



# THE SPOTLIGHT



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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

*By Erin Evarts*

Lyric has done it again!

Just as we have done twice a year for *very* nearly one half-century, an incredible group of volunteers has assembled a team to tell an important story to thousands of our neighbors and friends in the coming months, all thanks to the support of the wider community. Congratulations to everyone involved, especially all of the new faces who came out to share themselves and their talents during the audition process. There are so many ways to be involved at Lyric, and I hope you will take a look on our website at all of the available volunteer opportunities. Tickets for *The Prom* and *The Wizard of Oz* are now on sale to the general public, so please make sure to get yours and help spread the word. Don't wait for prom night!

We are so excited about the full season of 50th Anniversary celebrations and shows in front of us. Please think about joining us for our gala fundraising event in a few weeks and stay tuned for more ways to commemorate this historic year!

Always,  
Erin



## INTRODUCING OUR CAST

Emma Nolan	Megan Rose*
Dee Dee Allen	Kim Anderson
Barry Glickman	Bob Bolyard
Alyssa Greene	Athena Chi Mosenthal*
Trent Oliver	Kyle Ferguson*
Mr. Hawkins	Jayden M. Choquette
Angie Dickinson	Serena Magnan O'Connell
Mrs. Greene	Jenn Adams
Shelby	Samantha Paquette*
Kaylee	Brianna Newman
Nick	MacArthur Murad
Kevin	Sam Powers*
Sheldon	Roya Millard

## ENSEMBLE

Hålee Bernier, Cai Blanchard\*, Jess Brownstein, George Conklin, Michael Godsey\*, Teddy Guerin, Ashley Hall\*, Safiya Jamali\*, Kira Johnson\*, Owen Kupferer\*, Maya Kurschner\*, Abby Lord\*, Eamon Lynch, Brittney Malik\*, Aleah Papes\*, Gwen Peery\*, Jamie Roberts, K Shaw\*, Rachel Solomon, Dana Steinhoff, Laura Valastro

*\*Denotes first time in a Lyric Main Stage production*

## SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT SHOUT-OUT

*By Erin Evarts*

This month, Lyric would like to recognize Tom O'Brien for all his work keeping the lights on (often literally) at the Lyric Creative Space. Tom has volunteered in many capacities over the years, and he takes on so many jobs that no one else can (or should) attempt! Whether it's dealing with vendors, reprogramming door locks, or going to battle with insubordinate thermostats, Tom is always working to make 7 Green Tree Drive much more than a warehouse. Thank you, Tom!



## ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday | October 1, 2023 | 5:30 pm**

**St. John's Club  
9 Central Avenue  
Burlington**

Join Lyric Board and Staff for a gathering to celebrate all we have accomplished, and what's next for our historic 50th Anniversary Season. Elect and reflect as we welcome new Board members, acknowledge outstanding volunteerism, and take in the sunset over Lake Champlain. Evening will include a cash bar, raffle prizes, and a potluck buffet.

RSVP to [lyricmembership@gmail.com](mailto:lyricmembership@gmail.com), but come either way!



### LYRIC THEATRE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA: A FUNDRAISING EVENT

Join Lyric in celebrating our first half-century!  
September 23, 2023  
5:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Silver Pavilion, UVM Alumni House  
61 Summit Street | Burlington, VT

Dinner, Showtunes, and Dancing! The evening will feature a live auction with amazing prizes and experiences, as well as a unique opportunity to bid for a song or two by some of your favorite Lyric performers. Tickets: \$100

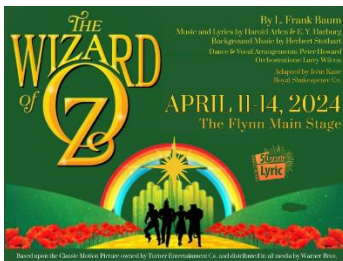
Attire: Creative Cocktail

Dinner: Adobo Chicken, Braised Beef Short Rib, or Fontina Cheese Pasta; Cash Bar

Tickets: <https://lyric-theatre-company.square.site/>

Presenting Sponsor: Bauer, Gravel & Farnham

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### GETTING READY FOR *THE WIZARD OF OZ*

Things are busy behind the scenes for *The Wizard of Oz*! We've got an amazing design team led by Jane Harissis and Cheri Forsythe. We don't want to give away any secrets, but our audiences will be in awe as we transport them to Kansas, Munchkinland, and Emerald City!

