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I DO! I DO!

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Based on "The FOURPOSTER" by Jan de Hartog Originally Produced on Broadway by DAVID MERRICK Originally Directed by GOWER CHAMPION

> STAGE MANAGEMENT Katherine Lea McDonald

SET DESIGN Terrie Powers

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COSTUME DESIGN Sarah Grady

CHOREOGRAPHY Jan Guarino

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The story takes place in a church and a bedroom and covers fifty years of marriage, beginning just before the turn of the century.

DEDICATION

With undying respect, we dedicate this production of *I Do! I Do!* to the memories of:

Pete and Nancy Kilgore — Barksdale Theatre co-founders who performed as Michael and Agnes in the extension of our 1970 production of *I Do! I Do!*.





Lara St. Peter — mommy, actress, artist, teacher, and beloved wife of our former Associate Artistic Director Rick St. Peter, who left her family and friends far too soon. Now and always, our cups runneth over with love.

SPECIAL THANKS

Tracy Coogle Door-to-Door Solutions John Winn Susanna Klein John Moon

COMPANY BIOS



Larry Cook (Michael) was last seen onstage as Frank Strang in Cadence Theatre Company's production of *Equus*, co-produced by Virginia Rep. Other favorite Virginia Rep roles include Harold Hill in *The Music Man*, Voltaire in *Legacy of Light*, Bernard Kersal in *The Constant Wife*, and Sir Evelyn Oakleigh in *Anything Goes*. Favorite roles elsewhere include George in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, The Interesting Man/Lord of the Underworld in *Eurydice* at

Firehouse Theatre; Ben in *Detroit*, and Dr. Givings in *In the Next Room or The Vibrator Play* with Cadence; and at Swift Creek Mill Theatre, Sky Masterson in *Guys and Dolls*, Bill Snibson in *Me and My Girl*, and Smudge in *Forever Plaid*. He is very excited to share the stage with his wife, Lauren.



Lauren Leinhaas-Cook (Agnes) recently appeared as Dora in Equus at Cadence Theatre Company, co-produced by Virginia Rep. Favorite productions include: A Lie of the Mind (Meg), In the Next Room (Annie) – Cadence; Eurydice (Loud Stone), Something Intangible (Sonia) – Firehouse Theatre Project; Scrooge in Rouge (Vesta/Scrooge) – Richmond Triangle Players; My Fair Lady (Mrs. Pierce), The Taffetas (Kay), Quilters (Daughter), ...And a

Nightingale Sang (Helen), Sweeney Todd and several G&S operettas - Virginia Rep; Follies (Phyllis), Ragtime (Mother), Into the Woods (Witch), The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Rosa Budd) - Richmond Festival of the Arts. Lauren studied Vocal Performance at VCU Music and is a paralegal at Williams Mullen, specializing in asbestos litigation. She is thrilled to share the stage with her actual husband of almost 29 years, Larry Cook!

Bruce Miller (Director) See Artistic Director bio

Jan Guarino (Choreographer) is so happy to have worked with this terrifically talented powerhouse couple! Jan recently choreographed *The Fabulous Lipitones* at Hanover Tavern and was last seen on this stage in the world premiere of the sell out production of *The Charitable Sisterhood of the Second Trinity Victory Church*. She was last seen on Virginia Rep's Willow Lawn stage as Sister Robert Anne in *Nunsense* and Annette in *God of Carnage*. Some of Jan's favorite roles include Mona in the world premiere of *Mona's Arrangements*, Virginia in *The Clean House* and Prudie Cupp in all 7 productions of *Pump Boys and Dinettes*. A familiar face and voice in Richmond-area advertising, Jan is perhaps best known as spokesperson for Haynes Furniture. Less public (but no less dramatic!) are her roles as Supportive Wife (of playwright/director Bo Wilson) and Doting Mother (Nora, 23 and Zachary, 21).

Terrie Powers (Set Designer) has been a resident set designer with Virginia Repertory Theatre for many years at the Tavern stage (*The Fabulous Lipitones, The Last of the Red Hot Lovers, Steel Magnolias*), as well as for Virginia Rep's Children's Theatre (*House At Pooh Corner, Charlotte's Web, The Maggie Walker Story*). She also designs and paints many of the sets for Virginia Rep on Tour that are seen by thousands of children and families in schools and stages across 32 states. She was honored as one of *Style Weekly*'s Women in the Arts in 2013. Also an exhibiting visual artist, her work can be seen at terriepowers.com.

