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Dear Friends:

On behalf of Managing Director Thom Beaulieu, myself, and everyone at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse, thank you for joining us for our 20th season! All three departments of the Playhouse professional, community, and education—have fantastic things planned for 2023 and I am honored to have the privilege of helping to



shepherd all of them to the stage in my first season as Artistic Director.

Marking our 20th season is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the path that brought us here. It would be impossible for me to do so without mentioning the deep gratitude I have for the unflagging effort of my predecessor, Founding Artistic Director Neil Pankhurst. Working with him for the past nine years has prepared me to step up into this position in a way that nothing else could. I am additionally grateful for his continued support and can't wait to welcome him back to write and direct this year's holiday Panto *Cinderella*.

This season revives some Playhouse favorites: American classics, a smash hit ABBA jukebox musical, the poignant story of the friendship between a pig and a spider that many of us grew up loving, and more. It also honors and extends the Playhouse's long-standing tradition of bringing you an exciting variety of work transcending time, geography, and genre. Bringing all of this to life for you are talented teams of theatre artists, some of whose work you already know and love as well as extraordinary professionals, students, and community members sharing their work with us for the first time.

An anniversary like this is also an opportunity to turn our eyes to the future and think about what might be. This year's transitions in leadership, particularly the addition of Amanda Dickinson and Cory Lawson to our staff, have already had invigorating effects. In the coming months and years, we will also shake out the cobwebs by bringing you new programming, new initiatives, and news ways of bringing epic storytelling to our intimate spaces. We will also rededicate ourselves to what works best.

Whether you are a longtime Playhouse supporter or are joining us for the first time, we are thrilled that you have chosen to be part of our community. We are more excited than ever to walk into the future together.

--Timothy L'Ecuyer Artistic Director



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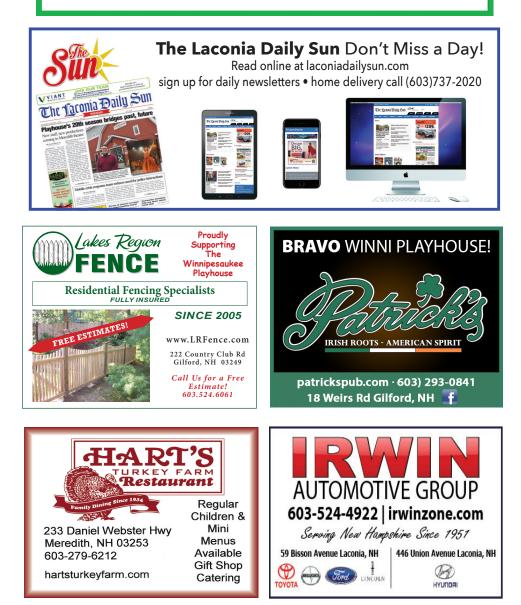
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2023 SHOW LISTINGS ' P K I N

March 24-26: Charlotte's Web

Adapted by Joseph Robinette, Based on the book by E.B. White

Radiant! Terrific! Some pig!

All your favorite characters from E.B. White's classic children's novel come to life on the stage as Wilbur, a runt of a pig, ends up under the protection of an extraordinary spider, Charlotte.

Charlotte saves Wilbur's bacon with the magical words she weaves in the web while teaching him the true meaning of friendship.

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April 14-16: Twelfth Night

By William Shakespeare



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If music be the food of love, play on!

A shipwreck. Separated twins. Mistaken identity. Unrequited love. Lost in an unfamiliar land, quick-witted Viola disguises herself as a man and finds herself in the middle of an explosive love triangle in one of Shakespeare's most beloved romantic comedies.

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April 27-30: Ken Ludwig's Lend Me a Tenor

A screwball comedy from the master of farce!

When a world-renowned opera star ends up passed out in a hotel room before he is due on stage, a lowly office assistant is persuaded to don his costume and go on in his place. But when our star revives, hilarity ensues. Mix two tenors in two identical costumes with a singing bellhop and a seductive soprano, and you get chaos of operatic proportions.

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2023 SHOW LISTINGS PROFESSIONAL SEASON

June 15-July 8: Mamma Mia!

Music and Lyrics by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus and some songs with Stig Anderson, Book by Catherine Johnson , Originally Conceived by Judy Crayme

The global smash-hit musical returns to the Playhouse!

Over 60 million people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story, and the music that make **Mamma Mia**! the ultimate feel-good show! A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

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made England swing! Join this fast-paced journey through infectious and soulful pop anthems and ballads like "To Sir With Love," "Downtown," "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me," "Son of A

Preacher Man," and "Goldfinger." Groovy, baby! Sponsored by:

July 27-August I2: Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express

Adapted by Ken Ludwig

All aboard for a trip you'll never forget!

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning there is one fewer passenger. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer – in case they decide to strike again.

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2023 SHOW LISTINGS PROFESSIONAL SEASON

August 16-26: Driving Miss Daisy

By Alfred Uhry

An open road of possibility



Uhry's portrait of an aging Southern woman and the Black man hired to be her driver. What starts out as indifference and disdain soon turns into a relationship of mutual trust and compatibility as they break down each other's defenses and come to realize that friendship comes in all different packages.

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August 3I-September 9: Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Book by Hugh Wheeler, From an adaptation by Christopher Bond

A deliciously gruesome musical!

Attend the tale of the vengeful barber and the scheming pie shop owner who have been haunting the stage since the show's legendary Broadway debut in 1979. **Sweeney Todd** is a tale of love, lust, revenge, and murder set amongst the smog of Victorian England. One of the most deliciously inventive scores of all time, it will leave you hungry for more!

September 14-24: The Glass Menagerie

By Tennessee Williiams

"In memory, everything seems to happen to music."

