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# By Duncan Macmillan, with Jonny Donahoe

*Every Brilliant Thing* was first produced by Paines Plough and Pentabus Theatre, on 28 June 2013 at Ludlow Fringe Festival. The play had its North American premiere at Barrow Street Theatre, New York, on 6 December 2014, where it was presented by Barrrow Street Theatre and Jean Doumaniam Productions.

Every Brilliant Thing is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

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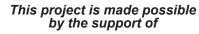
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# Upstate Alliance of REALTORS® David Belew, Executive Officer

The Upstate Alliance of REALTORS® is privileged to support the Civic Theatre. As REALTORS®, we recognize the importance of building strong communities. The Civic Theatre, with its outstanding theatrical productions, is a unique gem that contributes to the vitality of Northeastern Indiana by celebrating the cultural arts and building community pride. We applaud the dedicated cast members, staff,



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Since 1876, Barrett McNagny has been actively involved in supporting cultural, charitable, and community service organizations that enhance our way of life. Northeast Indiana is home to a vibrant and active arts scene, supported by a stable of skilled artists. Through the commitment of these talented performers, volunteers, and a devoted staff, the Civic is able to fulfill its mission to entertain, educate, inspire, and enrich our area through the medium of live theater. Barrett McNagny is proud to be a sponsor of the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre.

#### PHP (Physicians Health Plan) Gary D. Shearer, President and CEO

PHP appreciates the inspiring performances Fort Wayne Civic Theatre's talented and artistic troupe brings to our community. We are proud to once again be a corporate sponsor of an organization that influences and motivates through the performing arts, bringing creativity and collaboration to our city. Thank you Fort Wayne Civic Theatre!





#### Chuck and Lisa Surack and Sweetwater Chuck Surack, Founder and President

Sweetwater is delighted to sponsor the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre and support its mission to enrich Northeast Indiana through the arts. The Civic Theatre's ability to encourage, cultivate, and showcase local talent is remarkable. We look forward to another great season of music and entertainment.



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#### For more information contact: Phillip Colglazier, Executive Director (260) 422-8641 x225 or PColglazier@fwcivic.org

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-For Your Information-

Arts United Center Management: The Arts United Center designed by AIA gold medal recipient Louis I. Khan opened in 1973 as a centralized home for local performing arts and cultural organizations. It is operated by Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne with offices at 300 E. Main Street, Fort Wayne IN 46802. Inquiries about use of the Theatre should be directed to Arts Campus Administration at 260-424-0646.

Special Accommodations: Wheelchair seating locations are available. Please request special seating when purchasing your tickets. Inquire at the box office for use of listening devices for the hearing impaired.

Food and Beverages: Concession service is available in the lobbies before the show and during intermissions. Indiana law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors. Food and beverages may be brought into the auditorium We appreciate your cooperation and consideration of fellow patrons which helps to preserve the quality and atmosphere of the Arts United Center.

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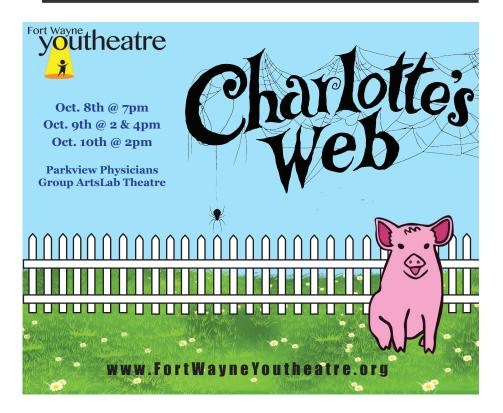
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#### NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

#### Welcome to the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre!

The Fort Wayne Civic Theatre is extremely excited to return to LIVE in-person performances! We are pleased to move forward cautiously with a full season of shows for the 2021-2022 season, our 94th Season, but we must all do our part to make this come to fruition!

"Arts and culture nonprofits care about our patrons, our employees and our community. We encourage everyone



Phillip H. Colglazier

involved in presenting and attending cultural programs to **Phillip** monitor and follow recommendations by the CDC, Indiana Department of Health, and Allen County Department of Health."

At this point in time, masks and social distancing are recommended but not required and our cast will not be performing in masks. Such a blessing! These guidelines are subject to change if COVID protocols change. Social distance seating is being offered in the last 6 rows for all performances of *Every Brilliant Thing*!

