

Parcel From America

After a sell-out run in Dublin in 2022,
our musical will now cross the pond
for its North American premiere!

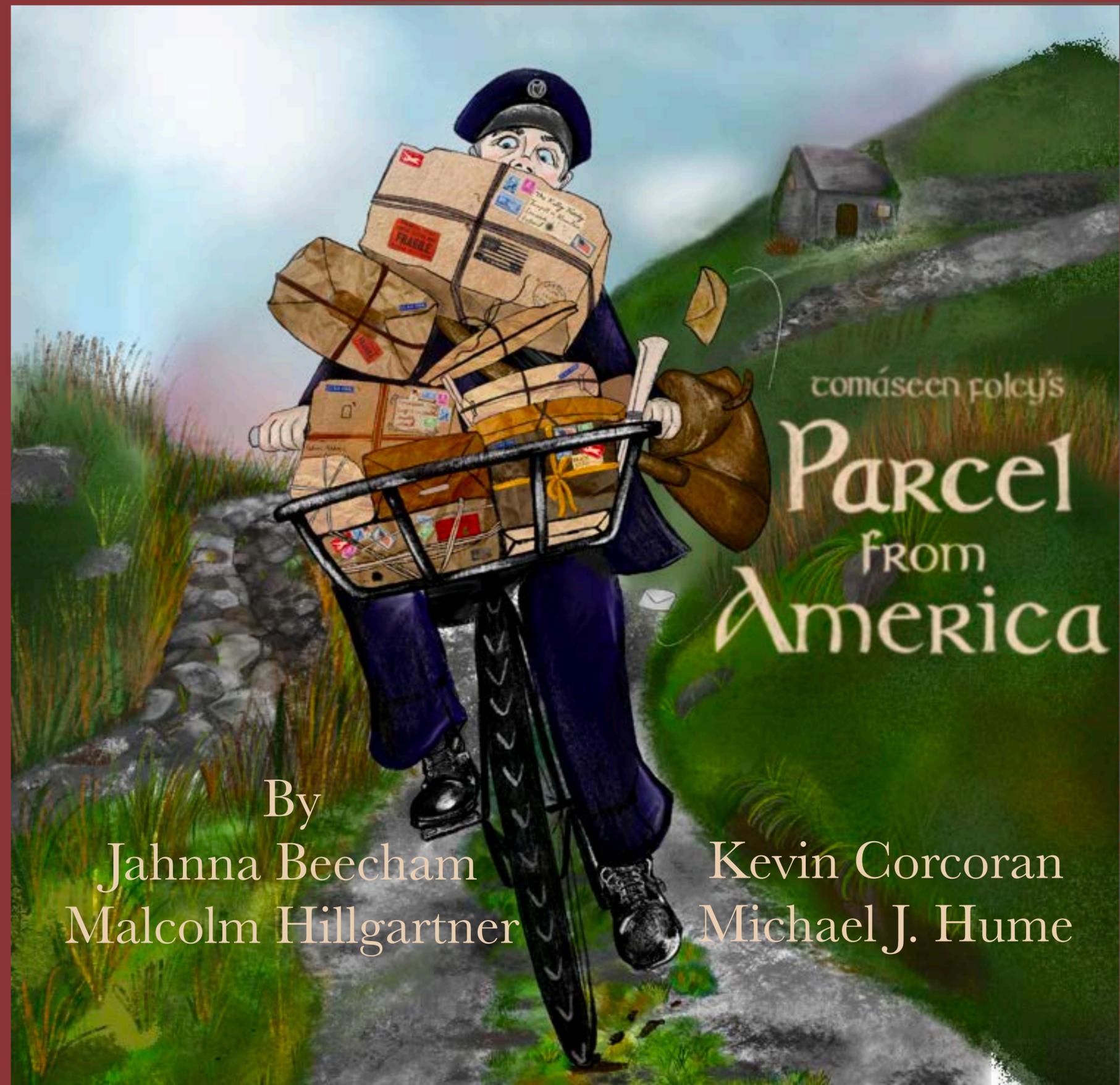
From Dublin's Fair City to the Big Apple

This Irish-American production
will open Off Broadway at

Theatre Three on Theatre Row

for a 4-week run

October 30 - November 22,
2026



tomásean folcy's
Parcel
from
America

By

Jahnna Beecham
Malcolm Hillgartner

Kevin Corcoran
Michael J. Hume

Parcel From America

Set in 1950s rural West Limerick, and with Irish emigration at its core, *Parcel from America* weaves a musical tale of a lonely widow and a well-meaning neighbor boy whose attempt to help her leads him to make a promise he can't keep. This forces his family and community into a desperate act of kindness that carries them all into the true heart of Christmas.



