



# THE SPOTLIGHT



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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: "HISTORY HAS ITS EYES ON YOU"

*By Erin Evarts*

The amazing community that Lyric serves has supported us for 46 years. In return, we have brought kick-lines, tap numbers, big solos, laughs, and lots of heart to the stage. We have also taught camps, shared costumes, worked with the Savvy Seniors, sang the anthem, and more. In this age of uncertainty one thing has been clear, Lyric members are truly an unstoppable volunteer force. In the last 10 weeks, Lyric volunteers in collaboration with the City of Burlington have helped to make over 20,000 masks to be given to essential workers in our community. This work will continue until we finish with all the fabric that the City provided us with, stop by the office if you'd like to pick up fabric and join in this project.

We are also excited to offer some outdoor days in early June, where Lyric members can gather to help clean up our Creative Space. Join your friends for some gardening and cleaning at a safe distance on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Email [office@lyrictheatrevt.org](mailto:office@lyrictheatrevt.org) to sign up.

Lastly, we are proud to help promote Plant for the People, a new initiative by the City of Burlington to help address local food insecurity, improve the foundation of our local food system, and make our community even more resilient. Through this initiative, the City is encouraging those who can to consider donating your surplus harvest from your backyard or Victory Garden to Feeding Chittenden, our local food shelf, with the City facilitating the transfer.

## SPOTLIGHT SHOUT-OUT

*By Serena Magnan O'Connell, Membership Chair*

We have been transported to Neverland, sung to from a quiet and soundproof clothing closet, serenaded to in a robe, interrupted by family members, taught to tap, and have enjoyed socially distanced harmonies by handsome crooners in a backyard with a live pianist. This month's Spotlight Shout-Out goes to all those who have shared their talents and their hearts through *Lyric in the Living Room*. These performances have kept us humming along to our favorite show tunes, and served as a much-needed distraction from the harsh realities we have been faced with. How lucky are we to belong to such an amazing and creative community! Bravo my friends...and thank you for keeping Lyric in our hearts and on our devices on a daily basis. Keep them coming!

## BOARD CHAIR'S MESSAGE: BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – ARE YOU INTERESTED?

*By Christopher Brown*

It's hard to believe we are coming to the close of another fiscal year! While this year has given us many unexpected twists and turns, we continue to forge ahead and plan for the future. Part of this planning began this winter, with the convening of our Nominating Committee. This committee is charged with analyzing the leadership needs of the Board of Directors and recruiting individuals to fill those needs. The committee also works in conjunction with each of Lyric's standing committees to understand their current membership needs. The committee ultimately vets and recommends a slate of new members to the Board of Directors and connects potential volunteers to all of Lyric's committees.

This is where you come in. If you have any interest in potentially serving on Lyric's Board of Directors or any of our standing committees, please reach out! We would love to chat further with you about this and find the best fit for your skills and excitement in the organization. You can email myself ([christopherbrownvt@gmail.com](mailto:christopherbrownvt@gmail.com)) or Erin ([erin@lyrictheatrevt.org](mailto:erin@lyrictheatrevt.org)) with any interest or questions you may have.

As a reminder, Lyric has eight standing committees: Executive, Finance/HR, Membership, Development/PR, Education, Production Selection and Evaluation, Facilities, and Outreach and Inclusivity. If you would like to learn more about joining one of these committees, reach out and we will put you in touch with the committee chair to discuss it further.

Stay safe everyone!

## VOLUNTEER HOURS TRACKING

*By Serena Magnan O'Connell, Membership Chair*

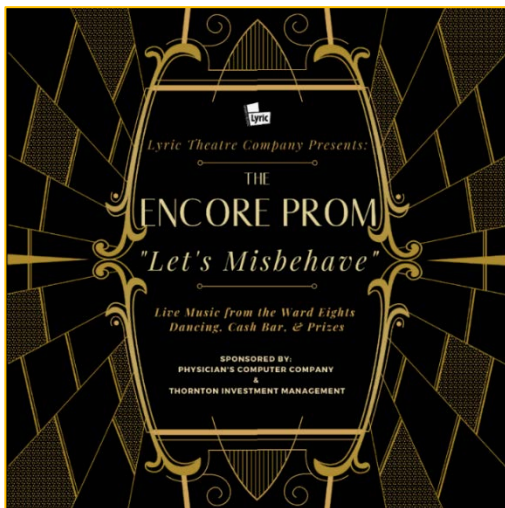
In an effort to accurately track and retain our active membership, which I would note continues to grow and expand as individuals contribute to our mask-making efforts and beyond, please make sure you are submitting your hours on a monthly basis to the office. You can find forms on the website listed under "volunteer." Show and committee hours are submitted by stage management, crew chiefs and committee chairs, but all those other hours should be tracked by you! Mask-makers new to our Lyric community, we welcome you and thank you for your skills...now let us know how much time you are putting in so we count you as part of our amazing Lyric family!

