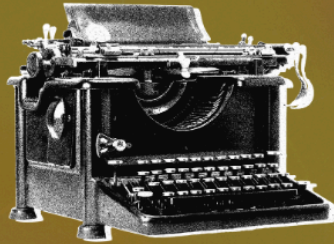


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Book by Danielle Moore
Music & Lyrics by
Zachary Sloan and Danielle Moore

BOLD
New Voices
Festival

Join us Sat. April 25, 2026
at 2 PM and 7:30 PM
at Creative Cauldron Stage
Directed by
Helen Hayes Award Nominee for
The Turn of The Screw
Matt Conner

All Tickets are FREE at:
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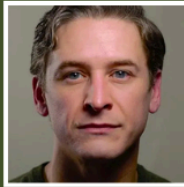


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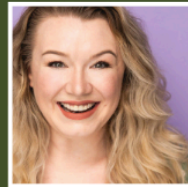
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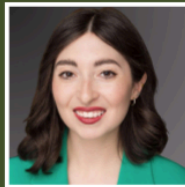
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Erin Granfield
(Hildy Johnson)



Zachary Sloan
(Music and Lyrics)



Danielle Moore
(Book, Music and Lyrics)



Matt Conner
(Director)



Zak Sadler
(Music Director)

Cast:

Erin Granfield (Hildy Johnson) is grateful to be back spotlighting new work for the musical theatre at Creative Cauldron Stage where she has performed in seven productions, five solo cabaret shows, and most recently, last summer's *An Evening with Jacques Brel*. Thanks to everyone at Creative Cauldron Stage, especially for championing new material.

Taylor Witt (Walter Burns) is a local performer that has worked with Arena Stage, Fords Theatre, Everyman Theatre, Signature Theatre, Olney Theatre, Studio Theatre, Keegan Theatre and others in the area.

Jarod Glou (Earl Williams/Gus/Pensioner) is ecstatic to be joining the Creative Cauldron family for the first time! As a performer, Jarod has appeared in over 25 productions. Some of his favorite past roles include *Dewey Finn (School of Rock, LTA)*, *Monty Navarro (A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, WOB)*, and *Mark Cohen (RENT, FTP)*. Up next, Jarod is directing *SpongeBob The Musical at Workhouse* before going back to LTA to direct *Catch Me If You Can*. Jarod is so grateful to his family, friends, and colleagues for their support.

Edima Essien (Winnie/Felix/Dancer/Dean) (she/her) is a DMV-based performer that has worked with Imagination Stage, Adventure Theatre, Next Stop Theatre Company, Round House Theatre, Kennedy Center, Constellation Theatre Company, and ArtsCentric in the local area. She'll be hitting the road this summer coming to an amusement park near you with Creative Streak Entertainment! UMD Theatre Alum, Matthew 5:16, @edimaessien

Anna Phillips-Brown (Molly Molloy/Doctor/Dancer/Idaho/Pettibone) is a local actor and voice teacher in the DC metro area. She has performed onstage at Toby's Dinner Theatre, Creative Cauldron, Keegan Theatre, Arena Stage, The Kennedy Center and more. In 2024 she was nominated for a Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Lead Performer in a Musical and is excited to bring this new show to life!

Dani Rizzo (Beatrice/Ernie/Diamond Louie/Parker) (she/her) is thrilled to be performing with Creative Cauldron for the first time. Recent credits include: *Debut! (54 Below)*, *Next to Normal (Iron Crow Theatre)*, and *Junie B. Jones (Way Off Broadway)*. Enjoy!

Sylvern Groomes (Bruce Baldwin/Mayor Tilley) is excited to share the story of His Girl Friday! He was last seen in the *ensemble of Black Bubbly Girl at Creative Cauldron*. Keep an eye out for what's next @luv2p3rform

Cristian Bustillos (Duffy/Bandleader/Randy/Sheriff) is excited to be back at Creative Cauldron for His Girl Friday, after previously appearing there as *Razu/ Aladdin u/s in Aladdin* and as *Male Swing in Snapshots*. He has also performed with many other theaters across the DMV area. He thanks the cast and crew, and his supportive friends and family.

Creative Team:

Danielle Moore (Book, Music/Lyrics) is so thrilled to return to Creative Cauldron's Bold New Voices Festival! Her Audrey Hepburn concept musical, *Audrey*, was a BNV regional premiere in 2023. A reading of her musical *Ink & Paint*, starring Sierra Boggess, Jason Gotay, and Gizel Jiménez, co-written with Marjorie Duffield, was recently produced at Roundabout Theatre Company's Steinberg Center for Theatre by Oscarnominated producer Peilin Chou (Netflix's *Over the Moon*) and Roundabout Leader for New Works Jeanne Hagerty. Member, BMI Musical Theater Workshop. www.danielleemore.com | IG: @danie.moore

Zachary Sloan (Music and Lyrics) is a multi-instrumentalist, composer and lyricist, and a music assistant for the New York City Center Youth Orchestra. Musicals: *The Time the Axeman Came to Town* (2024, Binghamton University); and *The Next Top Cryptid with Marshall Frey* (2025 Pocket Opera Project). Upcoming: *Astorville!* with Cameron Kolpak (June 2026 BerkleeNYC Writing and Production for Musical Theater Showcase at Power Station) and *His Girl Friday*, an adaptation of the 1940 film, with Danielle Moore. Zachary's music has been performed by Hub New Music, the Momenta Quartet, and the Society for New Music, and featured in songSLAM (National Sawdust). Instagram: @zachary_yale_sloan

Matt Conner (Director)

Matt is a veteran of DC area stages who has been with Creative Cauldron Stage for directing and composing original music for both professional and Learning Theater productions. His original works are produced across the country including locally at Signature Theatre. Matt directs and writes original works for the "Bold New Works" program. He is also a teaching artist for the Learning Theater program and Arts Adventure camps. Matt is currently nominated for a Helen Hayes Award for directing *The Turn of The Screw: The Musical*.

Zak Sandler (Music Director) is an actor, writer, and pianist. *He has played piano on Broadway for Wicked, Mean Girls, and The Color Purple.* He has music directed at the Kennedy Center, Signature Theatre, and Off-Broadway. He gives speeches and performs his one-man musical about his bipolar, *Inside My Head*, at schools. He gave a TED Talk in 2023 about the superpowers that can come with bipolar, autism, and ADHD. Please check out his podcast, *Insanely Talented*, which comes out May 21 and explores the link between neurodivergence and creativity. www.zaksandler.com IG: @bipolar_broadway