It is never too late to purchase your Flexpass Subscription! Call 260-424-5220 between noon to 6pm, Monday-Friday or online at fwcivic.org/order

2021-2022 Civic Theatre's 94th Season

Every Brilliant Thing - September 11-19, 2021 The Christmas Schooner - November 6-21, 2021 Seussical - February 12-27, 2022 Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits - March 25-April 3, 2022 Noises Off - May 13-22, 2022

The Fort Wayne Civic Theatre is one of the longest standing downtown entertainment destinations. Since 1927, we have a proud history of our vision, mission and values that drives our organization.

**Our Vision** - To be the regional leader in live theatre experiences through artistic excellence and innovation.

**Our Mission** - Fort Wayne Civic Theatre entertains, educates, inspires, and enriches the community through exceptional live theatre experiences.

Our Values - In pursuit of our vision and mission, we:

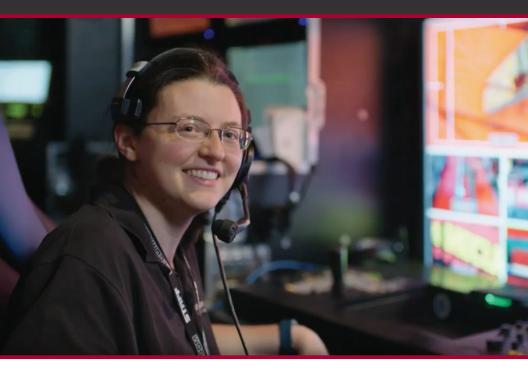
Strive for excellence Steward our resources Promote diversity Change lives Nurture the creative soul Pursue innovation Educate our community

As we return to the stage for the 2021-2022 Season, we are projecting a deficit budget for the organization. This is unfortunate but necessary as we work to rebuild our audiences, as we don't know how soon our patrons will return especially now with the rise of the Delta variant. Our subscriptions are down 50%, we are facing increased production costs as well, and the corporate and foundation funding landscape has changed since the pandemic began.

Please consider making a donation to the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre with your season ticket order! In the best of times, ticket sales account for only about 1/3 of our revenue and the need for the financial support of our patrons and community has never been greater.

Thank you all for your support, your return, and for your applause, Phillip H. Colglazier, Executive/Artistic Director

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### In just 6 years we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary!

You can be a part of securing the future of the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre for years to come with your gift to Civic Theatre's 100th Anniversary Endowment Campaign.



If you would like to be a part of this important campaign we ask you to pledge to contribute a total of \$1,500 or more to be paid by June 2028 (over and above your traditional annual giving). You can determine a payment schedule at the time you submit your pledge form. Or, if you prefer, simply make a one-time 100th Anniversary Endowment Fund donation of \$1,500 or more.

Your donation to the 100th Anniversary Endowment Fund will be appropriately recognized in each Civic Stagebill program through our 100th Anniversary Season. Your generous gift will be part of a strong financial foundation that will ensure the Civic Theatre's place in our community for decades to come, nurturing generations of actors and technical stage volunteers.

> Call the Civic Theatre's Development Director to request your pledge form or to make your 100th Anniversary Endowment donation today! Kathy Whiteman - (260) 422-8641 x 230

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#### **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**



Artists, no matter the medium, tell stories – open windows into different and collective experiences.

There is a healing power inherent in theatre, in community. The need for storytelling dates back to those ancient traditions where people gathered around fires to talk and relate stories. Those gatherings remind us of our shared humanity, shared strengths and fragilities, and the need for humor, understanding, and pathos.

*Every Brilliant Thing*, by Duncan Macmillan and Jonny Donahoe, reminds us not only of the benefits of coming together to see that we may all be struggling with challenges, with days where just getting out of bed feels like a monumental task, that making lists can be grounding and calming and comforting, but also suggests that we may have done some damage to our humanity by increasingly creating distance.

Whether geographical or technological, the isolation we have been experiencing all the more frequently is contributing to feelings of disconnection, confinement, and seclusion. It's ironic that in an age where we have electronic devices that can provide innumerable connections and answers instantly, we also suffer from an emotional quarantine that can leave us feeling lonely and alone.

