

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“One for all and all for one!”

By Erin Evarts

After the trials of the past year, there’s truly nothing more invigorating than being back in “production” mode. With three new shows approved by the Board of Directors we have announced our 48th Season! In addition: in-person rehearsals have started for the final show of our 47th Season, *A Year with Frog and Toad*; we’ve held half a dozen workshops in the Creative Space; we are preparing for a Drive-In Movie Night; and our LyricKids Summer Camps are right around the corner. With all that Lyric has going on, we never expect our volunteers or members to be involved in everything. We do however want to offer opportunities for EVERYONE. I’d encourage you to reach out to the office if there is something you’d like to get involved with. We are happy to connect you with the right committee, team, or activity.

The Lyric community is strong and has survived for 47 years because of the power and resilience of our volunteers. Supporting the work of your fellow Lyric volunteers is simple and doesn’t have to cost anything. You can do it by hanging a poster, liking a post on social media, sharing an audition announcement on FPF, or telling your friends about all of Lyric’s shows or events. All you do to support Lyric is appreciated and valued. Keep up the good work and remember that every successful Lyric event helps us to grow our community, grow our audience, and grow as an organization.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE ROUND-UP

Thank you so much to all of the instructors and participants who have already taken the opportunity to learn at Lyric over the past couple of weeks with our “Backstage Pass” series of technical theatre classes. It was so inspiring to see the expertise of our volunteers in action, as well as the enthusiasm of folks tackling new skills. Having that creative energy in all corners of the Lyric Creative Space was a much-needed boost to help us welcome the spring season!

Also, please don’t forget to encourage local college-bound or conservatory-bound students to apply for the Delano-Nulty Award before May 7. This award honors two of Lyric’s founders, Howard Delano and Polly Nulty, by helping support the pursuit of higher education in the performing arts. Details and submission information can be found on Lyric’s website at <https://lyrictheatrevt.org/education/delano-nulty-award/>. Please call the office with any questions.

-The Education Committee



OOPS! THE LYRIC-SUNSET DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT DATE HAS CHANGED

NEW DATE IS FRIDAY, MAY 21!

The Sunset Drive-In in Colchester had to change the date of our *Grease* and *Grease 2* movie night to **Friday, May 21**. Mark your calendars and don’t miss this CDC-safe and fun evening that Lyric Futuring, Membership and PR/Dev are planning. All are encouraged to dress up as your favorite T-Bird or Pink Lady. There will be a carnival prior to the movie starting at 7:00 p.m. Try your hand at some of the games or throw a pie at your favorite Lyric member! There will be a raffle with some exciting prizes. What better way to celebrate vaccinations and the ease of Covid restrictions than with a night at the Drive-In! Invite your friends and neighbors to join. Let’s show Burlington how Lyric celebrates spring! Grab your tickets online at lyrictheatrevt.org or sunsetdrivein.com. *You’re the One that We Want!*



18 BELOW: LEGENDS IN THE MAKING

By Kerry Farrell

18 Below: Legends in the Making is a musical cabaret that will be presented by young performers at outdoor venues in Chittenden County at the beginning of August. The cabaret will feature songs from Broadway musicals and will feature up to 15 performers who will present solo numbers, duets, and ensemble pieces.

The team's vision is to provide an opportunity for young Vermonters to showcase their talents and perform for a live audience. The pandemic has impacted everyone especially children and young adults. This is the time in their lives when they normally would have multiple chances to perform via schools, community theaters, camps, and recitals. These opportunities have been put on hold due to Covid, so the team wants to offer them a chance to take back the stage and reignite their passion for the performing arts. The songs chosen will ultimately depend on auditions and casting while maintaining the goal to be equitable and inclusive reflecting the diversity of our community and those who come out to audition. The team is open to assigning songs in both traditional and non-traditional ways, in regard to performer age, gender and identity.

