

Holiday SPECTACULAR

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HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR PRODUCTION TEAM



Marcia Basolo

Executive Producer, Costume Designer

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 23rd year directing the Holiday Spectacular. Lori feels fortunate to work with so many talented and dedicated people year after year. Lori is an Emeritus Professor at Illinois State University where she served as the Head of the Acting program and on the faculty since 1997. Directing credits include

Nebraska Repertory Theatre, Mustard Seed Theatre: St. Louis, Heartland Theatre Company, Nomad Theatre, Prairie Fire Theatre and the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. She also directed *Falling* which was produced Off-Broadway in New York City in 2012. Enjoy the show!



Nancy Steele Brokaw

Playwright

This is Nancy's 22nd year of writing the Holiday Spectacular and she's loved meeting the hundreds (or is it thousands?) of people involved over the years. She currently writes for Illinois Wesleyan Opera, Prairie Fire Theatre, The Pantagraph, and the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. Her children's operas tour to over fifteen thousand kids in Illinois and California. Her Theatre for Young Audiences shows are featured each season at ISF. She received the IWU 2025 Distinguished Alumnus Humanities Award. Cheers!



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. He proudly served as the organist and Music Director at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church for over 20 years.



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.



John C. Stark

Set Designer

This is John's 18th year with the "Spectacular". He is an Emeritus Professor of Illinois State University where he taught in the School of Theatre and Dance for 32 years. He has produced scenic designs for several local theatres including Illinois Wesleyan University, Illinois State University, Prairie Fire Theatre, IWU Opera, Heartland Theatre and the Illinois Shakespeare Festival where he served as the Artistic Director for 7 years and designed 48 productions. He has worked professionally in Chicago, St. Louis, Indiana, Nebraska, California, Arizona, Pennsylvania and New York. His design for *Falling* at the St. Louis based Mustard Seed Theatre was performed Off-Broadway in 2012.



Janet Hayslip Streenz
Choreographer

Janet Hayslip Streenz, better known as “Miss Janet”, has taught dance in our community for 61 years. She retired teaching in 2015 but continued to perform in the Nutcracker. She also choreographed and taught the “Bon Bons” for about five more years. She has choreographed for “The Holiday Spectacular” since

its conception. Miss Janet is a lifetime member of the Chicago National Association of Dance Masters and is a master graduate of that organization. Miss Janet loves to teach dance which is a wonderful venue to increase one’s coordination, musicality, and basic IQ. She loves to see students improving their lives in this way!



R. Cailin Hall
Choreographer

As a lifelong dancer, Cailin is pleased to have been able to bring her talents and love for dance to this year’s production. She obtained a Minor in Dance at the University of Iowa while pursuing her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. She is credited with a handful of shows and performances in her time

there, in both the Department of Dance and the Department of Theatre Arts. A Bloomington-Normal native, she is an alum of the Bloomington Ballet Company at McLean County Dance Association, and was also the 2016 recipient of MCDA’s Gale Keeran Scholarship. She is thankful for the opportunity to continue her passion for choreography. Enjoy the show, and happy holidays!



Nancy Gregg
Production Manager

Nancy has been involved with various theatre groups, including Bloomington Parks & Recreation Summer Theatre, Community Players, and 20 years now with Holiday Spectacular. She is also involved with the Downs Haunted House, St Jude, Humane Society of Central Illinois, and PFLAG for many years. Nancy is

on the production team with her church, and will eventually be on the worship team. She’s an election judge, a paranormal investigator, and works full time.

- Media Specialists** Amy Rardin
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HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR PERFORMERS

Actors (in order of appearance)

WalterAndy Kreiss
 GusBob Mangialardi
 SimonPat Gaik
 PipNate Gaik
 AmandaKatherine Cosenza Starr
 Miss MillieElaine Hill
 TiffCindy Myers
 Ray RayTimmie Allison
 JacksonArmon Gardner
 SantaScott Myers
 Frosty Follies MCs. Kimmy Schofield & Beth Warden

• Andy Kreiss appears courtesy of Actors' Equity Association

Teens

Kirah Allison
 Timmie Allison
 Sofia Chambers
 Armon Gardner
 Grace Hayden
 LaDarius Hill
 Lyla Johnston
 Penny Leese
 Piper Long
 Norah Miller
 Ja'Mykah Morris
 Mia Mullenbach
 Nolan O'Donnell
 Norah O'Donnell
 Taylor Paine

