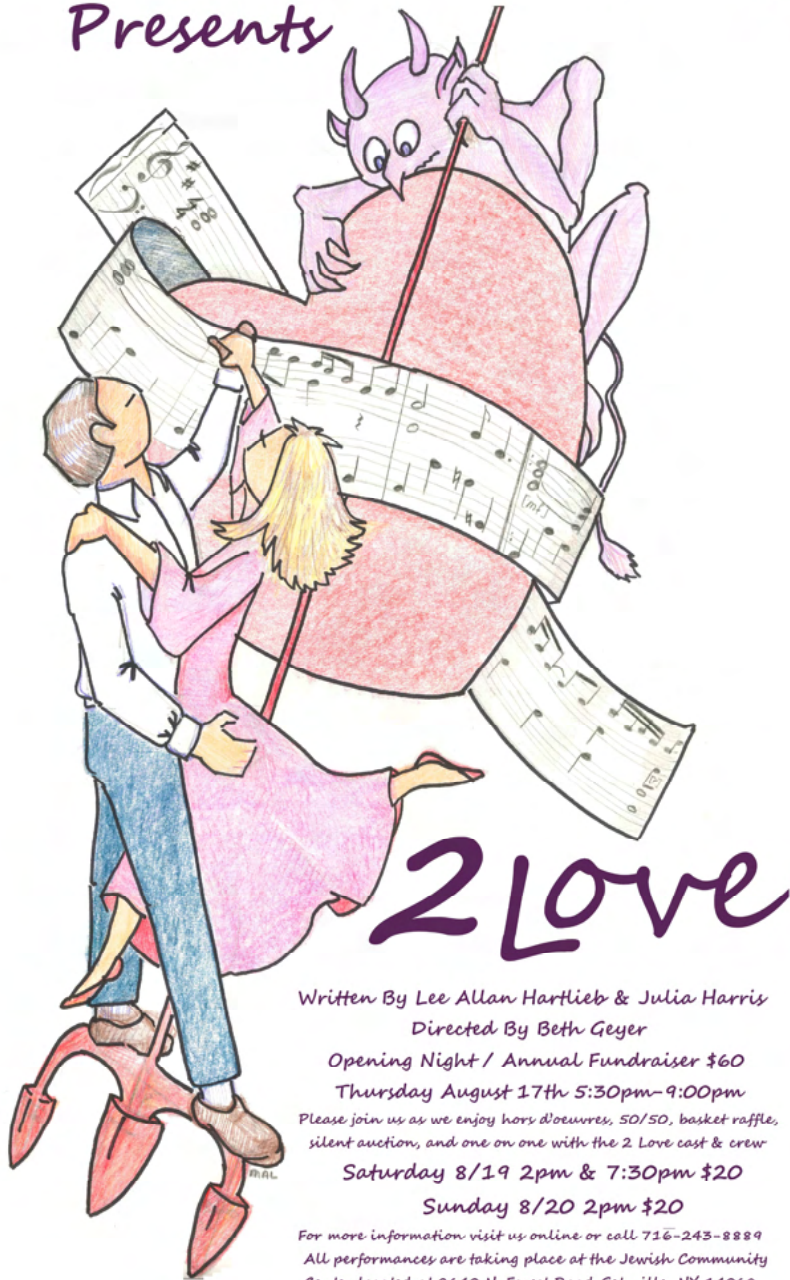


Unique Theatre Company Presents



Written By Lee Allan Hartlieb & Julia Harris
Directed By Beth Geyer

Opening Night / Annual Fundraiser \$60

Thursday August 17th 5:30pm-9:00pm

Please join us as we enjoy hors d'oeuvres, 50/50, basket raffle,
silent auction, and one on one with the 2 Love cast & crew

Saturday 8/19 2pm & 7:30pm \$20

Sunday 8/20 2pm \$20

For more information visit us online or call 716-243-8889
All performances are taking place at the Jewish Community
Center located at 2640 N. Forest Road Getzville, NY 14068

