PLAYBILL

Domino Theatre

Mountain Community Theatre From the novel by Valentine Davies Directed by Valerie Winslow

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Thursday ~ Saturday **December 1 ~ 17** Curtain 7:30, 2:00 curtain on final Saturday

In the Davies Foundation Auditorium

There will be an intermission after Act 1

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DOMINO THEATRE

PRESENTS

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

Adapted from the novel by Valentine Davies for the stage by The Mountain Community Theatre

> Directed by Valerie Winslow

Featuring

Kris KringlePhil PerrinDoris WalkerJennifer TryonFred GayleyJason BowenSusan WalkerIsabella SearleShellhammerAmanda LiebeckSawyerColin DoyleDr. PierceDayna-Lynn NevayJudge Harper / Drunk SantaCraig GodfreyHalloran / Rich Lady / GrandmotherPenny TryonMr. Bloomingdale / FinlayDale C. JonesMaraJohn CarneyMr. MacyNick NeokleousJames MaraWeston Liebeck

Setting: New York City, the 1960s

Produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois

THERE WILL BE ONE 15-MINUTE INTERMISSION AT THE END OF ACT 1

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ABOUT THE DIRECTOR



Valerie came to live in Kingston nine years ago and needing to find a theatre group, joined Domino Theatre. She had a role in a previous production of *Miracle on 34th Street* where fun was had, creativity flowed, and new friendships were formed. What a thrill and honour it is to share the experience again, as Director.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It is with great pride that I have participated in bringing *Miracle on 34th Street* to its fruition. The production came together piece by piece, one challenge at a time, with the effort of many volunteers involved with Domino Theatre. The cast has dedicated countless hours to bringing their characters to life, to represent those who hope, wish, question, and dream. The crew members have brought their unique talents to make certain that details were taken care of so that things run smoothly, that visual and sound experiences are effective and of great quality. Many have contributed so that you, the audience, can simply watch and enjoy.

Although the story has been around for years and perhaps you are familiar with it, the spirit of Christmas is alive and still current in Kris Kringle and all that he represents. Let yourself return to a time in your childhood when there was wonder and simplicity that still exists today, if you choose to let it.

Want to hear more?

Check out our audio interview with Director Valerie Winslow on Domino's Theatre Talk, available soon on the Domino Theatre Website at dominotheatre.com/thtrtalk.shtml

PRODUCTION CREW

Director	Valerie Winslow
Producers	D.T. McNichol, Michelle Freedman
Stage Manager	Kirsta Berg
Assistant Stage Managers	Linda Hamstra, Marlene Buttress
Set Design / Chief Carpenter	Grant Buckler
Lighting Design	D.T. McNichol
Sound Design	Michelle McNichol
Costume Design	Whitney Purdy, Esme Purdy
Set Dressing	Wayne Orr
Props	Marlene Buttress
Makeup	Nicole Cannon
Set Construction	Bob Brooks, James Gow, Lorna Jodoin,
	Dave Oliver, Wayne Orr, Liz Schell,
	John Woollett
Set Painting	Bob Brooks, Grant Buckler,
	James Gow, Wayne Orr, Liz Schell,
	Bernd Steglich, Jay Steglich,
	John Woollett
Sound and Lighting Operators	Bill Morrow, Hailey Hatfield,
	Kathy Bonsall
Lobby / Enhanced Digital Program	Ian Malcolm
Photos	
Archive / Promotional Photos	Grant Buckler
Poster Design	Katie Flower-Smith
Lobby Art Curator	Liz Schell
Front of House Co-ordinator	Cindy Chappell
Enhanced Digital Program Design	Douglas Connors



Phil Perrin as Kris Kringle

Phil has been performing with Domino and other theatre companies for 20 years in a wide range of roles. His favourite? Kris Kringle, which he first brought to life in Domino's 2015 production of *Miracle on 34th Street*. Phil is thrilled to reprise this role and reminds all the boys and girls that "He knows if you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness' sake!"



Jennifer Tryon as Doris Walker

Jennifer would like to thank the Domino Theatre for taking a chance on a first-timer to the stage since high school. You may have seen Jennifer on TV, as a television news reporter from around the world. Now Jennifer does craft and sewing television and has regular segments on *The Global Morning Show*.

Jennifer is thrilled to be on stage with her sisters, Amanda and Sara, her mom, Penny, and nephews, Weston and Harrison. Jennifer thanks her kids, Violet, Xavier, Ruby, and her husband, Mike, for supporting all her time away at rehearsals and letting mom has have this cool experience with Domino Theatre.



Jason Bowen as Fred Gayley

Jason Bowen has been a familiar face on the Domino stage since the 2002/03 season. His two most recent outings have found him playing opposite Valerie Winslow as her unsuccessful paramour. It seems she has taken pity on him this time around. Spoiler alert: This one has a happy ending...



