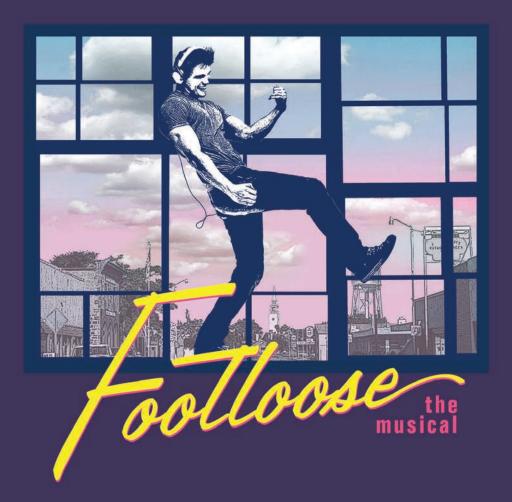
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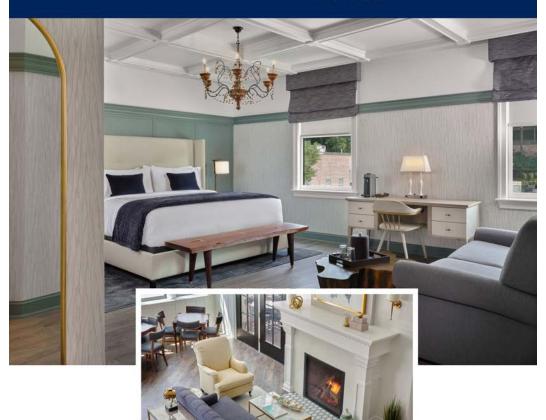


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John met and married his wife, Donna, while the two were stationed in Würzburg, Germany. They have a son, Captain Patrick Engeman, and daughter Nicole.

John served our nation on active duty for over twenty-eight years. He deployed in

support of Operation Desert Storm, Hurricane Andrew relief, Kosovo/Bosnia Peacekeeping, an assignment to Nigeria, and to Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served multiple tours in Germany and Korea, and at Fort Knox, Fort Drum, and most recently, West Virginia. At the time of his death, John was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 312th Training Support Battalion, 4th Brigade, 78th Division, based at Fort Bragg, and was serving on the Military Transition Team assisting the Iraqi people in establishing their own security forces. The Iraqis have honored John by placing his biography and picture in the Iraqi Hall of Martyrs. The Hall of Martyrs honors all of the Iraqis who have died fighting for a free and democratic Iraq.

Among his many awards are the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, War on Terrorism Medal. He has been awarded the

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John enjoyed the theater, both on-stage and backstage. While stationed in Europe he participated in the Army's community theater, playing

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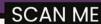














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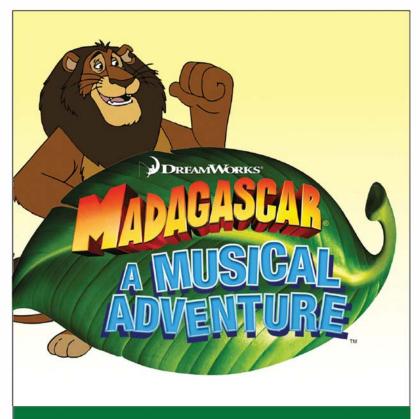


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Director's Note

When people hear that I'm directing *Footloose* again, they jokingly say I've become the "Footloose guy." It's funny, but true. Over the past few years, I've staged this show across the country, each time encountering a different audience who arrives expecting to relive 1984, the infectious soundtrack, and Kevin Bacon defiantly dancing alone in a warehouse. Now, I find myself bringing this familiar story back to my hometown (Commack High School Class of 2014!), wondering what new perspective my own community will bring.

We know what to expect on the surface—*Footloose* is famous for its irresistible, energetic dancing. But beneath all the catchy tunes and flashy choreography, something quieter and more profound emerges. This play understands that dancing isn't just for the youthful or the coordinated. Dance lives in all of us, even if we've forgotten how to let it out. Dance is unpredictable, emotional, and raw; it defies logic because

it emerges directly from the human body, from sensations and feelings that words fail to capture.

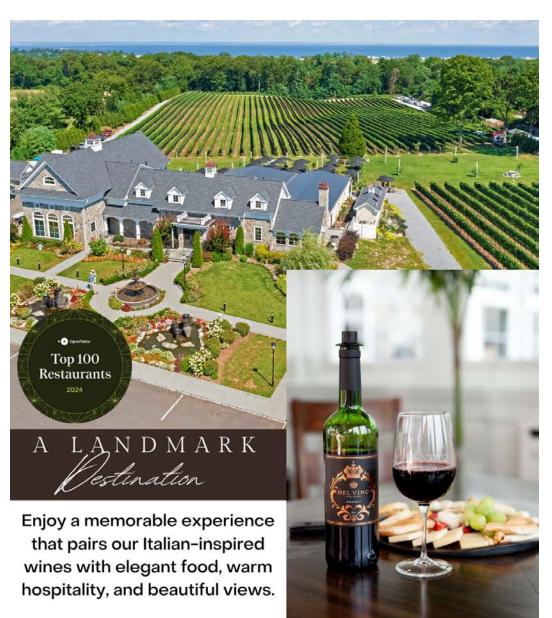


Directing *Footloose* at home reminds me why I fell in love with this show in the first place. It calls on each of us to trust ourselves, to move freely despite fear, grief, or hesitation. It urges us not just to watch the dance, but to join in, because to dance without inhibition is to fully live.

