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Our Mission

To bring professional quality entertainment to the community, providing an exceptional experience for both our audience members and volunteers.

Our Vision

To produce high quality musical theater performances and Broadway Teen Workshops each season to showcase the talent we have in our local and surrounding communities.

Who We Are

Established in 2019, Mankato Playhouse (Davori Productions Co.) was founded by theater artists and enthusiasts David and Lori Holmes as a way to provide the local and surrounding communities an opportunity to experience and be involved in quality musical theater. Davori Productions relies on the creativity, passion, and inspiration of the board of directors, and volunteers who are mutually invested in the growth and success of the company.

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Mankato Playhouse presents

FORBIDDEN BROADWAY'S GREATEST HITS VOL. 1

Created and written by Gerard Alessandrini

CAST

Matthew Atwood.....Matthew Atwood
Mollie Fischer.....Mollie Fischer
David Holmes.....David Holmes
Jackie Olson.....Jackie Olson

ARTISTIC TEAM

Director.....Matthew Atwood
Vocal Director.....Brandy Gullickson
Choreographer.....Mollie Fischer
Set Designer.....Matthew Atwood
Costumer.....Oaklee Ringeisen, Lori Holmes
Props.....Liz Eder
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MEET THE CAST



Matthew Atwood

Matthew is a Mankato native and 4th generation owner of CENTURY 21 Atwood and Atwood Management. But before planting his real estate roots, he could be seen performing across the country. After attending MSU-Mankato for theatre, began his professional acting career which included: Chanhassen Dinner Theatres: Les Miserables (Courfeyrac/Marius swing), and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolored Dreamcoat (Ensemble, Brother). Bloomington Civic Theatre: The Pajama Game (Sid Sorokin). Old Log Theatre: Forever Plaid (Frankie). Ordway: Beauty and the Beast (Ensemble/Gaston understudy/Beast understudy). Matthew also performed aboard a number of cruise lines including Celebrity Cruises, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and Norwegian Cruise Lines. He was also a founding member of Home Free, the well known a cappella group, where he enjoyed traveling across the country and seas performing more than 250+ shows per year. More recently, Matthew played one of his dream roles in Phantom of the Opera (Phantom) in Bloomington and in the Mankato Playhouse inaugural production of Jesus Christ Superstar (Jesus). Matthew now enjoys his time in the greatest role of his life - husband and father - with his wife Jeney and three children, Benton, Emmersyn and Cohen.



Mollie Fischer

Mollie is a North Mankato native and very excited to be back on stage in her hometown! Since graduating from MSU-Mankato in 2009 with a BFA in Musical Theatre, she has been working professionally all over the world. Some of the most memorable productions include: Ordway: West Side Story (Minnie), Old Log Theatre: Ghost, The Musical (Molly), Million Dollar Quartet (Dyanne), Show Palace Dinner Theatre: Oklahoma (Laurey), Sondheim Center: Hair (Jeanie), Snoopy! The Musical (Lucy), Open Heart w/ Robbie Bensen (Chorus/Dance Captain). Some local credits from Highland Summer Theatre include: 25th Annual... Spelling Bee, I Love You.. Now Change, Bye Bye Birdie, High School Musical, Grease, Damn Yankees. Mollie has also performed on the high-seas for Norwegian Cruise Line and Carnival Cruise Line since 2011 as a lead singer/dancer. She is eternally grateful to her friends, family and amazing fiancé, Fede, for their ongoing love and support.



David Holmes

David, the Co-Founder, Executive Director, and the face of Mankato Playhouse and Davori Productions has been performing onstage for close to 30 years. As a transplant to the area from California, David and his wife Lori created Davori Productions in January 2019 with a vision to bring a quality theater to the area, and opened Mankato Playhouses first production "Jesus Christ Superstar" on September 27, 2019. David has been singing publicly since he was three, however, his theater life did not start until his freshman year of high school. David has acted in over 100 productions, directed over a dozen shows, and is the producer of all Mankato Playhouse Dinner Theater Shows and Broadway Teen Theater Workshops. Some of David's favorite roles include Clyde in "Bonnie and Clyde", Frederick Frankenstein in "Young Frankenstein", Chris in "Miss Saigon", Finch in "How to Succeed in Business", and Jesus in "Jesus Christ Superstar". David has also worked as an extra in several movies, including the Hallmark movie "Straight From The Heart", was featured in the 2016 local Mankato Snell commercial, and is part of the Crossview Church Worship Team. David would like to thank his better half Lori and three amazing kids Mason, Gavin, and Mackenzie for their love and support.



Jackie Olson

Jackie is excited to be making her debut with Mankato Playhouse! A 2007 MSU-Mankato BFA Theatre Graduate, Jackie has worked extensively in and around the Twin Cities as well as a production of Godspell in NYC. "Sending everyone love! Enjoy the show!"

