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Miss Dea, as she was affectionately known by our staff, was one of the strongest and most inspirational women we've ever known. The world has lost an incredible light. Denied access to the arts as a child because of the color of her skin, Dea became a force for creating opportunities for anyone who had been turned away. She had an indelible impact in the San Diego theatre community: mentoring, encouraging, supporting, loving, and always, telling her truth. We feel so fortunate to have shared in Dea's extraordinary life. We will miss her so very much and send all love and support to her family and friends.

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We acknowledge that The Dea Hurston New Village Arts Center operates on the unceded land of the Payómkawichum (Pye-om-ko-wi-chom) (Luiseño) and Kumeyaay peoples. We further acknowledge that NVA was founded upon exclusions and erasures of many Indigenous peoples, including those who are the traditional Custodians and First people of the land on which we work, play, gather, share, and learn. New Village Arts honors the over 20,000 current tribal members living in the San Diego area, and promises to create a safe space for the local Native Communities to share the art, accomplishments, and history of their peoples. This is a starting point in our efforts to be more active in our local communities and we acknowledge that we have much further to go.

# **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

The 1970s were an iconic era for music. From disco, funk, easy listening, rock (my personal fave), and everything in between. I was inspired by variety hours from the era: some songs have a nod to a narrative, some don't. At its core, this show's purpose is to be a celebration of a groundbreaking decade of tunes. This show barely scratches the surface of the catalog of music from the decade. The 1970s were also a period of change, of marginalized communities standing up to power, of worrisome inflation, of domestic and international conflict, and of protesting for radical change. It is worth reflecting just how much, and how little, our country has changed in the last 50 years. But in times of struggle and societal discord, art can be both a balm and a beacon. A rallying cry and a refuge from the world's troubles. In music there is power. In music there is joy. In music there is love. In music there is memory. And, in community, we can relish in the memory together.



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# **SONG LIST – ACT 1**

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	Company
RACK ONE: Not Sold in Stores  Best of My Love	Company
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Best of my	Company
TRACK TWO: Beginnings	Company
TRACK TWO: Beginnings Where Do I Begin?/American Pie Close to You/We've Only Just Begun	Company
Close to You/We ve only save	Company
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Get Ready	Company
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Alone Again, Naturally	
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TRACK THREE: War and Peace War Peace Train	Company
War	Company
Peace Train	Company
Tie A Yellow Kibbon	Company
Peace Train	
What's Going VII:	
TRACK FOUR: The Party  Mama Told Me Not to Come	Company
TRACK FOUR: The Party  Mama Told Me Not to Come  Brick House	Company
Mama Told Me Not to Come  Brick House  Make It With You	Company
Brick House	Company
Make it With too	Company
Make It With You  Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Baby  Lady Marmalade	••••
Lady Marrianae	Company
TRACK FIVE: The One-Day Stand	Company
TRACK FIVE: The One-Day Stand The Morning After I'm Not in Love	Company
The Morning After I'm Not in Love  Just the Way You Are	Company
Just the Way You Are	Company
I'm Not in Love  Just the Way You Are  Afternoon Delight  Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight	Company
Afternoon Delight	Company
You Light Up My Life	Company
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# **SONG LIST – ACT 2**

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TRACK SIX: Road Trip One Toke Over the Line	Company
One Toke Over the Line	Company
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TRACK SEVEN: Disco The Hustle	Company
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Stayin' Alive - Part II I Will Survive Stayin' Alive - Part II	
And The Lights	Company
Dim All the Lights	Company
Whenever I Call You Friend  Best of My Love - Tag	Company
Best of My Love - Tag	

# **CAST**



#### MELISSA FERNANDES (she/her)

Melissa is thrilled to be back at NVA for her 10th show! San Diego Theatre (select credits): New Village Arts: God of Carnage, Ave Q, Big River, The Full Monty, Into the Woods (nominee, San Diego Critics Circle); Oceanside Theatre Company: Next to Normal; Cygnet

