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The Ugly Duckling

In an age when technology seems to provide many distractions, Lightwire Theater brings the classic tale of *The Ugly Duckling* to the modern stage in an unforgettable theatrical experience. Hans Christian Anderson's *The Ugly Duckling* is a wonderful story celebrating differences.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Ian Carney
Corbin Popp

MANAGING DIRECTOR & CO-CREATOR

Eleanor Carney &

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Jay Weigel

Ian Carney **CAST** Tierney Lawson

Eleanor Carney Shannon Lawson

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Barry Mendelson

SPECIAL THANKS to THE DETROIT MUSIC HALL

THE CAST

IAN CARNEY (*Artistic Director, Ensemble*) is best known for his long run in Billy Joel and Twyla Tharp's musical, *Movin' Out* on Broadway. Born in New Hampshire and raised in New Orleans, he started dancing as a child, studying Ballet in New Orleans and in New York City. He danced lead roles in *The Nutcracker*, *Sleeping Beauty* and many other Ballets. He has been a guest dancer, teacher and choreographer in companies across the United States. While still performing, Ian earned a degree in English Literature from Tulane University. He is the co-creator of the family shows that continue to delight audiences around the world - *Dino-Light*, *The Ugly Duckling*, *Lightwire the Show*, *A Very Electric Christmas* and *The Tortoise and Hare the Next Generation*. Ian has appeared on television with Lightwire Theater on *America's Got Talent*, *Game of Talents*, Italy's *Tu si Que Vales*, TF1's *The Best Show in France* and as the 2014 winner of Tru TV's *Fake Off*.

ELEANOR B. CARNEY (*Managing Director, Ensemble*) Originally from New Orleans, Eleanor began her dance training with Harvey Hysell and Joseph Giacobbe. She graduated from Southern Methodist University with a B.F.A. in Dance and a B.A. in Anthropology. She has danced professionally with Indianapolis Ballet Theater, the Lexington Ballet, Northwest Florida Ballet, Delta Festival and Montgomery Ballet. Career highlights include dancing Aurora in *Sleeping Beauty*, Desdemona in *The Moor's Pavane*, the title roles in *Romeo and Juliet*, *Cinderella*, *Giselle* and *Coppelia* and, of course, the Sugarplum Fairy in *The Nutcracker*. Mrs. Carney is delighted to have appeared with Lightwire Theater on *America's Got Talent*, Italy's hit show *Tu si Que Vales*, *Game of Talents*, *The Best* on TF1 and as the 2014 winner of Tru TV's *Fake Off*. She is eternally grateful to work besides her husband, Ian, and share their art with the world.

CORBIN POPP (*Co-Creator, Technical Supervisor*) is from Lincoln, Nebraska. He earned a degree in biochemistry at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, while also studying math, physics and dance. Opting for dance, Corbin performed in *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Billy Joel* and Twyla Tharp's *Movin' Out* on Broadway. He has toured throughout the United States with many shows and all over Europe with Tharp's dance company. Corbin speaks German, studied in Germany on a Fulbright scholarship and recently graduated from dental school, yet still continues to perform and collaborate with Lightwire Theater.

THE CAST – CONTINUED

Tierney Lawson (*Ensemble*) Tierney has been part of the Lightwire Family since 2009 and is thrilled to be back with her favorite humans and creatures to revive her original role as Ugly in *The Ugly Duckling!* After several seasons traveling the world with Lightwire, she decided to settle down in Southern California, where she continues to pursue her love of storytelling as a means of connection, art, and the magic that can be created with whatever materials are available and a bit of imagination. Tierney is so grateful to Ian and Eleanor, and the growing community of Lightwire performers and fans, for affording her so many opportunities to create, explore, learn, and grow.

Shannon Lawson (*Ensemble*) is an Electrician from Southern California. He Served as a Damage Controlman in the United States Coast Guard and was on the Maiden voyage of USCGC Healy, an Icebreaker, which is the Coast Guards largest and most technically advanced vessel. After serving in the coast guard, he went to school for art and graphic design and where he obtained a Degree in Visual Communication. As an Eagle Scout, Damage Controlman, electrician, and husband, Shannon always prioritizes safety, service, hard work, and kindness. His favorite dinosaur is the stegosaurus and has a soft spot for octopuses, lizards, and tidepools. In his spare time, he loves playing bass, making art, and hanging outside by a bonfire with his family and friends. He currently lives with his wife, two tortoises and geriatric pit bull in Southern California Wine Country. Shannon is stoked to be Mother Duck and perform with his wife and the talented, wonderful humans of Lightwire Theater.

Lightwire Theater has been featured on *Game of Talents*, Italy's *Tu Si Que Vales*, as the winner of *Tru TV's Fake Off (Season One)*, semi-finalists on *America's Got Talent (Season 7)* and as finalist on *My TF1's, The Best Le Meilleur Artiste* in Paris.

Internationally recognized for their signature brand of electroluminescent artistry and poignant storytelling, Lightwire Theater is based in New Orleans and continues to create and deliver innovative theatrical experience to audiences worldwide including:

Hong Kong, Taipei, Estonia, Brazil, Russia, Europe, Belarus, China and Abu Dhabi.

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