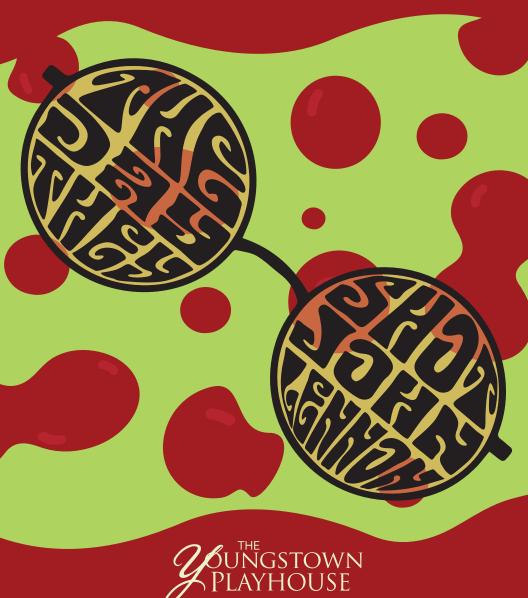
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### **CAST**

Morris	
Larry	
Silvio	
Gately	Chris DeFrank
Fran	Brandy Johanntges
Brian	Carl Brockway
Kevin	Joshua Yoder
Sally	Meredith Pallo
Mike	Cyrus Dzikowski

### **SETTING**

Central Park, New York City - December 9, 1980

### **RUNNING TIME**

2 Hours

### **CREATIVE TEAM**

Director	Frank Martin
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### **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

The Day They Shot John Lennon fulfills a personal journey - one that began over twenty-two years ago.

Back in the spring of 2000, I proposed this play to the then managing director of the Playhouse. I had read it earlier that year - inspired mainly by my involvement in a play titled *Kent State*: A *Requiem*, which we performed in the former actor's arena. I wanted to stage *John Lennon* in this arena, as I believed it was the perfect venue. Also, being that the twentieth anniversary of Lennon's death was approaching later that December, I thought it would be an appropriate addition to the next season. Unfortunately, nothing progressed beyond the proposal stage, and the arena was sadly covered up three years later.

Two years ago, as I was doing some house-cleaning during lockdown, I found the script in an old shoebox up in the attic. A short time later, I reread it, and began to wonder if staging the play was still possible. There are, admittedly, dated references which some younger theatergoers may not understand. However, the subjects of racism, sexism, capitalism, and war present throughout are still relevant today. These subjects, among others, are brought up by the play's nine characters, who represent different facets of the state of America in 1980. Yet, these same characters could be transposed to the present day, and there would not be any difference. When audiences reflect on the performance afterwards, they may surmise that little has changed in forty-two years - or even the twenty-two years since first proposing this play.

I want to thank John Cox and the Playhouse board for both listening to my proposal and making my dream to direct *John Lennon* finally happen. I also want to thank Dani Dier and Johnny Pecano for all of their support and assistance. Lastly, I want to give a humongous "thank you" to my wonderful cast, and to Maja, my equally wonderful stage manager. Their tireless efforts to this production have been invaluable. I love each and every one of them.

Now, after a twenty-two year journey, sit back and enjoy *The Day They Shot John Lennon*.

#### - Frank Martin

### **ARTIST PROFILES**

Frank Martin (Director) has been an active member of the local theater community since 2011 - when he decided to return after a nine-year hiatus. He has appeared onstage in numerous productions in the area- including *God of Carnage*, *Race*, and *Women In Jeopardy* on the Moyer Room stage -and worked backstage for many others. *The Day They Shot John Lennon* marks Frank's third venture into directing - having previously helmed Art at the Playhouse in 2019, and Sylvia at Selah Theatre in 2020, shortly before the pandemic. An avid movie buff, Frank will often reference scenes or recite quotes from certain films, which his actors either find amusing or annoying. He would like to dedicate this production to the countless victims of gun violence and their families, and hopes that Lennon's message of peace and unity in the world will one day be a reality.



Terry Shears (Morris) serves as a Playhouse Board member and is a veteran of this and many other stages, first appearing at the Playhouse in 1998's See How They Run. Recent credits include The Sunset Limited (White), Elf, the Musical (Walter Hobbs), People Along the Way (Joe), which he wrote, and Sister Act (Monsignor O'Hara). He is excited to be a part of this talented, eclectic cast and hopes you enjoy the show and will make coming back to the Playhouse a habit.



Arcale Peace (Larry) graduated with a B.A. in Theatre from YSU. This is his 2nd production at the Playhouse, after just recently playing Curtis in *Sister Act*. Arcale has had an amazing time, once again, working with another incredibly talented cast on another amazing show. Arcale's goal is to act for a living, on both stage and screen, and he thanks his mom, family, and friends for all their support.



Eric Kibler (Silvio) is a big Beatles fan. You may have seen him as Clarence Darrow in a one-man show last year at Selah. Eric has played many other roles, such as Selsdon in Noises Off, Daddy Warbucks in Annie, C.S. Lewis in Shadowlands, Salieri in Amadeus, Pseudolus in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Big Daddy in Cat On a Hot Tin Roof, Judge Turpin in Sweeney Todd, and many Shakespeare roles. Eric recently directed The Tempest and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged for Mahoning Valley Players. Eric gives a shout-out to his family, Amy, Maja, and Elsie: actors all. Eric is a lawyer by day.

### **ARTIST PROFILES**



Chris DeFrank (Gately) Pro-choice environmentalist, animal rights advocate, average poet, lazy hack artist, wannabe rock star, overall menace to one's self. Do not consume.