COMPANY BIOS

BJ Wilkinson (Lighting Designer) received his B.A. in Design & Technology from the University of Northern Colorado, and his M.F.A. from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Recent lighting designs include *Peter and the Starcatcher, Whipping Man, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown,* and *Equivocation* for Virginia Rep. Recent designs for Quill Theatre include *Hamlet, Sam & Carol, Richard III, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Wittenberg, Death and the Maiden, Comedy of Errors, Othello, The Tempest,* and *MacBeth.* He would like to thank Samm and Molly.

Sarah Grady (Costume Designer) is the Assistant Costume Director for Virginia Repertory Theatre. Favorite Designs include *Goodnight Moon, Charlotte's Web*, *Other Desert Cities, The Music Man* (RTCC nominee for Best Costume Design), *Spring Awakening, Sound of Music* (RTCC nominee for Best Costume Design), *The BFG*, *Annie, A Christmas Story* (Virginia Repertory Theatre), *Tick, Tick...Boom!* (Stage 1 Theatre Company) and *Caroline or Change* (Cadence Theatre). For three lucky summers, Sarah traveled to Roma, Italy to work with the Operafestival di Roma, where she coordinated the costumes for *The Magic Flute, Suor Angelica, The Marriage of Figaro* and *Die Fledermaus*. She has also worked at TheatreVirginia, Williamstown Theatre Festival and Seaside Musical Theatre. Sarah has a BFA in Technical Theatre from Longwood University.

Katherine Lea McDonald (Stage Manager) graduated from Auburn University in May and spent the summer working at Texas Shakespeare Festival. She's thrilled to be working on *I Do! I Do!* at Virginia Rep. Katherine recently ended her run as stage manager for *This Wonderful Life* in January. Some of her favorite stage management credits include *The House At Pooh Corner* (Virginia Rep), *Man of La Mancha*, and *Twelfth Night* (Texas Shakespeare Festival). Katherine would like to thank her mom, dad, grandma, and brother for being a loving and supportive family. Thank you also to her boyfriend Will for his constant encouragement and love!

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's relationship began unofficially at the University of Texas in 1950 with a musical revue entitled *HIPSY-BOO!* Neither of the two planned to become writers. Jones was a drama student, majoring in play production and Schmidt was studying art with hopes of becoming a commercial artist. However, *HIPSY-BOO!* was so successful that Jones and Schmidt



followed it almost immediately with an original book musical, and after that, they began writing songs together on a regular basis.

After graduation, while both of them were serving in the army during the Korean conflict, the two continued their informal collaboration by mail, exchanging lyrics and musical tapes back and forth between the camps where they were based. Upon discharge, the pair came to New York and took the West Side flat which still serves as office and home for composer Schmidt.

In 1964, Jones and Schmidt made the leap to Broadway success with *110 in the Shade*, a musical that dealt with their Texas roots and included "Gonna Be Another Hot Day." They later co-authored *Celebration, Philemon*, and *I Do! I Do!* which yielded the hit "My Cup Runneth Over". The show opened on Broadway in 1966 with Mary Martin and Robert Preston. Jones and Schmidt were nominated for the Tony Award for Best Composer and Lyricist and Best Musical.

In addition to an Obie Award and the 1992 Special Tony for *The Fantasticks*, Jones and Schmidt are the recipients of the prestigious ASCAP-Richard Rodgers Award. In February of 1999 they were inducted into the Broadway Hall of Fame at the Gershwin Theatre, and on May 3rd, 1999, their stars were added to the Off-Broadway Walk of Fame outside the Lucille Lortel theatre.

PLAYING THIS SUMMER AT VIRGINIA REP



DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I Do! I Do! is Virginia Rep's Hanover Tavern entry into Richmond's Acts of Faith Festival. The original play from which the musical is adapted is *The Fourposter* by Dutch playwright Jan de Hartog (1914-2002). *The Fourposter* opened on Broadway in 1951 starring Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn; it won the Tony Award for Best Play and ran for 19 months. It was adapted into the musical *I Do! I Do!* in 1966 by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, the creators of *The Fantasticks*. The original Broadway production starred Mary Martin and Robert Preston, and was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Musical, with Robert Preston winning Best Actor. The show ran 18 months.