Young Choir

Hazel Gall
 Taygan Hursey
 Cece Navarro
 Reece Piechocinski

Adults

Renee Allison
 Michael Braun
 Brandi Brown
 Ashley Coon
 Katherine Cosenza Starr
 Amber Gruenloh
 Brianna Hanson
 Kip Hayden
 Tricia Hayden

John Hermann
 Sydney Heuer
 Elaine Hill
 Christian Hursey
 Nicolette Hursey
 Todd Johnson
 Vern Kujath
 Petra Lyon
 Kim Matlock
 Nanci Murphy
 Cindy Myers
 Don Myers
 Scott Myers
 Christy Philyaw
 Brian Pihl
 Kenny Prince
 Sara Quah
 Cameron Rask
 Fred Render
 Dixie Reynolds
 Adriana Rosales
 Kimmy Schofield
 Cindy Segobiano
 Mark Segobiano
 Christie Vellella
 Paul Vellella
 Cora Wahmann
 Matt Walker
 Beth Warden
 Penny Winks

Guest Appearance

Dan Brady

Dobski Dancers

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

Wooden Soldiers

Brandi Brown
 Ashley Coon
 Amy Gall
 Amber Gruenloh
 Tricia Hayden
 Sydney Heuer
 Nicolette Hursey
 Kim Matlock
 Nanci Murphy
 Dixie Reynolds
 Beth Warden
 Penny Winks

Understudy:

Brianna Hanson

Musicians

Redbird Mariachi Club

Diego Gomez - Solo Guitar
Jose Antonio Rodriguez -
Guitar

Michael Del Rio - Guitar

Marie Cruz - Violin

Paulina Dickow - Violin

Xiomara Vargas - Violin

Viktor Medina - Trumpet

Jaz Arguenta - Bassoon

Jose Antonio Valenzuela -
Voice

Sally Hoffmann - Flute

Church Scene

Julie Julien - Clarinet

Ethan Machamer - Piano

Noel Simms - Violin

Ashley Kim - Violin

Haruka Hartry - Viola

Joy Rattan - Cello

Tom Marko - Drums

Ben De Kock - Bass

Michael Gardner III -
Trumpet

Mike Gardner II - Piano

Samantha Gonzales - Flute

Can Can Men

Kip Hayden

John Hermann

Christian Hursey

Todd Johnson

Vern Kujath

Scott Myers

Brian Pihl

Kenny Prince

Fred Render

Mark Segobiano

Paul Vellella

Matthew Walker

Ragdolls

Brandi Brown

Ashley Coon

Amber Gruenloh

Tricia Hayden

Sydney Heuer

Nicolette Hursey

Kim Matlock

Dixie Reynolds

Beth Warden

Penny Winks

Understudy:

Nanci Murphy

Reindeer

Amber Gruenloh

Brandi Brown

Ashley Coons

Amy Gall

Tricia Hayden

Sydney Heuer

Nanci Murphy

Dixie Reynolds

Adriana Rosales

Clowns

Norah Miller

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Santa

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HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR PROGRAM

- Let's Have a Christmas Celebration** All
Solo: Todd Johnson
Dancers: Tricia & Kip Hayden
Cindy & Mark Segobiano
Christie & Paul Vellella
Penny Winks & Matt Walker
Lyrics, Words, Music and arranged by David T. Clydesdale
- I'll Be Home for Christmas** Kimmy Schofield
Lyrics by Kim Gannon, Music by Walter Kent
- Ring Those Bells Medley** Adult Ensemble
Soloists: Katherine Cosenza Starr, Kim Matlock,
Dancers: Brandi Brown, Sydney Heuer,
Kimmy Schofield, Beth Warden,
Tommy Wade, Michael Braun,
Christian Hursey, Cameron Rask
Ukrainian Carol (Traditional), Arranged by David T. Clydesdale
- We're Despicable** Simon & Pip
Lyrics by Bob Merrill, Music by Jule Styne
- I Believe** Teen Ensemble
Solos: Nolan O'Donnell, Norah O'Donnell
*Words by William Schermerhorn,
Music by Wesley Whatley, Arranged by Audrey Snyder*
- Feliz Navidad** Duet: Mark Segobiano, Adriana Rosales,
with Kimmy Schofield, Cindy Segobiano,
Christie Vellella, Cora Wahmann, John Hermann,
Christian Hursey, Vern Kujath, Taygan Hursey,
Cece Navarro, Sofia Chambers
Written by Jose Feliciano
- I Don't Need Anything But You** Walter & Gus
Lyrics by Sia Furler, Music by Charles Strouse
- Blue Christmas** Mark Segobiano
Written by Billy Hayes and Jay W. Johnson
- Light a Candle** Kim Matlock
Written by Joel Lindsey and Wayne Haun
- What'll I Do?** Walter
Words by Nancy Steele Brokaw, Music by Irving Berlin
- You're Nothing Without Me** Simon & Gus
Composed by Cy Coleman
- Silent Night** Walter & Gus
Music by Franz Gruber, Lyrics by Joseph Mohr
- Joseph's Song** Scott Myers
Mary - Katherine Cosenza Starr
Composed by Michael Card
- Alpha and Omega** Kirah Allison, Renee Allison & Timmie Allison
Written by Erasmus Mutanbira
- Glory Hallelujah to the New Born King**
Soloist: Kenny Prince,
Adult Ensemble, Teen Ensemble
*Words African American Spirituals and Lloyd Larson,
Arranged by Lloyd Larson*
- Glory to the Newborn King** Adult Ensemble, Teen Ensemble
Young Choir - Nativity
Arranged by Mary McDonald

