

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

### "IT'S HOT UP HERE"

By Erin Evarts

As we swim into August after an incredibly busy summer I hope you have all remained healthy, safe, and have been able to enjoy the gorgeous Vermont weather. While we continue to practice social distancing, Lyric is slowly opening back up our Creative Space for use by our members and the community with CDC and State safety guidelines at the forefront of our work.

It was so wonderful to see so many Lyric members at our first Mystery Movie Night in July! We look forward to offering more outdoor events in the coming weeks and months so our members can safely enjoy each other's company AND we can share our love of musical theatre. Thank you to the Membership Committee for all their work on this event, and take a look in the *Spotlight* for information on what's next.

Keep your eyes peeled for more opportunities to sing, dance, and create with Lyric. Between issues of the *Spotlight* make sure you are on our mailing list, and following us on social media to stay as up to date as possible on all things Lyric!

## A NOTE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

By Christopher Brown

Hoping this message finds folks well as we head into August. (Wow, I swear time is flying by at lightning speed!) As the "Lyric Machine" continues to forge full speed ahead through the summer, I am happy to share some updates about some things happening throughout the organization.

As we tackle the question of 'how will we spend our time this fall without a Mainstage production,' a sub-committee of Production Selection & Evaluation has been created called **The Futuring Committee**, which has already met several times. The Lyric Futuring Subcommittee is charged to develop new programming options for Lyric so that:

- Lyric can continue to fulfill its mission during times when the Flynn Center is not available.
- Lyric can provide its membership with more opportunities for participation outside of the Mainstage production schedule.
- Lyric can rely less on Mainstage production ticket sales and sponsorship for our operating costs.
- Lyric has theatrical performance and volunteer options available in times when social distancing requires adjustments to "business as usual" for the performing arts.
- Lyric remains a relevant and active voice in our community despite being unable to carry out our Mainstage productions.

The committee has begun to collect ideas for different projects for the fall and will advertise volunteer and audition opportunities as projects come to fruition. Futuring will be soliciting ideas from the general membership in the near future, so keep your eyes peeled for a survey. As the committee develops processes, policies and procedures for developing projects, it will be communicated to the membership so more folks can be (safely) involved. If you are interested in learning more or participating in this committee, please email Tom Dunn (tedunn@comcast.net).

Spinning off the great success of our Mystery Movie Night, we have decided to host a second in conjunction with our **Annual Meeting** on Friday, August 21! At the Annual Meeting, we will review our past year, honor and recognize the hard work of our membership, review financials and talk more about the upcoming year. Per Lyric policy, we will also be presenting a slate of new board members to the membership for approval as we say farewell to a few outgoing members. I hope to see you there!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of Lyric. We are stronger because of you.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### LYRIC THEATRE COMPANY ANNUAL MEETING



PLEASE JOIN US FOR:

ONE NORMAL NIGHT NOT TODAY BUT JUST AROUND THE CORNER (Friday, August 21st)

As we take Lyric in a **NEW DIRECTION** At our **ANNUAL MEETING** Followed by **SECRETS** ... another **MYSTERY MOVIE NIGHT!!!** at sundown

6:00 p.m. Doors, Meeting Begins 6:30 p.m. FOOD TRUCKS and DOOR PRIZES

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK AND SOCIALLY DISTANCE

RSVP by August 15th to [lyricmembership@gmail.com](mailto:lyricmembership@gmail.com)

Join us for a socially-distant outdoor Annual Meeting and our second Mystery Movie Night here at the Lyric Creative Space on Green Tree Drive!

Friday, August 21, 2020

Arrivals at 6:00 | Meeting at 6:30 | Movie at Sundown

Please email [lyricmembership@gmail.com](mailto:lyricmembership@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## LYRIC FROM THE LIVING ROOM: FALL EDITION

By Erin Evarts

As the fall approaches, we are looking forward to updating our successful Lyric from the Living Room Series. It will look a little different this fall and be part performance and part fundraiser for Lyric. If you are interested in helping out by singing, dancing, OR sharing a technical skill (like how to lace a corset, paint a flat, or focus a light) please email [erin@lyrictheatrevt.org](mailto:erin@lyrictheatrevt.org) to get on the list.

