

# PLAYBILL

NIAGARA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

## GODSPELL



**NIAGARA PROSCENIUM PLAYERS**

**March 27, 28 and 29, 2025**

## Welcome to the Niagara Falls High School Performing Arts Center!

*Please familiarize yourself with the following reminders as a courtesy to yourself, other patrons and the performers:*

- **Restrooms** are located in the front lobby. Please be discreet if you have to leave during the performance.
- Please **turn off all cellular phones and other electronics** as a courtesy to other patrons and the performers. Cellular frequencies will interfere with the wireless audio system used in this theatre.
- Please **remain seated through the entire act** of the performance to avoid distracting the performers and patrons.
- The use of **flash photography, video and audio recording including via mobile device is strictly prohibited**, as it is hazardous to the performers and a contract violation. Please help us by observing this rule.
- Unauthorized posting of video whether complete or partial is a direct violation of copyright laws and can result in you being fined and/or prosecuted.
- While we appreciate your enthusiasm, please be mindful of proper theatre etiquette as this is not a sporting event.
- **Thank you and enjoy the show!**



The NIAGARA PROSCENIUM PLAYERS of NIAGARA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL  
*proudly present*

# GODSPELL

Music and Lyrics by:

**STEPHEN SCHWARTZ**

Conceived and Originally Directed by:

**JOHN-MICHAEL TEBELAK**

Originally Produced on the New York Stage by

**EDGAR LANSBURY / STUART DUNCAN**

**JOSEPH BERUH**

Directed by:

**DENNIS WILSON**

Choreography by:

**SUSAN MARCOLINI**

Music Direction by:

**CHRISTINA CUSTODE-MACRI**

Vocal Direction by:

**BRAD WINGERT**

Costumes by:

**DANIELLE DEPALMA**

Technical Direction by:

**NICHOLAS WROBEL**

Lights and Sound by:

**NICK FAGIANI and WES SLUSSER**

Produced by:

**TOM VITELLO**

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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in alphabetical order)

Evan DalPorto - Jesus  
Aaron Lomax - John the Baptist and Judas  
Molly Barto  
Eddie Beckles, Jr.  
Allie Clark  
Anelie Copelin  
Brianna London  
Ethan Melendez  
Brynn Mondoux  
Ava-Marie Ogradowski  
Elsa Rodriguez-Pedraza

### The Parable Players

Osiris Acevedo  
Richard Calorusso  
Charisma Campbell  
Donovan Herbert  
Zakyf Harris  
Madelyn Jacob  
Blake McInnis  
Leo Nadrowski  
Camilla Ralands  
Jordyn Whitman

### The Dancers

Michaela Doreen  
Addison Moore  
Ashley Nagelhout  
Emmalyn Pyra  
Kailyn Pyra  
Camilla Ralands

## THE PIT ORCHESTRA

Mrs. Christina Custode-Macri .....	Piano/Conductor
Dr. Brad Wingert.....	Keyboard 2
Ailani Palmer .....	Bass
Mr. Ray Barry.....	Guitar
Ella Perry.....	Drums
Amelia Jacob .....	Flute
Giavanna Gualtieri.....	Flute
Stella Antonelli.....	Clarinet
Katherine Adamec.....	Clarinet and Tenor Sax
Mikkel Howard.....	Baritone Sax
Ali Al Rifai .....	Trumpet

# **GODSPELL**

## **MUSICAL NUMBERS**

### **ACT ONE**

Prologue .....	Company
Tower of Babble .....	Company
Prepare Ye (The Way of the Lord).....	John the Baptist and Company
Save the People .....	Jesus and Company
Day by Day .....	Brianna and Company
Learn Your Lessons Well.....	Molly and Company
O, Bless the Lord, My Soul .....	Brynn and Company
All for the Best.....	Jesus, Judas and Company
All Good Gifts.....	Allie Clark and Company
Light of the World.....	Ethan and Company

### **ACT TWO**

Learn Your Lessons Well (Reprise) .....	Anelie and Company
Turn Back, O Man .....	Ava-Marie, Jesus and Company
Alas for You .....	Jesus
By My Side .....	Elsa and Company
We Beseech Thee.....	Eddie and Company
Beautiful City.....	Jesus
On the Willows .....	The Band
Finale.....	Jesus and Company
Bows .....	The Company

## **SETTING**

A Military Barracks in the Middle East after 9/11/2001.

