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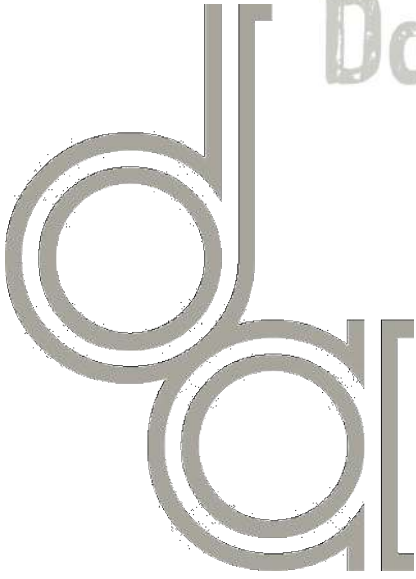


Another
MAIN STREET
Holiday

A DALEKO ORIGINAL PLAY WITH MUSIC
DIRECTED BY BEN THIETJE

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About Us



DalekoArts

Our Mission

DalekoArts (pronounced DELL-uh-koh) works with professional artists to create ensemble-based live performances centered in and around New Prague, Minnesota. We are committed to being a positive force for high-quality theatrical performance and arts education. We train and work under a great and spirited legacy; the rich artistic heritage of the Midwest.

Our Vision

DalekoArts will be a known destination for quality performing arts and education in New Prague and the surrounding southern metropolitan communities.

Our Journey



DalekoArts is a proud member of the Network of Ensemble Theaters, a national coalition of ensemble theatre companies and artists.

Our Story

DalekoArts was founded in 2012 by theatre artists Ben Thietje and Amanda White as a way to help decentralize professional theatre in Minnesota. New Prague was chosen as the company's home due to the community's extraordinary interest in theatre, the regional growth and development it has experience in the last decade, its relative proximity to the Twin Cities, and its close ties to the founders. "Daleko" – a Czech word meaning "far away" – reflects New Prague's strong bohemian roots, its spatial relationship to the cultural hub that is the Twin Cities, and the ensemble's desire to step back and examine the world from a new point of view.



Artistic Directors' Note

Welcome to the Prague Theatre!

It seems impossible that DalekoArts opened its very first show at the Prague right about this time last year. The show was *Main Street Holiday*, a loving holiday weirdo-fest, the sequel to which you are about to witness. We've been feeling a little nostalgic, so we found our note to you in that playbill, and you know what? It still resonates so strongly that we thought we'd reprint it here, with just a few edits to bring it up to date:

Dear Friends,

At DalekoArts, 'tis the season for feeling nothing but joy and gratitude! We've been amazed by the love, work and artistry offered by our friends and community in the past few seasons. We're lucky to have good pals, who also happen to be some of the Twin Cities' finest artists, and New Prague and its neighbors who have looked out for us every step of the way. This season, we offer *Another Main Street Holiday* as DalekoArts' goofy, idiotic, fun and totally light-hearted love letter to our audiences, and to the good people of New Prague. We're huge fans of the classic holiday film "It's A Wonderful Life," and it just isn't Christmas until we curl up with a bowl of popcorn and watch it until the weepy, beautiful end. Jimmy Stewart's character, George Bailey, has a guardian angel, the lovable and bumbling Clarence. In the last moments of the movie, George discovers that Clarence has left him a final copy of Mark Twain's book The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. We think Clarence's inscription in the book says everything about our future here at The Prague Theatre. He writes:



Dear George:-
Remember no man
is a failure who has
friends.
Thanks for the wings!
Love
Clarence

Thanks for the wings, friends. Joyful, peaceful holiday to you and yours.

