

MASON BATES / LIBRETTO BY GENE SCHEER / BASED ON THE BOOK BY MICHAEL CHABON

# THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF KAVALIER & CLAY

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TRACY BACON

Edward Nelson

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**ACT I** Joe Kavalier escapes Prague to live with his cousin Sam Clay in Brooklyn. Together, they create a comic-book superhero to urge Americans to join the fight against the Nazis. Their comic, *The Escapist*, becomes a hit. Joe meets Rosa, who is raising money for a ship, *The Ark of Miriam*, to transport children out of Europe. As they discuss arranging passage for Joe's sister, Sarah, they plan for the future and fall in love. Meanwhile, Sam and the radio actor Tracy Bacon have fallen for each other. When Joe learns that German torpedoes have sunk *The Ark of Miriam*, he has a breakdown.

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**ACT II** Joe's mental deterioration continues, worsened by the news of his parents' and sister's deaths. Rosa finds a makeshift studio Joe has set up, as well as evidence that he has joined the military. Sam attends a going-away party for Tracy, who has also enlisted. The party is an exclusively gay affair, and when it is raided by the FBI, one of the agents sexually assaults Sam. Rosa tells Sam that she's pregnant. He offers to marry her and raise the child as his own. On a battlefield in Europe, Joe finds Tracy. After Tracy is killed, Joe starts reading Rosa's letters. One contains Rosa's drawing of Luna Moth, who appears and guides Joe to the house where Rosa and Sam live. Sam boards a train and begins writing *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*.

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