Theatre (Resident Artist): Present Laughter, On The 20th Century, The Whale, Assassins, Company, Little Shop of Horrors (nominee, SDCC), Cabaret (nominee, SDCC), A Little Night Music; CCAE Theatricals: Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime; Moonlight: Kinky Boots, Sondheim on Sondheim (nominee, SDCC); The Welk Theatre: Spamalot; ion theatre: Sunday in the Park with George (nominee, SDCC); Moxie Theatre: Eternally Bad, Mud Blue Sky, Diversionary: Falsettos, The Rocky Horror Show, 5th of July, Never the Sinner; Regional: Sierra Rep: Little Shop of Horrors; La Jolla Playhouse: Harmony; Education: MFA-Musical Theatre, SDSU. SDCC Female Actor of the Year, 2016.



#### JUANITA HARRIS (she/her)

Juanita is a Bay Area native, Vocal Coach, Director, Vocal and Music Director, Musician, VO Artist, Vocalist, and Actor. She is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music and excels vocally in myriad musical genres. Roles: *The Color Purple* (Church soloist/Church

Lady), Hairspray (Maybelle), Ragtime (Sarah's Friend), Violet (Lula Buffington), Crowns (Mother Shaw), Chicago (Mama Morton), The Wiz (Evilene), Little Shop of Horrors (Audrey Two [U/s]), Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812 (Hélène) and various straight plays. She was voted "Best Jazz Singer" By KDFC's "Best in the Bay" for 4 years running from 2018 to 2022, nominated twice for Theater Bay Area Awards in 2017 and 2018, and traveled internationally to Europe to perform with UNICEF for their annual fundraising gala concerts from 2015-2019.

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#### KINGSLEY JACKSON (he/him)

Kingsley Jackson is a distinguished male singer and blossoming educator, known for his captivating performances across the diverse landscapes of California. This San Diego native's love for music was evident from an early age. He pursued his academic interests

with unwavering dedication, earning multiple degrees in music and education. Kingsley's vocal prowess and stage presence have graced many renowned venues throughout California and abroad. Whether

he's enchanting audiences with his soulful ballads or belting out energetic pop anthems, his performances are always a sensory feast. In addition to his journey in music, Kingsley is dedicated to sharing his knowledge and passions to bridge gaps for adult learners in higher education. Kingsley Jackson's remarkable journey, enriched by his multifaceted talents and academic achievements, continues to inspire and entertain audiences across the nation.

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#### KYROS JIJIA SHEN (he/him)

Kyros is a trilingual actor and singer classically trained at University of California, San Diego. Active in both theater and voice acting, his notable credits include Matteo Arisu in *Detective Arisu* (Shikoku Broadcasting), Ram Sweeney in *Heathers: the Musical* (UC

San Diego), Doug in *Gruesome Playground Injuries* (Arthur Wagner Theater). Kyros is also a PhD candidate in Psychology, a proud father of two dogs and an enthusiast in craft cocktails and Asian cuisine.



# MARLON JAMES MAGTIBAY (he/him),

Marlon is excited to be making his New Village Arts debut in 8-TRACK! He has his BFA in Musical Theatre from California State University Fullerton. Nat'l Tour: Fireball in Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer (Right Angle

Entertainment) Regional: Henry in *Next To Normal* (Oceanside Theatre Company), Lefou in *Beauty and the Beast*, Brother in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Candlelight Pavilion), Frank Jr u/s in *Catch Me If You Can* and Swing in *Anything Goes* (San Diego Musical Theatre). For Max and Johnisa (:



# JOY NEWBEGIN (she/her),

Swing

Joy is a San Diego local who has been performing professionally for 15+ years. She has her BFA from the University of California, Irvine. Locally, she has performed on stages at The La Jolla Playhouse, The Moonlight

Amphitheater, The San Diego Opera, LEGOLAND CA, SeaWorld and both San Diego Zoo parks. Favorite choreography credits include: Beauty and the Beast, Addams Family, Mamma Mia (Westview Theater Company) Little Mermaid. National Tour: (staging assistant) Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. When not performing, Joy is an Elementary School teacher. She has found joy in leading children to their inner confidence and inspiring a love for the performing arts.

