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A Tribute to Singer Songwriters



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It's A Wonderful Life

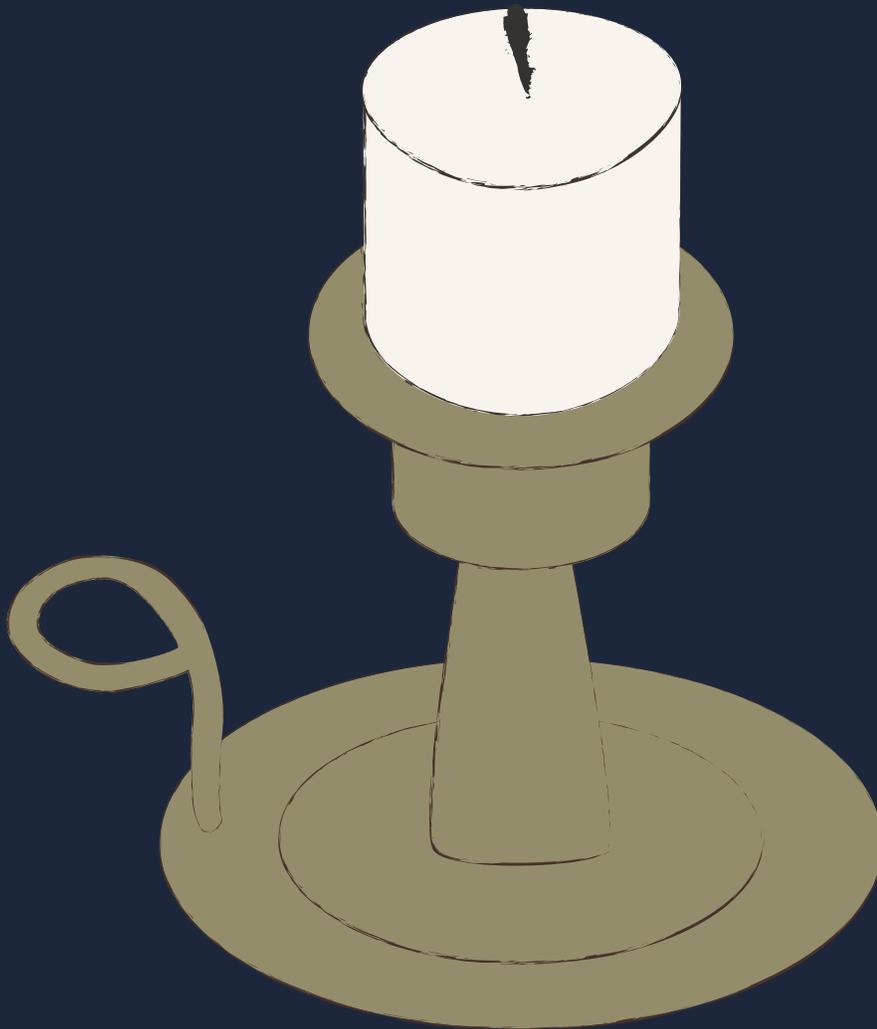
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CONCORDIA PLAYERS PRESENTS

A
Christmas
Carol

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PROF. LORI WOODALL-SCHAFLER



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DIRECTOR'S NOTES, FALL 2020 VIRTUAL THEATRE SHOWS

“Show me the way, God!” That is what George Bailey says in a critical moment of *It's a Wonderful Life*, but it's not yet the climax of the story. George has identified, at this point, that he must surrender his will and his self-reliance to the Lord. Clarence, the angel, appears again, mentioning that his prayer was heard, and George is still in disbelief. “You mean, you actually heard my prayer up there?” His journey wasn't over yet, he still had much to learn. This holiday classic, a staple in the American holiday tradition since its release in 1946, couldn't be more resonant in a year such as 2020. With a raging pandemic, social unrest, political tensions and societal divisiveness, there may be a bit of George reflected in many of us. It dawned on me later this summer that this Fall season needed productions that truly reflected how we all might be feeling as a much-needed catharsis. For those of us searching for hope, clarity, companionship, relevance, community, wisdom, or perhaps, even a deeper faith, we may find those qualities presented in the trials of George Bailey and Ebenezer Scrooge- two men who needed the value of their lives reflected back to them in different ways. George needed to rediscover the value of himself to his greater community, and how small deeds can have far-reaching impact on those around us. Scrooge needed to rediscover the beauty of what was around him, from those God placed in his life, to even the simple purity of a Christmas carol. His journey reminds us of the value of the mundane and the people and experiences we take for granted. Spiritually, we discussed as a cast and crew how the plays beg us to take a look both within and outside of ourselves, to embrace and embody the love of God. We all felt this was a tremendous reminder during this year of trials and tribulations new to us, and a message to remember for the ages to come. It is our prayer that you, as well, will follow the stories' journeys in new ways that regenerate your spirit and renew your purpose, as it did for George and Scrooge.

