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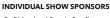












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A Note from Robb Hunt

Welcome to the theatre and our fresh new production of *Million Dollar Quartet!* This show is an important part of Village Theatre's history, and we couldn't be more proud to bring you this production, with some of the greatest talent out there. Ever since the 2007 World Premiere production of this show, our audiences have been clamoring for us to do it again. It has been a top write-in vote on our Season Survey year after year, and when we finally added it to the ballot as an official option for this Season, it was far-and-away the number one choice across all audiences.

There's an article later in this program about the history of the show and how it all came to be, but it really comes down to an incredible group of people working together to bring the show from concept, to page, to stage. And we're honored and delighted that many of those people are back for this production and/ or are still a part of the Village Theatre family. I particularly want to celebrate the return of Chuck Mead, who was the music director in 2007 and is back again for this production. We also want to welcome Scott Weinstein, who is making his Village Theatre directorial debut, but has been at the helm for numerous productions of the show across the country and has done an incredible job with this one.

The Million Dollar Quartet story wouldn't be complete without Ted Rawlins, who was an original producer and driving force behind the show. Since this production, we have developed a great relationship with Ted, who has also worked with us to bring Stephen Schwartz's Snapshots to the stage, and has a few other projects working in the background.

In addition to being a growth point for Village Theatre's family, this show has become a part of Village Theatre's identity. It was the first show to go from our Festival of New Musicals, to the Mainstage, to Broadway – followed just a few years later by *It Shoulda Been You*. It's a true testament to the importance of our Village Originals program and Village Theatre's mission "to commission and produce new musicals that achieve national exposure."

And now, we get to welcome new talents to the stage and to our family. This cast is made of up some of the most dynamic performers who have already taken on these roles around the world, and we know they are going to blow you away. It's a joyous and exciting way to close out our 39th Season and move into our 40th Anniversary. We hope you enjoy the show.

Robb Hunt Executive Producer

Cast

Sam Phillips	Matt Wade
Carl Perkins	Skye Scott*
Johnny Cash	Brian Grey*
Elvis Presley	
Jerry Lee Lewis	John Countryman*
Dyanne	
Drummer/Fluke	James "Rif" Reif
Bassist/Brother Jay	
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Jerry Lee Lewis	
Elvis Presley	
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^{*}The Actors and Stage Manager are members of the Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States

Musical Numbers

The shows runs approximately 90 minutes without an intermission

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Master Stage Carpenter (Everett)	Chris Mikolaizik
Master Sound Engineer (Issaquah)	Brent Warwick
Master Sound Engineer (Everett)	Kurt Conway
Wardrobe Master (Issaquah)	Heather Andress
Wardrobe Master (Everett)	Pamela Weinzatl
Master Electrician (Issaquah)	Paul Arnold
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Cast



JOHN
COUNTRYMAN*
(Jerry Lee Lewis) has
been an avid fan of rock
'n' roll since childhood.
John has been seen in
Million Dollar Quartet
productions nation-

wide. *MDQ* credits include: the 2013/14 Broadway National tour, productions in Chicago, Las Vegas, and Fireside Dinner Theater. John would like to thank his family for their support and his mother for showing him his first piano licks!



BRIAN GREY* (Johnny Cash). Brian lives in Chicago. Credits include: Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Steppenwolf Theatre, Goodman Theater, Windy City

Playhouse, Chicago Children's Theatre - among others. Television: "Chicago Med" (NBC); "A.P.B." (Fox). Education: MFA CCPA/Roosevelt University; the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts (PCPA). When not pretending to be other people, Mr. Grey teaches Yoga. Love to Masha and Angela. briangrey.net



CAYMAN ILIKA* (*Dyanne*). Village Theatre: *Mary Poppins* (Mary Poppins) and *Show Boat* (Julie). The 5th Avenue Theatre: *Kiss Me, Kate* (Lilli/Kate). The 5th Avenue

Co-productions: Jacques Brel is Alive and Well... and Vanities (Kathy) at ACT Theatre, and the world premiere of Beatsville at the Asolo Repertory Theatre in Sarasota. Musical Theatre West: Oliver! (Nancy). Taproot Theatre Company: Always... Patsy Cline (Patsy) and Persuasion (Anne Elliot). CaymanIlika.com



CHRIS JONES (Brother Jay, Bassist) previously played the role of Brother Jay in the 2006 reading of Million Dollar Quartet at The Village Originals Festival of

New Musicals. He has played bass in Village Theatre's pit orchestra for over 40 shows, starting in 2005 with the Mainstage production of *Cats*. He is also a member of The Andy Coe Band, a psychedelic rock quartet based in Seattle.