♥2 Love♥

Act ♥ : 'Lament For Joe' By : Lee Allan Hartlieb

Act ♥♥ : 'Love Monologues'

An Expression of Loving Thoughts from:

Shannon Mosser

Alison Smith

Jen Savo

Doug Morris

Blair Dixon

Hope Griffey

Lauren Gardner

Christine Bucelli

Chrissy Chapman

Pam King

Act ♥♥♥ : 'The Contest' By : Julia Harris

Director : Beth Geyer

Producer : Vienna Haak

Set Design : People, Inc. Elmwood

Day Hab-Pintrest Team 8

led by Mary Jane Fix

People, Inc. Arts Experience

Art Studio

led by Justin Leis

Light & Sound : Brendan McAvelly &

Angelo Heimowitz

Graphic Design: Maria Aldona Laurendi

♥Director's Note♥

Dear Audience,

Love. I'm sure we could all agree that today, more love is needed --- from social networks to face to face on Main Street America - more love for each other and our planet could not hurt. The theme of love goes further for us at Unique Theatre Company because we are all here because of it. We love theatre, acting, shows, plays, music, volunteering, helping, socializing, meeting new friends and each other. When a new cast comes together with each show - each cast member brings the love of what brought them here in the first place. Before long, the love spreads and for a very short time (although it seems forever on some weeks) we act as a fully functioning dysfunctional family.

What you see in all of our shows is the hard work we have put in for the last 6 weeks. It is sometimes grueling and more often fun but each and every one of us stays for one thing; The love of why we are here.

I hope that you find something (if not everything) to love about our show because a lot of love was put into it. Take some home.

Thank you,

Beth Geyer
Artistic Director

♥Biographies♥

Writers

Lee Allan Hartlieb

(PLAYWRIGHT; Lament For Joe)

Lee graduated from Edinboro University of PA w/ a degree in Environmental Resource Management. His written works have been in poetry anthologies in the National Library in Washington, DC, Aspire's I-Express Arts Program, & editorials in The Buffalo News. 2 Love is Lee's first professionally produced play. In 2008 he staged a reading of Lament for Joe at Alleyway Theatre. Lee performed a lead in the locally produced piece Donna: A Civil War Opera in '11. He attends the Arts Experience and studies Performance, Photography, Art, Art History, Mixed Media Art, Sculpture & Drama. Lee is President & CEO of Exceptional Entrepreneurs of America, an organization helping disabled small business owners. He accomplished all of this AFTER suffering a traumatic brain injury. Since the age of 10, he has thrived with spastic quadriplegia. Lee does all of this while maintaining an often sarcastic sense of humor that endears him to all.

Julia Harris

(PLAYWRIGHT, *The Contest*; LISA, *The Contest*)

Julia Harris is thrilled to be involved in her first Unique Theatre Company production as the playwright of "THE CONTEST" and as an actress playing the role of Lisa. She lives in Lancaster, NY w/ her Mom, Dad & brother, Michael. Julia is a graduate of Lancaster High School & ECC South YALT Program. She currently is in the Employment Training Program. Julia enjoys writing, singing & swimming. This summer Julia won a gold medal in swimming at the New York State Special Olympic Summer Games. When she is not training she likes to watch movies, listen to music, play on the computer & watch her brother's hockey games. Julia's favorite saying is "Miracles Happen When You Believe!" She has always believed in herself with her determination and positive attitude. She wants to thank Beth and Vienna for this amazing opportunity. Julia would like to dedicate this play to her family & her boyfriend, Al. I love you all very much. She also thanks everyone for coming & she hopes you enjoy "The Contest"

♥Director♥

Beth Geyer

(Owner & Artistic Director)

Beth has been working in the human service field for just over 30 years. Her experience with people who have various ways of identifying themselves includes having held positions in both California and New York in many capacities and departments from residential, service coordination to her current role in day services. As a part time writer and playwright she is founder and co-owner of Unique Theatre Company Inc., an extraordinary theatre project whose mission statement promises to provide a venue where people of all abilities can create and express themselves through theatre. Beth's goal has always been to combine her love of writing and all the arts with her work in the human service industry.

