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LIVE MAS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS  
VICTOR KUNDA'S



# MEXICAN PIZZA

*THE MUSICAL*

Music and Lyrics by Abigail Barlow and Emily Bear  
Book by Hannah Friedman

# The Mexican Pizza...



*a feel-good, eat-good story.*



In 1985, Taco Bell made a splash by adding Mexican Pizza to its menu. When Mexican Pizza first hit the market, it actually was called the “Pizzaz Pizza.”

Taken off the menu in 2020, fans have been wanting it back ever since, and we are finally bringing it back in 2022, thanks to our fans.



**“CRITICS AGREE IT’S A MUST-EAT”**

-THE MUSICAL PLATE GAZETTE

**“A classic returns to steal the spotlight once more”**

-THE TASTY THEATRE SENTINEL

**“A MASTERPIECE THAT WILL LEAVE YOU WANTING ANOTHER PIECE”**

-THE CULINARY MUSICAL OBSERVER



**“FROM OUR SCREENS TO YOUR PLATES—IT’LL LEAVE YOU WANTING MORE”**

-THE PIZZA CHORUS JOURNAL

**“A SCRUMPTIOUS LITTLE NUMBER”**

-THE DAILY MUSICAL DIGEST



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EMILY BEAR

DOLLY PARTON

DOJA CAT

Inspired by  
**VICTOR KUNDA**

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**BARLOW & BEAR**

Book by  
**HANNAH FRIEDMAN**

Choreographed by  
**AMY HILLNER LARSEN**

Directed by  
**CAMILA CORNELSEN**

Casting by  
**DEUTSCH LA**

# MEXICAN PIZZA

*THE MUSICAL*

BY



Unofficially commissioned by and for MEXICAN PIZZA FANS

# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT I

“Slice Of Our Hearts”.....Victor Kunda, Mexican Pizza,  
Fan #1, Fan #2, Fan #3,  
and Ensemble

## ACT II

“Rest In Pizza”.....Abigail Barlow, Emily Bear,  
Victor Kunda, Dolly Parton,  
Mexican Pizza, Fan #1, Fan #3,  
Newscaster, and Ensemble

## ENSEMBLE

William Bradford, Freedom Bremner, Kay Brown,  
Sophie Buskin, Brian Collazo, Neal Coomer,  
Elaine Caswell, Emily Drennan, Zachary Foster,  
Caroline Kuhn, Shayna Steele, Nina Zeitlin



# CAST



VICTOR KUNDA



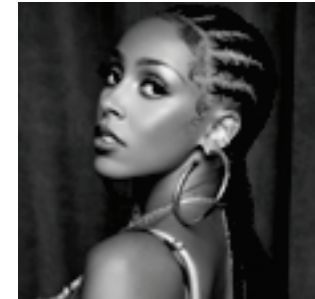
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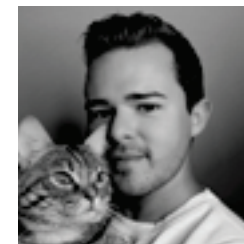
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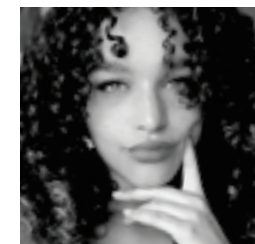
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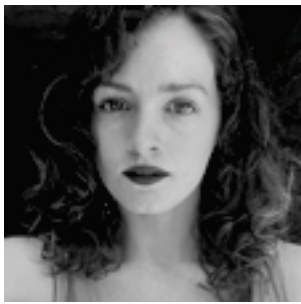
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ANDRE AULTMON



ALEX DELEO



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RUNAKO CAMPBELL



BRETT STURGIS



MICHAEL M. SAKELOS



JOY LYNN PRINGLE



ADAM MAGNACCA



MICHAEL B. WANG

# WE'RE INVITING YOU TO COME BE A PIZZA THE ACTION.

Hit up your local Taco Bell after the show.