Isabella Searle as Susan Walker

Isabella Searle has enjoyed her debut role playing Susan. Her previous theatre experiences include dramatic arts summer camps in Kingston and London, Ontario. When not on stage, she is an imaginative Grade 6 student at school, where she has performed in dance and music recitals. If she is not curled up reading or writing, you can find her outside playing with her sister Alexandreia or friends. Isabella is thankful to the *Miracle* team for this opportunity, the teachers who have encouraged her creative capacity, and her family and friends who have supported her love of the arts.

NOTE: You can enjoy a Domino Theatre Talk interview with Isabella on our website.



Amanda Liebeck as Shellhammer

This holiday season, Amanda is excited to bring the role of Shellhammer to life on stage! She would like to thank everyone who contributed endless volunteer hours to bring this production to life and Domino Theatre for always celebrating local theatre! Amanda is excited to share this opportunity with her son, her mom, sisters, and nephew, who are also in the play... Can you guess who they all are?



Colin Doyle as Sawyer

Colin is a young, aspiring actor and Domino Theatre regular, with this production being his 4th Domino show! It's always a thrill for him to figure out and work his way through a new character (or multiple characters, on occasion), and he has very much enjoyed playing a character that is different than he's used to this time around. He hopes you enjoy the show, and is looking forward to many more opportunities to take to the stage and entertain in the future!



Dayna-Lynn Nevay as Dr. Pierce

Dayna is excited to be back on stage after 12 years away. Prior performances include: *Brigadoon, The Ballad of Baby Doe, High School Musical 3* and, 10 years as a Young Canadian of The Calgary Stampede.



Craig Godfrey as Judge Harper / Drunk Santa

Craig has enjoyed forty years with the North Frontenac Little Theatre Company. Since moving to Kingston, he has performed in *Les Misérables* and *Christmas Carol: The Musical* with Kingston's Bottle Tree Productions, and *Of Mice and Men* with King's Town Players. Craig is delighted to make his debut with Domino, enjoying good direction and a fun cast and crew.



Penny Tryon as Halloran / Rich Lady / Grandmother

Domino Theatre is pleased to welcome Penny to the *Miracle* team and her stage debut. She is finding it to be interesting and fun. Enjoy!



Dale C. Jones as Mr. Bloomingdale / Finlay

Dale is thrilled to be back on stage. He's been a lighting operator for two productions of Domino Theatre's 2021/22 season: *Same Time Next Year* and *My Three Angels*. His last stage appearance was in *Yes Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus*. Merry Christmas to all!



by Alan Ayckbourn January 19 ~ February 4

These Shining Lives

by Melanie Marnich

March 9 ~ 25



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John Carney as Mara

It has been quite a while since John has been a part of a production, but he is very excited to be back on stage, for the first time with Domino Theatre. Back in high school, he was part of a few shows such as: *The Tempest, A Christmas Carol,* and *Of Mice and Men,* as well as one act plays and a student-written show called *In the Realm of Batardie.* John hopes everyone enjoys the show and wants to wish everyone a happy holiday season!



Nick Neokleous as Mr. Macy

After several years of theatrics, Nick is excited to be back in person on stage. This is not Nick's first foray into community theatre, previously playing Ed in the Domino Theatre's production of *The Mollycoddlers* and Pepper in the Kingston Meistersingers' production of *Mama Mia*!

Nick is excited to put his acting chops to the test playing Mr. R. H. Macy, a successful businessman with money, the exact opposite of a broke Master's student at Queen's. Nick hopes everyone enjoys the show and rediscovers the beauty of consumerism... Christmas spirit!



Weston Liebeck as James Mara

Weston has recently caught the 'acting bug' and is grateful for this opportunity to be Master James in this year's holiday production. When Weston isn't practicing his lines, he loves video games, watching YouTube, and playing with his friends. He looks forward to seeing you now AND at his future performances!



Anton Gibson as Parent / Pedestrian / Zookeeper / Postal Worker

Anton is pleased to join the cast of *Miracle on 34th Street*. The various roles he plays gives him breadth to his experience. Enjoy the performance.



Sara Tryon as *Bag Lady / Parent / Pedestrian / Postal Worker*

Loving all things Christmas, Sara is happy to be a part of the Christmas classic, *Miracle on 34th Street*. This is Sara's first production, and she is so happy to be sharing this stage with her son Harrison.



Nicole Cannon as Parent / Pedestrian

Nicole has been involved in acting since a young age. She has been in movie projects such as *Strike* and *A Cool, Dry Place*, as well as in the plays *Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii* and *Hamlet* with the O'Leary School of Drama.



