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THE 52ND STREET PROJECT'S FIRST WINTER GALA



The Honorees

Nancy Giles and Michael Potts

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Zoë Chao and Greg Hildreth



The Lyricists

Caelnne Arango-Ramirez, Logan Centeno,
Kylee Chester, Brooke Pendleton, Jai-Lyzz Rodriguez,
Kassandra Sinchi, Morgan Smalls, Alex Torres

The Composers

Avi A. Amon, Rowan Blackwood, Fouad Dakwar, Lorenzo Pipino

The Singers

Rebecca Naomi Jones, Sahar Milani,
Mallory Portnoy & Greg Hildreth, Jon-Michael Reese

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Guitarist

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Pumpkin Spice

Lyrics by Brooke Pendleton

Music by Lorenzo Pipino

Sung by Rebecca Naomi Jones

Almost as the leaves regrew just to fall.
The different shades of orange just in eyes' view.
As if the previous green leaves left taking the
warmth too.

Different shapes and sizes of jackets, scarves,
and hats.

In shades of brown, burgundy, and black.
Pumpkin spice all around makes it feel like fall.

Come surround the fireplace
Decorate cookies too
Watch movies made way before 2022
Enjoy the pumpkin spice
Makes everything so nice
I think it feels like fall don't you?

Almost as winter is approaching later than expected.
Sunny days ended with breezy nights feels quite right.
Thanksgiving knocking at the door
Hello fall summer no more

Come surround the fireplace
Decorate cookies too
Watch movies made for fall ooooo
Enjoy the pumpkin spice
Makes everything all nice
I think it feels like fall don't you

All the leaves come to brown.
More smiles turn into frowns.
Freezing temperatures came with heavier coats.
All black no more color shown
No gold, no red, no yellow, no orange



New Favorite Pastry

Lyrics by Logan Centeno

Music by Fouad Dakwar

Sung by Jon-Michael Reese

I wanna become a pastry
I wanna become a pastry!
Maybe a cute lil cupcake...
They're so sweet and small...

I wanna become a pastry
I wanna become a pastry!
So I won't be bullied
For being way too savory
I dream that I'll be sugary
But back to reality
Look to reality...

I sneak into the chef's bakery
And steal some frosting silently
(Don't do this at home!)
I dump it on my head
Even though it's a mess
Suddenly I hear a bell
The chef puts me out at front

I think I've become a pastry
I think I've become a pastry
'Cause the kids are pointing at me
And their mouths are watering

I'm their new favorite pastry now
Bells are ringing out
I'm their new favorite pastry now
Cupcakes, get out of town

Yeah ya bakery bullies!!!



Birthday Letter

Lyrics by Caelnne Arango-Ramirez

Music by Rowan Blackwood

Sung by Sahar Milani

Looking through my window in my room
Reminds me of my birthday with you
When we took photographs in my house...
Spread them in my room...
Those good times, they were true

All those sleepless nights
While dreamin' with my eyes,
Only reminds me how bad it hurts
And while you party here
My memories disappear
Of all the times I was with you in my mind

Now I'm lying in my bed
With all of the things that you said...
In my mind, in my mind...
Those days, weeks, hours & months of being alone
Without you, without you

Sometimes in those days I can't live
Without you, I think about you
Whenever I dream or even think I lose sleep
About you, about you
I start to dance around in my head
Pirouetting, dancing

All those sleepless nights
While dreamin' with my eyes,
Only reminds me how bad it hurts
And while you party here
My memories disappear
Of all the times I was with you in my mind.





Where Has the Time Gone?

Lyrics by Kylee Chester,
Jai-Lyzz Rodriguez, Kassandra Sinchi,
Morgan Smalls, and Alex Torres

Composed by Avi A. Amon

Performed by Mallory Portnoy
and Greg Hildreth

ALEX:

FIVEY

(Excited) Hey Twoey

TWOEY

(Shy) Hey Fivey

FIVEY

(Spoken) Just wanted to say do you...

