

**NORTH FORK COMMUNITY THEATRE**

PRESENTS



**ONE  
CHRISTMAS  
LIVE at  
EVERGREEN  
MALL**

BY LYNNE HALLIDAY JIM HINDMAN ARLENE HUTTON AND CRAIG POSPISIL

**December 2-4, 2022**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear NFCT friends & patrons,

Thank you for choosing to celebrate even a small part of your holiday season with us here at the NFCT. We have a new-to-the-NFCT-stage holiday show for you this year. While we love the holiday classics and the warm feeling we get when a bell rings and we all think of an angel getting their wings, this show has a bit more reality mixed in with the holiday spirit.

I know that my holiday traditions have not been the same the last few years, but it's nice when you remember that we can find the holiday spirit regardless of our circumstances. I sincerely hope that the rest of your holiday season is wonderful and that you enjoy both old and new traditions with your family.

Happy Holidays!

Liz Liszanckie  
NFCT President

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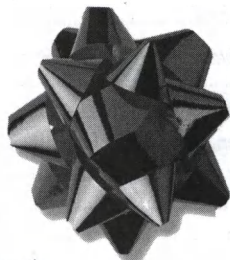
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Director

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Assistant Director

Julia Cappiello

Producer

Kim Cappiello

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## CAST

Bell Ringer .....	Patti Hautsch
Andy, Gerald.....	Pete Harrington
Darla.....	Theresa Hand
Todd.....	Andrew O'Brien
Jenny.....	Megan McGee
Erin, Felicia .....	Laura Pearsall
Stephen, Terry.....	Gene O'Brien
Robert, Matthew .....	Fred Nydegger
Lacey, Linda.....	Esmeralda Cabrera
Sharon.....	Evelyn Lubrano
RJ.....	Quentin Collins
Taylor, Abbie.....	Leah Kerensky
Joellen.....	Cynthia Wells
Robin .....	Renee Marcks
Molly, Ellie .....	Veronica Spaeth

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director .....	Nicholas Auletti
Assistant Director .....	Julia Cappiello
Producer.....	Kim Cappiello
Set Design.....	Dina Mondello
Set Decorations & Props .....	Dina Mondello & Stephen Ness
Set Construction .....	The Tuesday Crew
Costumes .....	Stephen Ness
Video Wall .....	Elizabeth Lisanckie
Lights.....	David Scheer
Stage Manager .....	Patti Hautsch
House Manager .....	Glenn Abramowitz

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## SCENES

CHRISTMAS EVE IS HERE ..... Bell Ringer, Darla, Robert, Lacey, Todd  
WHAT CHILD IS THIS? ..... Todd, Jenny  
MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT ..... Stephen, Erin, Andy, Darla  
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS ..... Taylor, RJ  
GOOD WILL TO MEN ..... Robert, Terry, Lacey, Sharon

### *Intermission*

WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS ..... Abbie, Joellen, Robin  
DECK THE HALLS ..... Molly, Matthew, Darla  
BEARING GIFTS, WE TRAVERSE AFAR ..... Felicia, Linda, Andy  
HARK HOW THE BELLS ..... Gerald, Ellie  
AWAY IN A MANGER ..... Todd, Jenny, Darla, RJ, Gerald, Ellie