Thank you for welcoming me home. "Let's dance!"



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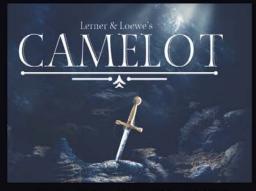
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The Cast of *Footloose*

(in order of appearance)

Ren McCormack	TANNER GLEESON
Ariel Moore	KARINA GALLAGHER
Reverend Shaw Moore	DAN FENAUGHTY*
Vi Moore	LARISSA KLINGER*
Ethel McCormack	JENNIFER BYRNE*
Willard	RYAN BRONSTON
Rusty	GRACE ELLIS SOLOMON*
Urleen	OLIVIA HELLMAN
Wendy Jo	CHANNING WEIR*
Chuck Cranston	BROOKS ANDREW
Wes Warnicker	RICHARD CHAZ GOMEZ
Lulu Warnicker	MADELINE RAUBE
Coach Roger Dunbar	PAUL CHAMBERLAIN
Eleanor Dunbar/Betty Blast	MOLLY SAMSON
Principal Harry Clark/Cowboy Bob	ALAN CHANDLER*
Lyle	CHANCE K. INGALLS
Travis	SCOTT SILAGY
Jeter	
Bickle	CARSON ZOCH
Garvin	ISAIAH BASTON
Ensemble	EMILY ANN STYS, PHOENIX ASSATA LAFRENIERE

Swings

JUAN ROMERO MUÑOZ, JULIA RIPPON

Dance Captain

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Understudies

Understudies never substitute for players unless a specific announcement is made at the time of the performance.

For Ren McCormack: CARSON ZOCH; For Ariel Moore: CHANNING WEIR*; For Rev. Shaw Moore: ALAN CHANDLER*;
For Vi Moore: MOLLY SAMSON; For Ethel McCormack: MADELINE RAUBE; For Willard: CONNOR BARTON;
For Rusty: OLIVIA HELLMAN; For Chuck Cranston: SCOTT SILAGY; For Urleen/Wendy Jo: PHOENIX ASSATA LAFRENIERE;
For Wes Warnicker/Principal Clark/Coach Dunbar: CHANCE K. INGALLS;
For Lyle/Travis/Jeter/Bickle/Garvin: JUAN ROMERO MUÑOZ; For Eleanor/Lulu/Female Ensemble: JULIA RIPPON

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Time: 1984 Place: The Rural Town of Bomont

ACT I

Scene 1: Chicago/Bomont	Full Company
"Footloose/On Any Sunday"	Full Company
Scene 3: Behind A Gas Station	
"The Girl Gets Around"	Chuck, Travis, Lyle, Ariel
Scene 4: High School Hallway	, , , ,
"I Can't Stand Still"	Ren
"Somebody's Eyes"	Rusty, Urleen, Wendy Jo, Ensemble
Scene 5: The Moore Home	
"Learning to Be Silent"	Vi, Ethel, Ariel
Scene 6: The Burger Blast	A:15 . III . W . I I
"Holding Out for a Hero"	Ariel, Rusty, Urleen, Wendy Jo
Scene 7: The Moore Home	
"Somebody's Eyes" (Reprise)	Rusty Hrleen Wendy Io
"Heaven Help Me"	
Scene 9: The High School Gym /The Church	
"I'm Free/Heaven Help Me"	Full Company
ACT II	
Scene 1: The Bar-B-Que, a Country Western Dance Hall	
"Still Rockin'"	Cowboy Bob, Ensemble
"Let's Hear It for the Boy"	,
Scene 2: The Moore Home	•
"Can You Find It in Your Heart?"	Vi
Scene 3: The Junk Yard	
"Dancing Is Not a Crime"	
"Mama Says"	Willard, Bickle, Garven, Jeter, Ken
Scene 4: Under The Train Bridge	Dan Arial
"Almost Paradise"	ken, Ariel
Scene 6: The Church/The Churchyard	
"Heaven Help Me" (Reprise)	Reverend Shaw Moore
"Can You Find It in Your Heart?" (Reprise).	
Scene 7: The Gym	
"Footloose" (Reprise)	Full Company

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BROOKS ANDREW (Chuck Cranston) is delighted to be making his debut at The John W. Engeman Theater! National Tour: *The Cher Show* (Rob Camilletti/Ensemble) Select Regional: *Disney's The Little Mermaid* (Prince Eric), *Catch Me If You Can* (Ens/Frank Abagnale Alternate), *Grease* (Doody). Proud graduate of Elon University's Music Theatre program. Love and thanks to Mom, Dad, James, Will, Rugby, and all who he's been blessed to call a friend along the way. IG: @brooks_andrew

CONNOR BARTON (Jeter u/s Willard) Engeman debut! Recent Credits: Joey in *Saturday Night Fever* (Timber Lake Playhouse), Mark in *A Chorus Line* (Theatre by the Sea), *A Christmas Carol* (Tuacahn), *Tootsie* (NSMT/TBTS), *Anastasia* (WPPAC). BFA Musical Theatre from Nazareth University. Thanks to my family, friends, Tommy, and Take 3 Talent – gratitude always. IG: @connor.barton | connorsbarton.com

ISAIAH BASTON (Garvin) is a 19-year-old, NYC-based singer, actor, and dancer. He is thrilled to be making his professional debut in *Footloose*! He's about to enter his second year of pursuing a BFA in Musical Theater at Pace University. He would like to thank Tommy, Trent, and the whole team for the opportunity!

