

**TAHA MANDVIWALA** (*Pi*) is an actor, athlete, and health coach. Deeply passionate about movement and storytelling, he is grateful for the opportunity to lead the *Life of Pi* tour as Pi. Taha blends his love for performance and wellness to inspire others toward vibrant, balanced living.

**JESSICA ANGLESKHAN** (*Amma/Nurse/Orange Juice*) is an NYC actor of over 20 years, now on her first National Tour. Frequent Met Opera performer, she's worked internationally as a revival movement director. Other credits include "Law and Order: SVU," "Blue Bloods," and more. Training: NYU, Stella Adler. Member of SAGAFTRA, AEA. For Behr

**ALAN ARIANO** (*Mr. Okamoto/Captain/Jai*) comes direct from *Girl From the North Country* (Dr Walker) National tour. Broadway: *Miss Saigon* (Original 1991), *Jerome Robbins' Broadway*, *The King and I*, *M. Butterfly*, *Shogun*. Off-Broadway: *Felix Starro*, *Good Enemy*, *Greater Clements*. TV: "Law and Order: SVU" (recurring), "L&O," "FBI: Most Wanted," "Gotham," "Tremé." Visit [www.alanariano.com](http://www.alanariano.com). For MOM

**PRAGUN BHARDWAJ** (*Ensemble, u/s Father, u/s Admiral Jackson/Russian Sailor/Father Martin, u/s Mamaji/Pandit-Ji*) is an Indian American actor with a BFA in Musical Theater from Pace University and is thrilled for his tour debut! Recently seen in *Sunset Boulevard* (Artie Green) at ACT of CT, and *In The Heights* (Ensemble - u/s Benny, Sonny, Piragua Guy) at the Gateway. Thankful for my beautiful family. @pragun\_bhardwaj

**BEN DUROCHER** (*Cook/Voice of Richard Parker/Puppeteer, Richard Parker/Puppeteer, Ensemble*). New York: *Avenue Q* (Princeton/Rod), *Madama Butterfly* at Met Opera, TV/Film: "Fraggle Rock: Back to the Rock," "Helpsters," "Pineapple Playhouse," *Dying For Sex*, "Mr. Crocket." Two-time Emmy Award winning puppet builder/wrangler for "Sesame Street" and The Jim Henson Company. @bendurocher

**EMMANUEL ELPENORD** (*Cook/Voice of Richard Parker/Richard Parker/Puppeteer, Ensemble*) is a Brooklyn born, Haitian-American actor, puppeteer, and voice-over artist. Credits include: *El Niño* (Metropolitan Opera); Disney's *Winnie the Pooh* (Rockefeller Productions). He is a recipient of HCX LakouNOU Artist Residency Grant and Jim Henson Foundation's 2024 Family Grant. @sword.of.elpenord

**SAVIDU GEEVARATNE** (*Ensemble, u/s Pi, u/s Ravi*) is thrilled to be joining *Life of Pi*! A Sri Lankan-American actor, singer, and musician, he trained at NYU Tisch. Off-Broadway: *Your Own Personal Exegesis*, *Monsoon Wedding*. Thanks to ARC+Julia for believing! Love to his teachers, friends, and family for their support. Thank you Amma for everything. @the\_savidoodle\_

**SHILOH GOODIN** (*Richard Parker/Puppeteer, Ensemble*). Broadway: *Life of Pi*, *Paradise Square*. Off-Broadway: *Babes in Toyland* at Lincoln Center, *LoveLife* at Encores, *Screwtape Letters*, *The Anthem*. Other faves: *A Chorus Line* (Cassie) at Cincinnati Playhouse, *Rigoletto* (Santa Fe Opera), *Twelfth Night* (Assoc Choreo, The Public).

**ANNA LEIGH GORTNER** (*Richard Parker/ Puppeteer, Ensemble*). Broadway tour debut! Regional Theater: *label•less* (Cincinnati Playhouse), The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati. Proud Tumbling instructor at Broadway Dance Center! So much love to Mom, Dad, Beth, Chris, Andrew and all of the teachers who helped me on the way! Jer 31:13. @anna.gortner

**AUSTIN WONG HARPER** (*Richard Parker/ Puppeteer, Ensemble, u/s Mamaji/Pandit-ji, Lift*

*Captain*). (he/him) National Tour: *Tootsie*. Select Regional: *Sister Act* (The Muny), *Tootsie* (Ogunquit Playhouse), *Guys and Dolls*, *Newsies*, *Billy Elliot* (Woodminster). Big love to mom, Patrick, and Stanley! @austinhapa

**RISHI JAISWAL** (*Mamaji/Pandit-Ji, u/s Father*) is an actor, director, screenwriter, and choreographer. He has been featured on the NBC comedy "American Auto," ABC's "Johnny Knoxville's Prank Panel," NBC's "Superstars of Dance," "So You Think You Can Dance," and "Good Morning America." Rishi wrote, starred in, and directed the feature film *Unmasked* in 2022.