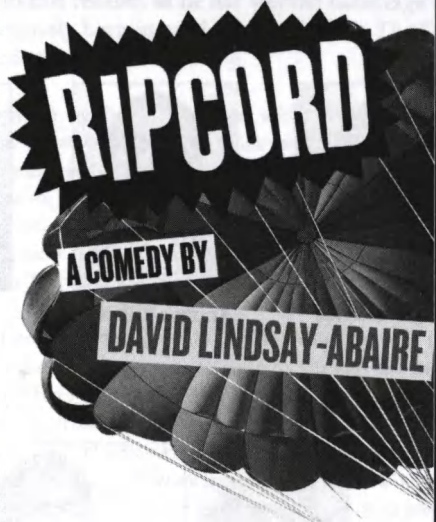
## SHOWDATES

**January 20+, 21, 22\*  
27, 28, 29\*  
February 3, 4, 5\***

All shows 8PM except \*Sunday  
matinees at 2:30PM

†FREE pre-show reception  
7:00PM on January 20th

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# CAST



Esmeralda Cabrera



Quentin Collins



Theresia Hand



Patti Hautsch



Pete Harrington



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Evelyn Lubrano



Renee Marcks



Megan McGee



Andrew O'Brien



Gene O'Brien



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Laura Pearsall



Veronica Spaeth



Cynthia Wells

## CAST BIOS

**CYNTHIA WELLS** (*Joellen*) is excited to brush off the acting classes she took to hone her skills as an animator while working for Hollywood studios such as Disney and Warner Bros. She studied at California Institute of the Arts and is an internationally exhibited artist and animation filmmaker. Wells was nominated for her film, "Interview with Talullah, Queen of the Universe", for Annie Awards for outstanding achievement in animation and achievement in a short film. Her second film, "The Shadow of Doubt" won six awards and played in 26 film festivals. Wells worked as supervising animator on "Once Upon A Forest" (20th Century Fox), "The Thief and the Cobbler" (Miramax). She has credits in over ninety films and commercials. Her paintings have been exhibited in San Francisco, Ottawa and Los Angeles. Print illustration credits include Pepperdine University, LA Weekly and the Malibu Times.

**LAURA PEARSALL** (*Erin, Felicia*) lives in Wading River with her husband Jim, Shiba Inu Koda, and rulers of the abode, cats Chrissy and Apricot. Laura has been active in community theater on the North Fork since 2008. She was last seen on the NFCT stage as several characters in *The Laramie Project*. Other NFCT roles include Drowsy in *The Drowsy Chaperone* and Frau Blucher in *Young Frankenstein*. She recently portrayed Anne Marie in a collaboration of *A Doll's House, Part 2* by Riverhead Faculty Community Theatre and her church, North Shore United Methodist Church. Many thanks to Nick and a talented and fun-filled cast and production team. Have a blessed and Merry Christmas, be good to one another and enjoy

**ANDREW O'BRIEN** (*Todd*) - Andy is excited to be performing in his first production at the NFCT. However, he is not a stranger to this theater, as he has worked backstage for *The Producers* and *CryBaby*. He has also previously been in productions of *Oliver*, *The King and I*, and *The Music Man*. He looks forward to his return to acting.

**GENE O'BRIEN** (*Stephen, Terry*) is happy to be back on stage with NFCT, having previously appeared in *The Producers*. Gene's previous theatre work was in the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania, where he spent many years treading the boards with various groups. Among his favorite roles were Judas in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Roderigo in *Babes in Toyland*, the Ring Master in *Barnum!*, and featured parts in *Chicago*, *42nd Street*, *The Odd Couple*, *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Bells are Ringing*. Gene lives with his family in Setauket and works in Information Technology at Strong's Marine in Mattituck.

**MEGAN MCGEE** (*Jenny*) is 19 years old, from East Setauket NY. Megan has been in the theater world since Age 6 and is currently a theater arts major in college. Megan has been teaching drama since 2018 as well. Some of Megan's productions include properties crew in *I Love You You're Perfect, Now Change*, Sarah in *Alice in Wonderland*, Lois #63 in *A Chorus Line*, Maggie Mundy in *Dancing at Lughnasa* and Harriet Howels in *The Untold Stories of the Big Bad Wolves*. Megan has enjoyed working with this wonderful cast and crew and is proud to be a part of this show. Megan loves Christmas very much and hopes you enjoy the show and have happy holidays!

**QUENTIN PARDEE COLLINS** (*RJ*): Quentin grew up in Remsenburg, New York. After graduating from Westhampton Beach High School, he attended the University of Vermont, where he graduated in May 2022 with a BA in Theatre, minoring in Film and Television Studies. He currently works in film and television as an actor and stuntman. Some recent theatre credits include *Constellations* (Roland), *Bitter Sauce* (Red), *Almost, Maine* (Steve and

Randy), *She Kills Monsters* (Miles), and even directed himself in the solo performance *A Bone Close to My Brain*. Quentin is quite delighted to be a part of the *One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall* cast and is incredibly proud of the show, the cast and crew.

