



## Photo Coverage: Inside Broadway's Creating the Magic at Hairspray

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Inside Broadway, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary, and has introduced over 750 thousand New York City children to musical theatre, presented Creating The Magic, its unique annual free public Broadway educational event, on Thursday May 29. The event demonstrated the process of creating a Broadway production, with the cast and company of the Tony Award-winning musical [Hairspray](#) at the [Neil Simon](#) Theatre, 250 West 52nd Street (between 7th-8th Avenue), New York, NY.

Open to the public (as well as school and senior groups), Creating the Magic featured performances by and interviews with cast members and a display of technical stage effects. Last season's Creating the Magic, at the Winter Garden Theatre, featured the casts of [The Lion King](#), Mamma Mia and [Wicked](#).

Inside Broadway, which created the first Broadway student theatre ticket program in New York, in 1982 for Cats, presents professional 50-minute versions of Broadway musicals, directed for children. Its Richard Rodgers' Broadway caused the New York Times to say "Rodgers continues to enchant and entertain, and he couldn't ask for better cheerleaders, in all senses of the word".

Other productions of Inside Broadway have included the 50th anniversary production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, Bye Bye Birdie, On the Town, The Pirates of Penzance, Kiss Me, Kate, Smokey Joe's Cafe, Sophisticated Ladies, Irving Berlin's Land That I Love and Free to Be You and Me. All shows provide student study guides and teacher lesson plans. For more information please visit <http://www.insidebroadway.org/>

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Marissa Perry sings *'Good Morning Baltimore'*



Marissa Perry (Tracy)



Marissa Perry



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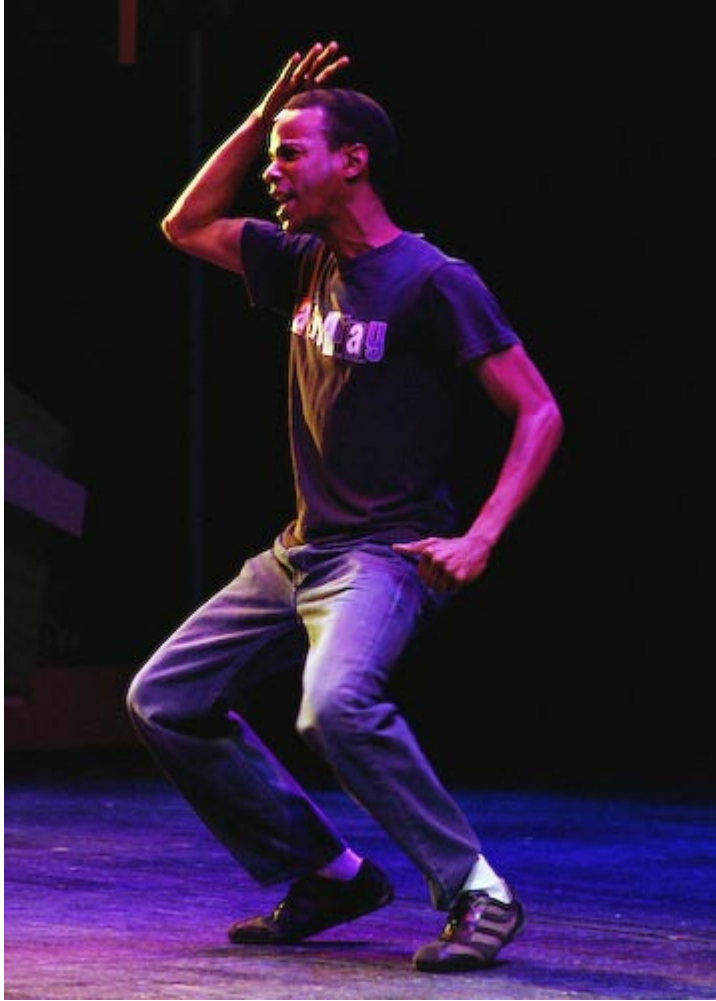
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Brian Munroe demos the set



Carpenter Brian Munroe hands off a hydraulic control to an audience member



Tevin Campbell (Seaweed)



