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## *House Rules*

- Please silence your cell phones and refrain from using any electronic devices DURING the show.
- As a courtesy to those around you, please take noisy or disruptive children promptly to the lobby.
- Photography, audio recording or video recording of any kind are strictly prohibited.
- Please be aware that Haze is used for effects during the performance.

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# 2024 TOUR SCHEDULE

**NOV. 25**

Tooele High School | Tooele, UT

**NOV. 27**

Morrison Performing Arts Center | Boise, ID

**NOV. 30**

Frontier Center | Idaho Falls, ID

**DEC. 2**

Blackfoot Performing Arts Center | Blackfoot, ID

**DEC. 5**

Payson High School | Payson, UT

**DEC. 7**

Logan High School | Logan, UT

**DEC. 9**

Wasson High School | Colorado Springs, CO

**DEC. 12**

Heritage Center Theater | Cedar City, UT

**DEC. 14**

Higley Performing Arts Center | Gilbert, AZ

**DEC. 16**

Dee Events Center at WSU | Ogden, UT

**DEC. 18-21**

Cottonwood High School | Salt Lake City, UT

**DEC. 23**

Mountain View High School | Orem, UT

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Music has always been in my dancing soul and music is what connected me with *The Forgotten Carols* from the beginning. What a joy and a privilege it is for me to work on this show year round!

I get to work with some amazing people throughout the course of the year and I am especially grateful to my core producing team: my Technical Director, Kenneth Bell; our Show Director, Christy Summerhays; my Marketing Director, Evan Griffin and, of course, Michael McLean. Their impact on the tour, and the show itself, is immense. I rely heavily on their input, artistry and good sense when planning the Tour season and simply want to acknowledge all that they do to support me and the tour.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize two people who have been with the tour for a very long time but who have chosen to step back as of this season. First, Joe Anderson — *The Forgotten Carols* Sound Engineer for the past 20+ years — decided it was time to retire from the show after last season. Joe brought a level of professionalism to the tour that helped the show grow over the years and we will all miss him and his sense of humor. The second person is Christy Summerhays — actress and Director of the show — Christy will continue to bring each iteration of this show to life as our amazing Show Director, but for the first time since 2007, Christy has chosen not to be acting on stage during the Tour. I respect both Joe and Christy a great deal, I am happy to know them and call them my friends, and I wanted to publicly acknowledge them both for their contributions to the show. Thank you, Joe and Christy!

From the audience perspective, you will notice there have been many changes within the script, plus there are some new cast members on stage! We hope that you enjoy seeing all these exciting changes come together and that this will be a magical experience for you and yours!

Happy Holidays from **ALL** of us to **ALL** of you!

*Julie Johnston*

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**MUSIC BY**  
Michael McLean

**LYRICS BY**  
Michael McLean

**BOOK BY**  
Michael McLean &  
M. Scott McLean

**PRODUCED BY**  
**FOURSQUARE PRODUCTIONS**  
Julie Johnston

**DIRECTED BY**  
Christy Summerhays

**PRODUCTION &  
LIGHTING DESIGN**  
Kenneth Bell  
*Magic Productions*

**SOUND  
DESIGN**  
Justin Harmon  
*Magic Productions*

**PRODUCTION  
STAGE MANAGER**  
Simon Crossette

**MASTER  
ELECTRICIAN**  
Richard Bell

**AUDIO ASSISTANT /  
STAGE HAND**  
Kolby Bell

**MERCHANDISE /  
FOH MANAGERS**  
Maranda Duncan  
Abel Ryan

**MICHAEL McLEAN**

**ADRIEN SWENSON   GILI GETZ**

— and introducing —

**SCOTT McLEAN   LISA ZIMMERMAN   BRYSON JONES**

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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT I

Overture /

Arise and Shine Forth | *Homeless Man & Homeless Singers*

Let Him In | *Innkeeper*

Homeless | *Homeless Man & Homeless Singers*

The Shepherd Song (He Was Here) | *John*

Handel's Dream | *John & Choir*

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## ACT II

Mary Let Me Hold Her Baby | *Sarah*

The Music Box | *John*

Will We Forget | *John*

I Was

Not His Father | *John, James Chamberlain & Connie Lou*

I'll Cry the Day

We Take Our Tree Down | *Connie Lou*

Three Kings

Found the Lord | *John, Connie Lou, Homeless Man & Choir*

Will We Forget (Reprise) | *Connie Lou*

Let Him In (Reprise) | *Entire Cast & Choir*

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# CAST

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## MICHAEL McLEAN

*John*



### *Writer / Composer / Lyricist of The Forgotten Carols*

In the past 40 years, Michael McLean has sold more than 1.5 million copies of his more than 40 albums, 7 books and various videos. He is a songwriter, composer, author, performer, playwright, film producer and director. With a background in film, Michael began early in his career making commercials for radio and television, and later used his film experience to produce and direct several films, including *Together Forever*, *The Prodigal Son*, and *Mr. Krueger's Christmas*, starring film legend Jimmy Stewart.

