

jagged
little
pill
THE MUSICAL

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About

- *Jagged Little Pill* is an alternative rock album co-written and recorded (late 1994-5) by producer Glenn Ballard and then 19-year-old, Alanis Morissette.
- The album was released by Maverick Records (co-founded by pop superstar Madonna) in summer 1995.
- It explores several emotional themes like equality, heartbreak, misogyny, faith, female/self-empowerment, and acceptance.
- The experimental sound combinations, and confessional style lyrics were inspired by the post-grunge/punk rock trends of the early 90's.
- It quickly garnered many accolades, and later became one of the best-selling records of all time with over 33 million copies sold.



Anger, in and of itself, is a gorgeous and powerful life force that courses through our bodies, indicating that something needs to change, some action needs to be taken on our own behalf, or that there has been a boundary violation.

-Alanis Morissette

Breaking Ground

- The global success of the record proved the versatility of Alanis' talents and music.
- The album consists of 12 tracks, which cover a complex range of emotions through sophisticated lyricism and musical layering.
- Each track uses an eclectic combination of sounds varying from hard guitar and horns, to soft piano and shimmering percussions depending on the message of the song.
- The album as a whole shares relatable stories of life through deep, impassioned lyrics, that at times seem conversational, as if reading the diary of a friend.
- The songs explore the sounds and ideas of mismatched, yet real emotions we all grapple with sometimes simultaneously—co-existing; from raging angst, and disappointment, to bubbly, endearing optimism.
- Praised by both critics and fans alike, *Jagged Little Pill* was heavily acknowledged at many award ceremonies; sweeping four major categories at the Grammys alone: including Best Female Rock Performance, Best Rock Song, Best Rock Album, and Album of the Year
- For these reasons, Morissette is considered a trailblazing pioneer for female singer-songwriters of her generation & beyond, and has earned the title "Queen of Alt-Rock Angst"



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Breaking into Broadway

- In 2013, it was announced Morissette and Ballard had reunited to stylize and adapt the record into a jukebox-musical.
- Rather than a typical biographical style story, the plot is fictional, centering around an American family who seems perfect on the outside, but individually are all dealing with inner demons or struggles.
- The show's book is written by Diablo Cody (screen writer of *Juno*) and directed by Diane Paulus (Tony Award Winner for Best Direction of a Musical, *Pippin*)
- In 2018, *Jagged Little Pill* premiered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the American Repertory Theater.
- It opened on Broadway at the Broadhurst Theatre, in December 2019.
- The production went into hiatus when all Broadway theatres closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The show re-opened in October 2021, and ran until December, closing after a total of 171 performances.
- Despite the production issues, the show was quite popular and well attended, with an approval and attendance rating of 92%.

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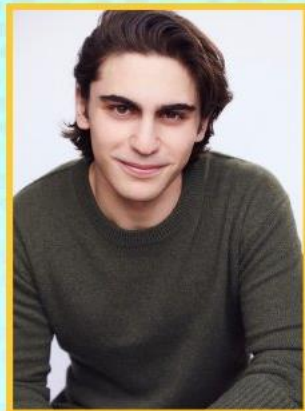
HEIDI BLICKENSTAFF (SHE/HER)
MARY JANE HEALY



LAUREN CHANEL (SHE/HER)
FRANKIE HEALY



CHRIS HOCH (HE/HIM)
STEVE HEALY



DILLON KLENA (HE/HIM)
NICK HEALY



JADE McLEOD (THEY/THEM)
JO TAYLOR



ALLISON SHEPPARD (SHE/HER)
BELLA FOX

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A NEW MUSICAL FROM **ALANIS MORISSETTE**

THE CAST

MJ HEALY- Good Catholic Girl Devoted Wife, Harvard Mom, PTA President, Soul Cycle Star, Trader Joe's Shopper, Christmas Letter Writer, Control Freak, Accident Victim, Opioid Addict, Rape Survivor

PERFECTLY IMPERFECT.

FRANKIE HEALY- Aspiring Poet, Founder of Social Movements and Advocacy Committee (SMACC), Proud Black Woman, Bisexual, Feminist, Perennial Trouble-Maker, Revolutionary in the Making

REBEL WITH A CAUSE.

STEVE HEALY- Successful Lawyer, Trophy Husband, Harvard Dad, Workaholic, City Commuter, Absentee Parent, Mid-Life Crisis Sufferer, Porn Lover

WORKING STIFF.

NICK HEALY- Salutatorian, Harvard Admit, All-State Symphony Cellist, Mathlete, AP Scholar, State Debate Society Champion, Captain of Swim Team, Resentful Son, Tight Lipped Witness

MAKE US PROUD.

JO TAYLOR- Wry Jokester, Track Jacket Enthusiast, Beanie Lover, Sardonic Realist, Queer, LGBTQ+/Social Activist. Jilted Best Friend.

LOST BUT HOPEFUL.

BELLA FOX- Literary Magazine Editor, Edgy High School Senior, Sexual Assault Survivor, Women's Rights Activist, Voice of a Movement

UNDER RUG SWEEP.



Cast of Characters