

VACT
VERONA AREA
COMMUNITY THEATER
presents



December 11, 12, 2020 - 7:00 pm

December 12, 13, 2020 - 2:00 pm

30th Season 145th Show

notes from the board of directors

Thank you so much for attending VACT's production of *A Very (Virtual) Merry Hometown Holiday*. We are excited to bring the community the second installment of this fun filled holiday variety show, which first premiered in 2015.

Like many arts organizations, COVID-19 has caused a great deal of change for VACT and we face a tremendous amount of uncertainty moving forward. We are so grateful for all of the support we have received since the pandemic began. Every kind message, donation, and show of support has meant the world to us as we navigate this time without live theater and figure out how to adapt where we can.

Part of that adaptability has been to take our shows virtual! Never would we have imagined one of our major fall productions being put up in this format, but VACT, like so many other theaters, has been forced to reimagine what theater looks like if we want to keep art in the community.

While we don't know when we will be able to resume our regular productions, your support will help us come back stronger than ever when it is safe to do so. We will always strive to reach new theatrical heights alongside members of the greater Verona area and surrounding communities, and will always work to make our programs accessible to anyone.

If you're a theater lover who is in a position to help, please consider making a donation to VACT. Donations can be made through our website by going to www.vact.org and clicking on the "donate now" link at the top of the page.

This show would not have been possible without the support of so many, including the cast who volunteered their time, and the staff who worked tirelessly to put the show together, as well as several community partners who contributed to the production. Please make sure to check out the digital program for this show, which is linked in the description section under this broadcast, to see all of the participants who made this show possible.

Enjoy the show!

- The VACT Board of Directors

Acknowledgements

Verona Area Chamber of Commerce
St. James Lutheran Church of Verona
Paulette Spoon

notes from the directors

We are so excited to bring you VACT's first virtual holiday program! When we started this show we knew we were entering uncharted territory, but we worked our way through the challenges and hope we have paved the way for more VACT virtual performances, as long as this format remains the safest way to bring theater to the community.

As we undertook this virtual project it was unclear just how many people would audition. We prepared for under 80 people to sign up, but were surprised and overjoyed when 164 people signed up for virtual auditions! In awe of all the talent and enthusiasm we saw, we rewrote our original plan so that we could include everyone who auditioned.

We would like to thank a few key people, who if it wasn't for them this show would not be possible. Sara Ward-Cassady, our producer, definitely made this production her second job. Some days VVMHH came before her day job as she worked on writing the steps as we made them. Not only did she fulfill her producer duties, but she also became our go to in all things COVID to make this show a reality. Tom Blankenheim most definitely did not sign up for the job he ended up with! Each time we learned something new about audio and video he was there to help and take on more responsibilities, and each time, while he did so with a little sigh, he had a sparkle in his eyes. When Tim Fehling left the area, and his time at VACT, several years ago to move to the bright lights of New York City, how could he have known that he would become involved in another VACT show, but this time a virtual one, and from a distance. Tim's experience with large virtual choirs is what made "Joy to the World", "Somewhere In My Memory", and a handful of other songs the stupendous creations that they turned out to be.

Dale Nickels' expertise in all things sound was invaluable, and the collaboration between him and Tom made the recordings possible. Gail Gomach and Dusty Smith - we thank you for your creative ideas and experience while we recorded on the VACT stage and Dusty, for your expert video editing. Shannon Seip did such an amazing job editing her own number, Jingle Bells, that we assimilated her into our video editing team and her resistance was futile! This is videographer Keia Woller's first show with VACT, but we couldn't say no to this young and talented video editor. The outcome of these shows has exceeded our expectations, and though we aren't all professionals we feel our production crew did an outstanding job. Thank you, to all!

We would like to dedicate these 4 shows to all of the people whose lives have been cut short due to this awful virus. Our prayers and hearts go out to their families and loved ones, and we hope that our hometown performances can bring a little peace and comfort to them during the holidays.