The Team

Production Supervisor/Stage Manager: Kerry Farrell
Artistic Directors: Freda Tutt and Christopher Brown
Music Director: Cameron Brownell
Sound: Justin Brault and Rick Pingert
Graphic Designer: Jane Burchard

Audition Information

To audition you must be 8 years old as of May 1, 2021 and may not be older than 18 as of August 15, 2021. All auditions will be held virtually by video submission. In your virtual audition, you will perform one song from the selections provided, with the corresponding backing track. The video should begin with you clearly saying your name, age, and favorite Broadway show. The team is casting up to 15 performers which may include one speaking role. For all audition information and materials go to <https://lyrictheatrevt.org/18-below-legends-in-the-making/>.

Important Dates

May 20, 2021, Noon: Video submission due
May 22, 2021: Callbacks if necessary (beginning at Noon)
May 23, 2021: Casting calls
June 6, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: First in-person rehearsal
Month of June: Virtual rehearsals
Month of July: In-person rehearsals (Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Sundays 1:00-4:00 p.m.)
July 31, 2021 and August 1, 2021: Technical/Dress Rehearsals
August 3, 2021: Performance at Adams Farm 6:00 p.m.
August 7, 2021: Performance at Burlington City Park 6:00 p.m.
August 11, 2021: Performance at Williston Town Green (next to the library) 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Farrell at kkfrn3@gmail.com.



A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

Show Details

June 11, 2021 | Opening night at Isham Family Farm in Williston | This special performance is a benefit to support Lyric Theatre and Isham Family Farm. Ticketing information will be available at <https://lyrictheatrevt.org/frog-and-toad/>

The following performances are free and open to the public. More information will be available as we approach these shows. Please visit <https://lyrictheatrevt.org/frog-and-toad/> for updates.

June 12, 2021 – 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. | Shelburne Museum in Shelburne

June 19, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. | Dorothy Alling Library in Williston

June 26, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. | Fletcher Free Library in Burlington

Rain dates will be Sunday June 13, 20, and 27 at the same times and locations listed above.

LYRIC'S FALL SHOW:

LOOKING FOR THE HEART OF SATURDAY NIGHT WE WANT YOU!

By Taryn Noelle and Jennifer Warwick

Looking for the Heart of Saturday Night by Taryn Noelle will be the first live show in Lyric's Creative Space November 11-14 and 18-20, 2021.

LFTHOSN will have many opportunities for dancers, singers, and actors of all ethnicities, race, gender, body type, age and orientations.

Looking for the Heart of Saturday Night is an original dance-based musical that is ultimately about two things: love and time. The reflective, humorous, and poignant ways in which we search for love, and how we all wish that we had more time.

The production looks at the many slices of life, in relationship with those around us; and the universal moments that connect us. Comprised of a score that spans tunes from Tin Pan Alley to doo-wop, Motown, classic rock, and the contemporary sounds of today. Some original dialogue, some live sung vocals and told mostly through dance.

We truly want to encourage anyone who has an interest in working behind the scenes and who wants to learn a new skill – i.e., lighting, sets, costumes, props, sound, makeup, hair – to please reach out and we will help and welcome you!

COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

MOONLIGHT IN VERMONT: AN OUTDOOR FANCY SHOW

By Lauren Genta

Moonlight in Vermont is a celebration of influential jazz standards and the popular music of "The Great American Songbook" brought to you by Lyric Theatre, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, and ECHO: The Leahy Center for Lake Champlain. We will celebrate the music of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Jule Styne, Betty Comden, Dorothy Fields, Meredith Willson, and more! If you are interested in being a part of the team, please reach out to Production Supervisor Kyla Waldron at kywaldron@gmail.com. More information about auditions will be coming in next month's *Spotlight!*

Moonlight in Vermont Team:

Production Supervisor: Kyla Waldron

Artistic Director: Lauren Renée Genta

Music Director: Matt LaRocca

Choreographer: Jenna Giguere

Stage Manager: Sarah Wright

Rehearsal Pianist: Randal Pierce

Sound Designer: Justin Brault

Lighting Designer: Cat Meyers

Costume Design and Styling Coordinator: Katy Albert

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT

SPOTLIGHT VERMONT

By Becca Brynga

Spotlight Vermont Master Class with Christal Brown: "Liquid Strength"

<http://www.spotlightvermont.com/christal-brown-contemporary>

When: May 1, 2021, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Where: Spotlight Vermont South Burlington

Ages: 12+ (Adults Welcome!)