With love,

Ben Thietje and Amanda White
Artistic Directors



Directed by Ben Thietje

Written by Ben Thietje in collaboration with the Company

Cast

Mary	Heather Meyer
Dorothy	Amanda White
Bertram	John Wilson Bennett
Mona	Lizzie Gardner
Dino	Anthony J Sofie
Chris Smith	Adam Hummel
Chris Smith	Patrick Kozicky
Gary	Anthony Zadra

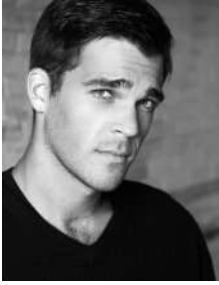
Production Team

Playwright/Director	Ben Thietje
Music Director	Anthony J Sofie
Technical Director/ Scenic and Lighting Designer	Darren Hensel
Stage Manager	Janice Geis

*Another Main Street Holiday runs approximately 90 minutes
and will be performed without an intermission.
Concessions will be available in the lobby before the show.*

DalekoArts offers a huge thank you to the team from KCHK Radio
95.5 FM/1350 AM in New Prague for their contributions to the show!

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John Wilson Bennett

“BERTRAM”

is a graduate of Macalester College and has been active in the Twin Cities theatre community for nearly a decade.

He is grateful to DalekoArts for the opportunity to celebrate the holidays by singing and dancing once again. Shout out to Bonita.



Lizzie Gardner

“MONA”

is happy to be back with the gang to reprise her role for *Another Main Street Holiday*! She has previously been seen in DalekoArts' production of *Almost*

Maine, and with the improv group Firefly: The Improvised Continuation, in the role of Zoe, which made its debut at Phoenix Theatre and is getting a Saturday run at HUGE Theatre this January-February. She can also be seen with her improv group GARY around town, most recently part of Improv Happy Hour at the Phoenix Theatre. When she's not performing improv, you can find her teaching improv at the Brave New Workshop Student Union or hanging out with her dog Charlie and her new husband, and fellow DalekoArts member, Bobby Gardner! Lizzie is so happy to be back for another Daleko production and wishes everyone the jolliest of holidays!

Janice Geis

STAGE MANAGER

Janice is honored to be joining DalekoArts once again to celebrate the holidays! It's the most wonderful time of the year! Forays to other theaters include: *Next Fall* and *Based on A Totally True Story* with BOOM! Theatre (SM); *Out of the Blue*; *Tracing Fault Lines*; *Paper Garden: Entomos*; *A Grimm Tale* with Mad Munchkin Productions (SM); *Letters to Sala* with the Sabes Jewish Community Center (SM); and *Collected Stories* at Milwaukee Chamber Theatre (ASM).

Darren Hensel

SCENIC/LIGHTING DESIGNER & TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Darren returns for this 12th production with DalekoArts. Favorite designs include *The Odd Couple*, *Almost Maine* and *Proof*. Outside of Daleko, Darren is a freelance technical director, set designer and light designer. Companies he's worked for include: DeLaSalle High School, Tartan High School, Totino-Grace High School, Chameleon Theatre Circle, Soar Theatre, Great Theatre, Open Eye Theatre, Mixed Blood, Theatre L'Homme Dieu, History Theatre and Minneapolis Musical Theatre. When he is not working in theatre, he is a freelance musician in the Twin Cities area.



The Artists



Adam Hummel

“CHRIS SMITH” is thrilled to be returning to DalekoArts for *Another Main Street Holiday*. He has previously been seen in last year’s prequel

Main Street Holiday and the *Philadelphia Story* for Daleko. Most recently, Adam performed in *Couple Fight* at the Minnesota Fringe Festival and will appear in *Violet* at Yellow Tree Theatre this spring. Adam graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with a BFA in Acting and is an award-winning playwright. Thanks to Amanda and Ben.



Heather Meyer

“MARY” is thrilled to be a part of her first show with DalekoArts! Heather is a Minneapolis-based writer and performer. She was

most recently seen in *ThrowbackBNW: Junk from our Trunk* at the Brave New Workshop. As a playwright, her work has been produced in the Twin Cities, NYC, LA, Chicago, Washington DC and exotic Madison, WI. Her annual sketch comedy show *Women’s History Month: The Historical Comedybration (with fabulous prizes)* performs every March. Heather is completing her MFA in playwrighting with Spalding University.