This is our first sojourn into virtual Theatre productions. We feel incredibly blessed that Theatre can live on and find new life in innovative ways. This was a season of “firsts” for all of us (with many “Show me the way, God!” moments!), and we've enjoyed exploring these creative avenues communally as novices. I am beyond grateful for the determination, loyalty, and ingenuity of our CUW Theatre students for the work they have done on these productions. We endeavored to share some music with you in our “Tribute”, so that it may be a balm to your soul, as music can be, and we hoped to delight your senses with both the visual storytelling of a Zoom play, and the auditory expressions of a radio play. Most of all, we would love for your 2020 holiday season to bring you ceaseless joy, as we are reminded of the truest meanings of Christmas. May God bless us, every one!

-Prof. Lori Woodall-Schaufler, Fall 2020

“IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A VIRTUAL RADIO PLAY” CAST

(IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

George Bailey
Clarence Odbody
Mr. Gower
Young George
Harry Bailey
Mother Bailey
Aunt Tilly
Violet Peterson
Bert
Ernie
Uncle Billy
Mary Hatch
Henry Potter
Potter’s Secretary
Sam Wainwright
Miss Andrews
Mrs. Thompson
Mr. Martini
Mrs. Martini
Miss Carter
Newspaper Boy
Pete Bailey
Tommy Bailey
Zuzu Bailey
Mr. Welch
Jainie Bailey

Luke Hahn
Joshua Barclay
Jackson Bowen
Noah Merz
Jacob Tietzen
Giovanna Greco
Mikayla Amack
Ardis White
Aaron Jackson
Joshua Davis
Dr. John Horgan
Olivia Zimmermann
Andrew Sear
Esther Engwall
Aidan O’Donnell
Magdalena Horn
Avrielle Schneider
Kaden Torres
Olivia Walters
Macee Goehmann
Aaron Jackson
Noah Merz
Kaden Torres
Miranda Mumme
Ryan Murray
Esther Engwall

RADIO SHOW CAST OF CHARACTERS FOR “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”

Announcer, Mitchell “Mitch” Marston
Production Aide and Co-Announcer, Joanie Barber
Stage Manager, Vivian Morehouse
The Delaney Sisters, a Singing Trio

Velma Moore, a Recording Star
Lorna DeLaLuna, A Recording Star
Talitha Markham, A Broadway Star
Angela Prentiss, A Broadway Star

Aidan O’Donnell
Kendall Lotto
Olivia Rose Crooks
Emma Fritz
Lizzy Beisel
Olivia Walters
Marlia King
Giovanna Greco
Talitha Marshall
Angela Penterman

COMMERCIAL ACTORS FOR "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"

The Steve Guild, with Remington Electric Shaver

Bromo Seltzer

Tide

Weston's Biscuits

Announcer for Tide and Weston's Biscuits

Pastor Steve Smith

Dr. Steve Taylor

Dr. Steve Gerner

Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry

Walter Goodwyn

Saylor Alberts

Eden Nass

Ryan Murray

A CHRISTMAS CAROL CAST OF CHARACTERS RADIO DRAMA

Narrator

Ebenezer Scrooge

Jacob Marley, his late partner

Ghost of Christmas Past

Ghost of Christmas Present

Ghost of Christmas Future

Bob Cratchit, his clerk

Mrs. Cratchit

the Cratchit children:

