

The Galway Players present



BEYOND THE SPOTLIGHT  
Story, Song and Dance  
May 4th 7pm ~ May 5th 2pm

**Galway High School Auditorium**

Director - Ryan McMahon

Music Director - Wendy Camilli

Choreographer - Jen Bargy & Lisa Hunter



Jason Cromie



Carsyn Efaw



Kara Ferguson



Izzy Johnson



Lily Johnson



Owen Johnson



Sheena Johnson



Sarah Karns



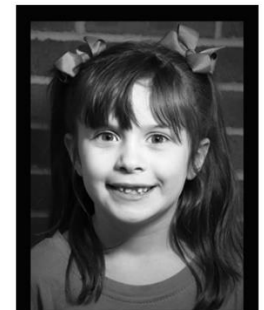
Tori Karns



Persephone Lestrangle



Colleen McMahon



Daphne McMahon



Lorelai McMahon



Alyssa Petteys



Aidan Reekie-Mell



Aven Vanier



Finn Vanier



Janice Walz



## ACT I

Another Opening (Kiss Me Kate) ..... Company  
Master of the House (Les Miserables)..... Jason Cromie  
Janice Walz  
Super Trooper (Mama Mia!) ..... Sheena Johnson  
The Moon and Me (Addams Family)..... Persephone Lestrangle  
Ukelele: Sarah and Tori Karns  
Dear Theodesia (Hamilton).. Sheena Johnson, Colleen McMahon  
with Owen Johnson, Daphne McManon  
My Favorite Things (Sound of Music) ..... Tori Karns  
with Izzy, Lily and Owen Johnson  
Daphne and Lorelai McMahon  
For The First Time In Forever Reprise (Frozen) ..... Kara Ferguson  
Alyssa Petteys  
More Than I Am (Little Women) ..... Jason Cromie, Tori Karns  
A selection from Smile ..... Colleen McMahon  
I Believe (Book of Mormon) ..... Aidan Reekie-Mell  
Never Walk Alone (Carousel) ..... Janice Walz  
Epiphany (Sweeny Todd) ..... Finn Vanier  
For Now (Avenue Q) ..... Ensemble

~15 minute intermission ~

## ACT II

Sisters (White Christmas) ..... Sarah & Tori Karns  
If I Can't Love Her (BATB)..... Persephone Lestrangle  
I Know It's Today(Shrek) ..... Sarah & Tori Karns, Alyssa Petteys  
Waiting (Addams Family)..... Alyssa Petteys  
Matchmaker (Fiddler) ..... Carsyn Efaw, Sarah & Tori Karns  
Aven Vanier  
Anything You Can Do (Annie Get Your Gun) ..... Finn Vanier  
Sarah Karns  
Why (Tick, Tick, Boom) ..... Finn Vanier  
My White Night (Music Man) ..... Tori Karns with Sheena Johnson  
Beyond My Wildest Dreams (Little Mermaid) ..... Kara Ferguson  
Life of the Party (The Wild Party)..... Colleen McMahon  
Seasons of Love (Rent) ..... Company

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director ..... Ryan McMahon  
Music Director ..... Wendy Camilli  
Choreographers ..... Jen Bargy, Lisa Hunter  
Producer ..... Amy Jessup  
Accompanist ..... Wendy Camilli  
Asst. Producer ..... Joy Karns  
Production Assistant ..... Pat Sowle  
Lights & Sound ..... Michelle Urban, Gabe Hampson  
Set, Props & Stage crew ..... Jennifer Hampson  
& Dave Vanier

*Welcome to the Beyond the Spotlight Cafe,  
a relaxing hangout where a variety of  
show people meet up to hang out and  
catch up with each other.*



WENDY CAMILLI: This is Wendy's 10th season with the Galway players as music director. She has been accompanying soloists, ensembles and choruses since her days in high school. Her most recent credits include *Elf Jr.* with the Galway Youth Theater, *Ride the Cyclone* with Steamer 10 Theater and *Little Shop of Horrors* with the Galway Players. Wendy works in the commercial lines insurance industry as an audit manager. In her spare-time she enjoys yoga, Zumba and spending time with her husband and three adult children. She would like to thank the entire cast, crew and production team for their dedication and hard work on this project!

JASON CROMIE has performed in many shows on the Galway stage over the years, and he is excited to add this production to his memories with the group. He wants to tell his castmates how proud he is of them and would like to thank his wife for her support.