## **DISCLAIMER**

The use of explosive sound effects and graphic images or war and 9/11 will be used in this production.

*Godspell* is presented in two acts.

There will be a 15-minute intermission between acts.

Please visit the concession stand in the lobby to support the NFHS Theatre Department.

## **PRODUCTION STAFF**

Director ..... Dennis Wilson  
Choreographer..... Susan Marcolini  
Vocal Director..... Brad Wingert  
Music Director..... Christina Custode-Macri  
Costumes ..... Danielle DePalma  
Technical Director ..... Nicholas Wrobel  
Lights and Sound ..... Nick Fagiani and Wes Slusser  
Background Projection Design ..... Tom Vitello  
Producer..... Tom Vitello  
Programs, Posters and Tickets ..... Tom Vitello  
Box Office ..... Debbie Tramontano and Barbara Rodgers  
Concessions ..... Emily Walter and Jacob Kopera  
50/50 Tickets..... Bryan and Evelyn DalPorto and Donna Nadrowski  
Special Orchestra Arrangements for this Production ..... Jim Derrick

## **THE CREW**

Stage Manager..... Sha'niya Broadway  
Assistant Stage Manager..... Ollie McCreary  
Light Operator..... Nymphadora Krause  
House Manager..... Jy'Shaun Crayton  
Props Master ..... The Cast  
Projection Operator..... Amarionna Caffey  
Spotlights ..... Maddison Corbin  
Aspen Bryant  
Ushers ..... Jy'Shawn Crayton  
Kassandra Fugate  
Ni'yah Goldsmith  
Amiya Griffith  
Aiyonna Mills  
Ella Perry  
Ava Sweda



# **COMING SOON!**

**A NIAGARA PROSCENIUM COMMUNITY PLAYERS  
THEATRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER PRODUCTION OF**

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**MAMMA  
MIA!™**

**November 6, 7, 8, & 14, 2025 - 7pm  
November 15, 2025 - 1pm & 7pm**

## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

### THE CAST

(in alphabetical order)

**MOLLY BARTO** - Molly is a sophomore at Niagara falls High School. She is featured in the song "Learn Your Lessons Well" in *Godspell*. She has done many shows including *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (Willy Wonka), *Freaky Friday* (Savanna), *Hello, Dolly!*, and many others. She is also involved in the NFHS Band and Cross-Country team. She'd like to thank her cast members, directors, and family for all the support to make this show a success!

**EDDIE BECKLES JR.** - Eddie is an 11th grade student at Niagara Falls High School. He has been performing since a young age and has had notable performances in productions like *Grease* (Roger), *Hello, Dolly!* (Barnaby) and most recently in *The Odd Couple* (Felix). Enjoy the show!

**ALLIE CLARK** - Allie is a young actress with a passion for musical theater. She has 8 years of choir and music experience. You may have already seen her in *Freaky Friday* (as Torrey/Danielle/Police officer) or in *Willy Wonka, Jr.* (as Violet/Mrs.Bucket). She loves musicals and has done many workshops to support this passion.

**ANELIE COPELIN** - Anelie is sophomore at NFHS and is very happy to perform in this production *Godspell*. She recently performed in *Hello, Dolly!* (ensemble), *Freaky Friday* (Ellie), *The Odd Couple* (Gwendolyn), *The Little Mermaid*, *Willy Wonka* and *Annie* in the ensemble. When she is not in school, Anelie likes being outside, horseback riding and hanging out with her friends. She would like to thank her parents and siblings for always pushing her to do her best. Special thanks to the amazing cast of *Godspell*.

**EVAN DALPORTO** (Jesus) - Evan is a senior at Niagara Falls High School. Evan's high school credits include *Clue* (Colonel Mustard), *An Evening of Stephen Sondheim* (Narrator), *On Golden Pond* (Billy Ray), *Crimes of The Heart* (Doc Porter), *Grease* (Danny Zuko), *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Otto Frank), *Hello, Dolly!* (Cornelius Hackl), *12 Angry Jurors* (Juror #9), *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (Neil Sedaka, Bobby Vee), and *The Odd Couple* (Oscar Madison). Evan's film credits include *Nothing Will Ever Be The Same*, *Manente Orthodontists*, *Vanished*, *Slashed*, and *Misfit* coming out on Christmas in 2025. Evan recently finished the production of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* (Luke) at the Kenan center in Lockport and is very excited to be in this production of *Godspell* as Jesus. When offstage, Evan plays sports such as golf and hockey. After high school, Evan will be going to college at Marymount Manhattan College in New York City to study musical theatre. Evan would also like to thank his family and friends for everything and hopes that you enjoy the show. Evan is proudly represented by Aqua Talent. Romans 8:18 @evan\_dalporto

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So proud of you,  
Blake McInnis!

