



"YES, IT'S GONNA BE ANOTHER HOT DAY!"

By Erin Evarts, Executive Director

September always feels like the beginning of something new. Whether it is a new school year or a new show – it is always exciting to step towards the newest task at hand. I want to send a heartfelt thanks to the amazing folks who have continued to work on Lyric's committees and volunteer their time throughout the summer months to keep this organization moving forward! I also want to say thank you to everyone who made *18 Below: Legends in the Making* such a successful production.

With a number of upcoming events on the horizon, I hope you take some time to pencil these into your calendar!

Matilda tickets back on sale – NOW!

Annual Meeting – September 17

Moonlight in Vermont – September 23, 25, and 26

Burlington Does Broadway Auditions – September 30 and October 3

Looking forward to seeing many of you in the coming month!

LOOKING FOR THE HEART OF SATURDAY NIGHT

CAST ANNOUNCED

*By Taryn Noelle, Creator/Director/
Choreographer*

Auditions are over and we are beginning our *LftHoSN* journey. The team would like to thank all the talented people who came out to audition for this original production.

Congratulations to the cast:

Hålee Bernier	Kaitie Bessette
Meg Clary*	Cara Clopton
David Coggin-Carr*	Stephen Contompassi
Brita Down	Chloë Fidler
Moorea Lambert*	Tara Mayhew
Hattie Mitchell*	Molly Mitchell*
Lucas Moran	Carah Pioli Hunt
Mary-Katherine Stone	AR Terique*
Sarah Wright	Laura Valastro
Blake Von Sitas	



HELP PICK LYRIC'S FUTURE SHOWS

FILL OUT THE SHOW SURVEY

By Jane Harissis

Hard to believe, but this fall, Lyric will be accepting proposals for our Mainstage Productions at the Flynn in April of 2023! The Production Selection committee is working hard to come up with a short list of exciting "blockbuster" shows that we'd like to see in that slot. This is a chance for you to give some input as to what shows you'd like to see Lyric produce in 2023 and beyond. Please help by sharing which shows you'd like Lyric to produce. Click on the image above to complete the Show Survey and let your voice be heard!

BURLINGTON DOES BROADWAY AUDITIONS

Be a part of Lyric's newest tradition by being a part of *Burlington Does Broadway*, a New Year's Eve concert in collaboration with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and The Flynn Center for the Performing Arts!

Doris O'Brien, Howie Kalfus, and Sue Bailey are the team for Lyric Theatre this year, and Benjamin Klemme will once again be conducting the show on behalf of the VSO.

AUDITIONS FOR SINGERS AND DANCERS:

Please submit your vocal audition using the online audition form by October 1 at 5:00 p.m. Open to anyone ages 16 and up.

For Vocal Audition: Please sing 32 bars of a musical theatre song that showcases your strengths as a singer. You will attach a video of your submission to the audition form. You can choose to sing a cappella or with a track of your choosing.

For Dance Auditions: We will have you do two combinations that are taught: one jazz and one tap. You can choose to audition with one or both styles. Please bring flat or heeled jazz shoes and/or tap shoes. Please wear appropriate dance wear.

Note: Vocal audition is not required to be considered for a dance number. Dance audition is not required to be considered for a vocal solo/chorus part.

To register for and/or submit your auditions please go to <https://lyrictheatre.vt.wufoo.com/forms/audition-form-burlington-does-broadway/>

LOOKING FOR A YOUTH ACTOR ASSISTANT!

By Jennifer Warwick

The team for *Looking for the Heart of Saturday Night* is looking for someone interested in working directly with our youngest performers. Time commitment is Sundays from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Wednesday evenings from approximately 6:00-8:00 p.m. in September and October. The Youth Actor Assistant will assist in providing supervision, rehearsal guidance, and a general helping hand to our youth actors. There will be an increased commitment as the show approaches. If interested, please contact Jennifer Warwick at jenw.sokol@gmail.com

MOONLIGHT IN VERMONT: AN OUTDOOR FANCY SHOW!

By Kyla Waldron

The cast and crew of *Moonlight in Vermont: An Outdoor Fancy Show*, are excited to share in a night under the stars with you all. This wildly talented cast of singers and dancers will be accompanied by a string quartet from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra as you enjoy Lake Champlain from the back deck at ECHO. As a presenting partner, ECHO will help create a one-of-a-kind evening that features a live performance of beloved standards

outdoors on the Dealer.com Terrace accompanied by the "Museum After Dark" access, both before the show and during intermission. We encourage guests to take this opportunity to dress up and enjoy a night on the town. A cash bar will be available. Performance dates are September 23, 25, and 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm | ECHO: The Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Dealer.com Terrace, tickets for sale at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/55630>

If you are interested in volunteering for this production, please email the Production Supervisor, Kyla Waldron, kywaldron@gmail.com

The *Moonlight in Vermont* team is looking for the following volunteers:

- Lighting: 3-4 volunteers
- Technical/Set Decoration: 2 volunteers
- Sound: 2 volunteers
- Wardrobe/Hair/Make-up: 3 volunteers

1,412,640 MINUTES – SING ALONG, IF YOU DARE!

I'M NO JONATHAN LARSON, SO WE SHOULD JUST

LEAVE THAT ALONE.

That's a lot of minutes! Today, August 24, 2021, marks 981 days since the team was given the approval to produce *Matilda the Musical* for the spring 2020 slot. That was on December 17, 2018. A lot has changed since then.

We will forever go down as the longest serving show team in Lyric's history. I say this with tongue firmly planted in cheek, as I pray the organization is never faced with the obstacles it has had to face, and surmount, since March of 2020.

The thought, and dare I say hope, of finally presenting *Matilda* to our audiences is filling me with a mixed bag of emotions. And I just wanted to give a shout out to this dedicated, thoughtful, caring, and lovely artistic team, the designers, crew chiefs, crew members the Lyric Office and Board. They have all played a huge part in realizing what we envision to be, a triumphant and successful return to the Flynn MainStage in April of 2022.

We certainly can't see into the future... and If I could have, when I made a somewhat reluctant promise to Ian Ferris to produce "something, someday" with him back in 2016, I could never had envisioned the twists and turns these last 981 days have taken.

That said, I'll be ever thankful that we were on this journey together, with our team intact. Friendships have grown stronger, new ideas have emerged, and scores of the Lyric family have supported us.

I cannot wait to dive back in and bring this show to our tireless volunteers, deserving membership, and faithful audiences.

Be well ~ Stay safe ~ Mask up ~ Get vaccinated

-Rob Parzych, Producer





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Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!

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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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- Proof of vaccination is considered a vaccine card and matching ID.
- Medical and age exemptions will be accepted in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Policy is effective October 1, 2021. (Current volunteers may submit proof of vaccination beginning immediately.)