Martha

Peter

Belinda

a Cratchit Boy

a Cratchit Girl

Tiny Tim

Fan, his sister

Young Scrooge

Fred, his sister's son

Fred's Wife

Charity Gentleman #1

Charity Gentleman #2

Mr. Fezziwig, his former boss

Belle Fezziwig, his former fiance

Tut, Belle's husband

Man With A Monstrous Chin

Another Man

Third Man

Man With Red Face

Wealthy Man #1

Wealthy Man #2

Charwoman

Old Joe

Prof. Lori Woodall-Schaufler

Ryan Schaufler

Dr. Brian Harries

Cassidy Mertzig

Marlia King

As Himself

Ryan Murray

Kendall Lotto

Ardis White

Joshua Davis

Isabel McCauley

Aaron Jackson

Abigail Schaufler

Josiah Schaufler

Isabel McCauley

Aaron Jackson

Noah Merz

Elizabeth Beisel

Luke Hahn

Aidan O'Donnell

Dr. Brian Harries

Macee Goehmann

Joshua Barclay

Jackson Bowen

Dr. Randy Ferguson

Joshua Davis

John Robertson

Aidan O'Donnell

Luke Hahn

Rose Crooks

Joshua Barclay

Laundress Vicky
Undertaker
Caroline, Poor Wife
Poor Husband
Young Lad
Fellow 1
Fellow 2
Carolers

Soloists
Fred's Guests

Saylor Alberts
Eden Nass
Eden Nass
Jackson Bowen
Luke Hahn
Noah Merz
Ryan Murray
Jackson Bowen, Aaron Jackson,
Luke Hahn, Macee Goehmann,
Esther Engwall, Isabel McCauley
Giovanna Greco, John Robertson
Eden Nass, Saylor Alberts,
Elizabeth Biesel, Jacob Tietzen,
Kaden Torres, Joshua Davis

CHRISTMAS SHORTS CAST OF CHARACTERS

A CHRISTMAS DREAM, AND HOW IT CAME TO BE TRUE, BY LOUISA MAY ALCOTT:

Narrator/Nurse- Eden Nass
Effie- Saylor Alberts
Mamma- Emma Fritz
Singing Christmas Spirit- John Robertson
Lame Katy/Sighing Girl- Cassidy Mertzig

THE THREE KINGS, BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW:

Kings- Joshua Davis, Jackson Bowen, Ryan Murray
Narrator/Townsperson- Rose Crooks
Mary- Marlia King

THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL, BY HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON:

Narrator- Isabel McCauley
Match Girl- Olivia Walters
Grandmother- Macee Goehmann

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE, BY LUCY WHEELLOCK:

Narrator- Ardis White
Strange Child (Jesus)- Noah Merz
Brother- Jacob Tietzen
Sister- Magdalena Horn

GIFT OF THE MAGI, BY O. HENRY:

Della- Elizabeth Beisel
Jim- Aaron Jackson
Narrator/Madame- Mikayla Amack

PRODUCTION TEAM FOR FALL 2020 PRODUCTIONS

Director/Producer	Prof. Lori Woodall-Schaufler
Stage Managers	Theresa Meyer, Faith Lensmith, Mikayla Kennaugh
Assistant Stage Manager, "Tribute"	Kelsey Miller
Videography	Ryan Schaufler, Ethan Karschnik
Virtual Technician	Deleono Johnson
Scriptwriting "Carol", "Radio Play", Shorts, Steve Guild	
Sound Team	Prof. Lori Woodall-Schaufler Chris Dhuse Ben Westerman Timothy Steinke
Costume Team	Prof. Lori Woodall-Schaufler Cassidy Mertzig, Eden Nass
Running Crew	Macee Goehmann, Sarah Jocham, Sarah Wallace, Grace Michels
Hair and Makeup Design	Prof. Lori Woodall-Schaufler
Video Editing "Tribute"	Ryan Schaufler
Musicians for "Tribute"	John Hefter, Ethan Boester
"Carol" Choral Director	Jonathon Gideon
Dialect Coach	Prof. Lori Woodall-Schaufler
Propmaster	Cassidy Mertzig
Commercial Transcripts, 1940s Commercials	Grace Michels
Photography	Terry Clark-Bauman, Cassidy Mertzig, Prof. Lori Woodall-Schaufler
Marketing and Publicity	CUW Marketing Cassidy Mertzig
Webpage/Streaming	Chris Halper
Graphic Design Team	Cassidy Mertzig, John Robertson, Grace Michels

