

THE NORTH FORK COMMUNITY THEATRE

PRESENTS



August 2007

President's Message

Dear Theatergoers,

Another glorious summer finds us with another terrific Youth On Stage production. *Once Upon a Mattress* marks our 31st Y.O.S. production. This year we have several alumni on the creative staff: Bill Sousa (Director) and Holly Sanford (Choreographer) played the roles of Prince Dauntless and the Queen, respectively, when the NFCT first presented *Mattress* in 1980. Also returning is Kathleen Papot, this year's Musical Director, who memorably played Golde in last year's Y.O.S. production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. We are lucky to have them all, as well as the constant guiding force of Marilee Scheer as Producer.

I know you will be entertained by this charming show and hope you will note that next year marks the NFCT's 50th season. In celebration, we will present a full season of all musicals, with special play readings and events. This season can be found listed elsewhere in this program.

A few trivia notes—*Mattress* was written as a one-act play for a summer camp, then transferred to off-Broadway and Broadway, where it made Carol Burnett a star. A TV version featured Burnett and a young Bernadette Peters as Lady Larkin. Last year Carol Burnett returned to the show, of sorts, playing the Queen in a TV-movie version. The original Broadway show featured what may be the first-ever instance of "color-blind" casting, with the African-American actress Jane White playing the Queen.

Enjoy the show!

Rusty Kransky
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once upon a mattress

Music by

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Directed by

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CHARACTERS

(in Order of Appearance)

MINSTREL.....	Christopher D'Amico
PRINCESS NO. 12.....	Christina Stankewicz
WIZARD.....	Colin Palmer
LADY LARKEN.....	Sheryl McDonald
QUEEN AGGRAVAIN.....	Lauren Rowland
PAGE.....	Alex Leonardi
PRINCE DAUNTLESS.....	Robin Ahrens
KING SEXTIMUS.....	Matt Stolle
JESTER.....	Brett Chizever
SIR STUDLEY.....	Tim Ferris
SIR LUCE.....	Jake Boergesson
LADY ROWENA.....	Sara Mundy
LADY MERRILL.....	Isabel Alvarez
LADY LUCILLE.....	Alexandra Parma
SIR HARRY.....	Jonathan Gerle
KITCHEN WENCH.....	Adriana Vaiana-Cavanagh
PRINCESS WINNIFRED.....	Kate Hunter
EMILY.....	Krystal Young
LADY MABELLE.....	Colleen O'Connor
NIGHTINGALE.....	Hanora Gralton
SIR HAROLD.....	Michael LePre
LADY BEATRICE.....	Siobhan Straub
LUCE'S LADY.....	Bridget Straub

LADIES OF THE COURT

Jessica Benitez, Katie Bladykas, Katie Blasl, Yasmin Carrasquillo,
Kristi Fernandez, Keara Galvin, Miranda Gralton, Emily Hudson,
Emily Johnson, Grace Johnson, Delia Kiski, Rebecca Kober, Tess Leavay,
Sara Morey, Gabrielle Niewandonski, Beth Richter, Kathleen Scotto,
Magdalena Szalowski, Bria Yazic

KNIGHTS

Ryan Beodeker, John Bradley, Stephen D'Amico, Samuel Notaro,
Ryan Pendzick, Brendan Quinn, Luke Sisson

ACT ONE

Overture

Prologue—Many Moons Ago.....	MINSTREL
Opening For a Princess . . .	DAUNTLESS, LARKEN, LADIES, KNIGHTS
In A Little While.....	HARRY, LARKEN
In A Little While—Reprise.....	HARRY, LARKEN
Shy.....	WINNIFRED, KNIGHTS, DAUNTLESS, QUEEN, LADIES
The Minstrel, The Jester And I.....	MINSTREL, JESTER, KING
Sensitivity.....	QUEEN, WIZARD
The Swamps Of Home.....	WINNIFRED, LADIES, DAUNTLESS
Spanish Panic.....	KNIGHTS, LADIES
Normandy.....	MINSTREL, LARKEN, JESTER
Spanish Panic No. 2.....	KNIGHTS, LADIES
Song Of Love.....	DAUNTLESS, WINNIFRED

Fifteen Minute Intermission

ACT TWO

Entr'acte

Opening—Act II.....	ALL
Happily Ever After.....	WINNIFRED
Man To Man Talk.....	DAUNTLESS, KING
Very Soft Shoes.....	JESTER
Yesterday I Loved You.....	HARRY, LARKEN
Nightingale Lullaby.....	THE NIGHTINGALE
Finale.....	ALL

ORCHESTRA

Kathleen Papot.....	Piano
Mark Ahrens.....	Percussion
Peter Falango.....	French Horn
Meghan Clement.....	Flute/Piccolo
Samantha Hokanson.....	Violin
Michael Plattner.....	Cello

CAST

Robin Ahrens (*Dauntless*) Robin is very happy to return to the NFCT once more. Robin thanks his family and Anna for all things, Bill and Marilee for their support and friendship, and the NFCT for playing a positive role in the lives of so many young people.