- Intermission -

Parade of the Wooden Soldiers Wooden Soldiers-
Brandi Brown, Ashley Coon
Amy Gall, Amber Gruenloh, Tricia Hayden
Sydney Heuer, Nicolette Hursey, Kim Matlock
Nanci Murphy, Dixie Reynolds, Beth Warden
Penny Winks, Understudy: Brianna Hanson
Composed by Leon Jessel

Here Comes Santa Claus Walter & Gus
*Composed by Gene Autry,
Oakley Halderman, and Harriet Melka*

Deck the Halls.....Simon, Pip, Walter & Gus
Composed by Thomas Oliphant

Santa's Frosty FolliesAdults, Dancers: Brandi Brown,
Sydney Heuer, Kimmy Schofield,
Beth Warden, Tommy Wade, Michael Braun,
Christian Hursey, Cameron Rask
Words and Music by Mac Huff

Thankful..... Kip Hayden
*Written by David Foster,
Carole Bayer Sager, and Richard Page*

I Wish You the Merriest Beth Warden & Michael Braun
Composed by Les Brown

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the YearRenee Allison
Nanci Murphy, Christy Philyaw, Sara Quah
Katherine Cosenza Starr, Christie Vellella
Mike Gardner, Kip Hayden, Kenny Prince
Fred Render, Paul Vellella, Matthew Walker
Understudies: Petra Lyon
Words and Music by Eddie Pola and George Wyle

Nuttin' for Christmas Hazel Gall, Taygan Hursey
Cecilia Navarro, Reece Piechocinski
Composed by Sid Tepper and Roy C. Bennett

Hey Look Me OverPip, Simon, Walter & Gus
*Lyrics by Carolyn Leigh,
Music by Cy Coleman, Arranged by Carl Strommen*

Happy Holidays/Let Yourself GoTappers – Brandi Brown,
Ashley Coon, Amber Gruenloh,
Tricia Hayden, Sydney Heuer, Nicolette Hursey,
Kim Matlock, Dixie Reynolds, Beth Warden,
Penny Winks, Understudy: Nanci Murphy
Composed by Cy Coleman

The Christmas Can Can Can Can Men
Composed by Irving Berlin

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
Katherine Cosenza Starr
Composed by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane

Merry Christmas Polka ... Soloist: Ashley Coon, Dobski Dancers,
Renee Allison, Mike Gardner II, Todd Johnson
Christy Philyaw, Brian Pihl, Kenny Prince
Sara Quah, Cora Wahmann, Understudy: Petra Lyon
*Words by Paul Francis Webster, Music by Sonny Burke, Arranged by
Mac Huff*

Santa Medley All
Soloists: Kimmy Schofield, Beth Warden

- We Are Santa's Elves Kip Hayden, Armon Gardner
Mia Mullenbach, Norah Miller (Tumbler)
Dancers: Teen Ensemble

- Jolly Old St. Nick Hazel Gall, Taygan Hursey
Cecilia Navarro, Reece Piechocinski, Santa

- Mr. Santa Renee Allison, Briana Hanson, Petra Lyon
Kim Matlock, Christy Philyaw, Sara Quah
Katherine Cosenza Starr

- Up On the Housetop Teens, Santa

- Santa's Parade Soloists: Kimmy Schofield, Beth Warden
SANTA Announcer – Kip Hayden
Sign Carriers: Dobski Dancer Women
Santa Sign Holders: DobskiDancer Men
Ballerinas: – Hazel Gall, Taygan Hursey
Cecilia Navarro, Reece Piechocinski
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