- Julie Murphy and Sara Pfantz

the production staff

Directors	Julie Murphy Sara Pfantz
Producer	Sara Ward-Cassady
Music Director	Brett Wagner
Sound Design	Dale Nickels
Video Engineers	Tom Blankenheim, Dusty Smith
Video Editors	Shannon Seip, Keia Woller
Sound Engineers	Tom Blankenheim, Tim Fehling
Lighting Design	Steve Nickels
Videographer	Gail Gomach
Webmaster	Alyssa Dvorak
Production Assistants	Alyssa Dvorak, Sarah Lederer
Choreographers	Alyssa Dvorak, Marsha Heuer, Kendra Johnson Sara Pfantz
Set Design & Construction	Alex Rosenbaum
Video Consultant	Garrett Coombs
Publicity	Alyssa Dvorak, Marsha Heuer, Sara Ward-Cassady
Costume Design	Claire Johnson, Julie Murphy, Sara Pfantz, Macarey Reimer
Sound Engineering for “Jingle Bells”	Nate Mendl

the band

Band Leader/Piano: BRETT WAGNER

Bass: JEFF WILLIAMS

Guitar: JOE HARRIS

Drums: BRIAN JOHNSON

“Joy to the World” Trumpet Solo performed by ANDY SGRIGNOLI

the cast & musical numbers

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 7:00PM

It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas

Written by Meredith Wilson & Johnny Mathis

SOPRANOS	ALTOS	TENORS	BASSES
Alexia Chiclana	Candace Altschul	Brian Matteson	Kelly Kendricks
Nessa Griesman	Jennifer Becker	Bill Owens	James Listug
Jillian Hepinstall	Julie Murphy	Pam Ziemlewicz	Matt Pulda
Meggy Holdahl	Sarah Shaw		
Heather Ketterer	Sage Yort		
Maya Greengus			

I Want A Hippopotamus for Christmas

Music and Lyrics by John Rox

Performed by Charlee Marks

Santa Baby

Music and Lyrics by Joan Javits, Philip Springer, and Tony Springer

Arranged by Alan Glasscock

Performed by Marsha Heuer with Craig Heuer and Theodore Heuer

Silver Bells

Written by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

Performed by Isabelle Jaeckle and Stella Jaeckle

The Twelve Days After Christmas

Music and Lyrics by Frederick Silver

Performed by Alyssa Ayen, Kenzie Merucci, and Danielle Slusser

O Holy Night

English Lyrics by J.S. Dwight Music by Adolphe Adam

Performed by Lauren Welch

I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Clause

Music and Lyrics by Tommie Connor

Performed by Adam, Andrea, Aiden, Amelia, and Annabel Frey

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Music and Lyrics by Ralph Blane and Hugh Martin

SOPRANOS	ALTOS	TENORS	BASSES
Angie Campbell	Julie Murphy	Tim Fehling	Mike Brady
Meggy Holdahl	Sage Yort	Scott Zillmer	Matt Pulda

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 7:00PM

My Favorite Things

From The Sound of Music

Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II Music by Richard Rodgers

THE LINDEN STREET CHOIR

Morty Arnol, Amelia Brooks, Colter Brooks, Grace Brooks, Erin Cassady, Norah Ehle,
Aria Johnson, Kedzie Johnson, Kennedy Kuehn, Caroline Martina, Grace Wertz

Featured Soloist: Sara Ward-Cassady

Baby It's Cold Outside

Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser

Modified Lyrics from performance by Idina Menzel and Michael Buble

Performed by Natalie and Garrett Coombs

Silent Night

Arranged by the Pentatonix

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BARITONE

BASS

Emma Vogel

Peyton Morgan

Bill Owens

Mike Spevacek

Mike Brady

Jingle Bell Rock

Written by Bobby Helms Arranged by Bee Dee

Performed by Katherine Alle

TAPPERS

Emma Elsberry Tenebruso, Jamie Engebregtsen, Ellie Gerndt, Marsha Heuer,
Kenzie Merucci, Liz Nickels, Macarey Reimer, Alexa Schaefer

Somewhere In My Memory

Music by John Williams Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Clara Barry, Maggie Burke, Erin Cassady, Emerson DeRouin, Norah Ehle, Ellie Gerndt,
Lucas Gonzalez, Sophia Hopp, Stella Jaeckle, Isabelle Jaeckle, Lanee Joe, Aria Johnson,

