

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"Falling in Love with Lyric"

By Erin Evarts

One of the wonderful things about volunteer organizations is the passion that people have for the work they are doing. As the cold (and often dreary) winter months continue, I'm reminded of the LOVE I have for Lyric. It provided me a place to experiment as a young costumer, offered me creative opportunities, helped to foster my love for theatre arts, it informed my college choice, introduced me to some of my best friends, and almost two years ago gave me the chance to lead. As we approach Valentine's Day, I ask you, what makes you love Lyric? Why are you passionate about this work? In one, two, or three (if you must) words, let us know.

Send the words and phrases that make you love Lyric to lyricvt@gmail.com – subject line: Love Lyric. We want to hear from YOU, audience members, performers, crew, musicians, family, and friends.



SAVE THE DATES
By Erin Evarts

Lyric Theatre's LyricKids Camps will once again happen this year, with safety precautions in place to make sure our youngest members can create and enjoy the arts together! Camps will run the weeks of July 19th and July 26th – stay tuned for camp registration and show announcements.

MUSIC TO YOUR MOUTH

By Rachel Drew

It's probably safe to assume that by this point we're all tired of our own cooking and looking to bust out of a food rut. This Superbowl Sunday, February 7th, you can fulfill all your takeout desires and support Lyric at the same time! From 4-8 p.m., Lyric will receive 33% of all sales at the Shelburne Road location of Chipotle. When you get to checkout, make sure to tell them you are there to support Lyric. You can also order online or through the Chipotle app to save yourself some time and minimize exposure. Just use code BT48FNB in the "promo" box at checkout. Remember, you must use this code or mention the fundraiser in order for Lyric to get credit for the sale. Get your burrito on and enjoy a night off from cooking!



NOW HIRING!
CAMP DIRECTOR AND
INTERNS!
By Erin Evarts

Lyric Theatre Company's LyricKids Summer Musical Theatre Camps provide high quality, affordable performance opportunities for youth aged 8 to 13. In the course of a week's rehearsal, the creative team engage students in process-oriented skill building as dancers, actors, storytellers, singers, and cast-mates. Each individual's strengths are assessed and utilized by the creative team with a strong focus on building confidence and having fun! All team members must have experience with and enthusiasm for children aged 8 to 13 years. Experience in your area of expertise is also required. Lyric is currently looking to hire a Camp Director and two Summer Camp Interns. Please go to Lyric's website for the job descriptions and more information.

<https://lyrictheatrevt.org/portfolio/lyric-kids/>

You can submit a cover letter and your resume to Erin Evarts at erin@lyrictheatrevt.org or by mailing to 7 Green Tree Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403.

MUSIC TO YOUR MOUTH



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Lyric Theatre Company. Come in to the Chipotle at **580 Shelburne Rd** in Burlington on **Sunday, February 7th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Lyric Theatre Company.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code BT48FNB before checkout in "promo" field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



WE WANT YOU!

LYRIC NEEDS YOU!

Can you help? The Production Selection and Futuring Committees have been hard at work developing fresh proposals for Lyric to pursue this year and in the future. We are looking for new and current volunteers to come forward to lead, apprentice, and propose or help with some of these events for this Spring, Summer, and Fall 2021. Ideas we think would be a good fit for Lyric include:

- a drive-in movie sing-a-long weekend
- an outdoor concert series
- a series or single workshop sharing a skill (i.e. set building, theatre makeup, song interpretation, musical editing, etc.)
- a live or streamed one-act festival
- a small streamed musical
- a streamed cabaret series
- a project of your own

All must be done following CDC guidelines. We were able to put on an outdoor concert series, a streamed musical, and an original Christmas streamed film, all without any Covid incidents. Lyric has gone to great lengths to keep all of its staff and volunteers safe and will continue to do so until this pandemic is behind us.

Please consider coming forth to help us put on some more amazing events for Lyric. We are in the position of being able to provide Vermont with a way to enjoy the arts, and we need to keep it going until we can return to our Flynn Mainstage shows. If you are a choreographer, makeup specialist, organizer, musical director, or someone that would like to learn a new skill or 'cut your teeth' on a smaller project, please contact Erin Evarts, Executive Director, at erin@lyrictheatrevt.org or Jane Harissis, Production Selection Chair at vitsivan@aol.com.