*Love, Mom, Rich and Chloe*

**Leo, You ARE more than a noun or  
verb! You are WONDERFUL!  
Have a great show!**

***Love, Mom and Jack***

BRAVO, Molly!  
We love watching you on stage!

*Love, Nana and Papa*

*Congratulations, Molly!*

*Love, Harper and Kingston*

## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

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**AARON LOMAX** (John the Baptist/Judas) - Aaron is a senior at Niagara Falls High School. In his years he has played Mike Teevee in *Willy Wonka Jr.*, Teen Angel in *Grease*, and was a featured dancer in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*. He has spent 3 years in Choir, doing both Advanced and Jazz Choir simultaneously for the last 2 years. Aaron hopes to achieve his goals as a musician, and plans to remind everyone that “child, your hair is a mess!”

**BRIANNA LONDON** – Brianna is a senior at NFHS. She has been involved in six shows including The Niagara Proscenium Alumni Productions of *Evita* and *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* as well as student musicals *An Evening of Stephen Sondheim*, *Grease* and now *Godspell*. Brianna has also stage managed the senior production of *Plaza Suite* while just a freshman. She performed the role of Chic in the NFHS Proscenium Players production of *Crimes of the Heart*. She played ice hockey for 6 years before finding her love for theatre and acting. She has participated in Area All State Choir.

**ETHAN MELENDEZ** – Ethan is a senior at Niagara Falls High School and is so happy to have joined the cast of *Godspell*. It is so much fun to do theater with everyone here and he's grateful that he gets to do this before he graduates! You may have seen him in *Hello, Dolly!* (Horace) last year, or *Freaky Friday* by Open Door Productions.

**BRYNN MONDOUX** - Brynn is a junior at Niagara Falls High School. Previously, she played Ermengarde last year's production of *Hello, Dolly!*, and is ecstatic to be participating in *Godspell* this year. She likes to sing, play piano and tennis. She would like to thank her family for being supportive of her interests, and encouraging her to be the best she can be.

**AVA-MARIE OGRODOWSKI** – Ava-Marie is a senior at Niagara Falls High School. On stage, she has performed in *Clue*, *Grease*, and this year's *Godspell* and *Hello, Dolly!*, *An Evening of Stephen Sondheim*, and *The Odd Couple* for stage crew. She also expresses her creativity through media productions. She also plays softball, lacrosse, and swim. She is a National Honor Society member with 3 internships. She tries to balance all that, friends and college level academics while preparing to hopefully attend FSU this fall, majoring in psychology and education. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**ELSA RODRIGUEZ-PEDRAZA** – Elsa is a senior at Niagara Falls High School. She's been singing in choir since she was in elementary school and was accepted into All-County Choir and Area All-State Choir 3 times. In 7th grade, she was seen in *Frozen Jr.* as young Elsa. While at NFHS,

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# Elsa Rodriguez-Pedraza



“You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself in any  
direction you choose.”

-Dr. Seuss

Good Luck Today and Best  
Wishes Always,  
*Mrs. Joyce*

*Molly,  
We are so proud  
of you everytime you  
take the stage!*

*Love, Mom and Dad*



## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

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she has appeared in *An Evening with Stephen Sondheim*, *Grease*, and *Hello, Dolly!* (Minnie Fay). She's very grateful for this experience and for the support from her family, friends, and teachers for everything that they have done!

## THE PRODUCTION STAFF

(in alphabetical order)

**SHA'NIYA BROADWAY (Stage Manager)** - Sha'niya is a junior at Niagara Falls High School. While she hasn't performed in any of the musicals or plays, she has always helped behind the scenes. From working spotlights for shows like *Hello, Dolly!*, to being stage manager on shows like *The Odd Couple*, it's clear that even though she's not on stage performing, her passion for theatre is still there.

