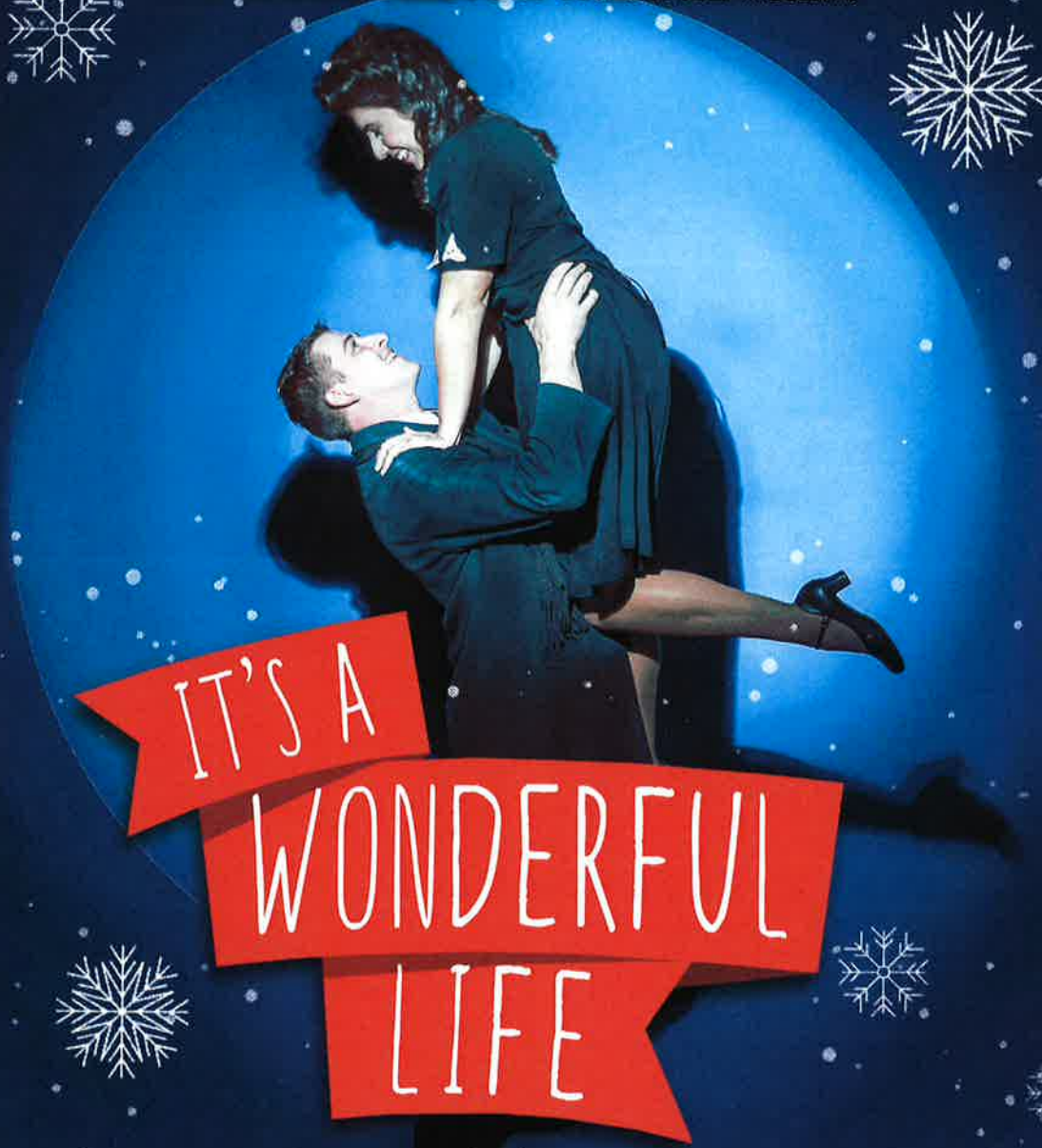


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“It’s A Wonderful Life”

A musical by Keith Ferguson and Bruce Greer

Directed by
Susan Walsworth

Musical Direction by
Matthew McNeill

Choreographed by
Kevin F. Raymond

Stage Manager & Props
Anna Derrington

Set Design, Build
Lane Easterly

Costumer
Susan Derrington

Sound Design
Allan Stokes

Light Design
Keith F. Hardy

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“It’s A Wonderful Life” is produced in cooperation with **Broadway Licensing**

The Story

Based on the beloved 1946 film, this musical faithfully follows George Bailey’s life from his childhood dreams to his midlife disappointments and beyond, as we all take a journey to discover whether his life has mattered at all. Cinematically scored and theatrically staged, this adaptation breathes musical life into a familiar story, while retaining the warmth, humor, and pathos of the original. A new holiday classic for devotees and newcomers alike.