Jan de Hartog was born in Haarlem, the Netherlands. His father was a minister and theology professor. He left home at the age of ten to work as a sailor on fishing boats and steamers. After attending the Amsterdam Naval College, he worked at the Amsterdam Municipal Theatre from 1932 to 1937. During this period he wrote a number of popular detective novels. From the late 1930s to late in life, de Hartog worked steadily as a successful playwright and novelist. His novel *Holland's Glorie* (1940) was banned when it became a symbol of Dutch resistance against the Nazi occupation in World War II. Wanted by the Nazis, de Hartog hid in an Amsterdam home for senior citizens, disguised as an old woman. *The Fourposter*, his most successful play, was written during this period of hiding, and reflects the lack of respect he felt was awarded to women at that time. Both *The Fourposter* and *I Do! I Do!* are early works that ask the audience to consider the role of women in marriage.

Both plays ask the audience to question the passage in Ephesians 5:22 that says "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." Both shows open and close with a pillow placed on the bed that states "God is Love." That phrase appears twice in the Bible, both times in 1 John. 1 John 4:8 says "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." Eight verses later, the point is driven home again: "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him."

Acts of Faith groups using *I Do! I Do!* to prompt a discussion of marriage as it exists in today's society may also want to consider Matthew 19, wherein Jesus is tested by the Pharisees with regard to the issue of divorce. Rather than limiting his response to the specific question at hand, Jesus talks openly about the sexual minorities of his time, eunuchs. Referring to the law of Moses, he states, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. For some are eunuchs because they were born that way." In the discussion that follows, Jesus seems to agree with the passage embroidered on the pillow in *I Do! I Do!*, "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him."

- Bruce Miller



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A license for a tavern at Hanover Courthouse was issued in 1733. Patrick Henry and his wife Sarah lived in that Tavern for several years in the 1760s. The diary of George Washington indicates that he visited there. Lord Cornwallis stopped there on his way to Yorktown, and left without paying the bill. The original Tavern was destroyed—fire is a likely culprit—and the current Tavern was built in five stages on the site of the original. The oldest section dates to 1791.

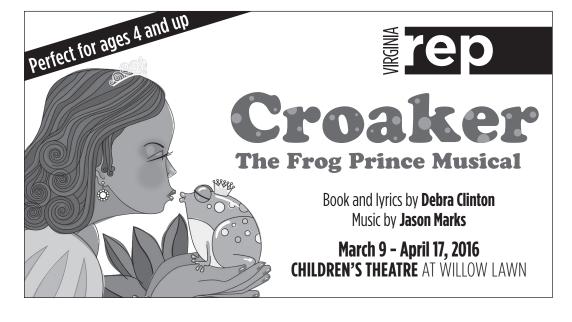
In 1953, six actors from NYC, two children, a dog and two pigs moved into Hanover Tavern after purchasing the landmark for \$25,000. They founded Central Virginia's first professional theatre of the modern era, and named their company in memory of a deceased college friend, Barbara Barksdale. When they learned that their new neighbors looked forward to eating on evenings out, they combined favorite recipes and created the nation's first dinner theatre. They lived upstairs, performed downstairs, and served hearty meals in the historic rooms that fell in between. By 1959, four of the original founders moved on, leaving Pete and Nancy Kilgore and Muriel McAuley firmly in charge. This dynamic, history-making trio produced Greater Richmond's first professional productions of plays by Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, Eugene O'Neill, George Bernard Shaw, and Edward Albee.

They also served as visionary civic leaders. In defiance of Jim Crow laws, Barksdale was Virginia's first performing arts organization to open its doors to integrated audiences.

While creating great theatre, Pete, Muriel and Nancy also continued the endless task of restoring the Tavern. In 1990, the Tavern was sold to the Hanover Tavern Foundation. In 1993, Pete, Muriel and Nancy retired after 40 years of exemplary service. To accommodate renovation, Barksdale left the Tavern for a decade before returning in 2006.

In 2012, Barksdale and Theatre IV merged to become Virginia Repertory Theatre. Virginia Rep's work at Hanover Tavern will always be known as our Barksdale Season.





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- 2008 Governor's Award for the Arts Presented by Governor Tim Kaine
- 2006 Theresa Pollak Lifetime Achievement Award Excellence in the Arts Presented by *Richmond* Magazine
- 2002 The Pentagon selects Theatre IV's *Buffalo Soldier* to be the first professional play in history to be performed inside the Pentagon, as a morale booster after 9/11

- 2001 Leadership in Arts Instruction Award Presented by the Virginia Board of Education and the Virginia Commission for the Arts
- 1999 100 Most Influential Richmonders of the Century Presented by *STYLE Weekly* to Pete and Nancy Kilgore, Muriel McAuley, Bruce Miller and Phil Whiteway
- **1997** First producing theatre in the nation to be invited to become an affiliate of the Kennedy Center's prestigious, national arts-in-education initiative, Partners in Education

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