He released his debut album, *You're Not Alone*, in 1983 and from there began a best-selling musical legacy. Since 1991, Michael has performed *The Forgotten Carols* for more than 1 million people across the country, and "*the Carols*" has become a beloved tradition for thousands of families who mark the beginning of their holiday season with this magical musical. Last year the holiday release in movie theaters of the stage to screen adaptation of *The Forgotten Carols* was a top 10 box office hit nationwide. Michael and his wife, Lynne, have 3 children and 2 grandchildren and live in Daniel, Utah. You can find Michael's creative works at [www.AllThingsMichaelMcLean.com](http://www.AllThingsMichaelMcLean.com)

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## ADRIEN SWENSON

### *Constance Chamberlain (Connie Lou)*

Adrien feels incredibly fortunate to be playing Connie Lou for her 9th year with this beloved *Forgotten Carols* family. She's performed in productions, concerts, voiceover, and film across the country. Adrien hails from Sandy, Utah and received a degree in Acting/Directing from *Southern Utah University*. Adrien was most recently seen as Grizabella in *Utah Festival Opera/Musical Theatre's* production of "Cats." Credits include Miss Bassett on the National Tour of "Finding Neverland" and Madame Defarge in "A Tale of Two Cities" twice at *The Sandy Hale Center Theater* and in the recent *West Valley Arts* production. Other favorites include Alice (*Bright Star*), Narrator (*Joseph*), Fantine (*Les Miserables*), Judy (*9 to 5*), Nancy (*Oliver!*), Lucille (*Parade*), Amneris (*Aida*), Kala (*Disney's Tarzan*), Katherine (*Freaky Friday*), and Louise (*Always, Patsy Cline*).

"Thank you to the amazing *Forgotten Carols* team for having me back and always to Matt, my favorite."

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## AUDREY ANDERSON

### *Voice of 4-year old Connie Lou*

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## GILI GETZ

*Dr. Halifax*

Gili Getz graduated from the *American Academy of Dramatic Arts* (NY), where he received the Kirk Douglas Scholarship. He performed across the country in numerous theatrical productions. Favorite performances include Off-Off Broadway: *R.U.R.* (Gall); Off Broadway: *Retzach* (Flushed); Los Angeles: *Skin & Teeth* (Orion), for which he was nominated for Best Actor in a Drama (Artistic Director's Award), *Astroglide/That's What* (Man), which he wrote. Regional Theatre: *Roxy* (TN), *Of Mice and Men* (George). In 2017 Gili began touring the US with his new one-man play *The Forbidden Conversation*.

He is extremely grateful to Michael for the daily inspiration and is very proud to work with this wonderful cast and crew that make the magic happen with such love and care.

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## **M. SCOTT McLEAN**

*Thomas Rutherford / Uncle Ted  
James Chamberlain*

Regional Theatre Credits include: *Denver Center Theatre Company* — ‘Fred’ in *A Christmas Carol*, ‘Happy’ in *Death of a Salesman*; *Merry Go Round Playhouse* in Auburn, NY — ‘Emmett’ in *Legally Blonde the Musical*. Off Broadway Credits include: *New York Classical Theatre* — ‘Angelo’ in *Measure for Measure*, and ‘Macduff’ in *Macbeth*.

Scott is a graduate of *The American Academy of Dramatic Arts*, NY (AOS degree) and *The National Theatre Conservatory*, CO (MFA Degree).

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## LISA ZIMMERMAN

*Lillian Chamberlain / Sarah*

Lisa has had the privilege of performing throughout Utah and the world. She has performed in multiple operatic roles such as “Bianca” in *Dialoghi delle Carmelitane*, “Violetta” in *La Traviata*, and “Adina” in *L’elisir d’Amore*, and in various venues around the world including *Carnegie Hall*, the *Berlin Philharmonie*, and *Novafeltria, Italy*. During her time in Utah, Lisa has enjoyed performances with the *Utah Lyric Opera*, *Tuacahn*, *Savior of the World*, as well as in local productions at *The Hale Theater* in both Sandy and Orem. When Lisa is not onstage she spends her time behind a microphone as a voice actor and teaching private voice lessons.