Brandy Johanntges (Fran) is so happy to finally be back on stage at The Youngstown Playhouse. Brandy was last seen on stage in Kinky Boots at Top Hat Productions. Past shows at The Youngstown Playhouse include Couple's Therapy, Noises Off!, Mamma Mia, Cats, Annapurna and Bullets Over Broadway. Leap of Faith, Sister Act and Blood Brothers with Top Hat and Nunsense and Matilda with Easy Street. Brandy would like to thank the cast for making this show so much fun, and director Frank Martin for not yelling at her for still having her script long after everyone else did not. And to Carl Brockaway for his unending patience with

her consistent ability to be a trainwreck. Brandy is a digital reporter with WKBN.



Carl Brockway (Brian) is excited to return to the Youngstown Playhouse where he has been recently seen in *Marjorie Prime*. Regional credits include: *The Man with the Plastic Sandwich* (Hopewell Theater), *Moon Over Buffalo* (Hopewell Theater), *One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest* (Salem Community Theater), *Days of Wine and Roses*, (Hopewell Theater), *Unnecessary Farce* (Salem Community Theater) and *A Few Good Men* (Salem Community Theater). Carl is an Engineer, married to his wife Pam and has four children: Andrew, Paige, Megan and Evan.

### **ARTIST PROFILES**



Joshua Yoder (Kevin) This is Joshua's first show at the Youngstown Playhouse, however he has been in a multitude of other community theater shows, most of which being at Crown Theater in Columbiana. Notable shows he has been a part of, and parts in those shows, include Fancourt Babberly in Charley's Aunt, Specs in Newsies, a core dancer in both Matilda and Mary Poppins, Belles Husband in A Christmas Carol. At his school drama department, he played Matt in A Gift to Remember and Frollo in The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Outside of theater, he is involved in his school choir, honors choir, and state choir, as well as concert,

jazz, pep and marching band. As well as this, he is involved with the Stambaugh Youth Concert Band. He is very excited to be in this show, and the journey along has been enlightening.



Meredith Pallo (Sally) is making her debut in community theatre with *The Day They Shot John Lennon*. Despite having a theatre film degree from YSU, she is new to performing. Her only previous role was Winthrop in *The Music Man*, put on by University Theatre. She would like to thank her family and friends for being there to support her passion for the arts and tech, and for convincing her to give performing a try.



**Cyrus Dzikowski (Mike)** is currently a third year student at Youngstown State University. He is majoring in Psychology and minoring in Musical Theater. He has been in multiple productions throughout his life including *A Christmas Carol* as Jacob Marley's Ghost, *Puffs* as Cedric/Mister Voldy, and YSU's annual 10 minute plays. He wants to thank his family, friends, and girlfriend for supporting him in his endeavors on and off stage. This performance is dedicated to Chloe, Kyle, and Elise. Cyrus has seen them all shine brighter than any spotlight could, and now it's time for them to see him shine



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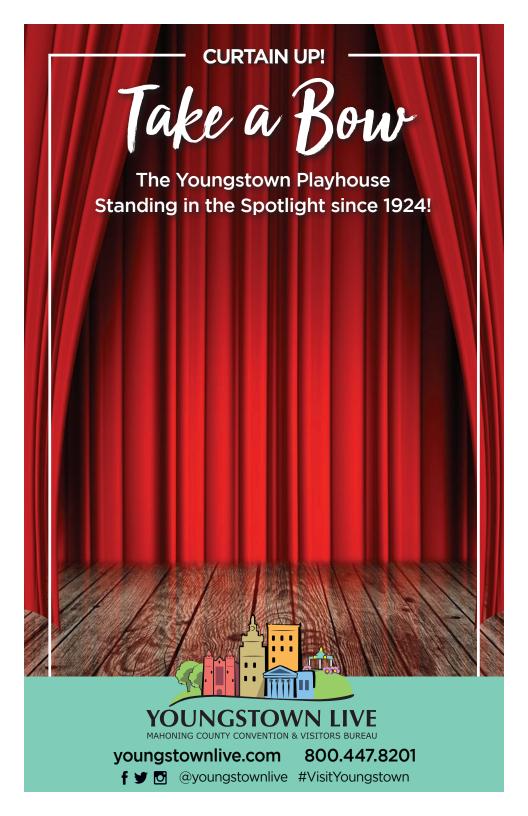
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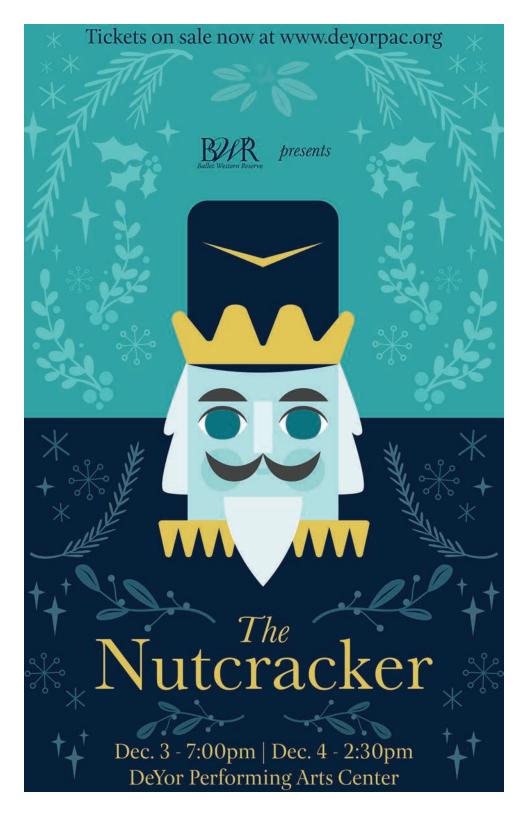


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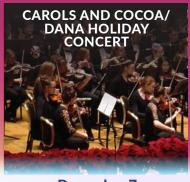




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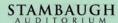
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