projects include *War Paint* at the Goodman, *Altar Boyz* at Downtown Drury Lane, *Forever Plaid* at Drury Lane Oakbrook and *Cats* with Marriott Lincolnshire. He received his training in piano performance at Rhodes College, Northwestern University and The Juilliard School of Music. Jeremy thanks the wonderful cast and crew at No Exit for all their great work and, especially, Theo’s artistic director, Fred Anzevino, for the opportunity.

James Kolditz (Lighting Design) is so excited to be returning to the team at Theo Ubique. Recent work includes Big River, Big Fish, Greater Tuna, Les Mis, Rumors, Young Frankenstein, An Inspector Calls, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and S’Wonderful (Timber Lake Playhouse). James recently completed his B.A. in Directing at the Conservatory of Theatre Arts at Webster University.

Mina Slater (Production Stage Manager) hails from San Francisco, attracted by the Windy City’s vast theatre and circus scene. Shortly after landing in Chicago, she joined Emerald City Theatre, where she has worked for the majority of the last 2.5 years, spending most of her time at Broadway in Chicago’s Broadway Playhouse, where she is ran Schoolhouse Rock Live! this summer. Previously, she worked with a variety of exciting companies, including Ringling Bros.and Barnum & Bailey (tour), Cirque Voila (tour), Teatro Zinzanni San Francisco, Joe Goode Performance Group and Disney Entertainment. Thanks to her husband’s hard work and persistence, she was able to quit her day job recently and pursue stage management full time.

Ben Lipinski (Scenic Design and Construction) is a recent graduate from The Conservatory of Theatre Arts at Webster University. He is terrifically excited to bring to life his first scenes here in Chicago. Sweeney Todd is his first production here at Theo and he’d like to thank Fred and the Rogers Park community for sharing this evening. Recent works include Guys and Dolls at Willmette Park Theatre. Big Fish and The Odd Couple at Big Noise. The 66th season at The Timberlake Playhouse including Big River, Peter Pan, and Greater Tuna.

Bill Morey (Costume Design) has costumed many shows at Theo including the Jeff winning productions of Always… Patsy Cline, Passion, Smoky Joe’s Cafe, The Light in the Piazza, and Chess. Bill is a eleven time Jeff Award nominee, and a three time Equity Jeff winner. He is also the recipient of two After Dark Awards and the BroadwayWorld Award for costume design. www.billmorey.com

Aji Slater (Properties Design) is ecstatic to be making Sweeney Todd his first production with Theo Ubique. He has built props for Sourdough Productions, Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey Circus (with the clowns) and Emerald City Theatre (Chicago), to name a few. These are the best pies in Rogers Park, he should know, he made them.

Darren Hill (Dialect Coach) has been living in Chicago for over four years now and is loving the city and all it has to offer. He is currently appearing in Junie B. Jones at The Apollo Theatre. Darren is extremely excited about continuing his career stateside in 2017 and couldn’t have a better help than being represented by Stewart Talent. Darren trained at The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, where he played Captain Cat in “Under Milk Wood” and Polonius in “Hamlet”. He has toured the UK extensively performing outdoor classics such as, “Much Ado About Nothing” playing Claudio, “Importance of Being Earnest” playing Jack and “Macbeth” playing Macduff.

R&D Choreography (Violence Design) is Victor Bayona (he/him/his) and Rick Gilbert (he/him/his), who are thoroughly jazzed to be working once again with the talented folks at Theo Ubique! R&D was founded in 1997 for the purpose of improving the power and effectiveness of Chicago area theatre through the art of violence design – choreographing better fights for better shows! We have designed violence for over three hundred productions and films, and taught stage combat at universities, theaters, and privately. Our work has been seen at dozens of Chicago area theatres, including 16th Street, Akvavit, ATC, Bailiwick, Chimera, Factory, First Folio, Griffin, Lifeline, Oak Park Festival, The Paramount, Pegasus, Piven, Steep, Strawdog, Theatre at the Center, and Vitalist. Check us out at www.fightshop.org!
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We are inordinately proud of Evanston's belief in the Theo Ubique experience of intimate community built around dining together and high quality cabaret productions.

I am keenly aware that these exciting changes are in no small part due to the loyal and supportive base that we have built here at No Exit Cafe. So let me take this opportunity to thank you. Thank you telling your friends about us, for sharing your experiences on social media and most importantly for being the key ingredient of a great night of cabaret - the audience.

In the coming months, you will receive more news about our upcoming and final season at No Exit, about our plans for the future and about ways in which you might help. We can't wait to share these updates with you. But for now, thank you for being here and enjoy the show.

Fred Anzevino
Artistic Director
Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre
Theo Ubique began producing in 1997, first at the Heartland Studio Theatre, and then in 2004, at Michael James’s No Exit Café, where it began focusing on musicals and revues, reigniting the cabaret theatre trend in Chicago. Since then, Theo Ubique has produced 40 shows and received more than 30 Jeff Awards and 3 After Dark Awards. The name THEO UBIQUE (pronounced thee-oh oo-bah-kway) is a combination of Greek and Latin words reflecting the company’s mission to engage actors and audience in an intimate and honest conversation with great theatrical works. Theo Ubique is dedicated to making its home in the Rogers Park neighborhood and is a proud member of the Glenwood Arts District. For more information, visit www.theoubique.org.