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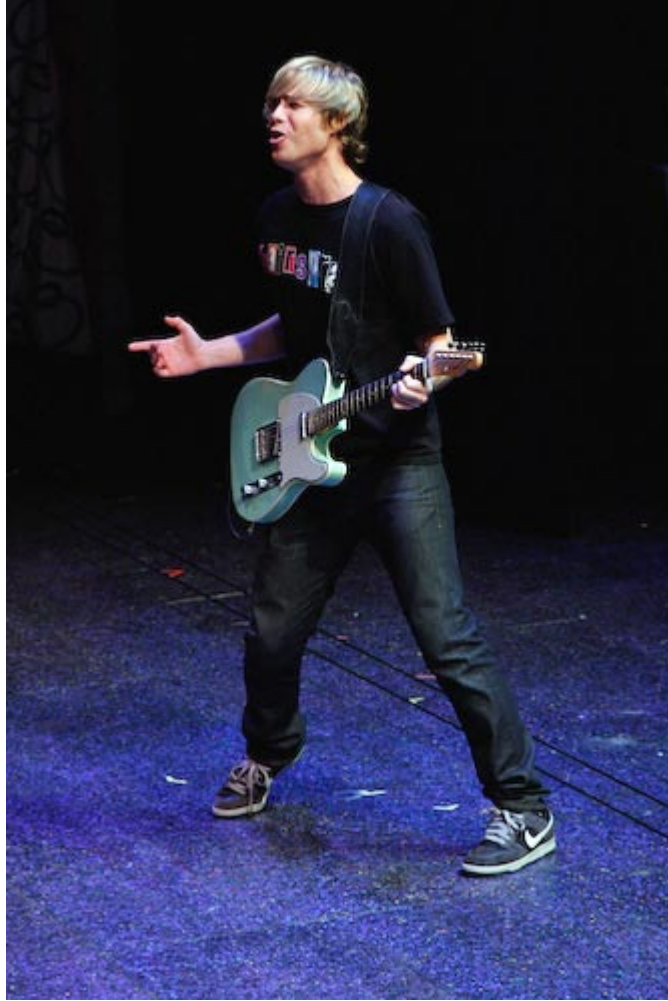
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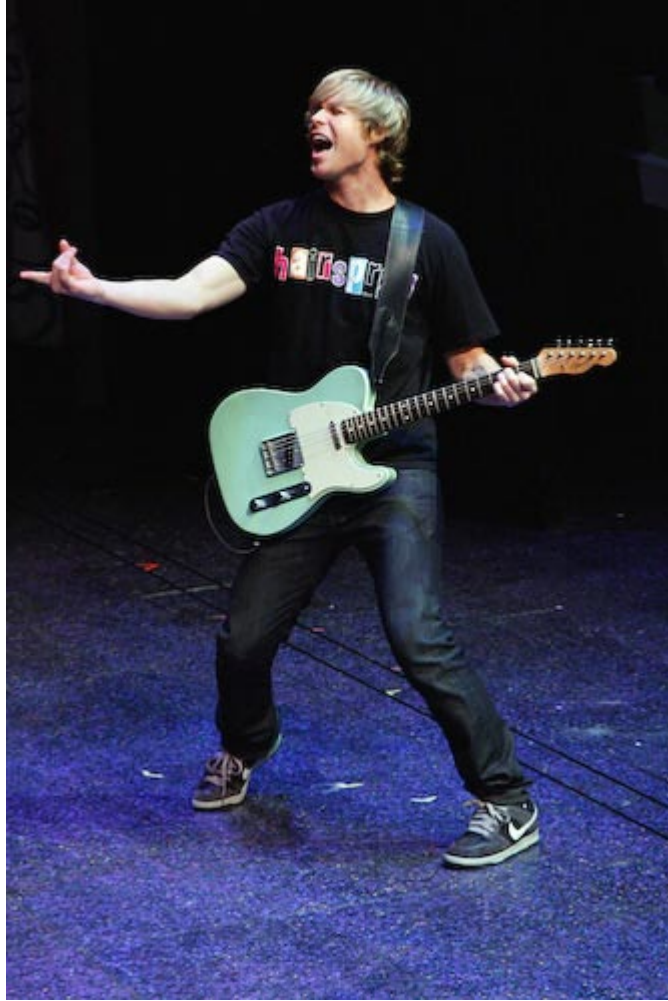
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Michael Pilipski demos a sparking hairspray can



