



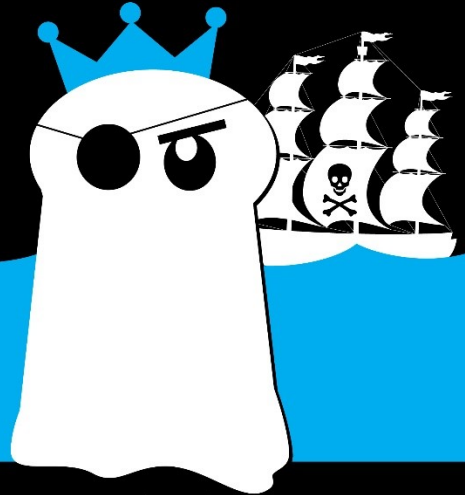
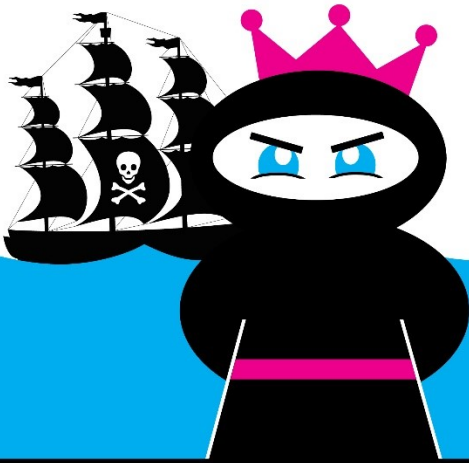
GreenMan Theatre Troupe presents

"A Pirate Adventure for Kids of All Ages!"

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Zoinks! Looks like we've got another mystery on our hands! We are thrilled to finally bring you a brand-new murder-mystery dinner show this coming winter. *Dooby Scoo and the Cookie Caper* will bring together your favorite Great Dane and his pals solving a brand-new mystery. You'll have a chance to help the gang too, so get ready for a mysterious and hilarious dinner show at Angelo's Ristorante in February!



Closing out our season will be Steve Martin and Edie Brickell's award-winning musical *Bright Star*. The show premiered in 2014 at the Old Globe in San Diego before moving to Broadway in 2016. The musical won Outer Critics Circle awards for Outstanding New Broadway Musical and Score as well as the Drama Desk award for Outstanding Music. Set in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina, this bluegrass-tinged musical is inspired by the folk tale of the Iron Mountain Baby.

Join us for all the fun at GreenMan this season. Sign-up for our mailing list, follow our Facebook page, and get involved, too. We're always looking for volunteers to help get our productions ready. Do you want to help build sets? Learn about lights? Help with fundraising? Balance the books? Gather props and costumes? No matter how much or how little theatre experience you have, we're happy to have you lend a helping hand. Check out our website at www.greenmantheatre.org, give us a call or email, or speak to any of our volunteers today.

Enjoy today's show and thank you again for your support of live theatre here at GreenMan!

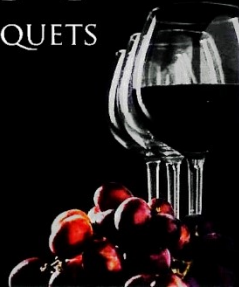
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Director's Notes —

Often the most fun part of anyone's day is spent immersed in a good story, whether reading, listening, or watching one acted out on stage or screen. For children, besides loving story time and bedtime books, much of their playtime is spent acting out stories. They play at everything from trying on everyday roles playing house or school, dressing up as their favorite fairy tale or superhero characters, or creating fun new characters, worlds, and adventures to inhabit in their imagination.

As adults, we continue to seek out stories through reading, movies, binge-watching TV shows, and sometimes live theatre, but we are often less able to spend as much of our time playing or inhabiting worlds of our favorite or invented stories beyond Halloween costume parties. A few of us are lucky enough, however, to hang onto this particular joy of childhood through our involvement in theatre. As we have worked on these charming scripts, we have had a lot of fun revisiting familiar childhood story characters from a bit more modern and grown-up perspectives, and we hope our joy in bringing these tales to life shines through.