-Jane Harissis, Production Selection Chairman

DELANO-NULTY SCHOLARSHIP

By Erin Evarts

Lyric is now accepting applications for the 2021 Delano-Nulty Scholarship. For nearly 50 years, Lyric Theatre Company has been part of the dynamic arts community in the area. For the past several years, Lyric Theatre Company has awarded \$2,000 to an area high school senior to help support their interest in pursuing an education in the performing arts. This scholarship, The Delano-Nulty Award, honors two of Lyric's founding members - Howard Delano and Polly Nulty. Please go to <https://lyrictheatrevt.org/education/delano-nulty-award/> for all relevant information for 2021 applications. Applications are due no later than Friday May 7th, 2021.

LYRIC MEMBER SHOUT OUT

By Corey Gottfried

There are SOOOOO many wonderful and exceptional people in the Lyric community that there should be a 'shout out' every day of the year to acknowledge and appreciate each one of them. Simply put...I'm talking about each one of 'you.'

But in this moment, I would like to take a time out to do a member 'shout out' to Serena Magnan O'Connell.

Besides being a theatrical 'triple threat' (isn't that enough to get you a decent pat-on-the-back?), she has served on the Board for many years (in particular Membership Chair, and presently also Board Vice Chair), has been a Production Supervisor, has been involved in a number of other production departments, involved in a number of Lyric non-production activities and projects, and last, but definitely not least, Serena is one of a handful of Lyric members who can mix 'sound' for a Lyric show on the Flynn MainStage. And now, something incredibly significant to add to her stunning Lyric resume - Serena was the predominant writer (and producer) of our recent hit production, *Miracle On Green Tree Drive*. Imagine...Lyric producing and performing an original piece of dramatic work and...making a profit doing it! Oh...the possibilities.

So...in this moment in time...for this member 'shout out'...thankyou, Serena. For being there for Lyric time and time again, for loaning us your many talents and most of all...for just being 'you.' You have made, and continue to make, a positive influence on many people lives, which...is what it's all about. Hugs.



Can you complete *The Phantom of the Opera* lyrics? The show opened on Broadway in 1988, and, up until the time when the pandemic closed theatres, was still playing to enthusiastic audiences at the Majestic Theatre.

- 1-"___ worth its weight in gold"
- 2-"Abandon thought and let the ___ descend"
- 3-"Masquerade, ___ faces on parade"
- 4-"Flowers fade, the ___ of summer fade"
- 5-"Softly, deftly, ___ shall surround you"
- 6-"Now as I sing I can ___ him"
- 7-"Some chorus members must be ___"
- 8-"No more memories, No more ___ tears"
- 9-"My ___ and my voice in one combined"
- 10-"Turn my head with talk of ___"

Source: theatermania.com/Broadway/news/

TUPPERWARE PARTY TO BENEFIT LYRIC

By Rachel Drew

Longtime Lyric fan and Tupperware maven Jenny Boquet has graciously offered to host an online Tupperware party to benefit Lyric. The party will run March 3rd-24th, and you will be able to view product demos and do all your shopping from home. There will be a special Facebook group with live demos and product information. Stay tuned for more information!

YOUR ONLINE SHOPPING CAN BENEFIT LYRIC

If you are using Amazon to shop, please support Lyric with your shopping through Amazon Smile. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>



BROADWAY SONGS THAT FEATURE TAP NUMBERS

Until we have the opportunity to gaze upon amazing tap numbers in Broadway shows, listening to the music of the numbers themselves will have to do. Tap numbers are sometimes the showstopper number of the show, the time when the choreography can really shine. Is your favorite part of a Broadway show the tap number?

From *A Chorus Line*'s "I Can Do That," to *Singin' in the Rain*'s "Good Morning," these tap numbers will get you in the mood to throw on your tap shoes and try your hand at these dances.

Have a favorite tap Broadway song that we missed? Share it with us on Twitter and we might just add it to the list.