## “THE CIRCLE OF LIFE”

By Ryan Addario

Recently, Green Tree Drive received a burst of youthful energy with our LyricKids summer programming coming in strong with amazing socially-distant productions of *Frozen KIDS!* and *Lion King Kids!* on our brand-new rehearsal space stage. We are so grateful to the staff, families, and campers for their flexibility and enthusiasm in contending with all of the additional safety measures that were put into place.

Campers and staff spent a huge amount of time outside, in addition to remaining distant and masked indoors while rehearsing. While it was definitely different from other years, there was no shortage of talent and joy on display, as the small number of family members in attendance can attest to. The kids are alright!

## SPOTLIGHT SHOUT-OUT

By Serena Magnan O’Connell, Membership Chair

This month, we’d like to acknowledge our tech crew who played an integral role in making Mystery Movie Night the success that it was! Ian Ferris, Andy Pearson, Justin Brault, Rick Pingert, Doug Viehmann and Chris Brown, thank you for your time and efforts resulting in a truly magical evening which brought our community together for the first time in months, and raised \$800 for Lyric! We couldn’t have done it without you and we’re giving you this month’s Spotlight Shout-Out!

## ACTIVE AND SUSTAINING LYRIC MEMBERS!

By Serena Magnan O’Connell

Keep an eye out for an upcoming email from the Lyric office...yup, it’s that time of year where your volunteer hours and donations to Lyric have been tallied and your membership cards await you! This year, to save on mailing costs and paper, we will be keeping your cards at the warehouse for distribution at our Annual Meeting (or you can pick them up at another time that works for you).

Also, keep an eye out...we want to know who you are! The Membership Committee has compiled a survey to help us keep track of who our active Lyric volunteers are. The questions will revolve around your experiences and interests within our organization. Please fill out and return to the office; it is useful information that will be vital in helping us fulfill our future membership needs and activities. All information will be kept in our database to be updated annually. Direct any questions you may have regarding the survey or your active/sustaining membership levels to [serenamagnan@hotmail.com](mailto:serenamagnan@hotmail.com).

## SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE STANLEY GREENBERG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

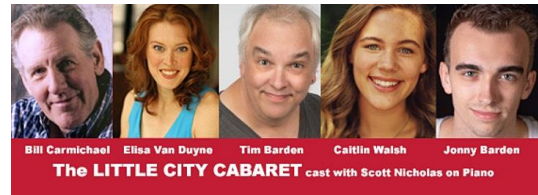
By Serena Magnan O’Connell, Membership Chair

The Membership Committee is now accepting nominations for the Stanley Greenberg Volunteer of the Year Award. If you have someone in mind who went above and beyond their Lyric commitments and duties this year, please submit their names and a brief description of their volunteer efforts to [serenamagnan@hotmail.com](mailto:serenamagnan@hotmail.com). The nominees will be discussed and voted upon by the membership committee and the award will be given out at the Annual Meeting.

## TRACKING VOLUNTEER HOURS

By Serena Magnan O’Connell, Membership Chair

Did you make masks for us this year? Have your Lyric volunteer hours been turned in? June 30 marked the end of Lyric’s fiscal year and the time of year we tally active membership hours. If you volunteered in a capacity OUTSIDE of a committee or involved in a show, please fill out the Volunteer Hours form found on the website and turn in to the office. Remember, committee hours are tracked by the committee chairs, crew hours are tracked by crew chiefs and cast hours are tracked by our stage managers. Please make sure your volunteer hours are accounted for! Tracking hours helps us to acquire grants, and is important data for us to document as an organization. Any questions on hours or the survey can be directed to [serenamagnan@hotmail.com](mailto:serenamagnan@hotmail.com).



