



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

THE BLOOMINGTON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR 2021 PRODUCTION TEAM



Marcia Basolo

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER/COSTUMES

Holiday Spectacular was the brainchild of Marcia Basolo some 20 years ago. As a driving force of the production, Holiday Spectacular was not only a community event but also a family and friends production too. This year, Marcia will be saying farewell to Holiday Spectacular. She has had the privilege to work with the best of the best and will be forever grateful to all the sponsors, directors, production team, cast and parents who made our community a better place by dedicating their amazing talents and time to this production. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for providing such wonderful memories that I will cherish forever.



Lori Adams

DIRECTOR

This is Lori's 19th Holiday Spectacular. As the director of this wonderful show, Lori has had the pleasure of spending time in the company of hundreds of actors/singers/dancers throughout the years, not to mention a production/design team of the highest caliber. As the Head of the Acting Program in the School of Theatre and Dance at Illinois State University, she spends her life in the theatre. Audiences may have also seen Lori on the stage at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival and Heartland Theatre Company. Best of luck to everyone!



Nancy Steele Brokaw

PLAYWRIGHT

This is Nancy's 19th year of writing the Holiday Spectacular. She feels lucky to work with such amazing people. She is currently working on "Save the Dragons," her tenth children's opera for Prairie Fire Theatre. It will tour to some 50 schools in May 2020. Another of her children's operas, "How To Be A Superhero," will open this spring in California. Please come see her newest shows for the Illinois Shakespeare Festival next summer. Cheers!



Grace Irvin

PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER

This is Grace's 5th year Stage Managing Holiday Spectacular. Grace has missed doing theatre in any capacity since COVID-19 ruined everything. Grace has worked with the Metcalf Theatre Department for the past 13 years. She is a Staff and Board Member of Seedling Theatre.

You can catch her working with Palma Entertainment as a wedding coordinator and managing the band Style in Stereo, which is featured in the show! In recognition of her professional and community service, she was named one of The Pantagraph's 20 under 40 in this year. Thank you to the production team and cast members for being absolutely spectacular! Hope you enjoy the show!



John C. Stark

SET DESIGNER

John is proud to be working with the "Spectacular" for the 14th year. He is a Professor of Design at Illinois State University in the School of Theatre and Dance. He also serves as the Artistic Director of the Illinois Shakespeare Festival where he has designed 36 productions since 1993. John is a native of Nebraska who taught at Arizona State University and Illinois Wesleyan University in his 40-year career. He has worked for numerous professional theatres across the country including Drury Lane Theatre, Victory Gardens, and Red Orchid Theatres in Chicago. His design for Falling at the St. Louis based Mustard Seed Theatre was performed Off-Broadway in New York in 2012.



Janet Hayslip-Streenz

CHOREOGRAPHER

Janet Hayslip Streenz, better known as "Miss Janet" in the community, has been teaching dance since 1956 when she started her own business and taught for 31 years. She then taught for Twin Cities School of Dance for another 30 years before officially retiring in 2015. She continues to help with choreography for the Holiday Spectacular, The Nutcracker and at Wesleyan University. Miss Janet is a 56-year member of the Chicago National Association of Dance Master. She is a Master Graduate, and has served on the faculty and on the Board of Directors of the organization, and still attends classes every summer.



Angela Fulbright Wirsing

MUSIC CO-DIRECTOR

Angela has musically directed productions in Bloomington and Peoria, worked with Music Connections' Foundation Kindermusik and directed for the Bloomington Area Choir for Homeschool Students. Angela currently serves as Director of Worship Arts at Trinity Lutheran Church and teaches private voice and piano lessons. In recognition of her professional and community service, she was named one of the Pantagraph's 20 under 40 in 2017. Angela lives in Bloomington with her husband Thomas and children Nathan and Elizabeth.



Sophie R Emmert

MUSIC CO-DIRECTOR

Sophie R Emmert is a recent graduate of Illinois State University. She obtained two Bachelors Degrees in both Music Education and Vocal Performance, while also receiving a minor in Athletic Coaching. She served as the president of Gamma Phi Circus for two years along with many other executive board and leadership positions. She performed in German Wheel, Tumbling, Dance, and many Aerial acts. Sophie teaches K-6 General Music at Heyworth Elementary School in Heyworth.



Bill Waller

CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR

Bill is the Construction Manager of the retired crew of Habitat for Humanity of McLean County. His crew of carpenters has pitched in to build, move and reconstruct our set this year.



Tony Reimer

SOUND DESIGNER

M. Anthony "Tony" Reimer's award-winning compositions, sound designs, and interactive works have been heard and seen in venues across the country and internationally for over 25 years. He has studied at Ball State University, Northern Illinois University, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

Currently, Tony teaches theatrical sound design and arts technology classes at Illinois State University. A complete list of works and other materials can be found at: <http://www.toneguy.net/about.html>.