“It’s exactly what our audiences want to see.”

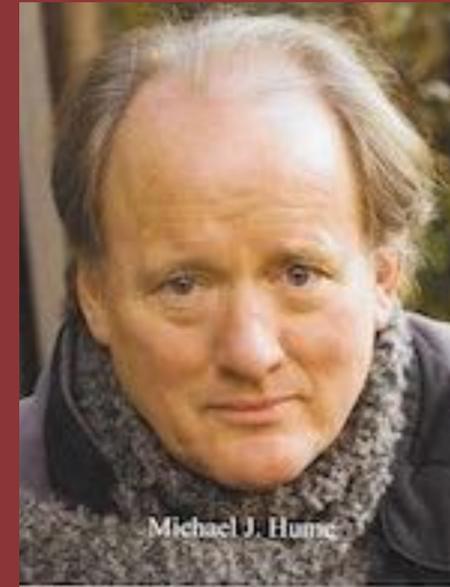
*— Mary Lou Pagano, Exec. Director,
Sheen Center for Culture and Thought, NYC*

The Creative Team



Jahnna Beecham
Book/Lyrics

With Malcolm Hillgartner, has written 11 musicals and plays commissioned by Concord Theatricals, Repertory Theatre St. Louis, Milwaukee Rep, Hope Rep, Children's Theatre Charlotte, Orlando Family Stage. Co-wrote and directed *The Ruby Princess Runs Away* ("Best Drama" Burbank International Film Festival, 2001). Artistic Director, The Gathering, a new play festival (Terrence McNally's Tony Award-winner *Master Class*.)



Michael J. Hume
Book/Lyrics

Partnered with Jahnna and Malcolm on *They Came From Way Out There* and *Dogpark: the Musical* (Samuel French.) Michael adapted and directed productions of *The White Plague*, *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*, and *Dick Whittington and His Amazing Cat*. He is a director and actor who sits on the Advisory Council for Rogue Theatre Company and was Director of the Ashland New Plays Festival. 2025 is Michael's 30th season as an actor with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.



Malcolm
Hillgartner
Music/Lyrics

Music and lyrics for 11 musicals, including *Chaps!* and *Dogpark: the Musical* (both Samuel French); *Holmes and Watson Save the Empire*, 2012 Ovation Award, "Best Small Ensemble Musical," Vancouver, Canada. Since its premiere in 2016, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Musical* (Broadway Licensing) has been produced by more than 250 theatres. Award-winning narrator of over 300 audiobooks.



Kevin Corcoran
Music/
Arrangements

Pianist, composer, arranger, and one of Ireland's most sought-after session musicians. Currently on tour with the award-winning *Villagers*, Kevin has collaborated with many artists and bands, including Gavin Friday, Tom Morello, Lisa Hannigan, and Sorcha Richardson. Kevin has composed film soundtracks, released two solo albums of original music and created arrangements for the *Villagers'* album, *Fever Dreams*.

Development History



J.R. Sullivan
Director

Artistic Director, NYC's Pearl Theatre (2009-2013). His New York off-Broadway revival of Lillian Hellman's *Days to Come* was named a top production of the 2018 season by the Wall Street Journal. Most recently he served as interim artistic director of the Irish Theatre of Chicago. Founder, New American Theater, Rockford, Illinois. Associate Artistic Director, Utah Shakespeare Festival (2002-2009); His adaptations (with Joseph Hanreddy) of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility* have become international repertory theatre favorites.

