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Adam Pascal Anthony Rapp

Karmine Alers Toby Blackwell Adam Halpin Nicolette Hart Trisha Jeffrey Justin Johnston Joshua Kobak Lexi Lawson Telly Leung Michael McElroy Jed Resnick Andy Senor Jacques C. Smith Gwan Stewart Caren Tackett Yuka Takara John Watson Haneefah Wood

Set Design Paul Clay Angela Wendt Blake Burba

Costume Design Lighting Design

Sound Design Brian Ronan

Musical Arrangements Original Concept Dramaturg
Steve Skinner Additional Lyrics Lynn M. Thomson Billy Aronson

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Set Design Adaptation Matthew E. Maraffi

Musical Direction David Truskinoff Technical Director Hector Guivas Production Stage Manager Michael McGoff

Technical Supervisor Brian Lynch

General Manager John S. Corker Company Manager Judi Wilfore

Music Supervision/Additional Arrangements

Tim Weil

Choreography

Marlies Yearby

Directed by

### Michael Greif

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## CAST

(in order of appearance)

Roger Davis	ADAM PASCAL †
Mark Cohen	
Tom Collins	MICHAEL McELROY
Benjamin Coffin III	JACQUES C. SMITH
Joanne Jefferson	HANEEFAH WOOD
Angel Schunard	JUSTIN JOHNSTON
Mimi Marquez	LEXI LAWSON
Maureen Johnson	
Mark's mom and others	
Christmas caroler, Mr. Jefferson, a pastor and others	JOHN WATSON
Mrs. Jefferson, woman with bags and others	GWEN STEWART †
Gordon, the man, Mr. Grey and others	ADAM HALPIN
Steve, man with squeegee, a waiter and others	TELLY LEUNG
Paul, a cop and others	ANDY SEÑOR
Alexi Darling, Roger's mom and others	YUKA TAKARA

#### UNDERSTUDIES

Understudies never substitute for a listed player unless a specific announcement is made at the time of the performance.

For Roger—Adam Halpin, Joshua Kobak
For Mark—Adam Halpin, Jed Resnick
For Tom Collins—Toby Blackwell, John Watson
For Benny—Toby Blackwell, John Watson
For Joanne—Trisha Jeffrey, Gwen Stewart
For Angel—Telly Leung, Andy Señor
For Mimi—Karmine Alers, Trisha Jeffrey, Caren Tackett
For Maureen—Karmine Alers, Caren Tackett

#### SWINGS

Karmine Alers, Toby Blackwell, Trisha Jeffrey, Joshua Kobak, Jed Resnick

#### DANCE CAPTAIN

Yuka Takara Assistant Dance Captain—Jed Resnick

#### ORCHESTRA

Conductor/Keyboards—David Truskinoff;

Assistant Conductor/Keyboards—Robert Sprayberry; Keyboards/Guitar—Paul O'Keefe;

Bass—Paul Reich; Drums—Jeff Potter; Guitar—Joe Parker

† Original Cast Member Broadway Opening 29 April 1996 Nederlander Theatre, New York Premiere 25 January 1996 New York Theatre Workshop



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## **MUSICAL NUMBERS**

#### ACT ONE

Tune Up/Voice Mail #1	Mark, Roger, Mrs. Cohen, Collins, Benny
	The Company
	Angel, Collins
	Roger
	Roger, Mimi
	Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson
	Angel
	Benny, Mark, Collins, Roger, Angel
	Mark, Joanne
	Paul, Gordon, The Company
	Mimi
	Roger, Mimi, The Company
	The Company
Santa Fe	
We're Okay	Joanne
	The Company
	7.5.2.5.5
	ACT TWO
	The Company
	Mimi, Roger, Mark, Maureen, Joanne,
	Collins, Angel, Mrs. Cohen, Alexi Darling, Benny
	Maureen, Joanne
	Roger, Mimi
Voice Mail #4	Alexi Darling
	The Company
I'll Cover You; Reprise	
	Mark
	Mark, Mimi, Roger, Maureen, Joanne, Collins, Benny
	Pastor, Mark, Collins, Benny, Roger
Voice Mail #5	Roger's mom, Mimi's mom, Mr. Jefferson, Mrs. Cohen
Your Eyes/Finale	Roger, The Company

