

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

HOLIDAY EDITION

ADVENTURES IN MATING

by Joseph Scrimshaw



November 29 - December 22, 2019

Fri @ 7:30p; Sat @ 2:00p & 5:30p; Sun @ 2:00p

DalekoArts

OUR MISSION

DalekoArts (DELL-uh-koh), an ensemble theatre company, works with professional artists to pursue impactful, live performance in our community of New Prague, Minnesota and the surrounding region.

OUR VISION

Our purpose is to decentralize professional theatre in Minnesota by increasing engagement and opportunity in New Prague and the surrounding area. It is our dream that New Prague will be a known destination for quality performing arts and arts education.

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 experienced 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.



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BY
JOSEPH SCRIMSHAW

DIRECTED BY
BOBBY GARDNER*

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MIRANDA
SIRI HELLERMAN

JEFFREY
BEN THIETJE *

WAITER
PATRICK KOZICKY *

PRODUCTION TEAM

STAGE MANAGER
PARAN KASHANI

SCENIC DESIGNER/
CARPENTER/PAINTER
ROBIN MCINTYRE

LIGHTING DESIGNER
COURTNEY SCHMITZ

COSTUME DESIGNER
AMANDA WHITE *

SOUND/PROPS DESIGNER
BEN THIETJE *

* DENOTES
COMPANY MEMBER

INTIMACY DIRECTOR
CALLIE MEINERS

DIRECTORS NOTE

This season, we offer *Adventures in Mating: Holiday Edition*, an homage to classic holiday romantic comedies of error like *White Christmas*, *Love Actually*, and *Die Hard 2* (the one with the plane).

This audience led show really helps you collaborate with us. In a way, you choosing the fate of this hapless couple is our little holiday gift to you. This amazing group of designers and artists has really made my experience as a first time director for DalekoArts an amazing one. They have given me the gift their grace, poise, professionalism, humor, camaraderie, and nimbleness. This is a show unlike any other that I've ever seen as we literally don't know what show will appear on the Prague Theater stage from night to night. Because of that, the rehearsal process has been a matter of trial and error, and trying to rehearse as many eventualities as we can. We couldn't get to them all, so the show you are seeing tonight could possibly be the first time our actors and crew have performed this iteration of *Adventures in Mating: Holiday Edition*.

That is also our gift to you; at any point, one of the performers may have the lights come up on them and be wide eyed and in a flop sweat because they are wracking their brains to try and piece together what comes next. The joy and laughter that will bring you is my secret little gift to you. Shhh, don't tell the actors about our little secret.

In all seriousness, this show has been a true pleasure to be a part of because, as someone much smarter than me once said, laughter is the best medicine. Clearly that person has never medicated with a delicious bottle of Pinot Grigio, but the point is taken. What better way to spend the holidays than with the people you love and cherish sharing the gift of laughter.

Thanks for collaborating with us tonight, friends. Joyful, peaceful holidays to you and yours.
-Bobby

SIRI HELLERMAN

Miranda

Siri is thrilled to be in her first show at DalekoArts! Most recently she has worked with the Classical Actors Ensemble, Actors Theater of Minnesota, and HUGE Improv Theater. Siri is also an educator, voice over artist, and cat lover. She is the Outreach Programs Manager at the Bakken Museum and has an MFA in Acting from the New School for Drama in NYC.

BEN THIETJE

*Jeffrey & Sound/Props
Designer*

Ben has been working as a professional theatre artist and educator in the Twin Cities for the past fifteen years. He teaches and directs theatre at New Prague High School, and holds a degree in Theatre Arts from Minnesota State University, Mankato. In addition to being a Daleko founding Artistic Director, he's appeared in the company's productions of *The Odd Couple*, *Forever Plaid*, *Almost, Maine*, *Rancho Mirage*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Love Letters*, *Urinetown*, *Stones in His Pockets*, *The Rink*, *Middletown*, *City Council Christmas*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, and *Ghost Tour*, in addition to serving as director for the DA holiday productions

PATRICK KOZICKY

Waiter

Patrick is delighted to be working with DalekoArts again. He has performed with DA in *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Constellations*, *Middletown*, *A Chris Smith Carol*, *Adventures in Mating*, *Another Main Street Holiday*, *Our Town*, *Main Street Holiday*, *The Philadelphia Story*, and *The Odd Couple*. He also directed DA's production of *Rancho Mirage*. Previously, he has performed with *The Children's Theatre Company*, *Walking Shadow Theatre Company*, *Park Square Theatre*, *Theatre Unbound*, *The Mechanical Division*, *Theatre in the Round Players*, *Youth Performance Company*, and *The New Theatre Group*. Patrick would like to thank DalekoArts for inviting him into their family. He also thanks you, for buying a ticket and supporting local art. Last but not least he thanks Dan for letting him go to Disney World so often.