Kedzie Johnson, Ava Kietzman, Paige Kleber, Callie Lederer, Aari Loken,

Charlee Marks, Anna Marquardt, Caroline Martina, Calvin Patton, Natalie Popp,

Danica Ruiz, Alexa Schaefer, Brooklynn Sinnett, Nadia Veit,

Grace Wertz, Robin Zillmer, Allison Zimmerman

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Joy to the World

Music by George Frideric Handel Lyrics by Isaac Watts Arranged by Douglas J. Benton

SOPRANOS	ALTOS	TENORS	BASSES
Cassie Derfus	Raquel Aleman	Garrett Coombs	Mike Brady
Emerald Doll*	Katherine Allee	Tim Fehling	James Listug
Brooklyn Gabbitas	Candace Altschul	Jason Gabbitas	Brian Matteson
Maya Greengus	Alyssa Ayen	Kelly Kendricks	Bill Owens
Nessa Griessman	Angie Campbell	Calvin Patton	Matt Pulda
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Ashley Kaplewski	Jaeckle		
Heather Ketterer	Ellie Gerndt		
Rachel Kleber*	Jillian Hepinstall		
Aari Loken	Kendra Johnson		
Macarey Reimer	Jennifer McFarland		
Danielle Slusser	Kenzie Merucci		
Alannah Spencer*	Peyton Morgan		
Emma Vogel	Julie Murphy		
Kait Wiemann	Amanda Reichhold		
Lauren Welch*	Alexa Schaefer		
Robin Zillmer	Shannon Seip		
	Sarah Shaw		
	Sara Ward-Cassady		
	Allison Zimmerman		

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the cast & musical numbers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 2:00PM

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Written by Edward Pola and George Wyle Arranged by Kevin Shen

SOPRANOS	ALTOS	TENORS	BASSES
Candace Altschul	Jennifer Becker	Garrett Coombs	Kelly Kendricks
Jillian Hepinstall	Alexia Chiclana	Brian Matteson	James Listug
Meggy Holdahl	Nessa Griesman	Bill Owens	Matt Pulda
Heather Ketterer	Julie Murphy	Pam Ziemlewicz	
	Sarah Shaw		
	Sage Yort		

Jingle Bells

Arranged by Alan Glasscock

Performed by Mattie Isaac, Amanda Reichhold, Dennis Reichhold, Shannon Seip

Christmas Island

Music and Lyrics by Lyle Moraine

Performed by David Joe

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Music and Lyrics by Ralph Blane and Hugh Martin

SOPRANOS	ALTOS	TENORS	BASSES
Angie Campbell	Julie Murphy	Tim Fehling	Mike Brady
Meggy Holdahl	Sage Yort	Scott Zillmer	Matt Pulda

I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Clause

Music and Lyrics by Tommie Connor

Performed by Amanda, Dennis, Fiona, Kieran, and Liam Reichhold

Please Come Home For Christmas

Music and Lyrics by Charles Brown and Gene Redd

Performed by Lucas Gonzalez

Baby It's Cold Outside

Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser

Performed by Emerald and Philip Doll

The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire)

Music and Lyrics by Mel Tormé and Robert Wells

Performed by Heather Ketterer

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 2:00PM

Where Are You Christmas

Music and Lyrics by James Horner, Will Jennings, and Mariah Carey

Performed by Rachel and Paige Kleber

I Want A Hippopotamus for Christmas

Music and Lyrics by John Rox

Performed by Asher Willis

White Christmas

Music and Lyrics by Irving Berlin

Performed by John Beard

Run, Rudolph, Run

Music and Lyrics by Johnny Marks and Marvin Brodie Arranged by Alan Billingsley

Performed by Greysen Ebert, Beau Jacobs, Owen Sehgal

Somewhere In My Memory

Music by John Williams Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse

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Here Comes Santa Claus Medley

As Performed by Linda Eder

Written by Autrey and Haldeman, Coots & Gillespie

Transcribed and Adapted by Alan Glasscok

Performed by Morty Arnol, Maggie Burke, Sophia Hopp, Aria Johnson*, Kedzie Johnson*,
Ava Kietzman*, Callie Lederer, Kirsten Lonski, Anna Marquardt, Brooklynn Sinnett