CAST AND CREW BIOS



JACKSON BOWEN, Tribute Singer, Mr. Gower (Life), Man with A Monstrous Chin, Poor Husband, Caroler (Carol), King (Christmas Shorts)
Jackson is a Freshman Majoring in Business and Minor in Theatre from Hartland, WI. One of his favorite past roles was playing Slank in Peter and the Starcatcher at Lake Country Lutheran High School. He would like to thank God, the director, and the production for not only their hard work, but for allowing him the opportunity to use his talents. Merry Christmas! Acts 20:35

OLIVIA ZIMMERMANN, Mary (Life), Tribute Singer

Olivia is a junior from St. Charles, IL with a major in Communication Sciences and Disorders and a minor in Theatre. Some of her favorite roles at Concordia have been Junie B. Jones in Junie B. Jones the Musical and Mollie Ralston in The Mousetrap. She would like to thank everyone in the CUW theatre department for always being incredibly kind and supportive and making her college experience a special one! She hopes you enjoy the show and always remember that your life is valuable and meaningful. Matthew 28:20



CASSIDY MERTZIG, Tribute Singer, Christmas Shorts, Ghost of Christmas Past (Carol)

Cassidy is very excited to get back to theatre for her senior year! She is a senior from Sheboygan, WI who is double majoring in Music and Theatre. Past roles include Katie in Meet Me in St. Louis and Ouiser in Steel Magnolias. Cassidy would like to thank her family, her friends, and God for their never-ending support. Romans 8:18

MARLIA KING, Tribute Singer, Velma Moore (Singer, Life), Christmas Shorts, Ghost of Christmas Present (Carol)

Marlia is filled with joy and the Christmas spirit to be in so many CUW productions this year! This will be her sixth/seventh performance on the CUW stage as playing various Christmas characters. She is now a Junior majoring in Liberal arts, and minoring in Theatre and has persevered in telling the stories of Christmases past. Past favorite roles include Anna Smith in Meet Me in St. Louis and Major Metcalf in Agatha Christie's Mousetrap at the Concordia Players Theatre. Marlia also enjoys having movie nights with friends on campus and hanging out with cast members after practice. She'd like to thank the director for giving her the opportunity to showcase her talents once again, the cast and crew for becoming her new drama family, and her family for their constant encouragement. A special thanks to God for giving her the opportunity to share her talents and live her dream. 1 Corinthians 10:31.



KENDALL LOTTO, Joanie Barber (Life), Mrs. Cratchit (Carol)

Kendall is a freshmen and art education major at Concordia and is from Greenville, WI. This is her first role with CUW Theatre. In the past, she has performed in her high school's performances as a tap-dancing rat, Duloc dancer, and knight in Shrek the Musical and Mrs. Mayor in Seussical the Musical. Performing in the Shrek tap routine was her favorite role. A huge thanks to everyone who was able to make these virtual shows possible this season.



AIDAN O'DONNELL, Sam Wainwright, Mitch Marston (Life), Gentleman 2, Wealthy Man #1 (Carol)

Aidan is excited to be in It's A Wonderful Life and A Christmas Carol this year. Aidan is a Lutheran Elementary Education major with a minor in Broadfield Social Studies. He is based out of Oconomowoc, WI. Aidan would like to thank all his wonderful family and friends who continue to support him in his love for theater and hopes everyone enjoys the show. James 1:2-3

MACEE LOU, Tribute Singer, Ms. Carter (Life), Christmas Shorts, Belle/Caroler (Carol)

Macee is thrilled to make her CUW Theater Debut this fall season. Macee is a freshman at Concordia studying Secondary Education with an emphasis in Social Studies and a minor in theater, from Norfolk, Nebraska. Her favorite roles have been Mrs. Whatsit in A Wrinkle in Time and Wendy in Peter Pan Jr the Musical. Macee would like to give a special thanks to her sister, Jyeva Faith, for being a constant support and source of joy. Macee's favorite bible verse is John 10:10b: "I came that they may have life and live it abundantly."