Isabel Alvarez (*Lady Merrill*) This is Isabel's third time performing on the NFCT stage. She was in last year's youth production of *Fiddler on the Roof* as well as this year's variety show. Recently, Isabel was Maria in *The Sound of Music* at Southold High School. Music and the arts are her passions and she is planning on pursuing a career in them.

Katie Bladykas (*Lady of the Court*) Katie has been in many school plays since the Fourth Grade and currently is in the Missoula Children's Theater in Westhampton.

Jake Boergesson (*Sir Luce*) This is Jake's second show at the NFCT. He was most recently seen as Max Detweiler in Southold High School's production of *The Sound of Music*. Jake would like to thank his family, friends, the directors and especially the Dead Catwalk Society for everything they have done for him.

John Bradley (*Knight*) John sang baritone in the 2007 Suffolk County Music Educators' Association All-County Chorus. He played Archibald Craven in *The Secret Garden* and Dr. Livesey in *Treasure Island* in the Mattituck Junior High School productions. He was also a cast member in three Cutchogue East Elementary productions.

Brett Chizever (*Jester*) The NFCT has been the home of Brett since he was 14. The members of each cast and crew are his family. One of his brothers had to venture off. However before he left he taught Brett a very valuable lesson, that even when family leaves you the adventure is still not through. This is for Chris.

Christopher D'Amico (*Minstrel*) This is Chris' second show at the NFCT. Recent credits include *The Sound of Music* (Frederik) and *Fiddler on the Roof* (Russian). He wants to thank his family, friends, Bill for all of his help and direction, and Kathleen because without her, he wouldn't have a voice left.

Stephen D'Amico (*Knight*) This is Stephen's second show at the NFCT. He will be a sophomore at Southold High School next year, where he recently played "Rolf" in *The Sound of Music*. He would like to thank his parents and friends for their support.

Kristi Fernandez (*Lady of the Court*) This is Kristi's first year in the NFCT and she is so excited to be in this production. She thanks her loving parents, her siblings, her boyfriend Nick and best friend Nicole.

Tim Ferris (*Sir Studley*) This is Tim's second show with the NFCT. He was in the chorus last year in *Fiddler on the Roof*. You may have seen Tim in the Blue Masques shows at Riverhead High School. He performed in *Grease* and *Guys and Dolls*. Enjoy the show.

Keara Galvin (*Lady of the Court*) Keara is very happy to be in her first production at NFCT. She has been in *Godspell* and *Oliver* at Mercy High School. She has also been in 2 workshops at the Vail-Leavitt Music Hall.

Jonathan Gerle (*Sir Harry*) This is Jonathan's first NFCT appearance but he has performed in eight Riverhead H. S. Blue Masques productions during his tenure there. He has done other stage work ranging from stage crew for the RFCT to acting for the Stars of Tomorrow Today and writing/directing the Middle School Latin plays. This past spring he performed in Boston University Stage Troupe's production of *The Real Inspector Hound*.

Emily Hudson (*Lady of the Court*) Emily just finished her junior year at Southold High School and had the honor of being chosen for the All-State Women's Choir and the MENC All-Eastern Mixed Chorus. She won the 2006 Teeny award for the best actress in a drama, and was nominated again this year for her portrayal of the Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music*. This is her second year at the NFCT. She is delighted to be working with such a talented cast.

Kate Hunter (*Winnifred*) Kate is so proud to be appearing on the NFCT stage for her fifth summer! Kate attends the University of Miami where she studies Musical Theatre and Stage Management. Much love to all of her family and friends. G.M., this one's for you!

Tess Leavay (*Lady of the Court*) This is Tess' third show with the NFCT. She has been in *Pajama Game* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. You may have seen Tess as Louisa

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in Southold's production of *The Sound of Music*. She would like to thank her friends who made this show fun. Enjoy the show!

Michael LePre (*Sir Harold*) Michael is so happy to be a part of another wonderful NFCT production. You may have seen him last year as Mordcha the Innkeeper in *Fiddler on the Roof*. He also wishes that he and Lady Beatrice (Siobhan) will rock the Spanish Panic.

Sheryl McDonald (*Lady Larken*) Sheryl is extremely excited to be part of such an awesome show. She is enjoying playing her character, Lady Larken, and is getting good practice at being on an emotional roller coaster. Other productions of hers include: *Les Miserables*, *Damn Yankees*, *Seussical the Musical*, and *Crazy for You*. Enjoy the show!

Sara Morey (*Lady of the Court*) This is Sara's second performance here. She was the fifth daughter in *Fiddler on the Roof* last summer. Performing is her passion and she loves that she is surrounded by her friends. A special thanks goes out to her parents for supporting her.

Sara Mundy (*Lady Rowena*) This is Sara's second NFCT production. She is so happy to be a part of this production, and has been having a lot of fun working with her talented peers. Enjoy!

Sam Notaro (*Knight*) Sam is a rocketman. He is currently studying engineering at RPI. His previous stage experience includes *Big*, *Pippin*, *Barnum*, *Leader*

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of the Pack and *Our Town* at Southold High School. He also performed in *The Pajama Game* at the NFCT.