RYAN BRONSTON (Willard) is thrilled to make his Engeman Theater debut in this wonderful production. Theater credits include the national tour of *The Simon and Garfunkel Story* (Art Garfunkel), *Purlie* at American Theater Group (Charlie), and *American Idiot* at BrooklynONE (Tunny). Film/TV: "Law and Order: SVU"; "Power Book III: Raising Kanan". He'd like to thank his incomparable castmates and family!

JENNIFER BYRNE* (Ethel McCormack) Most recently reprising her role as Mrs. White in CLUE at GVT, Jennifer started her year as Morticia in The Addams Family at The Gateway Playhouse before stepping into the role of Ethel McCormick in Footloose. When not searching for her next rescue dog, Jen is busy renovating and restoring a 1945 house in the Catskills with her partner in crime, Timothy C. Goodwin. A few performing favorites: Summer: The Donna Summer Musical (FNT), Nevermore (Original OB Cast), Evil Dead The Musical (Original OB Cast/recording), Welcome To The Big Dipper (Original OB Cast/recording), It's Karate, Kid! the Musical (NYIT Nomination/OC recording), Ken Ludwig's Moriarty, Noises Off!, Head Over Heels, Musical of Musicals The Musical (TTB Award), Shear Madness. Member of AEA, CAEA, SAG/AFTRA. IG: @jenbyrne726 | Jennifer-Byrne.com

PAUL CHAMBERLAIN (Coach Roger Dunbar) is originally from Bowie, Maryland, and has lived in New York City for the last 16 years. He is honored and excited to take the stage for the first time at The John W. Engeman Theater! He has been seen at NYC's Robert Moss Theater in *Edward II* (Spencer), *The Runner Stumbles* (Prosecutor), and *Occupation: Dragonslayer* (Detective Stepanek). Many thanks to Rebecca, Nicole, and the whole team at FSE, Wojcik Casting, and everyone at the Engeman. Special thanks and love to Katie, Mom, Caitlin, Matthew, Jason, Colton & Zara! For Dad, and G&G. IG: @paulywog2 | www.paul-chamberlain.com

ALAN CHANDLER* (Cowboy Bob u/s Reverend Shaw Moore) is thrilled to be making his Engeman Theater debut! Regional: *Knoxville!* (Dir. Josh Rhodes), *Cabaret* (Dir. Josh Rhodes at both The Old Globe and Asolo Repertory Theatre), *29 Hour Reading: Time Stops!* (Prod. Michael Moritz Jr.) Special thanks to ROLU Ent., U-Shin Group, and my family for their support. This one's for you, Kyra:) IG: @alan_chandler1

DAN FENAUGHTY* (Reverend Shaw Moore) Engeman Debut! Recent Credits include *Noise Off* (Gulfshore Playhouse), *Ragtime* (Stages/St. Louis), *White Christmas* (Tuachan), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Meadow Brook), *The 39 Steps* (Ivoryton), *Beautiful* (Theatre Aspen), *I Do, I Do* (Ozark Actors Theater), *Million Dollar Quartet* (Saugatuck Center for the Arts) and *42nd Street* (Palace Theater). Huge thanks to all involved in the production team, theater staff, and to the audience; all my love to Larissa (#24). TV/FILM: "The Good Fight", "The Blacklist", "Madame Secretary". Proud AEA member.

KARINA GALLAGHER (Ariel Moore) is a Long Island native who is excited to be making her debut at The John W. Engeman Theater! Most recent credits include Marian in *Bridges of Madison County* (New London Barn Playhouse), Emily in *A Christmas Carol* (The Argyle Theater), and a lead vocalist on Royal Caribbean's Wonder of the Seas. She is a graduate of The Boston Conservatory at Berklee. Karina is eternally grateful for her director, Tommy Raneiri, for his friendship and guidance. She would like to thank Mikey Nagy at The Collective Talent and her parents for their constant support. karinagallagher.com

TANNER GLEESON (Ren McCormack) is ecstatic to be making his Engeman debut! A Cincinnati native and proud 2023 graduate of Wright State University, he now resides in New York City. Recent credits include *Saturday Night Fever* (Tony) at Timber Lake Playhouse, *Frozen* (Hans) aboard Disney Cruise Line, *A Chorus Line* (Don) at Theatre By The Sea, and *White Christmas* (Ensemble) at Tuacahn Center for the Arts. Tanner is deeply grateful to everyone who helped bring this production to life and sends love to his family and friends for their unwavering support. tannergleesonactor.com | IG: @tanner_gleeson

RICHARD CHAZ GOMEZ (Wes Warnicker) is thrilled to make his Engeman debut! National Tour credits include: Come From Away (Kevin T.) How the Grinch Stole Christmas (Buzz, u/s Grinch). Regional credits: His Story the Musical (Judas), Kinky Boots (Don), Wizard of Oz (Cowardly Lion), The Little Mermaid (King Triton), The Prom (Trent Oliver), South Pacific (Luther Billis) and more! Huge thanks to Hudson Artists. Todo mi amor to Ma, Hallie, Bubba, Bits, and the family. "Hablar la verdad en el caos de la vida y dale forma". IG: @richardchazoomez.