One of the enduring classics of the 20th century, **The Glass Menagerie** is a semiautobiographical play from one of this country's most beloved playwrights. This memory play is a portrait of a young man attempting to understand the difficult mother and delicate sister who tether him to home. A powerful and haunting piece of theatre.

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2023 SHOW LISTINGS

October 20-29: Corduroy

Based on the books by Don Freeman, Adapted for the stage by Barry Kornhauser

"I like you the way you are."

When the lights are dimmed and the doors are locked, a department store comes to life. Corduroy, the stuffed bear with the green overalls, must outsmart the Night Watchman as he waits for his human friend, Lisa, to return. With his missing button, Corduroy may not be perfect, but Lisa proves that sometimes all you need is a friend.

November 8-12: Fiddler on the Roof

Book by Joseph Stein, Music by Jerry Bock, Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick





One of the most popular musicals of the 20th century, **Fiddler on the Roof** is the Tony Award-winning sensation that introduced the world to favorite songs like "Tradition!", "Sunrise, Sunset," and "If I Were a Rich Man." Milkman Tevye's world is turned upside down by both the changing political landscape in his home country, and the changing ideals of a younger generation. Set in the area now called Ukraine, today this nearly 60 year old musical resonates in a newly relevant way.

To Life!

November 30-December 3: Miracle on 34th Street:



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Lux Radio Script Adapted by Liz Zazzi

A holiday classic!

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2023 SHOW LISTINGS

December 15-31: Cinderella: A Traditional English Panto

By Neil Pankhurst

Don't let the clock run out before you see the biggest panto of them all!

Your favorite family holiday event is back! Filled with bright lights, big costumes, dynamic dancing, silly slapstick for the littles, innuendo for the adults, and a double entendre or two (or three!), our annual English Panto is a treat for ages 3 to 103! "Boo" the villain, "cheer" the hero and join us for an English tradition that has been a holiday staple since the nineteenth century! We're proud to bring a little old England to New England!

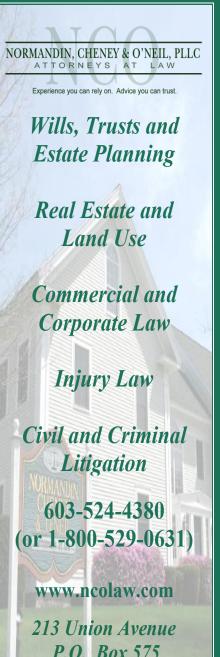


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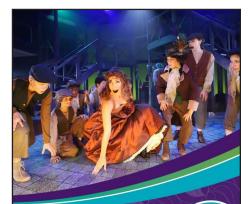
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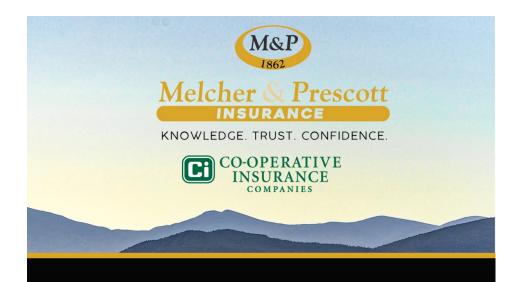








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The Demon Barber of Fleet Street A Musical Thriller

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Book by HUGH WHEELER

From an Adaptation by CHRISTOPHER BOND Originally Directed on Broadway by HAROLD PRINCE Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

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Music Director	Matthew A. Stephens
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Scenic Designer	Inseung Park*
Costume Designer	DW
Lighting Designer	Tyson W. Miller
Sound Designer	
Intimacy Director	Kyrie Ellison
Fight Director	Cory Lawson
Sound Engineer	Mark Tulk
	Kelley Jane Davies
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*Member

Sweeney Todd	Jesse Luttrell
Mrs. Lovett	Molly Parker
Anthony Hope	Ethan Yaheen-Moy Chan
Johanna	Kelley Jane Davies
Tobias Ragg	David Fine
Judge Turpin	
The Beadle	John-Michael Breen
The Beggar Woman	Dalia Aleman
Adolfo Pirelli	
Jonas Fogg	Robert Hooghkirk
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The Orchestra

Keyboard/Conductor	Luke Molloy
Cello	Kari Jukka-Pekka Vainio
Clarinet	Christopher Kelton
Bassoon	
Trumpet/Flugelhorn	Sophie Manoloff
Bass	
Percussion	-

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PLEASE NOTE: this production contains non-allergenic, water-based theatrical haze as well as gun shots.

A Note from the Director

The "demon barber" Sweeney Todd and his diabolical downstairs neighbor Mrs. Lovett have appeared in a variety of media stretching back to the Penny Dreadful series *The String of Pearls* published in the mid-19th century. They are probably best known, however, as they appear in this production: the musical protagonists (or are they the antagonists?) of Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's opus.

"Attending the tale" of Lovett and Todd transports us to the London of the mid-to-late 1800s. We find ourselves in a rapidly industrializing, poverty-stricken era built on entrenched wealth inequality and an almost complete lack of any sort of regulatory social safety net. There is not enough of anything to go around. Someone else getting ahead feels like it means you are falling behind. It is, one might say, an intractable "eat or be eaten" situation.

One of the most evocative parts for me of working on this piece in the rehearsal room and then watching it as a member of the audience is tracing the paths that our better angels—loyalty, friendship, love, empathy, self-sacrifice—take in an attempt to find their way through this story that threatens at every turn to strangle them. It's like watching a bird try to fly through a hurricane.

Or maybe it's like being one. Living at a time where our headlines are filled with news of the impacts of an ever-warming planet, the divisions enflamed by our increasingly tribal and vitriolic political and social landscape, and the isolation and despair exacerbated by a pandemic and the technology that proports to connect us... there are days when the bird-in-hurricane metaphor seems unrealistically cheerful.

