

GreenMan Theatre Troupe

presents

MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL

**ALL
TOGETHER
NOW!**

a global event celebrating local theatre

Directed by Becca Easley and Justin Vidovic
Musical Direction by Melissa Harrison

Performed at Community Bank of Elmhurst
330 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, Illinois
and streaming online
November 13 and 14, 2021

About GreenMan Theatre Troupe —

Welcome to Elmhurst, population 46,600+...visit the art museum, go to the symphony, take a class at the college, see a children's play, sample the many fine restaurants, see a play at the community theatre. "What community theatre?" That was the question that Jill Perez and Carole Thorpe asked. The answer? Start a new theatre for the Elmhurst community. Working with director David Soria, they formed GreenMan Theatre Troupe to offer opportunities to see live theatre, participate in plays, and enrich the community. It is our goal to produce high-quality plays and musicals drawn from many different genres. We also offer classes and workshops in theatre arts to the community. We envision this theatre finding a permanent home in the cultural life of Elmhurst and the surrounding community. We welcome you as members and patrons of the theatre. GreenMan Theatre Troupe looks forward to celebrating the spirit of theatrical creativity and working with the community to "keep theatre green" in Elmhurst for many years.

Our Mission:

- To provide diverse, quality theatrical entertainment for our audience.
- To provide opportunities for personal growth in theatrical arts for our members.
- To provide a source of cultural enrichment and pride for our community.

And just what is a *GreenMan*?



Before GreenMan Theatre Troupe was incorporated in June 2004, one of the many questions we faced was what to call ourselves.

We considered many names that might celebrate the history of the community or our pride within the community.

We considered names that reflected the growth of the community and the elm tree, symbol of that growth and strength.

We then thought of the ancient symbol of creativity and renewal:

The GreenMan

Often carved on old churches and cathedrals throughout England (and now gracing many suburban gardens on decorative sculptures), the **GreenMan** is identified by a face peering out of dense leaves or branches.

In Celtic mythology, he is a spirit of spring and summer.

Disappearing and returning, year after year, century after century, the **GreenMan** reminds us of the ebb and flow of life and creativity.

Welcome!

Welcome to GreenMan Theatre, and welcome back to live-in-person indoor performances! We're excited to be able to participate in Music Theatre International's *All Together Now!* revue and to celebrate the return of in-person performances with theatres around the world.

Although our productions have been limited in scale over the last year and a half, GreenMan Theatre Troupe has stayed very active. We just wrapped up *Spooky Stories and Songs of the Season* with performances at First United Methodist Church and here at the Community Bank of Elmhurst. Over the summer, we performed *Spoon River Anthology* outdoors. GreenMan collaborated earlier in the year with the Elmhurst History Museum on a radio play podcast of *The War of the Worlds*. In addition, our group of storytellers has remained very active with several on-line streamed performances.

We are now busy planning for 2022 and hope to bring live theatre back to GreenMan with a show in late winter and another in the spring. Stay in touch with GreenMan Theatre Troupe on our website and Facebook page to learn more.

Please enjoy today's show and thank you again for your support of live theatre here at GreenMan Theatre!

— David Soria
Artistic Director



Welcome to First Church

First United Methodist Church of Elmhurst is pleased to offer its building and grounds for use by the community to meet, share, learn, and celebrate.

First Church is a progressive congregation offering fellowship and ministry to all of God's people.

Sunday Morning Worship~10:30 am

Church School~9:15 am

To learn more about us call (630) 834-2440

www.umcelmhurst.org or First Church on Facebook



GreenMan Theatre Troupe NFP is an
Illinois Not-for-Profit 501(c)(3) Corporation
founded by Jill Perez, David Soria, and Carole Thorpe

GreenMan Theatre Troupe, P.O. Box 514, Elmhurst, IL 60126
1-630-464-2646

www.greenmantheatre.org

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

GreenMan Theatre Troupe: Winner of the Suburban Life's Reader's Choice
Award as one of the Best Live Theaters for 2016 and 2017 and
saluted by the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry as a
"Jewel of Elmhurst" on April 25, 2018



ALL TOGETHER NOW!

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.mtishows.co.uk • www.mtishows.com • www.mtishows.com.au

The videotaping or making of electronic or other audio and/or visual recordings of this production or distributing recordings on any medium, including the Internet, is strictly prohibited.

No flash photography is allowed.

