



THE SPOTLIGHT



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Erin Evarts

We As Vermonters know better than almost anyone, this point in the year has us all wondering if the cold and snow might just last forever! Thankfully, here at Lyric we have so much to look forward to when the snowy slog is finally over. This spring we will bring the entire community into the Swamp with us when *Shrek The Musical* hits the stage at the Flynn in April. (Get your tickets now!) After our annual Delano-Nulty Award is decided on (apply now!) we will focus on getting ready to host our expanded, exciting slate of LyricKids summer camps (register now!) and bring our third annual TYA production around the community – stay tuned! I hope you will find one of the many ways to get involved and take part in all that Lyric has to offer to our members and community. At Lyric, spring is just around the corner!



UPDATES FROM THE SWAMP

By Kerry Farrell, Production Supervisor

Crews across Lyric are hard at work preparing for opening night next month. The cast and creative team recently did a successful run through of Act 1 with many of the design team in attendance. From ballads to big dance numbers, the cast is bringing their all to get ready for the stage. You can also find cast members paying visits to the costume shop, where initial costume fittings are happening. The costumes are looking gorgeous thanks to the hard work of our costume crew. Elsewhere in the Lyric Creative Space, you can find completed set pieces that are already being used in rehearsal, a beautifully painted forest backdrop, and even a prototype of a fabulous dragon. How do you make Pinocchio's nose grow on stage? That is a secret, but the Special Effects team is plotting and planning to make that kind of magic happen right before your eyes. The Props team is busy building some very creative items. How often do you need an oversized potato masher! And there are even people behind the scenes of "behind the scenes" – volunteers working hard on the business of the show, promotions, and coordination. Lyric runs on creativity and also a lot of Google Docs.

All of this is to say that it truly takes a village to put on a musical, and it's not too late to join. Here are a few ways you can support *Shrek The Musical* this month:

Volunteer! Many crews are still welcoming new volunteers, and sign-ups are happening for opportunities like Front of House during show weekend. Visit <https://lyrictheatrevt.org/shrek/> to learn more and find contact information for different crews.

Purchase promo wear. Pamela Jacobs will be at the Lyric space most Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. selling T-shirts, hoodies, and tote bags. Wear these to show your Lyric pride and get people talking about the show! Need to set up a time to get your gear? Text Pamela at 802-734-6010.

Share the ticket link on social media, and make sure you get your own tickets, too! Make sure your friends and family know that tickets are selling fast and now is the time to purchase them. The direct ticket link is <https://www.flynnvt.org/Events/2023/4/shrek>.

There's a lot of hard work between now and opening night, but teamwork makes the dream work. We're so grateful to the wonderful team making this show a reality. And, speaking of team members, since we were last in touch, we welcomed Kaitlyn Kodzis to the Swamp as Co-Chair for Production Parties.

CREWS WORKING AT THE LYRIC CREATIVE SPACE

Costumes: Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-Noon; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Sundays, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Leah Burke, Costume Design; Maureen Fraser, Construction Chair; Sharon Patno, Costume Shop Manager; lyricvtcostumes@gmail.com

Set Construction: Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Curt (Walter) Curtis, Set Construction Co-Chair, whiterabbitoo@yahoo.com; Len Rubin, Set Construction Co-Chair, ljrubin2@comcast.net

Properties: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Lesley Graham, Props Chair, LAGProps@outlook.com

Set Decoration: Sundays 1:00-4:00 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Cathie Covey, Set Decoration Chair, Cath_717@yahoo.com



ANNOUNCING THE COMMUNITY PARTNER FOR *SHREK*: OUTRIGHT VERMONT

The team for *Shrek The Musical* is proud to announce Outright Vermont as our community partner. Outright Vermont is a 501(c)(3) non-profit under federal and state regulations. Since 1989, they have been working to build a Vermont where all LGBTQ+ youth have hope, equity, and power. Visit their website at outrightvt.org to learn how they bring their ambitious mission to life.