#### GERILYN BRAULT (she/her), Director & Sound Designer

Gerilyn is excited to be stepping into the director's role at NVA! She has directed multiple productions at MiraCosta College, many readings with Carlsbad Playreaders, and recently directed *Frozen Jr.* for Moonlight Youth Theatre. This year, she won the 2023 award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical from the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle for her work in *Head Over Heels* at Diversionary. She is an Associate Faculty member in Theatre at MiraCosta College and Grossmont Community College, and the former Artistic Director for Carlsbad Playreaders. She has an MFA in Acting from Purdue University and a BA in Musical Theatre from Chico State.

#### E.Y. WASHINGTON (they/he), Music Director

E.Y. Washington is thrilled to musically direct NVA's 8 Track: The Sound of the '70s. Their background in vocal performance, pedagogy, and arranging provides a well-rounded, insightful, and joyful experience for everyone involved. Washington's recent directorial credits include Seussical (Moonlight Youth Theater), Thoroughly Modern Millie (Christian Youth Theater), You're A Good Man Charlie Brown (Sante Fe Christian School), and Schoolhouse Rock (Christian Youth Theater). When they're not behind the table, they can be found onstage. Their recent credits include Simon in Jesus Christ Superstar and Jamal in Escape to Margaritaville (Moonlight Amphitheater). E.Y. Washington would like to thank Gerilyn, Joy, and the entire 8-Track company.

#### JOY NEWBEGIN (she/her), Choreographer

Joy is a San Diego local who has been performing professionally for 15+years. She has her BFA from the University of California, Irvine. Locally, she has performed on stages at The La Jolla Playhouse, The Moonlight Amphitheater, The San Diego Opera, LEGOLAND CA, SeaWorld and both San Diego Zoo parks. Favorite choreography credits include: *Beauty and the Beast, Addams Family, Mamma Mia* (Westview Theater Company) *Little Mermaid*. National Tour: (staging assistant) *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. When not performing, Joy is an Elementary School teacher. She has found joy in leading children to their inner confidence and inspiring a love for the performing arts.

### NATHAN WAITS (he/him), Stage Manager

Nathan has been stage managing and building sets for productions all around San Diego for about 10 years. Previously, he has served as the master carpenter for 1222 Oceanfront: A Black Family Christmas and Fun Home, and stage manager for Desert Rock Garden, The Ferryman, Singin' in the Rain, Doubt, Fun Home and The 39 Steps (New Village Arts). He previously served as the resident set builder for Scripps Ranch Theatre (including shows such as Lucky Stiff, Extreme Home Makeover, The Outsider, I Hate Hamlet, The Taming, and more). the master carpenter for The Roustabouts (Guntopia, Hand to God). the resident set builder/designer for Sage Creek High School (Les Miserables, Chicago, Legally Blonde, Into the Woods, and many more). and the technical director for Mother of the Maid (MOXIE Theatre). Other credits include serving as the stage manager for Shrek the Musical, A Christmas Carol, Bve Bve Birdie, and Beauty & the Beast (Oceanside Theatre Company). He thanks you for coming to see the show and hopes you enjoy!

#### JOSEFF PAZ (he/him), Assistant Stage Manager

Joseff Paz holds a BA in Theatre and a BS in Education Studies from UC San Diego. Credits: Heathers: The Musical (PSM, Zorina Productions), New Village Arts credits: The Color Purple (SM), The 39 Steps (ASM), A Weekend with Pablo Picasso (ASM), 1222 Oceanfront: A Black Family Christmas (ASM). SD Jewish Arts Festival credits: Woman of Valor, The Red Beads, Chagall, Hereville: A New Jewish Musical, Neshama: Music of the Soul. UCSD credits: Hells Canyon (ASM), In the Red and Brown Water (ASM), Prepared (ASM), A Midsummer Night's Dream (ASM), Much Ado About Nothing (PA).