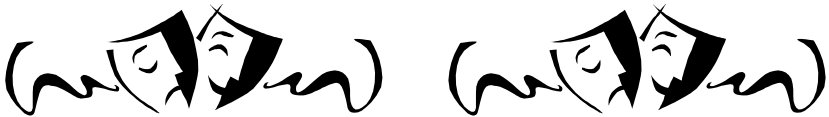
Smoking is not allowed in the building.

Finally, as a courtesy to the performers and audience members, please turn off cell phones and pagers and refrain from texting during the performance.

Production Crew

DirectorsBecca Easley and Justin Vidovic
Music Director Melissa Harrison
Producers Becca Easley and Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff
Artistic DirectorDavid Soria
Script Authors Donna Miller and Debbie Proska
Set Design and PropsDebbie Proska, Donna Miller,
.....Kate Troc, Becca Easley, and Justin Vidovic
Sound Design..... Steven Soria
Light and Sound Crew Becca Easley and Steven Soria
Box OfficeDebbie Proska and Katie Soria
House Management Marilyn Connolly
Front-of-House Volunteers Katie Lahey, Alma Read, Mary-Carol Riehs,
.....Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff, and others
Publicity David Soria, Steven Soria, Becca Easley,
.....and Kate Troc
Program Editor..... Steven Soria
Live Streaming..... Becca Easley and Jim Zervas

GreenMan Theatre thanks Sharon Phillips and Pastor Joseph A. Johnson of the First United Methodist Church of Elmhurst and Nancy Brook of Community Bank. We also thank Greg Winston for the loan of his keyboard and lesfm, ZakharValaha, and JuliusH of Pixabay for pre-show music.



Develop Your Passion for Theatre!

GreenMan Theatre Troupe is pleased to offer theatre arts programs designed to challenge, engage, and inspire, which we have continued to offer via Zoom, outdoors, or in other COVID-safe venues.

Programs are available both for adults and, periodically, for children. For information about current and future offerings and sign-up details, call 630-464-2646 or visit www.greenmantheatre.org. And follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Explore your creative side with GreenMan Theatre Troupe!

Are there classes that you would like to see GreenMan offer? Feel free to call or email us at mail@greenmantheatre.org.

GreenMan Theatre Troupe

presents



Featuring Songs by (*in alphabetical order*):

Lynn Ahrens • Kristen Anderson-Lopez • Benny Andersson • Billie Joe Armstrong •
Howard Ashman • Sara Bareilles • Lionel Bart • Jerry Bock • Leslie Bricusse •
Jason Robert Brown • Johnny Burke • Martin Charnin • Mindi Dickstein •
Anthony Drewe • Jack Feldman • Stephen Flaherty • Matthew Gerrard •
Zina Goldrich • Green Day • Sheldon Harnick • David Hein • Marcy Heisler •
Jason Howland • Herbert Kretzmer • Jonathan Larson • Alan Jay Lerner • Frank Loesser •
Frederick Loewe • Robert Lopez • Alan Menken • Tim Minchin • Robbie Nevil •
Anthony Newley • Benj Pasek • Justin Paul • Tim Rice • Irene Sankoff • Dick Scanlan •
Claude-Michel Schönberg • Stephen Schwartz • Marc Shaiman • Richard M. Sherman •
Robert B. Sherman • Glenn Slater • Stephen Sondheim • George Stiles • Charles Strouse •
Jeanine Tesori • Björn Ulvaeus • Jimmy Van Heusen • Frank Wildhorn • Scott Wittman

November 13 and 14, 2021

at

Community Bank of Elmhurst

330 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, Illinois

MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

a global event celebrating local theatre

Selections and Performers

1. “Pure Imagination” from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Music and Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, Book by David Greig
Performers: Justin Vidovic
2. “Writing Down the Story of My Life” from *Junie B. Jones, The Musical*, Music by Zina Goldrich, Book and Lyrics by Marcy Heisler
Performers: Amy Jackson and Ensemble
3. “Meadowlark” from *The Baker’s Wife*, Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, Book by Joseph Stein
Performers: Christine Millins
4. “Gimme, Gimme” from *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, New Music by Jeanine Tesori, New Lyrics by Dick Scanlan, Book by Richard Henry Morris and Dick Scanlan, Original Story and Screenplay by Richard Morris for the Universal Pictures Film
Performers: Kay Rower
5. “Spread the Love Around” from *Sister Act*, Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Glenn Slater, Book by Cheri Steinkellner and Bill Steinkellner, Additional Book Material by Douglas Carter Beane
Performers: Kate Troc, Amy Jackson, and Ensemble
6. “Tomorrow” from *Annie*, Music by Charles Strouse, Lyrics by Martin Charnin, Book by Thomas Meehan
Performers: Ensemble
7. “The New World” from *Songs for a New World*, Music and Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown
Performers: Justin Vidovic, Melissa Harrison, Christine Millins, and Kay Rower