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# WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

**VICTOR KUNDA** (Victor Kunda) is a content creator best known for his skits on TikTok. He has evolved into one of the platform's most hilarious and fashion forward influencers. He utilizes his TikTok to entertain and engage his audience through his loveable characters, or just by being himself.

**ABIGAIL BARLOW** (Abigail Barlow) 23-year-old Abigail Barlow is a Grammy-Award-winning singer, songwriter, and composer best known for her viral TikTok pop songs and musical series: *What if Bridgerton Was a Musical?* After breaking the internet, Abigail and her writing partner, Emily Bear, turned the viral success of Barlow's idea into a Grammy-Award-winning musical theatre album known as *The Unofficial Bridgerton Musical*, and became the youngest composing team to ever win in this category.

**EMILY BEAR** (Emily Bear) A Grammy-Award-winning composer, producer, and chart-topping recording artist since her professional debut at age five, Emily Bear has achieved groundbreaking success as a pianist, composer, orchestrator, producer, and singer-songwriter, transcending genres in jazz, classical, and pop and scoring for media and musical theater. Now 20, Bear has more than 50 million views on YouTube, a documentary on her life received an Emmy Award, and she has performed for the Dalai Lama, played a solo concert at the White House, headlined stadium tours, been featured 7 times on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, been honored by the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and been named to the prestigious Forbes Magazine 30 Under 30 list.

**DOLLY PARTON** (Mexican Pizza, Dolly Parton) is a global icon: a world-renowned singer-songwriter, New York Times best-selling author, Broadway producer, and actress with many accolades to her name. Achieving 25 RIAA-certified gold, platinum, and multi-platinum awards, she has had 27 songs reach #1 on the Billboard country charts, a record for a female artist. To date, Parton has donated over 180 million books to children worldwide with her Imagination Library.

**DOJA CAT** (Doja Cat) is an award-winning global superstar. She became the first rapper to have 3 songs in the Top 10 at Top 40 radio and by May 2022, Doja Cat landed #1 on the Billboard Artist 100 chart for the first time. Doja has received 5 AMAs, 3 MTV VMAs, 3 BMI Awards, 2 MTV EMAs, 5 Billboard Music Awards, 1 Grammy Award and 1 NAACP Image Award along with garnering a total of 11 Grammy award nominations. When Doja Cat isn't on tour she resides in Los Angeles with her cat, Alex.

**ZACHARY FOSTER** (Fan #1) is a singer/songwriter and recording artist. In October of 2021, he released his first single titled "Next Life." Zachary lives with his husband, Justin Russell, and their two cats, Lady Martha and Lady Francine, in North Georgia.

**WILLIAM BRADFORD** (Fan #2) aka Yo Quiero Taco Ballads is a multi-instrumentalist and Taco Bell superfan who hails from Gilbert, Arizona. He has loved Taco Bell from his early childhood and shares his passion for it by crafting Supreme songs and Baja Blasting Beats about all things Taco Bell.

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# WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

**KAY BROWN** (Fan #3) is the host of The Betchelor Podcast and has been seen in multiple musical theatre productions including the regional premiere of *Legally Blonde The Musical* at The Muny. She wants to thank her parents for always ordering her the Mexican Pizza with no tomatoes growing up.

**JUSTIN RUSSELL** (Fan #4) is a composer/songwriter. He has a Bachelor's of Music from Columbus State University and a Master's of Music in scoring for film, television, and video games from Berklee College of Music. Justin, along with his husband, Zachary Foster, has grown a following on TikTok of over one million, posting content revolving around their love for music, food, and their lives together.

**ERIN FITZGERALD** (Newscaster) is a recent Fine Arts graduate. As an aspiring biracial artist, she is dedicated to broadening her knowledge and experience in the art field and is excited to be a part of her first off-off-Broadway musical!

**ALLISON WALSH** (Witch #1, Ensemble) After her first career in professional ballet, Allison was part of the Original Broadway Casts of *Anastasia* and *An American in Paris*, as well as starring in the 1st National Tour of *AAIP*. Other highlights include a recurring role on Starz series *Flesh and Bone* and performances at the White House, Tony Awards, Whitney Biennial, and the Guggenheim.

