

# Milwaukee Repertory Theatre: Casting announced for the world premiere of “Run Bambi Run”

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July 27, 2023 [Milwaukee] –[Milwaukee Repertory Theater](#) is pleased to announce the casting for the World Premiere musical ***Run Bambi Run***, featuring a book by Academy Award-winner **Eric Simonson** (*Lombardi*), music and lyrics by **Gordon Gano** of the Violent Femmes and directed by Rep Artistic Director **Mark Clements**, premiering in the Quadracci Powerhouse September 13 - October 22, 2023.

The cast of ***Run Bambi Run*** will play multiple roles and double as the band, making this company a group of quadruple threat performers including: **John Carlin** (*Uncle Vanya*, Pearl Theater Co) as Joe/Lawyer, **Matt Daniels** (Scrooge in Milwaukee Rep’s *A Christmas Carol*) as Breier, **Sarah Gliko** (*Bridges of Madison County*, Philadelphia Theater Co.) as Christine/Gale, **Douglas Goodhart** (*Once*, Weston Playhouse) as Ira/Eisenberg, **Armando Gutierrez** (*Ring of Fire*, Florida Rep) as Fred, **Tommy Hahn** (*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, Milwaukee Rep) as McCann/Tom, **Jessica Kantorowitz** (*Richard III*, NYU Tisch) as Judy, **Ian Littleworth** (*The Lion in Winter*, Laguna Playhouse) as Nick/Stu, **Megan Loomis** (*Wicked*, National Tour) as Virginia/Sean, **Ken Allen Neely** (*Once*, Virginia Repertory Theatre) as Petersen and **Erika Olson** (*Beautiful*, National Tour) as Laurie.

“*Run Bambi Run* is a wild theatrical ride fueled by original rock music, a larger than life story and this incredibly talented ensemble,” said director **Mark Clements**. “They will seamlessly transition from character to character, working together to shape the setting and go full ‘rock star’ as instrument playing members of the band in this high energy theatrical experience.”

The creative team for the world premiere of ***Run Bambi Run*** includes music director and orchestrations by **Dan Kazemi** (*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *Titanic*), choreographer **Jenn Rose** (*Titanic*), set designer **Scott Davis** (*Things I Know To Be True*), costume designer **Mieka van der Ploeg** (*Murder on the Orient Express*), lighting designer **Jason Fassl** (*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*), sound designer **Cricket S. Myers** (*Titanic*), video and projection designer **Mike Tutaj** (*Titanic*), voice and dialect coach **Jill Walmsley Zager**, dramaturg **Deanie Vallone**, casting by **Dale Brown Casting**, fight and intimacy coordinator **Christopher Elst** and stage manager **Kimberly Carolus**.

The truth is indeed stranger than fiction in this ripped-from-the-headlines new musical ***Run Bambi Run***. An outrageous 'true crime' saga that took the nation by storm, Lawrencia "Bambi" Bembenek's fall from Milwaukee Police Department cop to Playboy Bunny lands her in the slammer, convicted of a murder that she didn't commit. Or did she? Fueled with original rock songs and lyrics from Gordon Gano of the Violent Femmes, a captivating book by Academy Award-winner Eric Simonson (*Lombardi*), and Artistic Director Mark Clements' directorial showmanship, this rollicking hometown story about the search for truth and justice is a wild ride that you have to see to believe.

The World Premiere of ***Run Bambi Run*** is presented by **Jay Franke and David Herro** with Corporate Sponsor **BMO** and Executive Producers **Melanie and Steve Booth, Judy Hansen and Cheryl and David Walker**. *Run Bambi Run* is a John (Jack) D. Lewis New Play Development Program production.

***Run Bambi Run*** tickets are available for purchase online at [www.MilwaukeeRep.com](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com), by calling the Ticket Office at 414-224-9490 or in-person at 108 E. Wells Street in downtown Milwaukee.

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