



SPOTLIGHT
ON
BROADWAY

artistic director
Matthew Fell

The Grand Theater, 2665 Mission St. SF, May 17th at 5:00 PM





Welcome to *Spotlight on Broadway!*

Dear Friends,

It is with tremendous pride and joy that I welcome you to our 10th Anniversary Spotlight Concert. This is my first season as Artistic Director, and I could not imagine a more thrilling way to celebrate than with you tonight, surrounded by this extraordinary band and community.

To the SF Pride Concert Band: thank you for your warmth, your musicianship, and your excellence. You are the heart of this organization. To our vocal soloists—Leanne Borghesi, Donna Sachet, and Jae Truesdell—your artistry and generosity have elevated this concert immeasurably. Thank you.

Tonight's program celebrates Broadway's queer legacy, from defiant anthems to tender reclamation. You'll hear works by gay and trans creators, including a very special moment: "Proud of Your Boy" from *Aladdin*, written by Howard Ashman, a gay man whose lyrics were later weaponized by hate. Tonight, we give it back to love.

To everyone in the audience: thank you for being here. Your presence matters. Your generosity tonight—through ticket purchases, the silent auction, and the live auction—directly supports our mission of creating brave spaces through music. You are not just spectators; you are partners in this work.

Welcome. Be moved. Be proud. And thank you for helping us make music that matters.

With gratitude,



Matthew Fell
Artistic Director, Concert Band
San Francisco Pride Band



Act I

🎵 = Audience Sing-Along

Concert Prelude
by Alex Cap

Cabaret Medley
from *Cabaret*, by John Kander & Fred Ebb, arr. Ted Parson

What Is This Feeling?
from *Wicked*, by Stephen Schwartz, arr. Tabitha Butler

I Dreamed a Dream
from *Les Misérables*, by Claude-Michel Schönberg &
Herbert Kretzmer, arr. Michael Brown

🎵 **ABBA Gold**
from *Mamma Mia!*, by Benny Andersson &
Björn Ulvaeus, arr. Ron Sebregts

Sponsored by Todd Pope

"For Ramey, my dancing queen. I love making music
with you!"

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Act II

West Side Story Selections

from *West Side Story* by Leonard Bernstein, arr. Jay Bocook

Empty Chairs at Empty Tables/ I Am What I Am

from *Les Misérables*, by Claude-Michel Schönberg & Herbert Kretzmer
from *La Cage aux Folles* by Jerry Herman, arr. Wayne Love

Sponsored by Patrice Mustaafaa

To My first and greatest Band Family Love, San Francisco Pride Band.

I carry you always in my heart. Miss you always.

Proud of Your Boy

from *Aladdin*, by Alan Menken, Howard Ashman, arr. Daniel Moretti

♪ Six

from *Six: The Musical*, by Toby Marlow, Lucy Moss,
arr. by Thibaut Bruniaux

Sponsored by Mike Mehr

"Hugo, you've made it so wonderful! Happy Sixth! - Love, Mike"

♪ Do Re Mi

from *The Sound of Music*, by Richard Rogers, Oscar Hammerstein II,
arr. Roger Emerson (with guest conductor)

♪ You Can't Stop the Beat

from *Hairspray*, by Marc Shaiman, Scott Wittman,
arr. Ted Ricketts



Matthew Fell



Artistic Director, Concert Band

Appointed Artistic Director of the Concert Band of the San Francisco Pride Band in 2026, Matthew Fell is an accomplished educator and conductor dedicated to transformative musical experiences. He holds degrees in Music Education and Trombone Performance from BIOLA University and a master's in Instrumental Conducting from the American Band College at Sam Houston State University. Guided by a philosophy that balances technical excellence with personal growth, Mr. Fell fosters community, confidence, and joy in music-making for performers of all levels.