**DANIELLE DEPALMA (Costumer)** - Danielle spent her early years as a Cecchetti Ballerina, where she danced for and later owned The Center for Ballet and Dance arts. She performed for many years in the Nutcracker as well as many other Ballet performances. Danielle embraced her artistic side and found a passion creating wearable art fashion, where her designs were highlighted in New York City during NY Fashion Week and throughout Western NY. Danielle has spent many years in Niagara Falls helping to create activities for the community while on multiple boards and committees such as LIVENF, Pints for Progress and Dance of Fireflies. Danielle is an Art Educator at Niagara Falls High School and has her Master Degree in New and Immersive Technology. She has been working the NFHS Theatre Department as the costumer since her arrival in the district. Danielle also has a special niche in SEL where she is a part of committees and helps lead student run endeavors such as the NFHS Champion Team who seek to instill Trauma Informed Care to their classmates and community.

**SUSAN MARCOLINI (Choreographer)** is delighted to once again, join the production staff at NFHS. Some of her past credits include, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *A Chorus Line*, *Ragtime*, *Mame*, *Pippin*, and several more. She enjoyed working with the Niagara Experience Players for many years and holds a B.A. in dance from the University at Buffalo. She began choreographing for Niagara Falls High School in 1989 for a production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. She is currently employed by the Niagara Falls City School District as a speech language pathologist.

**TOM VITELLO (Producer)** - Tom is currently a Spanish teacher at Niagara Falls High School. Tom graduated from the SUNY College at Buffalo in 1998 with a B.S. in Spanish Education and a M.S. in Education in 2000. Tom is also a 1995 graduate of NCCC where he earned an Associ-

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From our cute little  
baby to our beautiful  
young lady!  
Good luck on your  
musical and all of your  
future endeavors!  
*Love, Papa and Grammy*



**Let your light shine  
Molly Barto!**

We are so proud of your talent and  
enthusiasm for the arts.  
Best wishes you and the  
full cast and crew of Godspell.  
Break a leg!

Love,  
Aunt Alison + Uncle Bill,  
Uncle Dan + Aunt Marcey,  
Aunt Michele + Uncle Tony, Lauren and Ava

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ate Degree in Liberal Arts/Humanities - Social Science. Tom's has over 100 theatre credits to his name including: *Anything Goes!*, *The Pajama Game*, *Guys and Dolls*, *A Chorus Line*, *Forum*, *The Music Man*, *Grease*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Godspell*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Company*, *Pippin*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Evita*, *Children of Eden*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Annie*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Barry Manilow's Copacabana*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Les Misérables*, *Chicago*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Smokey Joe's Café*, *Ragtime*, *Willy Wonka*, *The Addams Family*, *Hairspray*, *Mamma Mia!*, *On Golden Pond*, *Crimes of the Heart*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *West Side Story*, *The Odd Couple* and *Beautiful – The Carole King Musical*. Other music credits include: *Handel's Messiah*, *Berlioz' Messe Solennelle*, *Mahler's Symphony 8 – Symphony for a Thousand*, *Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture*, and other selected works all performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Holy Trinity Lutheran Concert Choir. Tom was as the Music Director, Arranger and Studio Musician for two CD recordings, *My Father's Hymns* and *Broadway and Beyond*, by local artist Lee Stevens. In 2008, Tom performed in concert with Grammy Award Winning Singer/Songwriter Kenny Loggins at Artpark. Tom has worked with the theatre departments of Lewiston-Porter, Starpoint, City Honors School and Niagara Falls High School and has been on the production staff for several productions at NCCC. Tom served as the Drama Club Advisor/Director for Niagara Catholic from 2000 to 2006. For the Fall 2005 semester, Tom was an Adjunct/Musical Director for the theatre department of NCCC. Tom proudly is co-founder of the Niagara Falls City School District Theatre Hall of Fame. In 2021, Tom was the Executive Producer of the web series *Dennis Wilson's The Therapist*, for which he composed and recorded all the underscoring and theme song, *Journey*. In Fall of 2022, Tom composed and recorded the instrumental music for the Niagara Proscenium Alumni Players production of *On Golden Pond*. In January of 2023, Tom performed Off-Broadway at 54 Below in New York City as a pianist for a special engagement of the Stage Door Medium with Jimmy Moses, accompanying Broadway stars Jenny DiNoia and Hayley Podschun. Tom would like to thank his husband Jacob for being so patient and supportive during theatre season and always and his mom Debbie for always volunteering to help with these productions.