The seemingly familiar fairy tale and adventure story characters in these plays also find joy in acting on their interests, creating their own stories even when those differ from what is traditionally expected of them. They make choices to play to their strengths and pursue what brings them enjoyment, and we find their chosen adventures are just as entertaining and even more fun that way! We hope that these stories encourage audiences to feel free to explore their own paths and pursue what brings them happiness, and that kids feel free to imagine themselves in many kinds of roles and stories. We also hope that our joy in bringing these stories to life inspires audiences to want to play, too, whether on stage one day, or just in finding new joys in story and playtime at home.



— *Katie Soria*
Director



Ninja Pirate Princess

By Cathleen Ann
Directed by Katie Soria

In order of appearance

Storyteller Mary-Carol Riehs
Princess Sally Myra Giurovici
Fairy Godmother..... Erin Payton
Prince Roger Elliot Brtva
Captain Barnacle Jones Erick Sosa

Scene: The Storyteller's Library / A typical fairy tale kingdom, with a harbor

There will be one 15-minute intermission

Ghost Pirate Prince

By Cathleen Ann
Directed by Katie Soria

In order of appearance

Storyteller Mary-Carol Riehs
Captain Davey McTavish Elliot Brtva
Prince Sebastian..... Erick Sosa
First Mate Willy..... Erin Payton
Gilly the Mermaid..... Myra Giurovici

Scene: The Storyteller's Library / The deck of Captain McTavish's pirate ship

Production Staff

Director	Katie Soria
Assistant Director	Marilyn Connolly
Production Manager.....	David Soria
Production Assistant	Allison Soria
Lighting Design	David Soria
Sound Design.....	Steven Soria
Set Design, Construction, and Painting	David Soria, Katie Soria, and Allison Soria
Properties and Costumes.....	The Company
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Program.....	Steven Soria
Photographer.....	Ken Beach

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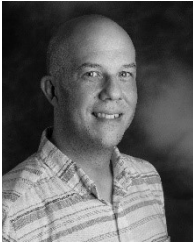
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Cast



ELLIOT BRTVA (Prince Roger, Captain Davey McTavish) — Elliot is very excited about his second performance with GreenMan Theatre Troupe, and sixth performance with a community theatre group. Some of Elliot's previous roles include Egeus (*Midsummers Night's Dream*), Ebenezer Scrooge (*Scrooge & Marley: A Christmas Carol*), and Ferdinand in *The Tempest*. When Elliot is not performing or acting, he enjoys fishing with his daughter and playing video games with his son. During the day, Elliot

provides education and training to newly hired admission coordinators at the hospice company where he has worked for the past 11 years. He is forever grateful for his loving and supportive wife, Kate, and his two wonderful children, James and Lily, who are his favorite audience members.



MYRA GIUROVICI (Princess Sally, Gilly the Mermaid)

— This is Myra's very first play, and she couldn't be more excited. She is currently taking acting classes at Second City in Chicago. Since she has no previous acting experience, she has made occasional appearances in the audience at an AMC movie theater near you. Myra is known for her late-night karaoke renditions of any song from Queen's *Greatest Hits* album. Fans may find her at your local grocery store. Myra loves to spend her free time listening to stand-up at Zanie's

Comedy Club and eating scones.



ERIN PAYTON (Fairy Godmother, First Mate Willy) —

Erin is a veteran improviser, most notably performing 16 years with Carl & The Passions at iO Chicago and five years at ComedySportz Chicago. She is also a storyteller at Louder Than a Mom in Chicago. Erin has written one play and acted in five plays at GreenMan Theatre since 2018; this summer she had the pleasure of acting alongside her daughter in *Oy Vey Maria* in *8 to the Bar/ista*. Erin is a Girl Scout Leader and vegetable gardener, and she loves her husband and two

kids oodles and kaboodles.





MARY-CAROL RIEHS (Storyteller) — Mary-Carol is an academic librarian by day at Concordia University Chicago in River Forest. She's been a storyteller for more than 30 years and studied the craft with noted tellers Rives Collins and Beth Horner, as well as GreenMan Theatre's own Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff. She has appeared in many of GreenMan's storyteller programs, as well as their murder mysteries and most recently in the play *Moon Over Buffalo*.

One of her most prized possessions is her Pirate Mouse Ears hat which she got at Disneyland on an exclusive tour of the rehabbed Pirates of the Caribbean ride. Yo ho! Yo ho!