JASON KAPPUS* (Elvis Presley). Village Theatre: Hairspray, Meet Me in St. Louis, Aida, Stunt Girl, Evita, Hello Dolly!... Broadway: American Idiot. National Tour:

Jersey Boys, Legally Blonde. The 5th Avenue Theatre: West Side Story, Catch Me If You Can. Seattle Children's Theatre: High School Musical, The Wizard of Oz. To Loni, Bubba & Meemers, this lovely theatre, and all you patrons of the arts: "Thank you. Thank you very much."



JAMES "RIF" REIF (Fluke, Drummer). Who says you can't go back? After being onstage with the original Village Theatre production of Million Dollar Quartet 12 years

ago, Rif will be back at Sun Records reprising the role of Fluke. With 28 years in the Village Theatre orchestra, favorite productions include: *The Who's TOMMY, Jesus Christ Superstar, In the Heights, Dreamgirls*, and *Hairspray*. Love to Jen, Lucas, and Jack.



SKYE SCOTT*

(Carl Perkins) Broadway Tours: Million Dollar Quartet and Jersey Boys. Off-Broadway: Jersey Boys (Crewe). Originated the role of Hall of Fame guitarist

Steve Cropper in *Soul: The Stax Musical* at Baltimore Center Stage. Other favorites: *Baz* (Gatsby) at the Palazzo in Las Vegas, *Love Actually Live* (Mark) at the Wallis in LA. BFA - Carnegie Mellon School of Drama. Love to S+B! theskyescott.com



MATT WADE (Sam Phillips) fell in the luck-bucket returning to Village Theatre for a

to Village Theatre for a bucket-list show after singing several of these songs weekly on a Mississippi riverboat.

At Village Theatre: Les Misérables, Big River, The Producers, Jesus Christ Superstar, and Beauty and the Beast. National tours: The Producers; Oklahoma! This show is dedicated to mama who always proved that nothing is more powerful than rock, except paper.



JACK DEARTH

(Johnny Cash u/s, Carl Perkins u/s) is an actor and musician with a BA in drama: performance and law, societies, and justice from the University of

Washington. Jack has appeared most recently as Aster in *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Cable in *South Pacific*, and in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. Jack has also played lead guitar in *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *Working the Musical*, and *Ring of Fire*.



NATE MCVICKER
(Elvis Presley u/s)
is itching like a man

on a fuzzy tree to make his Village Theatre debut! Recent credits include: The 5th Avenue Theatre: Annie, Mamma

Mia!; Showtunes: Legally Blonde (Warner), ...Molly Brown; Bainbridge Performing Arts: Xanadu (Sonny); SecondStory Repertory: Spring Awakening (Melchior). Proud PPU and Village Theatre KIDSTAGE alum. This one's for grandpa. Check out his #understudyseason updates and follow him @NateMcV



CASEY RAIHA

(Sam Phillips u/s)
Village Theatre: Sergei,
Trunchbull u/s in
Matilda, Diction Coach
in Singin' in the Rain,
Charlie Davenport in
Annie Get Your Gun.

Local: Lysander in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Seattle Shakes), Monty in *Violet* (Artswest), Sam Phillips in *Million Dollar Quartet* (CDA Summer Theatre.) Voice Over Artist for Amazon Rapids and Amazon Storytime. "Love to Kelsey and my folks!" CaseyRaiha.com



QUINN TIERNEY VAIRA (*Dyanne u/s*) is a Montana-native who is thrilled to be making her big-city, Village Theatre debut amongst these super cool

musicians! Recent

credits include: Sally in *This Is Halloween* with the Can Can; Brooke in *Legally Blonde* at Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre; Dyanne in *Million Dollar Quartet* at Peach State Summer Theatre. She is eternally grateful for those who continuously love and support her. quinnvaira.com



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Who's Who



JEFFREY WILSOR (Jerry Lee Lewis u/s). Favorite past projects include: Big River (Huck Finn), Batboy, and the new musical Freedom's Song. After years of

performing in Nashville,

New York, and all around the country, Jeffrey settled in Seattle where he now works as a music minister, arranger, and composer and is pursuing a degree in music production. He studied musical theatre performance at Belmont University. Love to Dustin, Luna, and Orion.

