



## 2018-2019 Annual Report

(COMPILED AND EDITED BY NANCY HUMES)

# 2018/2019

## IMPACT

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**10**  
PRODUCTIONS

**162**  
PERFORMANCES

**14**  
SPECIAL EVENTS

**24,982**  
GUESTS

**589**  
SUBSCRIPTIONS

**1,744**  
SCHOOL MATINEE PERFORMANCES PARTICIPANTS

**1,054**  
ENROLLED IN ON SITE CLASSES

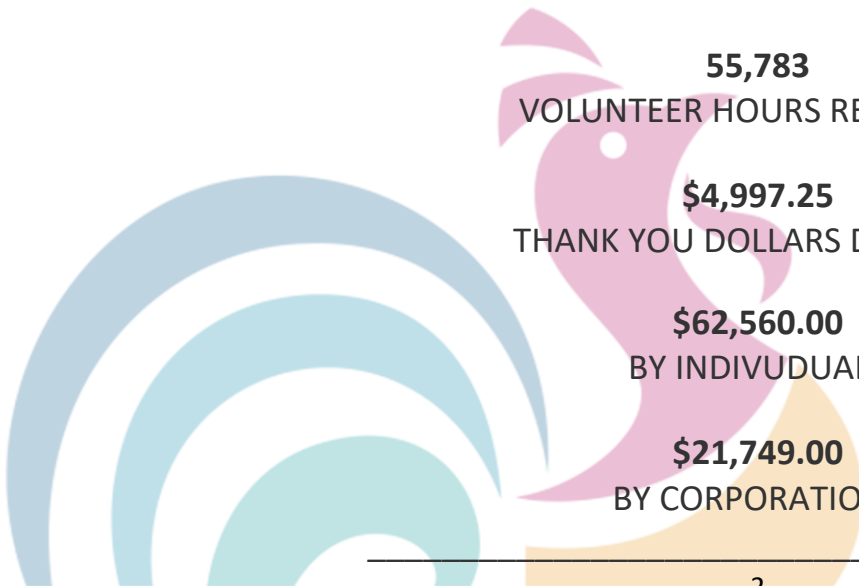
**455**  
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

**55,783**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS RECORDED

**\$4,997.25**  
THANK YOU DOLLARS DONATED

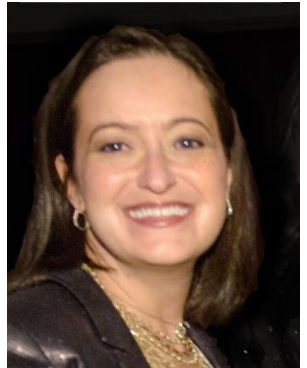
**\$62,560.00**  
BY INDIVIDUALS

**\$21,749.00**  
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## A note from the Chief Executive Artistic Director

Weathervane's 84<sup>th</sup> season has been a very successful year. Our volunteers, audiences, and student body have all grown. We've upgraded technology, formed new partnerships, and made plans for the future. Looking back on such an incredible year, I am very excited to begin Weathervane's 85<sup>th</sup> season and my fourth year of artistic direction. I can't believe how quickly the time has flown!



We added a position this season working with Chuck Hatcher as our House Sound Technician. This, plus generous sponsorships from *Audio-Technica*, *Clear Gold Audio and Lighting*, *The Akron Community Foundation*, *The Lehner Family Foundation*, Dick and Mary Beth Ellison and *Weathervane's Board of Trustees* allowed us to make great improvements to our sound. Thank you all for increasing our ability to execute superb designs.

We also worked with several interns, including education interns Emelia Sherin and Melissa Tippin, and costume interns Kira Brown, Jasmine Lamey, Sarah LavenderNees, and Madison Pelle. These fantastic interns were instrumental in our season coming together so magnificently, and I look forward to future opportunities.

A generous donation by Bob McElwee, Kim Gloor McElwee, and *Cleveland Black Oxide* allowed us to re-paint all of our lobby doors this year. Our sincere gratitude for giving our lobby a new life for future seasons!

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, it will be an honor to share with you three volunteers who worked tirelessly to achieve Weathervane's mission and will be awarded the Board of Trustees Award, the Producer's Award and the Erin Dillon Youth Award. We will also recognize the top 25 volunteers for Weathervane's 84<sup>th</sup> season.

A special thank you to the Board of Trustees for a successful and fun *Casino Night* Gala, the new and gorgeously produced editions of *The Weathervane Insider*, and for their tireless work toward the future success of Weathervane through our new strategic plan and re-written bylaws.

And, my sincere thanks and appreciation to our dedicated and talented staff, who adapted to new technology both on and off the stage, contributed to the strategic plan, and worked every day for the continued success of Weathervane Playhouse.

Thank you all for your support of Weathervane Playhouse and our mission. Thank you for making us who and what we are. Your time, talents, and financial support provide a home for our Weathervane family and make the dreams of our mission a beautiful reality.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melanie".

Melanie YC Pepe  
Chief Executive Artistic Director

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## THE 2018 – 2019 SEASON ON OUR MAINSTAGE



***Bye Bye Birdie*** – Musical Comedy  
Emerging Artist Series  
Book by Michael Stewart  
Music by Charles Strouse  
Lyrics by Lee Adams  
August 2 – 19, 2018  
Director: Susan Wallin  
Musical Director: Ron Hazlett  
Choreographer: Marissa Leenaarts  
Stage Manager: Jason Bryan Maurer  
Assistant Stage Manager: Kaya Sandel  
Scenic Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.  
Lighting Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.  
Properties Designer: Tiffany Bird  
Sound Designer: Hazen Tobar  
Costume Designer: Jasen J. Smith  
Technical Director: Richard Morris, Jr.  
Assistant Technical Director: Kathy Kohl  
Master Electrician: Kellie Rossini  
Attendance: 2,416/64.53%  
Opening Night Reception by:  
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### ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time***

A drama based on the novel by Mark Haddon

Adapted by Simon Stephens

September 6 – 23, 2019

Director: Melanie YC Pepe

Assistant Director & Choreographer: Kevin Lambes

Vocal Coach: Chuck Richie

Stage Manager: Tiffany Bird

Properties Designer: Barbara Trotter

Lighting Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.

