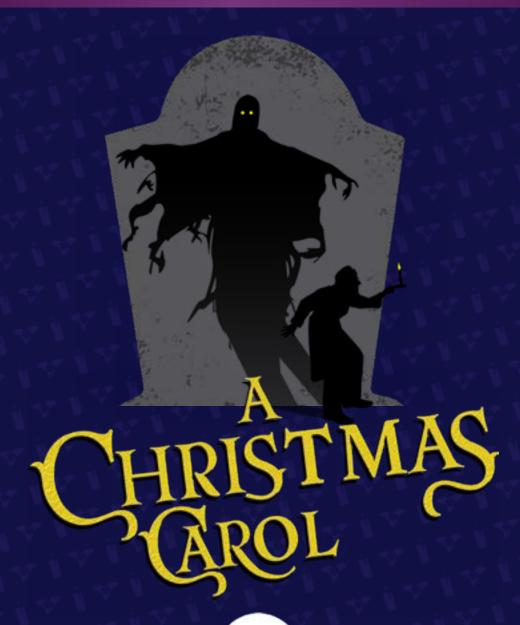
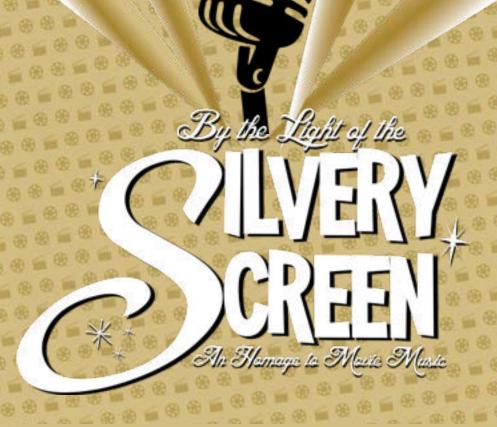
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A Letter from Jonathan Berry, Artistic Director

Welcome to A Christmas Carol -

I find myself writing this on the first day of the return to standard time. While this morning I was grateful for an extra hour of sleep, I was surprised by the early darkness and already aware that the night will grow longer before it begins its retreat.

I also recognize that I write this after an election cycle that can best be described as rancorous. The state of our national dialogue appears to be in a similarly dark place, where moments of light feel difficult to come by. The natural world and our political world, not to mention our global situation, all seem to be conspiring to pull us into darkness, and so I find myself very relieved indeed to be turning my attention to the glimmering, transformative light of A Christmas Carol.

In the years between 1800 and 1900, the population of London swelled from 1 million to 6.5 million. An almost unimaginable explosion of humanity that happened to coincide with the Industrial Revolution and the creation of the workhouse/debtors prison to deal with the substantial rise in poverty. All of the perils and struggles of human life teemed in the overflowing streets and gutters, a constant reminder of the space between the haves and the have nots. In the midst of all of this, Dickens—whose own father was sent to one of the new debtors' prisons - began to imagine a world that reflected his experience of the current moment. And in 1843, A Christmas Carol was shared with his London audience.

I find the context around the writing of CAROL helpful, because I'm always surprised by the story itself. For such a joyful and uplifting ending, we begin in a place that is very dark indeed. A dead and unmourned business partner, a thick fog blanketing the icy streets, and finally a frightening ghost appearing with a dire warning. But against this backdrop of a seeming pitch black sky, pinpricks of light start to appear: A delightfully optimistic nephew, the loving family of a poor clerk, a snatch of a carol sung from the doorway. Over the course of the story, these bits of light burn brighter, standing in stark contrast to the initial view of the world -these bits of light that form when a connection, a relationship, proves stronger than the cynical pull towards hopelessness.

In the prologue, Dickens uses the word "wonderful" to describe the story that is to come and that word - which can take on many connotations - is a perfect word to describe the experience of A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Not just because we are dealing with the wonder of ghosts appearing or the magic of the season, but more importantly, because we are witnessing the greatest of all human traits; in the midst of all this darkness, in what appears to be the most cut off and lost of human souls, exists the power to transform.

In what surely must be the most famous of lines, Tiny Tim observes "God bless us, everyone". He is specifically expanding the blessing - not just to "us", but to EVERYone: The poor, the new immigrants, the wealthy - even to Scrooge. And through that extension, we are reminded again of our inner-connectedness and its ability to transform our spirit. The light grows brighter when we extend a hand and the transforming power of that connection and the responsibility we hold to one another is wonderful indeed.

