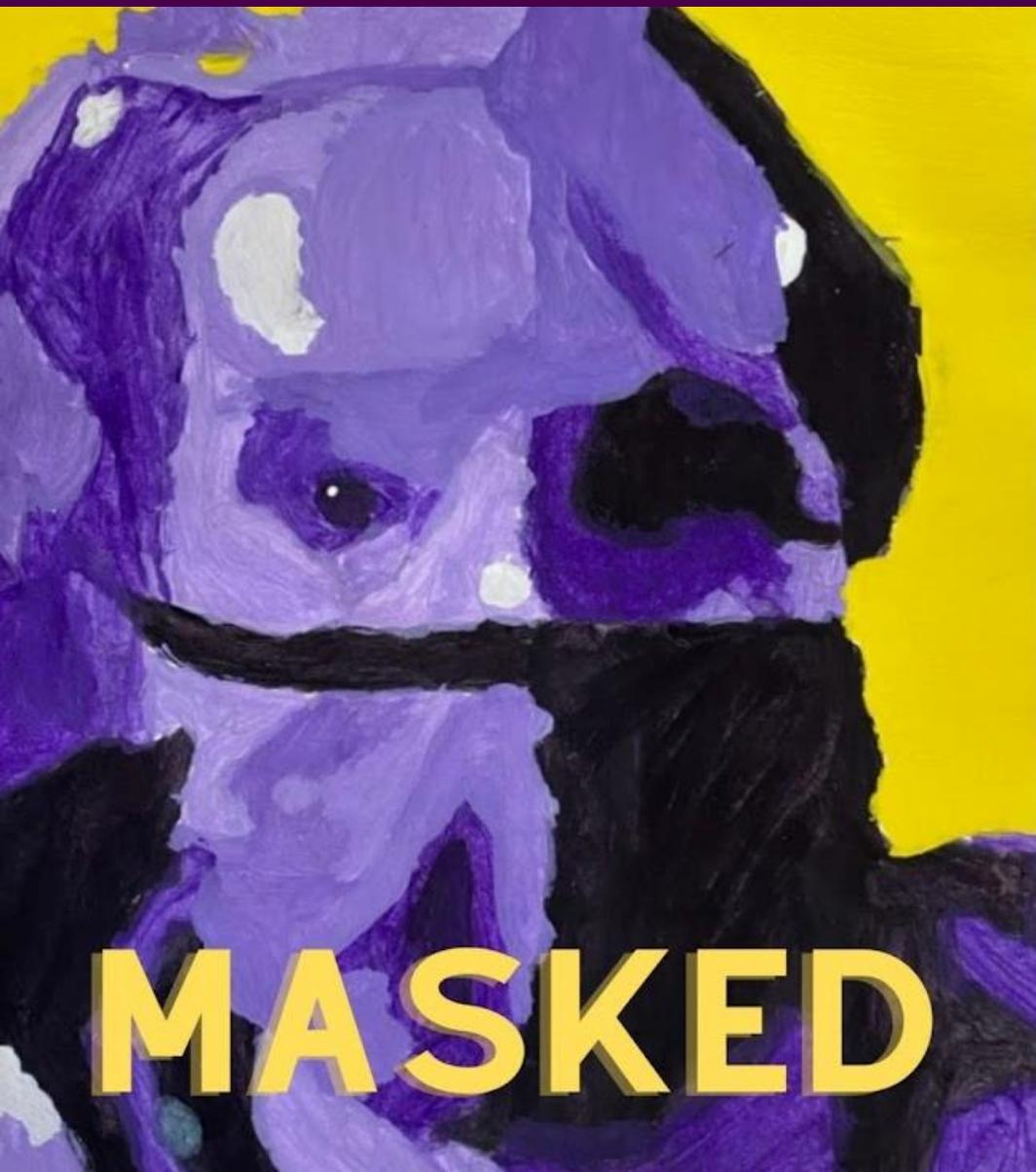


# OVATION

Theatre Company LLC



# MASKED

# Director's Note

*Masked* has been a true passion project for Ovation and me over the past year. We were honored when playwright Glynn Cosker chose Ovation to workshop his new play. While it's been adapted multiple times and ways since I first read it last fall, the essence of *Masked* has gripped me from the beginning. Using art to portray real struggles in raw form has always fascinated me and this is a great example.