## LIVE PERFORMANCES IN AUGUST: THE LITTLE CITY CABARET

Support local theatre, bring a picnic, and enjoy some familiar Lyric faces at this special, socially-distant benefit concert which will be held August 14, 15, and 16 at the Vergennes Opera House. Bill Carmichael (Walsh), Elisa Van Duyne, Caitlin Walsh, Tim Barden, and Jonny Barden are the featured performers in *The Little City Cabaret: Broadway Tunes Come to Life!* For info and tickets: [vergennessoperahouse.org/upcoming-events/](http://vergennessoperahouse.org/upcoming-events/)



## FALL CLASSES OPEN AT SPOTLIGHT VERMONT! By Becca Brynga

Register for fall dance classes now! A range of dance styles, levels and ages are ready for you to explore! Not ready to be in the studio? No problem! All of our classes will be taught on Zoom too!

NEW! Spotlight Vermont is offering an “Acting Sampler” class throughout the fall, taught by Broadway performer Elisa Van Duyne. VTMTA is taking a pause but we are so excited to offer this “Acting Sampler” which will cover many different skills and styles!

Visit us for more information today:

[www.spotlightvermont.com](http://www.spotlightvermont.com)



### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE: FILL IN THE BLANKS OF THESE BROADWAY LYRICS?

Source: Playbill.com

1-Cats: Midnight, not a sound from the pavement, has the moon \_\_\_\_\_ she is smiling alone.

2-Carousel: There's a hell of a lotta stars in the sky, and the sky's so big the sea looks small, and two little people, you and I, \_\_\_\_\_.

3-Aida: Is it written in the stars? Are we paying for some crime? Is that all that we are good for? Just a \_\_\_\_\_.

4-Chicago: No, I'm no one's wife, but, oh, \_\_\_\_\_ and all that jazz. That jazz.

5-Guys and Dolls: I tell you Paul Revere, now this is no \_\_\_\_\_. It's from a handicapper that's real sincere. Can do, can do, this guy says the horse can do.

6-Hairspray: 'Cause without love, life is like a beat that you can't follow. Without love, life is \_\_\_\_\_.

7-Hamilton: And we keep loving anyway, we laugh and we cry, and we break and we \_\_\_\_\_.

8-Hello, Dolly!: Put on your Sunday clothes, there's lots of world out there. Get out the \_\_\_\_\_. We're gonna find adventure in the evening air.

9-Jekyll and Hyde: This is the moment! Damn all the odds! This day, or never, I'll sit forever \_\_\_\_\_.

10-Joseph...Dreamcoat: It was red and yellow and green and brown and scarlet and black and ocher and peach and ruby and olive and \_\_\_\_\_ and lilac and gold and chocolate and mauve.

11-Les Misérables: Will you give all you can give so that our banner may advance. Some will fall and some will live. Will you stand up and take your chance? The \_\_\_\_\_ will water the meadows of France!

12-The Lion King: Let every creature \_\_\_\_\_ let's hear it in the herd and on the wing. It's gonna be King Simba's finest fling.

### ON OTHER STAGES ... VIRTUALLY

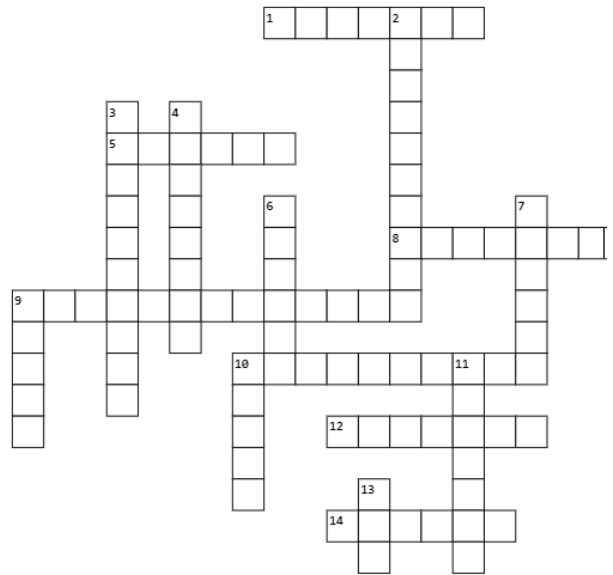
★ The artistic spirit in Vermont continues to thrive! Dominic Spillane's **TheaterEngine** is an online platform for people who love live performance and for people who create live performance. Go to theaterengine.com to learn more.