(Sung) Remember that time

Where you fell down the stairs

TWOEY

We laughed it off and got stares

BOTH

But we just don't even care

We've been around for forty years

I know we are very consistent

TWOEY

And yet I still have so many fears

BOTH

Where

has

the

time

gone?

KYLEE:

TWOEY (Nervous, anxious)

& FIVEY (Excited, mischievous)

There are people coming in

The show's about to begin

TWOEY

I think I'm gonna die

FIVEY

(With mischievous grin) Oh come on
don't be shy

TWOEY

(Nervous, quiet, shy) Everyone to your
places

FIVEY

(Excited, mischievous) Can't wait to
see their faces!

TWOEY

Lights, camera

FIVEY

Action!

(Glitter falls from the sky)

TWOEY

(Upset, horrified, shocked) Oh no

FIVEY

(Excited, pleased) Oh yes

TWOEY

(Upset, angry) Fivey what have you
done

FIVEY

(Playful, kind of regretful) I was just
having some fun

TWOEY

(Upset, angry) There's glitter
everywhere, on everyone!

FIVEY

(Regretful, guilty) I just want to put a
smile on your face

TWOEY

(Frustrated) You have no control

FIVEY

You need to let go

TWOEY

Why can't you be more like me?

FIVEY

Cause you're never happy

TWOEY

(Regretful at the end) I would if you
were different

FIVEY

(Hurt, shocked) What does that mean?

BOTH

Where
has
the
time
gone

KASSANDRA:

TWOEY

I know it's silly but a moment I will
always remember was
The first time I ventured alone
I was looking for a snack
The pantry doors began to close
I was under attack!

FIVEY & TWOEY

I thought you finally left me
I thought I would die
you were supposed to be backstage

TWOEY

So I screamed and cried for help
Something I never thought I'd do

FIVEY

I remember hearing all that ruckus
And came to the rescue
I never thought I would be so happy
to see
Someone who always has a frown
I couldn't stand to be alone
And being left to drown

BOTH

I remember from that day forward
I could never leave you behind
Oh Wooooow
Where
Has
The
Time
Gone?

MORGAN:

FIVEY

We can paint the room blue
We need to think of a color that we
would like

TWOEY

How about red

FIVEY

Think of a color that's really bright
Or green

TWOEY

No!!
We need the members to be alive.
So they can write

BOTH

What's your fav color?
Orange
Me too

FIVEY

Let's call it

BOTH

The orange room

JAI-LYZZ:

BOTH

It's been 40 years

40!

We did not always get along

We were different in our own way

TWOEY

Fivey was loud, proud

FIVEY

Twoey didn't like the crowd

TWOEY

We found something in common

BOTH

Then there was the stage

Our eyes lit up

We realized our differences

It took some time

But we got to know each other

Over 40 years we have always

Taught the Project Members

That we all get along, we all belong

Where

Has

The

Time

Gone?



Alex



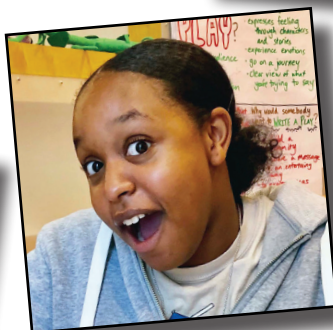
Kylee



Kassandra



Jai-Lyzz



Morgan



Greetings, Cool Peeps! Thanks for coming in out of the cold to **Capitale** to warm up with some posh grub and some clever tunes. Don't fall asleep in front of the fire, though, because the Project's witty and urbane Founder, **Willie Reale** and actress and Project alum **Shirley Rumierk** will soon bound onto the stage to auction off the one-of-a-kind packages described on the following pages. Be bold on your bids! It all goes to a good cause.

