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PHOTO CALL: *Creating the Magic of Hairspray*

with the Cast

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Executive director Michael Presser and Marissa Perry photo by Aubrey Reuben

interviews with cast members and a display of technical stage effects," according to press notes.

In a statement, Inside Broadway founder and executive director Michael Presser said, "Everyone would like to go behind the scenes on Broadway. We give them an insider's look at how the magic of theatre is created and introduce some of the important people who create that magic. It's

Cast members from Broadway's *Hairspray* took part in a free *Creating the Magic* event May 29.

The event - held at the Neil Simon Theatre - was presented by Inside Broadway, an organization that has introduced over 750,000 New York City children to the musical theatre through its various programs and presentations.

Open to school and senior groups as well as the public, *Creating the Magic* featured "performances by and

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entertaining as well as educational, a perfect combination."

Participants included *Hairspray* cast members Kevin Meaney (Harriman F. Spritzer), Marissa Perry (Tracy Turnblad), Niki Scalera (Penny Pingleton) and Ashley Spencer (Amber Von Tussle) as well as musical director Lon Hoyt.

Here is a look backstage at the morning event:



Niki Scalera, Marissa Perry and Ashley Spencer backstage

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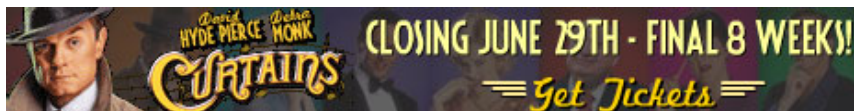
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From left: Marissa Perry, musical director Lon Hoyt, Kevin Meaney, Niki Scalera and Ashley Spencer

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