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 Cullinanan
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 ........................................................ Jessie 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:

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

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