Patrick Kozicky

“CHRIS SMITH” is thrilled to be working with DalekoArts again. He has performed with Daleko in *Main Street Holiday*, *The Philadelphia Story* and *The Odd Couple*.

He also directed Daleko’s production of *Rancho Mirage*. Previously, he performed with The Children’s Theatre Company, Walking Shadow Theatre Company, Park Square Theatre, Theatre Unbound, The Mechanical Division, Theatre in the Round Players, Blooming Civic Theatre, Youth Performance Company and The New Theatre Group. He is also the co-founder and Artistic Director of BOOM! Theatre. Patrick would like to thank DalekoArts for inviting him to play. He also thanks everyone who has supported the arts by purchasing a ticket to this show.



Anthony J. Sofie

“DINO” & MUSIC DIRECTOR is excited to once again fill the shoes of “Dino.” In previous seasons, he served as music director of *Forever*

Plaid, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Always...Patsy Cline*. Anthony is an active performer in the Twin Cities area, assuming the roles of music director, accompanist, vocal coach, conductor and dialect roach. As a singer and actor, Anthony has performed with Dale Warland Singers, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Chorale, Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis Music Theatre and Chameleon Theatre Circle. He also currently serves as music director at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church and music director and accompanist for Park Center High School.



The Artists

Ben Thietje

PLAYWRIGHT & DIRECTOR

Ben has been working as a professional theatre artist and teacher in the Twin Cities area for over ten years. He has appeared on stage with several Minnesota theatre companies (Old Log Theater, Park Square Theatre, Walking Shadow Theatre Company, Troupe America and the National Theatre for Children). He has also written and produced several top-selling shows at the Minnesota Fringe Festival. Thietje teaches theatre and is production director at New Prague High School and Middle School and holds a degree in Theatre Arts from Minnesota State University, Mankato.



Anthony Zadra

“GARY”

has recently ended a three-year run of *Deer Camp: The Musical* national tour. His career is both wild and wonderful. He has been a spokesmodel for 3M, a Radio DJ in Japan, a fugitive for Red Robin, a screenwriter on several projects, a featured player in a Swahili film, a high school teacher and an acting instructor. He is waging a private war against circus peanuts and florescent light bulbs. This is Anthony’s third production with Daleko, and he couldn’t be more pleased!



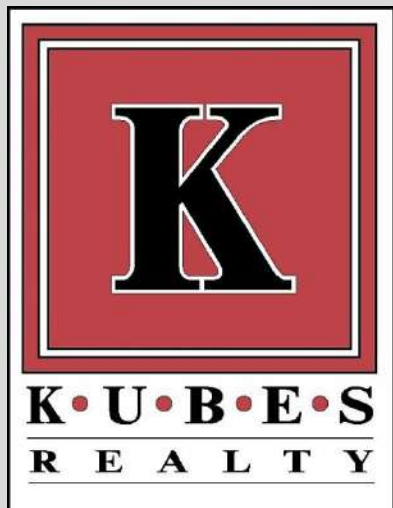
Amanda White

“DOROTHY HOLIDAY”

is so happy to have the gang back together again for *Another Main Street Holiday*. For Daleko, Amanda has played Dorothy once

before in *Main Street Holiday*, Tracy Lord in *The Philadelphia Story*, Pam Caldwell in *Rancho Mirage*, Catherine in *Proof*, and directed *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Barefoot in the Park* and *The Odd Couple*. Coming up next, you can see Amanda in the Artistry (formerly Bloomington Civic Theatre) production of *Doubt*, directed by Joshua Campbell. Training: Columbia University, The School at Steppenwolf Theatre Company, MSU Mankato, Austin Pendleton at HB Studios and Truman State University. In addition to serving as a DalekoArts’ Artistic Director, Amanda is very proud to be the Managing Director at Mixed Blood in Minneapolis.





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