**DENNIS WILSON (Director)** – Dennis was born and raised in Niagara Falls, NY. He attended Niagara University where he earned a B.F.A. in Theatre Arts and a M.Ed in Education Administration from Grand Canyon University. Upon graduation from Niagara University, Dennis became heavily involved in community theatre in Buffalo, NY. He relocated to New York City in 1995 and was immediately cast in theatrical productions. The next few years Dennis engaged in a professional acting career. Dennis has performed in the National and Canadian Touring Companies of *Five Guys Named Moe* (Little). Regional credits include: *Once On This Is-*

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land (Papa Ge), *Toys in the Attic* (Gus), *Ain't Misbehavin* (Andre), *The Zoo Story* (Peter), *A Chorus Line* (Mike & Bobby), *Cabaret* (Kit Kat Girl), *West Side Story* (Luis), *Dutchman* (Clay), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Judas), *Hair* (Tribe Member), *Smokey Joe's Café*. Dennis is an accomplished choreographer, having staged productions of *Sophisticated Ladies*, *Ragtime*, *The Wiz*, *Cabaret*, *West Side Story*, *The King and I*, *Smokey Joe's Café* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. In 2005, Dennis founded a theatrical production company, Dendewil Productions. Dennis also humbly adds the title of author to his credits having written and self-published three books, *My Void My Voice* (Poetry 2012), *Eros Dennis* (Poetry 2013), *Morning Coffee Thoughts* (Positive Affirmations 2016). Dennis wrote, produced and directed his first web series, *The Therapist*, which had its premiere in October 2021 on YouTube. During the summer of 2022, Dennis recorded an audio version of his poetry from his publication, *My Void My Voice*. In 2023, Dennis appeared as the Apparition in an original Regional-World Premiere of *The Magnolia Ballet* at the Alleyway Theatre in Buffalo, NY. Last season, Dennis directed a production of *The Taming* at Niagara University and directed a staged reading workshop of a new musical, *Cataract House*. Dennis currently resides in Niagara Falls and teaches theatre at Niagara Falls High School.



We are so proud  
of you! Love you  
so much!  
You Go, Elsa!  
Love, Mom

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRODUCER

Hello all!

Welcome to our production of *Godspell*. It's hard to believe that this production marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> show that the Niagara Proscenium Players have presented to you since 2018! Last year, our production staff met to discuss possible shows for this year. We knew that we wanted a show that was fun, colorful and could accommodate the many talents of a large cast. I am so thrilled that we've achieved that with this show.

The official description of the show is that *Godspell* is a musical in two acts with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by John-Michael Tebelak. The show is structured as a series of parables, primarily based on the Gospel of Matthew, interspersed with music mostly set to lyrics from traditional hymns, with the passion of Christ appearing briefly near the end. Although it is indeed that, it's a hysterical show that allows the performers to stretch their talents as improve actors. The show is not meant to preach, change or enhance anyone's personal beliefs. I truly view the show as something that embraces love, family, friendship, support and kindness.

As a director, I am so thrilled that the cast was able to challenge themselves and find the joy in creating fun-loving characters. What is so special about *Godspell* is that every production ever done is unique with original and specific themes. Our theme addresses the military and what it must be like to be far from home missing the love, family, friendship, support and kindness that I mentioned above. To take their minds off of their current situation these soldiers escape into a "fantasy" land where stories (parables) that made them feel safe and joyful as children are the very stories that resonates with them as adults.

*Godspell* began as a project by drama students at Carnegie Mellon University and then moved to the off-off-Broadway theater La MaMa Experimental Theatre Club in the East Village of Manhattan. The show was rescored for an off-Broadway production, which opened on May 17, 1971, and became a long-running success. Many productions have followed worldwide, including a 2011 Broadway revival.