While we have an amazing production team, we can't put on a show without a cast! The show will run April 11-14, 2024; but auditions are in early December of 2023!

We'll share more information about *Oz* auditions closer to December. We can't wait to have you join us as we travel the yellow brick road!

Linda Whalen, Pam Carter, Co-Producers  
Sara McDonald, Director



### THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO VOLUNTEER FOR *THE PROM* By Lauren Genta

Lyric Theatre Company is powered by volunteers. For every performer you see on stage in a Lyric production, there are at least three other volunteers behind the scenes who helped bring the show to life. Whether you want to share a skill you already have or learn a new one, there is a place for everyone at Lyric. Below are work times for the volunteer crews taking *The Prom* from page to stage. You are welcome to drop by the Lyric Creative Space during these hours and be put to work to take part in this extraordinary community.

To share information on how you'd like to volunteer to support *The Prom*, please complete the [Volunteer Sign Up form](#) and our department chairs will be in touch. You can also find information on the Lyric website: <https://lyrictheatrevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/PROM-Volunteer-Opportunities-1.pdf>

#### CREW WORK TIMES

**Lyric Creative Space**  
7 Green Tree Drive  
South Burlington, VT

COSTUMES | Chairs: Hayley Ryan and Sharon Patno

- Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m. to noon
- Wednesdays | 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Sundays | 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

PROPS | Chair: Arianna Soloway

- Mondays | noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Thursdays | 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Sundays | 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

SET CONSTRUCTION (ages 16+) | Chairs: Bruce Cowan and Tim Henderson

- Tuesdays | 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays | 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Thursdays | 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Saturdays | 9:00 a.m. to noon

SET DECORATION | Chairs: Cathie Covey and Kyla Marchand

- Mondays | 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Fridays | 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Sundays | 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

## SEEKING FLYNN MAIN STAGE BLOCKBUSTERS FOR SPRING 2025!

By Jennifer Warwick

The Production Selection and Evaluation Committee is now seeking proposals for our Spring 2025 production. We are looking to produce one of the following blockbusters: *Beauty and the Beast*, *Kinky Boots*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Singin' in the Rain*, or *Cinderella*. The deadline for written proposals is November 30, 2023. For more information contact Production Selection Chair, Jennifer Warwick, [jenw.sokol@gmail.com](mailto:jenw.sokol@gmail.com), or Erin Evarts, [erin@lyrictheatrevt.org](mailto:erin@lyrictheatrevt.org).

### ON OTHER STAGES

- ★ The Flynn's Broadway season includes **Audra McDonald**, September 8, **Come From Away**, January 10 and 11; **The Cher Show**, March 12 and 13; **The Kite Runner**, April 29 and 30; and **Mean Girls**, May 7 and 8. Tickets/info: [flynnvt.org](http://flynnvt.org)
- ★ Middlebury Acting Company presents **Robert Frost: This Verse Business**, September 8-10, Town Hall Theater. Tickets/info: [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org)
- ★ Full Circle Theater presents **Fall 2023 Show Choir**, Rehearsals: September 16-December 2, South End Studios; performances: December 1 and 2, Contois Auditorium. Tickets/info: [fullcircletheater.com](http://fullcircletheater.com)
- ★ Vermont Stage presents **Cadillac Crew**, September 27-October 15, Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center. Tickets/info: [vermontstage.org](http://vermontstage.org)
- ★ Valley Players present **The Glass Menagerie**, September 29-October 15. Tickets/info: [valleyplayers.com](http://valleyplayers.com)
- ★ Essex Community Players present **Murder in the Studio**, September 29-October 8, Memorial Hall, Tickets/info: [essexplayers.com](http://essexplayers.com)
- ★ Northern Stage presents **Selling Kabul**, October 11-29, Barrette Center for the Arts. Tickets/info: [northernstage.org](http://northernstage.org)
- ★ Lost Nation Theater presents **Sam and Jim in Hell**, October 5-22, Montpelier City Hall. Tickets/info: [lostonationtheater.org](http://lostonationtheater.org)
- ★ Lamoille County Players' present **The Haunting of Hill House**, October 6-15, Hyde Park Opera House. Tickets/info: [lcplayers.com](http://lcplayers.com)
- ★ Vermont Repertory Theatre presents **The Comedy of Errors: The Motion Picture**, October 13; and **Hawkes and Handsaws 1623 to 2023**, October 20-21, Off Center for the Dramatic Arts. Tickets/info: [theaterengine.com](http://theaterengine.com)
- ★ Middlebury Community Players present **Second Sight**, October 19-22, Town Hall Theater. Tickets/info: [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org)
- ★ Girls Nite Out Productions presents **Suite Surrender**, November 9-19, Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center. Info: [girlsniteoutvt.com](http://girlsniteoutvt.com)
- ★ Shelburne Players present **Circle Mirror Trans-formation**, November 10-17, Shelburne Town Hall. Tickets/info: [shelburneplayers.com](http://shelburneplayers.com)

