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The production will feature Bring in Da'Noise Bring in Da'Funk star Omar Edwards.

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THE TEAM

Jon Montgomery - Book
Jon Montgomery - Lyrics & Music

Toby Kasavan - Music
Jo-Ann Oakes - Director
Joe Barros - Choreographer
Emmett M'Connell - Set Designer
Jennifer Anderson - Costumes

CAST: Jared Troilo, Aimee Corley, Joshua Antonucci, **Leandra Ramm**, Paul Luoma, Bridget Bailey, Kyle Kleibeker, Heidi Beckman, Alex Perrone, Marissa Parness, Mallory Taylor, Ross Boehringer, John Blackwell, Michael Briatico, Eddie Wardel, Danielle Ryan, Carina Scott, Allison Young, Lauren Kampf.

Jon Montgomery adapted HELL'S KITCHEN THE MUSICAL from his Screenplay "THE KING OF 42ND STREET," which was adapted from a book he was writing of the same name. He teamed with the incredible piano playing composer Toby Kasavan. The score was written in 3 months as Jon and Toby worked brilliantly together. Jon would bring a lyric and melody to Toby and Toby would then add the scintillating piano feel. Jon immediately finished the book and a cast was put together. HELL'S KITCHEN was first showcased at 353 Studios in 2004. It was received beautifully, and the buzz was born. It was showcased two more times at the Grand Theater, The Fairfield Theater in Connecticut, and at the Players Theater. All shows were sellouts. The reaction was stunning.

Jon met the wonderful director JoAnn Oakes at a Dramatist Guild get together. He gave her a

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package that she listened to in her car on the way home, and another believer was on board. Joe Barros had choreographed the Showcase at the Players Theater and signed on to choreograph the Off Broadway run. Set Designer Emmett McConnell came to rehearsal one night and said "I have to do this show". Costumer Jennifer Anderson has been in love with the musical since she first saw it. Jon then believed it was time for this great show to hit the boards. With the help of the CFO, David Soares of Berkshire Capital for the business side of the musical, The Hudson Guild Theater was booked.

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