ESTHER ENGWALL, Secretary, Janie Bailey (Life); Caroler, Maid (Carol)
Esther is a Freshman from St. Petersburg, FL who is majoring in Classical Education and minoring in Music and Theological German. This is her first season with CUW Theatre, and she thanks her teachers, friends, and family who have encouraged her to start acting and gives praise to God for providing the opportunity! John 1:14

KADEN TORRES, Mr. Martini, Tommy Bailey (Life)

Kaden is a freshman; his major is currently Entrepreneurship and is undecided with his minor. Kaden was born in Utah but came to CUW from Michigan. This is his first time in theater. He would like to give a special thanks to God, sister Natiana for getting him more interested in acting and for sparking his interest in joining theater, Professor Woodall for her kindness and interest to work with people to bring themselves out of their shell, Russel De Lap for giving him the opportunity to be here, his family for all they have done for him, and the CUW community for letting him feel comfortable.



JOSHUA BARCLAY, Clarence (Life), Old Joe, Belle's Husband (Carol)
Joshua is leaping into the CUW theatre department in his debut play, It's a Wonderful Life. He is a Freshman Broadfield Secondary Social Studies LTD Major, will be completing Minors in Theology and Theatre, and is a native to Saint Peters, Missouri. One of his favorite roles was playing Willy Wonka in the play Willy Wonka with Lifelight Youth Theatre. Joshua is beyond thankful for the opportunities that God and his loved ones have provided him with and gives thanks to all who worked on this year's productions. Phillippians 4:13

JONATHAN ROBERTSON, Man With Red Face (Carol), Christmas Shorts
John is a Sophomore majoring in Business and minoring in Theatre. Last year he was seen on the CUW stage in Meet Me in St. Louis and Junie B. Jones, the Musical. He'd like to thank his family, friends, and the entire cast and production team for his first virtual Theatre experience!



ANDREW SEAR, Henry F. Potter (Life)

Andrew is ecstatic to be able to take part in this year's production of It's a Wonderful Life. Andrew has been a part of a number of CUW productions with some of his favorites being Guys and Dolls, Meet Me in St. Louis, and Junie B. Jones. He would like to thank his family, friends, and everyone involved in the production process for making theater possible in these unprecedented times!

NOAH MERZ, Young George Bailey, Pete Bailey (Life), Stranger (Shorts), and Fred (Carol)

Noah is excited to begin his CUW theatre debut in Its a Wonderful Life. Noah is a freshman with a major in elementary education at CUW. Noah lives in Mequon, Wisconsin. Noah would like to thank the wonderful cast and crew of both plays for their dedicated and excellent work. "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13



SAYLOR ALBERTS, Tribute Singer, Tide commercial (Life), Laundress (Carol), A Christmas Dream, and How it Came to Be True (Shorts)

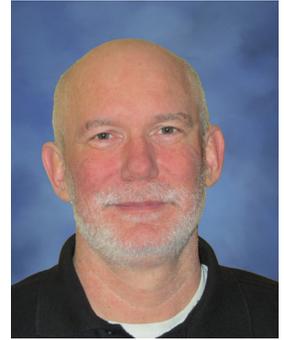
Saylor is very excited to be a part of so many new experiences involving theatre. She is so blessed to be a part of new online opportunities that she has never had before. She is a sophomore with a major in Nursing and a minor in theatre. She is from Fremont, WI and one of her favorite past roles was Morticia in Addams Family at Weyauwega High School. She would like to thank all of her family, God, the director, and everyone involved in the making of all these shows and productions.

DR. BRIAN HARRIES, Tribute Singer, Jacob Marley, Fezziwig (Carol)

Dr. Brian Harries is an associate professor and Chair of the English Department at Concordia University, specializing in medieval and Renaissance literature. He earned his PhD at the University of Kansas in Renaissance Drama, with a particular emphasis on the works of William Shakespeare. Over the last 10 years, he has published, presented, and lectured regularly on Shakespeare and his contemporaries, as well as on how the Protestant Reformation affected popular culture in Elizabethan England. Dr. Harries frequently helps with carpentry and set construction for the Concordia Theatre, and he has served as dramaturge for numerous shows.

DR. JOHN HORGAN, Uncle Billy (Life)

Dr. Horgan is appearing in his second stage performance, his first as the emcee in *Guys & Dolls* (2018). Additionally, he sang and danced in the 2019 Tribute to Judy Garland. He offers his sincere thanks to the director, cast and production team whose support makes him better than he would be otherwise. God bless them all!



