

Musical Numbers

Act One

Opening (Everybody's Got the Right).....Company

The Ballad of BoothThe Balladeer and Booth

How I Saved RooseveltZangara and Bystanders

Gun SongCzolgosz, Booth, Guiteau and Moore

The Ballad of Czolgosz.....The Balladeer and Bystanders

Unworthy Of Your Love.....Hinckley and Fromme

The Ballad of GuiteauGuiteau and The Balladeer

Another National AnthemThe Assassins and The Balladeer

Scene 16.....The Assassins

Something Just Broke.....The Bystanders

Everybody's Got the Right.....Company

Historical Note:

JOHN WILKES BOOTH assassinated President Abraham Lincoln
April 15, 1865

CHARLES GUITEAU assassinated President James Garfield
July 2, 1881 (died Sept 19, 1881)

LEON CZOLGOSZ assassinated President William McKinley
September 6, 1901 (died Sept. 14, 1901)

GIUSEPPE ZANGARA shot Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak in an attempt on
President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt – February 15, 1933

LEE HARVEY OSWALD assassinated President John F. Kennedy
November 22, 1963

SAMUEL BYCK attempted to hijack a 747 plane to fly into the White House to
assassinate President Richard Nixon – February 22, 1974

LYNETTE “SQUEAKY” FROMME attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford
September 5, 1975

SARA JANE MOORE attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford
September 22, 1975

JOHN HINCKLEY shot President Ronald Reagan
March 30, 1981

Technical Crew

Stage ManagerAndrea Harrington

Assistant Stage ManagerCarrie MacMunn

Audio Crew.....David Corbacio, Sashin Naidu

Carpentry CrewMarc Benson, Andrew Dearden,
Lawrence Glover, Jacob Gow,
Katie Miller, Jenna Purnell,
Luka Trifunovic, Eric Wellman

Head ElectricianJohn Page

Lighting Crew.....Esther Brown, Matthew Cochrane,
Andrew McGowan, Stephanie Tucker,
James Walsh

Properties CrewCristin Barr, Matthew Leckie,
Katrina McPhee, Leigh Rawlins,
Jessica Richard, Katrina Sorg,
Bernadette Sperando Gall,
Jayda Woods

Scenic Paint CrewBreanna Baker, Russell Benoit,
Luke Dobson, Hannah Gordon,
Shakira Kissoon, Adriana Marchi,
Erikka Rombough

Wardrobe CrewLeona Czaplinska, Monika Dembowy,
Alana Freistadt, Jonathan Grosz,
Caroline Hunt, Nancy Kapodistrias,
Jessica McRandall, Chelsea Reinders,
Ellen Roach

Production Assistants.....Sydney Collet, Nick Matthews

Technical AssistantsCedric Daros, Eric Roberto

Running Crew

Lighting Board Operator.....John Page

Audio Playback.....David Corbacio

Stage CrewEsther Brown

DresserAlana Freistadt

Dialect Coach.....Meredith Scott



THEATRE SHERIDAN PRESENTS

Assassins

February 17 - 26, 2011

Music and Lyrics by **STEPHEN SONDHEIM**

Book by **JOHN WEIDMAN**

ASSASSINS is based on an idea by **CHARLES GILBERT, JR.**

Playwrights Horizons, Inc. – New York City

Produced ASSASSINS Off-Broadway in 1990

Director **TRICIA LACKEY**

Musical Director / Pianist **CRAIG FAIR**

Choreographer **ANTHONY MACPHERSON**

Set Designer **DENISE LISSON**

Costume Designer **BARBARA ROWE**

Lighting Designer **MAGI OMAN**

Second Pianist **DONNA GARNER**

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Director's Notes

In a chance meeting last fall in Bloor West Village, Debra Monk, the original Sara Jane Moore Off-Broadway, recalled to me the experience of a press conference when **Assassins** first opened in 1990. The press lambasted Stephen Sondheim for “glorifying the assassinations of American Presidents,” and Sondheim was crushed at the perception of his show. Not surprising, considering at the time his country was going into the Gulf War to fight yet again for the rights & freedoms of those dominated by tyranny. Yes, **Assassins** gives us a look at the nine assassins from John Wilkes Booth to John Hinckley with humour and empathy, but Sondheim and librettist John Weidman make sure the Balladeer is always there to remind us that “angry men don’t write the rules, and guns don’t right the wrongs.” Even after the Balladeer disappears, we hear a song from the Bystanders: a lamentation that reminds us that the assassins are not the only people whose stories are to be told.

This show is not about glorifying the act of assassination. It is about realizing the American Dream, and these nine men and women who went to the ultimate extreme in chasing it. They defend their acts by saying they are entitled to the pursuit of liberty and happiness, and the writers never say whether they were right or wrong, instead placing the show quite literally in Limbo, between Heaven and Hell, where the jury is still out. Here, the nine of them tell their stories. They search for connection and a sense that they are not freaks or footnotes in the history books, but instead symbols of change, freedom and legacy.

It is our great fortune to explore the concepts of **Assassins** in this company. My thanks to all those at Theatre Sheridan for allowing our cast and creative team to delve into the complicated, rich histories of these people, and to the actors who fearlessly leapt at the dark and wonderful discoveries in this material.

~ Tricia Lackey ~

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Cast of Characters

The Balladeer / Lee Harvey Oswald	Alexander Braatz
Leon Czolgosz	Nathan Leung
John Hinckley	Matthew Villemaire
Charles Guiteau	Ian Cheverie
Giuseppe Zangara	Ryan Brown
Samuel Byck	Sam DiGiuseppe
Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme.....	Kelly McNamee
Sara Jane Moore.....	Aly Workman
John Wilkes Booth.....	Nick Nesbitt
The Proprietor.....	Jacob MacInnis
Herold / Bystander	Constant Bernard
Bartender / Bystander	Sean Cage
Emma Goldman / Bystander.....	Laurel Denning
James Garfield / Bystander	Michael Cox
Gerald Ford / Bystander	Amir Haidar
Housewife / Bystander	Myriam Brousseau
Bystander.....	Kylie McMahon *
Bystander.....	Stephanie Schmid
Bystander.....	Alyssa Reeve **
Bystander	Samantha Piper
Bystander	Chad Trembley
Boy / Bystander.....	Kieran McNally Kennedy

* Assistant Director

** Dance Captain

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Cast Photos



AMIR
HAIDAR



RYAN
BROWN



NATHAN
LEUNG



KIERAN
MCNALLY-KENNEDY



MATTHEW
VILLEMAIRE



CONSTANT
BERNARD



SEAN
CAGE



JACOB
MACINNIS



NICK
NESBITT



ALY
WORKMAN



AL
BRAATZ



IAN
CHEVERIE



KELLY
MCNAMEE



SAMANTHA
PIPER



MYRIAM
BROUSSEAU



SAM
DI GIUSEPPE



KYLIE
MCMAHON



ALYSSA
REEVE