

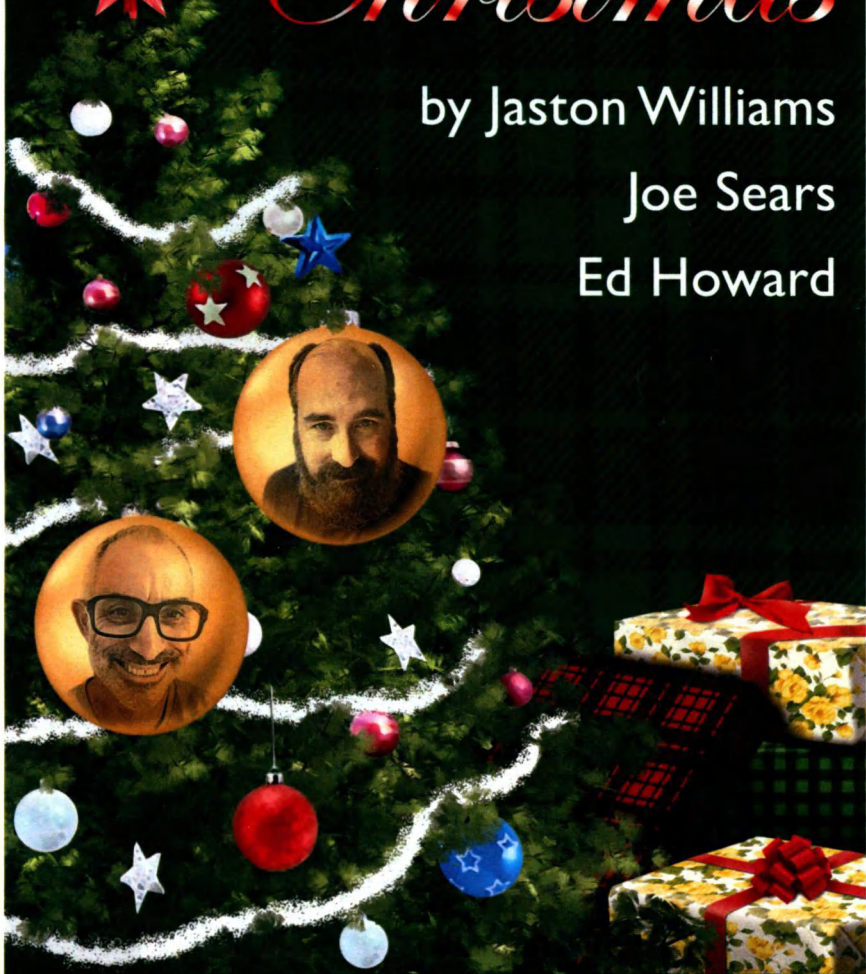
NORTH FORK COMMUNITY THEATRE

*a* Tuna  
★ Christmas

by Jaston Williams

Joe Sears

Ed Howard



December 17-19, 2021

Dear NFCT patrons,

Welcome back! Whether it's your first time back in several years or you were just here two weeks ago for *Holiday Survival Guide*, we welcome you with open arms or perhaps a fist bump because social distancing is still a thing. We are so happy to bring yet another holiday hit to you this season. The show seems simple with just two actors, but let me assure you they put in the work for all 22 characters.

We thank you for your continued support of the NFCT and hope the rest of your holiday season is wonderful. See you next year at the *Variety Show!*

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NORTH FORK COMMUNITY THEATRE

*presents*

*a* **Tuna**  
*Christmas*

By Jaston Williams

Joe Sears and Ed Howard

with Huck Hirsch and Christian Lepore

Directed by Joe Bob Lipsey\*

\*not a real person

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# CAST

*(in order of appearance)*

Thurston Wheelis.....	Chris
Arles Struvie.....	Huck
Didi Snavelly.....	Huck
Petey Fisk .....	Huck
Bertha Bumiller .....	Chris
Jody Bumiller .....	Huck
Charlene Bumiller .....	Huck
Stanley Bumiller.....	Huck
Vera Carp.....	Huck
R.R. Snavelly .....	Chris
Pearl Burras.....	Chris
Sheriff Givens .....	Chris
Dixie Deberry.....	Huck
Helen Bedd .....	Huck
Inita Goodwin .....	Chris
Joe Bob Lipsey.....	Chris
Garland.....	Chris

## **NORTH FORK COMMUNITY THEATRE**

### **Annual Appeal "Building on Tradition"**

We are very excited to have re-opened the theater with a full season of plays and musicals. It is wonderful to be able to perform in front of a live audience once again!