LIZZY BEISEL, Tribute singer, Edie Delaney (Life), Christmas shorts, Fred's Wife (Carol)

Lizzy is a freshman at CUW pursuing an English major and theater minor. This semester will be her first with CUW theater. She would like to thank all those who help behind the scenes with putting on productions, as well as her family for all their support.



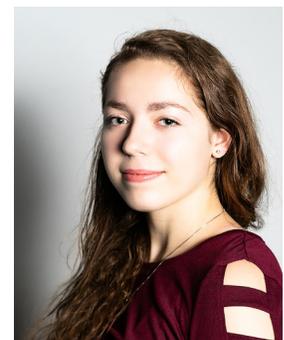
MAGDALENA HORN, Miss Andrews (Life), Christmas Shorts

Magdalena is excited for her first theatre experience to be with CUW's Theatre department. She is a freshman majoring in Illustration, and comes from Escondido, CA. She would like to thank God for all His wonderful gifts, including all the people who worked hard to make these plays possible.



LUKE HAHN, Tribute Singer, George Bailey (Life), Caroler, Charity Gentleman 1, Wealthy Man 2, Young Lad (Carol)

Luke, a Freshman Theological Languages major, is a newcomer to CUW theatre. He calls Waupun, WI home, and cherishes the memories from playing Davey in Disney's *Newsies* at Beaver Dam Area Community Theatre. He thanks God, the crew, and his fellow cast for this awesome show! Psalm 126:3



GIOVANNA GRECO, Tribute Singer, Mother Bailey (Life), Soloist (Carol)

Giovanna is excited to be making her fourth CUW Theatre appearance in *It's a Wonderful Life*. She is a Junior with a Major in Music and a Minor in Theatre, and hails from Milwaukee, WI. One of her past favorite roles was playing Josephine March in *Little Women* at Milwaukee Lutheran High. She would like to thank God, her friends for their support, and the director, cast, and production team for their very hard work on the show. Psalm 23



JOSHUA DAVIS, Ernie (Life), Christmas Shorts, Peter and Third Man (Carol)

Joshua Davis is a freshman this year working on his Business Marketing Major and a Minor in Director of Church Ministries. He was born in Guatemala and was adopted to live in a wonderful home in Walworth Wisconsin. This is Joshua's first production with CUW but not his first-ever performance. In high school, he was a part of the murder mystery *Mousetrap*. Joshua would like to give a special thanks to his parents for helping him get to Concordia in the first place and give big thanks to Professor Woodall who gave him the opportunity to perform.

RYAN MURRAY, Mr. Welch (Life), Christmas Shorts, Bob Cratchit (Carol)
Ryan is a sophomore student who made his CUW Theatre debut as Mr. Smith in Meet Me in St. Louis. He is an English major/Theatre minor, and though he doesn't know what he wants to do with it yet, he is willing to adapt to the wild curveballs of life. He is thankful to Professor Woodall, the stage managers, everyone involved with the productions, and most importantly to God for allowing these productions to be possible. Psalm 23:4



MIKAYLA AMACK, Aunt Tilly (Life), Christmas Shorts
Mikayla is a freshman majoring in Mass Communication and minoring in Theatre. She is from Menomonee Falls, WI. This is her first role with the CUW theatre program. Mikayla mostly did tech in high school and is excited to try acting again. She'd like to thank her family and friends for supporting her pursuit of theatre as well as everyone who worked on the show and made it so memorable. To God be the glory!

JACOB TEITYEN, Harry Bailey (Life)

Jacob is freshman majoring in Mass Communications and minoring in Sports Media. Hailing from Oak Creek, WI, he starred in 4 plays at Racine Lutheran High School, and is now bringing his talents to the CUW stage. A favorite role of his was Dub Dubberly in Christmas Belles or Giles Ralston in The Mousetrap. Jacob wants to thank his former director Mr. Bruening for igniting his love of theater, as well as his parents and family for supporting all his roles on stage!



MIKAYLA KENNAUGH, Stage Manager, Christmas Shorts and Carol, Assistant Stage Manager (Life)

This is Mika's fourth and fifth show at Concordia. She is a sophomore in the DCM program and is from Batavia, IL. She has been involved in Meet Me in St. Louis, Junie B. Jones: The Musical, Medea, It's a Wonderful Life, and A Christmas Carol. Her favorite show she has been a part of is Chicago as a pit musician. She would like to thank God, her family, and the theater department at CUW for helping her through this journey. Her favorite verse is Phil. 4:6-7 and she gives glory to God for bringing her to CUW.

