# The North Fork CommunityTheatre 12700 Old Sound Ave. Mattituck, NY



An Original Musical based on Miguel de Cervantes' Don Quixote

May/June 2005

#### Director's Note

Is the character of Don Quixote as portrayed in *Man of La Mancha* a delusional man who speaks the truth or a truthful man who is viewed by others as delusional?

When I first read the play (being one of the few people in the world who had never seen it), something familiar leaped off the pages. I got a feeling of the 1960's about the character. Here was an old man, I thought, who grew up in the 60's, whose idealism still smoldered about what was right and just and proper. As I read it again, that parallel became clearer and stronger. The sense I got was probably not by chance. The original show opened in 1968 by the same playwright who adapted for Broadway, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, another work with two meanings.

Man of La Mancha certainly has universal themes which is why it has stood the test of time. It continues to be relevant today. In my vision, the play could be set in the present - about a man who continues to fight against the establishment and the prejudices

of those people who view someone who is different as crazy.

If it were set in the present, there could be a tax collector (Cervantes) who gets swept up in a wanton arrest of people and sent to jail. Once there, he pleads his case to the prisoners. As an actor and writer, he tells of his fictional character (Don Quixote) who rides the countryside on bikes with his friend (*Easy Rider*?), takes refuge in a biker bar, meets a rough waitress in whom he sees the good, and protests against the attempts by a minister and psychologist and his uptight fiancé to "fix" him because he's different.

The story could have been told by changing the costumes and props, but without changing any of the dialogue or music, in a way very relevant to modern society. Presented in this interpretation, (much in the same way Shakespeare has been done), *Man of La Mancha* serves as an illustration of the universality of a work of art. Alas, Shakespeare is in the public domain. *Man of La Mancha* is not, so the show must go on in its original form.

But that doesn't have to stop you. You can watch a play that takes place in the 16th century... and... you can focus your inner eye to see a story about today.

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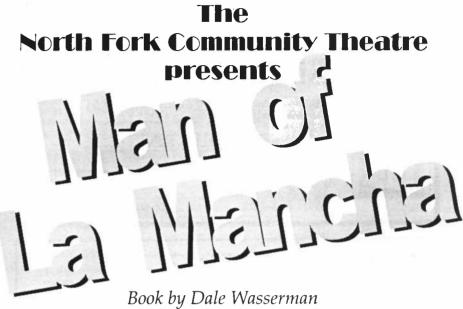
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Book by Dale Wasserman (based on Cervantes' **Don Quixote**)

Music by Mitch Lee Lyrics by Joe Darion

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Musical Direction by Nancy Deegan

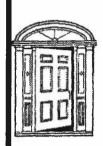
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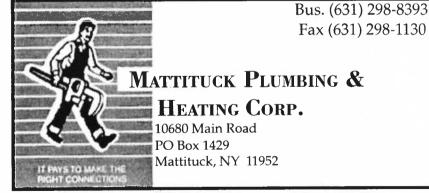
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# Cast (in order of appearance)

Cervantes/Don Quixote	
Captain of the Inquisition	Ed Weiss
Sancho Panza	
Governor/Innkeeper	
Duke/Carrasco	
Aldonza	
Muleteers	John Hudson
	Alan Stewart
	Frank Krupski, Jr.
Serving girl	Patricia Byer
Maria, the innkeeper's wife	Mary-Grace Steinfeld
Antonia	
Padre	
Housekeeper	
Barber	Dick Holbrook

## The Place & Time

A prison in Seville, Spain, and in the imagination of Don Miquel de Cervantes, 1594

There will be a 15-minute intermission.

#### Who's Who in the Cast

Dick Holbrook (Barber)—At 20, Dick is used to being in the spotlight. He was most recently seen hosting the Talent Show for the Riverhead High School Key Club. His last show in NFCT was the Variety Show where, among other skits, he appeared as The Chancellor in A.A. Milne's The Ugly Duckling. Other credits include The Foreigner (Owen), Cinderella (Herald), Little Shop of Horrors (Wino I & others). With Riverhead High School's Blue Masques, he appeared in On The Town (Pitkin), The Man Who Came To Dinner (Mr. Stanley), and Anything Goes! (Ching & Chorus). In addition to the stage, Dick can be seen online, co-hosting the monthly Internet show Brett & Dick, exclusively on www.fuzzysneaker.com. Thanks for reading and enjoy the show.

Dee Martin (Housekeeper)—Co-director of both Kiss Me Kate and Camelot at Riverhead Faculty and Community Theatre, Dee is happy to be back ON stage in this production. She was last seen here at NFCT as Flora in No Way To Treat A Lady. Other favorite roles include Petra in A Little Night Music, Mrs. Sowerberry in Oliver and Gladys in Pajama Game. Dee's most interesting roles to date include those of wife to Willy and mother to Dan and Brian. Thanks to their support and encouragement, Dee is able to pursue her hobby of performing—without having to cook dinner every night! Thanks also to her students and co-workers who don't think it's strange when she bursts into song while grading papers or making copies. She wouldn't do it, if it wasn't fun. FFD!