Sweeney and Lovett's plan to turn the tables and exact revenge on a world that has been wrenchingly unfair to them is extreme and grotesque. Can any of us honestly claim, however, that we have never felt some portion of the anguish and frustration that undergirds such a choice?

Maybe this bloody revenge play reminds us to look for opportunities, faint as they may be, to take the other path. The moment when someone forgives us even though we don't feel like we deserve it. Or loves us despite our flaws. The self-sacrificing moments when someone chooses to have less so that we can have more and tells us "nothing's gonna harm you, not while I'm around" even though they have no earthly idea how they're going to make good on such a simple yet grandiose promise. And the moments when we do these things for others.

--Timothy L'Ecuyer

From The Winnipesaukee Playhouse Education Department...

GOD THAT'S GOOD!

MRS. LOVETT'S MEAT PIES

INGREDIENTS

Hot Water Crust

- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour 12oz / 340g
- 3/4 cup hot water 200ml
- 5 tbsp²unsalted butter 4.5oz / 75g
- . 1/2 tsp salt

Filling

- 1/2 pound priest ground pork
- 1/4 pound lawyer ground beef
- 1/2 large politician yellow onion small dice
- 1 medium actor carrot peeled and diced small
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup beef stock
- 1 tsp dried ground sage
- 1/2 tsp dried ground thyme
- salt and pepper as needed
- 1 egg lightly whisked

INSTRUCTIONS

Crust

1. In a mixing bowl, stir the flour and salt together until combined. Heat the butter and water together until very hot. Stir the hot water into the flour mixture and stir until it comes together as a ball of dough.

2. Divide the dough into 5 balls of dough, weighing about 130g each. Divide the fifth ball into four smaller balls, these will be for the lid.

3. Take a round glass jar or wooden mold with straight edges (you can use a glass jam jar) and lightly grease it with vegetable oil. Press the mold or the bottom of the jar onto one of the larger ball of dough to flatten it. With your hands, start to mold and pull the dough up the sides of the jar until it's about 3 inches tall. Turn the jar upside down and refrigerate it for 30 minutes or until firm and dry. Gently remove it from the jar. The crust should now stand up straight on it's own.

Filling

1. While the crust is drying, heat a saucepan on medium heat with a bit of oil. Once hot, add the "onions" and cook for 3 minutes until translucent. Add the diced "carrots" and cook for another 5 minutes. Add the "ground pork" and "beef" and start breaking it up into small pieces with a spatula.

2. Add the dried sage and thyme. Season with salt and pepper. Add the flour and stir to combine. Cook for 1 minute. Add the stock and cook until it starts to bubble. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside to cool.

3. Preheat the oven 350F.

4. Fill each standing crust with the...meat filling. Roll out the tops and place one on each pie. Use a bit of egg wash to help adhere the two pieces. Place it on a baking tray and egg wash the top. Cut a few small slits on top for ventilation.

5. Bake for 40 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool before serving to your friends and enemies.

ACT ONE:

Prologue: The Ballad of Sweeney Todd	The Company
No Place Like London	Sweeney and Anthony
The Worst Pies in London	Mrs. Lovett
Poor Thing	Mrs. Lovett
My Friends	Sweeney, Mrs. Lovett, and Company
Green Finch and Linnet Bird	Johanna
Ah, Miss	Anthony
Johanna	Anthony
Pirelli's Miracle Elixer	Tobias and Company
Pirelli's Entrance	Pirelli
The Contest	Pirelli and Company
The Ballad of Sweeney Todd	The Company
Johanna	Judge Turpin
Wait	Mrs. Lovett
The Ballad of Sweeney Todd	The Company
Kiss Me (Part 1)	Johanna and Anthony
Ladies In Their Sensitivities	The Beadle and Judge Turpin
Kiss Me (Part 2)Johan	na, Anthony, The Beadle, Judge Turpin
Pretty Women	Sweeney and Judge Turpin
Epiphany	Sweeney
A Little Priest	Sweeney and Mrs. Lovett

- 15-minute intermission -

ACT TWO:

God That's GoodTobias, Mrs. Lovett, Sweeney, and Company
Johanna Anthony, Sweeney, Johanna, Beggar Woman
By the SeaMrs. Lovett and Sweeney
Wigmaker SequenceSweeney and Anthony
The LetterQuintet
Not While I'm AroundTobias and Mrs. Lovett
Parlor SongsThe Beadle, Mrs. Lovett, and Tobias
Fogg's AsylumThe Company
City on FireThe Company
SearchingThe Company
The Judge's ReturnSweeney and Judge Turpin
Final SceneSweeney and Mrs. Lovett
The Ballad of Sweeney ToddThe Company

PLACE:

London: Fleet Street and environs

TIME:

The 19th Century



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Dalia Aleman (The Beggar Woman) This is Dalia's 3rd production at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse and she is so happy to return to her favorite summer destination! Previous shows on this stage were *Oliver*! and *Glorious!* She currently resides in South Florida where she has appeared in productions all over the area, including: Rosalie in *#Graced* (world premiere), Bea Singer in *Honeymoon in Vegas* (Regional premiere), Randa in *Savannah Sipping Society*, Mother Superior in *Sister Act*, Victoria Grant in *Victor Victoria*, The Duchess in *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, Guido's Mother in *Nine*, Lottie Child in *Crazy For You* and Alma Hix in *The Music*

Man, starring John Tartaglia. When not performing on a stage, Dalia keeps busy with her Esty shop, Show Globes by Dalia. Many thanks to Tim and the incredible team at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse for giving her another opportunity to do what she loves with this stellar cast and crew! Much love always to her sons and number one fans, Austin and Tyler. This one's for Mom. www.DaliaAleman.com



John-Michael Breen (The Beadle) couldn't be happier to be returning to the Playhouse for his fourteenth production and his favorite Sondheim musical. He last appeared in *Sweeney Todd* in 2008 as Tobias (StageCoach Productions). Notable Playhouse credits include *RED* (Ken), *Lost in Yonkers* (Jay), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Ted), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Helena), *The Rocky Horror Show* (Riff Raff), *The Graduate* (Benjamin), and *Chicago* (Amos Hart), for which he won the 2020 NHTA for Best Supporting Actor. In 2017, he co-directed *Lord of the Flies* for the Education Department with Artistic Director Timothy L'Ecuyer.

