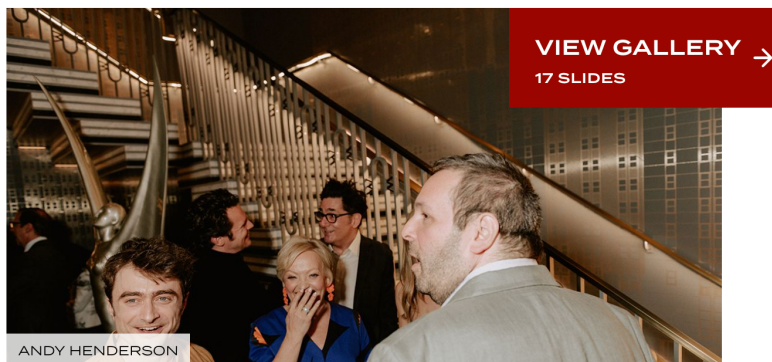


# A T&C Toast To *Merrily We Roll Along*'s Maria Friedman

The Tony-nominated director's cast and friends celebrated her and her show in New York City.

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Most often, directors spend their time behind the scenes. On May 14, however, Maria Friedman, the Tony Award-nominated director of the Broadway musical *Merrily We Roll Along* was front and center to be celebrated by *Town & Country*, her cast, and a room full of admirers at the Waldorf Astoria Residences New York in Manhattan.

The reason to raise a glass? *Merrily*'s seven Tony nominations and a blockbuster run that has seen the show move from the Off-Broadway New York Theatre Workshop to the Hudson Theatre, where it will run through July 7. And what better place to celebrate Friedman's hit adaptation of an unmistakably New York story than at the [Waldorf Astoria](#), itself an iconic emblem of the city—and one that's set to re-open to guests and residents later this winter after being closed for seven years for a major restoration.

On hand were members of the *Merrily* cast, including Daniel Radcliffe, Jonathan Groff, Katie Rose Clarke, and Reg Rogers, as well as a phalanx of Friedman's friends and fans, like Sydney Lemmon, Rebecca Naomi Jones, Mallory Portnoy, Clint Ramos, Clive Chang, Ben Brantley, Peter Marks, and more, who enjoyed Champagne Lallier and echoed the sentiment Groff made in a touching speech: Who's like Maria Friedman? Damn few.



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Jasmin Howanietz,  
Andre Zotoff,  
and Dino Michael



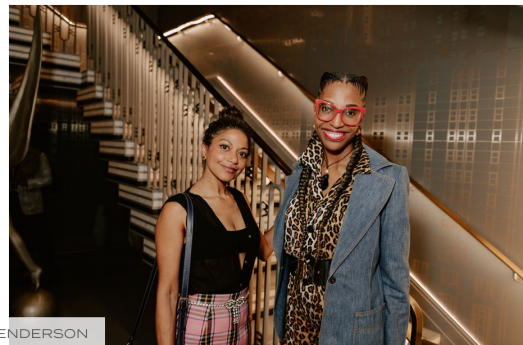
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Patrick Catullo, Jonathan Groff,  
Reg Rogers, Maria Friedman,  
Katie Rose Clarke, Joel Fram,  
and David Babani



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Rebecca Naomi Jones and Keli Goff



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Clive Chang



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Daniel Radcliffe and Maria Friedman



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Rafé Totengco, Clint Ramos, and Patrick Catullo



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David Babani, Maria Friedman, Daniel Radcliffe, and Katie Rose Clarke



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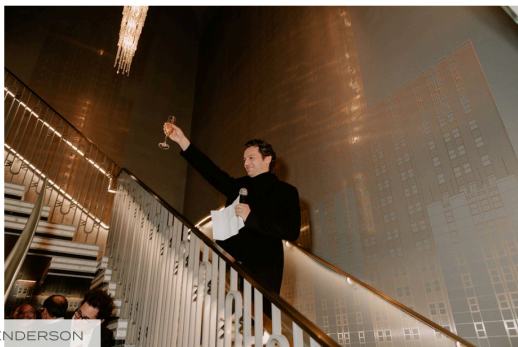
Maria Friedman



Lauren Milstein, Shawn McCreech, and Max Berlinger



Reg Rogers, Richard Ridge, and Jonathan Groff



Jonathan Groff



Adam Rathe