OLIVIA HELLMAN (Urleen/u/s Rusty) is thrilled to be making her Engeman debut! National Tour: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Off-Broadway/Other Credits: *Smile* (J2 Spotlight/AMT), *Open, Stay* (Off the Lane), *Breathe* (NYU). BFA NYU Tisch New Studio on Broadway. Olivia is also a singer-songwriter, and



Who's Who in the Cast

you can find her original music on all streaming platforms! Thank you to the *Footloose* team, Wojcik Casting, Resolute Artists Agency, and my incredible friends and family for their constant love and support! IG: @oliviarhellman

CHANCE INGALLS (Lyle) is excited to be joining the cast of *Footloose*! He's from Kapolei, HI, and earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Theatre from Oklahoma City University. Some previous works include the Broadway National Tour of *Annie* ('23-'24), and *The Addam's Family* (Gateway Playhouse). He is so grateful for the people in his life who support him. Couldn't do it without them!

LARISSA KLINGER* (Vi Moore) is grateful to be making her Engeman debut! Select regional credits include: *The 39 Steps* (National Tour & Regional), *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* (Virginia Stage Co), *Dial M for Murder* (East Lynne), *42nd Street* (Palace Theatre), *She Loves Me, FANCY, The Spitfire Grill* (Meadowbrook Theatre), *Damn Yankees* (Ozark Actors), *I Do! I Do!* (West Virginia Public), *Cabaret, Disaster!, Baskerville* (Surflight), *It's a Wonderful Life* (Arkansas Rep). Director/Choreographer credits include: *Hello, Dolly!, I Do! I Do!* (Ozark Actors), *Show Boat, Cabaret* (Gulf Coast Symphony). A big thanks to this fabulous cast, crew, production team, and staff, and to YOU for supporting live theatre! All my love to Dan. Here's to 24! Proud AEA member. IG: @larissaklinger IG: @criteriavintage

PHOENIX LAFRENIERE (Ensemble/u/s Urleen/Wendy Jo) is thrilled to be in her first production at the Engeman Theater! As a recent BFA Musical Theatre graduate from Pace University, she feels ready to tackle her first show out of college. At Pace, her most recent roles were Jesus in *Jesus Christ Superstar* and Ensemble in *Pippin*.

MADELINE RAUBE (Lulu Warnicker/u/s Ethel McCormack) is thrilled to make her Engeman debut! She holds two degrees in Vocal Performance: a B.M. from the Oberlin Conservatory and an M.M. from NYU. From 2021 to 2023, she played Countess Lily on the Broadway National Tour of *Anastasia* (450+ performances) and later appeared in Tuacahn's 2024 season. She recently collaborated with Larry O'Keefe on the *Heathers* deluxe Broadway album. Favorite roles include Kate (*Kiss Me, Kate*), Lily (*The Secret Garden*), Charlotte (*A Little Night Music*), Christine (*The Phantom of the Opera*), Ado Annie (*Oklahoma!*), Lilly (*Annie*), Frankie Nolan (*Jersey Boys*), and Swing/US Bulda/Queen (*Frozen*). Thanks to Mom, Dad, my sisters, and Bryan. IG: @mdrsinger

MOLLY SAMSON (Eleanor Dunbar/Betty Blast/u/s Vi Moore) is delighted to return to the Engeman, previously playing Mrs. Teavee in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and Mrs. Arujo in *Mystic Pizza*. After touring North America in *Come From Away* (Diane & Others), she recently performed in the Drama Desk—nominated *The Voices in Your Head* (Egg & Spoon Theater) and the NAMT Festival presentation of *Lewis Loves Clark*. Regional: Hangar Theatre, Axelrod PAC. NYC: *Sugar, Surviving the Rosenthals* (Theatre Row), *The Jury, Soundbites* (Theatre Now), *Safe Hands* (Connelly Theatre). Tours: *Clifford LIVE, The Monster Who Ate My Peas, Encore!!*. Endless gratitude to her family and friends. mollysamson.com | IG: @biggymollz

SCOTT SILAGY (Travis/u/s Chuck Cranston) is thrilled to be a part of his first production at The John W. Engeman Theater. Recent credits include Sketch in *Hairspray* (National Tour) and Drew in *Rock of Ages* (Mountain Theatre Company). Gratitude to God, Mom, Dad, family, friends, MMC, and Take 3 Talent. IG: @scott_silagy

GRACE ELLIS SOLOMON* (Rusty) is thrilled to cut loose with this incredible cast! Some past regional favorites include Jane (*A Bronx Tale*), Little Red (*Into the Woods*), Ghost of Christmas Past (*A Christmas Carol*), Suzy (*Marvelous Wonderettes*), and Little Eva (*Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*). Endless thanks to Mom, Grandparents, her HKA family, and her puppy Lola — who offered emotional support and zero help with memorizing lines. IG: @TheGraceEllis

EMILY ANN STYS* (Ensemble/Dance Captain) is thrilled to be back at the Engeman Theater! She was last seen here in *A Bronx Tale* and since has been touring the country as a Swing/Dance captain with both the *Elf* and *Mean Girls* National Tours, along with many productions of *Rock of Ages*. Thanks to Brian at HKA, Trent and Tommy, Jules, Justin, and the entire Engeman team for the chance to 'cut loose' all summer long.

