

PATTERN PEOPLE

A theatrical exploration of
early childhood patterns

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Pattern People was first produced by Pollyanna Theatre Company in Austin TX at the Long Center for the Performing Arts' Rollins Studio Theatre in January 2016. The original cast and crew were as follows:

<u>ASH CYAN:</u>	Bethany Harbaugh
<u>BAILEY MAGENTA:</u>	Aaron Alexander
<u>CASEY YELLOW:</u>	Uyen-Anh Dang
<u>DREW KEY:</u>	Craig Kanne
<u>NARRATOR (VO):</u>	Andrew Perry
<u>DIRECTOR:</u>	Judy Matetzschk-Campbell, Ph.D.
<u>STAGE MANAGER:</u>	Andrew Perry
<u>SCENIC DESIGNERS:</u>	Patrick Crowley Holly Crowley
<u>COSTUME DESIGNER:</u>	Rikki Tomiko Davis
<u>LIGHTING DESIGNER:</u>	Don Day
<u>SOUND DESIGNER:</u>	Andrew Perry

Cast of Characters

<u>ASH CYAN:</u>	motherly
<u>BAILEY MAGENTA:</u>	fatherly
<u>CASEY YELLOW:</u>	sisterly
<u>DREW KEY:</u>	brotherly
<u>NARRATOR (VO):</u>	benevolent voice of authority

Each character is dressed in and uses props of the color palate of their last name throughout- in street clothes, overalls, or fantasy costumes.

Scene

A big city with flexible locations for a street sidewalk outside of a school, a zoo, the inside of a school, the inside of an apartment, and in the hallway of an apartment building.

Time

The present.

SETTING: A city street, city noise

AT RISE: ASH CYAN in blue uniform is pulling DREW KEY in black school clothes with school bag down the street. BAILEY MAGENTA in red uniform is pulling CASEY YELLOW in yellow school clothes down the street in the opposite direction.

NARRATOR (VO)

Once upon a time, in a great big city, there were two very small families... made of four very different people. Two were big, and two were small. And each single one had a different favorite food, and favorite song, and favorite color: Cyan, which is a kind of blue; Magenta, which is a kind of red, Yellow, which is, of course, Yellow... and Key, which is like a key to a lock but also the color Black.

ASH CYAN

Don't be late.

BAILEY MAGENTA

Don't be late.

ASH CYAN

Be on time!

BAILEY MAGENTA

Be on time!

NARRATOR (VO)

The four people each noticed different things about the world...

DREW KEY

Look, a squirrel!

CASEY YELLOW

Look, a bird!

DREW KEY

Look, a worm!

CASEY YELLOW

Look, a cat!

NARRATOR (VO)
And about each other.

DREW KEY
You're going too fast.

CASEY YELLOW
You didn't even look!

ASH CYAN
Hurry up.

BAILEY MAGENTA
Hurry up!

DREW KEY
My bag is heavy.

CASEY YELLOW
My shoe's too tight.

ASH CYAN
Can't fix it now.

BAILEY MAGENTA
I'll fix it later.

DREW KEY
My eye is itchy.

CASEY YELLOW
My nose is runny.

ASH CYAN
Okay stop.

(ASH CYAN takes out some
eyedrops and drops them in
DREW KEY's eyes.)

BAILEY MAGENTA
Okay stop.

(BAILEY MAGENTA takes out a
tissue and put's it up to
CASEY YELLOW's nose.)

Blink! ASH CYAN

Blow! BAILEY MAGENTA

Ah! DREW KEY & CASEY YELLOW

Better? ASH CYAN & BAILEY MAGENTA

Better! DREW KEY & CASEY YELLOW

Now, we have to get a move on or we'll all be late for school!
 (They turn towards each other and totally bump into each other.)

Oh, hello ... ASH CYAN

Yes, hello! BAILEY MAGENTA

Who are you? DREW KEY

Who are you? CASEY YELLOW

We just moved here. ASH CYAN

We've lived here forever. BAILEY MAGENTA

I'm the new kid. DREW KEY

I'm the old kid. CASEY YELLOW

I'm Ash Cyan. ASH CYAN

I'm Bailey Magenta. BAILEY MAGENTA

I'm Drew Yellow. DREW KEY

I'm Casey Key. BAILEY MAGENTA

I'm a father... I mean mother. ASH CYAN

I'm a mother... I mean father. BAILEY MAGENTA

Do you have sisters? DREW KEY

Do you have brothers? CASEY YELLOW

I mean brothers. DREW KEY

I mean sisters. CASEY YELLOW

No. DREW KEY

No. CASEY YELLOW

No. ASH CYAN

No. BAILEY MAGENTA

Too bad! DREW KEY

So sad! CASEY YELLOW

(Music starts to play. They
all get in a line, and
switch places randomly.)

ALL

Mother, Father, Sister, Brother.
Brother Sister, Father, Other!
Other Mother, Other Father,
Other Son, and Other Daughter,
Mommy, Daddy, Brother, Sis.
How did we all get like this?
Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle, Aunt,
Cousins, nieces, nephews, we can't...
Name all the members of our family-
Did we remember gramps and grammy?

(Music ends, they
separate.)

DREW KEY

Hey, I've got a mom and you've got a dad!

CASEY YELLOW

When you put it that way, it doesn't sound half bad!

ASH CYAN

Which way is the school? Do you know?

BAILEY MAGENTA

Of course. Come with us, we'll show you where to go.

ASH CYAN

Thank you!

BAILEY MAGENTA

This way.

DREW KEY

But I'm warning you, stay outta my way.

CASEY YELLOW

Great simmering meatballs! What did you say?

DREW KEY

I said, I like to be left alone, okay?

CASEY YELLOW

Okay, I get it, have it your way.

BAILEY MAGENTA

Right up those steps. The classroom is to the right.

ASH CYAN

Alright then, kiddo, I'll be right here to pick you up tonight.

DREW KEY

Aw, after hours care? Again?

ASH CYAN

That's just the way things go...

BAILEY MAGENTA

Um, Drew can come home with us, you know?

CASEY YELLOW

Hot sauce and spaghetti!

DREW KEY

I'd rather eat confetti.

BAILEY MAGENTA

Well, maybe next time.

ASH CYAN

Yes, maybe. Go on in kids, have a good day.

BAILEY MAGENTA

Remember, kids, we're with you, all the way!

(The kids move into the school, the parents keep waving.)

ASH CYAN

It's nice to meet you.

BAILEY MAGENTA

Yes, you too.

ASH CYAN

Where do you work?