



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Erin Evarts

With all of the excitement and tradition surrounding preparations for a Lyric Show Weekend, it's worth remembering just how lucky we are for every moment spent creating and being together on Green Tree Drive and at our beloved Flynn. Just a short time ago, the opportunity to gather and connect was taken away from us for far too long. I am beyond thrilled to be able to once again welcome packed houses full of friends, family, and neighbors to witness the hard work of our volunteers when *Shrek* opens in just a couple of weeks. Please make sure you can count yourself among them by getting your tickets now!

During the run of *Shrek*, remember to take some time to learn about our community partner, Outright Vermont. We are so proud to share the spotlight in support of their mission to build a Vermont where all LGBTQ+ youth have hope, equity, and power. They will be set up in the Flynn lobby alongside some incredible raffle prizes from our community partners. Don't miss out on any of it!

If you weren't able to get involved helping *Shrek* go from swamp to stage, you will find many ways to take part in our next offerings, which includes our third annual Theatre for Young Audiences production this summer with *Elephant and Piggie's "We Are in a Play!"* and *The Prom* getting underway in just a couple of months. For every person you see on stage, there are about nine others behind-the-scenes, so there truly is room for everyone at Lyric.

The link on the *Shrek* page of Lyric's website will bring you directly to the Flynn's ticketing portal. Tickets should only be purchased there. A number of resellers and fraudulent websites are engaged in ticketing scams, and this is the only way we can ensure that your tickets are valid and legitimate.

APRIL SPOTLIGHT SHOUT-OUT

By Kerry Farrell

This month the Membership Committee would like to give a shout out to Vonnie Murad. Vonnie joined the Board this past September and became Chair of the Education Committee. Vonnie hit the ground running in that role and is adding new perspectives and ideas to enhance the educational needs of our community. She is also a cast member in *Shrek* playing a Pig and is a featured dancer! Vonnie has not been a member for very long, but she sure has caught the Lyric bug and we are grateful.



UPDATES FROM THE SWAMP

By Alex Shevrin Venet, Promotions Co-Chair

What's up, Lyric? It's just about time for a big, bright, beautiful production of *Shrek The Musical*! Whether you've been hard at work preparing the show, or cheering along from the wings, we can all play a part in what's next: inviting the entire community to sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

Invite your non-theatre friends! By now, many of our Lyric community members and fellow theater enthusiasts have their tickets and are ready for opening night. Help expand the audience by inviting a friend or coworker who might not know just how magical a Lyric production can be.

Here are a few ideas you could suggest:

- Get glam: audience members, cast and crew often dress up to celebrate opening night (April 13). Break out your favorite fancy outfit, take some photos under the marquee lights, and live out your celebrity dreams! You won't be the biggest diva there because Lord Farquaad will be on the stage.
- Family fun day: grab matinee tickets for the whole family. Spend the morning taking a walk by the waterfront and then rest from your journey while watching another journey on stage.
- Date night: get an early-bird dinner on Church Street Sunday evening before the show. (If you're a Lyric member, remember to show your membership card at Leunig's Bistro, A Single Pebble, Manhattan Pizza, EB Strong's, or Thorn and Roots for a discount!)

As a reminder, here's the ticket link you can send to friends, family, and community members:

<https://www.flynnvt.org/Events/2023/4/shrek>

Once you see the show, remember to share on social media so we can build momentum across the weekend! There are many great seats available for Sunday evening for those who hear about the show after opening night.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this show in any way. It takes everyone in the Swamp to put on a Lyric show!

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* SOLD OUT!

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

★ Northern Stage presents *The SpongeBob Musical Youth Edition*, April 11-16, at the Barrette Center for the Arts. Tickets/info: northernstage.org

★ 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

★ Vermont Stage presents *Venus in Fur*, April 26-May 14, at the Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center. Tickets/info: vermontstage.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: lcplayers.com

★ Vermont Repertory Theatre presents Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*, May 25-27, at Isham Barn Theatre

as part of the First Earth Summer Series. Tickets/info: ishamfamilyfarm.com/event-calendar

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

★ Valley Players present *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*, June 29-July 16. Tickets/info: valleyplayers.com

★ Full Circle Theater presents *Spring Awakening*, July 14-16, and July 21-23, at Isham Family Farm Barn. Tickets/info: fullcircletheater.com

BROADWAY TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Source: <https://www.watercoolertrivia.com/trivia-questions/broadway-trivia-questions>

You'll find the answers to these questions elsewhere in this issue. And, to see more trivia questions, check out the source noted above.

1-A deal is made to make Washington, DC, the nation's new capital in "The Room Where It Happens," a song in what smash hit Broadway musical?

2-Known as the hottest tickets on Broadway for years after its 2015 debut, what is the name of the musical penned by Lin-Manual Miranda that was loosely based on a biography written by Ron Chernow?

3-One of Broadway's longest-running musicals, what Jonathan Larson show with a four-letter title featured characters singing about how they couldn't afford to pay their New York City landlord?

4-"_____": You're the One That I Want" was a 2007 reality competition show to cast the lead roles of Danny and Sandy in a Broadway musical revival. What musical's one-word title goes in the blank?

5-Named for a major Midwestern city, what long-running Broadway musical features songs like "All That Jazz," "Cell Block Tango," and "Mr. Cellophane?"

6-The title character and his comrade in arms, Lafayette, tell the story of the Battle of Yorktown in "Yorktown (The World Turned Upside Down)," a rousing number in what hit Broadway musical?

7-What classic Broadway musical, adapted for film in 1961 and again in 2021, features warring New York City gangs known as the Jets and the Sharks?

8-What classic Leonard Bernstein Broadway musical re-envisioned Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* in the world of white and Puerto Rican gangs fighting in New York City?

9-Referring to then-future president John Adams, the songs "Sit Down, John" and "But, Mr. Adams" come from what Broadway musical named for an important year in American history?

10-If you had tickets to the Off-Broadway venue The Public Theater for a preview performance on January 20, 2015, you'd be scheduled to see what musical which later won 11 Tonys?

11-What 2004 smash-hit teen comedy movie opened as a musical on Broadway in spring 2018? The *Hollywood Reporter* noted in its review that one character changed from an "imperious arbiter of high school hotness to full-blown arch villainess."

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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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Trivia answers: 1-Hamilton; 2-Hamilton; 3-Rent; 4-Grease; 5-Chicago; 6-Hamilton; 7-West Side Story; 8-West Side Story; 9-1776; 10-Hamilton; 11-Mean Girls