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Theatreworks/USA
Barbara Pasternack
Artistic Director
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Presents
CORDUROY

Based on the book Corduroy by Don Freeman

Book by Cusi Cram
Music and Lyrics by Scott Davenport Richards
Directed by Wilfredo Medina
Choreographed by Tanya Gibson-Clark
Music Direction by Gillian Berkowitz
Orchestrations by Scott Davenport Richards
Scenic Design by Luke Hegel-Cantarella
Costume Design by Martha Bromelmeier
Stage Manager – Timothy P. Debo

CAST
(alphabetical by role)

Robert Rivera
Juson Williams
Amanda-Mae Goodridge
Carey Brown
Jennifer Jade Ledesna
Jasmin Norwood

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ROBERT RIVERA (Corduroy/Fred) Recent BFA Acting graduate of Montclair State University. Credits include La Cage aux Folles (Jacob) with The Arts Trust, Charlie Brown (Snoopy) with Brook Arts Center, The Snow Queen (Kai) with SAIL, Life on Earth and Stars of Summer with Paper Mill Playhouse, Balm in Gilead (Fick), and Angels in America (Roy Cohn) with MSU.

JUSON WILLIAMS (Jeff/Ben) A native New Yorker whose favorite roles and credits include: Danny Zuko in the Broadway revival workshop of Grease, Smokey Joe’s Café with Gladys Knight, and Cinderella with Eartha Kitt. He’s also worked with Britney Spears, N’Sync, and DMX. Juson will record an album that he hopes is a success.

AMANDA-MAE GOODRIDGE (Josie/Lucille/Miss O’Hare) hails from a small country town in western New York without local theatre. She’s excited to be working with TheatreworksUSA, who’s known for bringing theatre to children without other theatrical resources. A NYU Tisch Drama graduate (’02). Some of her favorite credits include Snoopy/Charlie Brown, Rosie/Really Rosie, and the Blues Singer/Barnum.

CAREY BROWN (Lisa) was last seen in the Papermill Playhouse production of The Sound of Music starring Robert Cuccioli. A recent graduate of The Hartt School, some of her favorite roles include Anita (West Side Story), Polly Peachum (The Threepenny Opera), and Sarah (Ragtime). Carey would like to dedicate this performance to her sister, Makeda.

JENNIFER JADE LEDESNA (May/Eddie), a Bronx, NY native, is an alumnus of The New School University Jazz Conservatory and of the LaGuardia High School of Performing Arts. Some of her previous roles include: Dorothy (The Wiz), Julie Jordan (Carousel), and Maria (West Side Story). This past summer, Jennifer toured Salvador da Bahia, Brazil with her jazz quartet.

JASMIN NORWOOD (Regina) BFA in Musical Theatre from Ithaca College. Happy to join TheatreworksUSA for first tour. Best wishes to Wilfredo and the cast. Thanks to Gay Norwood, the best mom and best friend a girl could have.

WILFREDO MEDINA (Director) The Bubbly Black Girl Sheds Her Chameleon Skin (Best Director, 2001 Drama Desk & Audelco Award Nominee), Playwright’s Horizons; 4 Guys Named Jose y una mujer named Maria (workshop); Rumplestiltskin by Kirsten Childs for the American Songbook Series at Lincoln Center. Is co-Artistic director of The Family Life Theatre for which he directed the 1999 Emmy Award winning “Talking Back” for ABC-TV as well as segments on The ABC Afterschool Special and “Saving our Children”, a Houston Film Festival Award winning industrial film with Oprah Winfrey.
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