♥Cast, in Order of Appearance♥

Nathaniel William Wilkins

(PREACHER, Lament For Joe; BEN, The Contest)

Nathaniel is an American actor, voice actor, and puppeteer. He started acting in the summer of 2012 as a puppeteer for The Kids on the Block Educational Puppets.

Since then Nathaniel's been in several plays and movies including: Always October, The Process, FACE IT, Loney Bananas, One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest, and S.T.A.R. Some of Nathaniel's inspirations are Frank Welker, Mike Yurchak, Denyse Tontz, Brian Donovan and Erin Sanders. In fact, it was Erin who got Nathaniel into doing yoga, which he enjoys and practices every day. Mike helped him with his voiceovers and Denyse has given him advice and words of encouragement to help improve his acting. He is dedicating his performance in Loving Memory of Maria Andrea Buscaglia.

Jacob Siracuse

(JOE, Lament For Joe)

Jacob is back for his 3rd performance with the Unique Theater Company, having previously played the parts of Dylan in "Face it" ("Day Tripper") and both Brad ("The Affair") and Randy ("Bug Out Bag") in "What if...?", this year his dark talents show through while performing the dramatic character role of JOE. Jacob continues to strive towards his dream of being a famous voice actor and most recently participated in a training video for People Inc. He is thankful for all the support he receives from his family and friends and grateful for all the time, effort, and opportunities that both Beth Geyer and Vienna Haak selflessly devote to him and the rest of his cast mates.

Denise Litz

(KATHARINE, Lament For Joe)

This is Denise Litz's first play since she was in the third grade! She is thrilled to pick up her long delayed acting career with Unique Theatre Company's production of

2 Love. Denise, by day, is a Director of Day Services with People, Inc. She would like to dedicate this performance to her mom who encouraged her to continue her acting dreams at age 52 playing a 19 year old! She wishes to thank Beth and Vienna for giving her this opportunity as well as the cast and crew for welcoming her into their show.

Stephen Ballow

(FATHER OF THE BRIDE, Lament For Joe ;
JOE, The Contest)

This is Stephen Ballow's third play that he is acting in for Unique Productions. He graduated from the Daemen College YALT program this past spring. Stephen is currently employed at Rocco's Wood Fired Pizza. When he is not acting, Stephen is playing sports in Special Olympics or hanging out with his friends. He is also continuing his career at UB South YALT.

Amanda Rogers

(MOTHER OF THE BRIDE, Lament For Joe ;
DR. JACKSON, The Contest)

Amanda is very excited to be returning for her third Unique Theatre Company show

this year. No stranger to the stage, she has also participated in theatrical works under the direction of John Waterhouse while in the YALT program at Daemen College, performed in the Lancaster High School women's choir for 4 years, & takes piano lessons at Twin Village Music Center. Amanda loves the theater-especially musicals & has attended shows in Toronto and New York City as well as numerous local theater productions. She likes all genres of music & has a vast collection of scary movies. Amanda lives in Lancaster, NY w/ her parents Mark and Deborah, her younger sister Ashley, and chocolate lab-Ruby! She enjoys meeting new people and loves new challenges. Amanda is currently in a sign language course & is teaching herself Italian with the goal of guiding her parents through Italy when they cross that vacation off their bucket list! She is very grateful for this opportunity and would like to thank the Unique Theatre Company staff, directors, and fellow actors. A special thank you goes to her parents and her sister Ashley, Grandma Joan, Aunt Marcia and Aunt Cindy for their support & dedication.