CHANNING WEIR* (Wendy Jo/u/s Ariel Moore) is so excited to make her Engeman Theater debut! National Tours: *Pretty Woman The Musical* (Swing, u/s Vivian Ward, u/s Kit DeLuca). Other recent credits: *The Boy From OZ* (Liza Minnelli) at OFC Creations Theater, *SIX* (Alternate Boleyn, Cleves, Howard) on NCL, *Saturday Night Fever* (Stephanie Mangano) at Timber Lake Playhouse, *Footloose* (Ensemble) at The REV Theater. Represented by the amazing team at Pantera/Murphy Agency. Always for Mom, Dad, and Freya. IG: @channingweir

CARSON ZOCH (Bickle/u/s Willard/Ren McCormack) is pumped to make his Engeman debut in one of his favorite shows—
Footloose! National Tours: Shrek the Musical (Pig 3/Pinocchio u/s), Chalie Brown Christmas (Onstage Swing). Regional: TUTS, Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre, Great Plains Theatre, Cortland Repertory Theatre. Otterbein University alum. Endless thanks to his friends, family, and incredible agents at Avalon Artists Group for their continued support! He hopes to go skydiving soon.
"Life is a Highway"—Rascal Flatts. IG: @carson.zoch

JUAN ROMERO MUÑOZ (Swing) is so excited to be making his Engeman debut in *Footloose!* Juan is a recent graduate of Point Park University's musical theatre and dance program. Regional: *Sister Act* (Lincoln Park), *Wizard of Oz* (Saguaro City). Juan would like to thank his family, friends, and Danny and Meghan at Hudson Artists for all of their support! IG: @juanromeromunozz

JULIA RIPPON (Swing/Associate Choreographer) is thrilled to join the Engeman Family. Hershey, PA native turned New Yorker. National Tour: *Waitress*. Select Regional: *Waitress*, Ogunquit Playhouse; *Rock of Ages*, ACT & Argyle Theater; *Mamma Mia*, Surflight Theater; *Meet Me In St. Louis*, Theater Aspen; *Memphis*, Scheaberle Studio; *Head Over Heels*, Schimmel Center. Pace



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TOMMY RANIERI (Director) returns to his hometown with his directing debut at The John W. Engeman Theater. Tommy is one of the youngest Artistic Directors of an Actor's Equity Theatre in the nation with Timber Lake Playhouse in Illinois. Tommy's direction and writing have been seen between 6 different continents and include projects with RWS Global, The Warrer Brothers (Looney Tunes & DC Comics), MSC Cruises (Le Cabaret Rouge), The Hershey Company, *Tina - The Tina Turner Musical* on Broadway, The Argyle Theatre, and more. Tommy holds a BFA in Drama Directing from NYU Tisch. Proud member of SDC. www.tommyranieri.com

TRENT SOYSTER (Choreographer) is a New York-based theater artist and amped to be cutting loose with this stellar team on his 4th(!!!) production of *Footloose*! Select credits: First National Tours of *Pretty Woman the Musical* and *Escape to Margaritaville*. NY Theater: The Tank, Dixon Place, Theatre Row, Broadway Cares. Regional Theater: PCLO, The REV, Slow Burn Theatre Co, Timber Lake Playhouse, New London Barn, and more! Proud member of Actors' Equity and associate member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. BFA: Pace University, represented by CESD Talent. @trent.soyster www.trentsoyster.com

COLE P. ABOD (Music Director) is a freelance music director, orchestrator, and pianist based in NYC. Most recently, he was the MD of the *Hadestown* North American Tour. Capable across many genres and styles, Cole has also orchestrated several full-length musicals, including Emma Ashford's *Heartbeats* and Yoni Weiss and Billy Recce's *Fowl Play*. He regularly collaborates with Disney+ actor Joe Serafini and singer-songwriter L'ogan J'ones, among others. Go Bluel colepabod.com. IG: @c.p.abod.

KYLE DIXON (Scenic Design) Kyle's award-winning scenic designs have been seen across the United States, Toronto, and Beijing. He is the resident scenic designer here at The John W. Engeman Theater as well as Saguaro City Music Theatre in Tucson, Arizona. His designs have been on stages at NYC's Vital Theatre (Off Broadway/National Tours), Maine State Music Theatre, Virginia Musical Theatre, North Shore Music Theatre, Tecumseh! Outdoor Drama, Theatre By The Sea, Tian Qiao Theatre, and many more. Kyle has designed special events for Faith Prince, Tommy Tune, Pam Tillis, Verizon, and the North Carolina Gubernatorial Inauguration Gala. In addition to theatre, Kyle accepts fine art commissions and is the original designer of North Carolina's historic Elizabethan Gardens' Winter Lights, a ten-acre holiday display. KyleDixonDesigns.com IG: @kyle_dixon_designs

DUSTIN CROSS (Costume Design) is elated to be back at The Engeman Theater! Previous designs on this stage include: *Buddy, Million Dollar Quartet, White Christmas, A Bronx Tale, A Christmas Story, Mystic Pizza, The Sound of Music, Escape to Margaritaville, Dirty Rotten Scoundels, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Jersey Boys, CLUE, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, Heartbreak Hotel, Waitress & South Pacific.* Broadway: 24 Hour Play (American Airlines) Off-Broadway (Select): *Love Actually* (NY/ Chicago),

The Office (NY, National Tour) Forbidden Broadway: The Next Generation, Spamilton (New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, LA, London, National Tour/ Lucille Lortel Nom, Henry Hewes Nom), The Glass Menagerie, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Cougar The Musical, The Other Josh Cohen, Forbidden Broadway: Comes Out Swinging (NY, National Tour, London) Regional (Select): Into the Woods, Ain't Misbehavin' Sophisticated Ladies, Always, Patsy Cline, From Here to Eternity*, Hearthreak Hotel*, Billy Elliot*, The Witches of Eastwick*, Grumpy Old Men*, Joseph, Sister Act* Peter and The Starcatcher, Ain't Misbehavin', Always, Patsy Cline, *The Prince of Egypt, *Cinderella (*regional premiere), Five Guys Named Moe, The Christmas Rose (Carnegie Hall) The NY Knicks Dancers and The NY JETS Drumline Tour: Dragons Love Tacos, Pete The Cat's Hollywood Adventure, A Christmas Story, The Producers, 42nd Street. Film: "Celtic Heart" (PBS), "Buttons: A Christmas Tale" (Paramount Pictures, starring Dick Van Dyke and Angela Lansbury) Enjoy! IG: @dustincrossdesigns.com