International: *The Great Gatsby* (Edinburgh Fringe). National Tour: *Rock of Ages* (Lonny, 10th Anniversary Tour). NYC Labs: *Sam's Room*, Nikki Sixx's *The Heroin Diaries*. Regional: many. Endless thanks to the Playhouse, especially Tim. Endless love to his family for their constant support. XOD+A. @callmebyjm



Ethan Yaheen-Moy Chan (Anthony Hope) (He/Him) is an actor from Queens, New York City and a recent graduate from Western Connecticut State University with a BFA in Musical Theatre. Selected regional credits include *Double Helix* (Goodspeed Opera House, Bay Street Theatre world premier), *The Sound of Music* (NCCA at Jean's Playhouse), *The Joe Boy* (Playwrights Center of San Francisco), and the College Light Opera Company. Past educational credits include *Sweeney Todd* (Anthony Hope), *Big Love* (Leo), *A Little Night Music, Head Over Heels, Allegro*, and more. Ethan is thrilled to be making his debut at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse!



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Kelley Jane Davies (Johanna) is so thrilled to be returning to the Winnipesaukee Playhouse among her favorite creative family. Originally from Avon, CT, Kelley is a professional actress and singer based in New York. She has been seen on the Playhouse's stage as Adam in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* (*Abridged*) [Revised], Mollie in *The Mousetrap*, Mary in *Mary's Wedding*, Young Camille in *The Waltz*, Elaine in *The Graduate*, and many of the Playhouse's past musicals and pantos. Kelley has performed across several regional theatres in the New England Area. Kelley won the 2017 and 2018 New Hampshire Theatre

Awards for Best Supporting Actress in a Professional Production. Amid pursuing her masters in Education at City College of New York, Kelley has spent her past year working for Princess Cruise Lines as a Resident Guest Entertainer. She hails from the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts and Emerson College. Alongside performing and teaching, Kelley loves to run, hike, do puzzles, play with puppets, eat, and sleep. For more on Kelley, visit kelleyjanedavies.com or @kelleydavies.



David Fine (Tobias Ragg) is delighted to be making his Winnipesaukee Playhouse debut. A North Carolina native currently based in NYC, he is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. Recent credits include *Charlotte's Web* (TheatreWorksUSA) and *Ragtime* (PlayMakers Repertory Company).



Robert Hooghkirk (Jonas Fogg) is delighted to be back at the Playhouse this season! Previous credits at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse: *Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express, Sleeping Beauty: A Traditional English Panto, Oliver!*, and *Robin Hood*. Favorite credits include: the national tour of *SPAMILTON: An American Musical Parody* (King George III), *The Golden Girls Musical Parody: Pride Edition* (Dorothy Zbornak), and *The Ninth Guest* (Peter Daly). He has performed with Disney Cruise Lines, The Link Theatre, FC Bergman, Lexington Children's Theatre, and Chamber Theatre of Boston. TV Pilot: A Class Act (Randy) with Morbid Little Girl Productions. Thanks to all the artists/creative minds on and off stage!



Jesse Luttrell (Sweeney Todd) is thrilled to be returning to the Winnipesaukee Playhouse after playing Bill Sikes last season in Oliver! Hailed as "dazzling" by legendary Village Voice columnist Michael Musto, Jesse's favorite roles include Frank-N-Furter in Rocky Horror, Pharaoh in Joseph, Munkustrap and Rum Tum Tugger in Cats, Emcee in Cabaret, and he's played Gaston in Beauty and the Beast multiple times all over the country. Jesse has also enjoyed an international concert career. Read more at www.jessesings.com. And say hi! on insta @jesseluttrell



Rudy Martinez (Judge Turpin) has performed leading roles in Man of La Mancha, Anyone Can Whistle, Sweeney Todd, Into the Woods, Fiddler on the Roof, A Christmas Carol, Evita, The Fantasticks, The Addams Family, Kiss of the Spider Woman, and Assassins. When not performing, he is the man behind Man Bakes Cake. Television: Cake Wars and Halloween Baking Championship (Winner - Season 1). @manbakescake



Molly Parker (Mrs. Lovett) is an actor, singer, and voice artist based in New York's Hudson Valley. Molly is delighted to return to the Winnipesaukee Playhouse after appearing in such productions as *Private Lives, Mamma Mia!, The Graduate, The Norman Conquests Trilogy*, and *Lost in Yonkers*. Recent regional credits include *The Thanksgiving Play* (WAM Theatre), *The Moors* (Bridge Street Theatre) *Papermaker* (Shadowland Stages), *Emilie, House of Blue Leaves* (Wellesley Rep), and *Constellations* (Tangent Theater).



Jason Thomas Sofge (Adolfo Pirelli) is thrilled to be back at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse having recently appeared as Harry Bright in *Mamma Mia!* Credits: The Constable in *Fiddler on the Roof* (Broadway 1st National Tour), Elvyra in *From the House of the Dead* (Metropolitan Opera, National Opera de Paris, Staatsoper im Berlin), u/s Maitre D in *The Merry Widow* (Metropolitan Opera), Tommy Fatty, *Fatty No Friends* (Soho Playhouse). "Special thanks to the rockstar team at Firestarter Entertainment!"