Jason Sokody

(SATAN, Lament For Joe;
CONTEST JUDGE, The Contest)

Jason loves to stay busy as is evident by his many jobs and hobbies. He is an Associate Broker and Team Leader of the award winning Sokody Sales Team of HUNT Real Estate ERA, a teacher for Erie Community College's Pathway to Success program where he was awarded New York State NYACCE Teacher of the Year, creator & owner of the educational website PulpFictionEDU.com, and writer of *The Multifarious Conclusions of it Depends*, a diverse book of visceral poetry. In his free time, he enjoys lifting weights, playing in the mud on the four wheelers, and volunteering and raising money to a variety of charitable events.

This is Jason's third play in Unique Theater Company and he loves acting with all his friends in the cast and making them laugh with his silly jokes backstage and at every rehearsal. However, no matter how many endeavors he is involved in, his favorite title will always be father to his beautiful daughters, Jada and Carmen, & husband to his wife of 15 years, Sarah.

Matthew Scott Garrison

(PETE, Lament Of Joe ; BRIAN, The Contest)

Matthew is a 17 year old who is a Super Senior at NTHS and participates in the ASPIRE WOW Program. He has been acting for 5 years. Matthew would like to thank his friends, family and others who have supported him in his acting career. Unique Theater: *2 LOVE*; (2017) "Pete" & "Brian"; *WHAT IF* (2016) as "Jack aka Robber" Unique Productions (UP): *FACE IT* (2015); "Chuck Chattanooga," "Street Magician" and an extra in the "Work Out," and "Party" scenes. *THE PROCESS* (2014) -- "Minestrone," "Benny," and "The Rock Star." NTHS: *THE MUSICAL 9 to 5* (2013). The intro and finale musical numbers; a bit part as the "Mail Guy;" 2014 *KENNY AWARDS* School Nominee, performed a skit on Shea's Theater stage. *SABAH: SOLOIST SKATER* (2013/2014 Season) "2014 Celebration on Ice". Matthew would like to thank Beth and Vienna for supporting him in his life and showing him how to be a better actor.

Nate Hare

(MARK, Lament of Joe ; JAMES, The Contest)

Nate Hare is new to Unique Theatre Company. He is a 2015 graduate of Amherst High School and is currently finishing his career at Amherst as a post graduate Super Senior. Nate is a double black stripe in TaekwonDo and enjoys playing as well as watching most sports. In addition, Nate loves music, acting & spending time with his girlfriend and 2 Love co-star Amy Cavagnaro. Nate lives with his mom, dad, sister Ana, and his two dogs Chewy and Jules. Nate is enjoying working in this years production and wants to express his gratitude to his parents & his sisters Alex and Ana for all their support and in helping make his dreams come true.

Vienna Laurendi Haak

(Owner; Executive Producer; MIME, Lament For Joe)

After 2 tours of duty w/the USAF, Vienna owned SMILES daycare company until her 2 children Alicia & Austin, now 17 & 15, started school. Thereafter she became a real estate broker, working alongside her

husband Dale on her parents' sales team w/ Howard Hanna. Austin's autism diagnoses inspired Vienna 2 launch a support group which continues to service Erie & Niagara Counties. In '14 she became an owner of Unique Theatre Co. This is Vienna's 5th acting gig! She was cast as : Jane & Monkey in Always October; Grandma in The Process; Momma in FACE IT; & Rose in What if...? Alongside selling homes, raising Autism awareness in her community, & devoting time 2 theatre, she enjoys fitness, playing piano, & camping. Vienna would like 2 thank: Beth for her limitless tolerance; her mom Maria, for donating her time & talents 2 Utc's logo & artwork; Alicia for selflessly keeping Austin & their home in order while she devoted time to 2 Love; & especially her husband who's daily efforts 2 her & 2 their lives 2gether, inspire her daily 2 Love him forever more ♥♥♥♥

Keller Vogelsang

(Love Monologues ; LISA'S MOTHER, The Contest)

Keller is a very accomplished theatre professional having been in several local productions. She is also a playwright having written Donna, A Civil War Opera

that was produced at Alleyway Theatre in which she also played Donna. She has been in the Parent Network production of Always October. She has played Dorothy in the People, Inc. Arts Experience production of The Wizard of Oz. This is her third performance with Unique Theatre Company, she first appeared in The Process, followed by FACE IT, What if...? and now Keller is very proud to be in 2 Love. Keller is very grateful and thankful to all those who support her love of the theatre, especially to her step-mom Karen and her Dad, Chris. She thanks the support of her brother, her boyfriend, her best friend Rick Lattimer and appreciates their love.