OLIVIA WALTERS, Tribute singer, Delaney Sister (Life), Christmas Shorts
Olivia is thrilled to be making her CUW Theatre debut in It's a Wonderful Life. She is a Freshman with a Major in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a Minor in Spanish, and hails from Appleton, WI. One of her past favorite roles was playing Chava in Fiddler on the Roof at Fox Valley Lutheran High School. She would first like to thank her family and especially her older sister and mother for instilling a passion for music and theater in her. She would also like to thank the director, cast and production team for their hard work on the show. Finally, she would like to thank her God. To God be the glory, always! Phillipians 4:4-8



ARDIS WHITE, Tribute Singer, Violet Peterson (It's A Wonderful Life), Martha Cratchit (A Christmas Carol), Christmas Shorts

Ardis is excited to have a new theatre experience this year! She is a senior Exercise Physiology student with a minor in theatre, and is from Waterloo, Iowa. Some of her past favorite shows at CUW include Robin Hood (Maid Marian) and Guys and Dolls (Hotboxer, Crapshooter). She would like to thank Prof. Woodall for all the hard work she has done to make this season and the theatre program run, as well as her family and friends for their love and support.
Luke 10:20



ISABEL MCCAULEY, Fan, Belinda Cratchit (Carol), Christmas Shorts

Izzy is thrilled to be making her CUW Theatre debut this Fall! She is a Freshman who hails from Hartford, WI, and is a Theatre minor. She would like to thank her family and friends for their wonderful support, and the entire production team and cast for a first fun adventure! May God bless you all this holiday season!

AARON JACKSON, Bert & Newspaper Boy (Life), Young Scrooge & Cratchit Boy (Carol), and Christmas Shorts

Aaron is a Freshman with a major in Actuarial Science and a minor in Theatre, and comes from New Berlin, WI. One of his favorite past roles was playing Cinderella's Prince in Into the Woods at New Berlin Eisenhower High School. He would like to thank his parents and sisters for their support throughout the years, and the director and cast for their hard work on the show.



OLIVIA ROSE CROOKS, Tribute Singer, Charwomen (Carol), Vivian Morehouse (Life), Christmas Shorts

Olivia is excited to be able to participate in theater this year, and to be cast in so many different productions. She is a senior studying Communication Sciences and Disorders and hopes that one day she will become a Speech and Language Pathologist. Olivia is from Green Bay, Wisconsin where she lives with her two loving parents Lori and Hank Crooks. She would like to thank her parents for always being there to support her and give her the strength she needs to thrive in life.

THERESA MEYER, Stage Manager (Life)

Is a junior with a major in Elementary Education and minor in English from St. Louis, Missouri. She is excited to be back for her fifth Concordia show. She previously stage managed on CUW's productions of Meet Me in St. Louis, Guys and Dolls, and The Mousetrap. She would like to thank her family who always supports her from afar and now gets to see one of her CUW productions for the first time. Hebrews 11:1



MIRANDA MUMME, Zuzu (Life)

Miranda is a homeschooled 4th grader who loves reading and spelling. Born in Germany's capitol, she now resides in Grafton, WI. It's a Wonderful Life is her acting debut, and she hopes to enjoy many more shows with CUW Theatre. She would like to thank her parents for their support and for fixing the lighting, and the cast, stage management, and director for giving her this opportunity to perform. Glory to God in the highest and peace on Earth! Psalm 143:10

EDEN NASS, Tribute Singer, Weston's Biscuits Girl (Life), Mrs. Fezziwig, Caroline the Poor Wife, Fred's Wife's Sister, the Undertaker (Carol), and Christmas Shorts

Eden Nass is a Sophomore Nursing student from Waukesha, Wisconsin. This is her second year being involved with CUW theater. Past favorite shows include Meet Me in St. Louis at CUW and The Sound of Music at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her, as well as the cast and crew for making these shows amazing. She also would like to thank God for giving her this opportunity to participate in the show. Habakkuk 3:19.