Projection Designer: Denise Eletich

Sound Designer: Christopher Pepe

Scenic Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.

Costume Designer: Jasen J. Smith

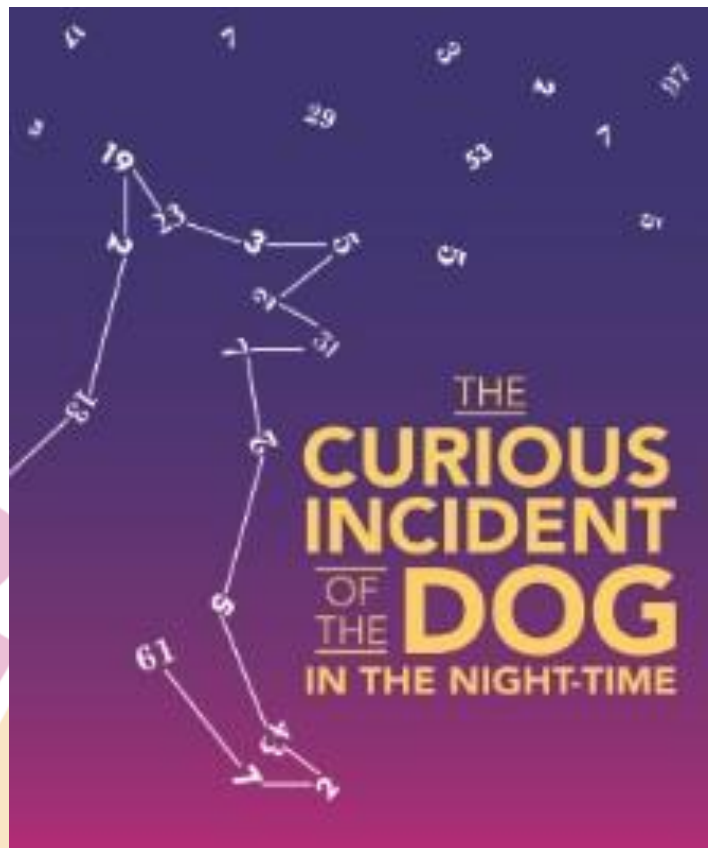
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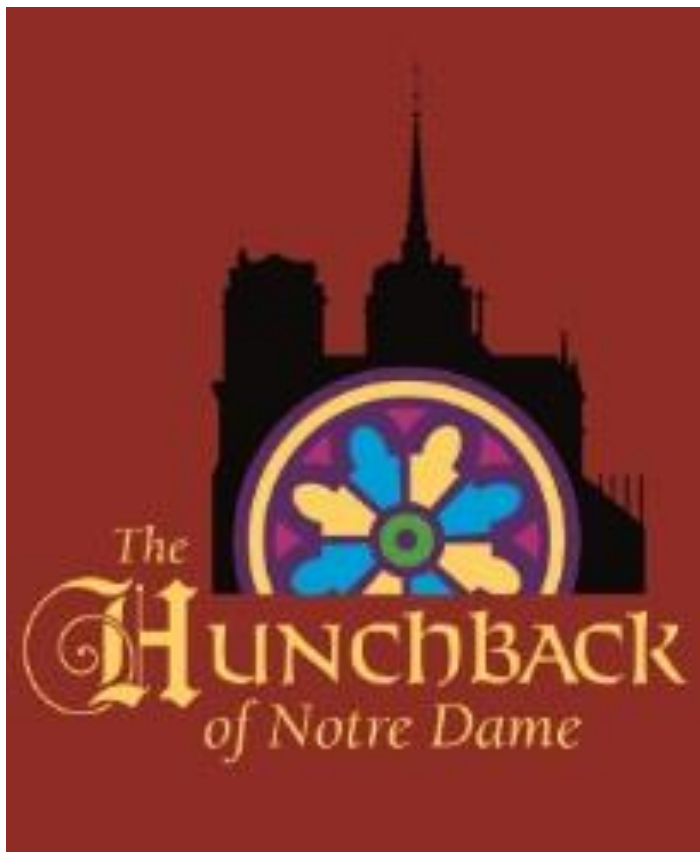
Assistant Technical Director: Kathy Kohl

Master Electrician: Kellie Rossini

Attendance: 1,514/53.67%

Opening Night Reception by: West Side Bakery





***The Hunchback of Notre Dame – Musical***  
**Book by Peter Parnell**  
**Music by Alan Menken**  
**Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz**  
**October 11 – 26, 2018**  
**Director & Choreographer: Marissa Leenaarts**  
**Assistant Director: Joshua Larkin**  
**Musical Director: Ed Ridley**  
**Stage Manager: Kellie Rossini**  
**Assistant Stage Managers: Ayron Lord & Kaya Sandel**  
**Properties Designers: Ayron Lord & Kaya Sandel**  
**Lighting Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.**  
**Sound Designer: John Coyne**  
**Scenic Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.**  
**Costume Designer: Jasen J. Smith**  
**Technical Director: Richard Morris, Jr.**  
**Assistant Technical Director: Kathy Kohl**  
**Master Electrician: Kellie Rossini**  
**Attendance: 2,082/79.71%**  
**Opening Night Reception by: 2 Girls' Cafe & Bakery**