★ There are no Vermont Lake Monster games this summer; however, there are activities at **Centennial Field**. Learn about the summer series – movie nights, yoga and Zumba in the outfield – at online.flippingbook.com/view/239463/

★ **Flynn** online summer camps provide safe arts opportunities during the pandemic, nurturing creativity during social distancing. These camps serve ages 8-18 and feature subjects in music and theater, including activities to build acting, performance, singing, and musical instrument skills. These camps are being offered free of charge to the community; donations gratefully accepted in support of the Flynn. Sign up at flynncenter.org/education.

★ Kim Bent and Kathleen Keenan, our friends at **Lost Nation Theater**, are offering a subscription model using the Patreon app to deliver content to their audience. Learn more at lostnationtheater.org.

★ There are still laughs to be had at the **Vermont Comedy Club** where you can watch live shows online. Co-founders Natalie Miller and Nathan Hartswick invite you to learn more about laughing together at vermontcomedyclub.com/.  
★ Middlebury's **Town Hall Theater** invites folks to connect virtually through *The Quarantine Sessions*, a series of short videos showcasing THT all-stars filmed in their homes and delivered to yours. Stay informed at townhalltheater.org.  
★ Your humble editor has been enjoying the magic of Broadway by subscribing to **Broadway HD**, an on-demand digital streaming media company. Pay by the month or opt for an annual subscription. Other sources of online theatre are **National Theatre Live**, **Broadway on Demand**, and **The Shows Must Go On!** Some are free once you create an account and some are subscription-based.



### TRY THIS PUZZLE FROM THEATERMANIA

#### Clues Across:

- 1-Hugh set to appear in *The Music Man*
- 5-Marlon who played Stanley Kowalski on Broadway and in the film version of *A Streetcar Named Desire*
- 8-Play and film based, loosely, on the lives of composers Mozart and Salieri
- 9-This tale of rival gangs takes place across town from the East River
- 10-Musical probably based on The Supremes
- 12-*Finian's \_\_\_\_\_*
- 14-Playwright Arthur who married Marilyn Monroe

#### Clues Down:

- 2-Musical based on Bernard Shaw's play *Pygmalion*
- 3-Chazz Palminteri play that became a movie then a musical
- 4-ABBA-inspired jukebox musical
- 6-*Children of a \_\_\_\_\_*
- 7-Viola Davis earned an Oscar and a Tony for her performances in this August Wilson work
- 9-*Who's Afraid of Virginia \_\_\_\_\_?*
- 10-This Meryl Streep movie, based on a Tony-winning play, leaves you uncertain
- 11-Civil rights activist who starred in stage and screen versions of *A Raisin in the Sun*
- 13-*\_\_\_\_ Degrees of Separation*





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**RSVP for the Annual Meeting.**

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**MEETING TIMES FOR LYRIC'S STANDING COMMITTEES  
MEETING VIRTUALLY FOR NOW**

**Board (Chair: Christopher Brown):** 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Lyric Office, 7 Green Tree Dr., South Burlington  
**Facilities (Chair: Doug Viehmann):** 1st Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Office, 7 Green Tree Dr., South Burlington  
**PR/Development (Chair: Rachel Bruce Drew; Interim Chair: Kathy Grise):** 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Office, 7 Green Tree Dr., South Burlington  
**Education (Chair: MaryBeth Nuovo):** 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Office, 7 Green Tree Dr., South Burlington  
**Finance (Chair: Karen Sheedy):** Meeting details TBA  
**Membership (Chair: Serena Magnan O'Connell):** 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., home of Chris Brown, South Burlington  
**Show Selection (Contact: Nate Venet):** Monthly, Time TBA, Location varies  
**Technology (Chair: Andy Pearson):** 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Office, 7 Green Tree Dr., South Burlington



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