THE SPOTLIGHT

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HAUL OUT THE HOLLY!

By Jose Rincon, Executive Director

Bravo to the cast and crew of *Annie*! And thank you to the more than 6,700 people who came to see our fabulous fall production. I can't think of a better way to have opened our 45th season and prep us for the upcoming holidays. The holiday that I'm most looking forward to this year is New Year's Eve, when Lyric Theatre, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts combine forces to present a one-night-only community celebration featuring some of musical theater's most beloved tunes. The full program for Burlington Does Broadway is included in this issue of *The Spotlight*, and tickets are on sale now so go to FlynnTix.org or call 802-86-FLYNN to get yours!

And if the standing-room-only attendance at our recent *Mamma Mia!* kick-off meeting is any indication, our spring production is going to be the hottest ticket in town. Those tickets are on sale too, so don't miss your chance to join the party when ABBA invades the Flynn April 11-14, 2019. And there are many ways to be part of the fun leading up to opening night. For information on all the *Mamma Mia!* volunteer opportunities, go to LyricTheatreVT.org.

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES BENEFITS LYRIC

Join your Lyric family for the Vermont premiere of ***Mary Poppins Returns*** at the Palace 9 Theatre in South Burlington. This is a benefit showing. The mysterious Mary Poppins returns to Depression-era London to visit Jane and her brother Michael, now a father of three, and helps them rediscover the joy they knew as children. A portion of all ticket sales goes to Lyric Theatre!

Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Palace 9 Cinema, 10 Fayette Drive, South Burlington
Tickets are $15. Purchase your tickets in advance at the Flynn Box Office or online at flynntix.org

Watch the trailer:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3jsfXDZLIY

INTRODUCING OUR CAST

In Order of Appearance

Sophie Sheridan	Emily Friedrichsen
Ali	Joshua Huffman*
Lisa	Carah Pioli-Hunt
Donna Sheridan	Serena Magnan O'Connell
Tanya	Jennifer Warwick
Rosie	Kelly Kendall
Sky	Philip Caycedo*
Pepper	Justin Gardner
Eddie	Sarah Wright
Harry Bright	G. Richard Ames*
Bill Austin	Mark Cranmer
Sam Carmichael	Ian Ferris
Wedding Guest	Walter Curtis
Wedding Guest	Carl Frenning*
Wedding Officiator	Michael Tutt

Singing Ensemble

Jenn Adams Merrill Cameron Andrea Cronan
Rick Cusick Brita Down Joplin James
Stephen Kendall Kelly Mancini Becker* Buddy Meilleur*
Erika Yale Polner* Eric Rainville Carolyn Sandoval*
Lillian Smith* Tim Stetson Pam Toof
Betty Faul-Welfare*

Dance Ensemble

Katy Albert* Kianna Ayer* Kaitie Bessette
Evan Brown Jane Burchard Travis Hathaway
Sophie Lederman* Maria Morse* Don Patrick O'Connell
Anna Rossi Julia Sioss Rebecca Sprano
Anne Stetson Andy Whitaker Harriet Veltkamp*

*First time on stage in a Lyric Theatre MainStage production

THE PERFECT GIFT

The gift of live theatre…perfect for every occasion!

For that challenging-to-buy-for person in your life, consider a gift certificate for tickets to a Lyric Theatre Company production or LyricKids' camp. Perhaps you can recall the first time you sat in the audience for a live theatre production—the flurry of conversations as patrons entered the hall; reading your program; sensing the excitement as the house lights dimmed; hearing the first notes of the overture; being awed by sets, costumes, hair, make-up, and lighting; and perhaps even waiting after the show to meet your favorite cast member. Everyone should have this experience! You can make it happen. Contact the Lyric Office for more info—802-658-1484.

Featuring Lyric Theatre Company and The Vermont Symphony Orchestra
Benjamin Klemme, conductor
Bill Reed, vocal director Donna Antell, choreographer
John Gravel, M.C.
With special guests Anna Goodling and Chatch Pregger from Ballet Vermont

Act 1

Overture to *Candide* — Leonard Bernstein

Selections from *Fiddler on the Roof* — Jerry Bock & Sheldon Harnick
- "Tradition"
- "Matchmaker"

Selections from *South Pacific* — Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein, II
- "Cockeyed Optimist"
- "There is Nothin' like a Dame"
- "Younger than Springtime"
- "Honey Bun"

"Never Never Land" from *Peter Pan* — Jule Styne, Betty Comden & Adolph Green

"Too Darn Hot" from *Kiss Me Kate* — Cole Porter

Selections from *The Music Man* — Meredith Willson
- "Pick a Little, Talk a Little"
- "Goodnight My Someone"
- "Seventy-Six Trombones"

Intermission

Act 2

Selections from *The Most Happy Fella* — Frank Loesser
- Overture
- "Standing on the Corner"
- "Big D"

"Send in the Clowns" from *A Little Night Music* — Stephen Sondheim

"Pas de Deux" from *Carousel* — Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein, II

Selections from *Annie Get Your Gun* — Irving Berlin
- "They Say it's Wonderful"
- "There's No Business Like Show Business"

To the left: Show logo designed by Jane Burchard

THIS IS NOT YOUR MOTHER'S *ADDAMS FAMILY*
By Freda Tutt

Lyric will be presenting *The Addams Family* in the fall of 2019. You know the TV show, but what is the Addams Family musical all about? *The Addams Family* features an original story, and it's every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family–a man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before–keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents.

VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OF THE CREWS FOR LYRIC THEATRE COMPANY'S *MAMMA MIA!*

To adapt a popular saying, it takes a village to put on a show. In addition to the cast, several hundred volunteers work in about a dozen areas behind the scenes for each Lyric production. Here is information about some of the crews that will be holding weekly work sessions at Lyric's Creative Facility in South Burlington beginning in January:

Costumes
The costume construction crew is responsible for making or gathering all of the costumes seen on stage. Not only does this involve sewing, but also gluing, scrounging, cutting, dyeing and much more. The costume crew works together in the costume shop at Lyric's Creative Facility and/or volunteers may be asked to take projects home to complete. Working on this crew also gives you the opportunity to sign on as a dresser during the run of the show!
Crew Work Times: Sundays, 1:00-4:00 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Contact: Lyn Feinson, lyn@darntough.com; Robin Baker, robinb@gmavt.net; Margaret Spivak, mecspiv18@gmail.com

Properties
The Props crew finds (or makes) everything on the stage that isn't screwed down. "Prop tarts" do everything: paint, glue, carpentry, wiring, sewing, cutting-and-pasting, flower arranging and decorating–everyone's particular talent is put to good use! During the run of the show the Props crew works backstage moving furniture on and off and keeping track of all the hand-props the actors carry.
Crew Work Times: Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m.-undetermined time
Contact: Donna Riera, driera46@gmail.com; Mary Zimmerman, zoomzee65@gmail.com

Set Construction
From the visions of the set designer and artistic directors, the set construction crew creates the fabulous sets that populate the Flynn stage. Previous experience is appreciated but is not required. We teach, so anyone with an interest in construction is welcome. Even if you can make it only one or two days a week, that's great…all help is appreciated!!
Crew Work Times: Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Contact: Len Rubin, ljrubin2@comcast.net; Ted Anderson, gusand58@gmail.com

Set Decoration
Once the sets are built, they need to be painted. That is the work of the set decoration crew. If you have any artistic talent or just an interest in painting, this is the crew for you; no experience necessary! There are things to paint and create for every skill level.
Crew Work Times: Sundays, 1:00-4:00 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Contact: Janet Bessmer, jbessmer@drpower.com

I REMEMBER MAMA COMES TO THE SOUTH BURLINGTON STAGE
By David Bailey

"For long as I could remember, the house on the Steiner Street had been home." John Van Druten's *I Remember Mama* is a heartwarming story of a Norwegian immigrant family who settles in San Francisco during the early 1900s. Faced with challenges that range from financial to medical to death, the family is held together by the mother—a humble and soft-spoken, but strong-willed protector. A great deal of comedy is provided by the mother's three sisters and uncle. *I Remember Mama* is a memory play told to us through the reflections of Katrin, the oldest daughter who goes on to turn her diary about her mother and family into a published novel. *I Remember Mama* is presented in association with the First Light Theatre Project. A collection of 20 outstanding young actors from Tuttle Middle School (including Ronnie Thom Farrell, our Ralphie from *A Christmas Story*), along with a live cat, will be performing this enduring play at the South Burlington High School Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets go on sale in mid-December at www.firstlighttheatrevt.com and will be available at the door before each performance. For more info contact David Bailey at dbailey@sbschools.net.

ON OTHER STAGES

★ Lost Nation Theater presents ***Stories for the Season,*** December 19 at 7:00 p.m. It's FREE–LNT's gift to the community. Info: lostnationtheater.org
★ Neat, with a Twist presents ***Ladies Who Laugh & The Logger***, December 28, at Stowe Town Hall. Info: facebook.com/NeatWithATwist/
★ Vermont Stage presents ***Winter Tales***, December 12-16; and ***A Doll's House, Part 2***, January 23-February 10. Tickets/info: vermontstage.org
★ The Flynn Center's Broadway series continues with ***The Sound of Music***, February 26 and 27. Tickets/info: flynncenter.org
★ UVM Department of Theatre presents ***Pippin***, February 27-March 3. Tickets/info: uvm.edu/cas/theatre

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Technology (Chair: Andy Pearson): 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Office, 7 Green Tree Dr., South Burlington

Holiday Caroling Reminder
By Christopher Brown

Join Lyric and friends for our annual tradition spreading joy to shoppers on the Church Street Marketplace through caroling on Sunday, December 16, at 2:00 p.m.! Lend your voice and enjoy spending some time with your Lyric family. All are welcome; no experience or rehearsal necessary. We will meet outside of the Burlington Town Center. Soup and cider to follow at the home of the O'Connells. Be sure to bundle up!