BOBBY GARDNER

Director

Bobby is a local actor/improviser/educator and DalekoArts Company member. He has appeared in *City Council Christmas*, *She Loves Me*, *Adventures in Mating*, *Snowed Inn*, *The Rink*, *Forever Plaid*, and *Proof*. He's performed

with other local theatre companies like the Chanhassen Dinner Theater, Troupe America, and Flip Teatre, and also works for the Brave New Workshop comedy theatre in Minneapolis. Bobby has a theatre degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

PARAN KASHANI

Stage Manager

This is Paran's stage management debut with DalekoArts and she could not be more delighted about it! Paran is a Twin Cities based artist with a background in directing, stage management, acting, photography, and makeup design. Recent credits include work with Artistry on Our Town (Wardrobe technician), Footloose (Assistant Director), Tinker to Evers to Chance (Stage Manager), She Loves Me (Assistant Director), Flying Foot Forum on Heaven (Deck Stage Manager), And Normandale Community College on Steel Magnolias, View From Here, Cinderella Waltz (Director). Special thanks to Dillon for his support, Amanda and Ben for this opportunity, and Bobby, Patrick, and Siri for night after night of laughter.

ROBIN MCINTYRE

*Scenic Designer/
Carpenter/Painter*

Robin graduated with a BFA and an MFA in Theatre Design and Stage Technology from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Since 1991 Robin has designed for a variety of local theatres including Lakeshore Players, Mounds View Community Theatre, Park Square Theatre, The History Theatre, Actor's Theatre, The Flying Foot Forum, North Star Opera, The Phipps Center for the Arts, local colleges, and many local high schools. For 10 seasons Robin created hundreds of sets for both main stage musicals and Black Box theatre productions at Bloomington Civic Theatre and Art Center. He is currently freelance designing in the Twin Cities and working with The University of Northwestern in St. Paul, Benilde St. Margaret, Jefferson, and Lakeville North High School theatres.

COURTNEY SCHMITZ

Lighting Designer

Courtney earned her MFA in lighting design from the University of Iowa in 2009. Since relocating to Minneapolis in 2012, she has designed locally with Yellow Tree Theatre, Collective Uncon-

scious Performance, Workhaus Collective, nimbus theatre, SPARK theatre + dance, 20% Theatre Company, and Bucket Brigade Theatre, among others. Previous designs with DalekoArts include Wait Until Dark, Stones In His Pockets, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged), She Loves Me, Godspell, City Council Christmas, Constellations, and Peter and the Starcatcher.

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AMANDA WHITE

Costume Designer

In addition to being a founding Artistic Director of DalekoArts, Amanda has directed Peter and the Starcatcher, Godspell, Our Town, Little Shop of Horrors, Barefoot in the Park, and The Odd Couple. She has also been privileged to join the companies of Middletown, The Rink, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged), The Philadelphia Story, Rancho Mirage, and Proof. Amanda has served on the Major Gifts and Strategy teams at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, as Associate Artistic Director for the William Inge Center for the Arts, in Play Development for The Araca Group, and most recently, as the Managing Director at Mixed Blood Theatre. She is in her third year as a member of the Theatre Department faculty at Normandale Community College. Amanda is a graduate of Columbia University's MA Program in Arts Administration, MSU Mankato's MFA in Theatre Performance, Truman State University's Theatre Arts program, and the School at Steppenwolf Theatre Company in Chicago. She is proud to serve on the Board of Directors at Walking Shadow Theatre Company and on the New Prague Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

CALLIE MEINERS

Intimacy Director

Callie Meiners is a theatre artist based out of Saint Paul MN. Callie is thrilled to be working with DalekoArts again after working on Constellations (Intimacy Director) and The Rink (Stage Manager). She has worked with Walking Shadow Theater Company, Lyric Arts, Jezebel Theatre, Devious Mechanics and Freshwater Theatre. Christmas is Callie's favorite time of year and she is that person who decorates on November 1st. Enjoy the show!

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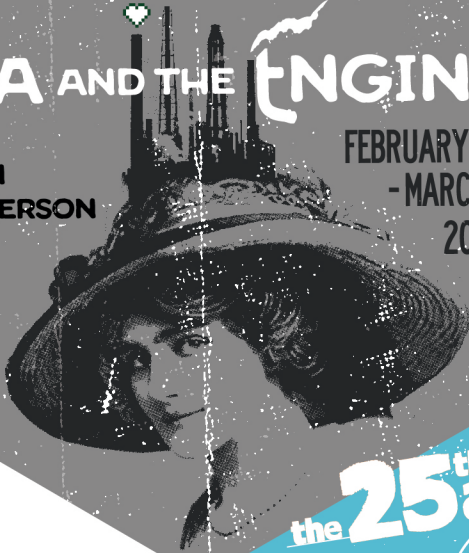
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