***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat – Musical***

**Emerging Artist Series**

**Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber**

**Lyrics by Tim Rice**

**November 20 – December 22, 2018**

**Director: Joshua Larkin**

**Choreographer: Marissa Leenaarts**

**Musical Director: Steven A. Miller**

**Stage Manager: Tiffany Bird**

**Assistant Stage Manager: Kaya Sandel**

**Properties Designers: Chris Simmons & Laura Niehaus**

**Sound Designer: Dave Stephenson**

**Scenic Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.**

**Lighting Designer: Ayron Lord**

**Costume Designer: Jasen J. Smith**

**Technical Director: Richard Morris, Jr.**

**Assistant Technical Director: Kathy Kohl**

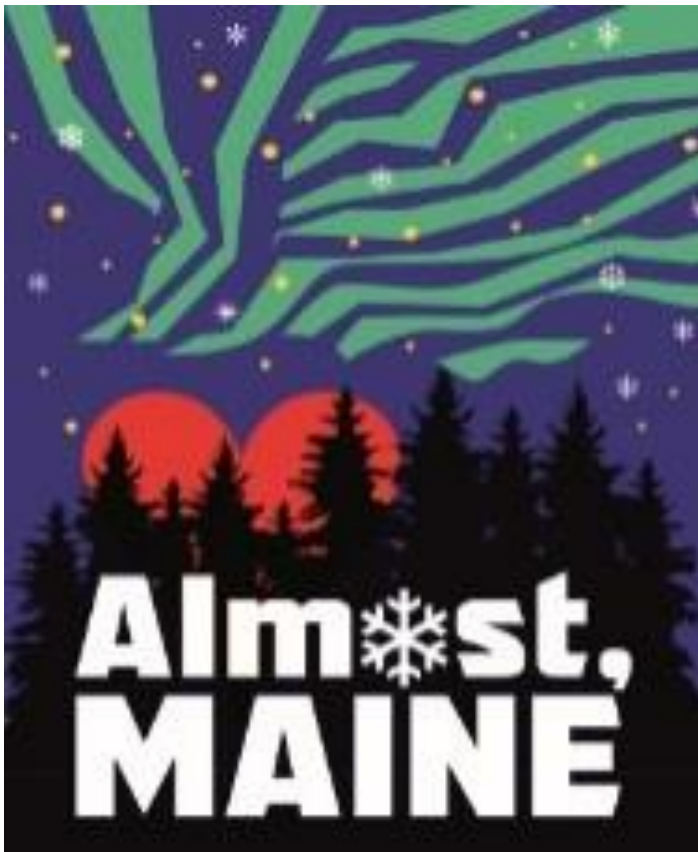
**Master Electrician: Kellie Rossini**

**Attendance: 4,579/84.42%**

**Sponsored by: Weathervane Volunteer Guild**

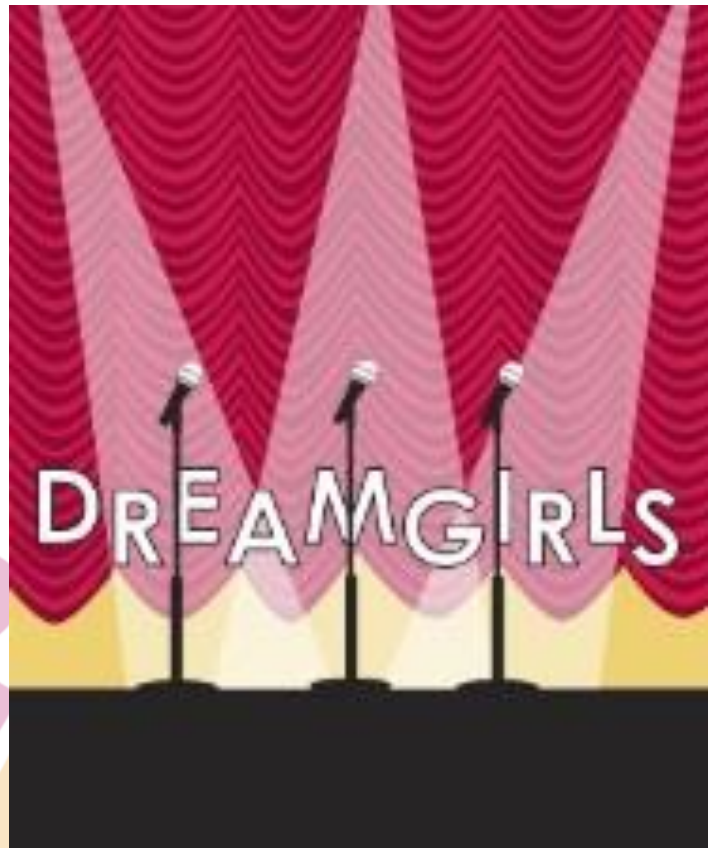
**Opening Night Reception by: 2 Girls' Café & Bakery**





***Almost, Maine* – a Romantic Comedy**  
**By John Cariani**  
**January 17 – February 3, 2019**  
**Director: Deb Lemire**  
**Stage Manager: Mary Kate Clancy**  
**Assistant Stage Manager: Rocky Kunz**  
**Properties Designer: Meg Hopp**  
**Lighting Designer: Kellie Rossini**  
**Sound Designer: Hazen Tobar**  
**Set Designer: Alan Costa**  
**Costume Designer: Jasen J. Smith**  
**Technical Director: Richard Morris, Jr.**  
**Assistant Technical Director: Kathy Kohl**  
**Master Electrician: Kellie Rossini**  
**Attendance: 1,582/66.92%**  
**Opening Night Reception by: West Side Bakery**

***Dreamgirls* – Musical**  
**Book & Lyrics by Tom Eyrn**  
**Music by Henry Krieger**  
**February 21 – March 17, 2019**  
**Director: Richard Morris, Jr.**  
**Musical Director: Ed Ridley**  
**Choreographer: Nehemiah Spencer**  
**Stage Manager: Jason Bryan Maurer**  
**Properties Designer: Pamela Parks Costa**  
**Lighting Designer: Rob Peck**  
**Sound Designer: Christopher Pepe**  
**Scenic Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.**  
**Costume Designer: Jasen J. Smith**  
**Technical Director: Richard Morris, Jr.**  
**Assistant Technical Director: Kathy Kohl**  
**Master Electrician: Kellie Rossini**  
**Attendance: 3,410/84.85%**  
**Opening Night Reception by:**  
**Cake Bites & Other Delights**