"It's A Wonderful Life" Our Company



Nathan Fink - George Bailey

Most recently seen as Seymour Krelborn in *Little Shop of Horrors* at the Keaton, Nathan is thoroughly confused and excited to immediately go from a show where everyone makes fun of him to a show where there is an entire song about how awesome his character is. When he isn't here, Nathan studies music business at MTSU, runs a lawn mowing business and a smoothie cart, and sings with the Music City Barbershop Chorus.



Stephanie Jabre Miller - Mary

Stephanie has sung with several nationally recognized companies including New York City Opera, The Metropolitan Opera Guild, Nashville Opera, St. Petersburg Opera Company, American Opera Projects, The Westchester Oratorio Society, and others. She was a Regional Finalist in The 2019 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions New York Eastern Region.



Stephen Surrell - Clarence

Stephen Surrell is incredibly excited to play the role of Clarence in the Larry Keeton Theatre production of *"It's A Wonderful Life"* having been recently seen as TJ in *"Sister Act."* This is his theatrical debut. The Jackson, MS native is a recent Nashville transplant with an extensive musical background. He is songwriter and an aspiring solo recording artist. His musical credits span the musical genres of gospel, jazz and pop.



David Y. Williams - Mr. Potter

David Y. Williams (Potter) first appeared on the Keaton Stage in 2002 and after playing a string of good guys. (Seymour, Horton, Henry Etches) can't wait to be the bad guy for once. *Bah, Humbug!* and enjoy the show.



Stephanie Williams - Ma Bailey

Stephanie Williams has always wanted to be on stage, and is thankful to be part of this wonderful production. She loves to sing and play piano, and read - but rarely has an opportunity to. Whether a cast member or audience member, musical theater is something that has impacted Stephanie her whole life.



Earl Landree - Pop Bailey

Earl Landree is extremely excited to be back on stage again at the Keaton after a long hiatus. He's been in many past productions, most notably *Titanic the Musical*, *Guys and Dolls*, *South Pacific* and *Annie Get Your Gun*. He really wants to thank Susan for this great opportunity and he can't wait to work with this super talented cast. Enjoy y'all and Happy Holidays!



Derek West - Uncle Billy

Derek has been most recently seen as the Dentist in *"Little Shop Of Horrors"* at the Keaton. Since being in Nashville, Derek starred in a new production of Max Lucado's *Punchinello* and has sung throughout the area on stages and in studios. His favorite rolls include Uncle Archibald in *The Secret Garden* and Amahl in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. Thanks to his wife and his kids for being his number one fans always.



Schuyler Phoenix - Tilly

Schuyler is thrilled to be back on the Keaton stage. She has performed in *Sister Act* and "assistant" to her dog, Rowdy, as Toto in *Wizard of Oz*. She is excited to bring Christmas cheer to you with *It's a Wonderful Life*.



Jeff Morrison - Harry Bailey

Jeff is excited to be playing his first role here as Harry Bailey at The Larry Keeton Theatre. He is impressed to be working with such a talented cast and hopes you enjoy the show! Merry Christmas!



Thomas Gentry - Sam Wainwright

Inspired by his late Nana's theater legacy, dive bar karaoke, and the stellar friendships made while playing "The Scarecrow" in LKT's production of the Wizard of Oz, Thomas Gentry is thrilled to return for his second production at LKT.



Brooke West - Mrs. Martini

Brooke West is honored to be back for her second time on the Keeton stage. This time, she brought the whole family! When she's not on stage, she is a full time mom, wife, artist, and pediatric nurse.



Justin Carter - Mr. Martini

Nashville native, Justin Carter, is making his debut behind the silver curtain at The Larry Keeton Theatre. As the lovable Mr. Martini, together with his wife, Mrs. Martini, they begin their wonderful life in their new home!



Emily Stewart - Violet Bick

Emily Stewart is a recent graduate of Carnegie Mellon University. She works at Vanderbilt as Administrative Assistant for Religious Studies and part-time at the YMCA as a swim instructor and lifeguard instructor. Emily also plays the harp. This is Emily's first show at the Larry Keeton Theatre, and Emily is excited to be playing Violet in "It's a Wonderful Life" and getting back into theatre and dance!



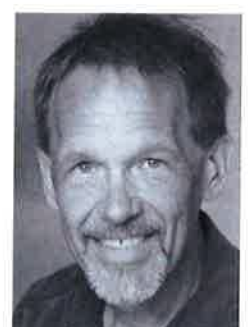
Matthew Ernest - Bert

This is Matt's fourth production with the Larry Keeton Theater. He was most recently in Little Shop of Horrors. Matt is always grateful to have the support of his family.



Emily Byers - Ernie

Emily Byers debuts the Larry Keeton Theatre with immense enthusiasm and excitement. She returns to her love of theatre with much gratitude to the cast and crew, as she explore the wonderful, wonderful tale of "It's a Wonderful Life," jazz and pop.



Brandon Lunday - Mr. Gower

Brandon Lunday was recently seen in Little Shop Of Horrors as Bernstein/Patrick Martin, Wizard of Oz as Uncle Henry and the Guard and played Joey in Sister Act for my first roll at Larry Keeton Theatre. Was In Drama at Martin Methodist College. 29 years working for the VA in Nashville as a photographer and Public Affairs specialist.