**TOUSSAINT JEANLOUIS** (*Richard Parker/ Puppeteer, Ensemble, Fight Captain*). *Meredith Monk's Indra's Net* (Chorus), Dr. Bernice Reagan Johnson and Toshi Reagan's International Tour of *Parable of the Sower: The Opera* (Bankole/ Richard Moss), based on the novel by Octavia E. Butler, Katori Hall's Pulitzer Prize winning *Hot Wing King* (Cordell), and SITI Company's *The Bacchae* (King Pentheus).

**MI KANG** (*Lulu Chen/Mrs. Biology Kumar/Zaida Khan*) is thrilled to be part of the *Life of Pi*! Selected credits: *Inherit the Wind* (Goodman); *Villette* (Lookingglass); *The Chinese Lady* (TimeLine); *Dracula* (Cincy Playhouse); *Journal of Ben Uchida* (Seattle Children's); *Tale for Time Being* (Book-It). Mi is a Northwestern MFA Acting graduate and represented by Stewart Talent.

**INTAE KIM** (*Swing, u/s Admiral Jackson/Russian Sailor/Father Martin, u/s Leonard Chen/Mr. Biology Kumar/Mr. Khan, u/s Mr. Okamoto/Captain/Jai*) is making his National tour debut. Originally from Boston, he graduated from UC Berkeley with degrees in Theater and English. Past credits include projects like "Fargo" and "Succession." He's thrilled to tour with this team and grateful to his family and loved ones for their support.

**SHARAYU MAHALE** (*Rani, u/s Pi*) is an Indian-American actor and dancer. After completing a B.S. in Business from NYU she pivoted to a career in the performing arts! Credits include: *Monsoon Wedding* (Off-Broadway), "Cobra Kai" (Netflix), *Footnotes* (Amazon), *Frankie Meets Jack* (Tubi). Thank you Aai & Papa! @sharayu.mahale

**SINCLAIR MITCHELL** (*Admiral Jackson/Russian Sailor/Father Martin*). Broadway: *The Lion King*. Off-Broadway: *The Emperor Jones*, *Harlem Song*. National Tour: *The Prom*, *School of Rock*, *The Producers*, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. Regional: *Shout Sister Shout!*, *The Wiz*. CCM Grad, Olympic Torch Bearer ('96 games). Love to fiancé Joey. Thanks to About Artists Agency.

**MAYA RANGULU** (*Swing, u/s Amma/Nurse, u/s Lulu Chen/Mrs. Biology Kumar/Zaida Khan, u/s Rani*) is thrilled to make her National tour debut! Originally from Portland, Oregon, her training includes American Conservatory Theater, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, AMAW Los Angeles, and a B.A. from Stanford University. Endless gratitude to family, friends, and mentors. Here's to the stories we tell and the people we love. @mayarangulu

**BETSY ROSEN** (*Assistant Puppetry and Movement Director/Puppet Captain/Richard Parker/Puppeteer, Ensemble*) is a Helen Hayes Award-winning artist based in NYC. Broadway: *Life of Pi* (OBC). Selected credits: Sydney Opera House, Lincoln Center, American Repertory Theater, Cincinnati Playhouse, Woolly Mammoth. Grateful for all who hold me up, the LOP family, and FSE. @thebetsyrosen

**ANNA VOMÁČKA** (*Richard Parker/Puppeteer, Ensemble*) is a dancer who has worked with Brennan Gerard & Ryan Kelly, Bebe Miller, & Nami Yamamoto. She also creates her own work, including film *Listening Near an Edge* (2022) and immersive performance *W A S T E in S P A C E* (2019). Excited for her National tour debut! [Annvomacka.com](http://Annvomacka.com) @anna.vomacka

**SORAB WADIA** (*Father*). From Bombay, India. Tours: *Aladdin, Oklahoma! Kite Runner* (solo play). International: *Jihad! The Musical* (West End, London), *Merchant of Venice* (Venice, Italy), *Bend It Like Beckham* (Toronto). Regional: *Nathan the Wise* (Folger/Theater J), *Much Ado About Nothing* (St. Louis Shakespeare Festival), *Monsoon Wedding* (Berkeley Rep). Off-Broadway: *Babette's Feast* (Theater at St. Clement's), *The Tempest* (LaMama), *Bunty Berman Presents...* (The New Group), *Nymph Errant* (Prospect Theater). TV: "Blacklist: Redemption," "Madame Secretary," "L&O: SVU," "30 Rock," "Chappelle's Show." @SorabWadia