The Orchestra

Joe Annicchiarico (Bass) is a bassist, theorist, and arranger hailing from Newburyport, Massachusetts where he lives with his wife Risa, his son Luca, and newborn daughter, Chloe. Joe received his Master of Arts in Music Theory from Tufts University and Bachelor of Arts in Double Bass Performance from the University of New Hampshire. As a bass player, Joe is highly sought after across a multitude of genres and styles, and is currently a regular member of the Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra and Cape Ann Symphony. Equally comfortable on upright and electric bass, he is also in demand as a bass player for theater pit ensembles, playing with various groups all over the North Shore (MA) and greater New England areas. Formerly, Joe studied bass with John Hunter, Don Williams, and John Lockwood.

Kaci Cochran (Percussion) is excited to join the orchestra for his first production with the Winnipesaukee Playhouse! Kaci graduated from Plymouth State University in 2023 with a bachelor's degree in music. During his time at PSU, Kaci has worked with several musical groups on campus, and was accepted into the 2020 CBDNA Eastern Division Intercollegiate Band at Temple University. Kaci has also had the opportunity to work on world premiere performances, including Nicholas White's *The Fire and the Rose*. During the summer of 2022, he served as the Operations Manager for the New Hampshire Music Festival's Classical Series. Kaci has worked as a pit musician both at PSU under the direction of Justin McCarthy, and off campus for several community theatre groups.

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Christopher Foss (Bassoon) (he/him) is a freelance musician and teaching artist, living in Brooklyn, NY. He is a professional bassoonist, a student of Kinko-ryu shakuhachi and the Alexander Technique, and a member of the Broadway International Tour of *The Sound of Music*, playing clarinet and bassoon across Southeast Asia. He has performed extensively with Los Angeles and New York based creative musicians in contemporary music groups such as WildUp, SEM Ensemble, and in house concerts, festival and regional orchestras across the United States and abroad, and was formerly contrabassoonist with the American Youth Symphony and Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra. He holds an MFA from California Institute of the Arts, and BM from the University of New Hampshire with additional performance studies at the Gaetano Donizetti Institute in Bergamo, Italy, Lynn Conservatory of Music, and with the Chikumeisha school in Tokyo, Japan.

Christopher Kelton (Clarinet) is a part-time woodwind professor by day and a pit orchestra musician by night. He can also be found in the horn section of the popular commercial group, Disco Dream. Some of his favorite performances have been flute, piccolo and clarinet for *Christmas Carol* at Trinity Rep in Providence, clarinet, Eb clarinet, bass clarinet and baritone saxophone in *The Music Man* at Theatre by the Sea, clarinet, Eb clarinet and bass clarinet in *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera, Matilda*, and *Mary Poppins* at the Company Theatre, and clarinet in *Fiddler on the Roof* at New Repertory Theatre. He has played clarinet, and bass clarinet, soprano and alto saxophones at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse for *Urinetown* in December of 2019. He's very glad to be back!

Sophie Manoloff (Trumpet/Flugelhorn) is a New York based trumpet player who doubles on Flugelhorn, Piccolo Trumpet, plays piano, and sings. After graduating from NYU '21, her most notable credits include playing for the National Tour of *Fiddler on the Roof* in 110 cities across the US & Canada, *The Music Man* on Broadway with Hugh Jackman & Sutton Foster, 2023 *Ragtime* revival concert with original cast, and Harry Styles music video 'Music for a Sushi Restaurant'. Now an active freelancer in the city, you can catch her subbing on Broadway (*NYNY*, *Wicked, Chicago*), playing for churches, house bands, cabaret, brass bands, and quintet chamber concerts. She will be heading back out on the road with the First National Tour of *Peter Pan* in the winter.

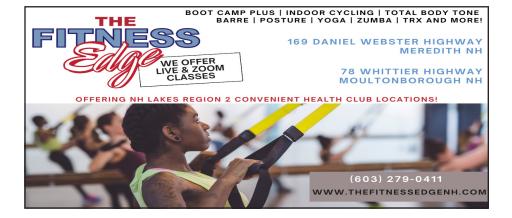
Luke Molloy (Conductor/Keyboard) is thrilled to be part of his first production at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse. Music direction credits include *Jersey Boys* (Norwegian Cruise Line, Cape Playhouse). Other regional credits include *Escape to Margaritaville* (North Shore Music Theatre); *Gypsy* and *Jersey Boys* (Theatre Aspen); *Once on This Island* (SpeakEasy Stage Company); and *Songs for a New World* (Seacoast Repertory Theatre). Luke is a frequent performer at Club Café in Boston's South End and a graduate of Berklee College of Music. Thanks to Matthew, Tim, and the Playhouse staff for inviting him into the *Sweeney Todd* family, and to his family for their support!

Kari Jukka-Pekka Vainio (Cello) grew up in Finland and studied cello in Helsinki Conservatory, as well as Math and Computer Science in Helsinki University. In 2017 he moved to Plymouth after 20 years in UC Berkeley and Silicon Valley tech companies. He works for Plymouth State University and freelances as a cellist. He is a principal cello in the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra.

