VENTURACOLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMING ARTS

# SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE

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THURS/FRI / 7:30 PM & SAT/SUN / 3:00 PM

SET/LIGHTING DESIGN

JAMIE Birkett COSTUME/ MAKEUP DESIGN

Anais Libunao MUSIC AND LYRICS BY

STEPHEN SONDHEIM

BOOK BY

JAMES

LADINE

STAGE DIRECTOR

BRENT Wilson

ORIGINALLY DIRECTED ON BROADWAY BY JAMES LAPINE ORCHESTRATIONS BY MICHAEL STAROBIN

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Ventura COLLEGE

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There is a moment in this production where real pastries are given to audience members. These contain gluten and lactose. If you do not have allergies to those, ENJOY!!

## The Cast

Jared Lantiegne George Seren Winter Dot/Marie Jules/Bob Greenberg Sierra lade Atchison Old Lady/Naomi Eisen Oona Fitzmaurice Nurse/Harriet/Mrs. locelyn Lopez **Boatman/Redmond** Oscar Candelas Yvonne/Blair **lesstina Torres** Franz/Mr. Dennis Larez Edmonson Celeste #I/Lee Alex Aguirre Celeste #2/Elaine Mae Lazarovits Soldier/Alex Audrey Cunningham Frieda/Betty Gabriella Gobuyan Louis/Billy Gianni Nicolini Louise/Waitress Camille Richards

## The Orchestra

Violin I Steven Zander Maia Zander Violin II Viola Karen Goulding **Bassoon** Nick Akdag Bass **Barry Newton** Reeds I Sarra Hey-Folick Suzanne Duffy Reeds II Reeds III Kimaree Gilad Horn Ion Titmus Liesl Ehrman Harp Ion Nathan **Percussion Keyboards** Sio Tepper **Synthesizer** Ovanes Arakelyan

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Inspired by George Seurat's magnificent painting, A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's soaring musical is itself an artistic masterpiece. The musical begins with the story of George and his model and lover Dot. As George struggles to find his artistic voice, he becomes more and more distant from the one woman who truly sees him for who he really is. Meanwhile, the characters that inhabit George's painting have lives unto themselves, which George captures with his paintbrush.

A century later, George and Dot's descendants, themselves struggling artists, grapple with the same issues of artistic ingenuity, and a public who just doesn't understand. Through melodic and heartbreaking music, poetic lyrics, and quick, jaunty wit, Sunday in the Park with George reveals universal truths about the nature of art, love, and passion, with the breadth and depth of art's most enduring masterpieces.

#### **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

Sunday in the Park with George is a meditation on the nature of art, passion, and the connections between people. Sondheim and Lapine's musical explores the tension between creation and human relationships through the life of Georges Seurat, whose devotion to his masterpiece pulls him away from the world around him, especially his lover, Dot.

Seurat's pointillist technique reflects the central theme of the show: individual fragments, when viewed together, form a complete picture. Similarly, the characters' lives are made up of moments of connection and isolation, forming a broader narrative about the balance between love and artistic ambition.

Musically, Sondheim's score mirrors this complexity, with each note carefully placed to create emotional depth. We've worked to highlight these themes while drawing connections between Seurat's time and our present, where the struggle to create something lasting remains timeless.

This production invites us to reflect on the process of creation — not only for the artist but for all of us. It asks: What do we leave behind? How do we connect? We hope this show encourages you to see the beauty in both the details and the whole, as Seurat did with his art.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

#### MUSICAL NUMBERS

#### Act One

"Sunday in the Park with George" - Dot

"No Life" - Jules, Yvonne

"Color and Light" - Dot, George

"Gossip" - Celeste #1, Celeste #2, Boatman, Nurse, Old Lady, Jules, Yvonne

"The Day Off" - George, Nurse, Franz, Frieda, Boatman, Soldier, Celeste #1, Celeste #2, Yvonne, Louise, Jules,

Louis

"Everybody Loves Louis" - Dot

"Finishing the Hat" - George

"We Do Not Belong Together" - Dot, George

"Beautiful" - Old Lady, George

"Sunday" - Company

#### Act Two

Chromolume #7 - George, Marie
"Putting It Together" - George, Company
"Children and Art" - Marie
"Lesson #8" - George
"Move On" - George, Dot

"Sunday" (reprise) - Company

### The Team

Brent Wilson, director
Elaina Crenshaw, stage manager and vocal coach
Sio Tepper, rehearsal pianist
Jamie Birkett, set and props
Anais Libunao, makeup and costumes

#### **Stage Crew Team**

Tyson Sauthoff
Jerome Morata
Paloma Salas
Juan Orozco Mendez
Trevi Fuhring

#### **Costume and Wardrobe**

Alessandra Gotico, Claudia Hernandez-Magana, Olivia Cervantes, Dana Pitones, Raine Mercado, Nora Gutierrez

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