## LYRIC ALUMS TIM MAYNES, LIANA HUNT, AND OSCAR WILLIAMS REUNITE ON BROADWAY CHAT SERIES

Lyric alum Tim Maynes, who now works as the Education Programs Manager at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hosts a weekly interview series called *Broadway Chats*, which streams live on Facebook. This past week, Tim welcomed a fellow Lyric alum, Liana Hunt, as the featured guest. Lyric Theatre Company got a shout out! If you would like to watch this episode, click [here](#). Another Lyric alum, Oscar Williams, was featured on the series as well, and you can watch his episode [here](#). The series continues, so be sure to tune in live on the Broward Center for the Performing Arts' Facebook page every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. EST.



L to R: Liana Hunt, Oscar Williams, and Tim Maynes



### PARTY ON! THE ENCORE PROM

We have officially re-scheduled *The Encore Prom* event. We can't wait to dance the night away with you!

Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Showcase Lounge at Higher Ground

1214 Williston Road, South Burlington

Tickets: \$50 advance purchase; \$40 advance purchase (two or more); \$60 day-of the event.

Give yourself another chance to misbehave at prom, with this special event from the people who really know how to put on a show – your friends at Lyric Theatre Company. Don't miss out on this decadent evening of dancing, drinks, exciting prizes, and live music from the Ward Eights, all to benefit Lyric. Generously sponsored by Physician's Computer Company and Thornton Investment Management.

**Purchase tickets for the Encore Prom at**

<https://www.highergroundmusic.com/e/the-encore-prom-let-s-misbehave--79263911493/>



### LYRICKIDS SUMMER CAMPS 2020

By *MaryBeth Nuovo*

LyricKids is proud to announce our two summer camp offerings for campers between the ages of 8 and 13. Join us for *Disney's Frozen Kids* from July 20-24 and *Disney's The Lion King Kids* July 24-31. Both camps run from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Camps will meet at 7 Green Tree Drive, South Burlington, Monday through Friday. Non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required with application to reserve a spot for your child. Full payment of \$275 (minus \$50 for the deposit) for camp was required by June 1, 2020. For more information and to enroll, visit <https://lyrictheatrevt.org/portfolio/lyric-kids/>.

### ON OTHER STAGES ... VIRTUALLY

★ From June 4-14, the *Burlington Discover Jazz Festival* is going virtual and bringing the music directly to you with the *Burlington ReDiscover Jazz Festival* – 11 days of virtual music and real food in partnership with Vermont PBS, Vermont Public Radio, and Burlington area restaurants. For details, visit [flynncenter.org/performances-events/discover-jazz.html](http://flynncenter.org/performances-events/discover-jazz.html)

★ 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. Benefits include clips from past productions, a full-length show, featured songs and more. Stay informed at [lostintheater.org](http://lostintheater.org).

★ Vermont Stage's *The Bake Off* in June will be a virtual event. Stay informed at [vermontstage.org](http://vermontstage.org).

★ Shelburne Player's production of Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor* has been cancelled until next spring. Stay informed at [shelburneplayers.com](http://shelburneplayers.com).

★ Essex Community Players cancelled their spring production of *Much Ado About Nothing*. Stay informed about future productions at [essexplayers.com](http://essexplayers.com).

★ Stowe Theatre Guild had an ambitious summer season planned and it will now happen in 2021. Stay informed at [stowetheatre.com](http://stowetheatre.com).

★ Middlebury's Town Hall Theater invites folks to connect virtually through *The Quarantine Sessions*, a series of short videos showcasing THT all-stars, including resident companies and staff, filmed in their homes and delivered to yours. Stay informed at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

★ Lamoille County Players remain hopeful that they'll be able to proceed with *Carousel*, September 24-October 4, and *Clue: On Stage*, November 13-22. Stay informed at [lcplayers.com](http://lcplayers.com).

★ 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 (\$8.99) 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.



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Postponed...Stay tuned for new dates!

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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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**An excerpt from our recent appeal letter:** "We are so proud of what we're doing now, but also so looking forward to getting back to what we do best – telling stories, and bringing people together. We need you now, so that we can be there on the other side of this. We invite you to support the enduring mission of Lyric Theatre Company, so that when the hold is over, the curtain can rise and the music can start back up again with all the joy and enthusiasm you've come to expect from us." Click [here](#) to donate.