

IMAGINE PRODUCTIONS
CLUB DIVERSITY
COLUMBUS, OHIO

FIRST Date

A Musical Comedy



Imagine Productions
Presents

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Book by

AUSTIN WINSBERG

Music and Lyrics by

ALAN ZACHARY

&

MICHAEL WEINER

Orchestrations

August Eriksmoen

Vocal and Incidental Music Arrangement

Dominick Amendum

Originally produced on Broadway by Junkyard Dog Productions, Stem Productions, Alter Identity Studios, Alex and Katya Lukianov, Susan and Jim Blair, Linda and Bill Potter in association with Yasuhiro Kawana Vijay and Sita Vashee Kevin and Lynn Foley Jeff and Julie Goldstein, Edward and Mimi Kirsch Frank and Denise Phillips Steve Reynolds and Paula Rosput Reynolds Land Line Productions, Alhadeff Family Productions/Sheri and Les Biller Pat Halloran/Laura Little Theatrical Productions, Tony Meola/Remmel T. Dickinson and John Yonover, Shadow Catcher Entertainment/Tom and Connie Walsh.

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Musical Numbers

"The One".....	Company
"First Impressions".....	Aaron and Casey
"Bailout Song #1".....	Reggie
"The Girl for You".....	Company
"The Awkward Pause".....	Company
"Allison's Theme #1".....	Allison
"The World Wide Web Is Forever".....	Company
"Can't Help But Love Me (Slow Jam)".....	Bad Boys
"Bailout Song #2".....	Reggie
"Safer".....	Casey
"I'd Order Love".....	Waiter
"Allison's Theme #2".....	Aaron
"The Things I Never Said".....	Aaron's and Aaron's Mother
"Bailout Song #3".....	Reggie
"In Love With You".....	Aaron
"The Check!".....	Company
"Something That Will Last".....	Casey, Aaron, and Company
"First Impressions (Reprise)".....	Waiter and Reggie
"Something That Will Last"	Casey, Aaron, and Company

There is no intermission for this production

CAST

(In no particular order)

Aaron.....Caleb Baker
Casey.....Alexa Rybinski
Man 1 (Gabe/ Reggie/ Aaron's Future Son/ Google Backup/ Stoner Guy / Friendly Therapist).....Lorenzo McKeever
Woman (Grandma Ida /Lauren/ Allison / Google Girl/ Aaron's Mother).....Cindy Trần Nguyễn
Man 2 (Waiter/ Casey's Christian Father/ Blaze /Google Backup/ British Artist).....Corey Notman

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....Corey Notman
Music Director.....Adriane Gray Adler
ChoreographerKristin Gloege Michels
Stage Manager.....Emily English
Accompanist.....Jonathan Stewart
Wig Mistress.....D.C. Simpson
Costumer.....Jackie Farbeann

The poster features a large, stylized red heart shape in the background. Overlaid on the heart are the words "Imagine Productions" in white script, "Presents" in smaller white text, and "FIRST Date" in large pink and teal letters. Below "Date" is the subtitle "A Musical Comedy" in yellow cursive. At the bottom of the heart, the text "Club Diversity" is written in white script. At the very bottom, the address "863 S High St, Columbus, Ohio 43206" and the dates "February 4-13, 2022" are displayed. The top left corner contains the logo for "IMAGINE PRODUCTIONS OF COLUMBUS" inside a blue circle. The bottom of the poster includes logos for "gcac" (Greater Columbus Arts Council), "THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION", "ART COLUMBUS MAKES COLUMBUS ART", "Ohio Arts COUNCIL", and "DIRECTED BY: COREY NOTMAN".



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Artistic Director	Steve Stumphauzer
Production Manager	Shannon Daly

Special THANK YOU from the Director

Special thanks goes out to Mark Cortez for his Cricut skills in creating our amazing social media costumes and restaurant decor; the cast and crew of this show, I am so grateful to work with such talented people; Kristin Gloege for painting the back wall during rehearsal; Carolyn from Cyclodrama for your help with lighting, and lastly to the staff at Club Diversity for being so helpful and willing to allow us to be creative in your space.



Corey Notman
Director

CAST

(in alphabetical order by last name)



Caleb Baker (Aaron) is a familiar face in the Columbus theater scene prior to the pandemic and is so happy to be back on stage again. This is Caleb's fifth show with Imagine Productions, having most recently appeared in the world premiere of "Second to Sherlock" last December. He wants to thank his family for their support and hopes you enjoy the show!



