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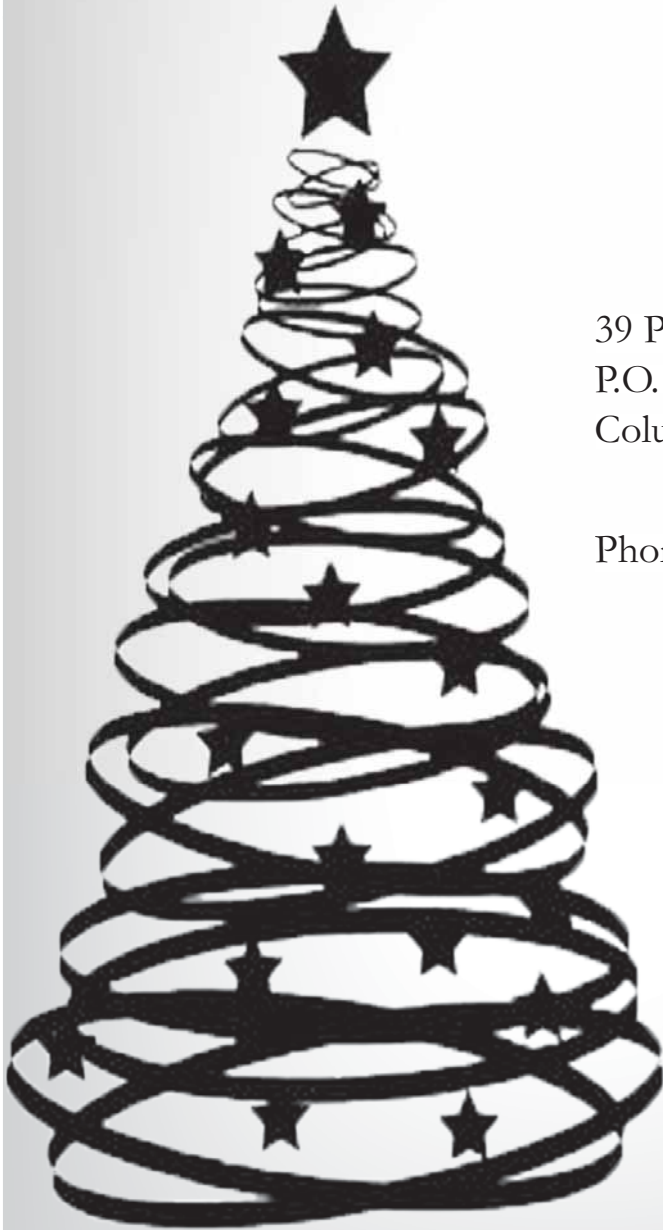


**December 9 & 10, 2022 7:00 pm
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Musicians

Wydell Croom.....	Piano
Kortney Ballenger.....	Vocals
Ellen Foreman.....	Vocals
Evan Barr	Percussion
G.R. Davis.....	Bass

Production Team

Director.....	Kate Foreman
Music Director	Wydell Croom
Stage Manager.....	Susan Gaw
Assistant Stage Manager	Heather Barnard*
Wardrobe/Hair/Makeup Stylist	Charlotte Nickell
Light Designer	Eva Orman-Garrett
Sound Designer	Kristin Carter
Technical Director.....	Justin Blackburn

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Musicians



Wydell Croom (Music Director/Piano) was nurtured in Memphis, Tennessee, where the influence of music was very prevalent in Wydell's household and in the city itself. He started playing piano at a very early age by ear. After graduating from college and working in corporate America, he decided to pursue music full-time. He enrolled and graduated from the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

He has accompanied many well-known artists and has played on a long list of recordings, mostly in the Gospel genre. He has also performed music in Germany, France, and the Philippines. Wydell collaborated on a Christmas project with **SatinJazz** entitled *12/25*, some of which will be featured in this cabaret. He has also released two CDs of his own. His latest is titled *Second Wind*.



Kortney Ballenger (Vocals) is no stranger to the Columbia, Mt. Pleasant, or Maury County area. She's been on many a stage in this very county as her starting point, specifically with Maury County Arts Guild (MCAG). Kortney graduated from Middle Tennessee State University about two years ago and since then has been traveling the country, letting her ability and talent take her where it wants. As we all know, you always find your way back home...especially when mom's

food tastes so good! Thank you for always supporting the arts! Remember to KEEP GOING!



Ellen Foreman (Vocals) A Columbia, Tennessee native, Ellen has had the holiday spirit for as long as she can remember and treasures her childhood memories of carolling with friends and family every Yuletide. She's a librarian and children's book editor with a (not-so?) secret affinity for performance. Ellen has played a handful of acting roles in community theatre productions, such as the Maury County Arts Guild's 1990 run of *Dark of the Moon*, but singing is her true

love. She wishes everyone a very happy holiday season and hopes this evening of music brings you joy.

