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Kiss of the Spider Woman's Web of Columbia Connections

Several alumni are behind the upcoming musical film.

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From left: John Kander, composer; Fred Ebb, lyricist; Bill Condon, screenwriter and director; Terrence McNally, playwright. (Condon: AFF / Alamy; Kander & Ebb: New York Public Library; McNally: Al Pereira)

It's notable when any Columbian releases a major Hollywood film, but it's rare to find multiple alumni in a single production's credits. *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, an upcoming musical drama set in an Argentinian prison, was written and directed by Bill Condon '76CC, based on the 1992 stage musical with a book by Terrence McNally '60CC, music by John Kander '54GSAS, and lyrics by former Columbia

student Fred Ebb. Starring Jennifer Lopez as the fantasy “spider woman,” the movie hits theaters on October 10.



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