Representatives from Outright Vermont will be tabling in the Flynn Lobby during show weekend. Stop by to find out how you can support their work and get involved.

SPOTLIGHT SHOUT-OUT By Kerry Farrell

This month the Membership Committee would like to give a shout out to Todd Hanley, Assistant Stage Manager (ASM) for *Shrek*. Todd has gone above and beyond his responsibilities as an ASM, which is not a small job to begin with. He has been keeping the outside of the rehearsal space clean by shoveling and laying down salt when needed. He also keeps the inside space clean and ready for rehearsals. Todd has created rehearsal props so the actors can get used to them, which, if you have been an actor, you know is valuable. He has even sat in and read lines when actors have been absent, and I must say he does not just deliver the lines he performs the lines! Todd is very proactive and always the first to get up and lend a hand. As the producer of *Shrek*, Membership Chair, and Lyric volunteer I could not be more proud to send a shout out to Todd.

SEEKING PROPOSALS FOR FALL 2024 By Jennifer Warwick, Chair, Production Selection Committee

The Production Selection Committee is seeking proposals for the fall 2024 production. We are looking for core team members (Production Supervisor, Director, Music Director, and Choreographer) to propose a show of their choice by this May. It's not too soon to get the ball rolling. If you are interested or need any help or answers to questions, please contact Jennifer Warwick at jenw.sokol@gmail.com or Erin Evarts at erin@lyrictheatrevt.org for more information.



CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration for LyricKids Summer Camp is open.

Camp Week One: July 17-21, 2023

Ages 8-11: *The Aristocats Kids*

Ages 12-18: The Art of Scenic Design

Camp Week Two: July 24-28, 2023

Ages: 11-15: *Raise Your Voice!* Cabaret Camp

Stay tuned for information about our half-day dance camps scheduled for August 14-18, 2023.

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

2023 DELANO-NULTY AWARD

The Delano-Nulty Award application for 2023 is now live on the website. If you know of a high-school student who aspires to pursue further education in the performing arts, please make them aware of the scholarship. The award honors two founding members – Howard Delano and Polly Nulty.

ON OTHER STAGES

★ Valley Players present *Murder by Membership Only*, March 2-19. Tickets/info: valleyplayers.com

★ Northern Stage presents *Sweat*, March 8-26, at the Barrette Center for the Arts. Tickets/info: northernstage.org

★ Vermont Stage presents *Airness*, March 8-26, at the Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center. Tickets/info: vermontstage.org

★ Shelburne Players present *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*, March 17-25, at Shelburne Town Center. Tickets/info: shelburneplayers.com

★ Lost Nation Theater presents *Pass Over*, April 13-30, at Montpelier's City Hall. Tickets/info: lostnationtheater.org

★ Next up in the Flynn Center's Broadway lineup – *Stomp*, April 23. Tickets/info: flynnvt.org

★ Lamoille County Players' upcoming season at the Hyde Park Opera House features *August: Osage County*, May 5-14; *Let It Be: A Musical Celebration of the Beatles*, July 20-30; *The Haunting of Hill House*, October 6-15; and *The Foreigner*, December 1-10. Tickets/info: lclayers.com

★ Williston Community Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors*, June 22-24, at Isham Family Farm Barn. Tickets info: willistoncommunitytheatre.com



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It's time to get your tickets!

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MEETING TIMES FOR LYRIC'S STANDING COMMITTEES

Board (Chair: Serena Magnan O'Connell): 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: Kylie Halpin): 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Lyric Creative Space
Education (Chair: Vonnie Murad): 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: Kerry Farrell): 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., home of Kerry Farrell, 19 Pheasant Way, South Burlington
Production Selection (Chair: Jennifer Warwick): 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Lyric Creative Space
Outreach & Inclusivity (Chair: Howard Kalfus): 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m., virtually on Google Meet using this link: <https://meet.google.com/sst-xjei-kfo>



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