JOHN BURKLAND (Lighting Design) The John F. Kennedy Center, Signature Theater, Theater Under the Stars, DR2, La Mama E.T.C., HB Playwrights Studio, Guggenheim Arts and Process, NYC Fringe, New York Musical Theater Festival, The Summer Play Festival, North Shore Music Theater, Paper Mill Playhouse, Northern Stage, Studio Theater, Theater Alliance, Quintessence Theater Group, Luna Stage, Williamstown Theater Festival, Big Apple Circus, among others. As the lighting director for the Howard Stern Show, he's lit performances by artists as diverse as Imagine Dragons, Brandi Carlile, Metallica, Def Leppard, and Lady Gaga. John won a Helen Hayes Award for his work on *The Wonderful World of Dissocia* and a Surya Bonaly Award for his work on *Uncle Vanya*. Education: North Carolina School of the Arts.

LAURA SHUBERT (Sound Design) has been working for the Engeman theater for 15 years in various Audio positions. She has designed many successful shows at the Engeman, most recently being *Waitress*. Some of her favorite Engeman theater designs include A Chorus Line, Nunsense, Singing in the Rain, Legally Blonde, 12 Angry Men, 1776, West Side Story, Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, On Your Feet and Memphis.

JEFF KNAGGS (Hair/Makeup Design) Broadway: Mamma Mia. Regional: Engeman Theater – Beautiful, Beauty and the Beast, Jersey Boys, Waitress, Clue, Heartbreak Hotel, and South Pacific. Norwegian Cruise Lines – Kinky Boots, Footloose, Six, and After Midnight. Royal Caribbean – The Wizard of Oz, Hairspray. Pittsburgh CLO – 2017 – 2025 Seasons. TUTS – Memphis, Dreamgirls, Into the Woods, Sweet Potato Queens, Bonnie & Clyde, A Christmas Story. Tuacahn – Beauty and the Beast, Joseph, A Christmas Carol, Little Mermaid, and Newsies. Other Regional – Dancing With The Stars, America's Got Talent, and Into the Woods at The Hollywood Bowl.

MEGAN COHEN (Props Design): thrilled to be designing props for John W. Engeman Theater. Other prop credits include: Sound of Music, Beauty and the Beast, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and Waitress. Thanks to all family and friends for the support. Follow at meganmcqueeney.com



Who's Who in the Cast

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CHELSEY STEINMETZ (Production Manager) is delighted to be a part of this season at The John W. Engeman Theater. Favorite recent credits include: South Pacific, Waitress, Heartbreak Hotel, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, Clue, Jersey Boys, Beauty and the Beast, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Escape to Margaritaville, The Scarlet Pimpernel, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, A Bronx Tale (Engeman), In the Heights, The Prom (WPPAC) Grease, 39 Steps, Legally Blonde, We Will Rock You, Jesus Christ Superstar, Ain't Misbehavin', The Buddy Holly story, A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline, and the world premiere of What A Wonderful World (Timber Lake Playhouse). Chelsey is from Kennesaw, Georgia, and is a graduate of Mississippi State University. She credits her family for inspiring her passion for theatre and providing unwavering support throughout her career.

MOLLY CONKLIN* (Production Stage Manager) was last here at the Engeman Stage Managing *The Sound of Music* and is thrilled to be making a return for *Footloose*! Molly is an NYC based AEA Stage Manager, working extensively on regional productions, new works, and workshops. Favorite credits include: PSM: *Barn on Fire* (NYTB); *As I Eat the World* (Theatre Row). ASM: *Boeing, Boeing* (Barrington Stage); *Into the Breeches; Winter Wonderettes* (Gulfshore Playhouse); *A Christmas Story* (The John W. Engeman Theater). Endless love and the deepest gratitude to her friends, family, and Addie. IG: @mollybrooke_

STEPHANIE RHODES (Assistant Stage Manager) is a freelance stage manager from Long Island, NY and is very excited to be working on this phenomenal production! Stephanie trained at Purchase College in the conservatory of Theatre Arts. Previous Engeman credits include *Heartbreak Hotel* (SM), *CLUE* (PSM), *Jersey Boys* (Sub. PSM), *J Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. (ASM) and Engeman YTA: *Something Rotten*! (PSM). She would like to thank her family for their endless love and support. Human first, always.