ERICK SOSA (Captain Barnacle Jones, Prince Sebastian) — Erick returns to the GreenMan stage for the first time since playing George Hays in *Moon Over Buffalo* (spring 2019). He's appeared in local theatre productions since the turn of the century. He recently completed his first turn as a director for Westchester Civic Theatre's *8x10 Play Festival* and will next appear in WT Production's annual holiday show, this year titled *Seasonal Bags*. In addition to acting, Erick is a lifelong basketball and wrestling fan who

also enjoys creative writing. He is currently in the final editing stages of his first original play.

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Production Staff



CATHLEEN ANN (Playwright) — Cathleen is thrilled you're here watching her “pirate plays” and hopes you have fun. She wrote them from the perspective of what she would've enjoyed as a kid, and what still amuses her now. It was important to write plays that were not traditional fairy tales so that kids can imagine themselves in all sorts of roles. Cathleen has been involved with theatre for 20 years as an actor, producer, and writer. The company she co-founded, Vex Theatre, has developed many original shows, like their

Twist-a-Carol holiday show. She thanks the cast and crew at GreenMan profusely for bringing these scripts to life. Thanks also to her partner in theatre and life, Rich, for all the support and for building any prop, no matter how silly.



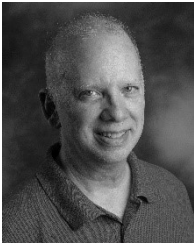
KATIE SORIA (Director) — Katie is thrilled to make her directorial debut with these delightful tales, having previously acted in Cathleen Ann's *Castle* and *Twist-A-Carol* scripts at both GreenMan and Vex Theatre. Other favorite GreenMan credits include *Monstrous Regiment*, *Urinetown*, *Cash on Delivery!*, *Shakespeare in Hollywood*, *Speakeasy or Die Hard*, and *Pride and Prejudice*. She has also served on the board, painted/designed sets, and been assistant director on several productions. Most recently she performed in *The*

Sound of Music at Summer Place Theatre. Offstage she enjoys badminton, golf, hiking, and crafting. Many thanks to supportive friends and family, especially David and Allison, with whom she is grateful to have worked on this project. Enjoy the show, me matesys!



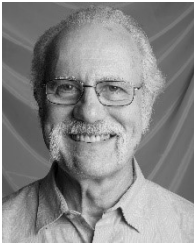
MARILYN CONNOLLY (Assistant Director) — Marilyn is very excited to be using her skills for the first time as assistant director with Katie Soria in this production. Also, a big “Thank You” to David Soria, artistic director, and Allison Soria, our young stage assistant, who helped the actors make it all come to life! Marilyn is a GreenMan Board member, house manager, actress, singer, and storyteller. She has performed in ten murder mysteries; her favorite part was playing Gladys Kravitz in *Bewitched*, *Bothered or Be*

Murdered! She has performed in *Spooky Stories* for well over ten years. Children hold a special place in her heart, so this show is a great way for GreenMan to bring theatre to children!!



DAVID SORIA (Production Coordinator) — David is GreenMan’s Artistic Director and has directed or helped behind the scenes on all of GreenMan’s productions. Some of the many shows he has directed at GreenMan include *Pride and Prejudice*, *The Arabian Nights*, *Shakespeare in Hollywood*, and *The Government Inspector*. He directed GreenMan’s recent production of *The Tempest*. Elsewhere, he has directed many productions, including *South Pacific*, *Working*, and *The Sound of Music*. He has taught creative

dramatics and theatre arts at The Children’s Theatre of Western Springs and Choice Dramatics. David holds an MFA in directing from Illinois State University. David congratulates Katie on her directing debut and sends a big “thank you” to Allison for helping on the production!



Steven Soria (Sound Design and Program) — Steven always has a lot of fun digging through old songs or assembling unusual sounds in putting together the sonic background for GreenMan’s shows. Steven has worked behind the scenes on all of GreenMan’s productions, usually developing the sound design (or working on the tech crew) or editing the programs. He last appeared on the GreenMan stage in last fall’s *Spooky Stories and Songs of the Season*.

Among his previous shows, he appeared as Harun al-Rashid in *The Arabian Nights*, the Scottish nobleman Angus in *Macbeth*, and as part of the Ensemble in the *I Only Have Ives for You* collection of one-acts. Steven spent many years combining science and language by working as a technical editor for an engineering company in the Loop.