Henry Tran

LIGHTING DESIGNER

Henry Tran is a lighting designer from Los Angeles, California. He received his BA in Drama with Honors in Technology for Lighting at University of California, Irvine. He is currently pursuing his MFA in Lighting Design as well as an MS in Creative Technology at Illinois State University.

Cathy Holbrook

MEDIA SPECIALIST

Cathy has been involved with the Holiday Spectacular since the show's inception. Even though her one "official" job is maintaining the website to help with communication and provide information to the cast, she does a little bit of everything. Cathy is retired, having taught computer programming at Illinois State University and as a system's analyst at State Farm. Enjoy the show and have a joyful holiday season.

Linda Miller VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR/COSTUMES

Sue Henrichs TREASURER

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Holiday Ensemble

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Doug Braun

Alicia Brown

Bob Dobski

Julie Dobski

Tricia Hayden

Kip Hayden

Christian Hursey

Katy King

Steve Mahrt

Vickie Mahrt

Cindy Myers

Don Myers

Laura O'Connor

Joe Palma

Brian Pihl

Kenny Prince

Amy Rea

Sophie Remmert

Fred Render

Jennifer Rusk

Christie Vellella

Paul Vellella

Penny Winks

Angela Fulbright

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Gabrielle Johnson

Ella Mavros

Lily Mavros

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Sabrina Stoewer

ENSEMBLES

OPENING DANCERS

Alicia Brown

Tricia Hayden

Laura O'Connor

Amy Rea

Sophie Remmert

Penny Winks

Angela Fulbright

Wirsing

Kimberly Wright

DOBSKI DANCERS

Bob Dobski

Julie Dobski

Steve Mahrt

Vickie Mahrt

Cindy Myers

Don Myers

Fred Render

Christie Vellella

UNDERSTUDY- Cat Woods

ROCKETTES

Soloist-Cindy Myers

Alicia Brown

Tricia Hayden

Laura O'Connor

Amy Rea

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Wirsing

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MEDLEY DANCERS

Angela Fulbright

Wirsing

& Kenny Prince

Kimberly Wright

& Paul Vellella

Christie Vellella

& Fred Render

GESU BAMBINO

Soloists- Ava Peterson

& Kenny Prince

Wendi Ayers

Doug Braun

Kip Hayden

Brian Pihl

Sophie Remmert

Jennifer Rusk

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LET'S HAVE A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

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Arranged by David T. Clydesdale

All Cast

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Words and Music by Haven Gillespie
and J. Fred Coots

Walter and Gus

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

Words and Lyrics by Leann Rimes
and Darrell Brown

Katy King

I WANT TO BE A ROCKETTE

Music By Alan Menken
Lyrics by Tom Eyen

Cindy Myers soloist

*Rockettes,
Dobski Dancers,
Singers*

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT YOU

Written by Ava Max, Jesse Aicher,
and Sam Martin. Recorded by DNCE

Style In Stereo

GREATEST TIME OF THE YEAR

Words and Music by Alyson Michalka,
Amanda Michalka, and Carlos Platon
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Style In Stereo

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Traditional English Christmas Carol

Findley and Walter

MEDLEY

*It's The Most Wonderful
Time of the Year,
Happy Holidays,
It's The Holiday Season*

Songwriters Edward Pola, George Wyle;
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Medley Dancers

SILENT NIGHT

Music by Franz Xaver Gruber
Lyrics by Joseph Mohr

Walter and Gus

GESU BAMBINO

Music By Pietro Yon
Words by Fredrick H. Martens
Arranged by Mark Hayes

Kenny Prince and Ava Peterson soloist

*Wendi Ayers, Doug Braun, Kip Hayden,
Brian Pihl, Sophie Remmert, Jennifer
Rusk, Angela Fulbright Wirsing, Thomas
Wirsing*

TALKIN' 'BOUT JESUS

Words and Music by Rebecca J. Peck
Arrangement by Tom Fetteke,
Rebecca J. Peck and Thomas Grassi

Jennifer Rusk soloist

All Cast

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Written by Bob Healtlie
Produced by Dave Edmunds
Recorded by Shakin' Stevens

Walter and Sam

CAROL OF THE BELLS

Music by Mykola Leontovych
Lyrics by Peter J. Wilhousky

Gymwheel

Ed Campbell and Sophie Remmert

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Words and Music by Irving Berlin
Arranged by Mark Brymer
& Michael Brown

Katy King

THAT'S CHRISTMAS TO ME

Music by Pentatonix
Adapt. By Tomas J.

Men's Accapella

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Music by Meredith Willson

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LET'S HAVE A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

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