The Niagara Proscenium Players are proud to be a part of a long, long list of theatre companies that have brought this show to audiences world-wide! We invite you to sit back and enjoy this wonderful and entertaining show!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Wilson

*It's time to write your own story now.  
Bri. We are so proud of you!*



*Love,  
Your  
Family*





# **NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT THEATRE HALL OF FAME**



**2024 INDUCTION CEREMONY  
Friday, March 28, 2025**

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 THEATRE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

**Audrianna Yates**

## **PAST RECIPIENTS**

Ayla Ciccone Burton - 2023	Ralph Meranto - 2019
Ceciyyah Colvin Atkins - 2023	Richard Meranto - 2023
Janet Dunstan - 2022	Ben Michael Moran - 2022
John F. Echler - 2019	Jennifer Neuland - 2019
Maria Fortuna Dean - 2020	Leon Packman - 2020
Marva Frails - 2019	Jeffrey Perri - 2021
Portia Johnson - 2022	Angela Ruggiero - 2021
Katherine Kerswell Muldoon - 2020	Paul M. Vos - 2023
Daniel McDonald - 2020	Wendy Zito - 2021

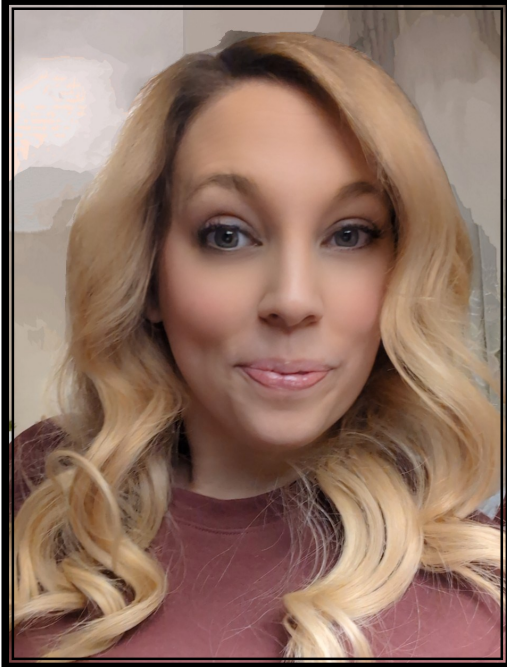
## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Tom Vitello, Co-Chairperson  
Dennis Wilson, Co-Chairperson  
Robert Kazeangin      Susan Marcolini  
Richard Meranto



## MEET THE INDUCTEE

### AUDRIANNA YATES



Audrianna Yates is a seasoned performer, director, choreographer, and educator with over 25 years of experience in the performing arts. After graduating in 2007, Audrianna pursued her passion for theater, studying at SUNY Niagara and later at Niagara University. She gained invaluable experience working with the entertainment department at SeaWorld Busch Gardens, where she performed, costumed, and contributed to various technical aspects for 9 seasons. Audrianna returned to Buffalo to follow her calling in education, driven by a deep commitment to inspiring young minds in the arts. For the past 16 years, she has taught at Jaclyn Carol's Dance Academy, working with students of all ages and skill levels across various dance styles, including competitive dance. Under her guidance, students have earned top awards at regional and national competitions.

Audrianna's work has earned her numerous Director's Choice and Choreography awards, a testament to her dedication. Audrianna is also a sought-after dance competition judge, traveling across the country to critique and assess various styles of dance. Her diverse experience, both on and off the stage, has solidified her reputation as an influential and respected figure in the arts community.

In addition to her role as an educator, Audrianna has remained an active presence in the local arts community. She has taught at events such as Buffalo Days of Dance and the Music is Art Festival, sharing her expertise with aspiring dancers across the region. In 2015, Audrianna took on the role of Director for the Niagara Experience Players, where she has directed numerous productions, including *Annie Jr.*, *Shrek Jr.*, *Into the Woods Jr.*, and *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*

Audrianna's choreography credits also include work at the Historic Lockport Palace Theater, where she contributed to productions such as *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Sister Act*, *Jersey Boys*, and the *100-Year Birthday Show*. As a performer, Audrianna has graced the stage in various productions across Buffalo. Her credits include roles such as Dr. Carol Marcus in *Khan!!!* (O'Connell & Company), Suzie in *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (O'Connell & Company), Cynthia Weil in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (The Niagara Proscenium Community

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## MEET THE INDUCTEE (continued)

### AUDRIANNA YATES

Players), Flotsam in *The Little Mermaid* (Historic Palace), Eva Perón in *Evita* (The Niagara Proscenium Community Players), and Mary Magdalene in *Jesus Christ Superstar* (The Niagara Proscenium Community Players). You can see her in The Kavinoky Theater's upcoming production of *Sweet Charity* as Carmen/ Fandango Dancer.

