

# THE CAST

## Reva Rice

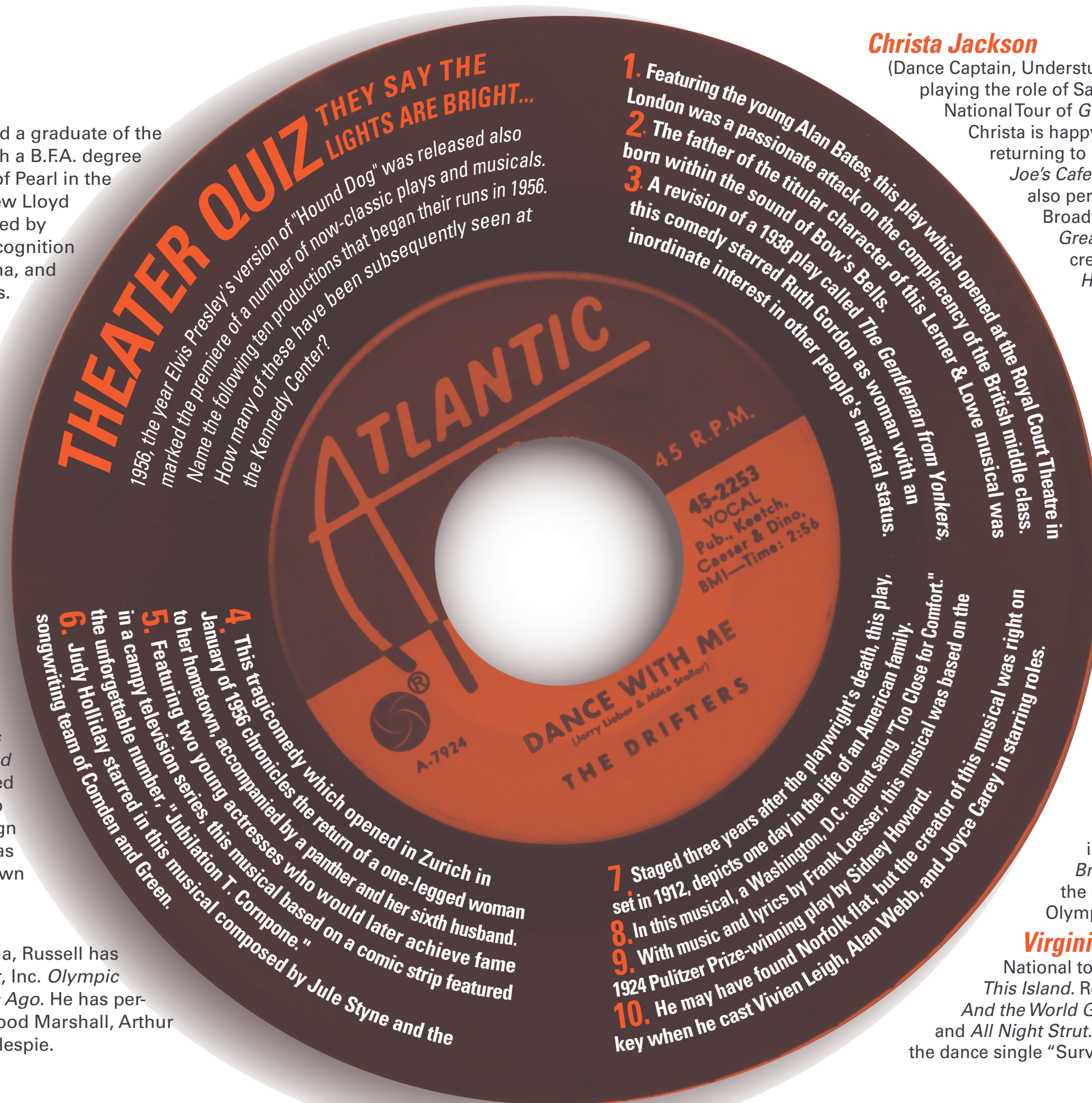
Reva Rice is from Toledo, Ohio, and a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music with a B.F.A. degree in dance. She originated the role of Pearl in the Broadway production of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Starlight Express* (directed by Trevor Nunn). Reva has gained recognition from Prince Edward, Princess Diana, and former President George Bush. Ms. Rice was personally invited by Sir Andrew's Really Useful Theatre Company to perform in London's West End production of *Starlight Express*. She continues to write and perform her own original music.

## Stephonne Smith

A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Smith is delighted to be a part of the National Tour of *Smokey Joe's Cafe* after returning from the production in Australia. He joins the cast after performing in the National Tour of *Showboat*. Opera credits include Sharpless in *Madame Butterfly*, Figaro in *The Marriage of Figaro*, the Four Villains in *Tales of Hoffman* and Porgy in *Porgy and Bess*. He was delighted when asked to create the voice of the Cool-Pop Alligator for a national ad campaign for Uncle Toby's of Australia. He has also done voice-over work for Crown Royal Casinos.

## Russell Joel Brown

(Understudy) A native of Oklahoma, Russell has performed lead roles in ArtsPower, Inc. *Olympic Spirit*, *Fourscore*, and *Seven Years Ago*. He has performed at state funerals for Thurgood Marshall, Arthur Ashe, Cab Calloway, and Dizzy Gillespie.



## Christa Jackson

(Dance Captain, Understudy) After playing the role of Sandy in the National Tour of *Grease!*, Christa is happy to be returning to *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. Christa has also performed on Broadway in *Grease!*. Regional credits include: *Hot Mikado*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Heartstrings*.

## Charles LeTrelle Holt

(Understudy) Holt relocated to New York from Atlanta and is elated to be a part of the first National Tour of *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. National Tours include: *Jesus Christ Superstar*, where he played Simon. Regional Theatre: *The Amen Corner* at the Alliance Theatre, *Black Nativity*, Jamandi Productions. Other credits include: *Broadway on Broadway '96*, where he opened the ceremonies and the 1996 Olympic Ceremonies.

## Virginia Woodruff

National tours include *The Wiz* and *Once On This Island*. Regional: *Dreamgirls*, *Beehive*, and *And the World Goes Round*, *Avenue X*, *Abyssinia*, and *All Night Strut*. She toured London promoting the dance single "Survive."

# FACT:

In 1956, Leiber and Stoller were so young that they had to name their mothers as legal guardians in order to collect the royalties they earned for "Hound Dog."