**ASHLEY ROBICHEAUX** (Witch #2, Ensemble) Ashley "Robi" Robicheaux is a dancer, choreographer, and actress based in NYC. She is currently performing in *Sleep No More*.

**CACI COLE PRITCHETT** (Witch #3, Ensemble) is a GA peach, dancing and singing her way through the Big Apple. She's so inspired by this new musical that she may even add a track about Mexican Pizza to her first EP dropping this summer!

**ANDRE AULTMON** (Ensemble) is a proud Afro-Latino and New Jersey Native living his dreams in the Big Apple. He can't wait to take a bite out of this unique musical (and several more bites backstage)!

**RUNAKO CAMPBELL** (Ensemble) is a dance artist and Princeton graduate with credits spanning across Broadway, television, commercials, concert dance, and opera. Follow her journey on Instagram @runakocampbell!

**ALEX DELEO** (Ensemble) Credits include: Broadway: *Wicked*, *Kinky Boots* (Toronto); Nat'l Tours: *We Will Rock You* (Ensemble, u/s Galileo), *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* (Ensemble, u/s Adam/Felicia), *Bat Out of Hell* (Hollander). RCCL: *We Will Rock You* (Galileo). American Stage: *Footloose* (Ren). DanceLabNY, backup dancer for Breedlove NYC, and appeared in the recent *Wicked* commercial. Walnut Hill School for the Arts and Cincinnati.

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**JANINE HARTMANN** (Ensemble) Janine is an actress, dancer, and singer, born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. She holds a B.A. in international trade and a M.F.A. in acting. Her credits include *Lock Down Love* on Amazon Prime and the newest season of *Law and Order: SVU*.

**ADAM MAGNACCA** (Ensemble) is a proud Canadian transplant living it up in NYC. Fueled by the Crunchwrap Supreme, he can't wait to Baja BLAST onto the stage for this one-of-a-kind musical.

**JOY LYNN PRINGLE** (Ensemble) Joy Lynn Pringle (she/her/hers) is thrilled to be living her taco dream in *Mexican Pizza: The Musical*. She hopes to keep singing and dancing while sipping Mango Fiesta in the wings.

**MICHAEL M. SAKELOS** (Ensemble) A native New Yorker, signed with MSA, is super excited to be a part of the new Taco Bell musical! Follow his journey on Instagram @msak04.

**BRETT STURGIS** (Ensemble) Born and raised in the Bronx New York City. Dancer, singer, actor, choreographer, designer, musician, creative director, songwriter of live stage, theatre, television, commercials, movies and artist.

**MICHAEL B. WANG** (Ensemble) Michael Bryan Wang is a Chinese-American performer originally from NJ and is now based in NYC, performing in the immersive theater production *Sleep No More*. You can find him on Instagram @michaelbryanwang!

# THE NEW NEW YORK SLICE.

Theatre never tasted so good.



# SLICE OF OUR HEARTS

Music and Lyrics by Abigail Barlow & Emily Bear

Seems like just yesterday  
You spent every moment next to me  
Sippin' a Baja Blast  
Wish you had eyes  
You would see  
We were inseparable  
It's irreparable  
The pain of losing you from the menu  
You took a slice right out of my heart...

You took a slice right out of my heart  
The perfect creation right from the start  
Oh and we'll never recover  
Never recover  
Mexican Pizza!

You took a slice right out of my heart  
When I took a bite from your work of art  
Oh and I'll never recover  
Miss you like a lover  
Mexican Pizza...  
Why did you leave us?

Oooh..  
Rest in pieces...  
Darkness fell over the world...

When they removed me...  
All the fans that wanted more  
Threw their hands up in despair!

And I just couldn't believe all the love  
on the internet from my grievin' fans...

Sign this petition!  
Make Taco Bell listen!

Stream my song!

