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WRITING SAMPLES

CATS: “The Jellicle Ball” – PAC NYC website copy

A fabulously radical reimagining of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s iconic dance musical.

Inspired by the Ballroom competitions that roared out of New York City over 50 years ago, this glitter drenched remix earns 10s across the board for its Ballroom beats, runway-ready choreography, and edgy eleganza makeover. *Come one, come all*, and celebrate the joyous transformation of self at the purring heart of *Cats* and Ballroom culture alike.

AFRICAN EXODUS – PAC NYC website copy

A musical odyssey across cultures, genres, languages, and geographies—one shoe at a time.

Embark on an experimental, metaphysical journey through the African migratory experience with this groundbreaking project from The Centre for the Less Good Idea. At the heart of *African Exodus* are over 80 pairs of shoes—transformed into instruments, tools, and markers of the journeys we all take. Each shoe tells a story, navigating the movement of people and their linguistic footprints within the African continent. Culminating with a breathtaking blend of African and Western choral traditions, *African Exodus* invites you to feel the weight and beauty of a shared human journey, where music, culture, and history converge.

BRITTON & THE STING: SEXY FUNERAL – PAC NYC website copy

Get your groove on for a *Sexy Funeral* party with the acclaimed funk liberation band Britton & The Sting.

Sexy Funeral is part celebration, part ritual, and pure letting go of the “dead” stuff in our lives that no longer serves us. Soulful songs mix with transformative testimony in an ecstatic ceremony officiated by Tony Award®-winning artist/advocate Britton Smith (*Be More Chill, Shuffle Along*). Be prepared to dance in fellowship, spontaneously sing in three-part harmony, and enthusiastically express your most exquisite self. *Sexy Funeral* is a communal celebration of life that invites us all to be more authentic, more accepting, and more alive. And that’s the gospel truth.

MOTION/MATTER: All-Styles Dance Battle – PAC NYC website copy

Get ready to feel the rush of adrenaline as *Motion/Matter: All-Styles Dance Battle* returns to Perelman Performing Arts Center.

After the wild success of PAC NYC’s sold-out 2024 and 2025 showdowns, the one-and-only Cebo is back, this time co-hosting with the legendary Nubian Nene, for a high-voltage battle that will light up Lower Manhattan! Top-tier dancers from NYC’s street and club scenes will throw down in a fierce face-off demonstrating locking, popping, breaking, and all the moves that define the culture. A panel of all-star judges decides who takes the cash grand prize, but *Motion/Matter: All-Styles Dance Battle* isn’t just a competition—it’s a showcase for the transformative power of street dance and creating motions that matter.

SOFT POWER – Center Theatre Group season brochure copy

A contemporary comedy explodes into a musical fantasia in the first collaboration between two of America's great theatre artists: Tony Award® winners David Henry Hwang (*M. Butterfly, Flower Drum Song*) and Jeanine Tesori (*Fun Home, Caroline, or Change*). *Soft Power* rewinds our recent political history and plays it back through the Chinese lens of a future, beloved East-meets-West musical.

A Chinese executive visiting America finds himself falling in love with a good-hearted US leader—Hillary Clinton—as the power balance between their two countries shifts following the 2016 election. As original as it is topical, *Soft Power* overflows with the romance, laughter and cultural confusions of the golden age of Broadway. Hwang and Tesori have created one of the most eagerly anticipated new works of the year.

CENTER THEATER GROUP – donor copy

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HERB ALPERT & LANI HALL: A Christmas Wish – BroadStage season brochure copy

Heat up the holidays with a jazzy evening of Christmas classics performed by legendary trumpeter, composer, and producer Herb Alpert and his wife, GRAMMY Award-winning vocalist Lani Hall. Together, they've toured extensively around the globe and recorded three LPs, including 2013's GRAMMY-winning *Steppin' Out*. This season, they bring their signature sound to BroadStage for a groove-filled night of holiday cheer that is a wish come true.