

The background of the entire image is a dark, textured surface, possibly a brick wall or a wooden ceiling, with several warm, glowing string lights visible. The lights are out of focus, creating a bokeh effect. The text is centered and white, providing a strong contrast against the dark background.

# **VENTURE STAGE COMPANY**

## **A FIRST LOOK**

**JULY 19, 2025  
BELMONT ARTS COLLABORATIVE**

## **CAST**

**Aislyn Ardleigh-Clark**

**Andrew Betz**

**Melissa Charles**

**Soren Corbett**

**Arwen Gaskin**

**Audrey Gaskin**

**Dave Kashatus**

**Sally Kashatus**

**Kathy Kent**

**June Jones**

**Julie Minor**

**Joseph Pincock**

**Nancy Paulson**

**Alanah Richardson**

**Elias Richardson**

**Chloe Rogers**

**Anya Rothman**

**Geri Carlson Sauls**

**Xavier Taylor**

**Jack Wielar**

**Katie Wall**

## **PRODUCING ARTISTIC**

### **DIRECTOR**

**Melissa Charles**

### **DIRECTOR**

**Andrew Betz**

### **MUSIC DIRECTION**

**Kristin Baltes**

## **PRODUCTION DESIGN AND TECHNICAL DIRECTION**

**August Applewhite**

### **LIGHTING DESIGN**

**Tracie Steger**

### **LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR**

**Karen Schlicht**

### **HOUSE MANAGEMENT**

### **AND CONCESSIONS**

**Molly Bettiga, Crystal Johnson, Karen Schlicht**



featuring selections from:

**DOGFIGHT**

Xavier, Joseph, Soren, Andrew,  
Katie, Chloe, Sally, Jack, and Julie

**TUCK EVERLASTING**

Anya, Soren, Andrew, Jack,  
Katie, Chloe, and Company

**MORRIS MICKLEWHITE  
AND THE TANGERINE DRESS**

June, Chloe, Arwen, Maggie, Elias, and Jack

**THE SECRET GARDEN**

Sally, Anya, Chloe,  
Xavier, Andrew, and Geri

**BRIGHT STAR**

Jack, Melissa, Julie, Geri, Katie  
Anya, Joseph, and Company

**Thank you so much for joining us for  
A First Look at Venture Stage Company,  
a professional theatre dedicated to telling bold,  
beautiful stories that  
inspire,  
challenge,  
and connect  
our community.**

**Venture Stage Company's mission is threefold:**

- 1. Provide young performers and technicians a professional path to aspire to**
- 2. Champion brave, daring works—stories that take creative risks and ask meaningful questions**
- 3. Join the ranks of nearby high-caliber theatres that educate, entertain, and open conversation, upholding the rich and vibrant artistic standard of the region, where theatre is embraced and executed with integrity**

**Stay tuned for more news as we raise funds and  
prepare for our first official season:**

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**Loula Prella**

**the Paramount Theater**

**Live Arts**

**Crystal Richardson, Karen Schlicht,**

**Molly Bettiga, Cree Gaskin**

**our incredible volunteer cast and crew  
and their generous, gracious families**