**EVELYN LUBRANO NÉE FINK** (*Sharon*) has come back to the NFCT after 33 years, last playing in *6 RMS*, *RIV VU*, after playing her longest roles as Nurse and Mom. Evelyn started her love of theatre in High School and continued on to community theatre after Nursing School, playing Henrietta in Agatha Christie's *The Hollow* with the Hampton Bays Community Theatre. She then kept her feet "wet" directing her son's 6th grade play, *Fractured Fairytales*. Evelyn is currently a volunteer coordinator and volunteers for Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center, and had also volunteered with the Education Department at the Long Island Aquarium, and the NY Marine Rescue Center. Evelyn is grateful for the opportunity to return to theatre and excited to be with the family of NFCT. Shoutout to the late John O'Neill, Evelyn's HS drama teacher, who gave a girl a chance and love of theatre.

**PATTI HAUTSCH** (*Bell Ringer, Stage Manager*) Patti is thrilled to back on the NFCT stage. You may remember her as the tapping old lady in the 2022 production of *The Producers*. She has also been in numerous shows with Riverhead Faculty and Community Theater starting way back in 1998. She would like to thank the entire production team and cast for being a pleasure to work with. She would also like to thank her wonderful husband, Rowland. Without him, it would just be a life, not this amazing adventure.

**ESMERALDA CABRERA** (*Lacey, Linda*) – Since moving from California, Esmeralda has acted in the NFCT's *The Laramie Project* as Zackie Salmon, *The Producers* as part of the ensemble and *Boots on the Ground* Theater's *Chemical Imbalance* as Rosamunda. They are thrilled to be part of this show and want you to all have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays this season. Enjoy the show!

**LEAH KERENSKY** (*Taylor, Abbie*) is thrilled to be back on stage after a four year hiatus. Previously, Leah had the privilege of portraying Lucy Van Pelt in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* here at the NFCT. Other credits include *Cry-Baby* (Pepper), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tzeitel), *Urinetown* (Soupy Sue) and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Mrs. Peterson). Enjoy the show!

**THERESIA HAND** (*Darla*) is a native of Riverhead and has been in the ensemble of many shows at RFCT. She was last on NFCT's stage in, *The Producers* last spring. Theresia has enjoyed learning the arts since a young age including music, theater, photography and film. She wishes the cast and crew a great show! "There's an audience lining up. Break a leg. But not literally, okay?"

**RENEE MARCKS** (*Robin*) is a sophomore at Riverhead High School. Renee first started doing theater when she was young, performing in ballet productions such as *The Nutcracker*. In May of 2022 Renee came to the NFCT to assist the music director for *The Producers*. Before she knew it, Renee was helping backstage as a stagehand during shows. Over the summer Renee performed in a show, in four different roles, and worked as an assistant to the director. Outside of theater Renee is a competitive horseback rider and a lifetime lover of Marvel.

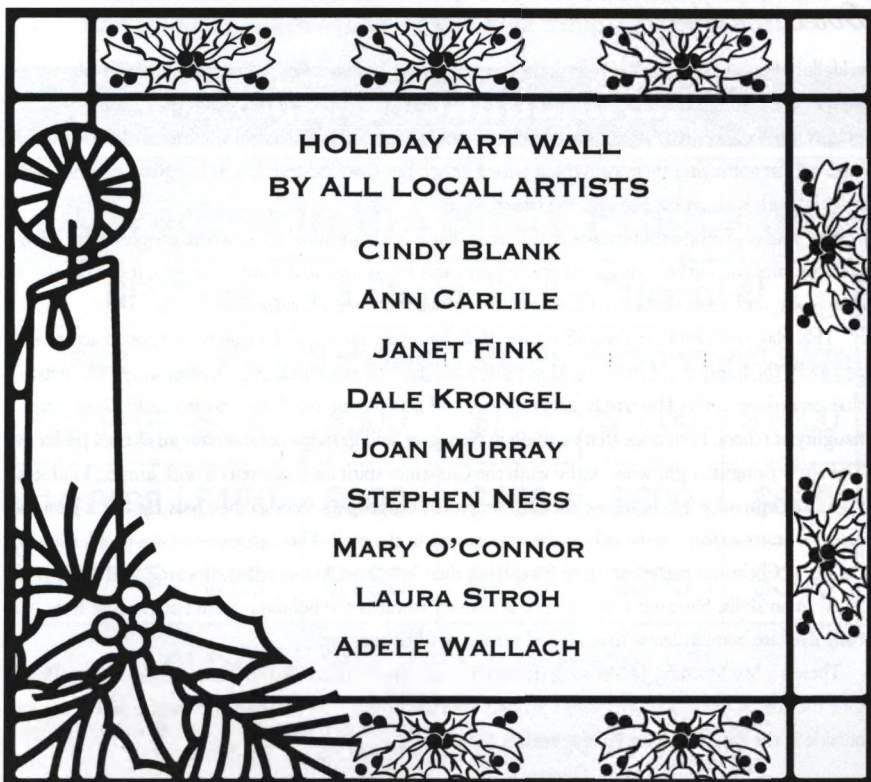
**PETER J. HARRINGTON** (*Andy / Santa-Gerald*) Peter is very happy to finally be a part of an NFCT production, and to be working with such talented and receptive people. Some of his previous credits include playing King Duncan / Padre / Old Seward in *Macbeth*, as