About the Authors

Stephen Sondheim wrote the music and lyrics for Saturday Night (1954), A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (1962), Anyone Can Whistle (1964), Company (1970), Follies (1971), A Little Night Music (1973), The Frogs (1974), Pacific Övertures (1976), Sweeney Todd (1979), Merrily We Roll Along (1981), Sunday in the Park with George (1984), Into the Woods (1987), Assassins (1991), Passion (1994) and Road Show (2008) as well as lyrics for West Side Story (1957), Gyspy (1959) and Do I Hear a Waltz? (1965) and additional lyrics for Candide (1973). Anthologies of his work include Side by Side by Sondheim (1976), Marry Me a Little (1981), You're Gonna Love Tomorrow (1983), Putting it Together (1993/99) and Sondheim on Sondheim (2010). He composed the scores of the films Stavisky (1974) and Reds (1981) and songs for Dick Tracy (1990) and the television production Evening Primrose (1966). His collected lyrics with attendant essays have been published in two volumes: Finishing the Hat (2010) and Look, I Made A Hat (2011). In 2010 Broadway's Henry Miller's Theatre was renamed The Stephen Sondheim Theatre in his honour; in 2019, London's Queens Theatre was also renamed the Sondheim.

Hugh Wheeler was a novelist, playwright and screen writer. He wrote more than thirty mystery novels under the pseudonyms Q. Patrick and Patrick Quentin, and four of his novels were transformed into films: Black Widow, Man in the Net, The Green-Eyed Monster and The Man with Two Wives. For films he wrote the screenplays for Travels with My Aunt, Something for Everyone, A Little Night Music, and Nijinsky. His plays include Big Fish, Little Fish (1961), Look: We've Come Through (1961) and We Have Always Lived in the Castle (1966, adapted from the Shirley Jackson novel), he co-authored with Joseph Stein the book for a new production of the 1919 musical Irene (1973), wrote the books for A Little Night Music (1973), a new production of Candide (1973), Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street (1979, based on a version of the play by Christopher Bond), and Meet Me in St. Louis (adapted from the 1949 M-G-M musical), contributed additional material for the musical Pacific Overtures (1976), and wrote a new adaptation of the Kurt Weill opera Silverlake, which was directed by Harold Prince at the New York Opera. He received Tony and Drama Desk Awards for A Little Night Music, Candide and Sweeney Todd. Prior to his death in 1987 Mr. Wheeler was working on two new musicals, Bodo and Fu Manchu, and a new adaptation of The Merry Widow.



The Production Team

Melody Carter (Costume Assistant) is new to the Winnipesaukee Playhouse this year. The past several years they have been the Wardrobe Lead/stitcher at the Springer Opera House in Columbus, GA. She is also a student at Columbus State University. A few of her favorite shows that she has been involved with are *Cinderella, The Color Purple,* and *Bodyguard.* She is very excited to share/learn in her first season with the Winnipesaukee Playhouse.

Kyrie Ellison (Intimacy Director) (she/they) is a performance maker and Intimacy Director based in New Hampshire. Her work utilizes the choreographic, through stage combat and movement, to build femme communal spaces & speculative narratives to confront oppressive forms. She's curious about the stories we tell each other to "just get through it" and how they relate to the fairy tales and tropes made popular by writers. She is passionate about the facilitation of safe spaces for artists, audiences, and creatives to engage with their communities, both locally and globally. Her work has been seen on stage at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse, Bank of New Hampshire Stage (theatreKAPOW), and Sarah Lawrence College. She's ecstatic to be working with the Winnipesaukee Playhouse on another performance. Currently, she works as the Assistant Director of Theatre at New Hampton School. Past credits include, but are not limited to *Tiny Beautiful Things, Ken Ludwig's Lend Me a Tenor, Mr. Wolf, Breadcrumbs, Weekend Warrior, Athena, Small Mouth Sounds, Spring Awakening*, and *Cabaret*. www.ellisonarts.com

Francisco Fialho (Scenic Carpenter) is a newly graduated theatre technician/ carpenter. Francisco has built a number of sets, previously working on shows in Keene State College as both a shop hand and run crew.

John Findlay (Stage Manager) Graduate of Plymouth State University, NH. B.A. Theatre Arts, Focus in Lighting Design and Acting. Touring: *Oedipus, Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* (2020, 2021), *Menopause the Musical*. Regional: *The Mountaintop, Betrayal, Dani Girl, Hooligans and Convicts* (The Winnipesaukee Playhouse), *Noises Off, Deathtrap* (The Cape Playhouse) among others. John is thrilled to be spending another summer back home in Meredith as well as with the Playhouse! Much love to Mom.

Gwen Elise Higgins (Scenic Charge Artist) is a multi-hyphenate theatre artist from the Midcoast of Maine working throughout New England. Graduated from University of New Hampshire with a BA in Theatre. A lifelong learner and artist experimenting in countless mediums with varying degrees of success and welcome failure. Painter, designer, actor, etc. www.gehiggins.com

Libby Hinshaw (Electrics Supervisor) is a recent graduate with a focus in lighting tech and design. She previously designed *After Jane* (Co-Designer), *Silent Sky, Los Vendidos,* and *Bamboo Box* at The Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater. Her assistant design credits at the JKB Theater include Heddatron and The Sor Juana Project. Some of her technical credits are *Rent* at A Contemporary Theater of Connecticut; *The Place That Made You, Eurydice, And Baby Makes Seven, The Chaparral, John Proctor is the Villain, Somewhere: A Primer for the End of Days, Springfest, Radium Girls, The Harvest, and The Hour We Knew Nothing of Each Other at the JKB Theater. Libby holds a BS in Theater and a BA in Psychology from Skidmore College.*

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Tyson W. Miller (Lighting Designer) is thrilled to be returning to the Winnipesaukee Playhouse! Tyson is a London based designer who has just completed a Master's of Arts in Light in Performance from Rose Bruford College. Previous Winnipesaukee credits include *Avenue Q, On Golden Pond*, and *Ghost: The Musical.* He was nominated for a New Hampshire Theatre Award for the Winnipesaukee Playhouse's production of *Mary's Wedding.* His work has also be seen in concerts, museums, and nightclubs including Jim Brickman's National Piano Tour, the New England Ski Museum, and The ACT, an immersive nightclub experience in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. More information can be found at www.twmlighting.com.