Production Team

SCOTT WEINSTEIN (Director) is thrilled to make his Village Theatre debut. Scott is a multiple Jeff Award winning director, most recently for his newly conceived chamber version of *Ragtime* with Griffin Theatre where he is a company member. Other favorite credits include: Violet (Jeff Nom - Best Director) and Titanic (Jeff Nom - Best Director, Production) both with Griffin; Rock of Ages (Drury Lane Theatre); Murder For Two (Marriott Theatre); Becky Shaw and Noises Off (Windy City Playhouse); Rent at Theo Ubique (Jeff Award -Best Director, Best Musical); She Kills Monsters (Steppenwolf Theatre Garage Rep); Seussical (Chicago Shakespeare Theater); Million Dollar Quartet (Fingerlakes Music Theatre Festival, Phoenix Theatre); Upright Grand (Citadel Theatre) and the world premieres of *Baristas* (New York International Fringe Festival) and Knights of The Sales Office (Adirondack Theatre Festival). He is a company member with Redtwist Theatre where he has directed Frost/Nixon, Circle Mirror Transformation, and The Drawer Boy among others. Scott is the recipient of a Berkshire Theatre Festival Directing Fellowship and a Stage Directors and Choreographers Observership. He was the associate and resident director for the Broadway National Tour, Las Vegas and Chicago productions of Million Dollar Quartet. He directs the resident production on Norwegian Cruise Lines as well as regional productions across the country. He has developed new work at Pittsburgh CLO, The American Music Theatre Project, The Marriott Theatre, Route 66 Theatre, Porchlight Theatre and others. Proud graduate of Northwestern University and member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. ScottGWeinstein.com

CHUCK MEAD (Music Director) is a renowned musician, singer/songwriter, producer, music director, musicologist, and architect behind the rebirth of Lower Broadway in Nashville and the Global Neo Traditional Country music movement. He has been at the forefront of what has come to be known as Americana Music for the better part of 25 years. Perhaps best known for co-founding the famed '90s Alternative

Country quintet, BR5-49, whose seven albums garnered a CMA Award for Best International Touring Act and three Grammy nominations, helped build an indelible bridge between authentic American Roots music and millions of fans worldwide. Since then he's toured the globe, entertained thousands, released three solo albums, made 138 appearances on the *Grand Ole Opry*, co-produced critically acclaimed tribute albums to Johnny Cash & Waylon Jennings, and acted as the original musical director/supervisor of Million Dollar Quartet on Broadway AND the companion CMT television show Sun Records. With a deep connection to Memphis and a desire to keep building musical bridges, Chuck recorded at legendary Sam Phillips Recording Studios, the result of which, Close To Home, is scheduled for release June 28, 2019 on Plowboy Records. He is also currently working on new theatrical productions and developing television shows.

ANDREA BRYN BUSH (Scenic Designer) is returning to Village Theatre, having previously designed Pump Boys and Dinettes (2016) and Crimes of the Heart (2016). She is a scenic designer who works with many companies across town including: Seattle Children's Theatre, Intiman Theater, NCTC, Book-It Repertory Theatre, Seattle Shakespeare Company, Seattle Public Theater, Contemporary Classics, Azeotrope, and Cornish College of the Arts. She was formerly an Ensemble member and resident designer at Washington Ensemble Theatre. Andrea is a MFA graduate from UW where she is currently on staff in the scene shop. She received the 2010 Gregory Award for outstanding scenic design.

