



THE SPOTLIGHT



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"BRAND NEW DAY"

By Lyric Staff

With a robust, diverse season of productions now in the rearview mirror, we are so excited to officially kick off our 48th season this month. The upcoming slate of Lyric productions feature collaborations with the Vermont Symphony, ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, City of Burlington, and more. We are so proud to be featuring old favorites in new ways, christening new performance spaces, and debuting original works, as we continue to explore the limits of what is possible at Lyric. Visit our website to read all about these exciting ventures and learn how you can get involved!



"EVENING SUMMER BREEZE"

By Lyric Staff

We are so proud to announce the cast for *Moonlight in Vermont: An Outdoor Fancy Show*. This special collaboration will feature Lyric performers and musicians from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra to celebrate the music of "The Great American Songbook." The performances will take place under the moon on the Dealer.com Terrace at the ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain in late September. Thank you to all 40 of the brave performers who auditioned, and a very warm welcome to the five performers making their Lyric debuts!

Matt Anthony*
 Hālee Bernier
 Lizzy Carlson*
 Sarah Connor
 Owen Leavey
 Vonne Murad
 Aleah Papes*
 Andrew Parise
 Stephen Rainville
 Danielle Sessler*
 Mary-Katherine Stone*
 Sabrina Sydnor
 Rachel Weinfeld

*Denotes first time in a Lyric production.

SAVE THE DATE FOR LYRIC'S ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for Friday, September 17. Please join us to vote in our new board members and celebrate an incredible year navigating through the many challenges we faced and conquered. More information to come, but plan on a movie night and food trucks!



YOUNG TALENT KEEPS LYRIC VIBRANT

By Kerry Farrell

Rehearsals for *18 Below: Legends in the Making* are well under way. Rehearsals began mostly virtual but as the month has progressed, we have begun to increase our in-person rehearsals which is cause for celebration! The cast of 16 young performers is working hard on learning their music, exploring characters and interpretation, and learning about different aspects of performing. The team is very impressed with the talent, energy, and dedication our cast members are bringing to rehearsals and are excited to share their hard work with audiences in August.

Performance dates are:

August 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at Adams Farm, Williston
 August 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Park, Burlington
 August 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston

Thanks to our generous donors all performances are free, but you are encouraged to register on the Lyric website: <https://lyrictheatrevt.org/18-below-legends-in-the-making/>

Please help us spread the word!

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HEY, DID YOU KNOW?

By Christopher Brown

Hello members! Welcome to your monthly nugget or two of information about Lyric that you may or may not know. The hope is for this ongoing series is that it helps members feel more in the know, working to close the information gap between members.

Lyric's fiscal year runs July 1-June 30? A big part of wrapping up the year is encouraging members to accurately report their volunteer hours. Hours are used for grant writing, recognizing the extraordinary efforts of our volunteers, and ensuring volunteers get credit for everything they have contributed. Hours can be submitted through the Lyric website, by navigating to the GET INVOLVED tab and selecting VOLUNTEER or by visiting <https://lyrictheatrevt.wufoo.com/forms/volunteer-hour-submission-form/> directly.

Please reach out to Membership Chair, Serena Magnan O'Connell or the Lyric office with questions.

SEARCHING FOR TEAM TO PRODUCE

BURLINGTON DOES BROADWAY!

By Jane Harisis, Production Selection Chair

The VSO and the Flynn want to work with Lyric to put on another successful *Burlington Does Broadway* this coming New Year's Eve! The first two collaborations were wildly successful, and the Flynn is excited to have Lyric be one of the first events back on their stage. But we need YOU to make that happen! We are looking for team members to produce this show: a director, music director, choreographers, and stage manager. The show will be produced by the Lyric office.

The time commitment is minimal compared to a Mainstage show so those looking to learn the ropes, this would be an amazing opportunity. Any interested person or team should contact Erin at erin@lyrictheatrevt.org for details. The Production Selection Committee would like to have a team in place shortly. So please consider putting your hat in the ring and be a part of our third successful collaboration!

FESTIVAL ON-THE-GREEN RETURNS

By Pat Boera

Following a year's hiatus, the Middlebury Summer Festival on-the-Green brings fabulous music back to the heart of Middlebury August 2 through 6, 2021. This free, family-friendly music series is supported by community donations. Kenyan-born performance artist **KeruBo's** dynamic ensemble will kick off our week. Great music continues with **The Paul Asbell Quintet; Treetop Mansion**, the new project of Clint Bierman and Peter Day (of Grift fame); **Beg, Steal or Borrow**, Vermont's hottest bluegrass band; and **Low Lily**, an American folk/harmony string trio. Performances from 7:00-8:30 PM daily. Events are held rain or shine under a tent on the Middlebury Village Green. Info: www.festivalonthegreen.org

TAP WORKSHOP AT FUSION 802

Learn tap fundamentals and standards like shim-sham and time steps – all with a twist! Intricate footwork, different dance styles, and musicality, too! Classes will be taught by Donna Antell and Nicola Boutin. Fee: \$60 for teens and adults. Tap experience is required. Offered July 12-July 15 at Fusion 802. Info: www.dancefusion802.com

HOW MANY BROADWAY 'DOS & DON'TS' SONG TITLES

CAN YOU IDENTIFY FROM THESE LYRICS?

By Talaura Harms

Source: <https://www.playbill.com/article/how-many-broadway-dos-donts-song-titles-can-you-identify-from-these-lyrics>

Every answer is a song title that includes the word "do" or the word "don't." Sure...we all know not to whistle in the theatre or to say the name of the Scottish play aloud. And we can all find our light and "sing out, Louise." But we're not talking about the rules here. This quiz is looking for show tune titles that include the words "do" or "don't." See how many song titles you can identify from the lyrics of the tune.