One of our greatest hopes throughout this process is that *Masked* would portray issues in an authentic way, which of course means there cannot be a perfect ending or resolution to the story, but it can inspire hope. I have to thank our mental health consultants, our workshop attendees, Glynn and our cast for collaborating to make this story authentic, moving and impactful.

It has been an honor to partner with the administration and staff at Windham and Londonderry High Schools. I would particularly like to thank Susan Kalil and Julie Lichtman for their constant enthusiasm and support – and all at WHS for hosting this event.

Thanks to my family for their encouragement and support, especially my wife, producer and Ovation's Artistic Director, Meg.

I also need to single out the incomparable Ryan Kaplan, who took on a role that was supposed to be minor, but ended up being huge! Ryan has given great input every step of the way and *Masked* would not be the same without him!

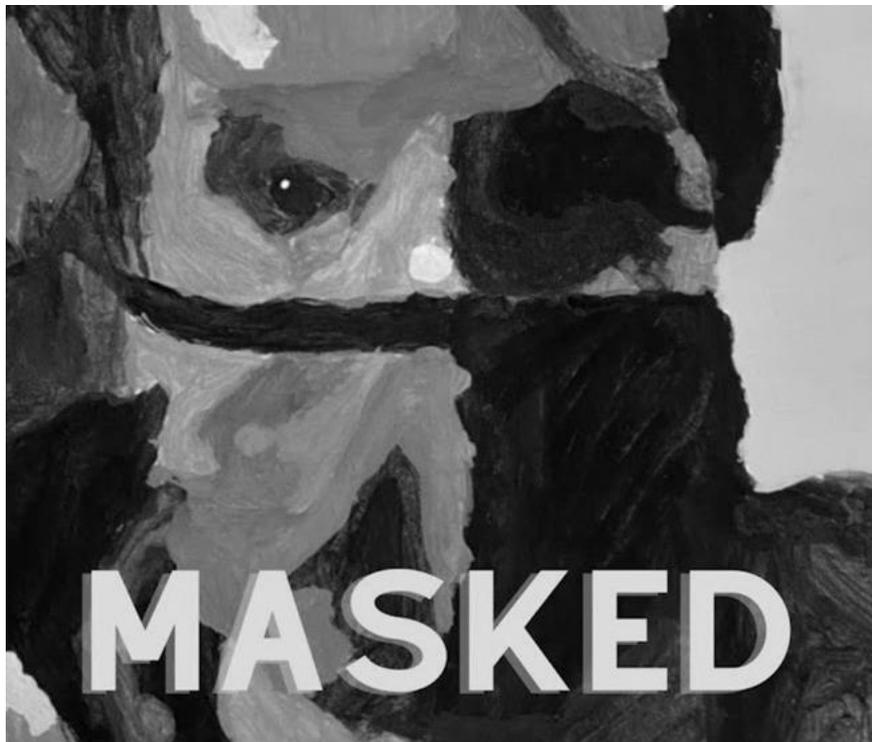
My greatest appreciation is for this wonderful cast, who have lived with their characters and this story for eight months. Their dedication and effort have crafted this work into the production you see tonight.

I hope that all who struggle at any level with mental health will be inspired and encouraged to seek help – and will then encourage others to do the same.

Dan

**OVATION THEATRE COMPANY**

proudly presents



**A NEW PLAY BY GLYNN COSKER**

**WORLD PREMIERE**

**SEPTEMBER 22 & 24, 2022**

*Please note that this play includes firearms. Any firearm you see on stage is a prop and poses no danger to the cast or audience.*

*This play portrays characters dealing with mental health challenges, including depression, alcohol use disorder, abuse and suicide. There are support materials and personnel in the lobby and present tonight to assist anyone in need.*

# Cast

**TOM GRETZKY** Jacques Lopez  
**JULIE GRETZKY** Shani Lang  
**BRISTOL GRETZKY** Hope Frost  
**CHELSEA GRETZKY** Lauren Legault  
**MIKE BROOKS** John Jenks Seymour  
**CLARE HARRIS** Kaz McGraw  
**RAITH WOODWARD** Robert Gariepy

# Production Team

Director ..... Dan Gore  
Stage Manager ..... Ryan Kaplan  
Set Construction ..... Justin Millis  
Scenic and Props Design ..... Dan Gore  
Lighting Design ..... Chris Cohen  
Sound Design ..... Ryan Kaplan





Disney  
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performed at **Derry Opera House, Derry, NH**

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**December 2-3, 2022**

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# OVA Theatre



The Cast and C



**Crew of Masked**



# DARK ROAD

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auditions

**January 2023**

ages **14-25\***

\*one role will be played by an actor age 9-13

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# The Cast



## **HOPE FROST | BRISTOL GRETZKY**

Hope has been a part of Ovation from the start and thrilled to be a part of such a new and unique performance. Hope is currently in their senior year at Pinkerton Academy, and they enjoy participating in PA's drama and arts programs. The importance of voicing mental help and support means a lot to Hope, and that's why they believe this show is so important. Enjoy the show!



