Welcome Remarks

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FINALIST PERFORMANCES

Announcer: Janelle McDermoth

“Day Number One”
MUSIC & LYRICS BY DAVID VOLPINI
Mentored by Max Vernon
Directed by Anna Ebbesen
Performed by: Will Blum (vocals), Anna Ebbesen (piano), Justin Goldner (bass), Matt Hinkley (ukulele) Dillion Kondor (guitar), Marques Walls (drums)

“Lucky”
MUSIC & LYRICS BY AARON RICHERT
Mentored by César Alvarez
Directed by Anna Ebbesen
Performed by: Clarke Thorell (vocals), Anna Ebbesen (piano), Justin Goldner (bass), Kiku Enomoto (violin), Dillon Kondor (guitar), Marques Walls (drums)
“Ten Seconds to Infinity”
MUSIC & LYRICS BY ELIZA CORRINGTON & BRAXTON CARR
Mentored by Ty DeFoe and Tidtaya Sinutoke
Directed by Patrick Sulken
Performed by: Emily Ferranti and Jacob Keith Watson (vocals), Lou Garrett (guitar), Patrick Sulken (piano), Jerry DeVore (bass), Dan Berkery (drums), Steve Lyon (reeds), Jacob Yates (cello)

“Caleb’s Confession”
MUSIC & LYRICS BY TUCKER DONELAN
Mentored by Shakina Nayfack
Directed by Patrick Sulken
Performed by: Jamie Cepero (vocals), Patrick Sulken (piano), Lou Garrett (guitar), Jerry DeVore (bass), Dan Berkery (drums), Steve Lyon (reeds), Alex Bender (trumpet)

“Nothing at All”
MUSIC & LYRICS BY JILLIAN GUETERSLOH
Mentored by Anna K. Jacobs
Directed by Benjamin Rauhala
Performed by: Krystina Alabado (vocals), Benjamin Rauhala (piano), David Cinquegrana (guitar), Yair Evnine (cello), Sean Carney (violin)

“If I Lie Here”
MUSIC & LYRICS BY FRITZ HAGER
Mentored by J.Oconer Navarro
Directed by Benjamin Rauhala
Performed by: Daniel Quadrino (vocals), Nicholas Oliveri, Sean Doherty, Rachel MacKenzie (ensemble), Benjamin Rauhala (piano), David Cinquegrana (guitar), Philip Coiro (drums), Yair Evnine (cello), Sean Carney (violin)

JUDGES DELIBERATION & MENTOR PERFORMANCES

“Taking Off”
MUSIC BY ZOE SARNAK
LYRICS BY SHAKINA NAYFACK & ZOE SARNAK
Performed by: Shakina Nayfack (vocals), Jacob Yates (piano), Joe Wittman (guitar), and Dave LeBlanc (Cajon)

“The Shirt Song”
MUSIC BY TIDTAYA SINUTOKE
LYRICS BY TY DEFOE
Performed by: Luke Zimmerman (vocals), Tidtaya Sinutoke (piano)
“Do Right By You”  
BOOK & LYRICS BY KELAY GIPSON  
MUSIC & LYRICS BY J.OCONER NAVARRO  
Performed by: Jay Reed (vocals), J.Oconer Navarro (piano)  

“Practically Impossible”  
MUSIC & LYRICS BY CÉSAR ALVAREZ  
Performed by: César Alvarez (guitar & vocals)  

“The Feeling of Free”  
MUSIC & LYRICS BY ANNA K. JACOBS  
Performed by: Stasi Berezovskaya, Lethabo Mofomme, and Felipe Joglar (vocals), Anna Ebbeson (piano)  

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS  
First place - $25,000 provided by the National Music Publishers Association  
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Second place – $10,000 provided by BMI  
Third place - $5,000 provided by the Entertainment Industry Foundation  

Darius De Haas  Tim Federle  Kamilah Forbes  Amanda Green  George Salazar  
2018 Musical Theater Songwriting Judges  

Songwriting Challenge Production Staff  
Chris Gilroy, Rehearsal Technical Supervisor  
Lida Richardson, Production Assistant  

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Victoria Hutter, Assistant Director – Press  
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Lisa Mitchell, Director of Education & Audience Engagement  

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Today’s performers, for donating their time and talent to showcase the winners’ work

The Flea, Niegel Smith and Carol Ostrow

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