Musicians

Evan Barr (Percussion) is a native of Columbia who has been playing drums and percussion for half of his life. During that time, he has performed with the Arkansas, Memphis, and Nashville Symphonies, sharing the stage with Marvin Hamlisch, Michael McDonald, and the Beach Boys, to name a few. Evan currently teaches 8th grade English at Spring Station Middle School in Spring Hill.

G.R. Davis (Bass) G.R. is a busy freelance tuba and bass player in the Nashville area. He graduated from the University of North Alabama with a major in music education. He went to graduate school at Indiana University where he received the Master of Music degree in tuba performance. He taught tuba for 25 years at Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music and is the director of Tuba Christmas in Nashville. He has played bass for many performers, including Frank Sinatra, Mills Brothers, Della Reese, The Four Freshmen, Johnny Desmond and others. G.R. is excited to be playing the show!

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The Production Team

Heather Barnard (Assistant Stage Manager) By day she's a preschool teacher, by night she's an actress or sometimes a crew member. Whatever her role is, Heather enjoys the theater with all her heart! She is so excited to be working with Watershed Public Theatre and being able to help with A Christmas Cabaret. She gives all glory to God in every aspect of her life and thanks her friends and family for supporting her in everything. Enjoy the show!

Justin Blackburn (Technical Director) is excited to work on his second production with Watershed Public Theatre. Prior to joining the WPT team, he was actively involved in Theatre Charlotte and worked a variety of jobs on several productions. He resides in Mount Pleasant with his amazing wife Joyce and dogs Ralphie and Rickie. Thank you for supporting local arts!

Kristin Carter (Sound Designer) has traveled the country and world as a sound engineer/designer. Kristin's credits include: Disney on Ice, Princess Cruise Lines, Smoky Mt. Opry, *Church Basement Ladies*, *Menopause: The Musical*, *Evita*, *Gilligan's Island: The Musical* and *The Medora Musical* — just to name a few. She lives in Duck River, Tennessee with her daughter Jean and is very happy to be a part of Watershed Public Theatre.

Kate Foreman (Director) is a Columbia native who has worked in professional theater in Middle Tennessee for more than 17 years, including 8 years working for Nashville (formerly Tennessee) Repertory Theatre. Kate is thrilled to be working at the helm of Watershed Public Theatre. Many thanks to husband John, the WPT board of directors, the cast & crew, audiences, friends and family for their amazing support. Merry Christmas!

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Susan Gaw (Stage Manager) has been in live entertainment for over 25 years doing everything from dressing ice skaters at a theme park to traveling with Muppets across the country to working concerts to being a wife and mom! She'll let you guess which has been the most challenging. Thanks to Nate, Allison, and Adam for letting her live the dream!

Charlotte Nickell (Wardrobe Stylist) loved styling for A Christmas Cabaret! She has previously been the hair and wig assistant with Watershed Public Theatre for *Little Women* and makeup artist for the Nashville Ballet (*Peter Pan* & *The Nutcracker*, 2021). During the day you can find her as a hairstylist at Trace Salon in Franklin! See her portfolio @beautybythewayside.

Eva Orman-Garrett (Lighting Designer) is a media specialist with a focus on lighting design and programming. She earned a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and holds an associate degree in video production. Much of her experience as a lighting designer was gained while working in Nashville as a concert technician. A lifelong Tennessean, she lives in Columbia with her wife and dog.

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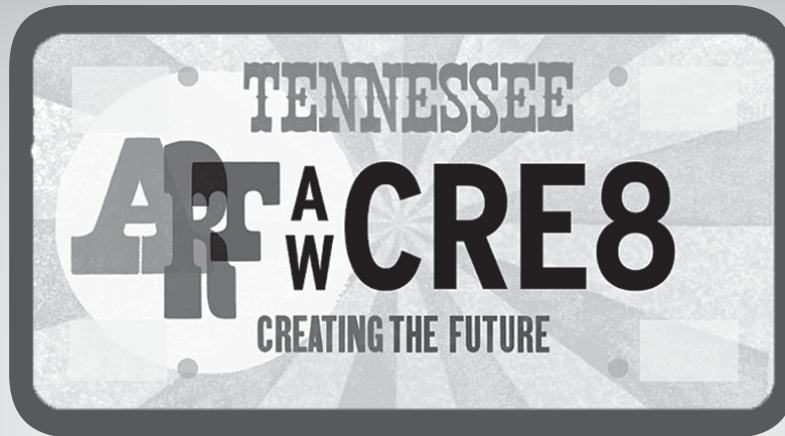
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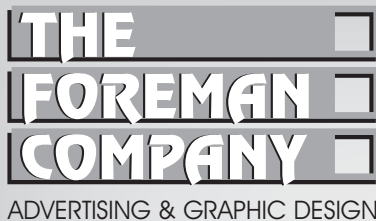
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