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Final Competition Program **April 23, 2018**

Welcome Remarks

Heather A. Hitchens
PRESIDENT AND CEO, AMERICAN THEATRE WING

Jane Chu
CHAIRMAN, THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

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FINALIST PERFORMANCES

Announcer: Janelle McDermoth

“Day Number One”

MUSIC & LYRICS BY DAVID VOLPINI

Mentored by Max Vernon

Directed by Anna Ebbesen

Performed by: Will Blum (vocals), Anna Ebbesen (piano), Justin Goldner (bass), Matt Hinkley (ukulele) Dillon Kondor (guitar), Marques Walls (drums)

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“Lucky”

MUSIC & LYRICS BY AARON RICHERT

Mentored by César Alvarez

Directed by Anna Ebbesen

Performed by: Clarke Thorell (vocals), Anna Ebbesen (piano), Justin Goldner (bass), Kiku Enomoto (violin), Dillon Kondor (guitar), Marques Walls (drums)

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“Ten Seconds to Infinity”

MUSIC & LYRICS BY ELIZA CORRINGTON & BRAXTON CARR

Mentored by Ty DeFoe and Tidtaya Sinutoke

Directed by Patrick Sulken

Performed by: Emily Ferranti and Jacob Keith Watson (vocals), Lou Garrett (guitar), Patrick Sulken (piano), Jerry DeVore (bass), Dan Berkery (drums), Steve Lyon (reeds), Jacob Yates (cello)

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“Caleb’s Confession”

MUSIC & LYRICS BY TUCKER DONELAN

Mentored by Shakina Nayfack

Directed by Patrick Sulken

Performed by: Jamie Cepero (vocals), Patrick Sulken (piano), Lou Garrett (guitar), Jerry DeVore (bass), Dan Berkery (drums), Steve Lyon (reeds), Alex Bender (trumpet)

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“Nothing at All”

MUSIC & LYRICS BY JILLIAN GUETERSLOH

Mentored by Anna K. Jacobs

Directed by Benjamin Rauhala

Performed by: Krystina Alabado (vocals), Benjamin Rauhala (piano), David Cinquegrana (guitar), Yair Evnine (cello), Sean Carney (violin)

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“If I Lie Here”

MUSIC & LYRICS BY FRITZ HAGER

Mentored by J.Oconer Navarro

Directed by Benjamin Rauhala

Performed by: Daniel Quadrino (vocals), Nicholas Oliveri, Sean Doherty, Rachel MacKenzie (ensemble), Benjamin Rauhala (piano), David Cinquegrana (guitar), Philip Coiro (drums), Yair Evnine (cello), Sean Carney (violin)

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JUDGES DELIBERATION & MENTOR PERFORMANCES

“Taking Off”

MUSIC BY ZOE SARNAK

LYRICS BY SHAKINA NAYFACK & ZOE SARNAK

Performed by: Shakina Nayfack (vocals), Jacob Yates (piano), Joe Wittman (guitar), and Dave LeBlanc (Cajon)

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“The Shirt Song”

MUSIC BY TIDTAYA SINUTOKE

LYRICS BY TY DEFOE

Performed by: Luke Zimmerman (vocals), Tidtaya Sinutoke (piano)–

“Do Right By You”

BOOK & LYRICS BY KELAY GIPSON

MUSIC & LYRICS BY J.OCONER NAVARRO

Performed by: Jay Reed (vocals), J.Oconer Navarro (piano)

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“Practically Impossible”

MUSIC & LYRICS BY CÉSAR ALVAREZ

Performed by: César Alvarez (guitar & vocals)

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“The Feeling of Free”

MUSIC & LYRICS BY ANNA K. JACOBS

Performed by: Stasi Berezovskaya, Lethabo Mofomme, and Felipe Joglar (vocals), Anna Ebbeson (piano)

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

First place - \$25,000 provided by the National Music Publishers Association

S.O.N.G.S. Foundation

Second place – \$10,000 provided by BMI

Third place - \$5,000 provided by the Entertainment Industry Foundation

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Press Representation

Special Thanks

The 2018 national reviewers, for sharing their expertise and time in reviewing this year's applicant pool:

Dave Clemmons, Ty Defoe, Karole Foreman, Joe Iconis, Melissa Li, Andrew Lippa, Corey Mitchell, Orlando Morales, Joel Perez, Tidtaya Sinutoke, Rachel Sussman, Ashley Tepper, Brisa Trincherro, Kara Unterberg, Max Vernon

Today's performers, for donating their time and talent to showcase the winners' work

The Flea, Niegel Smith and Carol Ostrow

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