***The Diary of Anne Frank* – Drama**  
**Emerging Artist Series**  
**Adapted by Wendy Kesselman**  
**from the play by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett**  
**April 4 – 20, 2019**  
**Director: Terrence Spivey**  
**Stage Manager: Tiffany Bird**  
**Assistant Stage Manager: Logan Chapman**  
**Properties Designers:**  
     **Scott K. Davis and Lauren Sprowls**  
**Lighting Designer: Kyle Shearer**  
**Sound Designer: Katie Rowland**  
**Scenic Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.**  
**Costume Designer: Jasen J. Smith**  
**Technical Director: Richard Morris, Jr.**  
**Assistant Technical Director: Kathy Kohl**  
**Master Electrician: Kellie Rossini**  
**Attendance: 1,881/62.49%**  
**Opening Night Reception by: West Side Bakery**

***Noises Off* – Comedy**

**By Michael Frayn**

**May 9 – 26, 2019**

**Director: Fred Gloor**

**Assistant Director: Sandra Eaglen**

**Stage Manager: Jeannie Clarkson**

**Assistant Stage Manager: Rocky Kunz**

**Vocal Coach: Chuck Richie**

**Stunt Coordinator: Mavis Jennings**

**Properties Designer: Laura Niehaus**

**Lighting Designer: Sue Stout-Davis**

**Sound Designer: Hazen Tobar**

**Scenic Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.**

**Costume Designer: Jasen J. Smith**

**Technical Director: Richard Morris, Jr.**

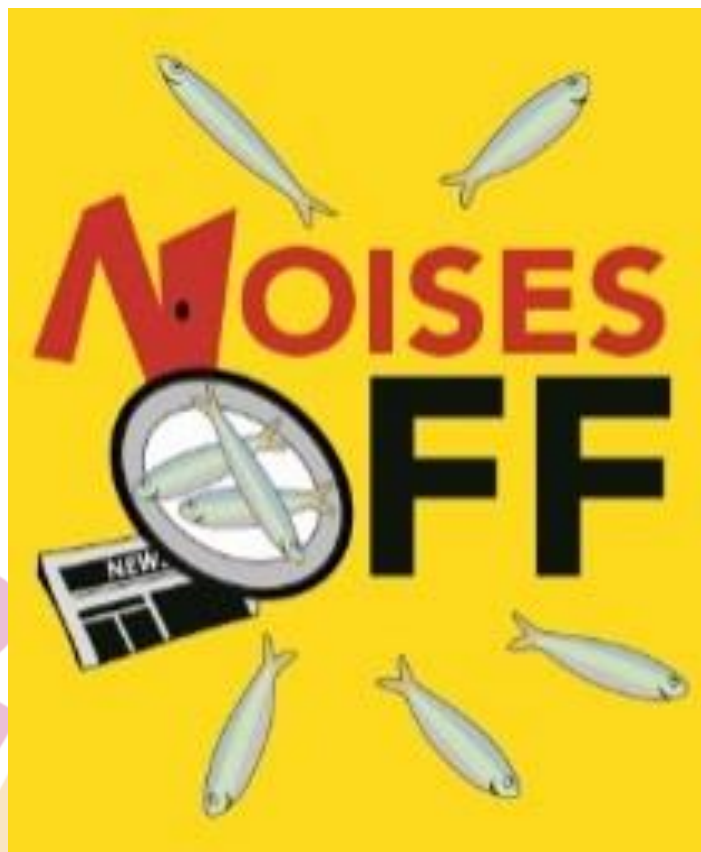
**Assistant Technical Director: Kathy Kohl**

**Master Electrician: Kellie Rossini**

**Attendance: 2,104/74.37%**

**Opening Night Reception by:**

**Cake Bites & Other Delights**





**Mamma Mia! – Musical**  
 Music & Lyrics by Björn Ulvaeus & Benny Andersson  
 Book by Catherine Johnson  
 June 13 – July 7, 2019  
 Director: Nancy Cates  
 Musical Director: John Ebner  
 Choreographer: Marissa Leenaarts  
 Stage Manager: Tiffany Bird  
 Assistant Stage Manager: Ayrn Lord  
 Properties Designer: Kelli Perk  
 Lighting Designer: Ayrn Lord  
 Sound Designers: John Coyne & Christopher Pepe  
 Scenic Designer: Richard Morris, Jr.  
 Costume Designer: Jasen J. Smith  
 Technical Director: Richard Morris, Jr.  
 Assistant Technical Director: Kathy Kohl  
 Master Electrician: Kellie Rossini  
 Attendance: 3,766/99.92%  
 Sponsored by: A generous donation  
 in the memory of Patricia Obenour  
 Opening Night Reception by: 2 Girls' Café & Bakery

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual 8x10 TheatreFest**

**July 18 – 21, 2019**

**Coordinated by: Scott K. Davis**

**Directors: Tiffany Bird, Sandra Eaglen, Joshua Larkin and Brooke Lytton, Mary Mahoney, Jonathan Merechant, Karen Rose, Tabitha Rox and Brian Westerley**

**Properties Designer: Pamela Parks Costa**

**Lighting Designer: Ken Hardman**

**Sound Designer: Hazen Tobar**

**Technical Director: Richard Morris, Jr.**

**Assistant Technical Director: Kathy Kohl**

**Master Electrician: Kellie Rossini**

**Attendance: 1,010/85.2%**

**Closing Performance and Winner Announcement**

**Reception by: Cake Bites & Other Delights – Hosted by Fred and Sharon Gloor**

*See additional information about the 8x10 TheatreFest on pages 14-15.*



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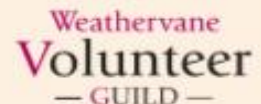
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## The 2018 – 2019 Season, Special Events



