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Producer. . . . . Kay Moser
Choreography. . . . . Cheri Moser

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Diane Fisk. . . . . Bass
Joan Strauss. . . . . Rehearsal Piano
Chris Hadley. . . . . Rehearsal Piano

Special thanks to Elkader Floral, for helping make our Christmas Show beautiful!

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MEET THE CAST

Guide - Lynn Rider - This is Lynn's first time onstage at the Elkader Opera House although she hasn't missed a fall musical since she began attending in the 90's. She performed in "Anything Goes" and "Man of La Mancha" in Prairie du Chien in the late 80's and then took a break from the stage for the last 25 years while her kids were at home. Since her three sons are all off in college, she decided it would be a good time to become involved in theater again. Lynn lives in Prairie du Chien with her husband, Jim, where she is a lawyer with the office of Czajkowski, Higgins and Rider. Lynn loves singing in the choir at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. .

Woman 1 - Anne Franta - This is Anne's 15th OHP production. She appeared in the very first show, *Dirty Work at the Crossroads*, in 1966. (As a child, of course!) Some of her favorite roles were Higgin's Maid in *My Fair Lady* (2005), Ella Paterson in *Annie Warbucks* (2006), Denise in *The Baker's Wife* (2007), Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof* (2008), and Constance in *The Forgotten Carols* (2011). She is the vocal music director for grades 6-12 and elementary general music instructor for grades K-3 at Central Community School in Elkader. She has also directed church choirs for the past 32 years and is currently the director at St. Joseph Church in Elkader. Anne and her husband John have four grown children.

Woman 2 - Kristy Fleming - Kristy first appeared on the Opera House stage in the children's chorus of *Joseph* (1999). After a 14 year hiatus, she returned to perform in *Christmas Classics on the Air* (2013), played Miss Dorothy in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (2014), and a menagerie of roles in *Shrek, the Musical* (2015). Kristy currently works at Rockwell Collins in Manchester and resides in Dyersville with her husband, Travis. They are expecting their first child due in April.

Man 1 - Craig Strutt - Craig, has acted in or directed 49 OHP productions since returning to the OHP stage in *Annie* (1992) where he played the role of Oliver Warbucks. He directed such OHP productions as *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), *Music Man* (2009) and *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (2014). He was last seen on stage in *Shrek, the Musical* (2015). While portraying Lord Farquaad is not his most difficult role, it definitely brought him to his knees. He's happy once again to be part of three generations involved in this production with daughter, Cheri (choreography) and granddaughters, Mariah, and Taryn. Craig lives in McGregor with his wife, Terri, the "Ticket Queen". They are still experiencing the joys of being grandparents to Mariah, Taryn, Trace, and Gretel Moser. Craig is a chiropractor in McGregor.

Man 2 - Rob Medberry - After *Copacabana* (2013), *The Forgotten Carols* (2011), *Oliver!* (2012), and *Shrek, the Musical* (2015), Rob couldn't resist the chance to "hang around" and be on stage again. Rob sings with the Keystone Barbershop Chorus and the quartet "Three Lads and Dad". Rob, and his wife Dawn (who supports his farming habit) live near Volga. Rob and Dawn have four children .

Ben - Blake Bolsinger - Blake is a senior at Clayton Ridge. He has performed in two Missoula Children's Theater shows as well as in *Music Man* (when he was 11), and *Shrek, the Musical* (2015). He has been actively involved in theater his whole life and thoroughly enjoys music. He is involved in chamber choir, show choir, mixed choir, speech and cross country. He is happy to return to the stage for OHP production of *Christmas On Broadway*.

Child - Abby Schellhorn - Abby is a 6th grader at MFL MarMac. She resides in Monona with her parents, Jeremy and Megan, and brother, Jacob. This is Abby's third performance with the OHP following *Oliver!* (2012) and *Shrek, the Musical* (2015). She has also performed with the MFL MarMac high school in two productions. Aside from singing and dancing, Abby also enjoys playing basketball, karate, band, and hanging out with friends.

Child - Karleigh Thorson - Karleigh is a 5th grader at Central Community School. She lives in Elkader with her parents, Dustin & Jaimie, and two younger sisters, Makenzie & Brynlee. She found her love of theater when participating in a theater club two years ago and has since been part of a high school performance of "The Little Mermaid", a Missoula Children's Theater performance of *Cinderella*, and the just finished *Shrek, the Musical* (2015) . Karleigh also enjoys competing in gymnastics, reading, swimming and baking. She looks forward to many more performances with the Opera House House Players.

Child - Mariah Moser - This is Mariah's second OHP production. She played a gnome in *Shrek the Musical* earlier this fall. Mariah has also been on stage in two Missoula Children's Theater productions, *Blackbeard the Pirate* and *Cinderella*. And she was a munchkin in MFL MarMac High School's "Wizard of Oz" last year. Mariah is in 2nd grade and enjoys reading, math, eating, playing piano, riding her bike and trying out new monkey bars. When she grows up she wants to be a librarian or an engineer. Mariah lives in McGregor with her dad, mom, and three younger siblings.