MELANIE EFAW Melanie has been volunteering with Galway Players since 2023, most recently as stage manager for *Elf Jr.* Melanie has been involved in community theater in the Capital Region for the past 25 years, she has worked with SLOC, Local Actors Guild of Saratoga and SCT, among others. She hopes you enjoy the show!

CARSYN EFAW is excited to be a part of the *Beyond the Spotlight* cast! You may have seen her most recently in Galway Players *Elf Jr.*, or *Frozen Jr.* Outside of performing, you can find her doing a variety of sports or spending time on the lake. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

KARA FERGUSON has been in 7 productions in the past. In March she played Taylor in Galway High Drama's production of *Disney's High School Musical*, but her favorite role to date is Patty Simcox in *Grease*. Outside of theater, Kara is in Chamber Singers, Girl Scouts, serves on the teen advisory board at the public library, as well as many other activities. She also loves watching 80s movies and spending time with her friends. Kara wants to thank the whole cast and crew for putting this show together!!

JEN HAMPSON has been involved with the Galway Players since 2015, helping out with shows that her children performed in, as well as assisting with Costumes, Props, Set and Stage Crew. She currently serves on the Galway Players Board of Directors.

GABE HAMPSON first performed with the Galway as Will's Son in *Big Fish*, and since then, has performed in *The Secret Garden*, *Peter Pan*, and *The Addams Family*. Gabe prefers to be up in the booth working on lights and sound, and has been doing that for the Youth Theatre productions.

AMY JESSUP has been involved with the Galway Players for almost 15 years, starting when her children performed with the Youth Theatre. She has contributed to many shows over the years wearing multiple hats as photographer, house manager, producer as well as helping with props and sets. She has served on the Board of Directors in various capacities over the years. In addition to Galway, Amy also volunteers as the CAST Coordinator at Proctors scheduling high students to scan tickets for all Main Stage performances, Usher Coordinator at Schenectady Light Opera Co where she has also served on the Board, and she ushers at TheRep and Albany Civic Theater. Amy also teaches fitness classes for the CDYMCA at 3 different branches, and lifeguards in the summer. Otherwise, you can find her hiking a mountain!

ISABELLA “Izzy” JOHNSON: This is Isabella’s third production with the Galway Players. Her favorite production has been *Frozen, Jr* where she got to be a snowflake and dance with Olaf. Izzy loves her pets, coming to play practice to see her friends, and learning dances on stage from Mrs. Bary. Thank you to everyone for coming out and seeing us perform!

LILIANA “Lily” JOHNSON: Liliana is so happy to be a part of *Beyond the Spotlight* with her Mom and siblings! While this is her third Galway Players production, Lily is at home on stage as she is a member of Joseph Henry PTSA dance, the Elementary School Choir, and Odyssey of the Mind. She loves animals, the color purple, and all things “kawaii” (Japanese word for cute). She hopes you enjoy the show!

OWEN JOHNSON: Owen is very excited to be in his first credited production with the Galway Players. His first time on stage was this past fall in the youth theater production of *Elf, Jr.* The youngest of 5 kids, Owen enjoys his dog Gilly, the show Bluey, and helping his Mom and Dad. Owen thanks you for coming out to see the show, and cannot wait to entertain you.

SHEENA JOHNSON: While she has been a part of the Galway Player’s sweatshop for 3 years, this is Sheena’s first time singing on stage in 2 decades. She is a cosplaying, super-nerd mom who enjoys historical costume dramas, true crime podcasts, 80’s one-hit wonders, and “all the carbs.” This “retired theater kid” wants to thank her kids for talking her into doing this with them, and her husband for supporting her in all the chaos. Please enjoy the show!

SARAH KARNS: Sarah is a senior in high school, with this being her last show before moving on to a new stage of her life. She has participated in many other shows with the Galway Players over the last eight years, some of her favorites *being Bah Humbug, Little Women, and Beauty and the Beast.* Outside of acting, Sarah loves playing sports, working at the Saratoga Recreation Center, and spending time with the people around her. She can’t wait to head off to Grove City College in the Fall, but for now, she is excited for this last hurrah with the Galway Players.

TORI KARNS is delighted to be back with the Galway Players - the place where her love for theater first developed. She has performed in a few other musicals such as *Peter Pan, The Music Man, Bah Humbug!* as Beth Cratchit, *Oklahoma!* As Gertie Cummings and *'Twas the Land of the Night before* as Aristotle. She has really enjoyed the experience of working with her fellow castmates on putting this all together and she hopes you enjoy the show!