Rusty Kransky (Don Quixote)—Most recently seen as Fred/Petruchio in RFCT's Kiss Me Kate, Rusty is pleased to return to NFCT, where his past roles include Georg in She Loves Me, Clifford in Deathtrap, and, most notably, the title role in Sweeney Todd. Recent East End performances include Ben in Follies (Southampton Players) and King Arthur in RFCT's Camelot. Other past roles Rusty would love to play again (hint,hint) are Tevye in Fiddler On The Roof and Higgins in My Fair Lady. Rusty thanks a great cast, crew and orchestra, Bob for his wild imagination, Nancy for wonderful music, Dee for the usual brilliance, Deanna for long journeys, and

Jeff for everything else. Rusty dedicates his performance to Emily...who knows why.

Dave Markel (Innkeeper)—This is Dave's tenth musical at NFCT starting with Kismet in 1973. He has acted in seven, worked backstage in one and directed twice (Sweeney Todd and Into The Woods). He looks forward to directing The Glass Menagerie this coming season.

Mary-Grace Steinfeld (Maria)—Mary-Grace has dabbled in theater since she was in college. Her credits include Jake's Women (Spotlight Players), Murder at the Vicarage (Broadhollow), All That Jazz (Rockville Centre Theatre Guild), Talking With... (Ivy Lane Players), Annie Warbucks (CAP) as well as SUNY Stony Brook productions of The Fall of Man and Other Medieval Plays, Everyman, and Hairl Aquarius. She also had the unique opportunity to be the drama director for the Lynbrook South Middle School production of Into the Woods.

Frank Krupski Jr. (Muleteer)—Frank is most well known for his major role in the third grade production of "Little Red Riding Hood" as tree number three. Now Frank is back. This is the rebirth of his theatrical career. But in all seriousness, this is Frank's first musical; actually... his first play. With no acting and singing lessons, he hopes his first theatrical appearance will be a great one for him and the audiences viewing and listening pleasure. Enjoy!

Anne Motto Gilvarry (Antonia)—An energetic English teacher by day, Anne is excited to be back on the NFCT stage after a two-year hiatus. Her favorite past roles here and elsewhere include Lucy in You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, Millie in Picnic, and Penny in You Can't Take It With You. She would like to thank her husband and family for love and laughs, especially her brother-in-law, Nate, for joining her in this "madness."

Patricia Byer (Serving Girl)—In addition to competing with Streisand on the stereo, Patricia has sung with the 92nd Street Y Broadway Chorus, at Dangerfield's in NYC and as a soloist at a friend's wedding. Recently she acted in a play per-

formed at her café in Mattituck. Other acting credits include *Night, Mother* in college and *Just a Little One* in High School.

Alan Stewart (Muleteer)—Alan is delighted to return to the NFCT in Mattituck! He has appeared in Rumors, Ten Little Indians, and A Play on Words (also directed by Man of La Mancha director Bob Kaplan). Alan is an actor, magician, juggler and mime.

Nate Kalich (Padre)—Nate is thrilled to be making his second performance at the NFCT. He previously appeared in You're A Good Man Charlie Brown (Schroeder). Nate's wife, Mary Motto, and sister-in-law, Anne Motto Gilvarry, are NFCT veterans and he greatly appreciated their support. Thanks also go to Bob, Nancy and the rest of the production staff for their vision and hard work.

Marjorie Lundberg (Aldonza/Dulcinea)—Marjorie is happy to make her debut on the NFCT stage in this production. She holds a BA in theater from Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island, where she received her formal training and acting experience. Some of her roles included May in Last Train to Nibroc, Kitty in Anna Karenina, Ado Annie in Oklahoma, Sonia in Godspell, Chick in Crimes of the Heart and Chrysothemis in Elektra. She also studied theater in London for a semester. She is currently pursuing her personal training license while working at a fitness club in the Hamptons. Marjorie would like to thank the cast, crew and Bob and Nancy for making her first show in two years so much fun. Thanks Dad, for all the advice and Scott for always making me push myself to be my best. I love you. Enjoy!