Thank you for coming and Happy Holidays from PTC - Thank you for being here

Jonathan Berry

Artistic Director | Penobscot Theatre Company

Our Mission

Penobscot Theatre Company creates extraordinary theatrical experiences that engage and inspire our community, fostering a better quality of life in the heart of Maine.

Our Work

PTC's primary work involves a full season of professional, subscription series, & add-on productions, handcrafted stagings of plays and musicals, new and classic. In addition, our diverse educational programming serves thousands of Maine youths through school-based workshops, student matinees, and summer and after-school programs.

Our History

The company has its roots in the Acadia Repertory Theatre, founded in Bangor in 1973 by George Vafiadis and Lou Collier. Acadia Rep presented 97 productions in Bangor before Penobscot Theatre Company was incorporated in 1983. Acadia Rep still operates on Mount Desert Island as a separate entity, while Penobscot Theatre Company is the nation's Northeastern-most year-round professional regional theatre in Northern Maine. Over its long history, the company has earned a national reputation for quality and innovation as its offerings have expanded and audiences have grown.

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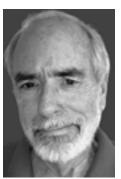
Mélia Lisette



George Loring



Jen Shepard



Kenneth Stack*

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Ebenezer Scrooge	Kenneth Stack*
Marley/Ensemble Bob Cratchit/Ensemble	Laura Hodos*
Bob Cratchit/Ensemble	Joshua Flanagan
Mrs. Cratchit/Ensemble	Bri Houtman
Christmas Present/Ensemble	George Loring
Belle/Ensemble	Mélia Lisette
Fred/Ensemble	Andrew Barrett
Christmas Past/Ensemble	Jen Shepard
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Understudies

Understudies never substitute for listed performers unless addressed. Bob Smith • Anna Kemble • Martin Guarnieri

Youth Ensemble

See Insert for Youth Ensemble Bios

Tiny Tim/EnsembleMiles Green-Hamann
Belinda/EnsembleMonika Vijay
Martha/EnsembleHayden Crane
Boy Scrooge/EnsembleJackson Woodworth

Pickwicks

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Andrew Barrett (*Fred/Ensemble*) is excited to return to the PTC Stage. Previous PTC credits: OLIVER! (Artful Dodger), MATILDA THE MUSICAL (Ensemble), and MARY POPPINS. (He/Him)

Joshua Flanagan (Bob Cratchit/Ensemble) returns for his fourth show at PTC, following CRIMES OF THE HEART, PETER AND THE STARCATCHER, and 9 TO 5. A graduate of UMO (23), Joshua currently works in Portland, ME as a filmmaker and photographer. (He/Him)

Laura Hodos* (Marley/Ensemble) is an award-winning actor, singer, & cabarista. PTC Credits: 9 TO 5 (Judy Bernly), ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE (Patsy), HONKY TONK ANGELS (Sue Ellen), HONKY TONK LAUNDRY (Katie Lane), & her cabaret, JULIE AND MARY AND ETHEL AND BABS! Since her start in Maine, she's been honored with Suzi Bass, New Times, BroadwayWorld, & Silver Palm awards, is a seven-time Carbonell nominee, & a soloist with the Orlando Philharmonic, Jacksonville Symphony, Sarasota Orchestra. She's performed worldwide, including Radio City, Lincoln Center, The Duplex, & was a Cabaret Fellow at the O'Neill Theatre Center. LauraHodos.com (She/Her) LauraHodos.com (She/Her)

Bri Houtman (Mrs. Cratchit/Ensemble) is an actor originally from Seattle who is thrilled for their first show at PTC! Select past credits include DRACULA A FEMINIST REVENGE FANTASY, REALLY (Lucy) with Rorschach Theater, A COMMEDIA ROMEO AND JULIET (Juliet) and LOVE LIKE TUESDAY (Jill) with Faction of Fools, KILL THE RIPPER (Pudding) and IPHICENIA (Eriphyle) with We Happy Few, and HAMLET (Ophelia) with Endangered Species Theater. They hòld a B.Á. in theater & criminal justice from George Washington University. (They/She)

Mélia Lisette (Belle/Ensemble) is a Los Angeles based actress with her Masters in Classical Acting from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts. Her latest theatrical credits include MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM (Bottom) and CHECK PLEASE: TAKE TWO (Julia). She's excited to celebrate the Holiday season at home in Bangor with loved ones. Mélia's Dad will finally be able to say he accomplished the goal of having the story fully read aloud by Christmas Day. (She/Her)