ESTHER GARCIA (Costume Designer) has designed for opera, modern dance, theatre, and burlesque. This is her first Mainstage costume design with Village Theatre. Esther has a BFA from the University of Oregon with an emphasis in costume design. She spent five seasons with the Eugene Opera as the resident designer and costume shop manager and was resident designer for Lane Community College Theatre and Dance Department, Eugene, OR. Favorite designs include La Cenerentola, Cosi Fan Tutte, Susanne, Pagliacci, Carmen, A Little Night Music, The Magic Flute, HMS Pinafore, and designer to Seattle-based international artist, The Shanghai Pearl.

GEOFF KORF (Lighting Designer) returns to Village Theatre after designing the lighting for Pump Boys and Dinettes. Recent designs in Seattle include: Richard III and Bring Down the House for Seattle Shakespeare and The Crucible at ACT Theatre. Geoff has designed lighting for more than three hundred productions of which more than one third have been world premieres. Geoff is a member of the ensemble of Cornerstone Theater in Los Angeles and serves as the interim associate director of the School of Drama at the University of Washington. Geoff is a graduate of California



Who's Who

State University, Chico and the Yale School of Drama.

BRENT WARWICK (Resident Sound Designer) is happy to have been on the Village Theatre team since 2008 starting with Beauty and the Beast. Brent has been the resident sound designer for the last seven Seasons where some of his favorite design credits include: Les Misérables, Billy Elliot, The 39 Steps, and Hairspray. Brent has also worked as a sound designer and engineer for the Knutzen Family Theatre, Princess Cruises, and Teatro ZinZanni. Brent has a degree in computer science and his own audio/video production business. Love to his wife, Haley.

HALEY PARCHER (Associate Sound Designer) is happy to be working with this excellent team. This is Haley's sixth Season working in the Village Theatre sound department. Favorite sound design credits include: American Idiot, Violet, The Nance (ArtsWest), and Anything Goes (UW School of Drama). Favorite associate credits include: Mamma Mia! and Kiss Me Kate (The 5th Avenue Theatre), Artney Jackson and Seared (Williamstown Theatre Festival), Little Shop of Horrors (Broadway Center Stage at the Kennedy Center), Dreamgirls, and Hairspray (Village Theatre). Love to Brent and her parents.

PAMELA CAMPI SPEE* (Stage Manager). Previous Village Theatre Mainstage as stage manager: Matilda, ... Howard Barnes, String, Newsies, Dreamgirls, The 39 Steps, Crimes of the Heart; as assistant stage manager: Billy Elliot the Musical, Snapshots, Xanadu, Fiddler on the Roof, It Shoulda Been You, Annie Get Your Gun, Iron Curtain, Anne of Green Gables, The Gypsy King, and others. She has worked around Seattle at Seattle Children's Theatre, Taproot Theatre Company, Seattle Shakespeare Company, The 5th Avenue Theatre, ArtsWest, and ACT. She recently worked as the production assistant for the national tour of Hamilton. LOVE to her favorite leading man and Miss Hunter!

MIRANDA C. PRATT* (Assistant Stage Manager) is excited to spend another rockin' summer at Village Theatre – she has spent the last five Seasons ASMing here, most recently on Matilda. She also works regularly at Seattle Shakespeare Company and when she has time, loves to stage manage 14/48: The World's Quickest Theatre Festival which is easily one of her favorite things in Seattle. In addition to stage managing, Miranda is also a competitive powerlifter and is studying to be a nutritionist. She is currently celebrating her 10th year in Seattle!

BRADLEY C. BIXLER (*Technical Director*). This is Brad's 19th Season with Village Theatre. Brad has been working in technical theatre for

the past 29 years at companies around the area including: Intiman Theatre, Seattle Children's Theatre, Mount Baker Theatre, Civic Light Opera, and Pacific Studios. He graduated from Western Washington University with a BA in technical theatre. Brad would like to thank Suzie, Colin, and Charlie for their continued support and encouragement.

RACHEL BENNICK (Properties Manager). This is Rachel's first Mainstage Season with Village Theatre. Rachel has been working in technical theatre for the past eight years at companies around the country, including: NYC's Julliard, Baltimore Center Stage, and most recently South Coast Repertory Theatre in Orange County. She graduated from The University of Texas with a BA in technical theatre with a scenic design and props emphasis.