"Forget About the Boy" – *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

"I Can Do That" – *A Chorus Line*

"Step in Time" – *Mary Poppins*

"Cold Feet" – *The Drowsy Chaperone*

"Cinderella, Darling" – *How to Succeed in Business*

"Bottom's Gonna Be on Top" – *Something Rotten*

"Expressing Yourself" – *Billy Elliot*

"Good Morning" – *Singin' in the Rain*

"Morning Person" – *Shrek the Musical*

"King of New York" – *Newsies*

"Turn It Off" – *The Book of Mormon*

"We're in the Money" – *42nd Street*

"You Won't Succeed on Broadway" – *Spamalot*

"Something Rotten" – *Something Rotten*

"Anything Goes" – *Anything Goes*

"I Got Rhythm" – *Girl Crazy*

"Puttin' On the Ritz" – *Young Frankenstein*

"42nd Street" – *42nd Street*

"Always Look on the Bright Side" – *Spamalot*

"A Musical" – *Something Rotten*

"The Speed Test" – *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

"In Summer" – *Frozen*

"No, No, Nanette" – *No, No, Nanette*

"Who's That Woman?" – *Follies*

Source: *Broadway Direct*

ON OTHER STAGES

★ The Flynn invites you to pay what you wish for their online Education Programs. Choose from **Flynn Show Choir** for juniors and teens, January 23-April 17; **Music Together** for ages 0-5 plus caregiver, January 18-March 29; **Musical Theater Dance** for teens and adults, January 14-February 18; **Movement for Parkinson's**, January 18-May 13; Tap I & II for teens and adults, January 11-February 15; **Burlesque** for ages 18 and up, January 12-February 16; **Mini Dancers**, pre-recorded/play anytime; and **Hip-Hop for Kids**, pre-recorded/play anytime. Info: flynnvt.org

★ Lost Nation Theater offers a subscription program called **Patreon** – their virtual "stay at home" season. Info: lostnationtheater.org

★ Vergennes Opera House presents the **Broadway Direct Series** with the release of a new 30-minute video every month over the winter. Featured performers include Bill Carmichael Walsh, Elisa Van Duyne, Jonny Barden, and Caitlin Walsh. Tickets/info: vergennesoperahouse.org

★ Middlebury's Town Hall Theater's offerings include **Great Art Wednesday Online**, **MNFF: Split/Screen**, **MACO's Flash Forward**, **The American Dream Project**, and more. Tickets/info: townhalltheater.org

★ Lyric member Corey Gottfried is dabbling in stand-up with **The Sunshine Park Comedy Corner**. See his first performance here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1z2GSTbNYY>

A MESSAGE FROM JAY WAHL:

OPTIMISM AND EXCITEMENT AT THE FLYNN

[EXCERPTED FROM AN EMAIL NEWSLETTER]

As we dive into 2021, we look ahead to joyful times! My name is Jay Wahl, and I'm thrilled to be the newest member of the Flynn family. I just moved here from Philadelphia, and while I bring the spirit of the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection with me, I can't wait to get to know Vermont and join this magnificent, dynamic community. The Flynn's roots run deep and extend far throughout the region; it is beloved for the magic on its stages, the surprise and delight from our classrooms, and the moments that have brought all of you, and your loved ones, generations of smiles, tears, and laughter.

For all its challenges, the pandemic has also created many opportunities. For example, the Flynn's shift to online classes has opened us up to a nationwide community. People from coast to coast are able to enrich themselves with the help of local Vermont teaching artists. We've also showcased digital stages with several virtual performances such as theater artist Kristina Wong and her zany and biting humor or Jazz pianist Marcus Roberts, who can bring out new shades and tones from those 88 keys.

I look forward to meeting you in person soon, and I can't wait to bask in the glow of the stage lights together as we expand our hearts and minds in the shared wonder of a performance.



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

Board (Chair: Nate Venet): 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Lyric Office
Facilities (Chair: Tim Henderson): 1st Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Office
PR/Development (Chair: Rachel Bruce Drew): 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Office
Education (Chair: MaryBeth Nuovo): 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Office
Finance (Chair: Karen Sheedy): 2nd Friday of the month, 12:00 p.m., Lyric Office
Membership (Chair: Serena Magnan O'Connell): 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., home of Serena Magnan O'Connell, Burlington
Production Selection and Evaluation (Chair: Jane Harissis): 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Lyric Office
Outreach & Inclusivity (Chair: Hillary Read): 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Office



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Answers to the Phantom of the Opera Quiz

1-Gossip's; 2-Dream; 3-Paper; 4-Fruits; 5-Music; 6-Sense; 7-Sacked; 8-Silent; 9-Spirit; 10-Summertime