8. "I Dreamed a Dream" from *Les Misérables*, Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg, Lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer, Book by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg
Performers: Melissa Harrison
9. "Consider Yourself" from *Oliver!* Book, Music, and Lyrics by Lionel Bart
Performers: Kate Troc
10. "Children Will Listen" from *Into the Woods*, Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, Book by James Lapine
Performers: Valerie Meachum
11. "Take a Chance on Me" from *Mamma Mia!* Music and Lyrics by Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson, Book by Catherine Johnson
Performers: Ensemble
12. "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" from *My Fair Lady*, Music by Frederick Loewe, Book and Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner
Performers: Brittani Moore, Melissa Harrison,
and Justin Vidovic
13. "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" from *Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins*, Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman, Book by Julian Fellowes, Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe
Performers: Justin Vidovic, Elizabeth Ley,
and Melissa Harrison
14. "Seasons of Love" from *Rent*, Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jonathan Larson
Performers: Ensemble
15. "You Can't Stop the Beat" from *Hairspray*, Lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, Book by Thomas Meehan and Mark O'Donnell
Performers: Ensemble



Performers



Melissa Harrison (Performer and Music Director) — Melissa recently returned to the Chicago area after 10 years in California. Favorite roles include the Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*, Miss Honey in *Matilda*, and Amy in *Company*. She taught at Emerald City Theatre in Chicago for many years, directing and music directing for their summer camps.



Amy Jackson (Performer) — Amy is a 23-year-old marketer and publicist in children's book publishing, and she's delighted to moonlight with GreenMan Theatre Troupe as a thespian! Her favorite past role was LeFou in a creative gender-swapped production of *Beauty and the Beast*. She received her B.A. in Theatre from Morningside University in Sioux City, Iowa (go Mustangs!).



Elizabeth Ley (Performer) — Elizabeth is delighted to be a part of *All Together Now!* with such a talented cast and crew. Recent roles include Clarissa in *Spider's Web* (Parker Players), Eliza in *Pygmalion* (Elgin Theatre Company), Charlotte Hay in *Moon Over Buffalo* (GreenMan Theatre), Emily in *Disgraced* (Oakton CC), Alice in *You Can't Take It with You* (Grove Players), and Lizzie Chapman in *Miss Holmes* (TWS). When not in rehearsal, Elizabeth teaches elementary students, practices Mandarin, and travels the world with her wonderful husband.



Valerie Meachum (Performer) — Valerie last sang around other people in Soirée Lyrique's summer program. She recently completed filming the fantasy feature *By Sword or By Fire*. GreenMan audiences may know her from *Macbeth*, *The Laramie Project*, and *Pride and Prejudice*, among others. She can often be found concocting costumes historical or fantastical.



Donna Miller (Emcee and Script Author) — Donna has worked on many productions with GreenMan Theatre Troupe and other troupes. She has been an elementary teacher for 30 years and currently teaches fourth grade. She is vice-president of her union and is passionate about her responsibilities in this role. She has been married for almost 30 years and has four grown children plus a Rhodesian Ridgeback. Donna loves the outdoors

and being with family and friends. She is excited to emcee this production. “LIFE is a song; LOVE is the music.” 🎵



Christine Millins (Performer) — Christine just recently graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a degree in Marketing. This is her first performance with the GreenMan Theatre Troupe! In college, she was involved in Illini Student Musical productions including *Mamma Mia*, *Footloose*, and the ISM Showcase. She is beyond grateful to be part of this show and wants to thank her family and friends for supporting her!



Brittani Moore (Performer) — Brittani is delighted to join *All Together Now!* Brittani is originally from Robbins, a small suburb of Chicago. She received a Bachelor’s of Music degree in Vocal Performance from Northern Illinois University. Past performances include roles in *Oklahoma* with Skylight Music Theatre, *My Fair Lady* with Fireside Theatre, and Elephant and Piggie’s *We Are in a Play!* with Citadel Theatre.

Special thanks to loved ones for the constant support.



Debbie Proska (Emcee and Script Author) — Debbie does most of her work with GreenMan Theatre behind the scenes, pulling together costumes and making props. She is excited to join this talented group of performers in this world-wide event. If she could find a job drinking coffee while reading historical fiction, life would be perfect. Until then, she works as an elementary school secretary in Glen Ellyn.