### ***The Divine Sister***

A comedy by Charles Busch  
 Presented by Special Arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.  
 Directed by Curt Arnold  
 Monday, August 13, 2018  
 Attended by 128  
*Original artwork logo by Chuck Ayers*

A Special Event Benefit Performance  
 Proceeds benefitted the CANAPI  
 (Community AIDS Network/Akron Pride Initiative)  
 Amount Raised in Akron - \$3,282.50



**AND**



*"Once a year, Weathervane Playhouse plays host to a special-event, one-night-only benefit performance. This year our 'usual suspects' of Cleveland-area artists chose The Divine Sister – an outrageous comic homage to nearly every Hollywood film involving nuns!"*

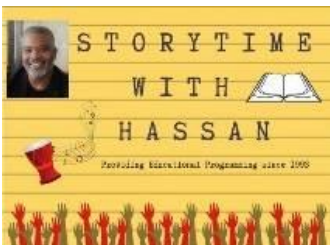


### ***The 67<sup>th</sup> Chanticleer Awards***

August 25, 2018  
 Attended by 160

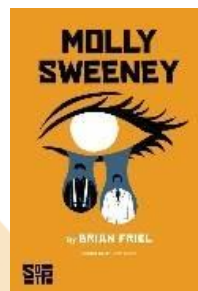
### ***Clue***

A staged reading  
 October 5 & 6, 2018  
 Attended by 80



### ***Storytime with Hassan***

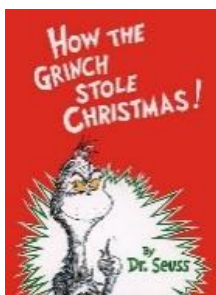
A NEW Partnership  
 October 17, 2018  
 Attended by 71



### ***Molly Sweeney***

A drama by Brian Friel  
 Directed by Craig Joseph  
 November 9 – 18, 2018

*Molly Sweeney* is produced and presented by: Seat of the Pants Productions



### **Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas**

Presented by the Illusion Factory

December 5 & 12, 2018

Attended by 232



### **Holiday Drop-In**

December 13, 2018

Attended by 115

*Volunteers, donors, patrons and employees are invited to this annual holiday season event. Guests enjoyed a potluck dinner buffet.*

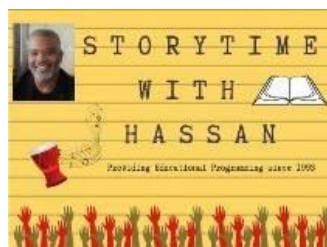


### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hogwarts Holiday Express**

December 29, 2018

60 Young Wizards and Witches

18+ Staff and Volunteers



### **Storytime with Hassan**

February 11, 2019

Attended by 54



### **Season Announcement Party**

March 10, 2019

Attended by 100+

*Volunteers, donors, patrons and employees, enjoyed heavy hors d'vors, beverages and the announcement of the season's line-up of shows, including musical selections from upcoming productions and the director presentations.*

### **Monte Carlo Night**

#### **Weathervane Gala**

March 23, 2019

Attended by 128

*See Pages 21-22 for a full listing*

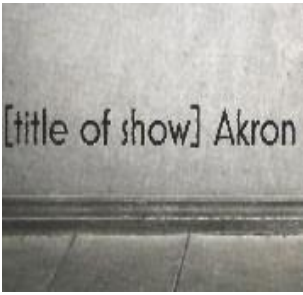


### **The Rules of the Playground: An Evening of Works by Carolyn Gage**

March 22 – 30, 2019

Attended by 129

Produced and presented by: Queen Bee Productions



**[title of show]**  
April 25 – May 4, 2019  
Attended by 215  
Produced by Kevin Lambes

**Stand Up for Downs**  
*The Improvneers*  
July 26 & 27, 2019  
Attended by 475



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summit StageFest**  
Highland Square  
June 1, 2019  
Attended by 3,250





## 8x10 TheatreFest

July 18 – 21, 2019

Attended by 1,010

Our 9<sup>th</sup> annual playwriting contest and theater festival of 10 minute plays.

Around 100 scripts were submitted with 8 plays being performed live on our stage.

We had submissions from as close as Akron, Ohio to as far away as Auckland, New Zealand, and submissions were received from 23 states and 3 foreign countries!



This has become a highlight for Weathervane and for playwrights around the world.

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### THE 2019 EIGHT FINALISTS' PLAYS

*In alphabetical order by title*

*For the Record...* by F.J. Hartland of Johnstown, Pennsylvania

*Listening* by Jennifer O'Grady of Pelham, New York

*Omnipotent* by Brandi Eaton of Stow, Ohio

*Resisting* by Peter Stavros of Louisville, Kentucky

*Sleeping Dogs* by Steve Apostolina of Burbank, California

*The Pizza Guy* by Michael Swain-Smith of Akron, Ohio

*Twenty Questions from Hell* by Rick Smith of Bradenton, Florida

*What's Love Got to Do With It* by Kelli Lynn Woodend of Brooklyn, New York

### **THE WINNERS OF THE 2019 8x10 THEATREFEST**

First-Place Winner: *Resisting* by Peter Stavros of Louisville, Kentucky. (\$350)

Second-Place Winner: *Omnipotent* by Brandi Eaton of Stow, Ohio. (\$250)

Third-Place Winner: *Listening* by Jennifer O'Grady of Pelham, New York. (\$150)

Runners-up were each awarded \$50.