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## BRYSON JONES

*Homeless Man / Innkeeper*

Bryson is thrilled to be joining the cast of *The Forgotten Carols* this year, and is grateful to the creative team for this opportunity. Bryson is a vocalist/recording artist and performer who has been featured in concerts, productions and recordings across the country. He and his wife, Tierra, were previously featured performing “*The First Noel*” together with their co-arranger, Jared Pierce, in the *Celebrating the Light of the World* Christmas broadcast from Temple Square in Utah.

Bryson has been featured multiple times in the *Mesa Easter Pageant: Jesus the Christ*. Other favorite stage roles include Stede Bonnet (*Blackbeard: A New Musical*), Dickon (*The Secret Garden*), Olive’s Dad (*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*), and Ewart Dunlop (*The Music Man*). He is a fourth-generation Arizonan and is also a practicing attorney. Bryson wants to express his love and thanks to his amazing wife and their four boys for all their support.

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# TAKE A PIECE OF — *The Forgotten Carols* — HOME WITH YOU



## MUSICAL RETROSPECTIVE OF *THE FORGOTTEN CAROLS*: VINYL ALBUM

*Ten of the best songs from 1991 to the present!  
Including these fan favorite ARTISTS: Michael McLean,  
Jordan Bluth, John Batdorf, Jeff McLean, Katie Thompson,  
Adrien Swenson and Kyle Olsen!*

Don't want to wait in line for merchandise?  
Want to send our unique gifts to family or friends, near and far?  
— Check out our online store at [forgottencarols.com](https://forgottencarols.com) —





## **MUSICAL RETROSPECTIVE OF THE FORGOTTEN CAROLS: CD**

*This is the ultimate Carols recording! 18 tracks (3 are previously unreleased) from 1991 to the present cast. Includes songs by Michael McLean, Kyle Olsen, Adrien Swenson, Jeff McLean and Katie Thompson!*



## **THE FORGOTTEN CAROLS: DVD**

*Filmed in 2020, this filmed version of the stage production, with Michael McLean as John, is a “must-have” in your collection!*





## CHRISTMAS CARDS (PACK OF 12)

*Send unique cards this Christmas!  
3 different designs come in this pack of 12 Christmas  
cards which bear lyrics from The Forgotten Carols.*



## THE FORGOTTEN CAROLS COLORING BOOK

*This custom coloring book shares endearing images  
and lyrics from The Forgotten Carols.  
A must-have item for children and grandchildren!*

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## THE FORGOTTEN CAROLS STORY BOOK AND SONG COLLECTION

*This hardcover book with embossed gold foil tree  
on the cover includes sheet music from the original  
1991 version... a vintage Carols classic!*  
(CD in photo is sold separately)



NEW

## THE FORGOTTEN CAROLS BASEBALL CAP

*Black baseball cap with a velvet-textured  
corduroy bill, custom embroidered  
with The Forgotten Carols logo.*

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## STAR NECKLACE

*The Christmas Star on an 18" gold chain perfectly complements our Star Earrings or is a wonderful standalone piece of jewelry.*



## STAR EARRINGS

*This pair of beautiful dangling Christmas stars will add a touch of elegance to any outfit!*

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## CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT

*A 3" pewter tree depicting all of the ornaments that John places on the tree.*



## ENGRAVED ORNAMENT SET (SET OF 8)

*This laser-engraved Red Oak wood set contains all of The Forgotten Carols ornaments plus a BONUS “trash can” ornament for the song Homeless.*  
(Bonus ornament not shown in photo)

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## **TOGETHER FOREVER SOMEDAY PLAQUE**

*10" high x 10.5" wide x .75" thick  
(hanging hardware attached)*



## **THREE KINGS PLAQUE**

*10.5" high x 17" wide x .75" thick  
(hanging hardware attached)*





# PRODUCTION TEAM

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## JULIE JOHNSTON

### *Executive Producer*

Julie has worked in many facets of the arts & entertainment industry as a performer, technician, choreographer, teacher, director and producer. Prior to *the Carols*, her work has included: Production Manager for Fiftyfilms on the independent film *Highway to Dhampus*, Dance Coach/Production Manager for the boy band, *Beyond 5*, and Adjunct Faculty in the Dance Departments at *Brigham Young University* and *Utah Valley University*. Julie is also a dancer and creator who has choreographed and directed for schools, corporations and community programs for the past 25 years, including work as a guest Director and Assistant Director at Hillcrest High School. She is a Co-Owner of *South Valley Creative Dance* studio in Sandy, UT and enjoys Co-Directing the *Creativity In Action Dance Companies* there. She also serves on the Executive Board for the newly formed *Utah Creative Dance Foundation*.