Samantha Daly as Elf (J)

Samantha Daly has been acting since a young age, and really enjoys all the opportunities and experiences she's been given. She really loves acting and the people she has met through it. Samantha is always looking for new acting opportunities in which she can partake.



Skye Sinclair as Elf (R)

Skye Sinclair has been acting since she was seven. She has participated in many productions for her school, her camps, and her community. She is also a dancer and baton twirler. This is her first Domino show.



Lilli McDonald as Elf (Q)

Lilli is excited to be back on the Domino stage for another Christmas production! Previously, she played Gladys Herdman for Domino's *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in 2017, with other festive credits including holiday shows with King's Town Players (*Santa, the Panto & A Christmas Story*). Prior to this Domino show, Lilli took on the role of Matilda in *Matilda: The Musical,* on The Grand stage in 2019. She has had a wonderful time working on this show, and hopes Santa is good to everyone involved!



Gabe Keleher as Elf (Z)

Gabe has always loved theatre and has always had an interest in acting since his first production *Suite Surrender* in 2022. Since then, he has been in the Kick and Push Festival, acting in *Murderous Mansion of Mr. Uno*, and now is in *Miracle on 34th Street* as one of Santa's elves. Gabe is so excited to perform this show for you and hopes you enjoy.



William Godkin-Scott as Elf (W)

William Goldkin-Scott is still new to acting, being 17 and all, but he hasn't let that stop him. He's been in 2 productions so far, this being his first with Domino Theatre. He quite likes acting and enjoys the work and the people he meets along the way.



Harrison Tryon-Martin as Johnny

Harrison is excited to be in his first production and is looking forward to acting alongside Santa Claus. At five years of age, he is the only member of the cast who has never actually read the script.



Aislyn Cannon as Megan

Aislyn is an energetic eleven-year-old who loves acting, singing, and dancing. Aislyn first started out acting in a TV commercial when she was nine-months old, and has been involved with Barefoot Players.



Isla Ottway as Dutch Girl

Isla is returning to Domino's stage, having performed in *A Christmas Carol* (2019). She has performed on the TIP stage in *The Music Man* (2022) and *Anne of Green Gables* (2019). She enjoys singing, dancing, and acting, and is very happy to be back at Domino Theatre. She hopes that you enjoy the show.



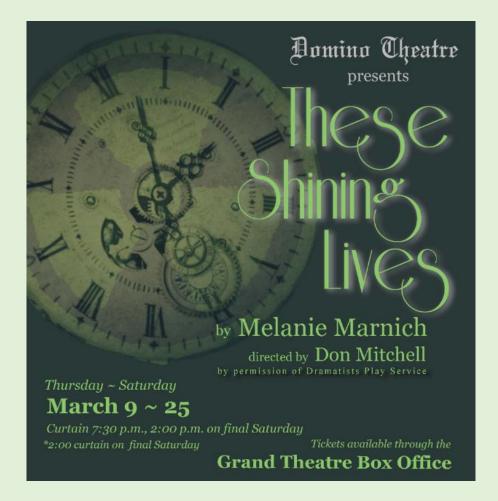
Natalie Shipp as Sharon

Natalie (twelve-years-old) is thrilled to be making her first appearance with Domino Theatre. Natalie has always loved live theatre and has performed in multiple small productions with summer camp programs. She enjoys singing, dancing, playing the piano, and absolutely loves to read. Natalie is very excited to help bring you this amazing show and hopes you have a great winter.

AUDITION CALL

If you've ever seen a Domino Theatre production and thought to yourself: "Hey! That looks like fun. I'd love to try that!", soon you will have your chance.

Auditions for *These Shining Lives* will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday December 20th and Wednesday December 21st at Domino Theatre, 52 Church Street, in Kingston.



We are seeking four female identifying actors, stage age 20 – 45; two male identifying actors, stage age 25 – 65, a young female-identifying actor, stage age 9 – 14; young actors, stage age 15 – 20, and; adult actors, stage age 30 – 65

All ethnicities, genders, and diversities will be considered for any role.

And if you want to try your hand at activities such as set building, set painting, sound and light operating, stage managing, props, running the front of the house, costumes, or any of the many other tasks required to stage a play, go to our website, under "get involved" and "volunteering", to fill out our talent bank form.



ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT AND THE PLAY

This play was adapted by the Mountain Community Theatre (MCT) of Ben Lomond, California by Peter Troxell, Rita Wadsworth, Paul Sampson, Kathie Kratochvil, Ron Montana, Phyllis Macy, Diana Troxell, Lyle Troxell, Peter Gelblum, and the many actors and crews who have participated in the play, from the book by Valentine Davies and the 1947, Twentieth Century Fox Studios motion picture starring Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Edmund Gwenn, and Natalie Wood.

