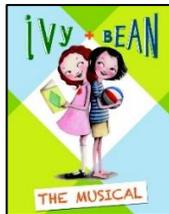


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Erin Evarts

Summertime on Green Tree Drive is full of preparations and joy. Following two successful weeks of our LyricKids Camps, we are so excited to be bringing *Ivy + Bean* to our community this month, free of charge. Please reserve your spots now, as they are going quickly! We are excited to have our next Main Stage production, *Into the Woods*, begin rehearsals later this month, and for the opportunity to let our members begin purchasing their tickets for Lyric's 49th Season beginning on Wednesday, August 17. Also, stay tuned for updates about our 50th Anniversary Celebrations. As always, we are grateful to all of you for your support and work. See you at the theater!



IT'S TIME FOR OUR SUMMER SHOW: *IVY + BEAN*

Secure your spot to see *Ivy + Bean the Musical* this month at three local venues.

- August 6: Dorothy Alling Library
- August 13: Fletcher Free Library
- August 20: Shelburne Museum

The 10:00 a.m. performance at Shelburne Museum is already sold out, so don't delay. Lyric is so proud to be able to present this production to the community for free; however, you are welcome to give a donation via the registration tool. Thank you to our incredible sponsors – Flooring America and The Trust Company of Vermont – and community partners that made this possible. Please bring your own lawn chairs and picnic blankets. You are more than welcome to bring your own food and drinks as well; please plan to carry out any garbage. We ask that all those attending *Ivy + Bean the Musical* follow Vermont's universal guidance regarding COVID safety. Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) is theatre that is created for and attended by younger audiences. In this production, our adult actors bring to life the characters in *Ivy + Bean the Musical* and perform for children and families at outdoor locations.

Link to reserve your spot:

<https://lyrictheatrevt.wufoo.com/forms/ivy-bean-the-musical-show-registration/>



ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

By Serena Magnan O'Connell

Save the date for Lyric's Annual Meeting – Sunday, October 9, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the St. John's Club in Burlington. Come vote on our new Board members, do the business of Lyric, and celebrate another fantastic year! Invitation to follow.

LYRIC BOARD: ANNOUNCING THE NOMINEES

By Mary M. Lee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the names of the new Slate of Board members to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The nominees for this year are:

- John Gravel
- Kylie Halpin
- Vonnie Murad

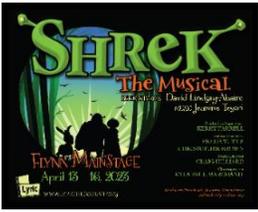


CELEBRATE LYRIC'S 50TH BY PROPOSING NOW FOR FALL '23 OR SPRING '24 SHOWS!

By Jane Harissis, Production Selection Chair

We are fast approaching Lyric's 50th season and the Production Selection Committee is looking for a Blockbuster season of shows! Help us find two great shows by proposing a show of your choice for Fall '23 or by choosing from one of three blockbusters for Spring '24 – *The Wizard of Oz*, *Beauty and the Beast*, or *The Sound of Music* – chosen by Lyric members, audiences, and the Production Selection Committee.

We are seeking core team members initially (Production Supervisor, Director, Musical Director, and Choreographer – the Production Supervisor and Director should have mainstage team experience or the equivalent). Please contact Jane Harissis at vitsivan@aol.com or Erin Evarts at erin@lyrictheatrevt.org for guidance and information. We can help you through the entire process. The deadline for Fall '23 proposal submissions has been extended to Sunday, August 14, at 5:00 p.m. Let us show Vermont how theatre is done!



MORE MUSINGS FROM THE SWAMP

Your monthly *Spotlight* update on our Spring 2023 Mainstage production of *Shrek*
By *Kerry Farrell*

This month we want to introduce some members of our Design Team. These are the people who bring the vision of the Artistic Team to life for the audience. They are invaluable and we are grateful for their creativeness, talent, and dedication to *Shrek*.

Doug Viehmann: Set Designer

Doug started with Lyric in 1996 during the production of *Oklahoma!* His son auditioned and did not get in but wanted to still be part of the show, so he joined the props team and Dad tagged along. Doug has been part of the Lyric magic ever since. Doug identifies with *Shrek* because we are all monsters at some point who grow into our lovable selves, with a little help from our friends.

Roya Miller: Lighting Designer

Roya has been a member of Lyric since 2021 when he was the lighting designer for *Looking for the Heart of Saturday Night*. He was also a cast member in *Matilda* this past April. The overarching theme of embracing the thing within you which you've been taught to fear or despise is definitely something that resonates with Roya in *Shrek*. Donkey is the character that he truly identifies with the most. He has always viewed himself as the comic relief sidekick, getting laughs by being annoying but jovial. He appreciates how this show has helped him look deeper into additional layers of that. Seeing the way Donkey helps both Shrek and Fiona by being nothing more than his annoyingly persistent self has helped him realize that being positive and funny in the face of impossible obstacles sometimes is the truly heroic thing. As Roya embarks on creative journeys like this, he remembers a quote, "Theatre is an act of faith. We get a bunch of strangers in a room, the lights go out, and then we all dream the same dream." *Shrek* is a giant undertaking (castles! battles! dragons!) and he is honored and excited to help bring this dream to life for all of you.

Rick Pingert: Sound Designer

Rick started with Lyric in 2012 as part of the sound crew for *Titanic*. If he had not joined Lyric, he may have never met his husband, Chris Brown, one of our artistic directors. They both were working on the show and the rest, as they say, is history. Rick is drawn to *Shrek* because the show encourages people to become their authentic self and let their freak flags fly!



Hope you are carving out time to enjoy the lazy, hazy, crazy, days of summer! Where's your favorite spot to get a creemee?

