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"GOING GOING GONE" Production Staff

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Livestream Team Technical Director: Christian Santoni || Cam Op: Diego Caoili

Photographer Enzo Viado

Props Designer Diego Caoili

House Management/Chef John Sheehy *GOING GOING GONE*, 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 **Le Bon-Bon Murder Estate**! 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 the latest addition to the Project repertoire!

Opening: Entire Company

Storylines and Characters:

"A Hotdog Adventure"

Müstard	Mamadou Diaw
Heinz	Omari Chancellor

"Flooded Dreams"

Marie Picasso	Shaddai Blake-Soden
Dijion	Dela Meskienyar

"The Unlikely Duo"

VP Kylie Johnson		Ariane Alcide
Salisa Sinthia "Scammer Sally"	' Salazar	Precious Sipin

"Le Bon Bon Gone Wron"

Chef R	Grace Guity-Reyes
Muffy	Molly Carden

"Dying to Stay Alive"

Arthur	Angel Drew Welsh
Georgy	Chris Dooly

Closing: Entire Company

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Or make a gift via

Venmo @Fifty-Two-Project

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. **GOING GOING GONE** is a unique production that brings together several age groups into one company.

See the rest of the program!

Scan the QR code at right to see the full program, which includes biographies and photos of the directors, the performers, and the designers!





GOING GOING GONE is made possible with public funds from The New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency, and with public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council, and The New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. The 52nd Street Project is a member of Art/NY and Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for the American theatre.



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR INTERNS!

If you know of any college or graduate students who might enjoy working and playing with us for a semester, please have them contact Caylyn Wan-Creager (creager@52project.org). We are currently looking for interns for the Fall of 2025 & Spring of 2026. Thanks!

COMING UP ON OUR STAGE!



BIOGRAPHIES



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Ariane Alcide (*Project Member*) joined the Project in September 2024 with her playmaking debut *PERFECT AND MESSY*, dramaturgy by Kennedy Dider, directed by Annaabelle Cousins, with Arielle Goldman & Jasmine Johnson, as a part of TO THE MOON, *Plays that Blast Off.* Tonight marks her performing debut with the Project. Ariane can also be heard on the PROJcast, Episode 53, "Playmakers Go TO THE MOON."



Target Margin, and Waterwell. Avi's film scores have been featured at Cannes, Disney, HBO, Hulu, Slamdance, Tribeca Film Festival & more. Recent: music & sound design for THE FOLLOWING EVENING w/600 Highwaymen (PAC NYC); a musical, THROUGH THE SUNKEN LANDS w/Tim Lord (Kennedy Center); music for the feature film, THE FISHERMAN, dir. Zoey Martinson (2024 Venice Film Festival); and a multimedia performance piece, MOTHER/ROAD. Avi is a MacDowell Fellow and has received artistic support from the Jonathan Larson Grant, Reel Change Film Fund, Berkeley Rep, Dramatists Guild, Goodspeed, Mercury Store, New Dramatists, The O'Neill, Rhinebeck, and others. Avi teaches at NYU Tisch, where he received his MFA in Musical Theatre Writing. www. aviamon.com



Shaddai Blake-Soden (*Project Member*), joined the Project in the fall of 2023 with her playwriting debut, *THE TWIST*, dramaturge/director by Krystal Lucas, starring Jasminn Johnson & Margaret Odette, as a part of FOOD FOR THOUGHT, *The Scrumptious Plays*. She made her performing debut with the Project in Kaaron Briscoe's *THE CALL*, directed by and costarring Mirirai. Shaddai can also be heard on the PROJcast, Episode #48 Playmakers of FOOD FOR THOUGHT.



Molly Carden (*Team Grace*) New York credits include: *Emotional Creature* (Signature Theatre), *Please Continue* (Ensemble Studio Theater), *How To Live On Earth* (Colt Coeur), *Cherry Smoke* (Working Theater), *Downtown Race Riot* (NYSF/Powerhouse Theater). Regional: *Midwives* (George Street Playhouse), *Indecent* (Weston Playhouse), *The Carpenter* (Alley Theatre), *Translations* (Studio Theatre), *Frankenstein* (Denver Center), *On Clover Road* (CATF), *Emotional Creature* (Berkeley Repertory Theatre), *The Great*

Immensity, (The Civilians at Kansas City Repertory Theatre). Molly is currently developing her solo show *I Came Back For Molly*, which she has performed at NYSAF, the TANK and Durango Playfest. Film: Untitled Marvel Movie (Upcoming), Motherland (MPI Original Films). Proud member of Colt Coeur, EST, and The 52nd Street Project. B.F.A. from UNCSA.



Omari K. Chancellor (*Team Ramsis*) is a Brooklyn-based actor, filmmaker, and teaching artist. They are so excited to be spending another season with the young theater-makers of The 52nd Project. Omari can be seen in Peter Farrelly's film *The Greatest Beer Run Ever* and Ryan Murphy's American *Love Story* for FX. He has also appeared in **amani** for the National Black Theatre Off-Broadway as well as the Williamstown Theatre Festival. Chancellor is a 2021 graduate of the NYU Grad acting program and a

current faculty member at Gotham Writers Workshop.