PERSEPHONE ANTOINETTE LESTRANGE is excited to be joining the cast of *beyond the spotlight.* This is their 4th show with Galway Players. They were ensemble for *Annie* and *Little Shop of Horrors* and Fester in the *Addams Family.* They have been doing theater for 20 years and look forward to being in more shows.

COLLEEN PARKER McMAHON is thrilled to be appearing with Galway Players with her whole family. Colleen’s first performance with Galway Players was in 1986 when she was 8 and she has participated in over 15 productions over the years, as a performer and occasionally as an accompanist and co-musical director. She trained as a performer with the Eastman Conservatory/University of

Rochester musical theater program and later worked as on Broadway as a theater lawyer. Last year she directed her first show with Bunbury Players.

DAPHNE McMAHON is proud to be returning to the stage after her debut with Galway Player as a snowflake in *Frozen Jr.* While Daphne prefers the technical aspects of theater, she has greatly enjoyed making such great friends during this show.

LORELAI McMAHON is proud to be making her first appearance with Galway Players (with her doll Buttercup) as a kid in *My Favorite Things*. This follows her debut on Broadway in the Friedman Theater singing "Goodbye Until Tomorrow" (to a completely empty house.) Lorelai can't wait to audition for *Lion King Jr.* in the fall.

RYAN McMAHON Ryan's first theatre experience was playing Michael in the high school's production of *Peter Pan* when he was in second grade. That experience told him two things, he loved theater, and he did not want to act. In college Ryan studied directing, design and production management before he moved to NYC to start his professional career. Ryan worked off-Broadway as a designer and production manager for American Place Theatre before moving to the Manhattan Theatre Club and focusing on production management. Ryan was part of the team that brought the Biltmore Theatre back to life as a Broadway house and he worked on multiple TONY and Pulitzer Prize winning productions. Currently Ryan is the Executive Director of the Saratoga Springs City Center and lives in Milton with his loving family.

ALYSSA PETTEYS: Alyssa is 19 years old and this is her first production with the Galway Players! Most recently, she has been involved both on stage and behind the scenes with Adirondack Center Stage, Corinth HS Drama Club, and the Melodramatics Theatre Company. Some of her favorite roles include Princess Fiona (*Shrek*), Gertrude McFuzz (*Seussical*), and Alice Beineke (*Addams Family*).

AIDAN REEKIE-MELL: This is Aidan's 4th Galway Players production and 8th musical production. Favorite roles include Walter Hobbs in *Elf, Jr.* and Troy Bolton in *Disney's High School Musical*. When he is not on stage, you can find him at Galway playing varsity soccer, running varsity track, or making you a sandwich at The Galway Local. He thanks everyone for coming out and supporting community theater.

PAT SOWLE has been with the Galway Players for 28 years, currently serving as President of the Board of Directors. She started out in the costume department, and is now the head costume designer, having costumed 56 shows! In addition to doing costumes at GP, she has also done costumes for Park Playhouse and Schenectady Light Opera Company. She owns Harmony Designs, a sewing and tailoring business, and delights in spending time with her 4 children and 11 grandchildren. She thanks you for supporting the Galway Players, and hopes you enjoy the show!

AVEN VANIER has been doing theater since 2017. This is her 14th show and her 9th Galway Players show. Some of her favorite productions she's been a part of are *Addams Family*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Into the Woods*. Aven hopes you enjoy *Beyond the Spotlight!*

**DAVE VANIER** Dave is a proud theater dad and thoroughly enjoys supporting his kids by serving on the Galway Players' production crew. He has been Lead Carpenter, Set Builder and Set Design, and Jack of All Trades over the past 7 years!

**FINN VANIER:** Finn has been invested in theatre since the age of nine, and has only vastly improved since then... obviously. They've scored lead roles in shows such as *Into the Woods* and *The Addams Family*, and are happy to be a part of *Beyond the Spotlight*. They hope you enjoy the show.

**JANICE WALZ:** Since retiring, between traveling with husband, she has done two theater shows a year. Favorites include SLOC shows: *Carousel* (Nettie), *Ragtime* (Ensemble), *Sound of Music* (Mother Abbess), *South Pacific* (Nurse), and *Into the Woods* (Step Mother). Other roles include Big Mama in Classic Theater Guild's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and Mrs. Gibbs in *Our Town*. For Not so Common Players fun roles were *Once Upon a Mattress* (Queen Aggravain) and *Nice Work If You Can Get It* (Dancer/Singer). Janice was in *Sound of Music* at Home Made Theater where previously she was in *Calendar Girls* (Cecilia.) Janice is a member of Octavo Singers. She is glad to now add Galway Players to her list of places to have theater fun.

# Galway Players

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