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DANCERS

Elise Benz, Lydia Benz, Alyssa Dvorak

The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire)

Music and Lyrics by Mel Tormé and Robert Wells

Performed by Kelly Kendricks

Santa Baby

Music and Lyrics by Joan Javits, Philip Springer, and Tony Springer

Arranged by Alan Glasscock

Performed by Stephanie Farrell Jaeckle

Silver Bells

Written by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

Performed by Robin and Scott Zillmer

The Twelve Days After Christmas

Music and Lyrics by Frederick Silver

Performed by Gail Gomach, Sara Pfantz, Sara Ward-Cassady

When Christmas Comes To Town

Music and Lyrics by Glen Ballard and Alan Silvestri

Performed by Audry Johnson, Lucy Johnson

DANCERS

Addison Haydock, Callie Lederer

Baby It's Cold Outside

Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser

Performed by Macarey Reimer and Marcus Wisniewski

The Chimney Song

Written by Bob Rivers

Performed by Lanee Joe

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 7:00PM

O Holy Night

English Lyrics by J.S. Dwight Music by Adolphe Adam

Performed by Brooklyn and Jason Gabbitas

All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth

Music and Lyrics by Don Gardner

Performed by Tilly Baus and Dani Coughlin

Do You Want To Build A Snowman

From Frozen, the Broadway Musical

Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

Performed by Adeline and Jocelyn Yokes

Featuring Jennifer Becker as Offstage Elsa

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Music and Lyrics by Johnny Marks

Performed by Hattie Boatman, Kai Dapitan, Scarlett Doll, Philip Doll IV, Reese Manning,
Natalie Popp*, Anya Rana, Rhea Rana, Graham Reimer, Sylvie Reimer, Abi Sohre

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 2:00PM

Frosty the Snowman

Music and Lyrics by Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins

Performed by Kai Dapitan*, Olive Iverson*, Claire Owens, Lizzie Owens, Graham Reimer, Sylvie Reimer, Malaya Sabalones, Neviah Seal, Brooklynn Sinnett*, Eleanor Ziemlewicz

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Santa Baby

Music and Lyrics by Joan Javits, Philip Springer, and Tony Springer

Arranged by Alan Glasscock

Performed by Kait Wiemann

I Want A Hippopotamus for Christmas

Music and Lyrics by John Rox

Performed by Olivia Lander

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Music and Lyrics by Ralph Blane and Hugh Martin

Performed by Aleah Frank, Micah Friedman, Matthew Friedman

O Holy Night

English Lyrics by J.S. Dwight Music by Adolphe Adam

Performed by Alannah Spencer

You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch

Lyrics by Dr. Seuss Music by Albert Hague

Performed by Mike Brady

I'll Be Home For Christmas

Music and Lyrics by Kim Gannon and Walter Kent

Performed by Marcus Wisniewski

Baby It's Cold Outside

Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser

Modified Lyrics from performance by Idina Menzel and Michael Buble

Performed by Caroline Juergens and Rohin Srinivasan

The Chimney Song

Written by Bob Rivers

Performed by Graham and Sylvie Reimer

When Christmas Comes To Town

Music and Lyrics by Glen Ballard and Alan Silvestri

Performed by Addison Haydock and Callie Lederer

Silver Bells

Written by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

Performed by Ashley and Nick Kaplewski

the cast & musical numbers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 2:00PM

(Everybody's Waitin' For) The Man With The Bag

Music and Lyrics by Harold Stanley, Irving Taylor, and Dudley Brooks

Performed by Kendra Johnson

TAPPERS

Natalie Coombs, Kendra Johnson, Liz Nickels, Shannon Seip

Somewhere In My Memory

Music by John Williams Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse

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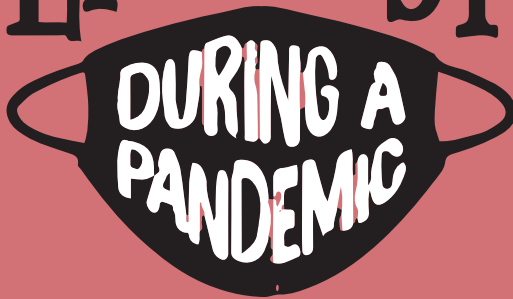
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