Film by Tony Gerber

## WHO'S WHO in the CAST

ADAM PASCAL (Roger Davis). Adam's new CD. Blinding Light, is on-sale in the theater lobby. In 1996, Adam auditioned for the then unknown, off-Broadway production of Rent. He landed the role of Roger Davis-one which he would reprise a few years later in London, in the 2005 movie version, and again 11 years later for a limited run on Broadway during the summer of 2007. He was nominated for a 1996 Tony Award as Best Actor for that role. In 2000, Adam appeared as Radames in Elton John and Tim-Rice's new Broadway musical Aida, and he coproduced the hit off-Broadway play Fully Committed with fellow former Rent cast member, Jesse L. Martin. In October 2003, Adam once again visited the Broadway stage, this time, as the Emcee in the SamMendes/ RobMarshall production of Cabaret at Studio 54, as part of the closing cast. Most recently, Adam played Freddie Trumper in the Tim Rice/ Abba Musical Chess, alongside Josh Groban and Idina Menzel, for two sold out performances at The Royal Albert Hall in London, Adam has three solo CDs Model Prisoner, Civilian, and Blinding Light with his band Me and Larry. In 2007, Adam guest starred on the popular children's show "The Backyardigans." Look for Adam in the upcoming theatrical releases, Govband and American Primative, at a theater near you.

ANTHONY RAPP (Mark Cohen) is best known for creating the role of Mark Cohen in Rent's original workshop, off-Broadway, Broadway, Chicago and London productions. He also appeared in the feature film version. Other Broadway credits include: Precious Sons (Outer Critics Circle Award, Drama Desk nomination), Six Degrees of Separation and the revival of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. Off-Broadway credits include: Some Americans Abroad; Rent (Obie Award for ensemble, NYTW); Raised in Captivity (Vineyard); Trafficking in Broken Hearts (Atlantic Theatre Co.); Sophistry (Playwrights Horizons); The Destiny of Me; Private Jokes, Public Places; and Spalding Gray: Stories Left to Tell. Regional credits include: Little Shop of Horrors (first nat. tour); his brother Adam's plays Noctume (Berkeley Rep) and Gompers (Pittsburgh's City Theatre); and the title roles in Henry V (Commonwealth Shakespeare Co.) and Hedwig

and the Angry Inch (City Theatre). Film and television credits include: Love And Other Impossible Pursuits, Adventures in Babysitting, School Ties, Dazed and Confused, Six Degrees of Separation, David Searching, Man of the Century, Road Trip, A Beautiful Mind (SAG nomination for ensemble), Winter Passing, Open House, "The Lazarus Man," "The X-Files," "Law & Order: SVU" and "Kidnapped." Over the last several years, in addition to his work as an actor, Anthony has released a solo CD entitled Look Around; written a New York Times bestselling memoir of his experiences on and offstage during his initial Rent run, entitled Without You (Simon & Schuster) (also adapted for the stage at City Theatre); joined the board of directors for Friends In Deed; lectured and taught extensively at schools around the country; and directed the South African premiere of Rent in Johannesburg.

KARMINE ALERS (Swing, u/s Mimi, Maureen) is happy to join Rent's first tour after closing it on Broadway in September '08. She continues to pursue her film/TV and music career with the release of her album For You found on Tunes and Karminealers.com.

TOBY BLACKWELL (Swing, u/s Tom Collins, Benny) is honored to be performing this amazing work. Regional credits include: Ragtime, Five Guys Named Moe, Smokey Joe's Café and Godspell. He has performed with The Capitol Steps and The Water Coolers sketch comedy groups, as well as creating and performing a series of successful solo shows. Toby is a former U.S. Naval officer and holds a B.A. from Harvard.

ADAM HALPIN (Gordon, w's Roger, Mark) is thrilled to be joining the Rent family to tour the country. Broadway: Glory Days (Skip). Off-Broadway: Starred alongside Tony-winner Chuck Cooper in Twilight in Manchego (2008 NYMF). Regional: North Shore Music Theatre, Signature Theatre, Pittsburgh CLO, among others.

NICOLETTE HART (Maureen) is honored to be reprising her role with this incredible cast! Broadway: Legally Blonde, Rent and The Wed-

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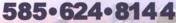
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