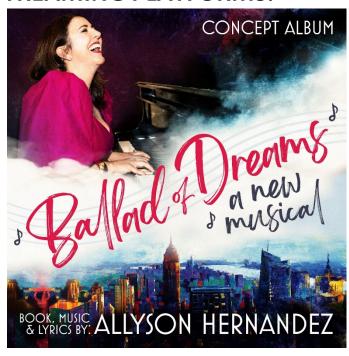


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BALLAD OF DREAMS THE MUSICAL- STUDIO CAST RECORDING ALBUM NOW AVAILABLE ON ALL STREAMING PLATFORMS.



WRITER/COMPOSER - ALLYSON HERNANDEZ

New York, NY, November 15, 2022 – Multihyphenate Allyson Hernandez, Author and Composer of *Ballad of Dreams*, an Amazon number one best-seller novel and number one new release in musicals released a companion album on November 11, 2022. *Ballad of Dreams Studio Cast Recording Album* is available for purchase at *balladofdreams.com* and can be streamed on your favorite music streaming platform.

Hernandez plays the lead role of Audrey McKenna, a character inspired by her late Grandmother. The album features Broadway's: **Robb Sapp** (Lion King, Wicked, Shrek), **Nicholas Rodriguez**, (Company, Tarzan) **John Jeffrey Martin** (Kinky Boots, Hairspray, Rocky Horror Picture Show). The cast also includes **Amanda Ferguson**, (Anne of Green Gables, Goodspeed) **Jeremy Konopka** (NYMF: 68': A New American Musical, TikTok/Content Creator), **Randall Scott Carpenter**, **Olivia Gjurich**, **Devon Perry**, **Elizabeth Bedley**, and **Fiona McArthur**.

Hernandez partnered with *Forbes* 30 Under 30 Music list honoree and Broadway Sinfonietta CEO, Macy Schmidt, who produced the music, orchestrated the band arrangements, and played piano on the Album. Recorded at *Virtue and Vice Studios* in Brooklyn, NY, the music was engineered by Anthony "Rocky" Gallo, mixed by Angie Teo, and mastered by Oscar Zambrano. All musicians on the album are members of The Broadway Sinfonietta—an all-female-identifying, majority women-of-color orchestral collective, showcasing the excellence of BIPOC women musicians on Broadway and beyond.

A sold out one-night only, Live Album Release Concert of *Ballad of Dreams* will be performed on December 12, 2022, at 7pm at the Triad Theater 158 W. 72nd Street (2nd Floor) New York, NY 10023. Live streaming tickets can be purchased at *balladofdreams.com*. The musical direction for the concert is by *Micah Young* (Spring Awakening, Fun Home) and direction by *Jenna Mate* and features *Alan H Green* (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, School of Rock).

As a proud **Syracuse Drama** Alumni, Hernandez was thrilled to get to work with several fellow Syracuse University Alumni and personal friends on this project. "To get to be in the recording studio making music that I composed with friends that I've known for over twenty years was a dream come true and an experience I will never forget. If I could go back in time, I would tell my college self that the creative path will be nothing like what you planned, but man, it will be so much sweeter. Never stop dreaming and creating- it's all coming," said **Hernandez**. **Ballad of Dreams**, the musical will be further developed in an industry reading in 2023.

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Ballad of Dreams is a novel, a musical, an album, and an Audiobook for Kindle is coming in 2023 narrated by **Hernandez**, and **Amanda Ferguson**. The novel was published in January 2022 by New Degree Press and can be found at the Drama Book Shop, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Kobo, and Indigo. Inspired by a true story set in 1940s New York City, **Ballad of Dreams** sings of the struggle of motherhood and the power of friendship while chasing a big dream. **Hernandez** is an active member of the TheaterMakers Studio NextStage program and receives regular coaching from Tony Award winning producer Ken Davenport.

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