#### ZACH ELLIOT (he/him), Set Designer

Zachary is an award winning scenic artist and has been working behind the scenes for over 10 years specializing in painting, prop making, and fabrication. He is thrilled to be working again with his dear friend Gerilyn and for New Village Arts Theatre!



# ADVOCATE

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO JOAN HANOR FOR graciously hosting two of our 8-TRACK actors!

Artist Advocates like Joan can support in many ways—from housing, to monetary support, to snacks for the artists, and so much more!

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#### JANET PITCHER (she/her), Costume Designer

Janet Pitcher is excited to be invited back to design costumes for 8-TRACK with New Village Arts! She has costumed over 100 professional productions throughout San Diego and is a recent Craig Noel Award winner for her design of Sunday in the Park with George. She has worked in many theaters throughout San Diego. Favorite productions include: BottleShock, Sunday in the Park with George, Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nightime, Witnesses, Light in the Piazza, Once, Joseph (CCAE Theatricals) In the Heights, A Christmas Story, All Shook Up, Sister Act, Young Frankenstein, Full Monty, 9 to 5, Billy Elliot, West Side Story, La Cage Aux Folles and Chicago (SDMT); Elf, The Bodyguard, A Chorus Line, Addams Family, Mamma Mia, A Christmas Carol, My Fair Lady, Sweet Charity, Jesus Christ Superstar, Cabaret, Hello Dolly, Oklahoma, Hairspray, Anything Goes, Rent (Welk Theatre).

#### CHRIS RENDA (he/him), Lighting Designer

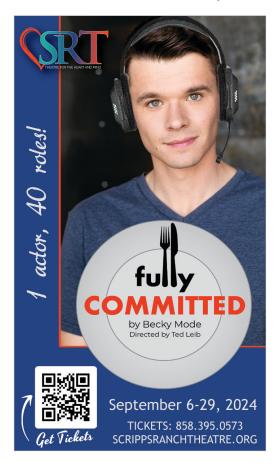
NVA: Servant of Two Masters, Smokey's Joe's Cafè, Avenue Q, American Hero, Awake and Swing, Oklahoma, Forbidden Planet, Sylvia, The Wier, Lord of the Flies, Stage Kiss, Trip to Bountiful (Critics Circle Nomination), Death of a Salesman, Suds, Circle Mirror

Transformation, Wait Until Dark, Same Time Next Year, Much Ado About Nothing, Brilliant Mistake, Buried Child, Comedy of Errors, Santaland Diaries, Ah Wilderness!, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Sweet Storm, Waving Goodbye. Christopher is the Technical Director at Mesa College and The Garfield theater at the JCC. He also teaches lecture series and designs lighting at Mira Costa college. Design credits include: Our Last of Kabeho, The Dairy of Anne Frank, The Kid Thing, The Intelligence of Watson, Enron, A Modern Discourse with the Invisible World, The Crucible (Moxie), Much Ado About Nothing, Enemy of the People, Romeo and Juliet, King John, Taming of the Shrew, Quality of life(Intrepid), The Little Dog Laughed, As Much As You Can, Bent(Patté Award) (Diversionary Theater). Welcome Home (Playwrites Project) live Microphone mixing A little night Music, It's a Wonderful Life the Radio Play (Cygnet) He wants to thank his wife and two little kids for their constant love and support.

