



THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

A NEW AMERICAN MUSICAL ABOUT FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY WALLY NASON

Penn Station - Arthur, Illinois

RUNNING AUG. 8TH - NOV. 2ND

CAST AND CREW

ProducersCassie Yoder & Wally Nason

Director, Script & MusicWally Nason

Francis Scott KeyChris Hager

TracksBlair Masters & Dennis Dearing

Sound & DesignJoel Farabee

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Welcome Today

You're It

It's Not What You Know

PerhapsLyrics by Francis Scott Key/Music by Wally Nason

*Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise TheeLyrics by Francis Scott Key/Music Traditional

*Before the Lord We Bow Lyrics by Francis Scott key/Music Traditional

What Were We Thinking?

I Ache

Stitches

Free

Sitting On The Edge

*To Anacreon in HeavenLyrics and Music by John Stafford Smith

The Nobleman's SonLyrics by Francis Scott Key/Music by Wally Nason

Star-Spangled BannerLyrics by Francis Scott Key/Music by John Stafford Smith

All songs by Wally Nason unless otherwise noted.

SYNOPSIS

The National Anthem is a new one-man musical comedy about the fascinating American who wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner." Francis Scott Key's unwavering and sometimes unorthodox opinions on social matters as well as his unique and often unappreciated relationship with poetry is showcased in this 90-minute mix of lyrics and laughs. You'll snicker in your knickers and cackle in your cloak as you discover more about the man whose name we all know... but whose history is a mystery.

Running August - November at Penn Station in Arthur, Illinois, watch a part of our nation's history come to life in this one-man musical journey through the life of America's most famous lyricist.

Meet The Cast



CHRIS HAGER as Francis Scott Key

Chris Hager has been a professional actor traveling to theaters across the Eastern U.S. for nearly a decade. After graduating from Youngstown State University, he was hired in the world premiere of the musical “Stolen.” (Produced by Blue Gate Musicals) Chris has worked additional contracts with Blue Gate, Sight & Sound Theatre, Broadway Palm, Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Round Barn Theatre, and was on the first National Tour of “Fiddler on the Roof.” Chris hopes to promote positive stories and lessons in his performances, showcasing what makes life worth living, as well as using the gifts God has given him. He is excited to be the premiere actor in the soon to be classic, “The National Anthem” at Penn Station Theatre.

Getting to Know



WALLY NASON
Director/Producer

Wally Nason is the Artistic/Managing Director of About The Town Productions. Since 2009, he has been the most prolific composer of performed musicals in America. His 20 original musicals have played in front of over a million thrilled audience members and maybe even a few 'not so thrilled' ones around the Eastern United States. He has also served as the director of each of their openings. From community theaters to state of the art performance venues From high school auditoriums to over 800 movie theaters - His name is synonymous with family friendly works that encourage and inspire ticket holders of all ages. You can see his work, THE CONFESSION MUSICAL, featuring John Schneider (Bo Duke) and number 1 selling female comedian in the world, Chonda Pierce. Wally lives in Franklin, TN with his wife and three adult children.

Getting to Know



Cassie Yoder
Producer

Born and raised in Central Illinois, Cassie Yoder wanted to revive the musicals that shed education, emotion, and humor on the simplicities of the rural upbringing and surrounding Amish lifestyle; and thus came Cass Concepts Productions. Since 2005, she has owned Cass Concepts, a full-service creative agency and marketing firm serving clients in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and New York. From 2015-2019 Cass Concepts fully marketed the then-Green Mill Village Theatre at the Best Western Green Mill Village Hotel and Suites Convention Center until COVID. With her strong friendships from the Blue Gate partnership with the brilliant writer & composer, Wally Nason and an exciting new venue change -Penn Station-located in the heart of Amish Country of Illinois - Yoder is thrilled to bring back to the heavily tourist area a type of entertainment for all ages.

Our Venue



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ARTHUR, IL

Penn Station is located in Downtown Arthur, Illinois, close to the Arthur Visitor Center and next to the Hitch Rack. With seating for 550 people, tables for banquets, and a full service kitchen to accommodate your event, Penn Station is a versatile space for weddings, live music, graduations, bridal showers, and so much more.

Penn Station is also host to the Cowboy Church on Sunday mornings, and The Gunny Sack Revue performs bluegrass music on Wednesday evenings. These events are always free to the public, and we invite you to come see what Penn Station has to offer. If you like what you see, consider leaving a donation to support your local theatre.





About Us

Since 2005, Cass Concepts Marketing, a full-service creative agency and marketing firm located in historic Downtown Decatur, Illinois has serviced businesses, entrepreneurs, events, and corporate functions looking to expand and thrive in an ever-changing digital world.

From 2015-2019 Cass Concepts fully marketed the then, Green Mill Village Theatre at the Best Western Green Mill Village Hotel and Suites Convention Center until covid. Thousands of patrons came from a total of 27 different states to musicals, gospels and plays!

With this experience and desire to revive the musicals that shed education, emotion and humor on the simplicities of the rural upbringing and surrounding Amish lifestyle, Cass Concepts Productions was born. From one-off events to scaling musical and mystery plays, Cass Concepts Productions has produced and promoted hundreds of shows and functions since 2015. After connecting with the famous Blue Gate Musicals, owner of Cass Concept Productions, Cassie Yoder, realized there was a need and demand for professional, family theatre that had music and storylines as unique as the Illinois prairie.

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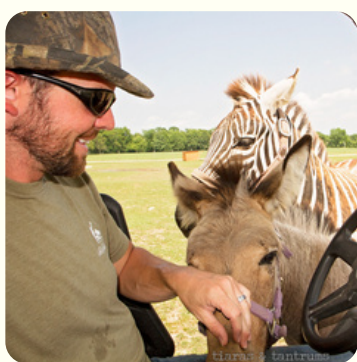
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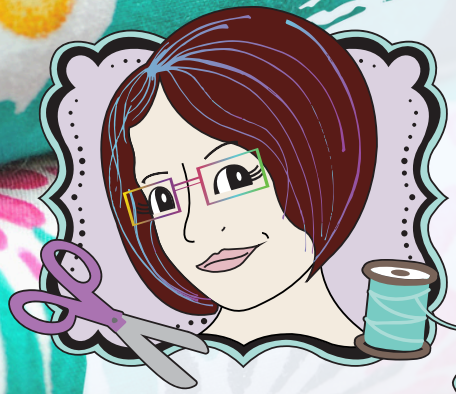


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