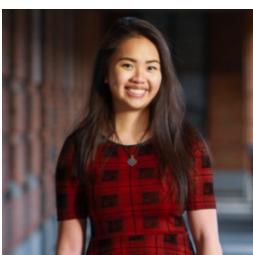
Lorenzo McKeever (Man 1) is elated to be appearing again with Imagine Productions. He holds a degree in Vocal Performance from Capital University. Previously, he has performed roles such as Roger in Grease, and Stacee Jaxx in Rock of Ages. He hopes you enjoy watching him play entirely too many roles in this production.



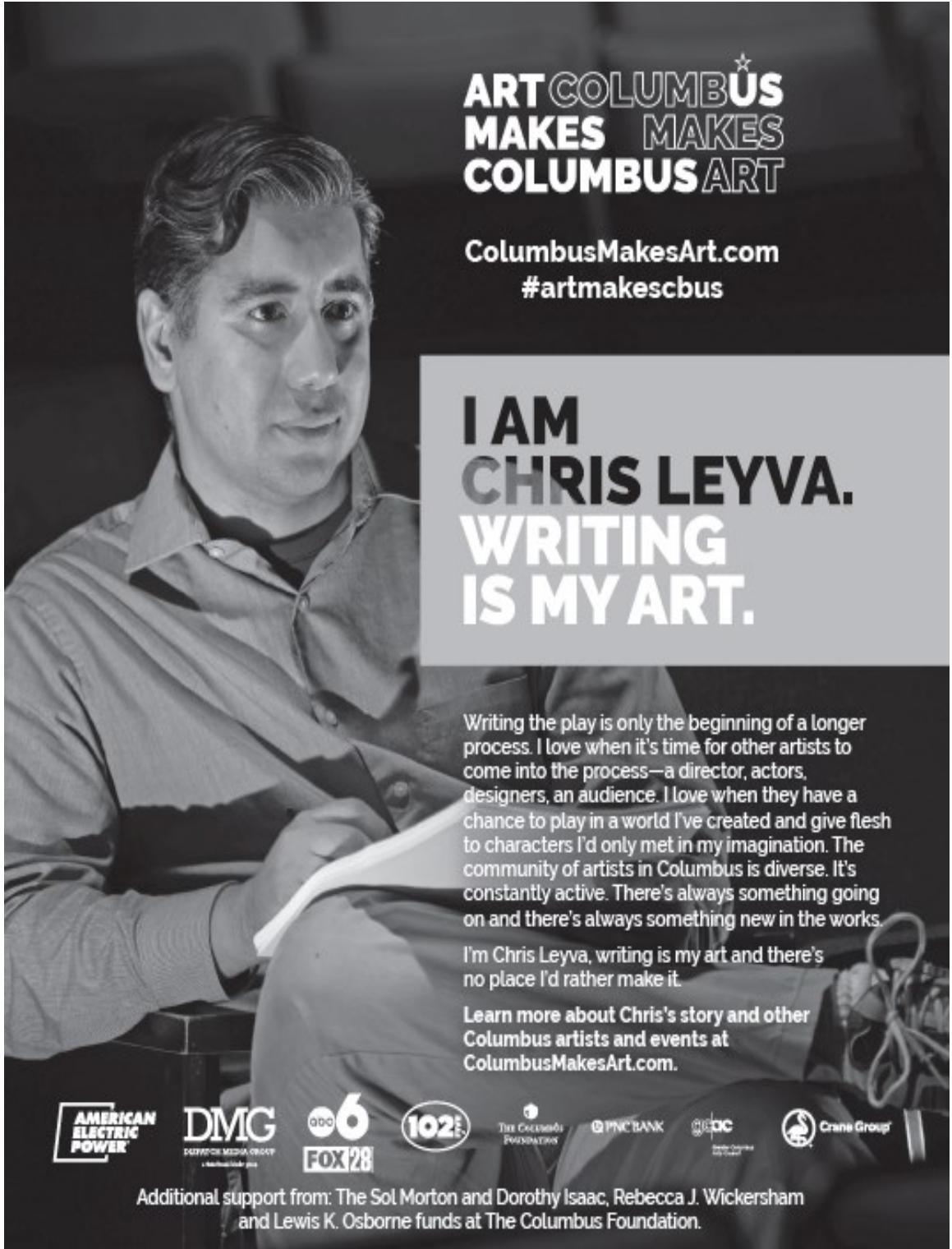
Corey Notman (Man 2) returns after a long break to achieve his MBA, Corey is thrilled to be back directing for Imagine! This is his third show as a director and a performer for Imagine. He previously directed Avenue Q and Xanadu, both being nominated for best production at the Jebby's. He also appeared as Audrey II in Little Shop of Horrors and Joey in Sister Act. Corey has performed with many companies over the years, but some of his favorites were 1776 (Edward Rutledge), Jesus Christ Superstar (King Herod) and Grease (Teen Angel). Corey works in HR for BMW Financial Services. He wants to thank his staff and cast for being willing to do First Date during this crazy COVID-19 spike. "I appreciate it more than you know." Also, thanks to his husband, Mark, for his continuous support. Enjoy the show!