JULIA B. FRANZ (Master Scenic Artist). This is Julia's 124th Mainstage show in her 25th Season as master scenic artist for Village Theatre. Julia is privileged to work with some of the best scenic carpenters, property artisans, and fellow scenic artists. Julia would especially love to welcome Maybelline, golden retriever and "Curious" pup, into her life and her paint shop. Life is better when there's a dog to share it with. Love to Steven, best friend, fellow traveler, and husband.

DOUGLAS DECKER (*Wig Master*) has been at Village Theatre since *Making Tracks*. He has done wigs for pretty much every theatre in town, including: Intiman Theatre, Seattle Children's Theatre, and Seattle Shakespeare Company. Doug keeps asking the actors to stop moving around so much . . .

CAITLIN MCCOWN (Associate Production Manager) is enjoying her second Season at Village Theatre. Prior to joining Village staff, Caitlin was the venue & production manager for West of Lenin in Seattle. Caitlin freelances as an actor, director, and scenic designer and has worked with Seattle Public Theatre, Harlequin Productions, Island Stage Left, Theater Shmeater, Fantastic.Z, Macha Theatre Works, and Twelfth Night Productions, among others. Caitlin holds a BA in theatre & film and an MA in theatre arts & dance, and is the managing director of Many Hats Theatre.

JESSICA SPENCER (Casting Director) couldn't be happier to work with this team in the thriving Seattle theatre community. Jessica has worked around the country in arts management, administration, and production for such companies as: Arts Center Enterprises, Inc., Nebraska Theatre Caravan, and locally for Taproot Theatre Company and The Inverse Opera. As a director, Jessica has also had the privilege to work with such companies as Taproot Theatre Company, ArtsWest, SHOWTUNES, SecondStory Repertory, and KIDSTAGE. Love to her motley crew of Roo,

Raija, Wynter and the many babysitters and dog-walkers that make life possible.

TIM SYMONS (Resident Music Director) is in his 14th Season as resident music director at Village Theatre, during which he has music directed over 25 Mainstage shows including: Matilda, Into the Woods, Billy Elliot, Cabaret, Funny Girl, Big River, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Full Monty, and The Who's TOMMY. Other credits include: The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Romy & Michele's High School Reunion (The 5th Avenue Theatre), Assassins (ACT), Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed (Seattle Children's Theatre), Man of La Mancha (Arizona Theatre Company). Tim is one third of Seattle jazz trio Fawcett, Symons and Fogg. Love to Taylor!

JAY MARKHAM (Production Manager) has worked as Village Theatre's production manager on over 70 productions since 2004. With a background in stage management, technical theatre, corporate events, and concert production, Jay approaches theatre with an understanding that the great achievements of any organization are the combined efforts of each individual. Favorite projects include: Dreamgirls, The Who's TOMMY, Les Misérables, Million Dollar Quartet, Earth, Wind & Fire, Jesus Christ Superstar, and Show Boat. Love to Huckleberry, Ignatius, and Aimee.

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AROUND THE WORLD AND HOME AGAIN A HISTORY OF MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

It all started with a meeting between Robb Hunt and Ted Rawlins. They met through the National Alliance of Musical Theatre (NAMT). Robb, Village Theatre's Executive Producer, has been a long-time member of NAMT, including serving as a board member and active participant for many years.

Ted worked in the theatrical division of a film company, and had

a connection with Floyd Mutrux, who was known for his "rockumentaries" or documentaries about the rock industry. Floyd was interested in the Sun Records jam session of Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, and Carl Perkins – thus Million Dollar Quartet was born. Before long, Million Dollar Quartet was added to The 2006 Festival of New Musicals by Associate Artistic Director Brian Yorkey.

It was an unusual show – requiring actors who were not only experts in the instruments and music of the characters, but resembled them enough to pass it off. Not an easy task when you're talking about true pop-culture icons like Elvis Presley. And for the show to work, the cast had to be perfect. So, Robb and Brian flew to Los Angeles to attend auditions with

Ted and Floyd, found a team, and brought them up to Issaquah to join some talented performers from Seattle for The Festival reading. That original show included Lance Guest as Johnny Cash and Rob Lyons as Carl Perkins, both of whom would go on to perform their roles on Village Theatre's Mainstage, then on Broadway, and around the world.

