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Director's Note

What can I say about this show? Let me start off by sharing what others have said. When you look up *Mamma Mia! the Musical*, you will see reviews that call it "A Global Smash Hit", "An unforgettable show with non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers", and "An enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship", just to name a few. It is the sixth longest-running show in West End history, and the ninth longest running Broadway show (as well as the longest-running jukebox musical in Broadway history.) As you probably already know, it is a musical based on the songs of ABBA, a Swedish pop group active from 1972-1982; they are one of the most popular international pop groups of all time.

I grew up hearing their songs on the radio, singing and dancing along, so it's been a blast directing this show and watching all of those songs come to life! This show is basically one big dance party with some emotional songs to take you on a roller-coaster ride of feelings; it is exactly what is needed right now. We've been dealing with a world-wide pandemic that brought with it so much sadness, grief, depression, and isolation. Being able to enjoy and experience live theatre again is so important, and what better way to do it than with a splash of color, sequins, nostalgia, great music, and tons of FUN! We have been working (and playing) hard for 10 weeks to bring this incredible show to the Fischer stage. This cast has made me love this show so much. I invite you to sit back and let them work their magic on you, as well, as each of us finds and embraces our inner "Dancing Queen."

~Jodi Prosser-Muller, Director

MAMMA MIA!

Music & Lyrics by

Benny Andersson

Björn Ulvaeus

and some with Stig Anderson

Book by Catherine Johnson

Originally conceived by Judy Craymer

Mamma Mia! was originally produced in London

by Judy Craymer, Richard East and Björn Ulvaeus

for Littlestar in association with Universal

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The Cast

Sophie.....Kady Richey
Ali.....Kara Howie
Lisa.....Amanda Brown
Donna.....Kelli Carlton
Tanya.....Suzy Goben
Rosie.....Nancy Keener
Sky.....Jordan Richey
Pepper.....Zach Carlson
Eddie.....Zach Dittmar
Harry.....Andrew Peters
Bill.....Dave Heckman
Sam.....Paul Strain
Father Alexandrios.....Craig Smith

Ensemble: Max Bryant, Lorenzo Skinner, Sebastian Skinner, Aidan Cox, Craig Smith, Lee Bridgman, Jaren West, Allie Cox, Emma Osterbur, Laine DeVors, Paitynn Dowers, Aubrey Falconio, Cassidy Helferich, Cora Helferich, Casey Marion, Bella Norton, Polly Norton, Kathleen Spain-Swiersz, Marty Lindvahl

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Act 1

Prologue

"I Have A Dream"

Scene One: The Courtyard

"Honey Honey"

Scene Two: The Courtyard

"Money, Money, Money"

Scene Three: The Courtyard

"Thank You For The Music"

"Mamma Mia"

Scene Four: Donna's Room

"Chiquitita"

"Dancing Queen"

Scene Five: The Courtyard

"Lay All Your Love On Me"

Scene Six: The Courtyard

"Super Trouper"

"Gimme, Gimme, Gimme"

Scene Seven: The Jetty

"The Name of the Game"

Scene Eight: The Courtyard

"Voulez Vous"

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Act 2

Scene One: Sophie's Room

"Under Attack"

Scene Two: The Courtyard

"One Of Us"

"S.O.S."

Scene Three: The Courtyard

"Does Your Mother Know?"

"Knowing Me, Knowing You"

Scene Four: Donna's Room

"Our Last Summer"

"Slipping Through My
Fingers"

"The Winner Takes It All"

Scene Five: The Courtyard

"Take A Chance On Me"

"Dancing Queen Hymn"

"I Do, I Do, I Do"

Scene Six: The Jetty

"I Have A Dream"

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Jordan Richey (Sky) currently serves as a Biology Teacher at Danville High School. A graduate of Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville with a B.A. in Biological Sciences, Jordan spent his first two years of higher education at Southeastern Illinois College in Theatre. Past shows include: *Bridges of Madison County* (DLO), *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Carousel*, *The Producers*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Aida*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *West Side Story*, *Sweeney Todd*.

Kady Richey (Sophie) is excited to make her second appearance with DLO as Sophie in *Mamma Mia!*. Kady is a graduate of Southern Illinois University — Carbondale with an M.S. in speech-language pathology. In recent years, Kady served as the assistant speech coach and musical choreographer (*Anything Goes*, *The Addams Family*, *Stages Through The Ages*) for Benton Cons. High School. Past roles include: Marian/Chiara/Ginny (*The Bridges of Madison County*), Julie Jordan (*Carousel*), Olive Ostrovsky (*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*), Usherette/Ensemble/Dance Captain (*The Producers*), Bloody Mary (*South Pacific*), Woman 1 (*Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*), Bird Girl (*Seussical*), Ensemble/Sasha (*Young Frankenstein*), and many more!