Child - Taryn Moser - Taryn is very excited to be performing in her first OHP musical. She was on stage this summer in Missoula Children's Theater's production of *Cinderella*. She was also a munchkin in MFL MarMac High School's "Wizard of Oz" last fall. Taryn is a Kindergartner who enjoys playing with her friends, butterflies, ponies, and purple. Taryn hopes to be an actress when she grows up and has already memorized all the songs from several musicals. Her current favorite musical is Matilda. Taryn lives in McGregor with her parents and three siblings: Mariah, Trace, and Gretel.

Child - Nicholas Stavroplus - Nicholas, a home schooled 7th grader, is an active member in Boy Scouts with Troop 32 of McGregor, a member of the Waterhawks Swim team, enjoys playing the piano and grateful for the chance to perform with the OHP once again! Nicholas performed in the OHP production of *Oliver!* (2012) as an Orphan/Fagin's boy and in the chorus for *Christmas on the Air* (2013), and as Grumpy in *Shrek, the Musical* (2015). Also, Nicholas enjoys participating in the Missoula Childrens Theater as he was in *Blackbeard's Pirate* (2014) and *Cinderella* (2015).

Child - Warren Feudner - Warren returns a second time to the OHP stage, following *Shrek, the Musical* (2015). Warren lives with his parents, James and Jenny Feudner, and sister, Isabel Feudner, in Guttenberg. He is a 6th grader at St. Mary IC Catholic School in Guttenberg. He enjoys playing football and singing in the St. Mary's Youth Choir.

Child - Brenna Buckman - Brenna is a seventh grader at Central, where she is involved in band, chorus and 4-H. Brenna has participated in Missoula Children's Theatre Camp and is a lover of dance, music and loved being a part of *Shrek, the Musical* (2015). She hopes to participate in future productions. She resides in rural Garnavillo with her parents, Dirk and Melissa, and siblings, Maddison and Ella.

Child - Maddison Buckman - Maddison is a freshman at Central and is involved in 4-H, Band, Chorus, FFA, and cheerleading. This is her second OHP production following *Shrek, the Musical* (2015). She has made appearances on stage participating in Missoula Children's Theatre Camp. She resides outside of Garnavillo with her parents, Dirk and Melissa, siblings, Brenna and Ella, and her dog, Leo.

Director - Jon Banse - Jon resides near Backbone State Park with Marge, his wife, and Jonathan, their son. He has been actively involved with the Opera House Players since 1995. Jon was last involved in the fall 2015 show *Shrek, the Musical*. Besides the theatre, he enjoys spending time with his family, singing with his quartets "Three Lads and Dad" and "Sticks and Stones" and the Keystone Barbershop Chorus. He is an estimator during the day. He is also a LifeSuccess Consultant with northgatehealingcenter.com.

Producer - Kay Moser - Kay has been involved with the OHP since 1973. She is most often found organizing everything from props to the director. When ever anyone in the crew needs something, or wants to find something, the opera house echos with the sound of her name (we're thankful it's not something difficult to pronounce). She has been seen on stage during *Man of LaMancha* (1975), *Anything Goes* (1979), and *Chicago* (1991). Kay directed the OHP productions of *Forever Plaid* (1997), *The Governor's Son* (2003), *It's A Wonderful Life* (2005) and *Plaid Tidings* (2009). Kay lives in Elkader with her husband, Jay (the light guy). When not working, Kay enjoys reading, listening to music and spending time with her family; son Benjamin and wife Jenna, son Jonathon and wife Cheri, and her four beautiful grandkids, Mariah Cirila, Taryn Kathleen, Trace Russell, and Gretel Ann. Kay is a buyer, bookkeeper, and technology coordinator at Moser Family Pharmacy, and manager of this beautiful Opera House.

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Woman 2. . . . . Kristy Fleming
Man 1. . . . . Craig Strutt
Man 2. . . . . Rob Medberry
Ben. . . . . Blake Bolsinger
The Children. . . . . Abby Schellhorn
. . . . . Karleigh Thorson
. . . . . Mariah Moser
. . . . . Taryn Moser
. . . . . Nicholas Stavroplus
. . . . . Warren Feudner
. . . . . Brenna Buckman
. . . . . Maddi Buckman

THE SONGS

ACT I

A Christmas Carol. . . . . Company
It's Better With A Band. . . . . Company
Snow Medley. . . . . Company
Merry Merry Christmas Time. . . . . Company
All Those Christmas Cliches. . . . . Quartet
Surabaya Santa. . . . . Guide
Beneath The Tree. . . . . Man 2
Rock 'N Roll Christmas Medley. . . . . Quartet
Christma-Hanu_Rama-Ka-Dona-Kwanzaa. . . . . Man 2
Throw the Yule Log On. . . . . Quartet
Never Fall In Love With An Elf. . . . . Woman 2
My Simple Christmas Wish. . . . . Man 1
The Gift. . . . . Woman 1
A Christmas Song. . . . . Company