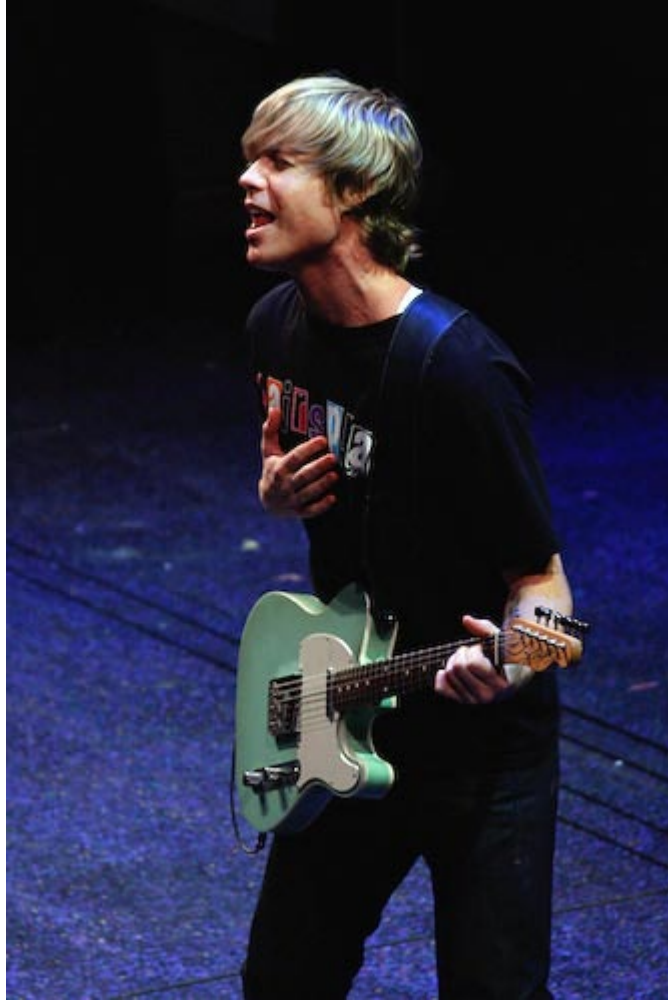
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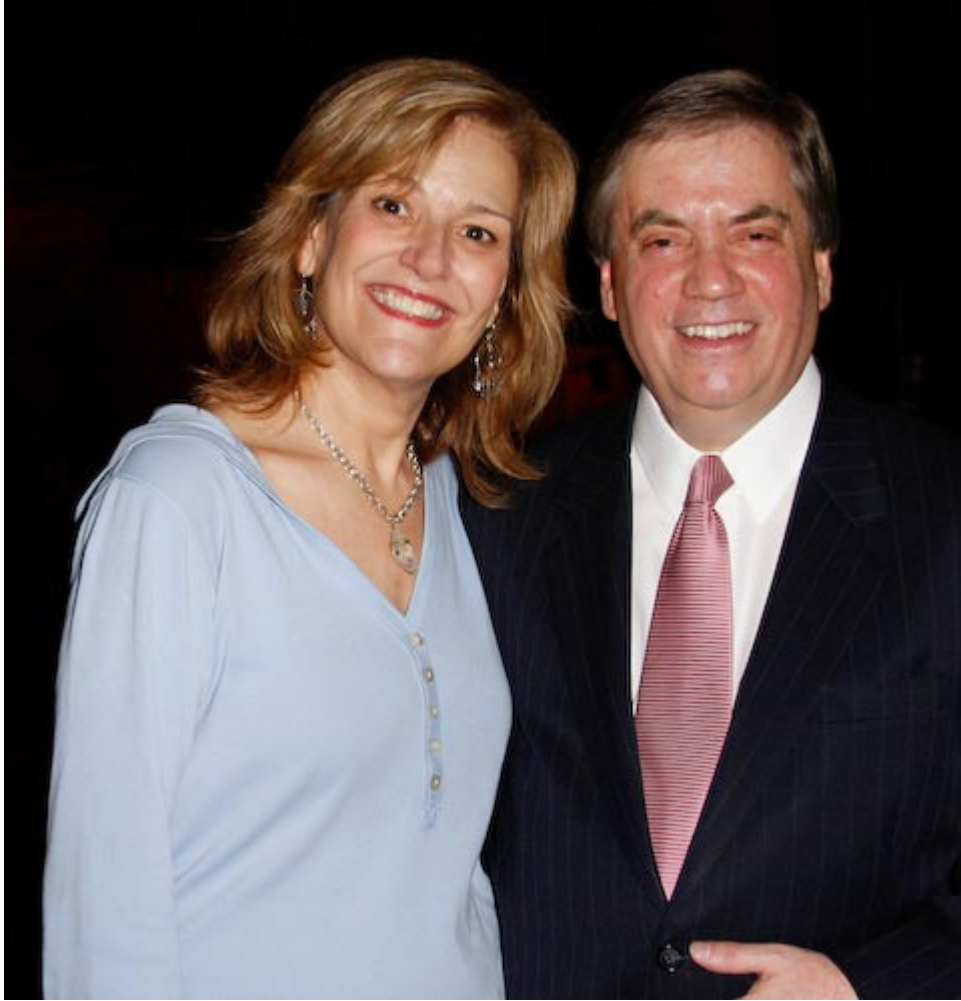
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