Leanne Borghesi



Cohost of *Spotlight on Broadway*

Leanne Borghesi is a dynamic New York/San Francisco performer known for her brassy vocals, sharp comedy, and electrifying stage presence. Over the past two decades, she has appeared in concert halls, theaters, films, and acclaimed original cabaret shows including *Showroads*, *Mood Swings*, and *Borghesi's Back!*, which earned her the 2022 MAC Award for Best Musical Comedy Performer. A frequent collaborator with the San Francisco Pride Band, Leanne has performed at numerous *Spotlight* concerts, fundraisers, and the Pink Triangle Dedication for the past decade.

Cohost of *Spotlight on Broadway*

Donna Sachet is thrilled to rejoin the Band for *Spotlight on Broadway*! A San Francisco icon for 30 years, Donna has dedicated her talents as a singer, emcee, producer, fundraiser, and activist to the LGBTQ+ community. The 30th elected Empress of San Francisco, she has performed internationally and throughout the Bay Area, including singing the National Anthem for the SF Giants in 2009. Donna also co-anchored SF Pride coverage for over 15 years and currently writes *Donna's Chronicles* for the Bay Times while serving as President of the Rainbow Honor Walk Board.

Donna Sachet



Featured Vocalist

Oakland-based vocalist Jae Truesdell, originally from Indianapolis, is known for a warm, intimate sound and emotionally resonant jazz interpretations rooted in authentic connection. Influenced by Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Anita O'Day, and Samara Joy, Jae brings nuance and vulnerability to every performance, from Bay Area piano bars and queer venues to stages with San Francisco's LGBTQ+ big band, *The Super Super*, where they've performed since 2022. Offstage, Jae works as a Peer Support Specialist in mental health rehabilitation, modeling recovery and resilience. They live in East Oakland with their husband, trumpeter Marek Szeszycki, and their dog, Airis.

Jae Truesdell





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Flute

Taka Aoki
Ihlara Gray
Eric Hunter
Ruth Keys
Rae Liu
Chloe Mussano-Parini
Tony Sayegh
Syd Smith
Julie Williamson
Mako Yamaguchi

Oboe

Chris Hewes
Ben Loda
Keith Sklower

Clarinet

Eric James
Doug Litwin
Ald Matias
Matthew McLaughlin
Sian McMillen
Theo Morgan
Truc Anh Nguyen
Cristina Perez
Todd Pope
Christian Ventocilla

Bass Clarinet

Jordan Wallace

Bassoon

Bethany Frank
Jimmy Santosa

Alto Saxophone

Guy Danus
Adam Farchone
Ian Hart
Brandon Moss
Magda Szymanska

Tenor

Saxophone
Pedro Acevedo
Marianne Barlow
Chris Branco
Rene Caparros
Phil Kunkel

Baritone

Saxophone
Vi Le
Joe Mussano-Parini

Horn

Kathleen Flanagan
Haymar Lim
Alex Martinez-
Arroyo
Victor Ortiz
Jonathan Young

Trumpet

Jessica Behl
Stephanie Cornwell
Larry Hetrick
Lex McGowen
Ginnie Padgett
John Roy
Marek Szeszycki
Randy Taylor

Trombone

Jared Foelsch
Jordan Lee
Gretchen Schuessler

Bass Trombone

Nina Levine

Euphonium

Dieter Hellmoldt
Heather Samuels
Adam Sharma
Brian Trimboli

Tuba

Ted Alper
Mike Gomez
Michael L. Mehr

Percussion

Sherry A. Raley
Sam Bowman
Varun Saini
Valentine O'Leary
Guy Danus
Chris Hewes



Production

Producer
Sara Harris

Band Setup
Taka Aoki

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Jho

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& Processing**
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**Artistic Director,
Marching & Pep**
Mike Wong

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Upcoming Events

Harvey Milk Day

Friday, May 22 at 5pm

Pink Triangle Commemoration

Saturday, June 6 at 10:30am

Pep Band Pride Concert

Saturday, June 13 at 4pm

Trans March

Friday, June 26 at 6pm

Dyke March

Saturday, June 27 at 5pm

San Francisco Pride Parade

Sunday, June 28 at 10:30am





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