#### KEVANE LA'MARR COLEMAN (he/they), Wig Designer

Kevane La'Marr Coleman is excited to be a part of this show. Kevane's on-stage credits include *The Color Purple, The Secret Garden, 1940's Radio Hour, Return to the Forbidden Planet* (New Village Arts); *One* 





in Two (Island City Stage); Monsters of the America Cinema (U/S); The Mystery of Irma Vep (U/S.), One in Two, As Much As You Can, The Facts of Life-The Lost Episode, Our Gay Apparel, Stage Directions (Diversionary Theatre); Angels in America: Millennium Approaches/Perestroika, Shockheaded Peter (Cygnet Theatre);); 9 Hours (Old Globe Theatre); South Pacific, Miss Saigon (Moonlight Amphitheatre); Airline Highway, Grey Gardens, Chicago, Angels in America: Millennium Approaches/Perestroika (ion Theatre), Red Planet Respite, De-construction of a Drag Queen (Circle Circle Dot Dot); The Car Plays (La Jolla Playhouse); Oklahoma, Crazy for You, Aida, Ragtime (Starlight Musical Theatre). Kevane is the Vice-President of the Black Faculty and Staff Association at California State University San Marcos.

#### MARYKATE REEVES-HOCHE (she/her), Costume Assistant

Volunteer within the costume team permanently assigned to the theater. A retired scientist with a passion for textiles.

### EMILY ROSE SANDOVAL (she/her), Costume Stitcher,

#### Dea Hurston College Fellow

Emily has been sewing since she was 15 years old. She began her sewing business, Emily Rose Sews, when she was a junior in high school. Emily has a deep appreciation for sewing as it continues to bring joy to her day to day life. She feels very connected to the arts, and is very excited to be a part of this production.

#### TERI CARPENTIER (she/her), Rehearsal Accompanist

I've been a professional pianist/vocalist since I was 17 years old. Had my start in Las Vegas as a founding member of the Guadalajara National Philharmonic at the Aladdin Hotel. After travelling internationally for many years, I finished music school in Los Angeles and played predominantly at the Ritz Carlton, the Bonaventure and Humphrey's until I became a mom. I ventured into foster parenting, preschool teaching, musical theatre and camp directorship. I enjoy private teaching now, am a teacher at the Waldorf School of San Diego and the music director at Pilgrim UCC. I love musical theatre more than anything in the world and will always support this great art form in whatever way I can.

#### MARCUS RICO (he/him), Audio Operator

Marcus graduated from Mt. San Jacinto College with an AA in Audio Technology. Previous NVA credits; Leonard Bernstein's New York (Sound Designer/Sound Engineer), Into the Woods (Sound Engineer), 1222 Oceanfront: A Black Family Christmas (Sound Engineer), Beehive (Sound Engineer), Murder for Two (Sound Engineer), Around the World in 80 Days (Sound Engineer), Little Shop of Horrors (Sound Engineer), and The Roommate (Co-Sound Designer). Recent NVA productions include Fun Home, numerous productions on our White Family Next Stage, Doubt, Singin' in the Rain, and many more!



#### **RICK SEEBER, Conceiver**

Rick Seeber (Conceiver) is a nationally known theatrical and audio producer/director. He produced The Singular Dorothy Parker Off Broadway. 8-TRACK: The Sounds of the '70s, conceived and directed by Mr. Seeber, premiered at Milwaukee Rep and has enjoyed long runs in over thirty-five cities, including at the Ordway Center, St. Paul, MN, the Hermosa Beach Playhouse, CA, the Downtown Cabaret Theatre, Bridgeport, CT, the Pittsburgh CLO, Capital Rep. Albany, NY, and the Derby Dinner Playhouse Louisville, KY. His many productions of Beehive, The 60's Musical began with a year-long run in Denver followed by two coast to coast national tours, the most recent touring to 70 cities. Other engagements of Beehive include the Luxor Hotel Las Vegas, Harrahs Atlantic City, the Gem Theatre Detroit, Theatre Under The Stars Houston and Stagewest, Toronto. His newest show, Country Is-The Music of Main Street, recently premiered at the PACE Center in Colorado. www. rickseeber.com PKS:M2Y