## **ROBERT GARIEPY | RAI TH WOODWARD**

Bobby Gariepy, 26 (he/him/his) is a music teacher from Haverhill, MA. He has played a part in multiple local productions over the years, like Benny in *RENT* and Wolf/Cinderella's Prince in *Into the Woods*. Bobby is super excited to be a part of the *Masked* crew and wants to thank everyone for their support throughout the process.



## **SHANI LANG | JULIE GRETZKY**

Shani Lang is excited to be making her theatrical comeback with Ovation Theatre Company. She's grateful she's had the opportunity to combine her two passions of educating people about the importance of mental health and theater. She would like to give a HUGE thank you to her incredible husband, Chris, and her two wonderful children, Ethan and Paige, for their love, support, and for holding down the fort during this process.



## **LAUREN LEGAULT | CHELSEA GRETZKY**

Lauren is an actress based out of Haverhill, Massachusetts. This will be her third production with Ovation. She has previously been seen in *Mamma Mia* and *All Together Now*. Her most recent project was working as Costume Coordinator for *Something Rotten!* Lauren's favorite role to date was Mary Poppins in *Mary Poppins* in 2017. She'd like to thank her family and friends for getting her back to the stage!



## **JACQUES LOPEZ | TOM GRETZKY**

This is Jacques Lopez's first stage performance in 35 years. Jacques has performed in multiple commercials overseas including Pepsi, KFC, Hennessy, and Pizza Hut as well as playing roles as a movie extra. He is a fan of creative podcasts hosted by voice actors. Jacques lives in Windham with his wife (Jenny), two children (Sophia and Orion), two cats, and the our dog.

# The Cast

## **KAZ MCGRAW | CLARE HARRIS**

Kaz McGraw is pleased to be working with such a talented cast and crew on *Masked*. A lifelong actor/singer and theater enthusiast, she was recently seen as Sister Hubert in *Nunsense*, and Hecate — among others — in *Macbeth*. She is often found working behind the scenes directing, stage managing, or costuming. She hopes that whoever needs the important message of *Masked* will make the decision to get the help they need.



## **JOHN JENKS SEYMOUR | MIKE BROOKS**

John Jenks Seymour started acting in grade school, and has appeared in many local productions. He holds a BA in Theatre Arts from Plymouth State College. While there he was selected to apprentice at the American Stage Festival where he was a member of the Young Company. John's favorite recent roles include Norman in *Star Spangled Girl*, Felix in *The Odd Couple* and Harry MacAfee in *Bye Bye Birdie*.



# Special Thanks to...

Susan Kalil, Julie Lichtman, and  
everyone at Windham High School

Jason Parent, Maureen O'Dea, and Katie Sullivan  
from Londonderry High School

Our mental health consultants:

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Susan Ward, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, NAMI NH

and Michaela Horan, Shawna Carroll, Jonathan Kaplan,  
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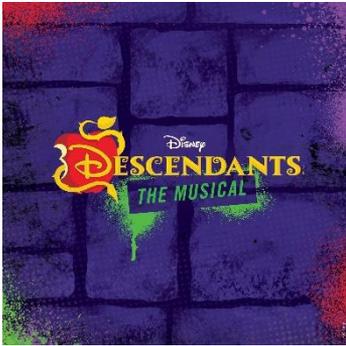


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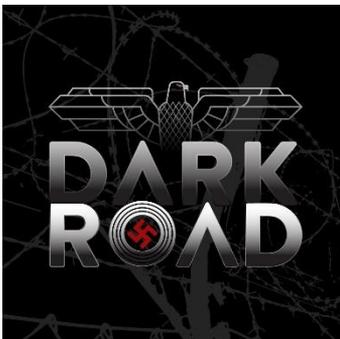


January 27-29, 2023

## Winter Musical

Ovation hits the stage this winter with a mainstage musical! We have chosen the show but are unable to announce at this time. Join our mailing list and follow us on social media @ovationtc and you may suddenly see more details!

**Announcement coming October 3!**



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