# HITSBILL



July 19th @ 11:00 a.m. July 20th @ 2:30 p.m.

HITS Theatre 311 W. 18th Street, Houston, TX 77008



presents



Book and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens Music by Stephen Flaherty

Director **DENNIS ARROWSMITH** 

Music Director **KYLE KINDRED** 

Choreographer **DANA LEWIS** 

Stage Manager & Props Designer KAREN CLAYTON

Costume Designer
CARDERO BERRYMAN

Scenic Designer **KYLE MOORE** 

Assistant Costume Designer ASHLEY SHAUNTE

Lighting Designer
ANNA VAN VLEET

## **CAST**

Zoe SalasTi Moune
Sarah KatzLittle Girl
Kamorrah SavageMama Euralie
Moses GreerTonton Julian
Emilia MenendezAsaka
Emma ParkerAgwe
Claire WoodruffErzulie
Ja'Sean SparksPapa Ge
Kate LiuStoryteller
Joseph RoviraStoryteller
Celina HwangStoryteller
Henry WelchStoryteller
Teddy BenskinVillager
Caroline BraunerVillager
Frances MenendezVillager
Lily OsborneVillager
Reina TalamantezVillager
Mili SubramanianVillager
Nicholas GarzaVillager
Jonah RedaDaniel
Leela SubramanianAndrea
Dylan GarzaDaniel's Father
Brian Santesteban
Adelaide NelsonGatekeeper
Emily WinkleyGrands Hommes
Ariana Bell-MartinezGrands Hommes
Jazzlyn TalamantezGrands Hommes
Annabelle SiesennopGrands Hommes



Adelaide Nelson



Annabelle Siesennop



Ariana Bell-Martinez



Brian Santesteban



Caroline Brauner



Celina Hwang



Claire Woodruff



Dylan Garza



Emilia Menendez



Emily Winkley



Emma Parker



Frances Menendez



Henry Welch



Ja'Sean Sparks



Jazzlyn Talamantez



Jonah Reda



Joseph Rovira



Kamorrah Savage



Kate Liu



Leela Subramanian



#### **SYNOPSIS**

With its poignant story and catchy Caribbean-flavored score, Once on This Island is a highly original theatrical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's popular fairy tale, The Little Mermaid, from the Tony-award winning writing team, Ahrens and Flaherty (Ragtime, Seussical).

Through almost non-stop song and dance, this full-hearted musical tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest that will test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and even death.

### **SONGLIST**

Prologue/We Dance	Full Company
One Small GirlMama I	Euralie, Tonton Julian and Storytellers
Waiting for Life	Ti Moune and Villagers
And the Gods Heard Her Prayer	The Gods
Rain	Agwe and Company
Discovering Daniel	TiMoune
PrayMama Euralie, TiMoun	e, Tonton Julian, Gate Keeper, Villagers
Forever Yours	Ti Moune, Daniel, Papa Ge
TiMoune	Mama Euralie, Tonton Julian, Ti Moune
Mama Will Provide	Asaka and Company
The Human Heart	Erzulie and Company
Pray Reprise	Gossipers
	Storytellers and Gram Hommes
TiMoune's Dance	Ti Moune
Andrea Sequence	Andrea
Promises/Forever Yours Reprise.	Papa Ge, Ti Moune, and Erzulie
Wedding Sequence	Erzulie
A Part of Us	Mama Erulie, Tonton Julian, Little Girl
Why We Tell the Story	Full Company
Bows	Full Company



Videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

#### **CREATIVE & PRODUCTION TEAM**

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MUSIC DIRECTOR	KYLE KINDRED
CHOREOGRAPHER	DANA LEWIS
STAGE MANAGER	KAREN CLAYTON
SCENIC DESIGNER	KYLE MOORE
COSTUME DESIGNER	CARDERO BERRYMAN
ASST. COSTUME DESIGNER	ASHLEY SHAUNTE
LIGHTING DESIGNER	ANNA VAN VLEET
PROPS DESIGNER	KAREN CLAYTON
SCENIC CARPENTERKYLE	E MOORE, SHAWN HYDER
SCENIC ARTIST	KARIS COX
AUDIO ENGINEER	J SALAZAR
LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR	ANNA VAN VLEET
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR	J SALAZAR
PLAYBILL/GRAPHIC DESIGNER	JANESSA A. HARRIS
& DENNIS ARROWSMITH	

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HITS THEATRE ENGAGES STUDENT CREATORS BY PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL THEATRICAL AND ARTISTIC TRAINING AS THEY FIND THEIR OWN UNIQUE VOICES THROUGH ACTING, SINGING, DANCE, AND PRODUCTION. WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE, INCLUSIVE, AND DIVERSE ENVIRONMENT THAT ALLOWS ALL STUDENTS, REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL MEANS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONE THEIR GIFTS IN A NURTURING COMMUNITY THAT **FOSTERS CREATIVITY, CONFIDENCE, COLLABORATION, AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL** LEARNING ON AND OFF THE STAGE.



# THINGS ARE RARELY WHAT THEY SEEM...

HITS Theatre proudly presents a madcap season of TOPSY TURVY spanning Fall 2025 – Spring 2026. Things are rarely what they seem, and identity can be flipped on its head. Journey to Wonderland, Agrabah, Outer Space and Far, Far Away. Early bird pricing for Fall runs through July 21. Winter and Spring registration opens October 1

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# TEEN EDITION

This intriguing and beautiful folk opera delivers a deeply resonant and defiantly hopeful theatrical experience. Following two intertwining love stories – that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of immortal King Hades and lady Persephone – Hadestown invites audiences on a hell-raising journey to the underworld and back. Inspired by traditions of classic American folk music and vintage New Orleans jazz, Mitchell's beguiling sung-through musical pits industry against nature, doubt against faith, and

fear against love





# Claire

CLAIRE, WE'RE SO EXCITED TO SEE YOU PERFORM
AS ERZULIE IN ONCE ON THIS ISLAND! IT
MAKES US SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU DOING
SOMETHING YOU LOVE!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE, MOM, DAD, LUKE, MUM MUM, AND
PAPA



# Ja'Sean

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JA'SEAN, IN YOUR DEBUT
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# donah

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