**Short Bio**

Mike Flanagan is an American saxophonist, pianist, songwriter, composer, music director, educator, and actor. Mike holds a Bachelor’s in Jazz Saxophone and Music Education from Berklee College of Music, as well as a Master’s in Music Theory, Composition, and Songwriting from New York University, where he simultaneously served as an adjunct professor of composition.As a saxophonist, he has shared the stage with jazz greats Terri Lyne Carrington, Joanne Brackeen, Esperanza Spaulding, Cassandra Wilson, Christian Scott, Andre Hayward, Donald Harrison, Gray Sargent, Marshall Wood, Richie Barshay, Dave Zinno, singer/songwriter Matt Alber, and toured the U.S. and Japan. As a pianist, he has recorded for Kat Deluna, LeAndria Johnson, music directed for Lea DeLaria, James Jackson Jr, Ada Vox, Madame the Puppet, Varla Jean Merman, Esera Tuaolo, and worked with Ruth and Issa Pointer (Pointer Sisters).

Mike has released four albums independently under the artist-name MikeMRF and has topped iTunes and charted on Billboard three times. As a songwriter, Mike has won two OUTmusic Awards and a Lennon Award. His groundbreaking music video for his original song “Trying,” which he acted in and directed, has over one million views on YouTube. In spring of 2002, Mike and long-time collaborator Lisa Bello toured the U.S. with the release of their live album, “Wait Just Listen,” and sold out the main stage at City Winery Boston. In winter of 2023, Mike, Chris Grasso, and Lauren Scales teamed up for the Perfect Pairs tour. Currently, Mike serves as Entertainment Director for two Provincetown venues - Tin Pan Alley and the Post Office Cabaret - where he leads his own groups. He also performs regularly at The Club Provincetown, Lea Delaria’s jazz and music venue.