If there is one thing I have come to understand through the restrictions of Covid, it's that we need each other. We need to be together to laugh, to cry, to argue, to reconcile, to eat, to drink, to pray, to learn, to read, to just be... together. The list is endless. I'd like to invite you to join us, to gather around as we collectively discover *Every Brilliant Thing*.

**BRAD BEAUCHAMP (Director)** An accomplished, award-winning actor and director, Brad is back at the helm after entertaining audiences with his performance as Psuedolus in our season opener, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.* Brad is a familiar face, having been involved in the Fort Wayne and neighboring arts communities for forty years. Some of Brad's favorite roles include Will Rogers in *The Will Rogers Follies*, Eugene in *Biloxi Blues*, Pseudolus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, Professor Harold Hill in *The Music Man*, Teach in *American Buffalo*, and Moonface Martin in *Anything Goes*.

Brad can be seen in the John Sayles film *Eight Men Out*, and has had the opportunity to work on several Indy films as well as local film projects. Brad's directing credits include *While the Lights Were Out*, *The Sound of Music, Jesus Christ Superstar, 1984, The War of the Worlds, Seussical the Musical, The Diary of Anne Frank, Picasso at the Lapin Agile, Dead Man Walking, Sister Act, and The Mountaintop.* Brad recently worked as a featured voice artist for a new musical, and can also be heard as a VO talent in the podcast "GEEK BY NIGHT"

Brad can often be found onstage as an MC for show choir competitions, awards ceremonies and special events, and was invited to perform *Who's On First* with Larry Bower for the Grand Opening of the Cincinnati Reds' Great American Ball Park. Brad was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his extensive work with the School of Creative Arts at USF, and considers our arts community the top of his list of "Brilliant Things."



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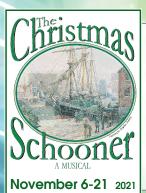


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#### THE CHRISTMAS SCHOONER

Book by John Reeger Music & Lyrics by Julie Shannon

Based on the historic Great Lakes voyages during the late 1800's and early 1900's, *The Christmas Schooner* tells the true story of a Michigan shipping captain who braves the deadly winter weather to bring Christmas trees to homesick German-American families in turn-of-the-century Chicago. His voyages become a yearly tradition, despite his wife's misgivings – until a fateful voyage makes her realize the true importance of his mission. This delightful holiday musical features a powerfully moving story and an exquisite score of both original music and traditional holiday favorites.

Rated G

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## **SEUSSICAL**<sup>IM</sup>

Music by Stephen Flaherty Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens Book by Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty Co-Conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty & Eric Idle Based on the works of Dr. Seuss

Seussical<sup>™</sup> is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza that is fun for the entire family! Favorite Dr. Seuss characters come to life including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination – Jojo! The score is a Seussian mash-up of musical styles, ranging from Latin to pop, swing to gospel, and R&B to funk! So let your toes tap, your fingers snap, and your imagination run wild!





FORBIDDEN BROADWAY GREATEST HITS Created and written by Gerard Alessandrini

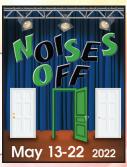
This long-running Off-Broadway hit musical revue pays hilarious and loving tribute to many of Broadway's greatest stars and beloved shows. Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits includes hilarious satires on show stoppers from Chicago, Annie, Mamma Mia!, Wicked, Hairspray, A Chorus Line, and more. Broadway's shining stars Barbra Streisand, Carol Channing, Liza Minelli, Mandy Patinkin and Chita Rivera all make "appearances" as well. Even the beloved Les Misérables receives attention with a medley spoofing the show's most iconic moments.

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#### NOISES OFF by MICHAEL FRAYN

In Noises Off the lights go up on the cast and crew of the fictional bedroom farce Nothing On the night before their opening. During the rehearsal the actors face the usual struggles with entrances, exits and getting props in the right place at the right time. However, as Noises Off unfolds, the challenges on stage are nothing compared to the drama off stage. Lines, props and pants are dropped as the company struggles with missed cues, fluffed lines, slamming doors, and romantic intrigue.







*Every Brilliant Thing* is a one-man, interactive play that deals with the topics of depression and suicide in a humorous and uplifting way. In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month in September we are hosting a Panel Discussion on these topics following the Sunday, September 12 matinee.