## DIRECTORS AND ACTORS

*The Pizza Guy*, by Michael Swain-Smith, Directed by Karen Rose

Featuring Leanna Orfahli and Thomas Williams

*What's Love Got to Do With It*, by Kelli Lynn Woodend, Directed by Tiffany Bird

Featuring Karen Spiegler and Jason Moore

*For the Record . . .*, by F.J. Hartland, Directed by Tabitha Rox

Featuring Alan Klesh and Scott K. Davis

*Twenty Questions From Hell*, by Rick Smith, Directed by Brian Westerley

Featuring Gary Davis, Joe Turner, and Andrew Bores

*Sleeping Dogs*, by Steve Apostolina, Directed by Jonathan Merechant

Featuring Bentyn Burden and Olivia Queener

*Resisting*, by Peter Stavros, Directed by Sandra Eaglen

Featuring Ralph Coolely and Tyler Gaydosh

*Listening*, by Jennifer O'Grady, Directed by Joshua Larkin and Brooke Lytton

Featuring Makenna Bird, Mark Stoffer, and Alex VanAllen

*Omnipotent*, by Brandi Eaton, Directed by Mary Mahoney

Featuring Jeannie Clarkson, Mason Shuman, and Laura Niehaus

## THE CREATIVE TEAM

Stage Manager — Kelli Perk

Properties Designer — Pamela Parks Costa

Lighting Designer — Ken Hardman

Sound Designer — Hazen Tobar

Technical Director — Richard Morris, Jr.

Assistant Technical Director — Kathy Kohl

Master Electrician — Kellie Rossini

## VOLUNTEERING AT WEATHERVANE

*Our Volunteers are the heart and soul of Weathervane. Without these people, Weathervane would not exist.*

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

August – Madison Pelle  
September – Tiffany Bird  
October – Kaya Sandel  
November – Connor Mast  
December – Tiffany Bird  
January – Jeannie Clarkson  
February – Laura Niehaus  
March – Gary Davis  
April – Jeannie Clarkson  
May – Ayrn Lord  
June – Tiffany Bird  
July – Vanessa Yovanovich

### VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED EVERY SHOW

Mary Lu Barbour  
Phyllis Bernel  
Alexa Bird  
Makenna Bird  
Tiffany Bird  
Drea Borwn  
Chris Capron  
Susan Stout Davis  
Dale Gilbert  
Kenneth Hardman  
Al Klesh  
Ayrn Lord  
Megan Nelson  
John O'Neill  
Marci Paolucci  
Sue Smith  
Maggie Vollman  
Sara Vollman  
Sean Vollman



OUR "CAST" OF  
VOLUNTEERS FOR  
THE 2018-2019  
SEASON

Adam Alderson  
Jennifer Abdoo  
Natalie Abdoo  
Gia Abucejo  
Jonathan Abucejo  
Pat Ameling  
Caitlyn Appleman  
Jared Argiro  
Carol Armstrong  
Lisa Armstrong  
Ben Arrington  
Kathy Ashcroft  
Trudy Bachmann  
Grace Bailey  
Simon Bailey  
Tina Bailey  
Jonas Baird  
Josh Baird  
Kelly Baird  
Laura Baird  
Lilah Baird  
Micah Baird  
Rebecca Baird  
Jenny Banker  
Sydney Banks  
Mary Lu Barbour  
Tyler Barhorst  
Thomas Baumgardner  
Katey Bender  
Cathy Berkshire  
Drew Berkshire  
Phyllis Bernel  
Alexa Bird  
David Bird  
Jackson Bird  
Makenna Bird  
Tiffany Bird  
Jeff Bixby  
Andrew Bores  
Jay Boughner  
Jordan Boughner  
Lia Bovinet  
Angela Bozic  
Maria Bradbury  
Bob Brauning  
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Kira Brown  
Rachael Brown  
Taylor Nicole Brown  
Aiden Brueck  
Jeremy Brueck  
Kimberly Brueck  
Tayla Nicole Bryan  
Brentyn Burden  
Karen Burridge  
Graham Callahan  
Judah Callahan  
Eleanor Campbell  
Chris Capron  
Wes Carney  
Vanessa Carter  
Owen Casino  
Amira Cassady  
Frank Castorena  
Lindsey Chapman  
Logan Chapman  
Marissa Chapman  
Mike Chapman  
Yvonne Chapman  
Kristen Cimera  
Luke Cimera  
Greg Cinko  
Libby Cinko  
Lukas Cinko  
Mary Kate Clancy  
Jeannie Clarkson  
Anna Clawson  
Conor Clawson  
Steve Clawson  
Mark Connelly  
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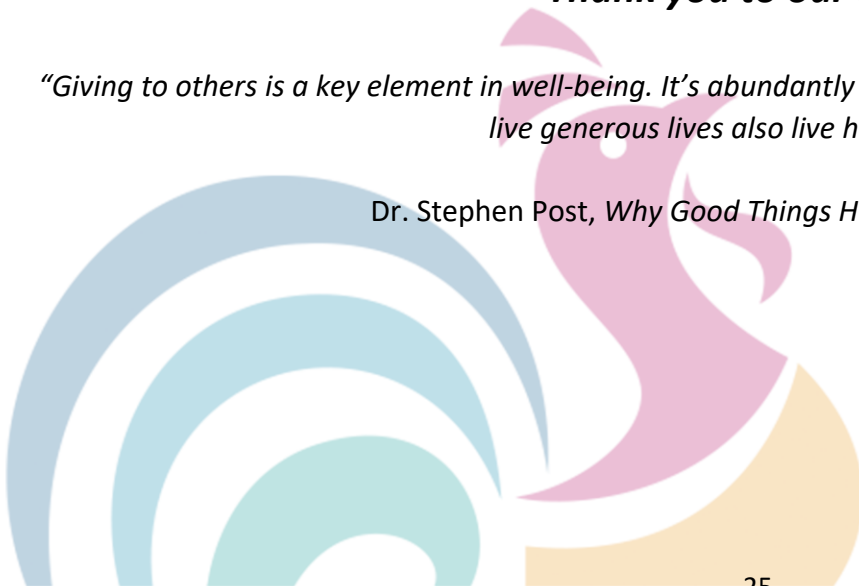
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Below is a list of items currently needed at Weathervane.