Village Theatre hosted another smaller reading shortly after the first, to help refine the show before it went on to Seaside Musical Theatre in Florida, who put on a small-scale full production.

Seeing the show on stage in Florida solidified what Robb and Brian had already known: they had a hit on their hands.

Million Dollar Quartet opened on Village Theatre's Mainstage in Fall of 2007. The cast once again featured Lance Guest and Rob Lyons from the original reading, and added Levi Kreis as Jerry Lee Lewis. This production also featured music direction by Chuck Mead, who went on to be the musical supervisor on Broadway.



The show immediately saw record-breaking success with audiences. The run enjoyed an unprecedented extension in Everett to accommodate popular demand and, true to the show's name, ticket sales exceeded a million dollars. To this day, it remains the record-breaking show at Village Theatre as both the best-selling new musical ever produced, and the best-selling show to take place in the Fall.

From there, the show moved to Chicago, first to Goodman Theatre



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for about a month and then to Apollo Theater where it ran for years, becoming the third-longest running show at the venue.

While at the Apollo, a few New York theatre critics gave the show

rave reviews. So, with interest generating in New York, talks to move the show to Broadway began. *Million Dollar Quartet* premiered on Broadway on April 11, 2010, complete with the three cast members from Village Theatre's production: Levi Kreis, Rob Lyons, and Lance Guest. In fact, there was a fourth in the background: Corey Kaiser played the role of the bass player at Village Theatre, and also went on with the show to Broadway. The production was nominated for

Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, and won Levi Kreis a Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical. The show played for 489 performances and 34 previews, before closing in 2011. But that was far from the end. After closing on Broadway, *Million Dollar Quartet* opened on the West End in London in 2011, as well as Off-Broadway, and began a national tour. The

show even enjoyed a residency at Harrah's Las Vegas beginning in February of 2013, and closing on December 4, 2016 – The 60th Anniversary of the jam session that inspired the show. A full production has also been featured on Norwegian Cruise Line since 2015.

Twelve years later, we're able to look at the show with fresh excitement. We've brought together a cast that represents some of the best performers who have taken on these roles from around the

country, as well as welcoming back Chuck Mead as our music director. We hope you enjoy this rock sensation as it returns home at last.

PHOTO 1: VILLAGE ORIGINALS READING OF MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET, 2006, PHOTO BY TOM WYRICK; PHOTO 2: JERRY LEE LEWIS, CARL PERKINS, ELVIS PRESLEY, AND JOHNNY CASH, 1956 (PHOTO BY MICHAEL OCHS); PHOTO 3: ROBB HUNT AND LEVIS KREISS ATTHE TONY AWARDS, 2010; PHOTO 4: VILLAGE THEATRE PRODUCTION OF MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET, 2007, PHOTO BY JAY KOH.

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JERRY DIXON (Artistic Director). For Village Theatre, has directed The Full Monty, Show Boat, and premieres of Take Me America, Great Wall, and A Proper Place. Dixon has developed, and directed

world premiere productions of Ferguson, Barnstormer, and Funked Up Fairy Tales. He has been a directing participant in the NYU Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program, Playwrights Horizons, Eugene O'Neill Theatre Festival, and the National Alliance of Musical Theatre (NAMT). Writing credits include original songs for Laugh Whore (Broadway & Showtime), USO, CBS, VH1, Comedy Central, "The View", and the original musical Guess Who's Coming for Chitlins?. As an actor, Dixon starred on Broadway, in original casts of Once On This Island, Five Guys Named Moe, If/Then, and Off-Broadway in Steve, Bright Lights Big City, and tick, tick... Boom. Television and film credits include: "He's With Me", "Gotham", "Everwood", and "Peacemaker." Dixon's concert work includes: guest soloist for Belgian, Taiwan, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestras, and directing Lincoln Center's American Songbook, for Tonywinner LaChanze, and Tony & Pulitzer Prize winners Tom Kitt & Brian Yorkey. Dixon credits Yorkey & Kitt for introducing him to Village Theatre, some twelve years ago. The 2018-2019 Season marks Dixon's first as artistic director.

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