#### Our panel will include area mental health professionals:



#### Colleen Carpenter Suicide Prevention Trainer & Consultant for STOP Suicide of Northeast Indiana

Colleen Carpenter provides evidence-based training and targeted consultation to build long-term capacity to prevent suicide. Her mission is to help organizations and communities tighten their safety nets so that people who are struggling with suicide and mental health challenges are identified and helped. Besides providing training, she is the facilitator of Stop Suicide Northeast Indiana, board chair of the Indiana Suicide Prevention Network, and over the last three years spearheaded the Sources of Strength initiative in schools throughout northeast Indiana. She sits on numerous local and state level suicide and mental health-related committees. She has Master's Degrees from Loyola University Chicago (sociology) and the University of North Carolina (public health). She has won local and national awards for her work in suicide prevention. She is also a survivor of her Uncle John's suicide.

If you or someone you know is having suicide thoughts, please contact: National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, (800) 273-TALK (8255) Crisis Text Line: Text IN to 741741 RemedyLIVE: Text remedy to 494949 (youth; faith-based)

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# SEPTEMBER SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

# PANEL DISCUSSION

After September 13 a link to a video of the discussion will be available at fwcivic.org/resources





#### Vanessa Jones, MS, LMHC Associate Director, Headwaters Counseling

Vanessa began with Headwaters Counseling in 2010. Vanessa has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology (2003) and a Master of Science Degree in Mental Health Counseling (2009) from the University of Saint Francis. She obtained a license, in the state of Indiana, in 2013 as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC). Her prior experience includes five years as a Behavioral Rehabilitation Technician with the Carriage House through Park Center. She worked as a therapist with Lutheran Social Services for one year just prior to coming to Headwaters Counseling. She has advanced training in DBT and EMDR. Vanessa's clients trust her, and feel that her office is a judgement free, safe place to share their thoughts and feelings. Her favorite thing about working with clients is helping a person find their own voice. Vanessa served Headwaters Counseling as a skilled therapist for eight years before being promoted to Director of Clinical Services in October 2018, and then Associate Director in 2021. She maintains a small caseload of clients especially focusing in the areas of trauma, dissociative identity disorder, and depression. As Clinical Director, she also supervises all of our therapists, and she promotes an atmosphere of good client care. Vanessa knows that good client care starts with a healthy supportive workplace for therapists who work so hard every day. Often a therapist can be found in Vanessa's office for debriefing, validation, or guidance.

They will be joined by our actor, Todd Frymier, director Brad Beauchamp and Lisa McDavid who will answer questions specific to the production of *Every Brilliant Thing*. **TODD FRYMIER (Narrator)** Todd is no stranger to the Fort Wayne theatre stages, having been involved in community theatre here for over 35 years. His first appearance was in *Who's Life Is It Anyway?* at First Presbyterian Theater.

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Trained at The American Academy of Fine Arts in New York City and Second City in Chicago, Todd came back to Fort Wayne to raise his family but remains active in theatre.

Memorable musical roles include: Victor Frankenstein

in *Frankenstein The Musical*, Baker in *Into The Woods*, Mr. Cladwell in *Urinetown*, Judas in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Willy Wonka in *Willy Wonka*, Billy Flynn in *Chicago*, Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*, Bobby in *Company*, Dan in *Next To Normal*, Charles Gulteau in *Assassins*, Bruce in *Fun Home*, Sweeney in *Sweeney Todd*, Mr. Wormwood in *Matilda* and most recently Hysterium in *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*. Play roles include Cliff in *Deathrap*, Peter in *It's Only A Play*, Bernard in *Boeing*, *Boeing*, and Garry in *Present Laughter*. Over the years Todd has taken to not only being on stage but also to directing including *Almost*, *Maine* and *Life In the Theatre* at Arena. Todd is the recipient of numerous Anthony Awards and performance awards from other area theatres.

Trained in Photography, Todd owned a studio for over sixteen years but today is the Manager of Peter Franklin Jewelers. When not performing on stage, he can be seen about town singing in "The Brat Pack" and "Those Two Guys in Suits and Ties," both groups a tribute to the days of Sinatra and Martin. Todd is excited to be working again with his friend and director Brad Beauchamp. They have collaborated more than once over the years, and once again come together to give you an enjoyable evening of theatre!



