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HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR PRODUCTION TEAM



Marcia Basolo

Executive Producer, Costume Design

Holiday Spectacular was the brainchild of Marcia Basolo some 23 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. She is privileged to work with the best of the best and is grateful to all the sponsors, directors, production team, cast, parents and family members who make our community a better place by dedicating their amazing talents and time to this production.



Lori Adams

Director

This is Lori's 21st 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. Lori is the Head of the Acting Program in the School of Theatre and Dance at Illinois State University, Audiences may have seen her direction of *The Book of Will* for the Illinois Shakespeare Festival this past summer. Another directing credit includes *Falling* which was produced Off-Broadway in NYC in 2012. As an actor, you may have also seen Lori play *Mother Courage* at Illinois State University and on stage at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival and Heartland Theatre Company. Best of luck to everyone!



Nancy Steele Brokaw

Playwright

This is Nancy's 22nd year of writing the Holiday Spectacular. She feels lucky to work with such amazing people. She is currently working on *Treble Trouble*, her 14th children's opera for IWU/Prairie Fire Theatre. It will tour to over 40 schools in May 2024. Another of her children's operas, *Panic in the Barnyard*, is in production in California. Please come see her newest Theatre for Young Audiences show at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival next summer. *Toss Me A Tempest* will open in Florida this spring. Cheers!



John C. Stark

Set Design

John is proud to be working with the "Spectacular" for the 17th year. He is an Emeritus Professor at Illinois State University, where he taught in the School of Theatre and Dance for 32 years. He is the Artistic Director of the Illinois Shakespeare Festival where he has designed 42 productions since 1993. John is a native of Nebraska who taught at Arizona State University and Illinois Wesleyan University. He has worked for numerous professional theatres across the country including Drury Lane Theatre, Victory Gardens, and Red Orchid Theatres in Chicago as well as the New Jewish Theatre in St. Louis. His design for *Falling* at the St. Louis based Mustard Seed Theatre was performed Off-Broadway in New York in 2012.



Mike Gardner

Musical Director

Mike Gardner discovered his musical talents at the age of 16. At age 17, he decided to dedicate his life to music and attended Illinois State University to study Music Education, where his passion for performance and education were nurtured. This passion led him to teach music at the junior high school level, shaping the musical experiences of young minds. For the past 19 years, he has proudly served as the organist and Music Director at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, where his commitment to musical expression has flourished. In this role, he not only plays the organ and piano with finesse, but also produces music that resonates with the soul.



Cathy Holbrook

Stage Manager, Webmaster & Music Tech

Trying to keep Holiday Spectacular organized and operating smoothly is a lot like herding cats. Cathy has been involved with Holiday Spectacular since the show's inception in 2002. Even though her one "official" job has been maintaining the website, she does a little bit of everything. Having been stage manager for the first 9 years, she returned to that role in 2023. Working with all of these wonderful people (our Spec family) and on a show of this caliber for our community is worth all of the hours spent. Cathy is retired from Illinois State University having taught computer science for 20 years and also retired from State Farm as a systems analyst. Enjoy the show and have a joyful holiday season.

Janet Hayslip-Strenz

Choreographer

Nancy Gregg

Production Manager

Amy Rardin

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Tabitha Miller

Props

Sue Henrichs

Mary Ann Fulton

Tricia Hayden

Cathy Holbrook

Costume Committee

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Matt Long

Assistant Stage Managers

Matt Long

Michael Braun

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Program Design

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HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR PERFORMERS

Actors

Andy Kreiss
Bob Mangialardi
Armon Gardner
Elaine Hill
Mia Mullenbach
Amy Rardin
John C. Stark
Cindy Myers

Adults

Renee Allison
Wendi Ayers
Doug Braun
Michael Braun
Bob Dobski
Julie Dobski
Jan Francois
Joe Francois
Mary Ann Fulton
Amber Gruenloh
Cailin Hall
Kip Hayden
Tricia Hayden
Tammy Heffernan
John Hermann
Sydney Heuer
Elaine Hill
Emily Houston
Hannah Houston
Christian Hursey
Todd Johnson
Kim Matlock

Nanci Murphy
Cindy Myers
Don Myers
Andie Nielsen
Brian Pihl
Kenny Prince
Barb Pummill
Amy Rardin
Fred Render
Cindy Segobiano
Mark Segobiano
Deb Smith
Emmia Sykes
Brandi Thornton
Jo Ann Varda
Christie Vellella
Paul Vellella
Beth Warden
Penelope Winks
Laura Young

Kids

Kirah Allison
Timmie Allison
Sofia Chambers
Ellie Chapman
Sophia Ford
Hazel Gall
Armon Gardner
Grace Hayden
LaDarrius Hill
Taygan Hursey
Piper Long

Stacia Luna
Ja'Mykah Morris
Mia Mullenbach
CeCe Navarro
Carter Young
Charlotte Young
Faith Young
Felicity Young

Dobski Dancers

Julie Dobski
Bob Dobski
Jan Francois
Joe Francois
Steve Mahrt
Vickie Mahrt
Cindy Myers
Don Myers
Cindy Segobiano
Mark Segobiano