Inseung Park (Scenic Designer) is back to working with the Winnipesaukee Playhouse for the production, *Sweeney Todd*, season 2023 since he had designed Winnipesaukee Playhouse's *Glorious, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Mary's Wedding, The Graduate, The Waltz, Lost In Yonkers,* and *The Business of Murder*. He has designed the set for a wide variety of live performances across the country -Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New York, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, and Texas. Currently, he teaches scenic design and numerous courses – rendering, CAD, and digital media at the University of New Mexico. His designs have been nominated for the best scenic design for several prestigious awards including Jeff Award in Chicago, and New Hampshire Theatre Awards. He holds an MFA in scenic design at UT, Austin.

Natalya Salvati (Wardrobe Supervisor) is a senior attending the University of New Hampshire, double majoring in Design and Technology and Women's Studies. This is Natalya's first season with the Winnipesaukee Playhouse! Natalya's pervious experience includes two summer seasons with Prescott Park Arts Festival (*Footloose* and *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*) and Collegiate experience at UNH. The university experience includes stage managing for the UNH theatre department and theatre club: Mask and Dagger (*Roe, Anne of Green Gables, Hecuba, Tartuffe, She Kills Monsters, The Shaking Earth*), assistant stage managing at UNH (*Into the Woods, Hershel & the Hannukah Goblins*, and *We the People*), in depth costume based independent studies, costume design, wardrobe crew (*The Odyssey*), and carpentry. Natalya is very excited about the opportunity to wardrobe supervise and work with all of the different casts and creative teams!

Matthew A. Stephens (Music Director) Versatile Music Director and pianist Matthew Stephens has performed in venues ranging from Lincoln Center to Feinstein's/54Below alongside Broadway luminaries including Norm Lewis and Mary Testa. NATIONAL TOUR: *The Sound of Music* (Associate Conductor), NEW YORK/OFF BROADWAY: *The Body Politic* (NYMF), *Urinetown* (Blue Hill Troupe). REGIONAL: *Sweeney Todd* (Seacoast Rep), *The CHER Show* (Gateway Playhouse), *Gypsy* (Arizona Broadway Theatre), *Into the Woods* (Wolfbane Productions). CONCERT: *Yours Sincerely, Stephen Sondheim* (Princeton Festival), *My Fair Lady* (Utah Symphony), *Witches Bitches & Divas!* (GreenRoom 42). A strong advocate for new works, Matthew collaborates with the music teams for the American Opera Project, American Lyric Theatre, and NYU-Tisch MT Writing Program. EDUCATION: UNC School of the Arts (MM) James Madison University (BM). @maspianist

The Production Team

Mark Tulk (Sound Engineer) is an accomplished audio/visual artist from Melbourne, Australia, with over 15 years of experience creating dynamic digital media for music, film, theatre, installation, and dance. With a Master's degree in Music (Studio Technology), he is a versatile composer, sound designer, photographer, recording artist and performer. He has has toured nationally with renowned Southern-Gothic, Alt-Country musician/storyteller, Jim White, and mastered recording artists from Loris Holland (Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Lauryn Hill, Jeff Buckley) to Ireland's folk legend Andy White (Floating World Records). Mark's talent for blending music and sound effects to create immersive theatrical experiences has earned him recognition as a winner of the New Play Festival at the University of Colorado Boulder for Unspoken, a production that showcased his artistic vision and technical skill. He has also contributed to other notable projects, including Maps to Nowhere by Aesthesis, Brisbane, Australia, and Food: Tender Buttons by Gertrude Stein, Theater for the New City, NYC. As the founder of MarkTulkDigital.Media, Mark collaborates with clients worldwide, leveraging his expertise to create captivating digital media. He is also involved in Imogen Heap's Creative Passport initiative, which empowers artists to take control of their digital identities and fosters better communication within the industry. Previous sound design for theatre projects include: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Silver Center for the Arts, NH), Tartuffe (C.D. Smith II Theatre, NY), Food: Tender Buttons (Theater for the New City, NYC), Cabaret Kalisz (Theater O, Boulder, CO), *Eurydice* (Boulder, CO), *Ophelia* | *Leaves* (Ruby Slipper Women's Theatre Festival, Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts, Winston-Salem, NC); Unspoken by Kevin Crowe (Winner of the New Play Festival, University of Colorado Boulder), and *Maps to Nowhere* (Brisbane, Australia)

E. Wilson (General Technician) is an audio technician based out of Atlanta. Elijah learned how to do theatre from the excellent Gainesville Theatre Alliance, a joint program between Brenau University and The University of North Georgia, and their mentor Stuart Beamen. In their off time, Elijah enjoys reading, listening to music and walking through nature.

Nick Winkler (Props Supervisor) is thrilled to be joining as the props supervisor at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse this season. Previous experience includes prop master for *Alice and Wonderland* and *The Enlightenment of Percivel Von Schmutz* at Adirondack Theatre festival. Other prop coordinator credits include *Significant Other, She Loves Me, The Nutcracker Ballet,* and *Proof.*

DW (Costume Designer) Theatrical work has appeared regionally across the country. NYC design credits include NYMF, NYC FRINGE, Theatre Row, The Mint, Cherry Lane, APAC, Prospect Theatre Company, Gallery Players, The Gym @ Judson Church, etc... Broadway Associate & Assistant Credits include: *RACE, Everyday Rapture, Cinderella, The Threepenny Opera, The Apple Tree, The Wedding Singer.* Feature Film Designs include: *Little Sister* and *Peter & Vandy.* Styles for Broadway.com. Guest stylist for The Skivvies. Resident Designer at the New York Film Academy and The Actors Sudio Drama School.