SHAWNA ROBERTS (Stage Manager) is starting her 6th season with the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, having spent most of her time backstage and in the stage manager booth. Her recent SM/ASM credits include *Matilda* and *Sweeney Todd*, with onstage credits including Sophie, the Kettle in *Annie* and Tessie in *White Christmas*. Shawna would like to thank her husband, D'Arcy, and her rambunctious spitfire of a daughter, Logan, for putting up with her schedule and her "love" of leaving right when dinner is ready. Love you both – to bits and pieces. Enjoy the show and welcome back to live theater!

**CLARENCE F. TENNIS, III (Assistant Stage Manager)** Clarence is happy to return backstage, as the assistant stage manager, for the production of *Every Brilliant Thing.* Clarence has been volunteering at the Civic Theatre for nearly twenty-five years, and in that time, has worked in all the positions of the backstage crew, as well as in a few cameos onstage. He has worked with other theaters in the community, including Arena Dinner Theatre, First Presbyterian Theater, and University of Saint Francis."It's a pleasure to be working with absolute professionals, Shawna Roberts, Brad Beauchamp, and Todd Frymier."





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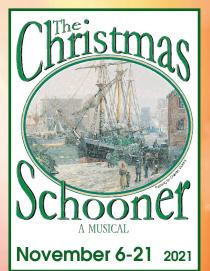


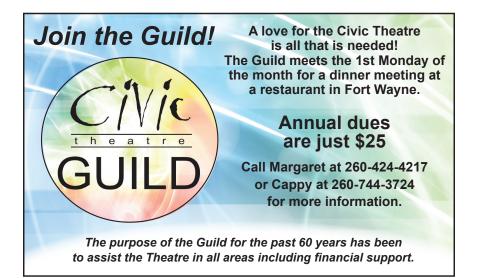
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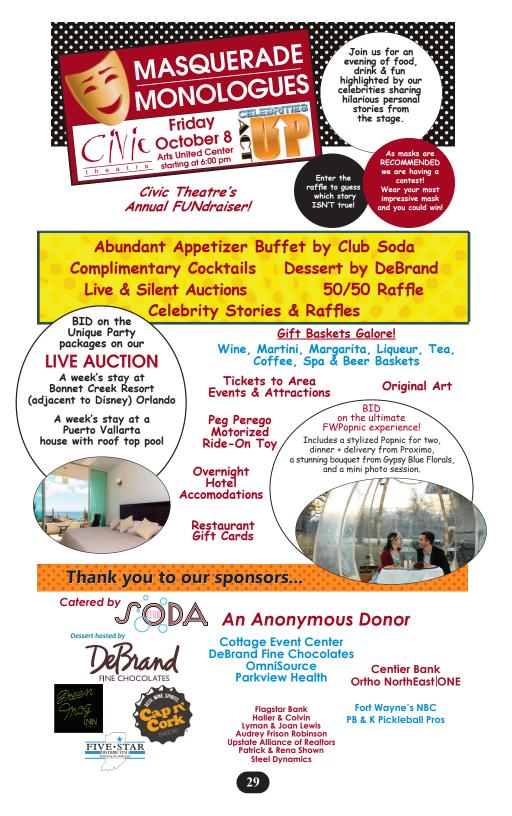
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## IN THE WINGS ARTS-IN-EDUCATION

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1) Theatre helps us to see a different perspective from our own. We're shown humanity, psychology, motivation, conflict and resolution. Theatre encourages us to give power to truth, to take Eunice Wadewitz risks, and to advocate for new and diverse voices.



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2) Theatre reminds us that we are not alone. Not only are we sharing space and an experience with the artists who are

performing, we are sharing the experience with fellow audience members. Movies and television don't have the same intimacy or sense of participation. Sharing an experience with live actors and live audience members is not only valuable, it's necessary for human connection.

3) Theatre is immediate, evolving and always different. Although the script may be the same every night, the performance is unique each and every time it happens. No two performances are ever the same. In this way, everyone involved has a distinct and unique experience that can never be replicated.

4) Live theatre helps to promote social discourse, dialogue, and potential social change. Theatre is a cultural phenomenon that demands that society examines itself in the mirror. We can study societal problems and attempt to find solutions. Coming together as a community to listen to opposing points of view is necessary.

5) Theatre promotes education and literacy. Studies have shown that students who participate in theatre do better in school.

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