Over this past year we have completed an 'Attic Renovation,' adding heat/air conditioning and 'finishing' our Lighting Booth and Costume/ Prop areas. Thank you to the dozens of volunteers who helped go through all of our costumes/props and organize them. Looking forward, we plan to work on the interior of the theatre, including the bathrooms, seats, and auditorium. Thank you for your ongoing support which has helped us transform the theater. Please consider making a donation to the Theatre this year.

You can donate online at [www.nfct.com](http://www.nfct.com) or by returning the form on the back cover. For more information or a tour of the theater, contact Mary Motto Kalich at 917-334-6639 or [campaign@nfct.com](mailto:campaign@nfct.com).

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Producer .....Mark Sisson  
Set Design .....Huck Hirsch  
Set Decoration & Props.....Stephen Ness  
Lighting Design.....Peter Peterson  
Sound Design ..... Christian Lepore  
Costume Design.....Diane Peterson  
Graphic Design .....Bekky Peterson  
Stage Managers.....Justin Harris, Wendy Peterson

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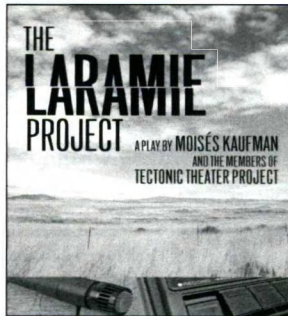
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2021-2022

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Happy Holidays, North Fork! (...and points west and south, if you were so kind as to travel that far to see us). Our holiday wish, planted as seeds of theatrical possibility during the summer, was to find something festive and fun for NFCT to squeeze onto its calendar to present as holiday cheer for the local community (...and points west and south, if you were so kind as to travel that far to see us). This historic little theater is such a vibrant hub of entertainment and social gathering, we wanted to find material relatively easy to pull together (in terms of cast size, budget, production demands — not that memorizing all those lines was easy!) so we could offer a holiday show and you could add that option to your list of ways to celebrate the season this year. After such a long and winding hiatus, deprived of the joys of live theater, we were excited to get back up there and look out at all of you looking back at us.

While the world strives to find smart, workable balances between living freely and living safely, we too acknowledge health and safety as top priorities. The NFCT board takes its role in making those tough decisions seriously and we trust their judgment. With confidence in the protocols they've implemented, we found this wacky play and went to work making something we could offer the community this holiday season. We like to think of this iconic little theater as the heart of our close-knit community — okay, maybe the heart is a religious institution or the supermarket or the post office, but certainly one of its vital organs? — a place where we can all enjoy a break from the routines and responsibilities of our everyday lives, escaping into a theatrical reality of another time and place, where the concerns of fictional characters replace our own. For a couple of hours in the magical dark, there's nothing to do but sit back, relax and enjoy the show. This is our way of wishing you all happy holidays, with much gratitude for this wonderful place we call home, hoping to give the one thing on everyone's holiday wish list this year: LAUGHTER! Sprinkle some Texas twang on it and...welcome to *A Tuna Christmas!*

Huck Hirsch & Christian Lepore

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**HUCK HIRSCH** is happy to keep his local theater streak going with this wacky whirlwind dynamic duo marathon called *A Tuna Christmas*. Two years ago he revived his passion for all things theater (after a 25-year hiatus doing all things not theater), when he joined the cast of NFCT's sparkling production of *Bright Star*, then one majestic weekend of NFCT's *Wolf Hall* (before that production was beheaded by COVID). When theaters reopened, Huck was typecast as a fool in Northeast Stage's *Twelfth Night* and kept his foolish momentum going into rehearsals for THIS! He is thrilled to be partnering with his talented friend, Chris Lepore. And when the Texas dust settles, he's looking forward to shifting gears and directing the NFCT winter production of *The Laramie Project*. As a transplanted local, Huck is especially grateful for NFCT and the audiences who support it. You are the reason we strive to deliver the best theater possible. Let's all make resolutions to value this vital engine of our amazing community. Happy holidays!