Taco Bell  
Why was the Mexican Pizza removed?  
Bring it back  
Cuz we want it bad  
Why the 🤖 you make us mad

She held on as long as she could  
But in the end, the people's voices wouldn't  
be enough to save (to save, to save...)

Our dearly beloved meal  
From termination  
And devastation  
How will we ever heal?

Witches and warlocks even held seances...

Two tortillas  
Meat and beans  
And all three cheeses  
We raise you from the dead  
(Repeated in rounds)

A Crunchtorta?! NO!!!

You took a slice right out of our hearts  
The perfect creation right from the start  
Oh and we'll never recover  
Never recover  
Cuz' you complete us!

You took a slice right out of our hearts  
When we took a bite from your work of art  
Ohhh and I'll never recover  
Miss you like a lover  
Mexican Pizza...  
Why did you leave us? Ohh....

# REST IN PIZZA

Music & Lyrics by Abigail Barlow, Emily Bear, & Amala Dlamini

We're gonna make this...  
(We're gonna make this...)

Gotta be bangin'  
Something to hum  
Something to love

So a million voices sing as one  
We're gonna make this!

Fans gonna make this!

Lyric and melody  
Working in perfect harmony

Stuck in your head...  
Melt in your mouth...  
Better than best...  
Drawing a crowd...

Sweet and the savory combinations  
Like a recipe

With ooey gooey cheese...

Makin' the perfect thing!  
We're all gonna save this...

We're all gonna save this!  
We're all gonna save this!

I got beans, I need meat  
I need a shell with the sauce and cheese  
(x2)

What do we want? (Taco Bell!)  
When do we want it? ( Right! Now!)

We got beans, we need meat  
And on the side? Some sour cream!

We come in peace, they can't ignore  
If we the people are asking for

(Beans, meat)  
(Shell with a sauce and cheese)  
(Live Más)

And if we sing, they can't ignore  
What we the people are asking for  
What we the people are asking for

Omg! OMG!!!  
You heard the Queen  
Dolly P

Now let's eat! (we got meat)  
We got beans  
We got a shell with the sauce and cheese  
All three, all three  
We got the heat, now we can eat! Ah!

You took a slice right out of my heart  
We took a bite from your work of art

We've been dreaming of this moment  
Since it went away  
Life lived without you  
Just isn't the same

We've been hopin'  
We've been prayin'  
They would come around  
That would make us proud  
C'mon let's get loud

Wooooahhhh  
We got beans, we got meat  
We got shell with the sauce and cheese  
Finally we can rest in pizza  
We've been hopin'  
We've been prayin'  
They would come around  
Mexican Pizza  
Mexican Pizza's here to stay!





THE  
**ULTIMATE ENCORE**

Swing by your local Taco Bell  
and pick up a Mexican Pizza today.

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## WHO'S WHO IN THE CREW

### MUSIC CREATED BY

Music and Lyrics by Abigail Barlow, Emily Bear, and Amala Dlamini; Vocals Produced by Abigail Barlow, Emily Bear, and Juan Ariza; Produced by Juan Ariza and Emily Bear; Vocal Arrangement by Abigail Barlow

### VOCAL PERFORMANCES BY

Abigail Barlow, Emily Bear, William Bradford, Freedom Bremner, Kay Brown, Sophie Buskin, Elaine Caswell, Brian Collazo, Neal Coomer, Emily Drennan, Zachary Foster, Caroline Kuhn, Victor Kunda, Shayna Steele, Nina Zeitlin

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# YEP, THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S A MEXICAN PIZZA AD IN A MEXICAN PIZZA MUSICAL PLAYBILL.