George Loring (Christmas Present/Ensemble) is an Artist & Singer-Songwriter of The Penobscot Nation, panawáhpskewi ahči papónihlehso. He enjoys being helpful to his community as a Volunteer Firefighter, Tribal Police Dispatch & a Direct Support Professional with a CRMA and MHFA. George is a Co-founder of HoneyBuzz Studio, as well as Lead Vocalist & Rhythm Guitarist of "Just Honey". George performed in and directed the sound and music for the 2023 Wabanaki-REACH devised theater production of WHERE THE RIVER WIDENS, and PTC's MY STORY IS GLUSKABE (He/Him)

Jen Shepard (Christmas Past/Ensemble) has a deep love for PTC, having been cast in IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A RADIO PLAY in 2015, which marked the start of her steady involvement with the company. Her favorite credits: BECOMING DR. RUTH, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, and A KICK IN YOUR DICKENS. A CHRISTMAS CAROL holds a special place in her heart. May we realize that compassion, mercy, and benevolence are all our business. (She/Her)

Martin Guarnieri (Understudy) is an undergraduate computer engineering student at UMaine. He has appeared in numerous productions there, most recently in NO EXIT (Garcin). He has also appeared in TEN BUCKS THEATER's productions of ROMEO AND JULIET (Romeo), MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (Claudio) & HENRYV (Exeter). (He/Him)

Anna Kemble (Understudy) is thrilled to be back to help out at PTC after several years abroad getting her Bachelor's in Musical Theatre from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland! Glasgow credits include: SWEENEY TODD (Johanna), 9 TO 5 (Roz), CINDERELLA (u/s Cinderella, Stepmother, ensemble). PTC Mainstage: OLIVER! (Bet). (She/Her)

Bob Smith (Understudy) his career in show business started as a Clown, with RINGLING BROS. CIRCUS, from there it went on to include, contestant (and winner) on the Gong Show and Narrator for the LIPIZZANER STALLION SHOW. He has appeared as, among other roles, Alan Strang, EQUUS. John Merrick, THE ELEPHANT MAN, Bill Sykes, OLIVER and Daddy Warbucks, ANNIE. 30 years of improv with MURDER ON CUE and PLAY DEAD PRODUCTIONS have helped sharpen his craft for perhaps his greatest role, perfect husband and father (regardless of what they say) to his wife Holly and his children Adam and Erin. (He/Him)

Kenneth Stack* (Scrooge) is thrilled to be back with PTC for another A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Memory fades, but this should be production number 36 in total! 26 appearances as Scrooge and 10 others as director. Trained at the Theatre Arts Conservatory at Webster College (now Webster University), Ken received his B.A. cum laude in 1974. He joined the

Acadia Repertory Theatre that same year and fell in love with Maine. Although his career took him to many other regional theatres, he was sure that someday he would return to Maine. This finally happened in 1982, when he returned to be a part of the launch of PTC. Ken has appeared in over 400 professional productions and directed over 250 plays and musicals and for many years served as director of the Entertainment Production degree program at Husson University. Ken lives in Bangor, with his wife Kim and daughter Adrianna. (He/Him)

Loralee Brown (Cello) recently moved to the Bangor area from Ventura County, California. She received her masters degree in cello performance from California State University at Northridge and has played in orchestras most of her life. She enjoys playing in the Colby College Orchestra, subbing in the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and performing with great friends in a cello octet. When she isn't teaching students, she enjoys gardening, cooking & exploring the beautiful State of Maine. (She/Her)

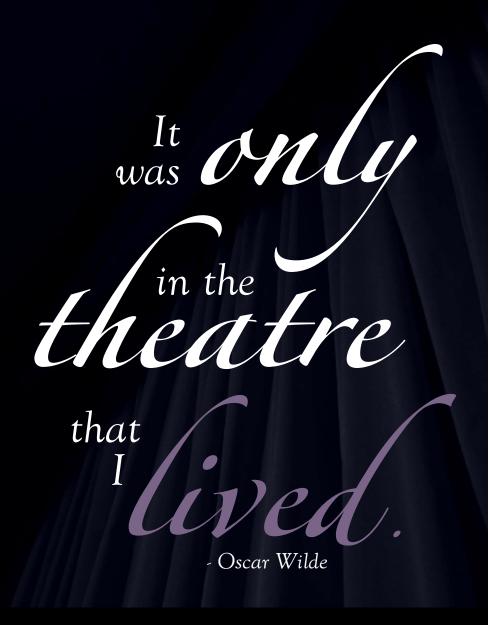
Lynn Brubaker (Violin) trained at the Oberlin Conservatory and Northern Illinois University. She has played with the San Diego Symphony, the Houston Symphony, the Fredonia Chamber Players, the Bangor Symphony, Opera Maine, the Eastern Music Festival, the New Hampshire Music Festival. She teaches at RDL strings in Bangor, and plays with Marisa Solomon at area hospitals as part of the Bangor Symphony's Music and Wellness program. This is her first time with PTC! (She/Her)