Mr. and Mrs. Santa

Jim & Debi Grossman

Wooden Soldiers

Amber Gruenloh
Cailin Hall
Tricia Hayden
Emily Houston
Hannah Houston
Sydney Heuer
Kimberly Matlock

Nanci Murphy
Amy Rea
Beth Warden
Penny Winks
Laura Young
Understudy: Cindy Segobiano



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Kenny Prince

Swing Into Christmas

Silver Bells

Christie & Paul Vellella

I'll Be Home for Christmas

Mark Segobiano

Choir

Renee Allison
Wendi Ayers
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Brian Pihl
Kenny Prince
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Paul Vellella
Penny Winks

Christmas Day

Kip Hayden & Laura Young
Understudies:
Kenny Prince & Kim Matlock

Kirah Allison
Timmie Allison
Sofia Chambers
Ellie Chapman
Grace Hayden
Piper Long
Ja'Mykah Morris
Faith Young
Felicity Young

Twelve Days of Christmas

Doug Braun
Michael Braun
Kip Hayden
John Hermann
Christian Hursey
Todd Johnson
Brian Pihl
Kenny Prince
Fred Render
Mark Segobiano
Paul Vellella

Mary Did You Know

Beth Warden;
Understudy: Amy Rardin
Kip Hayden
Doug Braun
Brian Pihl
Paul Vellella

O Holy Night

Kenny Prince
Understudy: Kip Hayden

Amen/Joy to the World

James Joyner

Christmas Waltz

Michael Braun
Nanci Murphy

Hallelujah

Kim Matlock
Cleo Daley

Merry Christmas, Darling

Amy Rardin
Understudy: Beth Warden

Laura Young
Emily Houston
Michael Braun
Mike Gardner

Elf Medley

Fred Render
Sydney Heuer
Grace Hayden



HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR PROGRAM

Actors (in order of appearance)

Walter the Elf Andy Kreiss
 Gus the Elf Bob Mangialardi
 Milo Armon Gardner
 Miss Ruby Elaine Hill
 Lucy Mia Mullenbach
 Amanda Amy Rardin
 Dan John C. Stark
 Tiff Cindy Myers

It's Christmas Again Entire Cast
Lyrics and Music by David T. Clydesdale
Choreographer: Janet Hayslip Streenz

Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town Walter & Gus
Lyrics and Music by Haven Gillespie and J. Fred Coots

Swing Into Christmas Special Ensemble
Silver Bells: Christie & Paul Vellella
I'll Be Home for Christmas Solo: Mark Segobiano
Arranged by Mac Huff

Christmas Day Kip Hayden, Laura Young
 & Special Kids Ensemble
Music and Lyrics by Wes King and Cindy Morgan
Arranged by David T. Clydesdale

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas Milo
Lyrics and Music by John Rox
Arranged by J. Daniel Smith

12 Days of Christmas Men's Ensemble
Arranged by Richard Gregory and Dan Ponce

Star Light, Star Bright Walter
Music by Frank Loesser (to the tune of Inchworm)
Lyrics by Nancy Steele Brokaw

Somewhere in my Memory Lucy
Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse
Music by John Williams

Parade of the Wooden Soldiers Wooden Soldiers
Written by Leon Jessel
Choreographer: Janet Hayslip Streenz

Silent Night Walter & Gus
Music by Franz Xaver Gruber
Lyrics by Joseph Mohr

Mary Did You Know Beth Warden, Kip Hayden,
 Doug Braun, Paul Vellella, Brian Pihl
Lyrics and Music by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene
as recorded by Pentatonix



O Holy Night..... All
 Soloist: Kenny Prince
 Song by *David Foster*

Amen/Joy to the WorldHoliday Ensemble
 Soloist: James Joyner
 By *Hairston, Watts, Handel*

The Christmas WaltzHoliday Ensemble,
 Soloists: Nanci Murphy & Michael Braun
 Lyrics by *Sammy Cahn*
 Music by *Jule Style*
 Arranged by *Mark Hayes*
 Choreographer: *Janet Hayslip Streenz*

Hallelujah.....Kim Matlock & Cleo Daley
 By *Tobias Gad and John Stephens*
 As sung by *John Legend and Carrie Underwood*

Merry Christmas, Darling..... Amy Rardin
 Backup Singers: Laura Young, Emily Houston,
 Michael Braun, Mike Gardner
 Lyrics and Music by *Richard Carpenter & Frank Pooler*
 Original *GLEE* arrangement by *Adam Anders & Peer Astrom*
 Adapted by *Mark Brymer*

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the YearAll Actors
 Written by *Edward Pola and George Wyle*

Elf Medley All
 Soloist: Fred Render
 Duet: Sydney Heuer & Grace Hayden
 Lyrics by *Chad Beguelin*
 Music by *Matthew Sklar*
 Arranged by *Andy Beck*
 Choreographer: *Janet Hayslip Streenz*
 Bows - *It's Christmas Again*

Finale: It's Christmas Again All

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