ACT II

Phantom of the Nutcracker Express. . . . . Company
The Pretty Little Dolly. . . . . Woman 1
'Zat You, Santa Claus?. . . . . Guide & Man 1
The Best Christmas of All. . . . . Guide & Man 1
Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus.. . . . . Quartet
Welcome Christmas. . . . . Company & Children
Christmas Alphabet. . . . . Company & Children
Believe. . . . . Ben
Sleep Well, Little Children. . . . . Man 2 & Quartet
Christmas Stays the Same. . . . . Quartet
A Christmas Star. . . . . Ensemble

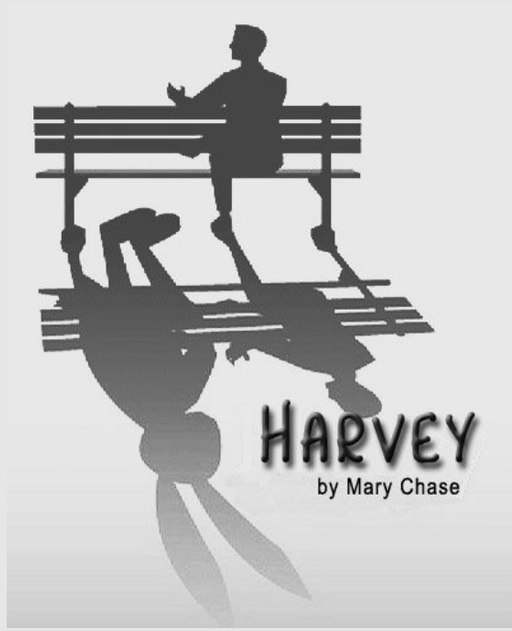
Rick Lewis Biographical Information

Rick Lewis is the creator/author/musical arranger of the hit Off-Broadway musical *The Taffetas*, which premiered at the Cherry Lane Theatre and subsequently moved to the Village Gate, with productions currently around the world. Television appearances include 48 Hours, CBS This Morning, Entertainment Tonight, PM Magazine, and Live! with Regis and Kathy Lee. With *The Taffetas* he was featured in *People Magazine*; *Time Magazine* selected *The Taffetas* as 'Critics Choice' for four consecutive weeks. Mr. Lewis also created the male version, *The Cardigans-Those Swingin' Singin' Guys from Alpha Mu Phi Pi*, which premiered at Westbeth Theatre Centre, receiving the New York Bistro Award for Outstanding Musical Revue. The Tokyo production, *A Cardigan Christmas* premiered in December 1990, opening Suntory's Cabballo Theatre. Rick wrote the theme song for the Democratic National Committee's bid for the 1988 Presidential Convention. He has written and produced music and productions for Honeywell, MGM/UA ("Great Musicals on VHS"), and Macy*s Thanksgiving Day Parade. He produced and directed *LifeVoices*, the 1st Annual "Cable Positive" benefit for AIDS research at New York's Village Gate, starring Terrence McNalley and Barbara Feldon. He served as Assistant Conductor/Vocal Director on the workshop production of Tony winner Cy Coleman's Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *The Life*, as well as casting pianist for Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine for the original Broadway production of *Sunday in the Park with George*. Rick has served as musical director and/or coach for the late Allan Jones ("Donkey Serenade" and *Showboat*), Christopher Hewitt (*Mr. Belvedere*), Alyssa Milano (*Charmed*) and the McGuire Sisters. Other musical revues include: *Have a Nice Day! -- A 70's Musical Flashback*, a spoof of Up With People, utilizing pop hits from the '70s, played New York City's Theatre East, and theatres across the country. *A Taffeta Christmas*, the sequel to the Off-Broadway hit, is becoming a holiday staple in regional theatres. Other original works include *A Christmas Carol* for Portland Center Stage, and *A Taffeta Wedding*, which united *The Taffetas* and *The Cardigans* in the first live telecast of a quadruple musical wedding, premiered to rave reviews at the Tabard Theatre in San Jose. His newest musical, *Christmas on Broadway*, premiered at Broadway Rose Theatre in Portland, Oregon and is receiving productions across the country.

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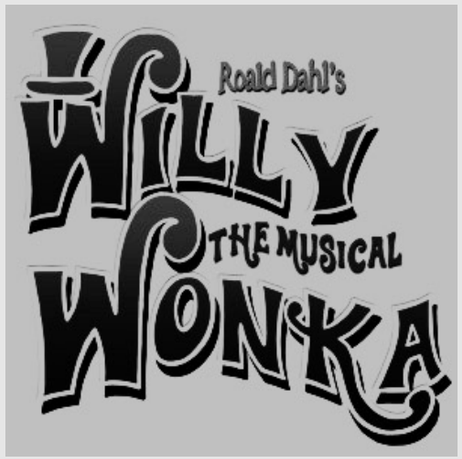
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