Scott J. Kennedy (Sancho)—Scott makes his NFCT debut in Man of La Mancha. He is a recent graduate of Roger Williams University where he gained most of his theatrical experience. Among his more memorable roles were Michael Wells in Two Rooms, Emile DeBecque in South Pacific, Jesus in Godspell, Ali Haku in Oklahoma, Truffaldino in A Servant of Two Masters, Barnette Lloyd in Crimes of the Heart, and Doctor Shpigelsky in A Month in the Country. He was also a participant in the London study abroad program for a se-

### Musical Numbers

OpeningOrchestra	
Man of La ManchaDon Quixote & Sancho Panza	
It's All the SameAldonza & Muleteers	
DulcineaDon Quixote & Muleteers	
I'm Only Thinking of HimAntonia, Housekeeper, Sancho,	
Don Quixote	
We're Only Thinking of HimAntonia, Padre,	
Sancho, Housekeeper	
I Really Like HimSancho	
What Does He Want of Me?Aldonza	
Little Bird, Little BirdMuleteers	
Barber's SongBarber	
Golden Helmet of MambrinoDon Quixote, Sancho,	
Barber, Muleteers	
To Each His DulcineaPadre	
The Impossible DreamDon Quixote	
Knight of the Woeful CountenanceInnkeeper & Chorus	
Man of La Mancha (reprise)Don Quixote	
AldonzaAldonza	
A Little GossipSancho	
Dulcinea (reprise)Aldonza	
The Impossible Dream.(reprise)Don Quixote, Aldonza	
Man of La Mancha (I, Don Quixote)(reprise)Don Quixote,	
Man of La Mancha (I, Don Quixote)(reprise)Don Quixote, Sancho, Aldonza	
Man of La Mancha (I, Don Quixote)(reprise)Don Quixote,	

mester. He graduated with his BS in mathematics and is currently teaching math in Riverhead High School. He looks forward to beginning his master's degree in mathematics while keeping his dream of being a performer alive.

John A. Hudson (Muleteer)—John's last theatrical performance was playing Ben, the math teacher, in *David and Lisa* back in high school. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish Choir and a founding member of the Peconic Bay Masterworks Choir. This is his first NFCT production and he looks forward to lending his voice toward a great production.

Dr. Allen Fein (Duke/Carrasco)—Allen has taken basic acting classes locally with Toni Munna and had roles in A Flea in Her Ear, Tell Me About It and You Can't Take it With You. Besides theater, he has musical interests in piano and sings with the Choral Society of the Hamptons and with the Community Harvest Gospel Choir. Dr. Fein has a private practice in Family Medicine and Medical Acupuncture in Southampton Village and is also an author and speaker on various aspects of Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

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# **Production Staff**

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Assistant Musical DirectorKathleen Papot
ProducerEd Weiss
Stage ManagerVicki Fleming
Light DesignBob Kaplan
LightingCharlie Scheer & David Scheer
CostumesVicki Fleming, Carol Kirby, Dee Martin
SetKathy Illacqua, Dave Copeland
PromptersJoanne Douglass, Jane Todd
Combat CoordinatorJerry Silverstein
PropsVicki Fleming, Dee Martin
Programs & PostersDonna A. Foster
PublicityLarry Tuthill, Dan McCarthy
TicketsEd Weiss
Box OfficeDavid Kirby, Marilee Scheer, et. al.
RefreshmentsCarol Kirby, Linda Robbins
MarqueePaul Borsman

#### Orchestra

Nancy Deegan, Piano Kathleen Papot, Keyboard Tom Andrejack, Guitar Jason Cockerill, Trumpet Colin Van Tuyl, Trumpet Zachary Branker, Percussion

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#### Who's Who in Production

Bob Kaplan (Director)—Bob enjoys acting and directing. Each presents different challenges; both are invigorating and humbling. He's acted in Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar and Grill, The Price, I Hate Hamlet, Laughter on the 23rd Floor, and The Heidi Chronicles. He's directed Social Security, Sylvia, Forever Plaid, Plaza Suite and co-directed (with Vicki Fleming) Wait Until Dark. Thanks to his wife, Betsy, for understanding his need to be involved in theater and to all others who keep him going.

Nancy Deegan (Musical Director)—As assistant musical director of Sweeney Todd in 1999, Nancy enjoyed watching Rusty Kransky die for the first time on the NFCT stage. She directed the youth summer show Damn Yankees in 2001 and loved playing in She Loves Me the same year. A Philadelphia native, Nancy moved to Mattituck some time after the Inquisition. She has been directing and playing musicals for over 25 years, and headed the St. Dominic High School Music Department in Oyster Bay, NY. She turned down an extremely lucrative offer to accompany Billy Joel on a recent road tour, in order to work with this exciting and talented cast of Man of La Mancha. She is forever indebted to friend and mentor Jeff Wentz for all his help, and is once again looking forward to seeing Rusty masterfully die on the NFCT stage.

*Vicki Fleming* (*Stage Manager*)—Thanks for the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful theater. Break a leg, cast!

Ed Weiss (Producer, Captain of the Inquisition)—Ed has been involved (in one way or another) in over 45 productions since first joining the Shoreham Wading River Community Theater about 30 years ago and continues now as a member of the NFCT. In Man of La Mancha, given the choice between the ticket booth and the footlights, he chose the latter…less stress. Although he usually plays kindly "father-types" (twice with his own daughters who are also actors), he is enjoying the new role as a certified (by the Inquisition) torturer.



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