Colleen O'Connor (*Lady Mabelle*) Colleen has also appeared in the NFCT's productions of *The Pajama Game* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Past roles were they've allowed her to speak have been in RHS Blue Masques' *You Can't Take it With You* (Henderson) and *Oklahoma!* (Gertie). Colleen asks that you appreciate the castle walls.

Colin Palmer (*The Wizard*) Colin will be a junior this coming fall at Riverhead High School. Favorite past theatrical credits include the *Fiddler/Mendel in Fiddler on the Roof*, Ali Hakim in *Oklahoma!* And Benny Southstreet in *Guys and Dolls*. Colin is a founding member of the Dead Catwalk Society Comedy Troupe.

Alexandra Parma (*Lady Lucille*) Aly is delighted to be in *Once Upon a Mattress*, her fourth summer at the NFCT. She is a sophomore at Fairfield University and takes pleasure in singing, baking and running.

Ryan Pendzick (*Knight*) This is Ryan's second performance with the NFCT's Youth on Stage. Now you might have seen Ryan last year in *Fiddler on the Roof* (Rabbi) or in numerous Riverhead High School Blue Masque shows. He wishes the cast good luck.

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Bria Yazic (*Lady of the Court*) This is Bria's debut performance with the NFCT. She has performed with Riverhead's Blue Masques in *Oklahoma!* (ensemble), *Grease* (ensemble), and *Guys and Dolls* (Hot Box Girl). She is thrilled to be part of the NFCT program and would like to thank her good friend Colin for suggesting she audition.

Krystal Young (*Emily, Lady of the Court*) This is Krystal's sixth NFCT performance. She is a Musical Theatre major and last semester played the lead role of Earth in the show *Elements* which toured in New York, Los Angeles and Houston.

PRODUCTION CREW

Bill Sousa (*Director*) Bill has been a member since the summer of 1979 and appeared in our Youth On Stage production of *Little Mary Sunshine* as Capt. Big Jim Warrington, and in the summer of 1980, appeared in the YOS production of *Once Upon a Mattress* as Prince Dauntless. Since that time, he has directed and produced many of our YOS productions and directed many of our adult musicals. Bill has also acted in many shows on our stage and other area theatres. He most recently was seen on our stage in *Lunch Hour* as Leo. Once again, what talent, what dedication! Hope you enjoy our labor of love!

Marilee Scheer (*Producer*) What a pleasure to spend another summer where art and friendship bloom. The Youth On Stage program is a treasure and involvement with it is a joy . . . no place I'd rather be, no people I'd rather spend a summer creating music, laughter and the magic of theatre with.

Kathleen Papot (*Musical Director*) Kathleen is happy to complete her second production as Musical Director at the NFCT. She has been involved with Youth On Stage productions, variety shows and pit orchestras at the theatre since 2003. Kathleen will be continuing her education at The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam in the fall in pursuit of a degree in Music Education. She'd like to thank Bill Sousa for this opportunity, Marilee Scheer for all of her support and faith, the cast and crew for their hard work and enthusiasm and her father - for everything.

Dick Holbrook (*Assistant Director*) After four years and six shows at the NFCT (including four YOS summer shows), Dick has made the jump from on the stage to in front of it. His last performing role was the 2006 YOS production of *Fiddler on the Roof* as Lazar Wolf. He is currently a Theatre & Film major at SUNY Oswego, working on shows such as *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, an original piece titled *Lost in a Viral Paradise* and is a dedicated member of an improv comedy troupe, *The Shaun Cassidy Fan Club*. As for his first show in a directorial position, he is happy it could be shared with such talent and closeness that can not be found elsewhere than at the NFCT.

Holly Sanford (*Choreographer*) Having played Bill's mother 27 years ago, I'm happy to see how well he's turned out. I am even more amazed that our original producer Marilee Scheer, is still making it all happen for the cast, the theatre and the community. Some of my happiest childhood memories are of my involvement in the YOS productions at NFCT. My only wish is that the community enjoys our efforts and the cast has as many good memories and as much fun as we did.

Youth On Stage Productions

1977	Li'l Abner
1978	Dames at Sea
1979	Little Mary Sunshine
1980	Once Upon a Mattress
1981	The Boyfriend
1982	Anything Goes
1983	Henry Sweet Henry
1984	Oklahoma!
1985	Babes in Arms
1986	The Music Man
1987	Bells Are Ringing
1988	Grease
1989	Beauty and The Beast
1990	South Pacific
1991	West Side Story
1992	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
1993	Deadwood Dick
1994	The Leader of the Pack
1995	Good News
1996	Guys and Dolls
1997	Into the Woods
1998	Bye Bye Birdie
1999	A Chorus Line
2000	Annie
2001	Damn Yankees
2002	Brigadoon
2003	Little Shop of Horrors
2004	Cinderella
2005	The Pajama Game
2006	Fiddler on the Roof
2007	Once Upon a Mattress

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