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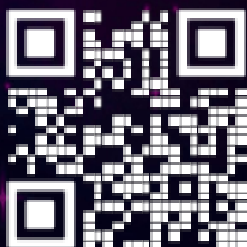
WOOLWORTH THEATRE

NASHVILLE'S FIRST OF ITS KIND





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MENU

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THE TWISTED WOOL

THE COCKTAIL LOUNGE. REIMAGINED.

LOCATED NEXT TO THE WOOLWORTH THEATRE BOX OFFICE

HAPPY HOUR THURSDAY & FRIDAY 5PM-7PM

SPECIALTY COCKTAIL MENU | SWEET & SAVORY SMALL BITES  
VIP TABLE SERVICE

NAPPYTABS AND CHUCK WICKS PRESENT

# SHINERS

STARRING  
CHUCK WICKS

MEGHAN SHANLEY, JACOB DOMINIAK, LEYSAN GAYAZOVA, KRISTA HENDERSON,  
MICHAEL MOLOI, MAREK RAJCZYK, STRAUSS SERPENTAND JAMILLA DEVILLE

DIRECTED BY  
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KLEY TARCITANO

COSTUME DESIGN BY  
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ASSOCIATE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
JOHANNA SAPAKIE

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NAPPYTABS AND KATY TATE

# WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

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## **Chuck Wicks - Mason Shiner**

He's an entertainer, songwriter, creator, entrepreneur, business owner and CEO. A multi-talented artist who has earned two Academy of Country Music Award nominations, Wicks may be most renowned for his chart-topping country songs "Stealing Cinderella," "All I Ever Wanted," and "Us Again," or for writing hits for stars like Jason Aldean and Frankie Ballard. Or you may have seen him on your screens appearing on ABC's hit show *Dancing with the Stars*, ABC's *Nashville*, or on Circle Network's hit animated tv series, *Road Stories with Chuck Wicks*. He has also graced the stage as the host of the iconic *Grand Ole Opry* and as the voice of "America's Morning Show." And don't miss out on his captivating insights and entertaining stories on his hit podcast *Talk to Chuck*. And now, Chuck has chosen a new hat: theatre owner and creator.

In September 2022, Chuck Wicks opened the Woolworth Theatre and premiered the residency show *spectacular, Shiners*. The show stars Wicks and a talented cast of performers, aerialists, acrobats, and contortionists, in a side-splitting 75- minute story about the hilarious Shiner family of moonshiners and their antics. The show combines comedy and cirque-style acrobatics, while offering a relatable arc of quirky family dynamics.

A former college baseball player, sportsman and outdoor enthusiast, Wicks was one of only 11 athletes chosen from around the world to be featured on Season 2 of NBC Sports' "IRONMAN: Quest For Kona" and was featured on Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's "RMEF Team Elk" series on the Outdoor Channel.

Wicks is also involved in various philanthropic endeavors, including supporting charities like St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the USO. Chuck is an official ambassador of the Special Forces Charitable Trust, helping raise millions of dollars for green berets and their families every year. Overall, his diverse skills and accomplishments make him a true renaissance man.



## **Meghan Shanley- Violet Shiner**

Meghan Shanley is a singer, songwriter, speaker, and author who is a proud native of Virginia Beach, Virginia. In 2001, a star was born when Meghan captured the title of Miss Virginia and went on to give a show-stopping performance at the 2001 Miss America pageant. Shortly after completing her year of service, she took the leap and followed her heart to Nashville. Meghan and her beautiful songs have been featured on national television broadcasts including the Paula Deen Wedding Special on the Food Network, as well as the Hollywood Christmas Parade on the Hallmark Channel. She has performed in numerous musical productions across North America including *Dancing Queen: A Tribute to Abba*, *Country Classics*, *Spirit of Christmas*, *Cruisin Classics*, and *The Spirit of Broadway*.

For the past 8 years Meghan has toured the globe with the high energy band *Jessie's Girls*. Somehow, she's also found time to publish her very own children's book, *Vincent Plays His Part* and gives her time generously in schools and classrooms across the country in support of building self esteem and confidence in America's young people.

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## **Krista Henderson - Sugar Shiner**

Krista Henderson has had a unique path to her success. Growing up, Krista's passion was cheerleading which took her around the globe to compete at various elite championships.

Later in life, Krista formed a new love for aerial arts and has taken the world by storm ever since! She has been featured on Britain's Got Talent Semi-Finals, AIDA Cruise Lines, Gladius The Show, Insomniac Events & Festivals, Cirque Musica, and a variety of other respectable shows.



## **Leysan Gayazova - Spice Shiner**

Leysan began training at the young age of just 8 years old before formally joining Kazan Circus School of Russia.

After countless years of hard work and dedication, she was invited to many internationally famed circus festivals around the globe. Some of Leysan's most notable accomplishments in her professional career are her Silver Medal at the Festival Mondial Cirque de Demain, appearing on Season 15 of America's Got Talent, and touring with Cirque du Soleil's Varekai and Amaluna.



## **Michael Tumelo Moloi - Atlas Chaps Shiner**

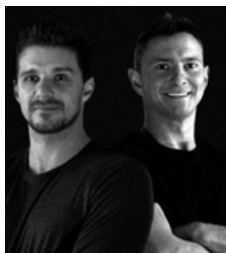
Michael was born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa, performing cultural dances including gumboots, pantsula and traditional Zulu dance around the village of my home town.