Mamadou Diaw (*Project Member*) joined the Project in the fall of 2023 with his playwriting debut, *ESCAPE*, dramaturg/directed by Don Nguyen, starring Grace Rex & Michael Braun, as a part of FOOD FOR THOUGHT, *The Scrumptious Plays*. He made his performing debut with the Project in *GO TO SLEEP*, or, *THE WRITING'S ON THE WALL* with Marchánt Davis, who wrote, directed and co-starred, as a part of LOOK WHO'S TALKING, Plays That Speak to You, One-on-Ones, August 2024. Mamdou

can also be heard on the PROJcast, Episode #48 Playmakers of FOOD FOR THOUGHT.



Chris Dooly (*Team Angel*) ivs overjoyed to perform in his first production at the Project after volunteering with the Spring 2025 Playmakers. A producer, actor, and writer from the Washington, D.C. metro area, Chris earned his B.F.A. in Drama from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, training at the Stella Actor Studio of Acting. During and after attending NYU, Chris performed with Shakespeare in the Square, Washington Square Park's premier Shakespeare troupe. He is the founder

of DMforAdventure, a boutique TTRPG service for kids and adults, and co-founder of Jack & Grace Productions, an indie film studio.



Sky Edward (*Costumes, Crew, Butler, she/her*) is thrilled to be part of The 52nd Street Project team! She is a rising junior studying Drama at NYU and has a deep passion for theater. Sky is eager to continue collaborating on exciting new projects like this in the future. She extends her gratitude to the entire cast and crew for their dedication and a special thanks to her family and friends for their unwavering support!



Grace V. Guity-Reyes (*Project Member*) joined the Project January, 2024 with her playwriting debut, *KFC*, *YOU HAD TO BE THERE*, dramaturgy & direction by Olivia Gilliatt, with Erin Neufer and Carl Hendrick Louis; as a part of A BREATH OF FRESH AIR, *The Breezy Plays*. Grace was a songmakers in 2024 for the concert MUSIC TO MY EARS. She partnered with composer Sarah Slipp on the songs, "Left Sock Protest," originally sung by Tommy McDowell, and reprised at our 2025 gala by Jin Ha; "An

Actual Emotional Song," sung by Belén Moyano; and "The Rise of the Cats," sung by Neil D'Astolfo. Grace can also be heard on the PROJcast, Episode #50 Playmakers Provide A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.



Amirah Hancock (*Costumes, Crew*) joined the Project in the fall of 2017 with her playwriting debut *The Doll & The Pendant*, dramaturged & directed by Krystel Lucas with Mozhan Marnó and Jennifer Kim, as a part of STIRRING THE POT, *The Spicy Plays.* She made her acting debut in Jed Clarke's *The Return of Agent Marks vs. Turkey Vulture* with Annabelle Cousins for the 2018 One-on-Ones, GOOD VIBRATIONS, *Plays With Sound Foundations.* She created the Stage Combat show Crybaby with

Molly Carden for the 2019 production SEEING STARS. She wrote and performed in her Playback show College Adventures alongside Arielle Goldman for HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE, *The Surprising Plays*, in October, 2019. She performed in *Madame President and the Golden Girl* by Tahnee Freda, directed by Paton Ashbrook for the 2020 Two-on-two production ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM, *Plays You Can't Ignore*. Amirah is a member of the current Teen Ensemble and performed in, and assisted with the costumes for EYE OF THE STORM in 2023. She was Costume Assistant on FOOD FOR THOUGHT, *The Scrumptious Plays*, in December 2023; and A BREATH OF FRESH AIR, *The Breezy Plays*, in April 2024. She can be heard on the PROJcast, Episode 45, "Looking Into the EYE OF THE STORM."



Dela Meskienyar (*Team Shaddai*) is thrilled to be back at The 52nd Street Project. A forever superfan of the Project and its wildly talented young people, she is endlessly inspired by the imagination, bravery, and magic of these young storytellers.



Precious Sipin (*Team Ariane*) is thrilled to be back at The 52nd Street Project...one of her favorite places in NYC! Precious is an Actor, Filmmaker, & Facilitator. She is also a Teaching Artist and works with several Arts Organizations including The 52nd Street Project! The 52nd Street Project credits include: OFF THE WALL! *The Zany Plays*, ON THE MOVE the 2023 One-on-Ones, THE THRILL OF THE FIGHT, Stage Combat 2024, and SETTING THE TONE 2025. For more information feel free to visit:

www.PreciousSipin.com Thanks to Ariane for a fun week and being a brilliant scene partner!



Angel Drew Welsh (*Project Member*) joined the Project in the fall of 2022. His first play was *Snow Day*, dramaturged and directed by Jeremy Stoller, with Grant Harrison as Bob, and Elia Monte-Brown as Olivia. It was part of the production OFF THE WALL, *The Zany Plays*, in December 2022. Angel starred in T-Time, by George Babiak, alongside Korey Jackson who also directed the show as part of ON THE MOVE, *Plays That Will Transport You*, in July 2023. Angel was a Songmaker for the 2023 concert TUNE IN,

where he collaborated with Adam Laporte, and their songs were performed by Major Curda, Kendal Hartse, & Natalie Walker. He battled Christian DeMarais, in "Gamer Rage," as a part of THE THRILL OF THE FIGHT, Stage Combat 2024. Angel can also be heard on the PROJcast: Episodes 41, "Zany Playmakers" & Episode 47 - "Tuning In The Songmakers."

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