Cost: \$25 (Pre-registration required)

Skill Level: Intermediate & Advanced

Christal Brown is an Associate Professor of Dance and Chair of the Dance Program at Middlebury College. She is a passionate educator who blends her artistic practice and pedagogy into seamless works of purpose. Brown brings the art of dance to life for students of all ages by validating experience and meaning through motion.

"Liquid Strength" is a dance pedagogy developed by Christal Brown that infuses contemporary modern dance with body awareness, fluidity, and strong technique. This is a chance to study with a master!

MELT Class with Jane Selzer

<http://www.spotlightvermont.com/jane-selzer-melt-fundraiser>

This all-levels workshop will use a specialized soft roller and small MELT Hand and Foot Treatment Balls to stimulate the results of manual therapy. Learn to eliminate stuck stress before it accumulates causing chronic aches, pains, and unwanted signs of aging. Reduce inflammation, ease chronic neck and low back

strain, improve alignment, enhance athletic performance, and keep your whole body feeling great at any age.

Don't miss your chance to experience this breakthrough self-care technique, featured in *The MELT Method: A Breakthrough Self-Treatment System to Eliminate Chronic Pain, Erase the Signs of Aging, and Feel Fantastic in Just 10 Minutes a Day!*

When: June 27, 2021, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Where: Spotlight Vermont South Burlington

Cost: \$40 (Pre-Registration required)

Summer: Spotlight Summer Camps and Intensives

Summer camps and intensives are listed on our website and ready for you to register!

- Ballet & Moderns Intensives
- *Frozen 2* Camps
- Leap Camps
- Broadway Bound Camp
- Dance Camp Sampler

Check www.spotlightvermont.com for more summer options as they arise!

LYRIC FROM THE LIVING ROOM FUNDRAISER:

YOU ARE THE CASTING DIRECTOR!

By Rachel Drew

Lyric's PR/Development Committee is excited to bring you a special round of Lyric from the Living Room videos with a fun Repertory Roulette twist, and YOU, our members, get to help us make it happen. Starting May 3, visit Lyric's website to vote on what songs our performers will sing. Each performer has provided a song title that they'd like to sing, Lyric has selected a song, and there is an open field for you to enter any song you'd like! For \$1 per vote, you can cast as many votes as you wish to influence the outcome. You can even get together with your friends and family to "campaign" for the song of your choice. Voting will be open until May 14, and then starting the week of May 24 we will release one special video per week with the winning songs. Keep an eye on Lyric's social media pages to keep up with the fun!

ON OTHER STAGES

- ★ Vermont Stage has just announced that tickets to their Picnic Plays are now on sale. **Popcorn Falls** will play July 28-August 8 at Isham Family Farm in Williston. **Maytag Virgin** will play August 25-September 5 at Blue Heron Pond in Williston. Tickets/info: vermontstage.org
- ★ Lamoille County Players will present **Annie** this summer. As this edition goes to press, auditions are being held. Filming dates are July 30-August 1, and the production will be streamed August 25-29. The sun WILL come out tomorrow! Info: lcplayers.com
- ★ Our friends at Town Hall Theater will be streaming the video of Opera Company of Middlebury's production of **Candide**, June 15-30. They are also planning an exciting slate of summer camps. Info: townhalltheater.org



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See you at the Drive-In: Friday, May 21, 2021

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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

FLYNN SPRING ONLINE AUCTION

Starting on May 1, 2021, the Flynn will be auctioning off fun and unique items to raise money to help keep community events free, while they anticipate their grand reopening. The Flynn is asking for your help to make the auction a success. Browse items and get excited to start bidding on May 1 at 8:00 a.m. View items at <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/item/browse.action?auctionId=341697750>



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