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

My first professional theatre performance was when I was 13 years old, and I was hooked. While my theatrical experiences have always been on stage, I often found myself far more curious about the workings of the production – the lights, the sound, the costumes, the blocking and choreography, and how all the pieces came together. I knew from my very first performance – someday, I wanted to direct.

So when David approached me about directing the next Mankato Playhouse production, *Forbidden Broadway*, I knew this was going to be the most fun I'd ever had in a show. When I decided to end my professional performing career several years ago, there were many shows left on my bucket list. *Forbidden Broadway* allows me to perform many of them in one night! *Chicago*, *Sondheim*, *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Rent*, *Spamalot*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Hairspray*, just *BEING Mandy Patinkin*...

My concept for this show was to bring the audience into the show and in on the jokes. The actors go in and out of the various characters they portray to bring the audience into the magical (but also kind of ridiculous, over-the-top, and campy) world of musical theatre.

To the cast, crew and volunteers of *Forbidden Broadway* – Thank you for your hard work putting this show together. While the final product resembles a fun-filled night of silly antics from four over-grown children with ADHD, I know this was one of the most challenging shows to create, memorize, and rehearse you've all done. Part of that is because we all know the *REAL* lyrics by heart, so these new alternate parody lyrics mess with our musical theatre fan brains.

Thank you to our audience for supporting our non-profit dinner theatre. I hope you enjoy the show as much as we enjoy performing it!

Matthew Atwood

Director

ACT I

FORBIDDEN BROADWAY

Forbidden Broadway.....Matt, Mollie, David, Jackie

CHICAGO

Both Reached for the Gun.....David

Glossy Fosse ("Razzle Dazzle").....Mollie (Matt, David)

ANNIE

Tomorrow.....Jackie

SONDHEIM: INTO THE WOODS

Into the Woods ("Into the Woods").....David (Matt, Mollie, Jackie)

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Call on Carol ("Call on Dolly").....Matt, David

Dolly is a Girl's Best Friend ("Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend").....Jackie

Oh No, Carol ("Hello, Dolly").....Matt, David, Jackie

CHITA/RITA

America.....Mollie, Jackie

MANDY PANTINKIN

Somewhat Overindulgent ("Over the Rainbow").....Matt

WICKED

Defying Subtlety ("Defying Gravity").....Mollie

MORE MISERABLES

Les Miserables ("C'est Magnifique").....Mollie

End of the Play ("End of the Play").....Matt, David, Jackie

It's Too High ("Bring Him Home").....Matt

On My Phone ("On My Own").....Mollie

I Dreamed a Show ("I Dreamed a Dream").....Jackie

Recitative.....David

Did You Hear the People Sing?.....Matt, Mollie, David, Jackie

Finale.....Matt, Mollie, David, Jackie

ACT II

THE PHANTOM AND ETHEL

Mucous of the Night ("Music of the Night").....Matt
You Just Can't Sing ("You're Just in Love").....Matt, Jackie

MAMMA MIA

Mamma Mia.....Mollie, Jackie
Dancing Queen.....Mollie, Jackie

RANT

Rant ("Rent").....David, Matt
Seasons of Hype ("Seasons of Love").....Matt, Mollie, David, Jackie

LIZA

Liza One Note ("Johnny One Note").....Jackie

SPAMALOT

Spamalot ("Camelot").....Matt
The Song They Stole From Us ("The Song That Goes Like This").....Mollie, David

CATS

Old Cats.....Matt
I Enjoy Being a Cat ("I Enjoy Being a Girl").....Matt

FIDDLER — AMBITION

Ambition ("Tradition").....David (Matt, Mollie, Jackie)

BACK TO BARBARA

Back to Broadway ("On A Clear Day").....Mollie

HAIRSPRAY

You Can't Stop the Camp ("Can't Stop the Beat").....Matt, Mollie, David, Jackie

A CHORUS LINE

What I Did for Laughs ("What I Did for Love").....Jackie (Matt, Mollie, David)

TATA

Tata.....Matt, Mollie, David, Jackie

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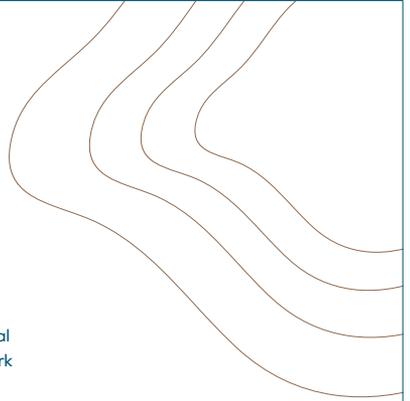
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