<u>Permanent Staff</u>

Thom Beaulieu (Managing Director/Sound Designer) is pleased to be a part of the staff at the Playhouse. An award-winning lighting and sound designer, Thom holds a BFA in Drama from Carnegie Mellon University's School of Drama, as well as an MS in Physics from Georgia State University. He enjoys golf, boating, and poker, and lives in New Hampton with his wife Meredith and daughter Molly.

RJ Bogues (Assistant Technical Director) is excited to be here for his first season as an ATD, as well as his third season at the Playhouse. He is a WCSU alumni originally from small town New Fairfield, CT. He has worked previously as a carpenter in UBU at WCSU, *Spamalot* at Musicals at Richter, and *Godspell* at ACT of CT, with some small technical director credits in *Shrek the Musical* at Musicals at Richter, and *The Nightman Cometh* at CCSU. Randal has also acted on occasion, appearing in shows such as *Glorious!* (Bellhop 1) in the Playhouse's 2021 season. He thanks you for coming, and hopes that you will enjoy what the Winnipesaukee Playhouse's 20th Season has to offer!

Amanda Dickinson (Production Manager) came to the Playhouse from a background in healthcare, having practiced medical Speech-Language Pathology for 18 years. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing from Elmira College in New York, and a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from The MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston. After joining the Playhouse in 2017 as a community theatre actor, Amanda went on to work with the Professional Company and the WP Education Department, while also serving for five years on the Winni Players Community Theatre steering committee. Favorite Playhouse credits include *M*A*S*H* (Bridget), *Company* (Assistant Stage Manager), *Steel Magnolias* (Producer, Properties Coordinator), *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [Revised]* (Wardrobe Supervisor/Running Crew), *The Wolves* (Stage Manager), *Oedipus Rex* (Stage Manager), and *[title of show]* (Stage Manager). Amanda joined the permanent Playhouse staff as Production Manager in 2023.

Donna Findlay (Bookkeeper) joined the Playhouse in 2015 after retiring from a 21 year career at a public utility in Manchester, NH and spending 5 years as a paraeducator in the Inter-Lakes School District here in Meredith. She gives unending love and gratitude to Jim, Cortland, John, and grandson Jimmy.

Matthew Hutchens (Technical Director) started at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse originally as a carpenter for 2021 season. He has stuck with us since then as the assistant technical director for 2022 and is now the technical director for 2023. Matthew's goals, as the technical director, are to teach others while also creating beautiful sets for the stage. This will be his first full season as a TD.





Permanent Staff

Cory Lawson (Director of Education and Community Engagement/Fight Director) is a professional actor, director, and theatre educator. He is currently working on his dissertation for his Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Fine Arts at Texas Tech University, where his research is in theatre festivals and devised works. He has devised and performed in several shows with the Dutch theatre company Orkater, both in Amsterdam and New York City. Cory has also created work with The Living Theatre and helped to found Ready Set Go Theatre, which created the world's first Shakespeare Webisodes. As an actor and director, Cory's work has been seen professionally in New York as well as in regional theatres across the country. He has also appeared on screen in national commercials and various television episodes. Cory holds his MFA in acting from The New School for Drama and a BA in Theatre: Performance and Dramaturgy from Roanoke College. He has served as the Associate Director of Education and Outreach at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, the Artistic Director of The Burktech Players (a neurodiverse theatre company in Lubbock, Texas), and the Director of The Wallace Weekend Players in Levelland, Texas. Most recently, Cory co-founded and served as the Artistic Director of The Outside In Festival, a new nonprofit Theatre Festival showcasing devised works through the fostering and presentation of both national and international artists. He's thrilled to join the leadership team at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse and is looking forward to meeting and working with everyone in the community.

Timothy L'Ecuyer (he/him/his) (Artistic Director/Director) is thrilled and grateful to begin a new chapter at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse, having previously served as Director of Education from 2014 to 2022. His directing credits at the Playhouse include The 39 Steps, Red, Grace and Glorie, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Rocky Horror Show, Mary's Wedding, California Suite, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [Revised], SHOUT! The Mod Musical and fourteen productions with the Education Department. Mr. L'Ecuyer has BAs in theatre and English from Keene State College as well as an MA and MFA in theatre education and applied theatre from Emerson College. He is a former president of the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild, an Equity stage manager, and a Teaching Lecturer in the Music, Theatre and Dance Department at Plymouth State University, where he directed Our Town, An Enemy of the People, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, and Urinetown. He has worked with many New Hampshire and Boston area theatres including American Stage Festival, Barnstormers, theatre KAPOW, Peacock Players, StageCoach Productions, Greater Boston Stage Company, the Nora Theatre Company, and Underground Railway Theater. He would like to thank his parents, Peter and Linda L'Ecuyer for (among many other things) supporting the Playhouse in NH Gives this year. He'd also like to thank the following people for their support: Gail Barrett, Laurie Felgate, Daniel Patterson, Mike Richardson, Sharon and Terry Richardson, Renée Speltz, Thomas Staley, and Laura Stephan. timothylecuyer.com

Lesley Pankhurst (Patron and Company Services Director) is one of the founders of the Winnipesaukee Playhouse. Lesley is a graduate of Wellesley College with an MA in Arts Administration and Cultural Policy from Goldsmiths College, University of London. In addition to serving as the Marketing Director of the Playhouse for its first 13 years, she has also designed costumes for many of its productions and has twice been the recipient of the NH Theatre Award for Best Professional Costume Design for *Two Rooms* (2007) and *The Glass Menagerie* (2008). She is the proud mom to her daughter, Sophie, cat Sasha, and wife to the proudly retired, Neil. Much love and appreciation to Lyn Osborne Winter.



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