He started performing at the age of eleven and eventually went on to form his own group Via Katlehong, being not only a dancer but also the lead choreographer and artistic director. Via Katlehong performed locally and internationally around Africa as well as across Europe and the USA. In 2005 he was invited to perform in the Beatles' "LOVE" show of Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas, Nevada. He performs regularly at public libraries up and down the west coast, telling stories of African culture, music and dance.



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## **Marek Rajczyk and Jacob "Kuba" Dominiak - Bobo and Jimbo Shiner**

The unique partnership of Marek and Jakub started over a decade ago when two acrobats met at the gym of the University of Physical Education in Wroclaw, Poland. The dedication to their craft resulted in the creation of a so-called "hand to hand act" named Duo Alter which very quickly became recognized by worldwide audiences. The performance career started in 2010 with multiple venues and theaters across Europe and Middle East. They have performed at the historic Olympic Stadium in Berlin, Germany; The Pearl – Qatar; Khalifa Stadium in Doha; performed for the Austrian Olympic Committee, Tribeca Film Festival and Asian Cup to name a few.

In 2015 they got invited by the Wynn Resorts to be a part of "Le Reve – The Dream" – voted the best production show in Las Vegas, Nevada where they have stayed for over 6 years. Honored to call the United States of America and the great city of Nashville their new home. "The idea of fusion between acrobatics and the culture of the Music City is absolutely wild and inspiring. We are blown away to be Shiners!"



## **Jamilla Deville - Jo Fixit**

Jamilla is one of the pioneers of pole. A former Australian National Champion and multiple award winner of International Instructor awards, Jamilla has worked with the MTV Awards, Gravity First Mexico, Pole Expo and she currently judges the USPSF National Championships. Jamilla is thrilled to be joining the Shiner family and bringing the Art of Pole to Nashville.



## **Strauss Serpent- Cuzzin Buck**

Strauss Serpent has captivated audiences worldwide with his extraordinary flexibility and artistic expression. Born with a natural gift for body contortion, his unique talent quickly gained recognition, propelling him to win Africa's Got Talent in 2017. The following year, Strauss earned a coveted Golden Buzzer on La France a un incroyable talent, advancing all the way to the final round of competition before being eliminated. In 2020, Strauss's electrifying act sent him to the semi-finals of America's Got Talent: The Champions Season, where he left an indelible mark on both judges and viewers.

Strauss Serpent has become a sought-after performer on the global stage. His performances transcend the conventional boundaries of contortion, showcasing equal parts athleticism and artistry. Strauss leaves audiences in awe of his breathtaking and jaw-dropping displays.

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## **Nappytabs** - Director

Married director/choreographer duo Tabitha and Napoleon, commonly referred to as Nappytabs, are two time Emmy winners (2011 and 2014) for Outstanding Choreography on So You Think You Can Dance. They have a total of four Emmy nominations, The World of Dance Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2014 Industry Innovator's Award, and 2 MTV VMA Awards.

Tabitha and Napoleon grew up on opposite coasts and met as students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In 2008, they became familiar to mainstream audiences as innovative choreographers on Fox's So You Think You Can Dance where they were responsible for creating a new dance style known as 'Lyrical Hip Hop'. That same year, Nappytabs became the driving creative force behind MTV's hit show America's Best Dance Crew. Their exceptional abilities and contributions to so many productions has led them into other ventures in the entertainment world. Over the years the duo have worked with top music artists including Beyonce, Ariana Grande, Madonna, Pitbull, Jesse J, Ed Sheeran, Prince, Carrie Underwood, Celine Dion, Keith Urban, Calvin Harris, 50 Cent, Ricky Martin and Mariah Carey. Nappytabs have been active with Cirque Du Soleil having worked on several productions including The Beatles: Love, Mystere, KA, Iris, Viva Elvis and Michael Jackson: The Immortal World Tour.



## **Katy Tate** - Choreographer/Assistant Director

Katy Tate is a Creative Producer, Choreographer and Master Teacher whose deep love for the cyclical learning experience received through sharing dance is what drives her. From traveling to studios across the globe, harnessing the energy of a packed convention room of dancers, to one on one solo exploration, the love of creation and learning is still the most exciting thing in her career. In Katy's work commercially, some recent credits include Assistant Director for the Superbowl Halftime Show/ Jennifer Lopez 2020 and her "It's My Party" Tour in 2019. For 7 years she served as Dance Master at The Beatles LOVE by Cirque du Soleil as well as working on Mystere, Zumanity, O and La Nouba.

Katy is simply a lover of the gift dance. The experience she creates in the classroom allows you to discover yourself and your connections to each other and to find abandonment and vulnerability; So not to solely grow in your craft, but to walk out of the studio feeling your evolution as a human is what class is about. Katy encourages you to examine yourself, your strengths and weaknesses, and learn to view them all as benefits. The conditioning of the mind and heart is just as imperative as that of the body in dance. For Katy, there is nothing greater than building an energy in a room to allow the safety for you, to all be witness to someone's breakthrough, maybe even your own.