Ron Ward

(Love Monologues; LISA'S FATHER, The Contest)

This is Ron's 3rd performance with Unique Theatre Company. Ron graduated from Amherst High School. He has an older brother and sister and lots of nieces and nephews. Ron has worked at Canterbury Woods Adult Residence in Williamsville for 14 years as a cafe attendant. He enjoys providing services for seniors and has made many friends with the residents that live

there. Ron likes to bowl and enjoys video games, scary movies, and amusement parks. He takes part in Special Olympics baseball, basketball, and track & field events. Ron would like to thank Beth, Vienna, and especially Nick for getting him into theatre. He would also like to thank all his loyal fans who like him on Facebook and he thanks you all for coming to watch!

Stephanie Edbauer

(Love Monologues; CONTESTANT, The Contest)

Stephanie is happy to be returning to Unique Theatre Company for another play. She has participated in their previous shows & enjoys being part of the production. Thanks to Beth & Vienna for all their hard work & love. Stephanie loves to dance & continues to take dance lessons at Centerstage Dance Studio. Stephanie attends the People, Inc CAPP program & enjoys volunteering with them for Meals on Wheels.

Amy Cavagnaro

(Love Monologues; BEN'S MOTHER, The Contest)

Amy has thoroughly enjoyed performing w/ Unique Theatre Company. This is her 3rd year as a cast member. Amy is very happy to return to acting w/ her friends & boyfriend, Nate Hare. She has been performing for several years beginning w/ singing the National Anthem & clog dancing in Talent Shows & clogging workshops. Her acting began at the Themed Learning Center, in their versions of "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas", "Christmas Movie Scenes", & "Frozen". Amy has attended theatre classes taught by Mr. Waterhouse at Daemen College, where she attends the YALT Pre-Vocational Program. After each semester, they end w/ a live performance that was written by the class! Amy wants to thank her parents, brother, sister-in-law, sister, & brother-in-law-to-be for all their support & encouragement. She would also like to thank all her family & friends who came to see the performances this weekend!

To Beth & Vienna, thank you again for another great experience!

Mackenzie Bingham

(Love Monologues; CONTESTANT, The Contest)

This is Mackenzie's first production with The Unique Theatre Company and she is looking forward to future opportunities with the company. Mackenzie has chosen to dedicate her first professional performance to her Mom, Sue Bingham.

Mary Wilde

(Love Monologues; CONTESTANT, The Contest)

Mary is a student at Clarence High School, where she sings with Mixed Chorus and plays on the Unified Basketball team. She has loved watching her two older brothers perform in school plays for the past six years, and is so excited that it's now her turn! Mary has danced with Danceability Inc. for the past 10 years and is also a member of the Bobcats bowling team at Transit Lanes.



The End



Unique Theatre Company would like to thank the following supporters for whom without tonight's performance would not be a success :

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- ♥ People, Inc.
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- ♥ Lindsey & Jamie Pietras, Anita Ballow, Laura Gorman, Ilene Garrison, Kathy Lawton Cavagnaro, Dr. Mike & Karen Madden, Mike & Donna Necci, Greg & Ann Neuman, Debbie Rogers, & Sarah Syracuse for all of their very generous donations!

AND TO ALL of the volunteers, agency staff, family, and friends who each & every day supported this production by providing transportation, enduring long waits in the lobby during rehearsals, remaining flexible with all rehearsal changes, & by simply 'being there' to lend a hand & listening ear.

THANK YOU!

Beth & Vienna

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