Kay Rower (Performer) — Soprano Kay Rower is a Seattle native and crossover artist who feels most at home performing in both operatic and musical theater canon. She received her Bachelor's degree in Theatre from UC San Diego, where she also studied musical theater and classical voice. When not performing, she enjoys spending her time out on the running trails, or else hunched over a sewing machine, creating all

manner of pretty dresses for her overflowing closet.



Kate Troc (Performer) — Kate rediscovered theatre with GreenMan back in 2016, when she played Ginger in her first murder mystery dinner theatre production. Since then, she has appeared in several GreenMan shows and is very excited to be a part of the talented cast of *All Together Now!* Kate's lucky number is 4: she has 4 kids, 4 grandkids, and 4 dogs! When not entertaining theatre audiences, she is busy entertaining

wine lovers as she makes her living as an artisan wine marketer. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Justin Vidovic (Performer and Co-Director) — Justin previously directed *Monstrous Regiment* and *Moon Over Buffalo* at GreenMan Theatre. He also played Sydney Carton in GreenMan's production of *A Tale of Two Cities*. He directs plays, which have included *Miss Holmes*, *The Elephant Man*, *The Gravedigger*, and *The Three Musketeers*, at Prairie State College where he is also an English professor. Favorite roles he has played

in the past include Harold Hill, Sweeney Todd, Lumiere, Uncle Fester, Aramis of the Three Musketeers, Van Helsing, Dr. Frankenstein, and Frankenstein's Monster.

To donate to GreenMan Theatre troupe, please visit our website,
www.greenmantheatre.org, and click Raise the Bar!
For information on corporate sponsorships and other ways to support
GreenMan Theatre Troupe, contact
Chuck Erickson, Treasurer, at charles.erickson@greenmantheatre.org

Additional Production Staff



Becca Easley (Co-Producer and Co-Director) — Becca is thrilled to be directing this project with Justin and Melissa. Earlier this year, Becca directed *The War of the Worlds* and has directed virtual plays with Echo Theatre Collective. Becca also helps GreenMan on the board as webmaster and as a video editor for the Variety Show, the Murder Mystery Retrospective, and various storyteller projects. Becca works as a software engineer with JP Morgan Chase & Co. She would like to thank the fabulous cast, crew, and partners at

the Community Bank of Elmhurst for making this production possible and amazing!



Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff (Co-Producer) — Carolyn has directed some 15 murder mysteries with GreenMan Theatre, along with the storytelling shows *Spooky Stories of the Season* and other Spoken Word projects. Onstage, she played Lady Bracknell in our production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. She is a former Artistic Director for the Children’s Theatre of Western Springs and has also directed for Elmhurst Children’s Theatre. She is a retired teacher who likes to silk paint, travel, and do storytelling. Carolyn would

especially like to thank the cast and crew for their outstanding work and her long-suffering husband and daughter for their support.

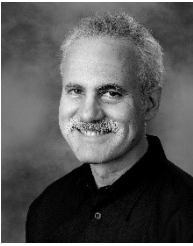


David Soria (Artistic Director) — David has directed or helped behind the scenes on all of GreenMan’s productions. Some of the many shows he has directed at GreenMan include *Pride and Prejudice*, *Macbeth*, and *Shakespeare in Hollywood*. David holds an MFA in directing from Illinois State University and has taught theatre at Illinois Wesleyan and Moraine Valley Community College. David thanks everyone who worked to make the production a success.



Chuck Erickson (Technical Director) — In addition to frequently being the show’s technical director, Chuck was the Assistant Director for *A Tale of Two Cities*, the Producer and Technical Director for *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, and the Assistant Technical Director for *Cash on Delivery!* and *Born Yesterday*. He would like to thank Jim Ocasek for his insights and support. Chuck is following in the footsteps of his father, who designed and built many sets for theatre groups throughout the Northwest suburbs in the 1960s and

1970s. During the day, Chuck can be found engineering metal shapes for the Metal-Strip Mfg. Co. Finally, to CKR: “You ARE the sweetest thing in my life!”



Steven Soria (Sound Design and Program) — Steven has worked behind the scenes on all of GreenMan’s productions, usually developing the sound design (or working on the tech crew) or editing the programs. Among his previous shows, he appeared as Harun al-Rashid in *The Arabian Nights* and as the Scottish nobleman Angus in *Macbeth*. Steven spent many years combining science and language by working as a technical editor for an engineering company in the Loop.