Alexa Rybinski (Casey) is so happy to be continuing with Imagine after costuming Second to Sherlock with them in December. She has been seen previously with Imagine in A Funny Thing Happened... (Philia), The Wild Party (Kate), Spring Awakening (Wendla), and Xanadu (Polyhymnia). Other favorite roles include: Shrek (Fiona), Little Women (Jo), Cabaret (Sally Bowles), Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella (Cinderella), Seussical (Gertrude), Into the Woods (Baker's Wife), and Hairspray (Penny). She has helped costume several shows including 9-5 with Imagine, and has played viola in the pit for CATCO, CCT, LTOB, and SNS.



Cindy Trần Nguyễn (Woman) is delighted to be doing theatre again! Favorite credits include Imagine Productions' Carrie: The Musical (Chris Hargensen), The Ohio State University's Legally Blonde (Elle Woods), and The Wolves (#25) also with OSU. She graduated from OSU in 2020 with degrees in Theatre and Marketing, minoring in Asian American Studies. During the day, she is an analyst at JPMorgan Chase & Co. When not working or rehearsing, Cindy enjoys reading and consuming media from AAPI artists. Cindy would like to thank her friends, family, and most importantly Isaiah for supporting her through all of her endeavors. Enjoy the show!



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Adriane Gray Adler (Music Director) is head-over-heels to be music directing her second show with Imagine Productions. She is so happy theater is finally back! While Adriane was away from the stage, she got married, bought a home, moved, sold another home & finally got to go on her honeymoon with her husband after postponing it for a year! She is a proud graduate of Capital University's Conservatory of Music, with degrees in Voice Performance and Vocal Music Education. Pre-pandemic music directing: Grease. Past on-stage performances include: Into the Woods (Cinderella's Stepmother), Bye Bye Birdie (Mrs. MacAfee), My Fair Lady & Sister Act: The Musical (Tina).



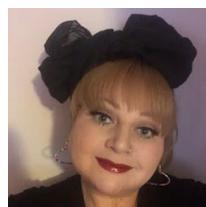
Kristin Gloege Michels (Choreographer) has been dancing since the age of three, and started choreographing as a teenager. She choreographed Imagine's inaugural show, The Wedding Singer, in 2011, and has been involved in the on-stage and behind the scenes operations for many years. By day Kristin works in HUD multifamily mortgage lending. She lives in Westerville with her children and is so happy to have had the chance to work with the talented folks in this production.



Emily English (Stage Manager) is excited to return to Imagine for First Date! Making her Columbus theatre debut with Imagine's Grease (ASM) in 2019, other local credits include Rumors (ASM) and Godspell (SM). She has also been involved with productions of The Ringers of Eldritch and Rebel Without a Cause. By day (and sometimes by night), she is a marketing coordinator at BHDP Architecture in downtown Columbus, and shares her heart and home with her hot-mess of a pup, Ziga.



Jonathan Stewart (Accompanist) is back for his first show with Imagine Productions since last year's virtual Broadway Christmas Carol extravaganza. He is excited to be involved in an in-person show, with real people... for as long as it lasts! His last major in-person production with Imagine was Sister Act in 2017, where he served as Music Director. When not dashing from rehearsal to rehearsal, he teaches choir and music to middle schoolers in Groveport.



D.C. Simpson (Wig Mistress) is very excited to once again be working with Imagine Productions. Previous shows she's worked on include but are not limited to Carrie, Grease, and Hedwig and the Angry Inch. She feels Imagine is always up to something fun and if she can be a part of it that's even better! She hopes you enjoy the show and remember to always crisscross your bobby pins for added support!



Jackie Farbeann (Costumer) is no stranger to Imagine Productions. She has been a part of numerous productions and has previously served on the Board of Imagine Productions. She is excited to be apart of the First Date production team.



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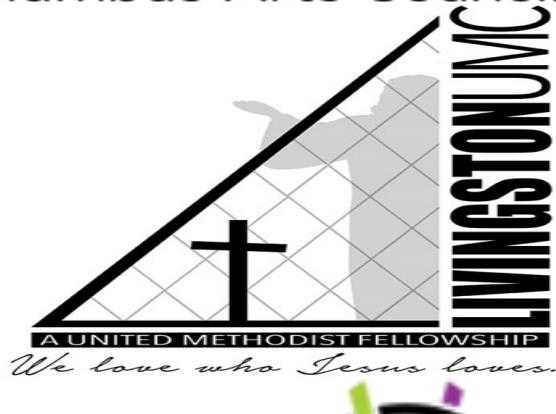
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