ALLISON SORIA (Production Assistant) — Allison is excited to be an official helper (with a clipboard and a checklist!) to her parents for this show and has enjoyed watching rehearsals of these funny pirate stories. She is a first-grade student who recently completed the Kids on Stage program at Village Theatre Guild in Glen Ellyn, playing Claudette, “the smartest horse in Hoofington,” in *It’s OK to be a Unicorn*. She likes reading, playing with her cousins, crafts, and art projects, and she has especially enjoyed

helping paint several sets here at GreenMan. She loves seeing shows her parents direct or perform in and hopes you all enjoy these unusual fairy tales, too!

Spooky Stories and Songs of the Season

GreenMan Theatre Troupe presented our annual collection of creepy stories and songs on our “main stage” here at the First United Methodist Church, and a shorter group of stories and songs at the Elmhurst Public Library earlier this fall. Most of the storytellers are drawn from a workshop on the art of storytelling offered by GreenMan Theatre in the late summer and early fall.



Back row: Rob Edinger, Melanie Concklin, Marilyn Connolly, Victoria Rebeck,
Alma Read

Middle row: Katie Lahey, Cassy Beach, Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff, Kitt Recker

Front row: Debbie Proska, Pat Cooley



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The Tempest

GreenMan Theatre Troupe's first show of its 19th season was Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.



Prospero (James Turano) explains to his daughter Miranda (Kay Rower) how they came to be stranded on the island.



Caliban (Justin Vidovic), left, entices Stephano (Scott Surowiecki) and Trinculo (Elizabeth Surowiecki) with the wonders of the island.



Ariel (Katherine Damisch) far right, admonishes the shipwrecked survivors about their past misdeeds, while Prospero looks on.

The Cast —



Back rows from left: Maggie Opal, Harry Davis, Elizabeth Surowiecki, Scott Surowiecki, Katherine Damisch, James Turano, Kay Rower, Eliot Brtva, Rhys Read, and Duard Mosley.

Front row from left: Debbie Proska, Justin Vidovic, Caitlin O’Conner, Alice Payton, Matthew Walsh, Katharina Beckerleg, and Ric Holloman.



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GreenMan Theatre Troupe

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Welcome to Elmhurst, population 47,200+...visit the art museum, go to the symphony, take a class at the college, see a children's play, sample the many fine restaurants, go see a play at the community theatre. "What community theatre?" That was the question that Jill Perez and Carole Thorpe asked. The answer? Start a new theatre for the Elmhurst community. Working with director David Soria, they formed GreenMan Theatre Troupe to offer opportunities to see live theatre, participate in plays, and enrich the community. It is our goal to produce high-quality plays and musicals drawn from many different genres. We also offer classes and workshops in theatre arts to the community. We envision this theatre finding a permanent home in the cultural life of Elmhurst and the surrounding community. We welcome you as members and patrons of the theatre. GreenMan Theatre Troupe looks forward to celebrating the spirit of theatrical creativity and working with the community to "keep theatre green" in Elmhurst for many years.

Our Mission:

- To provide diverse, quality theatrical entertainment for our audience.
- To provide opportunities for personal growth in theatrical arts for our members.
- To provide a source of cultural enrichment and pride for our community.

And just what is a *GreenMan*?



Before GreenMan Theatre Troupe was incorporated in June 2004, one of the many questions we faced was what to call ourselves.

We considered many names that might celebrate the history of the community or our pride within the community.

We considered names that reflected the growth of the community and the elm tree, symbol of that growth and strength.

We then thought of the ancient symbol of creativity and renewal:

The GreenMan

Often carved on old churches and cathedrals throughout England (and now gracing many suburban gardens on decorative sculptures), the **GreenMan** is identified by a face peering out of dense leaves or branches.

In Celtic mythology, he is a spirit of spring and summer.

Disappearing and returning, year after year, century after century, the **GreenMan** reminds us of the ebb and flow of life and creativity.

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Alice Rebecchi (2006–2007, 2009–2014)

Mary Dove (2006–2007)

Cheryl Rice (2011–2017)

Trudi Franson (2004–2005)

Cory Sandrock (2007–2010)

Phil Hendricks (2007–2010)

Kris Sandrock (2007–2009)

Tom Hughes (2008–2014)

Judy Soria (2006–2008)

Chuck Jacobson (2008–2015)

Katie Soria (2011–2014)

Stan Kosek (2009–2012)

Sue Soria (2004–2007)

Lisa Krueger (2005–2006)

Carole Thorpe (2004–2007)

Anne Lucas (2004–2005)

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