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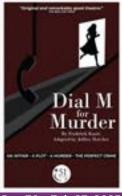


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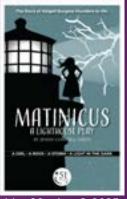
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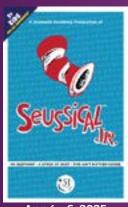
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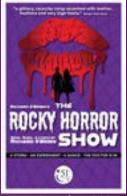
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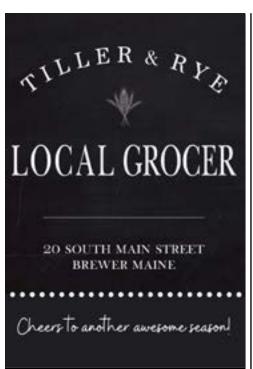


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Marisa Solomon (Cello) is thrilled to finally be back in the PTC pit! You can find her in Bangor, teaching the young and not-so-young how to make noise on a cello, playing in the Bangor Symphony, and some other pretty cool stuff. Her previous PTC shows include THE LAST FIVE YEARS, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST and SPITFIRE GRILL. (She/Her)

Ryu Mitsuhashi (Violin) Native to Tokyo Japan, Ryu studied in the pre-college division of The Juilliard School after moving to NY at age 9. She is a crossgenre player who is a concert master of Augusta Symphony Orchestra, a member of Bangor Symphony Orchestra, & a fiddler for the folk fusion band Tough End String Band as well as for the classical meets folk duo Ryu&Tom. Ryu also plays in pit orchestras for musicals all over the east coast & has traveled to perform & tour with international orchestras & concert tour groups. (She/Her)

Richard Hsu (Violin) is an active soloist and chamber musician. He holds a Performer Diploma and Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Richard furthered his studies at Manhattan School of Music, specializing in orchestral performance with members of the New York Philharmonic. He has performed with Orchestra of St. Luke's, Clarion Society and Early Music New York. He was formerly associate concertmaster of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra and Sarasota Opera. He is a member and substitute concertmaster of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. Richard teaches violin in Ellsworth, Bangor, and Mount Desert Island High School. (He/Him)

Jonathan Berry (*Director*) is the Artistic Director of PTC, where his directing credits include MR BURNS..., DIRTY DEEDS DOWNEAST, and IRONBOUND. Previously from Chicago, he was an artistic producer at Steppenwolf, where his directing credits include: THE CHILDREN, YOU GOT OLDER, CONSTELLATIONS, & THE CRUCIBLE. Other work includes: Steep Theatre (Company Member): PARIS, RED REX, THE KNOWLEDGE, FESTEN, MOMENT, and THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI. Griffin (Company Member): THE HARVEST, BALMIN GILEAD, GOLDEN BOY, SPRING AWAKENING, PUNK ROCK, COMPANY, & PICNIC. Roundabout Theater: SUICIDE, INCORPORATED. Gift Theatre: the world premieres of DIRTY and SUICIDE, INCORPORATED. Goodman Theatre: THE SOLID SAND BELOW & THE WORLD OF EXTREME HAPPINESS for New Stages. Assistant Director Broadway productions of OF MICE AND MEN & THIS IS OUR YOUTH. He taught classes at UIC, Columbia College, Northwestern & was instrumental in leading the ensemble training program, The School at Steppenwolf. (He/Him)

Jazlynne Williams* (Production Stage Manager) is cheery about you joining us for this production of A CHRISTMAS CAROL! Jazlynne just finished up as the PSM on BIRTHDAY CANDLES with PTC. REGIONAL: The Gateway Playhouse (NY), Arvada Center (CO), The Premiere Playhouse (SD), Interlochen Center for the Arts (MI) TOURS: A BRIDGERTON EXPERIENCE, STRANGER THINGS: THE EXPERIENCE. Jazlynne thanks her family for their endless support and for keeping her grounded! (she/her) www.jazlynnewilliams.com IC: @jazlynne_williams (She/Her)