- 1-"If you're gonna bring me something, bring me something I can use."
- 2-"I can fix this I can twist it into sugar, butter covered pieces, never mind what's underneath it."
- 3-"Don't tell me not to live just sit and putter, life's candy and the sun's a ball of butter."
- 4-"Join us, leave your fields to flower; join us, leave your cheese to sour; join us, came and waste and hour or two."
- 5-"The truth is I never left you all through my wild days, my mad existence, I kept my promise, don't keep your distance."
- 6-"It's the little things you share together, swear together, wear together, that make perfect relationships."
- 7-"It's not enough to know your line, to polish and routine it, and heaven knows I know your line, the whole routine, I've seen it, ya gotta mean it."
- 8-"When the beating of your heart echoes the beating of the drums, there is a life about to start when tomorrow comes!"
- 9-"One morning sis won't go to dance class. I grab her shoes and tights and all, but my foot's too small."

ON OTHER STAGES

- ★ Valley Players present **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** July 9-18. Tickets/info: valleyplayers.com
- ★ Full Circle Theater presents **As You Like It**, by Lyric alum, **Shaina Taub**, 7/15-7/18. fullcircletheater.com
- ★ Vermont Stage presents **Popcorn Falls** July 28-August 8 at Isham Family Farm in Williston and **Maytag Virgin** August 25-September 5 at Blue Heron Pond in Williston. Tickets/info: vermontstage.org
- ★ MACo presents **Constellations** August 13-15 at the Swift House Inn Tent. Ticketing info to come soon.
- ★ Lamoille County Players will stream their production of **Annie** August 25-29. The sun WILL come out tomorrow! Info: lcplayers.com
- ★ Girls Nite Out Productions presents **Borrowing Time**, an original play by Carole Vasta Folley, in November.



"SIX DEGREES OF..."

By Jennifer Warwick

As the producer for *Looking for the Heart of Saturday Night*, an original dance musical by Taryn Noelle, one of my tasks is to invite talented and skilled people from the community to be a part of the team. As we know, no one person can pull off a show all by themselves, "It takes a village." And that it does!

After a solemn year and a half, the importance of connection has become very clear. WE need each other. Our relationships are essential; the people we meet along the way lead us toward personal and professional growth in small and large ways. Connection and the ties that bind are some of the themes in LftHoSN, not only in the story but also in this team's makeup. My focus to develop a team that had veteran Lyric members and brand-new ones came to fruition, and I am amazed by the dozens of ways in which we are all connected, in conventional and unconventional ways.

My connection with Taryn began when she was 17 years old; I was 27. Her singing lesson was after mine, so as we transitioned, we said "hi" and made small talk, but when we both attended a musical workshop, I saw how special she was; I can still remember Taryn singing "I Guess I'll Miss the Man" from *Pippin*. It was haunting! Throughout the years, I have had the privilege to share the stage with Taryn, get to know her, and call her my friend.

The individuals on this team are connected in numerous ways; I wish I could highlight them all. Team members who have been friends for over 20 years, married couples, peers, acquaintances, people who have crossed paths in the greater theater community and beyond, and people who knew of each other just because ... all coming together through theater, the tie that binds us all!

Please meet the team for *Looking for the Heart of Saturday Night* and stay tuned for audition information.

Producer	Jennifer Warwick
Assistant Producer	Sue Steffen
Stage Manager	Becky Millard*
Director/Choreographer	Taryn Noelle
Associate Choreographer	Sarah Venooker*
Rehearsal & Performance Pianist	Jen Greenwood*
Set Designer/Decorator	Jane Harissis
Set Construction	John DeRienzo*
Costume Designer	Suzanne Kneller

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Lighting Designer/Engineer
Promotions
Promotions
Sound Designer
Sound Engineer
Props
Hair Designer
Makeup Designer
Graphic Designer
Photographer
Security
Drummer
Bassist/Guitar Player

Jess Nguyen
Roy Millard*
Geri Ann Higgins
Phyllis Stambolian
Chris Ziter
Justin Brault
Todd Hanley
Karin Stevenson*
Kelley Lane
Jane Burchard
Seth Cashman*
George Henry
Colin Henkel*
Trevor Contois*

*Indicates team members who are new to Lyric.



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR CAMP

The excitement of summer camps will return to the Lyric Creative Space in a few weeks. Session One runs July 19 through 23 and Session Two runs July 25 through 29, each concluding with performances on the Marjorie Howe Stage.

LYRIC BOARD MEMBER HOWARD KALFUS

GETS A NEW GIG

By Pat Boera

Lyric Board member Howard "Howie" Kalfus was recently appointed as Vermont's next Superior Court judge by Governor Phil Scott. Howie has appeared onstage in several Lyric productions and has also displayed his talents as a percussionist in the orchestra for many Lyric shows. Howie was sworn in at the Statehouse in June. Congratulations, Howie!





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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

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

No peeking. Check your answers here:

- 1—"Don't Nobody Bring Me No Bad News" from *The Wiz*
- 2—"What Baking Can Do" from *Waitress*
- 3—"Don't Rain on My Parade" from *Funny Girl*
- 4—"Magic to Do" from *Pippin*
- 5—"Don't Cry for Me Argentina" from *Evita*
- 6—"The Little Things You Do Together" from *Company*
- 7—"What You Don't Know About Women" from *City of Angels*
- 8—"Do You Hear the People Sing?" From *Les Misérables*
- 9—"I Can Do That" from *A Chorus Line*