1. *Nora's Package*

See a Broadway show that puts a new spin on an old classic! This package features two tickets (courtesy of **Stephen Lewin** and the **Ambassador Theater Group**) to see Academy Award winner **Jessica Chastain** in a reinvention of **Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House***. It's directed by Tony nominee **Jamie Lloyd** and adapted by acclaimed playwright **Amy Herzog**. The offer begins TONIGHT, February 13 and is good until June 4. BONUS: One hour before the show, you may arrive at the **Hudson Theater**, check your coat, and enjoy cocktails in the **Ambassador Lounge**! In addition, you get gift cards for **Cookshop** and **Rosie's**, two fine restaurants in the **Bowery Group**. Each card is worth \$150.

VALUE: \$720

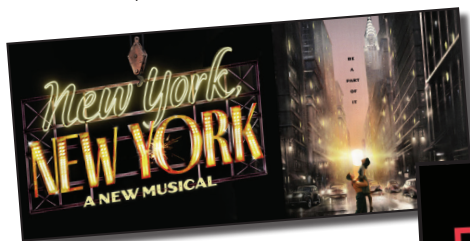


2. *Start Spreading the News Package*

If you like the Big Apple, you should bid on this bundle! Four tickets to **New York, New York** (courtesy of **Foresight Theatrical**) the big new production with direction and choreography by **Susan Stroman** and extra lyrics by **Lin-Manuel Miranda**! It starts at the St. James on March 24. "Be a part of it" and then have a "Meet and Greet" with **Sharon Washington**, the co-writer and a honest-to-gosh Project veteran.

There's more! You get a gift card worth \$150 to **Shukette**, a lively Bowery Group Middle Eastern spot in Chelsea AND a special VIP private tour of the brand-new **Museum of Broadway** with one of its co-founders.

VALUE: \$1500



3. Baubles and Bubbles Bundle

Diamonds are a girl's best friend, and what better gift to give your girlfriends for Galentine's Day than the chance to drape themselves in the world's most extraordinary jewels (at least for an exclusive afternoon!). **Sotheby's**, the legendary auction house that sold **Jackie O's** pearls, will host you and seven of your best friends for a private, behind-the-scenes jewelry experience. Sip on champagne and nibble on truffles while you try on treasures from notable and noble collections with the impossibly elegant **Catharine Becket**, the Head of **Sotheby's Magnificent Jewels** auctions.

The bundle also comes with a chef's tasting menu for four at the **Tao Group's** exclusive **LAVO**. You'll get a sommelier-selected wine pairing and a table visit from their executive management team or chef.

Value: Priceless! (or the \$35,000,000 it would cost to buy these rare and iconic jewels so your friends can play with them.)



4. The Sports Spectacular Special

You and your best golf pal get to play as a foursome on May 18 with Project Celebs **Billy Crudup** (*The Morning Show*) and **David Costabile** (*Billions*) at the **Quaker Ridge Golf Club** in Scarsdale. You'll be a part of **The 52nd Street Project's Annual Golf Outing**. This fun day includes lunch, top-flight golf, scintillating conversation, jokes galore, cocktails, and a nice dinner with your new buddies.

You'll also get four **New York Rangers** tickets at **Madison Square Garden** in section 111, row 21, seats 7, 8, 9, & 10. Date/game to be agreed on by owner of the tickets.

Finally, you get a gift card worth \$150 at **Vic's Restaurant**, another fine eatery in the **Bowery Group**.

VALUE: Incalculable!



5. *A Piece of Greece*

Ikaria, a beautiful island in the Aegean Sea, is renowned for the longevity of its natives. You'll spend a week in the tiny and beautiful village of **Faros** in the three bedroom home of the **Vassilaros Family**, just 20 feet from the sea and with easy access to the airport.

The proceeds from this package will benefit **The Johnny Fund**, a special fund that honors the memory of **John Vassilaros** and supports the Teen Leadership Program at the Project.

This is for a week in June or July, 2023 (exact dates to be determined).

You'll have to wait for your trip to the Aegean Sea, but you'll be able to have a Mediterranean-style meal at **Shuka** on MacDougal St. The Piece of Greece package includes a gift card worth \$150 to this **Bowery Group** gem.

VALUE: Olympian! Well, \$6,000.



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