## BROADWAY MUSICALS TRIVIA

Source:

[https://www.usefultivia.com/music\\_trivia/broadway\\_musicals\\_trivia.html](https://www.usefultivia.com/music_trivia/broadway_musicals_trivia.html)

Answers are included elsewhere in this issue.

- In which Broadway musical does Jack sing "There are giants in the sky"?
- Which Broadway musical featured a helicopter on stage?
- Which pandemic plays an important role in the musical *Rent*?
- What is the name of Annie's dog in the musical *Annie*?
- What is the longest-running musical in Broadway history?
- Which character in *Hamilton* sings "The Room Where It Happens"?
- Why is Jean Valjean imprisoned in *Les Misérables*?
- Which dancer injures his knee in *A Chorus Line*?
- Where does Sally Bowles perform in *Cabaret*?
- What kind of gambling operation does Nathan Detroit run in *Guys and Dolls*?
- The *Phantom of the Opera* begins with this event.
- Which musical with an all-black cast broke the record for most Broadway performances?
- What was Disney's first Broadway musical?
- How many daughters does Tevye have in *Fiddler on the Roof*?
- What is Harold Hill's profession in *The Music Man*?
- Which Broadway musical is based on the 1924 trials of accused murderers Beulah Annan and Belva Gaertner?
- Which musical tells the story of two friends named Elphaba and Galinda?
- Where are the Sharks from in *West Side Story*?
- Who does the Wicked Witch of the West run off with at the end of *Wicked*?
- Which musical is based on the songs of ABBA?

The logo for Playbill, featuring the word "PLAYBILL" in a bold, black, serif font with a registered trademark symbol (®) to the upper right of the "L". The text is centered on a bright yellow rectangular background.

### HOW DID PLAYBILL GET ITS NAME?

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Playbill>

What is known today as *Playbill* started in 1884, when Frank Vance Strauss founded the New York Theatre Program Corporation specializing in printing theater programs. Strauss reimagined the concept of a theater program, making advertisements a standard feature and thus transforming what was then a leaflet into a fully designed magazine. The new format proved popular with theatergoers, who started to collect playbills as souvenirs; however, the name (*The*) *Playbill* did not appear until the 1930s while earlier programs published by the company simply bore the name of the venue.

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How many *Playbill* magazines are in YOUR collection?



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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-xjej-kfo>



**November 9-12, 2023  
Flynn Center Main Stage  
Burlington, VT**

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**ANSWERS TO BROADWAY MUSICALS TRIVIA:** *Into the Woods, Miss Saigon, HIV/Aids, Sandy, The Phantom of the Opera, Aaron Burr, stealing a loaf of bread, Paul, Kit Kat Klub, Craps, an auction, Shuffle Along, Beauty and the Beast, five, con man, Chicago, Wicked, Puerto Rico, Scarecrow, Mamma Mia!*