**CHRISTIAN LEPORE** is delighted to return to NFCT alongside Huck Hirsch. Chris was last seen here as Thomas Cromwell, opposite Huck's *Sir Thomas More*, in 2020's regrettably plague-shortened *Wolf Hall*. Most recently, he was seen as Sir Toby Belch in *Twelfth Night* at Northeast Stage. Playing multiple characters in quick succession is not new to him, having portrayed various citizens of Vienna in Northeast Stage's *Measure for Measure* and as a featured performer in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* for Casabuena Cultural Productions (Philadelphia). Raised in Mattituck, Chris has appeared onstage in numerous theatres in Washington, D.C., on Long Island and in Philadelphia. Some of his other favorite roles include Tartuffe in *Tartuffe*, Rev. T. Lawrence Shannon in *Night of the Iguana*, Norman in *The Dresser*, Feste in *Twelfth Night* and George Spelvin in *The Actor's Nightmare*. He would like to formally give thanks to Huck for conceiving this project and roping him in. Wishing all of you happy holidays and a bright, hopeful New Year!

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## Artist Statement

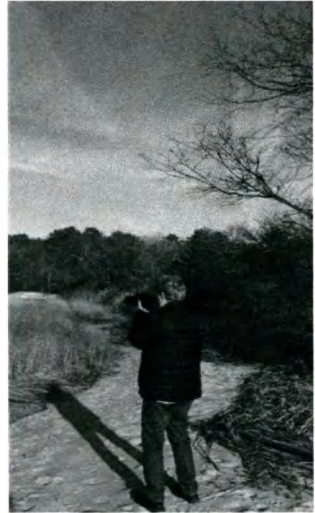
Inspired by my best friend Marshall, I began taking photographs when I was 15 years old and in high school. My Konica rangefinder was a constant companion and together we generated more rolls of film than I can count. Through the years photography has been my way to find peace and enjoy all the beauty the world has to offer.

In 2016, I retired after 25 years teaching special needs students of all different abilities. It was an extremely rewarding job and it gave me the opportunity to teach my students how to use a camera and take pictures of their world and how they perceived it.

Retirement has been a wonderful gift to photograph every day. To be able to run out at sunrise and sunset and witness the amazing light over The East End of Long Island. Exploring the North Fork back roads and the Hamptons' beaches and marshes has been amazing. It's a gift that keeps on bringing me hope and joy.

My work has been shown at The East End Arts Council for both Member and Juried Shows and won Honorable Mention for pieces I have submitted. I have also exhibited at the Fieldler Gallery and Wm. Floyd Library in Greenport, the Mattituck Laurel Library, and the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library. I won People's Choice at a Juried Show at The Old Town Art's and Crafts Guild in Cutchogue as well as two other shows there in the past 3 years.

I belong to the Photo Club at the Riverhead Free Library and was accepted into the 2019 PEACE Exhibit where I won Honorable Mention. I am currently the President of The Riverhead Photo Club and the Chairman of the Photography Committee at the Riverhead Free Library.



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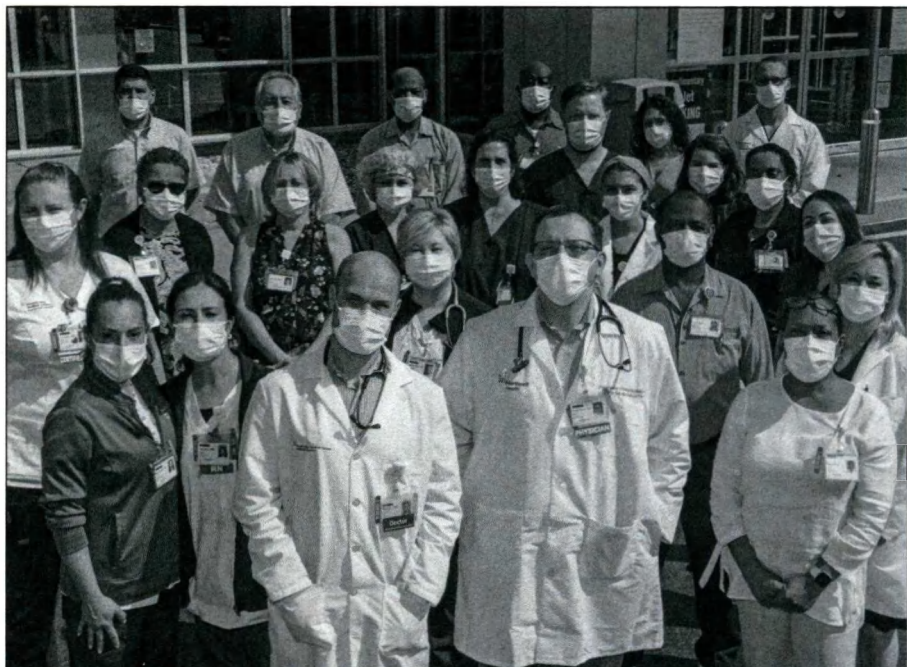
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