Julie is grateful for her supportive and loving family and friends, especially for Hannah, Jack, Leah and Joe! Now as Executive Producer of the tour, Julie acknowledges the impact of *The Forgotten Carols* in her life. “This ‘gig’ came at a much needed transitional time in my life and I have been grateful every day to work with this amazing crew and cast. Additionally, it has been an honor to know and work with Michael and Lynne McLean over the years and I thank them for this gift.”

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## EVAN GRIFFIN

### *Marketing*

Evan Griffin has over 15 years of experience in marketing and works as a full-time marketing consultant. Before consulting, Evan was the VP of Marketing at *Angel Studios*, where he helped launch Seasons 2 and 3 of *The Chosen* and broke Fathom's theatrical event record two years in a row. He has also served as Brand Director of *Owlet*, a wearable baby monitor, which would eventually achieve a \$1b valuation and merger.

As a consultant, he has helped dozens of brands achieve record growth totaling more than \$500m since 2018. He's also had the opportunity to grow many Utah brands like Cozy Earth, Jojos Chocolate, and Devos Outdoors, which was recently recognized as one of Utah's fastest-growing brands. In 2015, Evan made the *Utah Business 30 under 30 List*. He resides in Utah with his wife, four children, and two Dobermans.

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## CHRISTY SUMMERHAYS

*Show Director*

Christy Summerhays has been part of the theatre and film community in Utah for many years as an actor and director. Directing credits include: “*A Version of Event*” (Plan B Theatre Company), “*Peter and the Wolf*” (Gina Bachauer/Plan B), “*Forever More!*” (Scaffold Theatre), and “*The Ark*” (The Grand Theatre). Christy also directed the short films “*Silent Cricket*” (official selection, Utah Film Festival), and “*Dark Energy*” (official selection, The Broad Humor Film Festival).

A longtime member of *The Forgotten Carols* family, Christy is thrilled to be back with Michael McLean as he returns to the role he made popular for so many years.

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# CREW

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## KENNETH BELL

*Technical Director / Lighting Design*

“*Let Him In!*” Kenneth will be forever grateful for the chance to have been let into such a fantastic and life-changing production team. To have the chance to do everything he loves and at the same time spread a message of hope and healing is truly the thing dreams are made of. Lighting design and working behind the theatrical scene are some of his passions and he feels privileged to do that work all around the country. However, Kenneth loves coming home for the holiday season to work with *The Forgotten Carols* each year, a job he began in 2015.

In his spare time, Kenneth owns and operates *Magic Productions*, a theatrical equipment rental company that he founded over 20 years ago. When he isn’t “playing” at work, Kenneth loves to spend time with his family, especially his granddaughters, Lydia and Clair!

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## SIMON CROSSETTE

*Stage Manager*

Simon Crossette has been part of *The Forgotten Carols* family since 2015. He takes great pride in touring and sharing this remarkable holiday story. When not touring, Simon lives in Utah with his wife and four children.

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## ADDITIONAL CREW & PRODUCTION SUPPORT

JUSTIN HARMON

*Sound Engineer*

RICHARD BELL

*Master Electrician / Stage Hand*

KOLBY BELL

*Audio Assistant / Stage Hand*

MARANDA DUNCAN

*Merchandise Manager*

KRISTY RIMMASCH

*Customer Service Manager  
and Administrative Assistant*

ABEL RYAN

*FOH Manager*

ANDREA DAVENPORT

*Costumes*

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# 2024 TFC CHOIRS

**NOV. 25** | Tooele, UT

Stansbury High School Choir | *Director: Alhana Thompson*

**NOV. 27** | Idaho Falls, ID

Boise Institute Alumni Choir | *Director: Craig Spjute*

**NOV. 30** | Idaho Falls, ID

Rigby High School Jazz Choir | *Director: Corbin Rasmussen*

**DEC. 2** | Blackfoot, ID

SE Idaho Choir | *Director: Ryan Carroll*

**DEC. 5** | Payson, UT

Payson Civic Chorale | *Director: David Dahlquist*

**DEC. 7** | Logan, UT

Green Canyon Community Choir | *Director: Karen Teuscher*

**DEC. 9** | Colorado Springs, CO

Ascend Choir of Colorado Springs | *Director: Kerrie Weitzel*

**DEC. 12** | Cedar City, UT

Cedar City Forgotten Carols Community Choir | *Director: Andrew Briggs*

**DEC. 14** | Gilbert, AZ

East Valley Chorale | *Director: Becky Harris Beaudreau*

**DEC. 16** | Ogden, UT

Ogden Community Performers | *Director: Maurie Tarbox*

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Utah Christian Singers | *Director: Ryan Eggett; Asst. to Director: Angie Eggett*

**DEC. 23** | Orem, UT

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*We appreciate working with these local Choir Directors and their amazing Choirs  
and truly love what they add to the telling of The Forgotten Carols!*

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