Mary Corby - Mrs. Hatch

Mary Corby's past roles include: Ida Straus in "Titanic, the Musical", Matilda Hyde in "All Shook Up" and Mother Superior in "Sister Act". Mary is having so much fun with so many great people in this uplifting and iconic production! Happy Holidays!



Hayden Williams - Mayor

Hayden Williams is a 7th grade student and loves the Arts. He has played the roles of both Jasper/Horace in *101 Dalmatians*, understudied Michael in *Mary Poppins*, and one of 'The Boys' in *Big River*. In addition to acting and singing, Hayden loves to read, draw and play all Hayden is thrilled to be part of this cast.



Amy Woosley - Shirley

"It's a Wonderful Life – the Musical" will be my first performance at the Larry Keeton Theatre. I typically do not sing or perform outside of my church. I joined the cast to perform with my daughter, Ella. I'm having a great time! Hope you all enjoy the show!



Gage Rudakiewich - Salvation Army

Gage Rudakiewich is excited to be performing in "It's A Wonderful Life" here at The Larry Keeton Theatre. I'm happy to be playing multiple roles and enjoying my experience. Here's to hoping everyone loves the show!



Riley West - Janie

This is Riley West's first show at the Keeton. She is so excited to be doing this show with her whole family! Her dream role in musical theater is Elphaba in Wicked. Fun fact: She and her whole family hiked 300 miles of the Appalachian Trail this past summer.



Paxton West - Pete

This is Paxton West's first show ever. When he is out of the spotlight, he is a great baseball player. He has a very cute dog named Titan. Ask him about all the toads he catches!



Lucas Ray - Tommy

This is the third time that Lucas Ray has performed at The Larry Keeton Theatre. I love it! I want to dedicate my performance to my mom who is watching from Heaven.



Ella Woosley - Zuzu

"It's a Wonderful Life – the Musical" is Ella Woosley's second performance at the Larry Keeton Theatre. I was in the Wizard of Oz here last summer. I also performed in several productions at my school. I was one of only a handful of elementary kids to be chosen to be in the high school production of Mary Poppins. Each year at Christmas I sing at a local mall with my voice group. I'm happy to be performing this show with my mom, Amy!

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"It's A Wonderful Life" Our Crew



Susan Walsworth - Director

"It's A Wonderful Life" marks Susan Walsworth's directorial debut and she couldn't be happier with this cast! Susan was last seen on The Larry Keeton Theatre stage as Sister Mary Lazarus in "Sister Act" last May. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success. Enjoy the show!



Matthew McNeill- Music Director

Matt McNeill is excited to appear in his first show at the Keeton! In addition to playing at numerous other theatre companies in the area, Matt is the staff accompanist for the Department of Theatre and Dance at Austin Peay State University. He has performed with the Nashville Symphony, Cumberland Jazz Project, and Gateway Chamber Chorus. Matt is currently organist at East End United Methodist Church and lives in Clarksville.



Anna Derrington - Stage Manager

This is Anna's second time at The Keeton. Previous stage managing experience includes *The Addam's Family*, *Absurd Person Singular*, *The Trip to Bountiful*, *Better Late*, *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*. Anna also enjoys acting, singing, and dancing and can be seen on stage when not behind the scenes. Anna works full time at The Next Door, a nonprofit treatment facility for women seeking freedom from addiction.



Susan Derrington - Costumes

This is Susan Derrington's first costuming job and she is very excited to be part of the creative process.



Lane Easterly - Set Design

As a board member and long time veteran of The Larry Keeton Theatre, Lane is happy to be back designing the set for this wonderful production of "It's A Wonderful Life." He was last seen playing multiple roles in the comedy "Sister Act" earlier this year on the Keeton stage.



Allan Stokes - Sound Design

Allan is co-owner of Stokes Productions, shoots concerts, events, and live broadcasts for ESPN, Fox and Comcast. Allan has over 40 years experience touring the world with many artists.



Keith Hardy - Light Design

Keith Hardy has over 25 years of experience in theatre. He has performed and worked in venues in AK, FL, WI and right here in Nashville, having worked in various capacities with Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre, TN Rep, Circle Players and the Nashville Ballet. He is enjoying working once again in theatre as the Lighting Director here.



Kevin F. Raymond - Artistic Director, Choreographer

Kevin is excited for his new venture as the Artistic director here at The Larry Keeton Theatre. He's been an actor, music director, choreographer and many other roles here so this is a natural extension of the culmination of his skills!

Melanie Pennington - Box Office

Melanie has been involved in theatre most of her life. She's really happy to be the new Box Office Manager for The Larry Keeton Theatre and hopes you enjoy the show!



Danny Proctor - Graphic Design

Recently an actor and graphic designer for over 50+ years, has been in many shows at TLKT and designs our posters and ads.

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