HELP BUILD AND PAINT LYRIC'S INTO THE WOODS

Set Construction for Lyric's production of *Into the Woods* will start on Saturday, August 6. We hope you can join us. We can use the skills that each of you have to offer.

When: Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-Noon starting August 6. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

And...here's an invitation to come join us decorating the set for *Into the Woods*. Please see the details below and come experience the fun creating the illusion!

When: First session will be on Sunday, August 14, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Then we'll continue to meet Thursdays and Fridays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. until the sets are complete. You don't have to attend every session; we'll be happy to have you join us whenever you're available!

Attire: Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting paint on, as the paint may not come off easily. Masks are optional at the Lyric Creative Space. We'll be painting knotty trees and forest paths, old story books and house interiors...lots of textures and patterns...lots of FUN! Hope to see you! -Cathie and Tomomi, Set Dec Co-Chairs

Set Construction and Set Decoration crews do their work at Lyric's Creative Space, 7 Green Tree Drive, South Burlington. Park around the back of the building and enter through the red door.

No experience required, and you are not expected to be at every work session – just the days that are convenient for you. We hope you can volunteer to help. We have a challenging and fun set to build and decorate!

Please email Cathie Covey at cath_717@yahoo.com if you have questions about Set Decoration, or Bruce Cowan at cowanbm@ieee.org if you have questions about Set Construction.



SAVE THE DATE: DANCING WITH THE BURLINGTON STARS Shared by Pamela Jacobs

Dancing with the Burlington Stars is a community celebration of local talent, team spirit and generous people coming together for a good cause. Local celebrities + dance professionals + 17 weeks to create and practice and compete for the title of "Dancing with the Burlington Stars 2022" = an awesome show on the Flynn Stage! All proceeds support the Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Join Darren Perron, Adam Bunting, Serena Magnan O'Connell, and many more local favorites for this year's show on Sunday, September 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Flynn! Tickets/info: <https://www.flynnvt.org/Events/2022/9/dancing-burlington-stars>

**YOU CAN HELP US
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By Corey Gottfried

Lyric needs tech volunteers NOW and we need YOUR help. Do these five simple steps, once PER DAY, for the month of August...

1. Tell one (1) different, non-Lyric friend or associate about your involvement with Lyric Theatre.
2. Convey we are looking for volunteers to help in any one of our amazing behind-the-scenes departments. No experience necessary. We will train.
3. Invite them to **Lyric's Volunteer Opportunity Fair** on Saturday, August 27, from 1:00–4:00 at the Lyric Creative Space. Veterans will be on hand to show the space and demonstrate what is done behind-the-scenes.
4. If they can't make it to the Fair, ask if they'd like to learn more and if it's okay for someone to be in touch with them.
5. Connect them with Lyric front office at 802-658-1484 or office@lyrictheatrevt.org.

ON OTHER STAGES

- ★ Vermont Stage presents **Women in Jeopardy** at Isham Family Farm, August 10-21. Tickets/info: vermontstage.org
- ★ Middlebury's Town Hall Theater presents **Welcome to Paradise**, an original musical by Doug Anderson, August 12-14. Tickets/info: townhalltheater.org
- ★ Stowe Theatre Guild's summer season presents **The World Goes 'Round**, August 18-September 3; and **A Little Night Music**, September 29-October 15. Tickets/info: stowetheatre.com
- ★ Lost Nation Theater presents Maura O'Brien in **Both Eyes Open: The Annie Oakley Story**, September 8-18; and **Sondheim Musical Review**, October 6-23. Tickets/info: lostonationtheater.org
- ★ Lamoille County Players' presents **Blue Window**, September 30-October 2, and October 7-9. Tickets/info: lcplayers.com
- ★ The Flynn Center's Broadway lineup for the upcoming season includes **Chicago**, October 6; **Anastasia**, January 22 and 23; **The Book of Mormon**, February 28, March 1 and 2; **Legally Blonde the Musical**, November 30; and **Stomp**, April 23. Tickets/info: flynnvt.org



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Lyric Theatre's Volunteer Opportunity Fair
Saturday, August 27th, 2022
1-4pm, Lyric Creative Space
7 Green Tree Drive, South Burlington

WE WANT YOU...to help us put on our shows! Join us for an afternoon of technical demonstrations, chat with veteran Lyric volunteers, explore our creative space and join the fun.

This event is open to all regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, economic status and other diverse backgrounds.

Reserve your spot for FREE outdoor performances of *Ivy + Bean* on August 6, Dorothy Alling Library; August 13, Fletcher Free Library; and August 20, Shelburne Museum.



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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 Creative Space

Facilities (Chair: Cheri Forsythe): 1st Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Creative Space

PR/Development (Chair: Rachel Bruce Drew): 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Creative Space

Education (Chair: MaryBeth Nuovo): 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Creative Space

Finance (Chair: Stephen Kendall): 2nd Friday of the month, 12:00 p.m., Lyric Creative Space

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 Creative Space

Outreach & Inclusivity (Chair: Howard Kalfus): 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Creative Space

BROADWAY BOOKS FOR YOUR SUMMER READING LIST

Into the Woods, adapted and illustrated by Hudson Talbott

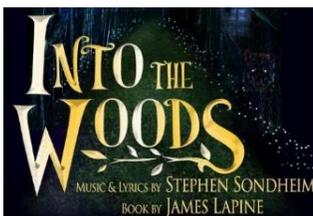
Dear Evan Hansen, the Novel, by Val Emmich with Steven Levenson, Benj Pasek, and Justin Paul

The New Broadway Fake Book, 645 Songs from 285 Shows

How Does the Show Go On? An Introduction to the Theatre by Thomas Schumacher

Broadway Baby by Russell Miller with Judith A. Proffer

Gemignani: Life and Lessons from Broadway and Beyond by Margaret Hall



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