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|---|----------------|
| • New HD Digital Camera for Marketing (\$600)   |                |
| • <del>Internship for an Arts Administration/Education/Design student (\$1,000)</del>           | <b>DONATED</b> |
| • Landscape Beautification Project for Weathervane (\$1,500)                                    |                |
| • <del>Backstage speaker monitors for the stage (\$2,000)</del>                                 | <b>DONATED</b> |
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| • <del>Projector system for the stage (\$5,000)</del>   | <b>DONATED</b> |
| • Website re-design (\$5,000)   |                |
| • Upright Yamaha Piano (\$6,000)  |                |
| • <del>New Clearcom system for backstage/greenroom/dressing rooms/</del>                        | <b>DONATED</b> |
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## Education Programs

### Fall Theatre Academy 2018



- Offered 14 classes and had a total of 100 students registered with 115 spots filled. This was an increase from 93 spots in fall 2017.
- Provided 6 partial scholarships to students.
- Started a new classes through our *Black Box Series* and will be providing classes for advanced students in directing, playwriting, and triple threat training.

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### Winter Workshops

- Offered 5-week long workshops serving 65 students.
  - Provided 10 partial scholarships to students.
- to high demand we added a second Improv Workshop.
- students new to Weathervane.

### Spring Theatre Academy 2019

- Offered 14 classes and had a total of 112 students registered with 124 spots filled.
- Provided 10 partial scholarships to students.
- Designed two new classes: *Stage Make-up* and *Dancing for Stage Parents*. The *Dancing for Stage Parents* class was offered free to parents while their students were in class.



## Summer Theatre Academy 2019



Weathervane offered 17 summer camps and had a total of 201 registrations on-site. Hogwarts Summer Camp took place at King CLC with 65 students registered. We participated in many events including: Summit for Kids and Akron Pride Festival. Adult dance classes and a Beginning Acting for Adults class enrolled 10 students.

## Partnerships

Weathervane started a new partnership with *StoryTime with Hassan*, a Cleveland-based program. Through both on-site and off-site programs over 200 participated in these programs. Our partnerships with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts continued through our scouts on demand programs. Over 70 scouts worked on their theatre badges with us. Other partnerships include: Akron Public Schools, The Shaw JCC, Boys and Girls Club, Arrowhead Primary Elementary, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, Wadsworth High School, Manchester Middle Schools, Akron Rubber Ducks, and Summit for Kids.



## Scholarships, 2018-2019 Season

Thanks to the generous support of ACME, the Millennium Fund for Children and the Weathervane Volunteer Guild 45 partial scholarships were provided for students.

## Master Classes and Welcome Home Weathervane



61 students attended Master Classes at Weathervane Playhouse. Classes included audition workshops including: Auditioning for television with actor/casting director Todd Sherry, fall and spring Audition Prep workshops. We also partnered with Broadway Connection to host a Musical Theatre Performance class in the style of "School of Rock" with a member from the tour.

The Welcome Home Weathervane Series was a new addition this season. These are events to celebrate the successes of our Weathervane Alum working in the field. Alum are invited to come to Weathervane and share their careers with families, students, and community members through discussions, master classes, receptions, and more!

- Welcome Home Weathervane's inaugural event took place on January 19, 2019 and featured John Magaro. John left the Akron area to pursue a successful career on Broadway, as well as in film and television. He has made appearances on *Orange is the New Black*, *The Big Short*, *Jack Ryan*, and many more productions. John joined us for a Q&A and master class.
- The second event on May 6, 2019 featured Brianna-Marie Bell. Brianna played *Cinderella* in Weathervane's 2011 Emerging Artist Series production. Brianna is currently on tour with *A Bronx Tale*. She did a master class and Q&A with students.



### Hogwarts Holiday Express, 2018

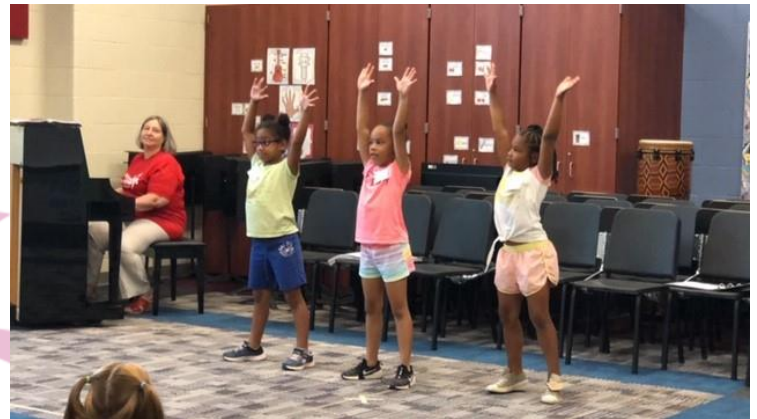
- We had our second annual *Hogwarts Holiday Express*. The event was at capacity with 60 students attending.
- Students, volunteers and staff brought in socks and stuffed animals for the Battered Women's Shelter. Our total donation included 100 pairs of socks and 25 stuffed animals.

### Off-Site Programs

Weathervane continued programming with Arrowhead Primary Elementary School offering year-long after-school classes in theatre. In a new partnership with St. Vincent-St. Mary, Weathervane offered a program titled *Literature ALIVE!* And traveled with our partner *StoryTime with Hassan* to Miller South School of the Visual and Performing Arts to teach the art of storytelling.

Weathervane participated in two career days for students at Manchester Middle School and Wadsworth High School.

For the 17<sup>th</sup> year, Neighborhood Playhouse Summer Camp was offered to 100 students in Akron funded by the City of Akron. A second camp was offered this year in east Akron, thanks to the generosity of the Huntington-Akron Foundation. These camps are offered to students in families who cannot afford to attend a summer camp. A free breakfast and lunch were offered daily.