September 2019 — Table reading at New Theatre, Temple Bar, Dublin

December 2019 — Concert readings, Irish Theatre Chicago at Irish-American Heritage Center, Chicago

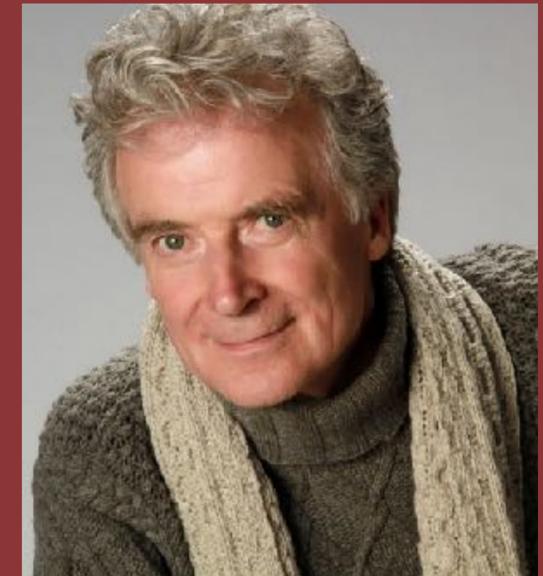
(COVID hiatus)

August 2021 — Staged reading, Mountain Theatre, Ashland, Oregon

May 2022 — Premiere, Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin

November 2024 — Industry reading, Theatre 555, New York City

**Oct 30-Nov 22, 2025—NA premiere,
Off Broadway's Theatre Row, New York City**



Tomáseen Foley
Storyteller

“He is a master of the Irish narrative and a keeper of the flame for a priceless piece of Irish culture.”
— Rego Irish Records

For the past 20 years, Tom has brought Irish musicians, singers, and dancers across the Atlantic to star in his show, *Tomáseen Foley's A Celtic Christmas*, which has played to critical acclaim and packed concert halls all over the USA.

The
Dublin
Production
2022



“Simply sublime. If there is one show you must see, it is this one.”
— Karl Dawson, presenter, The Weekend Breakfast Show, Dublin 98FM



“Such a heart-warming, timeless story.”
— Liam Halligan,
Director,
Gaiety Theatre



“A delight to have Parcel From America at Smock Alley. The audience loved it and sales were exceptional.”
— Lucy Ryan, Director
Smock Alley Theatre



“I wish I had a bigger theatre. It’s going to make someone a lot of money.”
— Eric Krebs
Owner/Producer
Theatre 555 NYC

Theatre Three on Theatre Row

410 W 42nd St
New York City



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THE IRISH TIMES

Friday, December 28, 2018
Denis O'Shaughnessy

'The arrival of the parcel from America was a source of intense excitement'

Even before we reached home from school, we heard the news:

"Ye got a parcel from America."

Christmas coming up and the arrival of a parcel from America. Joy unconfined. To misquote Wordsworth: "Bliss it was to be alive that Christmas but to get a parcel from America as well was sheer heaven."

The arrival of the parcel, adorned with the stern profile of George Washington on the stamps, was a source of intense excitement. Mother, flushed to the gills, fumbling with the twine and brown paper covering (to be used again), we silently urging her on to reveal what would surely contain an Aladdin's cave full of bounty.

There would surely be frocks for the womenfolk. Frocks with gay patterns that would laugh at the sombre colours of a depressed war era, when dressmakers were prosecuted if they overstepped the allotted amount of pleats allowed on a skirt. Scented soap to replace the grim Lifebuoy and Carbolice, if one were lucky to get it.

Then there might be a sports coat for Dad, with the shoulder pads so wide you'd think the hanger was still in it. Neckties certainly, so wide they'd do as a scarf, imprinted with grass-skirted Hawaiian lassies dancing gaily under the palm trees. Inevitably Wrigley chewing gum, to be chewed to the death. For us, Dell comics,



Superman, Batman, The Lone Ranger, a swap when finished for three well-worn publications.

My brother Joe and I were recipients of pencils with erasers at the end. The first in Limerick as far as we knew, envy of our schoolmates.

Then there was the nurses' walking out uniforms (our benefactor, Aunt Ciss, worked in a hospital in New York) consisting of smart suits, pill-box hats and shoulder bags, altered and worn somewhat reluctantly by my sisters Maura and Eileen, but causing heads to turn as they walked down the aisle at Mass in St Mary's.

A godsend in times of extreme shortages. Legends now, these parcels . . . there's even a musical about them, for goodness sake. Written by Tomáseen Foley, it tells of dependence on these parcels at Christmas time in remote rural areas denuded by emigration. The joy of recipients and the disappointment for those left without.

This informative article highlights how the impact of those cherished parcels sent long ago still resonates in the Irish consciousness today.

For more about *Parcel from America*, visit our website:

www.parcelfromamericamusical.com

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