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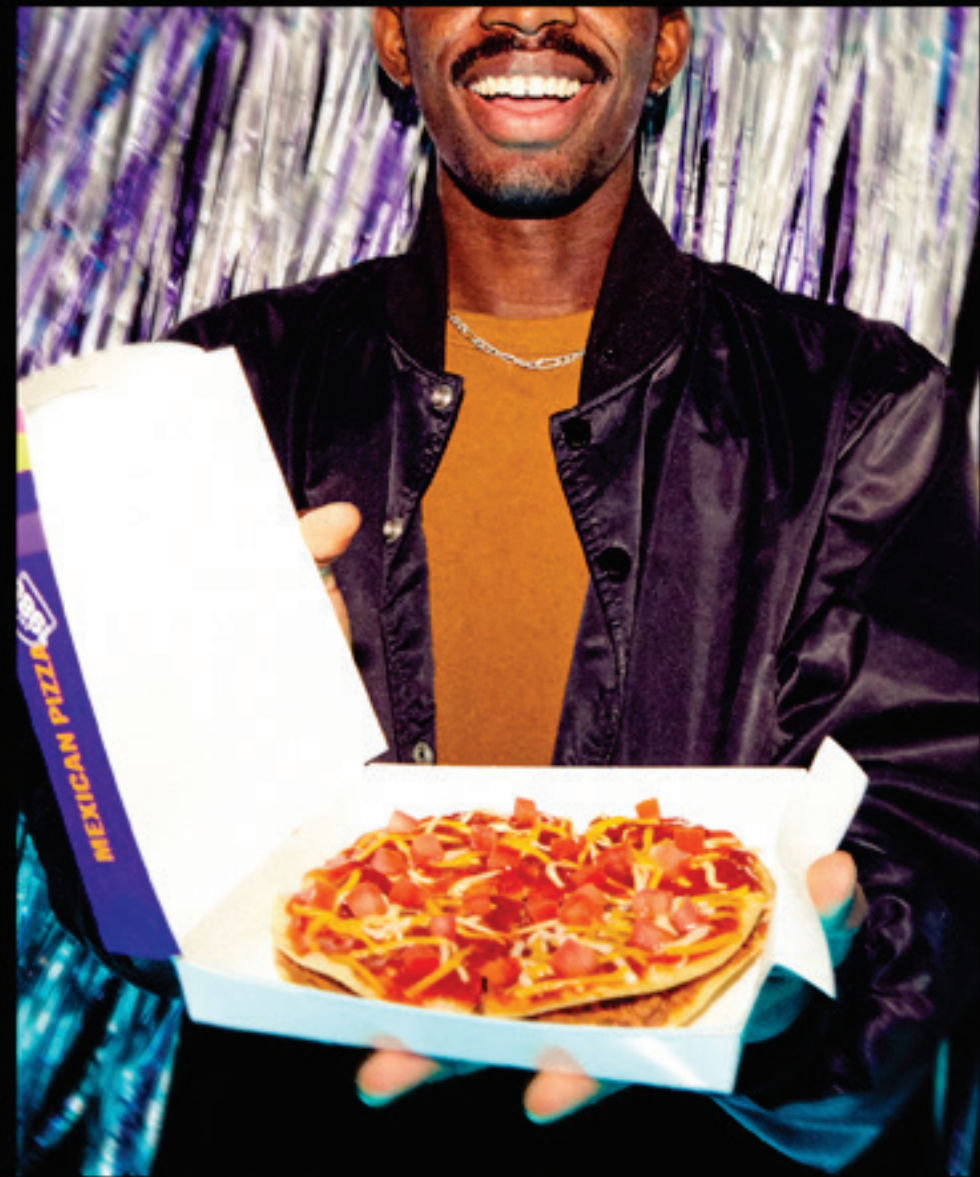
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## SPECIAL THANKS

We love that you, our fans, are some of the funniest, passionate, and most amazing people out there. The dedication you demonstrated to bring back the Mexican Pizza was unlike anything we've ever seen. You've thrown shade, signed petitions, and commented endlessly on our posts, searing the phrase "bring back the Mexican Pizza" into our brains forever, and we're glad you did. For those who have been Mexican Pizza fans since day one to the ones who are just trying it for the first time, you all have a pizza our hearts forever.

TACO BELL



**WELCOME BACK,  
MEXICAN PIZZA**

We sure did miss ya.





**TACO BELL**