Audrianna is deeply grateful for the theater community that nurtured her during her formative years, and for the teachers who shaped her into the performer and educator she is today. She would like to extend her heartfelt thanks to Tom Vitello, Dennis Wilson, and Susan Marcolini for bringing her back to the stage and for their unwavering support. Above all, she is eternally thankful for the love and encouragement of her biggest fans—her Mom, Dad, and Son—whose love and support means the world to her



# **NFCSD THEATRE HALL OF FAME**

## **NOMINATION CRITERION**

1. Nominee is a former theatre department alumnus
  - Nominee was active in the theatre department production as an actor, stage crew/technical crew member or pit orchestra member.
  - Nominee exhibited outstanding qualities not limited to talent that makes him/her worthy of nomination.
  - Nominee was a student in the theatre programs in the high schools that make up the NFCSD but is not necessarily a graduate of the NFCSD.
2. Nominee is a current or past theatre department production staff member.
  - Nominee was active as a production staff member including but not limited to director, producer, assistant director, choreographer, costume director, orchestra director, technical director, artistic director.
  - Nominee exhibited a notable dedication to the department.
  - Nominee does not need to be a graduate of the NFCSD but was employed as a staff member in a school in the NFCSD or was employed as a “sub-contracted” staff member for a/some production(s).
3. Nominee was an alumnus of the theatre department and is now/was actively working in theatre in a professional/semi-professional capacity
4. Award may be granted posthumously.

# **MISSION OF THE NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT THEATRE HALL OF FAME**

*The mission of the Niagara Falls City School District Theatre Hall of Fame is to recognize theatre alumni and theatre department professionals of the school district for their outstanding contributions to the theatre department and their work in theatre beyond their tenure in the school district.*

*Each year, the Hall of Fame Committee will select future nominees each year. Alumni and department professionals are nominated by submission of an official nomination form. On the following page, the criterion for nomination eligibility are listed. Recipients will receive an award at each year's induction ceremony and their names will be permanently displayed at Niagara Falls High School. The display is forthcoming and is currently in the design phase.*

**[Click here to submit a nomination to the NFCSD Theatre Hall of Fame](#)**





Addison & Michaela,  
Always in character  
(shoes). Never missing a  
beat. We love watching our  
dancing divas command the  
stage! Good luck in your  
final high school  
production!  
Can't wait to see what your  
futures hold!



Love,  
Mom, Dad, Danni, Scott,  
Austin, Papa, Veronica,  
Jess & Jude



# THEATRE DEPARTMENT OF NIAGARA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

## *Senior Night 2025*

*Saturday, March 29, 2025*

The Production Staff of the Theatre Department of Niagara Falls High School wishes all of our outgoing senior members of the Class of 2025 great success in all of their future endeavors. We hope that you keep the memories made in this theatre near and dear to your hearts and that you use your talents in the future to keep bringing smiles to audiences everywhere life takes you.

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Vitello, Ms. Marcolini, Mrs. Custode-Macri, Dr. Wingert, Mrs. DePalma, Mr. Wrobel, Mr. Fagiani and Mr. Slusser

### SENIORS

(in alphabetical order)

