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BUBBLE BOY was first presented at the Scherr Forum (Barry McComb, Director; Stacey Park, Deputy Director) in Thousand Oaks, California, on February 7, 2008. It was directed by Sherry Coben, and the stage manager was Jama McMahon. The cast was as follows:

JIMMY LIVINGSTON	Shaun Fleming
MRS. LIVINGSTON	Allison Martone
CHLOE MOLINSKI	Alex Paul
MR. LIVINGSTON	Kevin Goller
MARK	Michael Callas
BUS KIOSK GUY	Jonathan Rado
LORRAINE	Samantha Hertz
TODD	Drew Cullinan
SLIM	Jordan Stidham
PUSHPAHP	Bryan Felber
CHICKEN MAN	Patrick Rosenberg
FAT LADY	Sasha Stock
HUMAN COATRACK	Carlin Canter
BEARDED GIRL	Jackie Cohen
PINHEAD JOE	Kevin Kho
DR. PHREAK	Justin Lieberman
SHERIFF	Theo Kokiousis
GIL	Jared Zabel
NANNY/NONNY	Bailey Thompson
ENSEMBLE	essie Brotman, Sam France,
Cheyenne Grogan, Taryn Hurlbut, Alex Lewis, Evan Lewis, Sean McSweeney,	
Jamie Siegel, Kelly Sparrman	

A revised version of BUBBLE BOY was later presented by American Theater Group (James Vagias, Rick Sordelet, and Joseph Mancuso, Co-Artistic Producing Directors) at Hamilton Stage in Rahway, New Jersey, on November 8, 2013. It was directed and choreographed by Jen Wineman. The cast was as follows:

Chris McCarrell	LITTLE JIMMY/JIMMY LIVINGSTON
Erin Maguire	MRS. LIVINGSTON
Gerianne Perez	CHLOE MOLINSKI
Benjamin Howes	MR. LIVINGSTON/GIL
Marrick Smith	MARK/BUS KIOSK GUY/SHERIFF
Alex Paul	LORRAINE
Gabriel Sloyer	SLIM/TODD
Rachid Sabitri	PUSHPAHP/SHAWN
RAnita Welch	SHINY GIRL/SALESWOMAN/MINISTER
Alex Chester	DEPUTY/ENSEMBLE

# **CHARACTERS**

JIMMY LIVINGSTON

MRS. LIVINGSTON

MR. LIVINGSTON

**CHLOE MOLINSKI** 

LITTLE JIMMY

**SHAWN** 

**SALESLADY** 

**BUS KIOSK GUY** 

**BRIGHT AND SHINIES** 

TODD

LORRAINE

**SLIM** 

**BIKERS** 

**PUSHPAHP** 

MARK

**SHERIFF** 

**DEPUTY** 

GIL

**MINISTER** 

# **BUBBLE BOY**

# Scene 1

A spotlight shines on a plastic bubble on top of a table with wheels. Inside the bubble is a baby. Next to the bubble is the ensemble, dressed as doctors and nurses.

### ENSEMBLE.

AH ... AH ... AH ... AHHHHH AH ... AH ... AH ... AHHHHH

THERE WAS A BOY WHO LIVED IN A BUBBLE
HE TRAVELED THREE THOUSAND MILES FOR LOVE
A CLASSIC TALE OF GLORY AND RUBBLE
A CONFLICT OLD AS THE STARS ABOVE
THE SUMERIANS HAD THE STORY OF GILGAMESH

THE GREEKS HAD ONE ABOUT THEIR WAR WITH TROY

**BUT WE** 

LUCKY WE

**BLESSED WE** 

HAVE THE EPIC KNOWN AS BUBBLE BOY!

(Mr. and Mrs. Livingston step up next to the bubble.)

MRS. LIVINGSTON.

MY SON JIMMY WAS BORN ONE COLD DECEMBER DAY
AS SOON AS HE POPPED OUT THE DOCTORS WHISKED HIM
AWAY

THEY SAID MY BOY HAD NO IMMUNE SYSTEM I NEVER HELD HIM, I NEVER KISSED HIM HE COULD BE KILLED BY JUST ONE GERM WHAT DO I BLAME?

(Points to her husband.)

MY HUSBAND'S WEAK SPERM!

(Mr. Livingston hangs his head in shame.)

DOCTOR. Actually, Mrs. Livingston, that's not medically —

MRS. LIVINGSTON.

DON'T LECTURE ME

MY SON'S A

MRS. LIVINGSTON and ENSEMBLE.

