Calliope Productions 2005 Season

Build Me A Bridge

~ A Musical Revue by Charles Miller and Kevin Hammonds

Conceived and originally directed by FENTON GRAY. Presented by arrangement with The Co-Active Music Factory

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PROGRAM NOTES

Calliope Productions is proud to present the regional premiere of *Build Me A Bridge*, a musical revue celebrating the songs of London composer Charles Miller and New York lyricist Kevin Hammonds.

Build Me A Bridge was originally conceived by Fenton Gray of London's Co-Active Music Factory and had its New York City premiere in 2002 at Don't Tell Mama. Calliope is the first American theatre outside of New York City to stage this show.

The collaborative efforts of Charles Miller and Kevin Hammonds began in 1999 and include a number of musicals that have been produced in London and the United States: *Brenda Bly: Teen Detective, Hope, When Midnight Strikes, No One In The World, Cabin Fever*, and *Mr. Christmas*.

Prior to his collaboration with Charles Miller, Kevin Hammonds' original musical comedy *Men: The Musical!* was a great hit in both New York and Edinburgh, Scotland. Kevin has also authored several plays, including *The Balsamo Family Trilogy*, *Heads Up*, *December Moon*, *Piece of Cake* and *Board Stiff*.

Charles Miller is also a highly respected arranger, vocal coach, accompanist, and musical director. Additional musicals that he has written include *Theatrical Love*, *Anthology*, *Breath of Life*, *The Borrowers*, and a musical adaptation of Oscar Wilde's *The Canterville Ghost*.

The central theme of *Build Me A Bridge* is "making connections" - with each song serving as an independent individual statement about the universal human condition. Poignant, sometimes heartbreaking, and sometimes humorous, the songs focus primarily on realized and un-realized human expectations and on the importance of creating interpersonal bridges in one's life.

Appearing in the cast are several veteran Calliope performers. Bill Condon started his connection with Calliope in our 1983 production of *The Fantasticks*. Erica Dustin and Grace Sumner are both alumnae of Calliope's Youth Theatre program. Erica also appeared in Calliope's productions of *Scrooge* and *Jerry's Girls*. Grace returned to Calliope's stage in last year's production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Michelle Magulies made her Calliope debut in last December's production of *Nuncrackers*. Dave Ludt is a co-founder of Calliope, and has produced all, directed some, and performed in most of Calliope's 121 main-stage productions

Paul Buono is making his Calliope debut as musical director with **Build Me A Bridge**. Paul will also be music director for this summer's teen production of **Fame**.

Our presentation of this show continues Calliope's tradition of staging regional premieres for our audiences - productions which have included the musicals *Jerome Kern Goes to Hollywood*, *To Whom It May Concern*, *Romance/Romance*, and *Too Marvelous for Words*, and the plays *Touch and Go*, *Look Who's Talking*, *Deadly Nightcap*, and our most recent production of *Let It Be Me*.



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Build Me A Bridge

A Musical Revue

Charles Miller

Lyrics by

Kevin Hammonds

Directed by Dave Ludt

Musical Direction by Paul Buono

Choreographed by Lisa Hughes

Cast

Bill Condon Erica Dustin Dave Ludt Michelle Margulies Grace Sumner

This Production is presented through Special Arrangements with the Co-Active Music Factory, London.

Production Staff

Producer	Dave Ludt
Director	Dave Ludt
Musical Director / Pianist	
Choreographer	Lisa Hughes
Set	Dave Ludt
Lighting	Derek Broszeit

Box Office Karen Josbacher

Musical Numbers Act 1

Build Me A Bridge	All
Broadway	Erica
A Girl of Few Words	Michelle
Sixteen Bars	All
Bad Reviews Blues	Grace
I've Got People	Bill & All
Sweet Young Thing	Michelle
What Do I Do Now?	Dave & Grace
A Lovely Little Mess	Erica
You Know How to Love Me	Michelle
Like Father, Like Son	Dave
He Wasn't You	Grace
Can You Imagine	All

Act 2

Men	Women
Stu	Women
Party Conversation	Michelle & Dave
Find Me That Man	Bill & Grace
The Greatest Show on Earth	Erica
Like a Thief in the Night	Bill & Michelle
I Never Learned to Type	Grace
Let Me Inside	Michelle
Sail Me There	Bill
Christmas in New York	All
I Can See It Now	All
Build Me A Bridge (reprise)*	All

^{*} arranged by Bill Condon

Best Wishes TO Calliope Productions FOR A Successful 2005 Performance Season!



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