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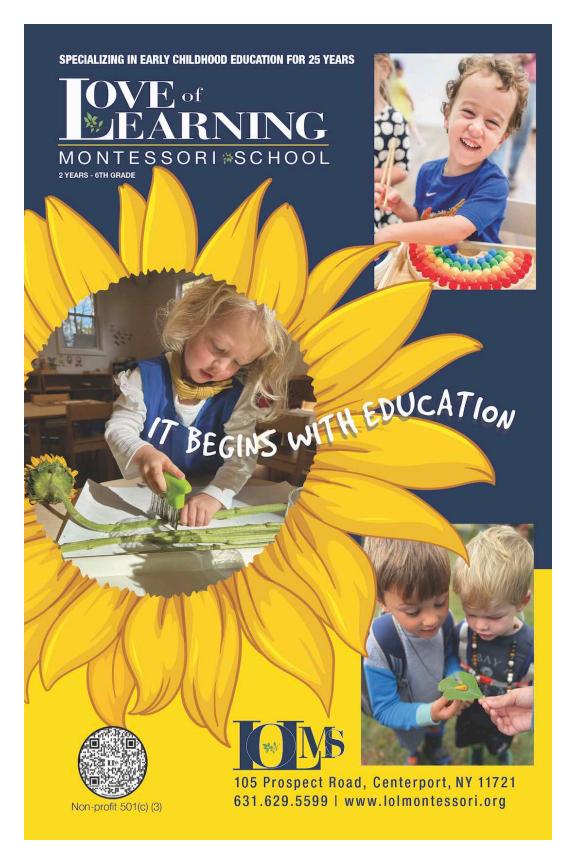
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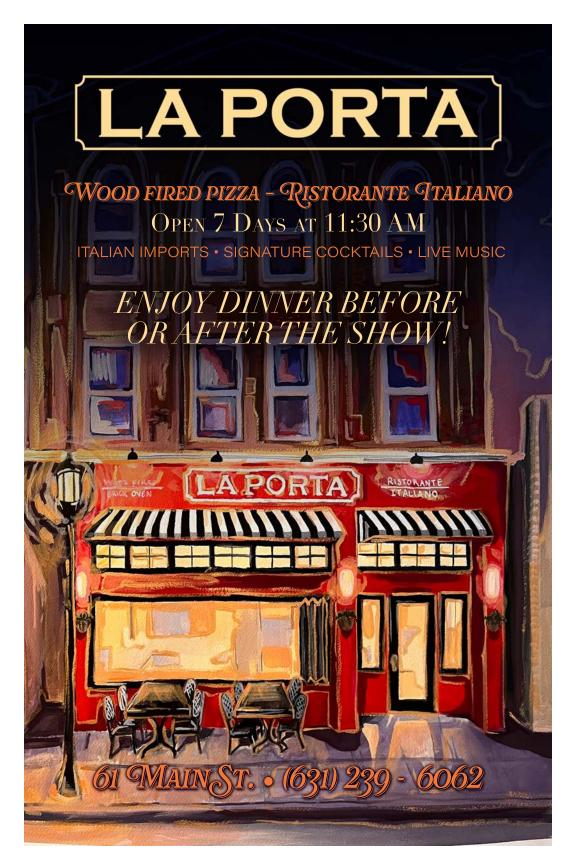
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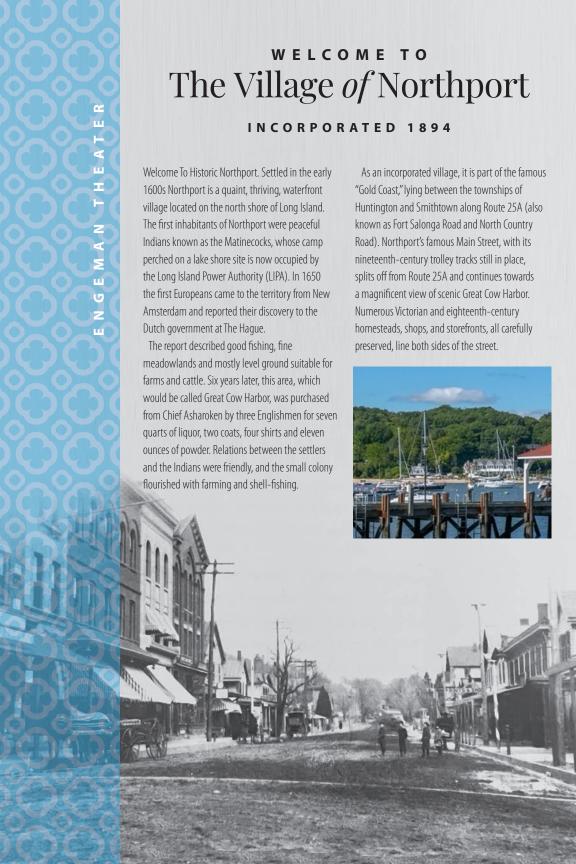
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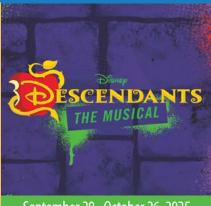
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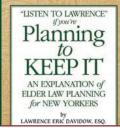