Craig Smith (Father Alexandrios) is traveling to various Greek islands this fall and can honestly think of little else, but to fill the time until then he is playing his dream role of Father Alex-Somebody-Or-Other. Recent credits include Dennis/Perkins in *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Kotr Grimm Players), Walter Hobbs in *Elf the Musical* (DLO), and Simon Stimson in *Our Town* (Red Mask). Years ago he was also in the ensemble for *Chess* at the Station Theater (the OTHER Andersson/Ulvaeus musical). Outside of theater you can find him spending time with his two papillons Paige and Ian, working at the University of Illinois HR office, or possibly as a soloist at St. Peter's UCC in Champaign.



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Amanda Brown (Lisa) has been actively involved in community theater for many years. Performing is her passion, and she has found that being on stage is where she is most comfortable. Singing, dancing, and acting are the core of who she is. Being a part of this production has been a lot of fun, and she looks forward to more opportunities and more challenging roles in the future. She would like to thank Jodi Prosser-Muller for directing *Mamma Mia!* and everyone involved with DLO for making local musical theater possible.

Zach Carlson (Pepper) This is Zach's 5th musical, his 3rd with DLO. He is excited to be on stage once more and to be working with Jodi again.



Kelli Carlton (Donna) has been involved in DLO productions for nearly 10 years. You can usually spy her playing multiple roles, sometimes even in the same scene! Donna Sheridan has always been a dream role that she never thought would come true. Kelli is so thankful for the never-ending support she has received from her family, theatre family, and friends who always push her out of her comfort zone in the best ways. Thank you for coming to see the show. Always feel the beat from the tambourine and don't let life slip through your fingers.



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Kara Howie (Ali) is entering her senior year at UIUC and is studying Media and Cinema Studies with a minor in theatre. She has performed with DLO for 13 years having been involved in 12 productions. Some of her productions and roles include *Legally Blonde* (Paulette), *Freaky Friday* (Tori), *Footloose* (Urleen), and many more. This is her first performance in almost 3 years and she is very excited and hopes that you all enjoy!

Nancy Keener (Rosie) has worked out her theatre addiction with DLO, Red Mask, and the Station Theatre. Last seen on stage as Mama Murphy in *Bright Star*, she is beyond thrilled to play a bucket list role in this production. Many thanks to Jodi for the opportunity, and to this cast and crew for the heart and soul. Donna and Tanya, you rock my world. Memphis has endured his final scheduling irregularities (RIP), so she instead thanks Rory and Tasha for their indulgence. #TakeAChanceOnMe



Andrew Peters (Harry) His name is spelled Andrew Peters, but it's pronounced "Throatwobbler Mangrove." Proudest accomplishment: third runner-up in the 127th Upper Class Twit of the Year competition. A successful barber, but what he really wants to be is... a lumberjack.



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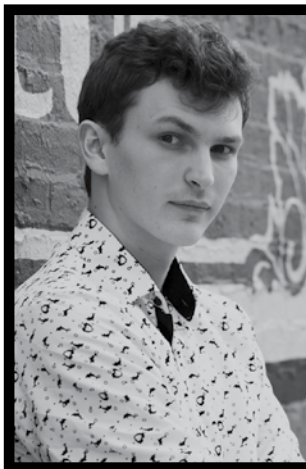
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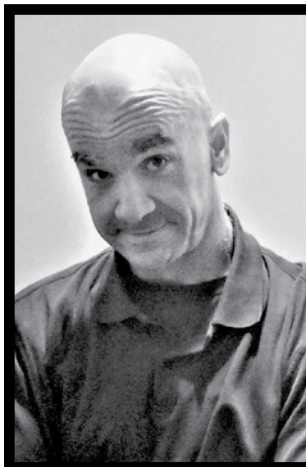
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Zach Dittmar (Eddie) thinks it's best to remember his name, 'cause it's gonna be a household name. Hopefully, anyway. Zach has been acting for a minimum of 4 years. He started in high school during sophomore year. He wishes he'd started sooner and would've met all these wonderful people sooner. He very much hopes that you love the show and have a great time.

Suzy Goben (Tanya) has been involved in local community theater for over the last 20 years, and is always thrilled to be on stage again! Some of her favorite shows are *August Osage County*, *The 39 Steps*, *Great American Trailer Park*, *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *Spelling Bee*, *Nunsense*, AND *Mamma Mia!*, (this is her 2nd time performing Tanya, and she is thrilled to be bringing her to life again!) Performing is her much loved hobby and she thanks her husband Rich for always supporting her, and she means ALWAYS! (PS: Dad, wish you were here again.)



David Heckman (Bill) Hailing from Champaign, David is delighted to be making his DLO debut in a show he's very familiar with. You may recognize him from the Station Theatre's 2018 *Mamma Mia!* production where he played Harry. Now that he's played Bill, he has made it a theatre goal to play Sam someday. David works for the University of Illinois by day and you can also hear him on the radio (97.5 WHMS and 107.9 WKIO) Much love to the entire cast and crew and to my biggest fans, Mom & Dad.

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