AVRIELLE SCHNEIDER, Tribute Singer, Mrs. Thompson (Life)

Avrielle is from Gilbert, MN is in her senior year majoring in English and Biology as well as minoring in Theatre and Writing. She made her debut freshman year in CUW Theatre as Rebecca in Our Town. One of her favorite roles was Loretta in Steel Magnolias sophomore year. She feels very blessed still being part of theatre during these times. She would like to thank friends and family who have supported her throughout the years. Blessings and much love to all!

EMMA FRITZ, Tribute Singer, Mrs. Hatch (Life), Delaney Sister (Life), Christmas Shorts

This year's fall shows make Emma's second year of CUW theatre quite memorable! She is a sophomore pursuing an entrepreneurship major and theatre minor and hails from St. Paul, MN. Last fall she was seen dancing with a couch in Meet Me in St. Louis. Emma would like to thank her family for supporting her from afar, as well as the community that surrounds her here at CUW, plus of course the production team for the countless hours of hard work. Soli deo Gloria!



FAITH LENSMTIH, Stage Manager/Assistant Stage Manager

Faith is a sophomore here at Concordia. She has an individualized Theatre major, focusing on stage management, with a minor in art. She is from Delavan, Wisconsin. Last year at CUW, Faith was an ASM for Meet Me in St. Louis and Junie B. Jones. This semester she was honored to be the Stage Manager for The Singer/Songwriter Tribute, ASM for It's A Wonderful Life, and Co-SM for Christmas Carol. She'd like to thank Professor Lori Woodall for everything she's done for the department and her students; she'd also like to thank her fellow SMs and ASMs, especially Kelsey Miller for jumping into the Singer/Songwriter Tribute last minute and being all in from the moment she joined.

RYAN SCHAUFLER, Ebenezer Scrooge (Carol)

Mr. Schaufler lives in Milwaukee and received a BFA from California Institute of the Arts in Acting. He is a professional actor, Special Education teacher, Theatre teacher, playwright, director, photographer, artist, and a father. His plays and poetry have been published in such journals as Southern Indiana Review, Rise Up Review, The New Verse News, and Clockhouse. His photography can be seen in Rattle's Ekphrastic Challenge, Cover Art and Art for Moonchild Magazine's 2019 Chapbook, Pithead Chapel (2017 September Cover), Riggwelter (Cover Art: Issue #22), The Perch, Cream City Review among others. He completed four seasons as a voice-over artist with the radio show "The Brinkman Adventures," which is a Christian audio drama series that can be heard globally. For over a decade Mr. Schaufler has been collaborating with Above the Clouds, an inner city, faith-based program, bringing the arts to disadvantaged children free of charge. (Matthew 5:1-12)

PROF. LORI WOODALL-SCHAUFLER, Director/Producer; Narrator (Carol)

Prof. Woodall is thrilled to introduce the first virtual season of Theatre to CUW, and is grateful for the new learning experience! She has been a professional Theatre artist and TV/Film/Radio actor for 30 years, having first made her professional stage debut, incidentally, in the Milwaukee Repertory's "A Christmas Carol", playing Martha Cratchit when she was in junior high. After that, she was bit by the bug, and endeavored to pursue a career in Theatre. She holds an MFA in Acting from the California Institute of the Arts, where she was a Lovelace Scholar. There, she was able to study under notable artists such as Fran Bennett, Denise Woods, Travis Preston, and Pulitzer-prize winning playwright, Suzan-Lori Parks. She has been represented by talent agencies in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Milwaukee. Prof. Woodall has taught at CUW since 2006, and has led the Theatre program since 2013, directing 25+ productions. Additionally, she and husband Ryan Schaufler have served in the Milwaukee area in Drama Ministry, having worked as teachers, directors, and actors with Acacia Theatre Co., Morningstar Productions, and Above the Clouds, Inc., as well as various churches. Most of all, she enjoys time with her husband and two children, Abigail and Josiah, plus two dogs and two frogs. She'd like to thank God for providing a means of continuing Theatre through these difficult times, and she thanks her students for always being the exceptional, talented, wonderful people they are on and off stage, as well as being her extended family. Her favorite verse is Philippians 4:8. To God be the honor and glory, always!

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SPECIAL NOTE

The Fall 2020 plays are free to all, but donations to the Concordia Theatre program are always welcome! Have a blessed holiday season!