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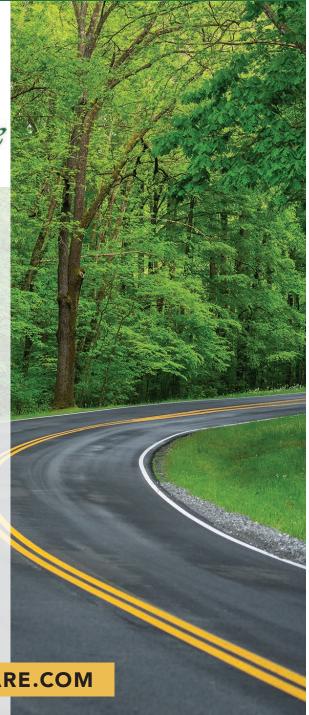
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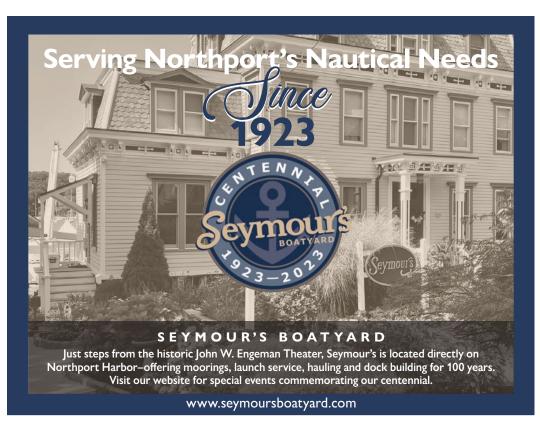
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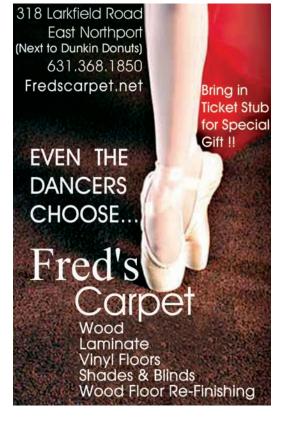
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The History of the Theater

Northport's first movie house was built in 1912 at 256 Main Street, but movies were only one of its uses: Its grand opening included a vaudeville show, and over the years the space was used for high school commencement ceremonies, political rallies, children's recitals, and even basketball games when space in the building was leased by the school system. The early movies were silent films, accompanied by a pianist. Admission to evening shows was 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. The Northport trolley added an evening trip in 1913 so that East Northport residents could get home after the movies. Talkies didn't come to Northport until about 1930 when a local businessman leased the theater and installed new projectors.

In April 19, 1932, the theater caught fire, after a blaze started in the adjoining Chevrolet dealership. The responding fire departments found too little water pressure in the hydrants to fight the fire, and water had to be hauled up from the harbor by the truckload. To no avail—the building was a complete loss. The following August, the village board voted for major improvements in the water system.

The first plan for replacing the theater was to rebuild on the same site, but theater builder William McNeil began constructing one on the adjoining property. After much to and fro, Prudential Playhouses Inc. settled on the McNeil site, at 248–250 Main Street, that is occupied by the present theater building. The new Northport Theater, with 754 seats, was opened with speeches and a great ceremony on November 23, 1932. Much was made of the fact that it was of fireproof construction, with

major components of its electrical system isolated in a fireproof room in the basement. Uniformed ushers were recruited from the Northport high school, to be selected by the superintendent. The initial attraction was Sherlock Holmes, starring Clive Brook and Ernest

Torrence.

The building erected on the site of the old theater was used for a lunchroom under various ownerships, including use by the Northport U.S.O. during World War II. In the 1970s it was converted into two stores.

In 1950 the Northport Theater, still operated by Associated Prudential Theaters, underwent major alterations: Most noticeably the stainless steel marquee was added. The lobby was remodeled, new seats, stage curtains, and wall coverings replaced and a modern air-conditioning system installed. The cost of renovations was put at \$100,000—about as much as the construction of the building had cost 18 years earlier.

As film industry economics and consumer tastes changed, control of the Northport Theater eventually shifted to United Artists Eastern Theatres, which for years offered second-run movies at cut-rate prices. At 99 cents, later raised to \$1.25, movie-going in Northport in the early 1980s was a bargain. But UA finally closed the theater in 1996, and a new owner's plans to renovate the building for a reopening in 1997 were frustrated when the interior was vandalized. The Northport Theater reopened in 1999, but failed to make adequate commercial headway.

On June 30, 2006, Huntington resident and entrepreneur Kevin O'Neill and his wife, Patti, purchased the Northport Theater. Kevin then partnered with theater expert and attorney, Richard Dolce, who had been running the Broadhollow Theater Company, to convert the Northport

Theater into a year-round professional live theater. In tribute to Patti's brother, Chief Warrant Officer Four John William Engeman, who was killed in Iraq on May 14, 2006, they renamed the theater the John W. Engeman Theater at Northport.





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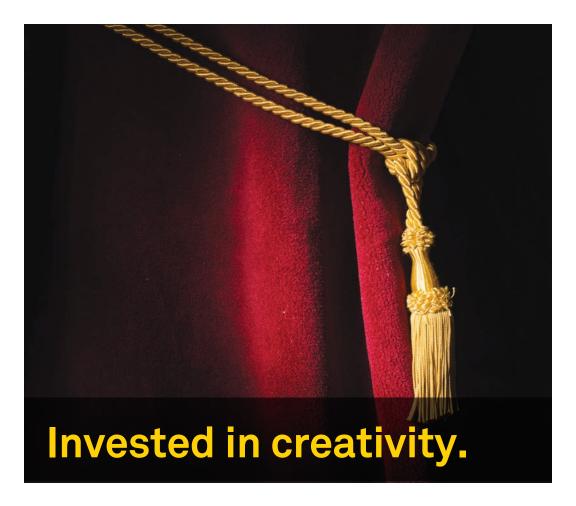
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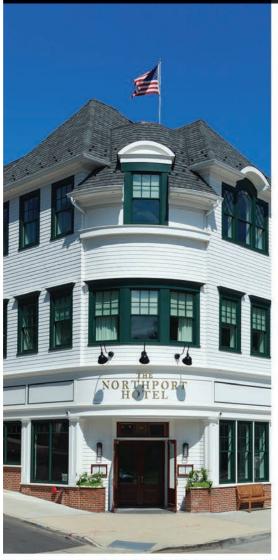






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