Dan Bilodeau (Scenic Design) Dan's design work has been seen in professional theatres including Custom Made Theatre Company, Sandra Feinstein Gamm Theatre, the Lewiston Public Theatre, The Theater at Monmouth, Portland Stage Company, and PTC. He designed scenery for Custom Made Theatre Company's Off-Broadway premier of Kurt Vonnegut's MOTHER NIGHT at the 59E59 theatre and has worked nationally on dozens of corporate theater events. Dan has been a guest artist at the University of Rhode Island, Providence College, Ohio Northern University, University of Southern Maine, & Boston College. He has designed over 30 plays at the Theatre at Monmouth, Dan holds an MFA in theatre design from Brandeis University and is the Mark and Marcia Bailey professor of speech and theatre, at the UMaine. He would like to thank Beth and the rest of his family for all their love and support. (He / Him)

Kevin Jacob Koski (*Costume Design*) is a Maine native & awarded graduate of UMaine's Theatre program. He focused on costume design & construction while also designing multiple productions. With a nearly 10-year tenure at PTC, he has designed many mainstage & DA productions including: WIT, ONE BLUE TARP, ALICE IN WONDERLAND, CALENDAR GIRLS, ROCK OF AGES, THE FULL MONTY, MISERY, UGLY LIES THE BONE, & GASLIGHT. (He/Him)

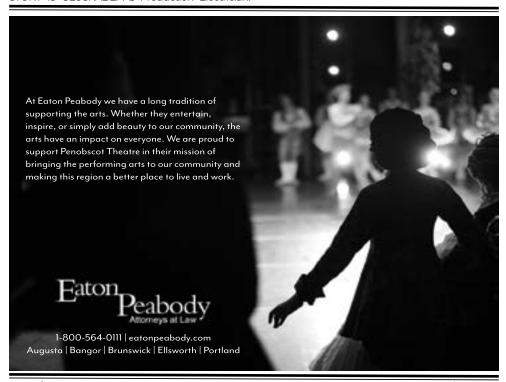
Isaac Anderson (*Lighting Design*) is a NYC-Based lighting designer and electrician for theatre and live entertainment. Originally hailing from Bangor Maine, Isaac is thrilled to return to PTC where he has previously illuminated IRONBOUND and MY STORY IS GLUSKABE. As Production Electrician:

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Neil E Graham (Sound Design/Engineer) brings a lifetime of performing arts experience to PTC. Neil is a musician, actor, production engineer, singer, voice-over artist, and host of the nationally syndicated radio show "The Dark Side of the Tune". Favorite PTC Credits: DUCK HUNTER SHOOTS ANGEL, OLIVER, GHOST POSTCARDS FROM MAINE, MAYTAG VIRGIN, HOCKEY MOM, 9 TO 5, THE MUSICAL, BECOMING DR. RUTH, CLARKSTON, MARY POPPINS. & DIRTY DEEDS DOWNEAST. Like any great soundscape, you'll miss it if it's gone. (He/Him)

Thomas Demers (*Prop Design*) has been a props designer for DA since Summer 2023 and he is very excited to make his mainstage prop designer debut! (He/They)

Nellie Kelly (Asst. *Prop Design*) is the current DA Director of Education at PTC. Previous props design experience includes ALICE IN WONDERLAND (Utah Children's Theatre), TELL ME ON A SUNDAY (PTC), 9 TO 5 (PTC) and various past Dramatic Academy productions. Enjoy this holiday classic! (She/Her)



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Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie with Matinicus: A Lighthouse Play

Experience the thrill of seeing the legendary story of Abigail Burgess brought to life on PTC's stage next year, running March 20-April 6, 2025.

When lighthouse keeper Samuel Burgess moved his family to Matinicus Rock in the mid-19th century, young Abbie Burgess expected her biggest challenge to be fighting off boredom. But as a fierce nor'easter struck, she was thrust into an extraordinary battle for survival.