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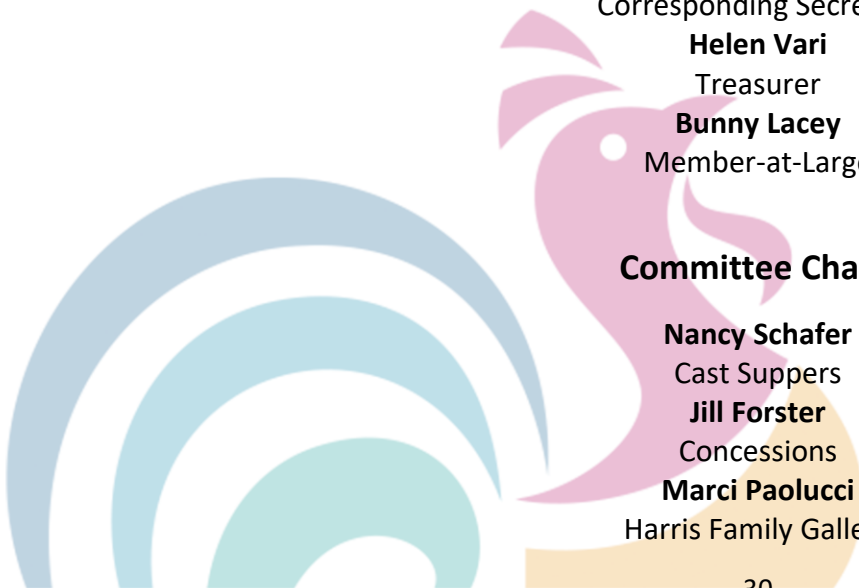
Cast Suppers

**Jill Forster**

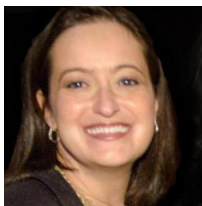
Concessions

**Marci Paolucci**

Harris Family Gallery



## WEATHERVANE STAFF



**Melanie YC Pepe**

*Chief Executive Artistic Director*



**Keith Campbell**

*Director of Audience Development*



**Justyn Jaymes**

*Director of Development*



**Kellie Rossini**

*Master Electrician*



**Scott K. Davis**

*Coordinator of Volunteers*



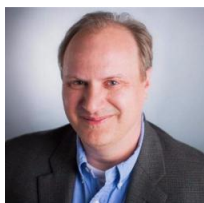
**Kathy Kohl**

*Assistant Technical Director*



**Kim Shores**

*Bookkeeper*



**Fred Gloor**

*Associate Artistic/  
Marketing Director*



**Joshua T. Larkin**

*Business Manager*



**Jasen J. Smith**

*Resident Costume Designer /  
Costume Shop Manager*



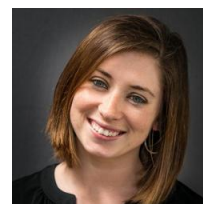
**Nancy Humes**

*Administrative Associate*



**Richard Morris, Jr.**

*Resident Scenic Designer /  
Technical Director*



**Lauren Spowls**

*Education Director*



## **THE 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHANTICLEER AWARDS SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019**

### **TOP 25 VOLUNTEERS**

**Tiffany Bird – 1472 hours**  
**Laura Niehaus – 1093.5 hours**  
**Jeannie Clarkson – 856 hours**  
**Kenneth Hardman – 787.5 hours**  
**Casey Ha – 753.5 hours**  
**Dale Gilbert – 648.75 hours**  
**Sarah Lavender Nees – 620.25 hours**  
**Ayron Lord – 618.5 hours**  
**Makenna Bird – 608.5 hours**  
**Gary Davis – 604.5 hours**  
**Kaya Sandel – 506 hours**  
**Connor Mast – 503.5 hours**  
**April Deming – 495 hours**  
**Chris Capron – 487.5 hours**  
**Delisa Medlea – 471 hours**  
**Brooke Lytton – 470 hours**  
**Marci Paolucci – 452.5 hours**  
**Jackson Bird – 447.5 hours**  
**John O'Neill 422.5 hours**  
**Lukas Cinko – 417.5 hours**  
**Susan Davis – 411.25 hours**  
**Martin Rawls – 399 hours**  
**Bob Brauning – 359 hours**  
**Harriet DeVeto – 352 hours**  
**Tonya Duus – 349.5 hours**

**This season, 455 volunteers reported a grand total of 55,783 recorded hours!**

## AWARDS



### BEST MUSICAL

Nancy Cates, Director  
John Ebner, Musical Director  
Marissa Leenaarts, Choreographer  
Tiffany Bird, Stage Manager



### BEST PLAY

Melanie YC Pepe, Director  
Kevin Lambes, Assistant Director,  
Choreographer  
Tiffany Bird, Stage Manager



### BEST LEAD ACTRESS, MUSICAL

Julie Geiser  
*Donna*



### BEST LEAD ACTRESS, PLAY

Jo McGarvey  
*Dotty*



### BEST LEAD ACTOR, MUSICAL

Tony Heffner  
*Quasimodo*



### BEST LEAD ACTOR, PLAY

Maxwell Rees  
*Christopher*



### BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS, MUSICAL

Brooke Lytton  
*Ali*



### BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS, PLAY

Adrienne Jones  
*Brooke*



### BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR, MUSICAL

Jonathan Merechant  
*Jimmy*



### BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR, PLAY

Dimitri Georgiadis  
*Garry*



### BEST LIGHTING DESIGN

Ayron Lord

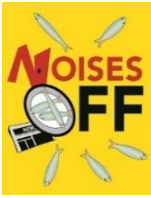
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### BEST LIGHTING DESIGN

Kelli Rossini

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**BEST PROPERTIES DESIGN**  
Laura Niehaus



**BEST SOUND DESIGN**  
Christopher Pepe



**BEST TECHNICAL ELEMENT,  
EMERGING ARTIST SERIES**  
Scott K. Davis  
Lauren Sprowls



**ERIN DILLON YOUTH AWARD**  
Abigail Lyman



**2018-19 PRODUCER'S AWARD**  
Jeannie Clarkson



**2018-19 TRUSTEE'S AWARD**  
Dale Gilbert and Millie Keyser



## WEATHERVANE'S 2019/2020 SEASON