part of Shakespeare in the Park; Caiaphis in *Risen*; Nicodemus in *The Passion Play*; as well as the Police Lieutenant in the radio drama of *The Black Cat*. When not acting, Peter can be found singing in nearly any venue available, or writing short stories, poetry, and lyrics. Peter would like to thank the production team at NFCT for their professionalism, dedication, and incredibly friendly atmosphere.

**VERONICA SPAETH** (*Molly, Ellie*) Veronica is a Christmas-loving, Aquebogue-native who is beyond excited to be a part of *One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall*. She was recently a part of the NFCT's production of *CryBaby* as Mona "Hatchet-Face" Malnorowski, and before that as an Ensemble member in *The Producers* this past May. Before that you may have seen her in the RFCT's *All Together Now!* showcase. She had also spent some time from 2010 through 2014 as a member of Bryn Mawr College's Oldies Acapella group, Lavender's Blue and was a regular participant in Riverhead High School's Blue Masques group from 2006 through 2010. She is incredibly grateful to her family and friends who support her in these community theater adventures, and is honored to be a part of this wonderful production.

**FRED NYDEGGER** (*Robert, Matthew*) Fred is excited to be a part of this production. He has participated in other shows here at the NFCT, *The Producers* and recently worked with Boots on the Ground Theater Group, *A Chemical Imbalance*. Fred hopes you enjoy this amazing show and feel the holiday spirit!



**HOLIDAY ART WALL  
BY ALL LOCAL ARTISTS**

**CINDY BLANK**

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**JANET FINK**

**DALE KRONDEL**

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## It takes a community...

### *Director's Note:*

Hello! My name is Nicholas Auletti, the director of *One Christmas Eve At Evergreen Mall*. Thank you all for coming to this festive selection for the season. When I first proposed this play, I thought this was the perfect romantic-comedy stylings of a Hallmark movie, yet without the cookie-cutter clichés, we are all used to. I'm not saying there's anything wrong either, but *One Christmas Eve At Evergreen Mall* has been a joy to work with, as has the cast and the crew.

The mall is a commercial theatre in the sense that it is a communal space where people try on different costumes and outfits, pay for expensive props and accessories, and want to be seen, it can become a date night, and it has all the characters you'd ever need to write a holiday show.

This play, *One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall*, has every aspect of the things mentioned above and rips away the masque of Christmas as not just a holiday but as an idea. At Christmastime, we pretend that everything is ok. The family gets together and acts like no one had a divorce, a kid hasn't been naughty at school, hormones aren't a thing in teenagers, and grandpa doesn't have an alcohol problem. This show brings to light what lies beneath the Christmas spirit and confronts it with humor, kindness, logic, and empathy. No more are the niceties pasted on people's faces as they pass by, but a genuine emotion starts to form as we talk to these characters in the mall. These characters have problems, and the joy of Christmas is the backdrop for solving their love lives, low-economic income, and poor communication skills. Showing everyone needs honesty towards the holidays doesn't sugar-coat how our daily lives are bombarded with a falsified version of Christmas joy.

There's a My Morning Jacket song (featured in the show) called "Xmas Time Is Here Again (Bring Out the Joy)". I hope this play brings joy and that we all feel it as we leave the theatre and bring joy outside in the real world this holiday season. Stay Frosty!

Nick Auletti, Director

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