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Arturo Camacho (*Projection Design*) is a visual artist and maker from Juchitepec, Mexico. He earned a BFA in Intermedia and a minor in Photography from Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts, and later on a MFA in Intermedial art at the University of Maine. Arturo currently teaches projection mapping and prototyping at the Intermedia department at the University of Maine. He likes to spend time collecting, restoring and cataloging popular culture and electronics, which he uses as teaching tools to open discussion about contemporary artifacts, open source Art practices, and STEM education. (He/Him)

Jenna Gripshover (Asst. Stage Manager) A recent graduate from Kentucky's Centre College, she is excited to help bring the joy of theatre to the Bangor community! Previous credits include THE WOLVES, GREEK TRAGEDY, MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS, and JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH (Centre College). She would like to thank her family, especially her niece Harper and nephew Hunter. (She/They)

Juliana Morgado Brito (Wardrobe Supervisor) is an emerging theater director & designer. She recently graduated from Brown University and worked on 20 student productions as an undergrad, exploring all areas of theater production, from design to management and direction. As a senior, she acted as co-president of the Brown Theatre Collective and directed a production of LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS. Recently she was the Costume Designer for DA's production of NEWSIES. She's excited to be a part of this production. (She/Her)

Lavina Jadhwani (Playwright) is a Chicago-based director, adapter, and activist. Directing credits include Asolo Rep, the Gift, the Guthrie, Mixed Blood, Oregon Shakes, the Rep of St. Louis, Teatro Vista, and Rasaka Theatre Company, where she served as Artistic Director for 7 years. She is a proud alum of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (aka "Hogwarts for Hackers"), where she received the show choir's Bob Fosse Choreography Award and the drama club's "lifetime achievement" award. BFA/MA, Carnegie Mellon; MFA, DePaul University; www.lavinajadhwani.com. (She/Her)

Larrance Fingerhut (Composer/Music Director) is a music director and composer who has worked with PTC Productions on a variety of shows including GUYS ON ICE, LUMBERJACKS IN LOVE, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, ELF, and MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET. Additionally, Larrance composed music and music directed IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE and composed and co-wrote the original musical, TRAPPED, A LOBSTER TALE. (He/Him)

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Get Ready for Suspense with Dial M for Murder

Prepare for an evening of suspense, mystery, and thrilling twists with Dial M for Murder, a reimagined adaptation by Jeffrey Hatcher that brings a fresh take on the classic story. Originally penned by English playwright Frederick Knott and famously adapted by Alfred Hitchcock in 1954, this timeless thriller is back on stage, blending Hatcher's deft touch with the electrifying tension that audiences love.

The story follows Tony Wendice, a former tennis star with a dark agenda. Discovering his wife Margot's affair, Tony devises a foolproof plan to have her murdered and inherit her fortune. However, as Hitchcock once said, "There is no terror in the bang, only in the anticipation of it." Hatcher's adaptation amplifies this suspense, keeping audiences on edge as one seemingly foolproof scheme unravels, leading to twists that no one could foresee. When Tony's plan backfires, his attempt to outwit everyone and pin the crime on his wife makes for a cat-and-mouse game that has viewers questioning every move.

What makes this version unique is how Hatcher enhances the psychological tension. Known for adaptations that dig deeper into characters' psyches, Hatcher brings nuance and depth to the motivations behind Tony's and Margot's choices. "What fascinated me," says Hatcher, "was finding the cracks in the characters' facades. It's as much about what they're hiding from each other as what they're hiding from the audience." With these layers, Dial M for Murder is not just a tale of crime—it's a study in deceit and desperation, all heightened by the intense, closed-in setting that leaves little room for escape.

If you crave the thrill of a Hitchcockian mystery paired with Hatcher's razorsharp dialogue, this is an unmissable experience. Live theater brings every nerve-wracking moment to life as you sit just feet away from the plot's most shocking turns. Hitchcock described suspense as "the audience knows there is a bomb under the table, but the characters don't." In Dial M for Murder, you'll be caught between knowing too much and yet still not enough-

Secure your tickets now for an unforgettable night of theater. Experience the tension, immerse yourself in the mystery, and let Dial M for Murder remind you why classic thrillers are as compelling today as they ever were.

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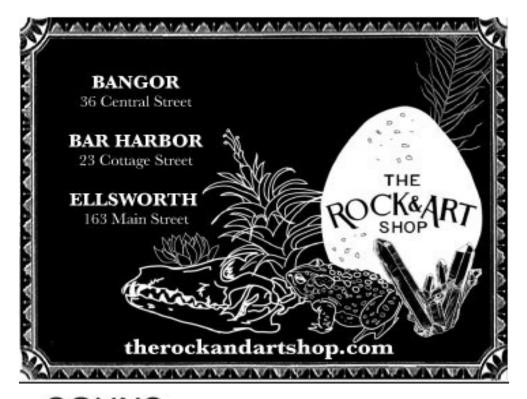






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