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Arlington Friends of the Drama

Prologue

afdtheatre.org
22 Academy Street
Arlington, MA

Live Theater Returns for 2021-2022 Season

Welcome Back to AFD!

We're delighted to be moving ahead with live theater in our own auditorium starting October 7 with **The All Night Strut!**

We know COVID is top-of-mind so we want to share our safety procedures for audiences.

COVID-19 Update and Safety Measures

AFD carefully monitors CDC guidelines for COVID-19 on a regular basis. We will continue to update procedures and protocols and encourage you to visit [our website](#) for updated information prior to your performance. We ask our patrons to note the following:

- **Proof of Vaccination** is required for indoor performances. Patrons are asked to present their proof of vaccination at point of entry (physical card or photo).
- **Masks**, though not required *at this time*, keep everyone safer. Please wear a mask at your discretion.
- **There is no distancing between parties.**
- **Hand sanitizer stations** will be placed at various locations in the theater building.

Be sure to visit the [AFD website](#) for the latest updates on COVID-19 policies.

Click below to buy tickets to **The All-Night Strut!** and all our season's shows.

[Buy Tickets](#)

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I'm so looking forward to opening our doors again and seeing our Friends, old and new, as it's been a long 18 months since AFD's last live performance. While there is uncertainty of what's to come regarding COVID, we're still auditioning and rehearsing and planning to be live on stage come October 7. We will be updating our COVID policy as necessary, and any changes will be posted on our website.

I'm always blown away by the level of talent that comes to our auditions, and the ones held last month for our first show, **The All Night Strut!**, were no exception. Our four cast

members are all triple threats, and the show is a joyful and nostalgic musical journey through the 30's and 40's.

On September 19 at 4 PM, we will be holding our first Member Meeting of the season. If you've never been to one, please consider this your personal invitation. It's a great way to meet other AFDers, learn what's going on behind the scenes, and even get to preview a few songs from **The All Night Strut!** If you have any questions at all about what these meetings are about, please feel free to contact me at judylynnweinberg@gmail.com.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I hope to see you at the theater soon.

Judy Weinberg
AFD President



Vanessa Calantropo



Jean-Alfred Chavier



Lali Haines



Jordan Hand

Cast and Crew of The All Night Strut!

Cast

Vanessa Calantropo
Jean-Alfred Chavier
Jordan Hand
Lali Haines

Production Team

Susan Chebookjian: Director / Choreographer
Katie Clark: Assistant Director / Choreographer
Dan Rodriguez: Music Director
Elizabeth Micci and Judy Weinberg: Co-Production Managers
Jessica Going and Chelsea Zabel: Co-Stage Managers
Greg Mancusi-Ungaro: Set Design
Ken Theriault: Set Tech
Tom Powers: Sound Design
Hobbit: Lighting Design
James Peregrine: Lighting Assistant
Margaret Shelman: Props
Emily "Keiko" Ogura and Maggie Whalen: Costumes
Jeanne Callinan: Hair / Makeup
Marie Mueller: Publicity

Our 2021-2022 Season

The All Night Strut!

Conceived and Originally Directed and Choreographed by Fran Charnas
Musical Arrangements by Tom Fitt, Gil Lieb, and Dick Schermesser
Additional Orchestrations by Corey Allen

October 7-17, 2021

Stage Director/Choreographer: Susan Chebookjian
Music Director: Dan Rodriguez
Production Managers: Judy Weinberg and Elizabeth Micci

A sassy celebration of the 1930s and '40s, this jukebox musical offers a bonanza of the way things were during the Depression, World War II, and the post-war boom. From the funky jive of Harlem to the sophisticated elegance of El Morocco and the romance of the Stage Door Canteen, this is an evening filled with jazz, blues, bebop and classic songs.

Angel Street

by Patrick Hamilton

December 3-19, 2021

Director: Paul Dixon

Production Managers: Evelyn Corsini Alcorn, Mary Hummon, and Ginger Webb

A Broadway hit first produced on the West End under the title "Gaslight," this mystery thriller tells the story of the Mannings, who live on Angel Street in 19th-century London. Familiar with the term "gaslighting"? It comes from this classic work of drama in which the tension builds into some of the most suspenseful sequences in modern theatre. The famous movie version of "Gaslight" featured Joseph Cotton and Ingrid Bergman.

Pippin

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Book by Roger O. Hirson

Originally Produced on the Broadway Stage by Stuart Ostrow

Directed on the Broadway Stage by Bob Fosse

2013 Broadway Revival Directed by Diane Paulus

Orchestrations for 2013 Revival by Larry Hochman

February 25-March 13, 2022

Stage Director: Ryan Began

Music Director: James Haupt

Choreographer: Daisy Giunta

Production Managers: Sandy Armstrong and Susan Harrington

With an infectiously unforgettable score from four-time Grammy winner, three-time Oscar winner and musical theatre giant, Stephen Schwartz, "Pippin" is the story of one young man's journey to be extraordinary. Winner of four 2013 Tony Awards including Best Musical Revival, this updated circus-inspired version continues to captivate and appeal to the young-at-heart throughout the world.

Boeing, Boeing

By Marc Camoletti

Translated by Beverly Cross and Francis Evans

May 6-22, 2022

Director: Danny Bolton

Production Manager: Ginger Webb

A hit comedy similar in vein to Shakespeare's comedies of merry misadventures and mistaken identities, "Boeing Boeing" relates the exploits of French bachelor Bernard as he juggles three lady loves. Three flight attendants, to be exact, from three different countries. Bernard's life hits some turbulence when complications such as a new, speedier Boeing jet disrupt his careful stratagems to keep all three girlfriends in the dark about each other.

AFD Theatre Featured on Arlington Community

Media's ACMi News

Last season, live-streamed shows helped AFD Theater stay active. Now we're joining many Boston-area theatres in resuming live productions. The ACMi News team at Arlington Community Media featured AFD in a recent broadcast that featured AFD President **Judy Weinberg** and All Night Strut cast member **Vanessa Calantropo**.

[Watch the video here](#) or click on the photo below and get a backstage look at our hair and make-up room, our costume room, and see interviews with Judy and Vanessa! **The AFD segment starts at 10:29.**



Save the Date: September Opening Meeting

Our Opening Membership Meeting will take place Sunday, September 19, at 4 PM in the theatre auditorium. Come to reunite with fellow AFD members, refreshments, and entertainment! The entertainment portion of the gathering will feature a few songs from **The All Night Strut!**

Membership Update

Join AFD or renew your membership! The deadline to be included in the AFD directory has been extended to August 27. [Learn about our two membership options and join online.](#)

AFD 100th Anniversary Planning Underway

What's on your hard drive, in your closet, or in your photo albums? **Susan Harrington** is chairing the AFD 100th Anniversary Celebration committee. Under the theme of 100 Years of Excellence, anniversary plans include turning the lobby into an exhibit space that highlights AFD history and individuals who have contributed to the success of the theater. Susan is asking all AFD members to start looking through their photo albums and stacks of AFD memorabilia for items they'd be willing to scan and share. Contact Susan at slh1029@verizon.net with any of your finds.

Friendly News

Judy Weinberg is your Friendly contact. Send her news you want to share via the Prologue. Email Judy at judylynnweinberg@gmail.com.



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