**Director’s Notes**

In the spring of 2018, Michael Rubinoff paired two extraordinary writers, Daniel Abrahamson and Ashley Botting, and got them to start work on a new musical comedy about the first citizens of Mars. An unlikely subject for a musical perhaps, but Michael has a wonderful knack for knowing what’s going to be special. When he asked me to join the team, I was thrilled, and as the creative team has grown to include Kayla and Chris, I still feel that way two years later. Working on a new musical is the most collaborative of efforts, and Ashley and Dan have been incredibly generous with their talents every step of the way. As we continue to move forward in the creation of the show, we have been blessed with a cast of extraordinarily gifted young actors, who remind me every day with their enthusiasm and passion what it means to be an artist. The future of the theatre is in good hands with the Sheridan graduating class of 2020. The incredible talent of the technical crew at Sheridan has been world-class, and they too, have added so much to what you will see tonight. *The Stars of Mars* is one of the funniest, sweetest, and most loving shows I have ever been a part of, and we have all had so much fun over the past five weeks making this wonderful musical. Now we invite you, the audience to be the next piece of the puzzle. Thank you for supporting new Canadian Musicals, we are all so excited to have you here. Get ready for takeoff, and welcome to Mars!!

Steven Gallager

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**Musical Numbers**

**ACT I:**

*I’m Gonna Go* .......... Allison, Meryl, McCoy, Talon, Full Company
*Mars Sure Sucks* ........ Heather, Full Company
*Place In The Stars* ...... Heather
*Fix* ............................ Allison
*Let’s Put on a Show* .... Meryl, Leslie, Cooper, Kate, Hendricks, Mutt & Full Company
*Fix* (reprise) ............ Heather
*Gravity* ...................... Allison, McCoy
*Teenage Martian* ...... Heather
*World’s Apart* .......... Full Company

**ACT II:**

*What’re You Gonna Do?* ........ Heather, Allison, Full Company
*Chart Your Own Course* ...... Meryl
*Other People* ................ Kate, Andy, Mutt
*Do Better* .................... Allison, Heather
*People Need a Home* ........ McCoy
*Imperfect World* .......... Full Company
*Right Here* .................. Heather
*Remember Earth* .......... Full Company

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**CAST** in alphabetical order

Callum Challis.................... Ensemble
Izaha Cochran.................... Mutt
Dakota Duguid.................... Kate
Zoe Fiddes......................... Dr. Cooper
Dylan Hausdorff................... Ensemble
Aveleigh Keller................... Heather
Taran Kim......................... Andy
Germaine Konji.................... Meryl
Maria Krotiris..................... Ensemble
Emily Masurkevitch.............. Allison
Krizia Natale...................... Ensemble
Olivia Shad....................... Leslie
Nicole Sherwin................... Ensemble
Ben Skipper....................... Hendricks
Keenan Smits.................... McCoy
Ryley Tennant.................... Ensemble
Alex Wierzbicki.................. Gregory
Luke Wiggins..................... Talon

Assistant Director: Maria Krotiris
Assistant Choreographer: Taran Kim

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THE STARS OF MARS

Book and Lyrics by  Ashley Botting
Music and Lyrics by  Daniel Abrahamson

Director:  Steven Gallagher*
Music Director:  Christopher Tsujiuchi
Choreographer:  Kayla James*
Set Co-Designers:  Denise Lisson & Ryan Beale
Props Designer:  Steve Mazza
Costume Designer:  Katrina Carrier
Lighting & Projection Designer:  Ryan Young

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Michael Rubinoff, Producing Artistic Director

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