From May 2003 until September 2010, the MCT was forbidden to produce the play for the eighth time due to a copyright dispute with Twentieth Century Fox which was resolved by brothers Peter and Seth Gelblum.

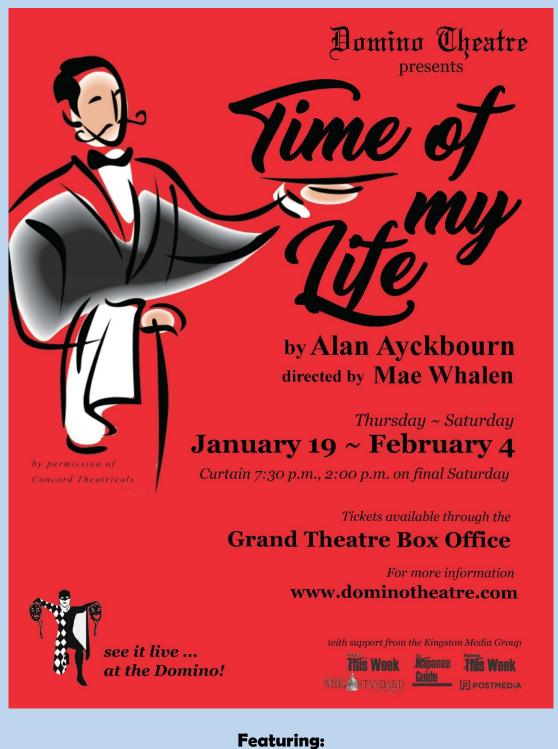
Now officially called *Miracle on 34th Street, The Play,* the MCT produced it again in 2010, with Peter Gelblum, fittingly, playing the role of Kris Kringle. The MCT staged it again in 2012 and 2018.

Miracle on 34th Street, The Play is a tale of Christmas and the world in which we want to believe; a world in which love, decency, and generosity of spirit are their own rewards. Kris Kringle, and old man in a retirement home gets a job as Santa at Macy's. Kris proceeds to unleash waves of Christmas spirit by directing parents to other stores to fulfill their children's wishes. Seen as delusional by Macy's vocational counsellor who plots to have Kris Kringle committed, Kringle ends up in court for a competency hearing which must also decide the true spirit of Christmas... And through it all, a young girl's belief in Santa hangs in the balance.



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a comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten

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a mystery by Ken Ludwig



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The exotic Orient Express is about to go off the rails. With a train full of remarkable suspects and an alibi for each one, it's the perfect mystery for Hercule Poirot. So wax your mustache and hold onto your passport for what has now become the most highly produced comedy - mystery in the world.

Miracle on 34th Street December 1 - 17, 2022

a holiday classic by The Mountain Community Theatre from the novel by Valentine Davies

By chance, Kris Kringle, an old man living in a retirement home, gets a job working as Santa for Macy's Department Store. He unleashes waves of goodwill, but as he claims to be the one true Santa Claus, the store vocational counsellor plots to have Kris declared incompetent and sent to Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital. Also at stake is one little girl's belief in Santa.



a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn



Time Of My Life January 19 - February 4, 2023

Set in a small Italian restaurant, the play charts, chats, and chomps its way through the rise and fall of a disastrously dysfunctional middle-class family's fortunes and relationships. By juxtaposing events from the past, present, and future, Ayckbourn lets the audience know things that the characters themselves may not know, and he encourages us to recognize those moments that make us happy as the moments occur.

These Shining Lives (EODL Festival Entry) March 9 - 25, 2023

a comedic drama by Melanie Marnich

The play chronicles the strength and determination of women considered expendable in their day, exploring their true story and its continued resonance. Catherine and her friends are dying, it's true; but theirs is a story of survival in its most transcendent sense, as they refuse to allow the company that stole their health to kill their spirits - or endanger the lives of those who come after them.







Hilda's Yard April 27 - May 13, 2023

Newly on their own since their thirtysomething children have moved out, Hilda and Sam Fluck are finally ready to relax. Hilda plans to hang laundry while Sam goes to buy a shiny new television. What could disturb their simple peace? When the kids return, each with personal problems, the family careens into an afternoon of calamity, showing them that ultimately they must celebrate how they can be together rather than apart.

Over the River and Through the Woods June 8 - 24, 2023

a comedy by Joe DiPietro

Nick may be a modern young professional in NYC, but his loving grandparents never let him forget where he belongs: in Hoboken, New Jersey, in the bosom of his loud, loving, and well-fed Italian-American grandparents. When he is offered a job in Seattle, the wily elders cook up a matchmaking scheme. Will the prospect of true love keep Nick from moving across the country?



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