#### MICHAEL GRIBBIN, Musical Arranger

After seventeen years on the road as Associate Conductor of the National Tours of numerous shows including *Wicked, Spamalot, Les Miserables,* Disney's *The Lion King, Fame, A Chorus Line,* and *Jesus Christ Superstar,* Michael is now Associate Professor of Theatre at Coastal Carolina University, Conway, South Carolina. Regionally, Michael has worked throughout the U.S. on such shows as The Who's *Tommy, Nunsense, Into the Woods, Beehive,* and *42nd Street.* He has accompanied such artists as Ben Vereen, Colm Wilkinson, and Peter Allen, and has taught musical theatre classes in Colorado, Florida and California. Along with members of the acapella vocal/comedy group 'Minimum Wage' Michael was a grand prize winner on ABC's America's Funniest People.

# KRISTIANNE KURNER (she/her), Founder & Executive Artistic Director

Kristianne founded New Village Arts in 2001, and she has grown the organization from a starting budget of \$2,500 with two employees to a current budget of \$1.6 million with over 20 employees. Trained as an actor and director, she has worked on every NVA theatrical production. Her directing credits include Awake & Sing! The Weir, The Trip to Bountiful, True West, Sailor's Song, The Waverly Gallery, A Lie of the Mind, and the premiere outside of Broadway and London of Jez Butterworth's The Ferryman. Her work has received numerous awards, including San Diego Theatre Critics Circle and KPBS Awards for Theatre Excellence. She is the recipient of the Clare Rose Sabbatical Award from Fieldstone Leadership Network and serves on the Board of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce. Education: BFA Theatre, College of William & Mary; MFA Acting, the Actors Studio/New School.

#### KALI BOSTON (she/her), Artistic Producer

Originally from Massachusetts, Kali moved to California to pursue her passion in producing and directing. After graduating from the University of California, San Diego last year with a BA in Theatre, Kali has been a part of many different theaters and festivals including: *The Color Purple* (NVA), *The 39 Steps* (Producer, NVA), Jewish Arts Festival 2024 (Production Manager), *Fun Home* (Producer, NVA), *1222 OceanFront: A Black Family Christmas* (Producer, NVA), *Doubt* (Production Manager), *A Weekend with Pablo Picasso* (Assistant Director, NVA), *Heathers: The Musical* (Producer/Director, Zorina Productions), Production Assistant (Dishwasher Dreams, The Old Globe).



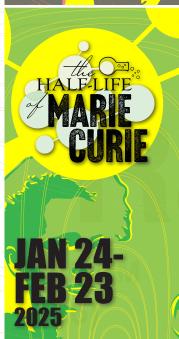
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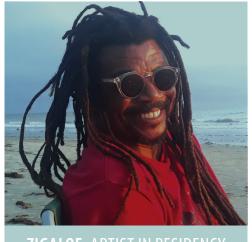
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# **ZIGALOE**, ARTIST IN RESIDENCY

### **EXHIBITION TITLE: PAINTING & PASSION**

Zigaloe Wharton is based in Encinitas, California. He is the youngest of five siblings. Zigaloe served a term in the US Army (Sholfield Barracks, HI) to attain the GI Bill and study Fine Art. Artist statement: "I'm of the school of paint brush to the surface with the fundamentals of fine arts, composition, color and light. Inspired by the likes of Duncanson, Henry Ossawa Tanner, William Glen Crooks, and the like. Associated with the surrealist because I like to paint what I think. My favorite mediums are oils and graphite." Zigaloe was featured in Pop Smoke: A Veteran Art Exhibition at the Oceanside Museum of Art from August 2022 – January 2023.







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As a young girl, Dea was denied access to dance lessons and other artistic ventures due to the prevailing racist attitudes, politics, and laws. The Dea Hurston Fellowship has been her way to ensure that young Black women not only have access to the arts, but paid training, mentorship, and exposure to all aspects and vocations within the arts industry.

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