**BUBBLE BOY** 

BUBBLE BOY

(Little Jimmy is now inside his bubble room. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston stand outside it. The ensemble is now a group of Palmdale citizens. A sign reads "Welcome to Palmdale, California!")

MRS. LIVINGSTON.

THEN ONE DAY WE BROUGHT HIM HOME TO BE BACK WITH HIS MOM

BACK TO OUR THREE-BEDROOM HOUSE IN

ENSEMBLE.

PALMDALE!

WONDERFUL PALMDALE!

**GLORIOUS PALMDALE!** 

(Mrs. Livingston turns to Little Jimmy.)

MRS. LIVINGSTON. Remember, Jimmy. It's a wicked world out there. (Mysteriously.) I know from personal experience. (Back to normal.) But now you're safe inside, and you never ever have to go out there again. And do you know what that makes you? The luckiest boy in the world.

LITTLE JIMMY.

I'M THE LUCKIEST BOY IN THE WORLD

ENSEMBLE.

HE'S THE LUCKIEST BOY IN THE WORLD

LITTLE JIMMY.

I NEVER HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE

WHERE GERMS AND MICROBES LIKE TO HIDE

AND STRANGERS OFFER YOU A RIDE

OH NO

I'M THE LUCKIEST BOY IN THE WORLD

ENSEMBLE.

HE'S THE LUCKIEST BOY IN THE WORLD

MRS. LIVINGSTON. (Mrs. Livingston reads Little Jimmy a bedtime story.) "... And the prince climbed up Rapunzel's hair to the top of the tower and said, 'Come with me, and we'll live happily ever after.' Then Rapunzel left her plastic bubble. And died. The end." (She slams the book closed and turns to the audience.)

## I EXPOSED HIM TO ALL THE GOOD THINGS I COULD FIND

(Little Jimmy reads Highlights magazine as his mom watches.)

LITTLE JIMMY. I wish *Highlights* wasn't the only magazine in the world, Mom.

MRS. LIVINGSTON. So do I, dear. (To audience.)

TO BUILD A HEALTHY BODY AND A HEALTHY MIND

(Little Jimmy sits in front of the TV set as his mom watches.)

TV SET. "Hey, Davey. God wouldn't want you to walk on that thin ice."

LITTLE JIMMY. I wish *Davey and Goliath* wasn't the only TV show in the world, Mom.

MRS. LIVINGSTON. So do I, dear. (To the audience.)

SO MAYBE I FIBBED MORE THAN I SHOULD

BUT IT WAS ALL FOR THE GREATER GOOD

DON'T YOU JUDGE ME

MY SON'S A

MRS. LIVINGSTON and ENSEMBLE.

BUBBLE BOY

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(Now we see that Jimmy is a teenager with an electric guitar.)

MRS. LIVINGSTON.

AND NOW MY BOY'S A TEEN,

BUT THERE'S NO CAUSE TO MOURN

I'VE KEPT HIM PURE AND CLEAN

AS THE DAY HE WAS BORN

JIMMY.

I'M THE LUCKIEST BOY IN THE WORLD

MRS. LIVINGSTON.

HE'S THE LUCKIEST BOY IN THE WORLD IIMMY.

I NEVER HAVE TO GO OUT THERE

WHERE PEOPLE POINT

AND PEOPLE STARE

AND BREATHE DISEASES IN THE AIR

AND PEOPLE LAUGH

AND PEOPLE SWEAR

AND THROW THEIR GARBAGE EVERYWHERE

AND PEOPLE CRY

AND PEOPLE CARE

AND FEEL THE WIND RUSH THROUGH THEIR HAIR

I'M THE LUCKIEST BOY IN THE WORLD

# **BUBBLE BOY**

# book by Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio music and lyrics by Cinco Paul based on the film *Bubble Boy* by Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio

6M, 4W (flexible casting, doubling)

Jimmy Livingston was born without immunities and has spent his entire life confined inside a plastic bubble room. Enter Chloe, the girl next door, who becomes his friend and steals his heart. When she leaves town to get married, Jimmy travels cross-country in a homemade bubble suit in order to stop the wedding and finally tell her how he feels. Along the laugh-filled journey he deals with a crazy cult, a biker gang, a dead cow, and a controlling mother who will stop at nothing to get him back in the bubble.

"One of the cleverest, funniest, and most endearing musicals I've seen in a long time."

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"... delivers quite a bit of fun ... with a sweet ending that is entirely in line with the rest of its good-natured story."

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