

# HANGAR THEATRE COMPANY Newsletter

As the weather turns chilly and the leaves change color, we at the Hangar Theatre start looking to the upcoming holidays: what are your plans for Thanksgiving? How do you plan on juggling the holiday nexus of gift-getting, party-attending, plan-making, and semester-ending? But before we get there, we want to catch you up on what the Hangar has been up to and our plans for the remainder of the calendar year. Take a break, you say?—rest assured, the Hangar Theatre rarely sleeps. Our commitment to theatre and the role it plays in our community is something we take very seriously (as you can see in the photo on the left).

This autumn we welcomed Congregation Tikkun v'Or (Ithaca Reform Temple) back for the holidays and served as a venue for Wegmans' long-time General Manager Gary Wolosczyn's retirement celebration. Our co-productions with DSP (Dan Smalls Presents) are scheduled with nationally known talent until we open our second year of *Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol* on December 2.

We are delighted that we presented our production of *Fortune* (which opened our 2018 Summer Mainstage Season) at the Geva Theatre in Rochester in early October. In addition, on October 13 we hosted *Bet Your Bottom Dollar*, a new games-and-glamour benefit, sponsored by Cornell University, the Inn at Taughannock, and Six Mile Creek Vineyard (see related story herein).

Autumn means back to school for the Hangar, too, as our Project 4 program for fourth graders returns to Dryden, Ithaca City, Newfield, and Trumansburg school districts.

Most importantly, this is our time for planning—for the 2019 Mainstage and KIDDSTUFF seasons, and for our future. We have embarked on a strategic planning process and will be seeking your input throughout the rest of the year.

We hope you enjoy our "off season" newsletter—thank YOU for your enthusiasm and support!

Fondly,  
The MBs

Michael Barakiva

MaryBeth Bunge



## 2019 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for our 2019 Mainstage and KIDDSTUFF seasons are now available! Call 607.273.ARTS or visit [HangarTheatre.org](http://HangarTheatre.org) to learn more!





## EDUCATION

Our 2018 KIDDSTUFF season continued to delight local families while providing a host of new experiences. These included a world premiere play by local artist Rachel Lampert (*The Amazing Tale of the Backyard Overnight Adventure*), a play exploring a number of topical issues facing local youth (*The Transition of Doodle Pequeño*), and a Sensory Friendly performance of *Snow White* to increase accessibility for sensory sensitive youth and their families. Additionally, student artists from our Next Generation School of Theatre presented *Seussical Jr.* as the final KIDDSTUFF show of the season and shared their talents with over 1,000 audience members from the community!

The Next Generation School of Theatre, our summer program for 2nd - 12th grade students, engaged with 150 local youth in a variety of theatre-based workshops. New class offerings included *Myth Mania*, *Voice*

*Over Acting*, and *Puppetry for Actors* in addition to familiar favorites *Masters of Magic*, *Impact Improv*, and our series of *Musical Theatre* training classes. In its second year, our Summer Break-a-Leg program offered 2nd-5th grade students the opportunity to create their own original short play. The program was so popular that we were able to offer two sections that shared TWO original plays with friends and family.

Looking ahead, we are excited to collaborate with local 4th grade students from Dryden, Newfield, Ithaca City, and Trumansburg school districts as they create curriculum-based plays while participating in our Project 4: Artists in Schools residencies. For more than 20 years, Project 4 has integrated the arts as a learning tool in local classrooms and paved a new path to collaboration among peers. Newfield Elementary and Trumansburg Elementary will debut their original plays on the Hangar Theatre stage in early November.

## ALUMS & CHUMS

From one Miranda hit to another: **Austin Scott**, who played Benny in Hangar's 2016 production of *In the Heights*, is currently playing the titular character in the National Tour of *Hamilton*. **Josh Andrés Rivera**, who played Graffiti Pete in the same Hangar production, is also starring in various roles in the National Tour.

The name on everybody's lips is **Kate Loprest**. After playing Roxie Hart this summer at the Hangar, Loprest is taking a turn as Brooke Ashton/Vicki in *Noises Off* at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, MN where *Fortune* star **Amelia Pedlow** recently played Elizabeth in *Frankenstein- Playing with Fire*.

Our Sonny in *Xanadu*, **Adante Carter**, is trading in his roller skates for a toga as Hero in Gulfshore Playhouse's production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

**Eric Jordan Young**, who premiered his solo album "Once in a Lifetime", is now directing *Ragtime* at Ithaca College.



## BET YOUR BOTTOM DOLLAR

On October 13, we hosted our new FUNdraiser, *Bet Your Bottom Dollar*. At this night of gambling, games, and glamour, Hangar supporters raised over \$10,000 in support of the theatre's artistic and educational programming! Thank you to all who made this event a success!



This Fall, the Hangar Theatre Company Staff and Board met at the theatre for our Strategic Planning Retreat. Many creative ideas were shared and discussed. The Hangar family is feeling inspired and excited for what's yet to come!

# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating Philanthropy

Thank you to those who helped "Fill the House" in Dorothy D. Park auditorium in 2018. Your generosity supports Hangar programming by strengthening and sustaining high-quality theatrical and education experiences to all ages, all year long. Dedicating a seat in the theatre is a special way to honor a loved one, friend, or yourself. We invite you to join the individuals below in a commemorative opportunity by making a gift of \$3,000 or more in support of the Hangar Theatre. It's a perfect gift!

### 2018 Fill the House Gifts:

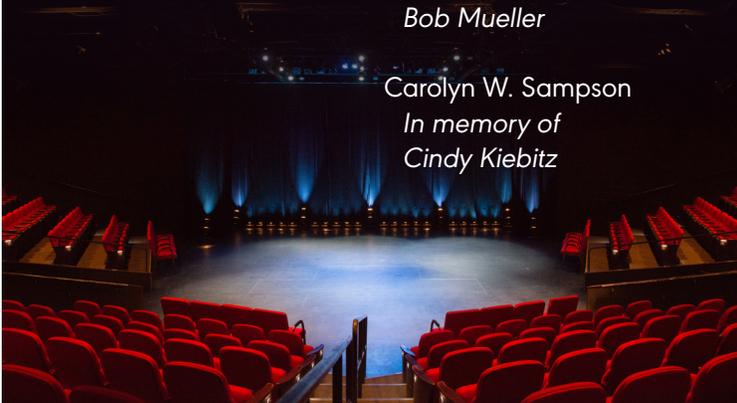
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# WHAT'S NEXT

*Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*  
December 2-23, 2018

Embark on a journey to 19th century London at the Hangar Theatre this winter for *Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol* directed by Michael Barakiva. Follow along with Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation as he is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future in a timeless tale of hope and redemption. This retelling of Charles Dickens' classic novel has been adapted specifically for the Hangar Theatre's stage by Ithaca's very own Aoise Stratford. Adults and children won't want to miss out on this wonderful world of music, costumes, and magic.

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