

THE 52ND STREET PROJECT PRESENTS

# NOW WE'RE HERE!

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**A ONE-TIME PERFORMANCE  
BY PROJECT MEMBERS  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 - 7:30 PM  
THE FIVE ANGELS THEATER  
789 10TH AVE,  
BETWEEN 52ND AND 53RD**

## **The 52nd Street Project Staff**

Kat Almirañez, Associate Artistic Director  
Avi A. Amon, Musical Director  
Ahmed Attia, Director of Development\*  
George Babiak, Director of Design and Production  
Liz Bell, Clinical Consultant  
Ana Gonzalez-Soto, Office Manager  
Natalie Hirsch, Artistic Director  
Garrett Kim, Program Director  
Kristina Nungaray, Marketing and Events Manager  
Carol Ochs, Executive Director  
John Sheehy, Director of Institutional Advancement  
Johanna Vidal, Director of Education\*  
Caylyn Wan-Creager, Education Associate  
Bri Weintraub, Production Manager  
Iris A. Brown, Graphic Design Consultant  
Francie Brewster and Yvanna Tassy, Interns

*\*Project Alumni*

## **“NOW WE'RE HERE!” Production Staff**

### **Director**

Kat Almirañez

### **Assistant Director**

Caylyn Wan-Creager

### **Composer/Music Director**

Kim D. Sherman

### **Lighting Designer**

Bri Weintraub

### **Sound Designer**

Diego Caoili

### **Costume Designers/Backstage Crew**

Francie Brewster and Yvanna Tassy

### **Prop Designer**

George Babiak

### **Livestream Team**

George Babiak, Director.

Christian Santoni, Alice Strom; Camera Operators

### **House Management**

John Sheehy



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*Now We're Here!*, the show you're seeing tonight, is an original play created over a period of 5 days! Five Project members were each matched with a Project volunteer and the pairs met for the first time this past MONDAY! We brainstormed locations where many different kinds of people could be found. The final choice was AIRPORT!

The pairs then separated to create individual storylines through improvisation that are revealed in stages. At certain moments, all the characters coalesce to create an overall saga. We hope you enjoy this first-time endeavor at the Project!

## **Opening: Entire Company**

### **Storylines and Characters:**

#### **“VIP STRUGGLES”**

Claudia, a flight attendant..... Rebeca Vanterpool  
Nadia, a flight attendant ..... Jasminn Johnson

#### **“FAN-ANTIC”**

Chelsie “Chelcandowell” Sanchez,  
celebrity rapper..... Hannah Santos  
Cassie, 17 year old super fan of  
Chelsie “Chelcandowell” Sanchez..... Adaire Kamen

#### **“THE DEAL OF ALL DEALS”**

Greg Megladio VI, CEO.....Logan Goicuria  
Bianca Debizy, Assistant..... Betsy Hogg

#### **“TWIN SISTER TWIST”**

Selena, Beatrice’s identical twin,  
a Flight attendant..... Jessica Elie-Pierre  
Beatrice, Selena’s identical twin,  
works at muffin factory.....Molly Carden

#### **“THE TWO BIG TOURNAMENTS”**

Lilly Blank (L. B.), a Math genius..... Samaria Alkandi  
Lydia Blank (L. B.), a ping pong whiz ..... Kendall Cafaro

## **Closing: Entire Company**

## The 52nd Street Project Board of Directors

Lisa Benavides	Noël Mihalow
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### What's Going On Here?

The 52nd Street Project is a non-profit organization that brings children from the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood together with professional theater artists to create original theater. **NOW WE'RE HERE** is a unique production that brings together several age groups into one company.

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### In-Kind Contributions

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