Spooky Stories and Songs of the Season

This year, our annual presentation of *Spooky Stories and Songs of the Season* was a particularly creepy evening of stories and songs. Most of the storytellers are drawn from a workshop on the art of storytelling we offer in the late summer and early fall. Because of COVID, production venues included an outdoor performance at the First United Methodist Church, as well as an indoor performance at the Community Bank of Elmhurst. Please contact Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff at thomdav@comcast.net or 708-254-4575 if you are interested in next year’s class or production.



Standing from left: Debbie Proska, Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff (also Director), Rhys Read, and Steven Soria

Seated from left: Mary Proska, Pat Cooley, Becca Easley, Alma Read, Katie Lahey, and Cassy Beach (also Music Director)

Not pictured: Marilyn Connolly, Laurel Poe Gallagher, Nikki Lahey, and Larry Vietsky

Acappellago

Escape with us to...

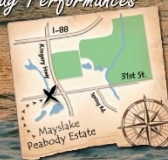
an Old Fashioned Christmas

Come enjoy music that reminds us of a simpler Christmastime, a time of handmade Christmas gifts and candles on the Christmas tree. Hear songs that remind us of togetherness and simple gatherings with friends and relatives. Acappellago will transport you to a time of joy and celebration, where you can recall your own cherished memories.

Saturday, December 4, 2021, 7:30 PM
Event Hall at Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st Street, Oak Brook

Sunday, December 5, 2021, 4:00 PM
Congregational Church of Batavia
21 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia
Across from the library

Saturday Performances



Sunday Performances




**Wheaton
Drama**
Since 1931

**2021-2022
SEASON**

**111 NORTH HALE STREET
WHEATON, IL 60187**

**WWW.WHEATONDrama.ORG
630.260.1820**

HAUPTMANN

September 17–October 3, 2021

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

November 19–December 12, 2021

SILENT SKY

January 21–February 6, 2022

**KEN LUDWIG'S
SHAKESPEARE IN HOLLYWOOD**

March 18–April 10, 2022

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

May 20–June 12, 2022

Co-Founders

Jill Perez

David Soria

Carole Thorpe

Board of Trustees

Officers

Jim Ocasek — President
Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff — Vice President
Steven Soria — Secretary
Chuck Erickson — Treasurer

Trustees

Cassy Beach	Donna Miller
Marilyn Connolly	Debbie Proska
Becca Easley	Mary-Carol Riels
Katie Lahey	David Soria

Past Trustees

James Bruner (2016–2019)	Alice Rebecchi (2006–2007, 2009–2014)
Richard Bucchi (2014–2015)	Cheryl Rice (2011–2017)
Mary Dove (2006–2007)	Cory Sandrock (2007–2010)
Trudi Franson (2004–2005)	Kris Sandrock (2007–2009)
Phil Hendricks (2007–2010)	Judy Soria (2006–2008)
Tom Hughes (2008–2014)	Katie Soria (2011–2014)
Chuck Jacobson (2008–2015)	Sue Soria (2004–2007)
Stan Kosek (2009–2012)	Carole Thorpe (2004–2007)
Lisa Krueger (2005–2006)	Benjamin Vargas (2009–2012)
Anne Lucas (2004–2005)	Jane Waldherr (2004–2005)
Shazad Mehta (2014–2020)	Carl Zeitler (2009–2015)
Jill Perez (2004–2008)	

Membership

Buy a ticket? Sure, but how would you like to take your involvement with *GreenMan Theatre Troupe* to the next level?

Consider becoming a member of the Troupe. For \$20, you'll receive a T-shirt, discounts on classes and workshops, a newsletter, an invitation to attend our Board meetings and other Members-only events, and annually, an opportunity to vote for candidates for the Board.

See what really goes on behind the scenes. See how all the pieces come together to make a show. And, most importantly, help put some of those pieces in place yourself!

Please visit our website for all the details:
www.greenmantheatre.org

West Suburban **Theatre** Connection

Live theater is back! Shows playing in the western suburbs

All Together Now!

MTI Musical Review

November 13 - 14

GreenMan Theatre Troupe, Elmhurst

Beauty & the Beast

November 19 - December 12

Wheaton Drama, Wheaton

The Christmas Schooner

November 26 - December 17

Overshadowed Theatrical Productions, Medinah

Seasonal Tags

December 3 - 12

WT Productions, St. Charles

A Christmas Story (the play)

December 3 - 12

Albright Community Theatre, Batavia

Miracle On 34th Street (musical radio play)

December 10 - 19

BrightSide Theatre, Naperville

Elf: the musical

December 16 - 19

Stage Coach Players, DeKalb

Join our email list for notifications of what's playing and local auditions **WestSuburbanTheatre.com**