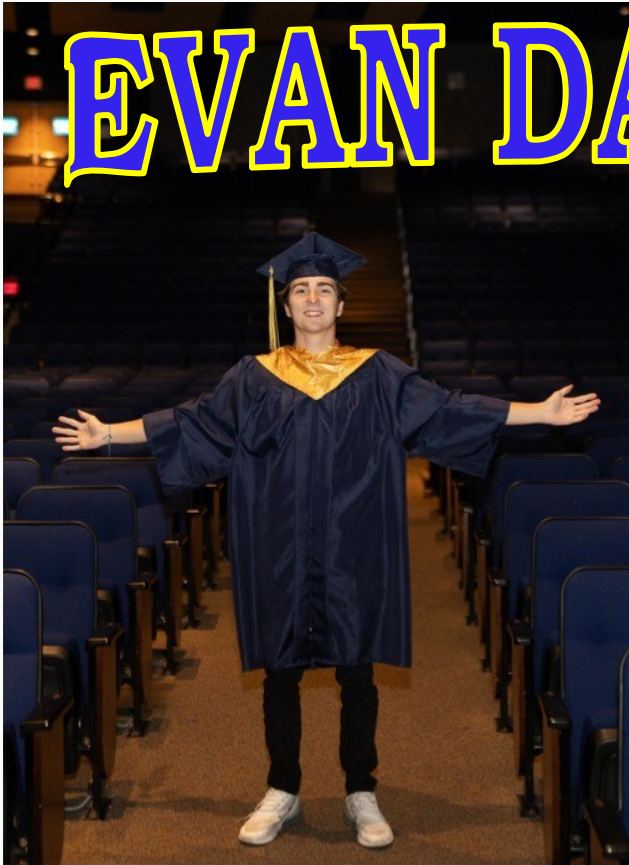
Osiris Acevedo *	Aaron Lomax *
Ali Al Rifaei #	Brianna London *
Katherine Adamec #	Vincent Luchetti
Kendall Arbotosky	Ethan Melendez *
Arletys Arrigo *	Addison Moore *
Evan DalPorto *	Ashley Nagelhout *
Michaela Doreen *	Ava-Maria Ogrodowski *
Mikkel Howard #	Emmalyn Pyra *
Amelia Jacob #	Camilla Ralands *
Ayden Loebel	Elsa Rodriguez-Pedraza *

# Pit Orchestra

\* Cast Member



# EVAN DALPORTO



Your Family is so proud of how far you've come, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll achieve in the future. You've got something special in you, and it's only the beginning. We're all so excited for your big adventure at Marymount Manhattan College! We wish you all the best as you take this next step - go show them what you're made of!

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Mark Laurrie, Superintendent of Schools  
Members of the Niagara Falls Board of Education

Mrs. Cheryl Vilardo, Chief Education Administrator  
Mr. Bryan Rotella, Administrator      Mrs. Valerie Rotella-Zafuto, Administrator  
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NFHS Safety Officers and the NFPD

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Mrs. Danielle DePalma

Mr. Nicholas Wrobel

Mr. Jacob Kopera

Mrs. Debbie Paonessa Tramontano

Mrs. Emily Walter

Ms. Barbara Rodgers

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and Evelyn DalPorto

Mrs. Donna Nadrowski

Mr. Robert Touchette

Mrs. Teresa Kurilovitch

All of the Parent, Student and Alumni Volunteers

Rock Hard Fence and Exteriors for their generous donation.

A special thank you to Mr. Jim Derrick for writing the brass and woodwind arrangements  
specifically for this production of *Godspell*.

Congratulations, Zakyf on your first musical production in  
the United States. We are so proud of you! ¡Felicitaciones!

Best Wishes from Mr. V. and your Period 2 Spanish Class.

# **Anelie Copelin**

## **Good Luck!**



**You make us so proud!**  
**Always our bright STAR!**

**LOVE, Mom, Dad,**  
**Ethan, Blake & Derek**



*Fortune favors the brave! -Aída*



## BRONZE HEADLINER PATRONS

- ◆ Congratulations to all of my students in the musical!! - Ms. Campbell
- ◆ Bravo to the NFHS students and staff of the Niagara Proscenium Players. Break-a-leg! - Mr. O'Donnell
- ◆ Break-a-leg, Leo! - Love, Aunt Maria and Uncle Joe
- ◆ Good job, Leo! - Love, Aunt Lisa and Uncle Jeff
- ◆ Good luck, Leo! Love, Uncle John, Aunt Duana and Paul
- ◆ Leo, Shine bright and break-a-leg! - Love, Nani and Papa

## FRIEND HEADLINER PATRONS

- ◆ NFHS Pit Band Rocks! BRAVO!
- ◆ Break-a-leg, Molly! - Max



*Congratulations on your last  
high school musical We  
are so proud of you and all  
your accomplishments over  
the years! We hope you  
keep dancing into  
university!  
We love you, Senior!  
Love, Mom and Dad xo*

Please visit the  
NFHS Theatre Department  
Webpage for future performances,  
alumni show information, show archives  
and the NFCSD Theatre Hall of Fame.

[www.nfschools.net/Page/5140](http://www.nfschools.net/Page/5140)

Are you interested in participating in future  
Niagara Proscenium Alumni Players  
productions?



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