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# DANI GIRL

January 31 –  
February 8,  
2025

*A musical  
about hope.  
By Michael  
Kooman &  
Christopher  
Dimond*

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# A NOTE FROM FMCT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JUDY LEWIS

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Dani Girl, the Musical brought to you by the Fargo Moorhead Community Theatre! We are delighted and deeply grateful for your presence at tonight's performance and for your continued support.

We are honored to partner with the Ronald McDonald House of the Red River Valley for the run of Dani Girl. Their dedication to supporting families during such challenging times aligns perfectly with the themes of tonight's musical. Together, we're striving to make a positive impact in our community.

Thank you for being a part of this beautiful and meaningful musical. It takes us on an emotional journey filled with hope, resilience, and the indomitable spirit of a young girl. It's a story that resonates deeply with us, and we are honored to bring it to our stage.

Your support allows us to continue enriching lives through the arts, and we couldn't do it without you.

Enjoy the show!

Kindly,  
Judy Lewis  
Executive Director, FMCT







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It's an honor to witness the incredible impact our loyal donors, volunteers, and advocates have in helping families experience the comforts of home during one of life's most difficult chapters. While it's easy to see the practical ways RMHC supports families, I would argue our most impressive work is in creating community. Seeing families celebrate milestones together, lean on each other when a doctor's update isn't quite what they were hoping for or simply enjoy a meal together and find a sense of peace in knowing they are not traveling the journey alone.

We are absolutely thrilled to partner with FMCT to celebrate this special story of love and raise up the transformative power of community. I hope as you reflect on this production, you'll keep the families calling our house a home in your heart.

Grateful to be in community with you,

Jill Christopher  
CEO





## **ANGIE SCHULZ** **as Dani**

**Angela Schulz is a life long resident of Moorhead. Angie is a funeral celebrant and preplanning specialist at Wright Funeral Home in Moorhead. Favorite roles include “Trina” in FALSETTOS, “Yente” in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, “DeeDee” in PROM, “Marta” in COMPANY, “Fraulein Kost” in CABARET, “Grizabella” in CATS “Claire” in BARE, “Frau Blucher” in YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN, and “Sister Mary Amnesia” in NUNSENSE. Angie is married to Brian Schulz and together they have three grown daughters, one son in law, and one perfectly adorable grandson.**



## CRAIG ELLINGSON as Raph

**Craig A. Ellingson is a Professor at Minnesota State University, specializing in live performance and communication. He is deeply honored to reprise the role of Raph in Dani Girl. As a theatre artist, Craig's contributions to the Red River Valley's vibrant arts scene span acting, directing, choreographing, and playwriting. His recent onstage roles include Marvin in Falsettos and Barry in The Prom. Craig extends heartfelt thanks to his husband, Shawn, for his unwavering support and encouragement.**





## KATHY HANSON as Mother

**Kathy Hanson is a freelance choreographer, director, and theater arts instructor, working with NDSU, Fargo Public Schools, Trollwood Performing Arts School, and Act Up Theatre. She is thrilled to reprise the role of Mother in Dani Girl.**

**Kathy has appeared in numerous productions across the Fargo-Moorhead area and Minneapolis, most recently as Angie in The Prom. Some of her favorite past roles include Diana in Next to Normal, Sally in Cabaret, and Inga in Young Frankenstein. Kathy is deeply grateful for the love and support of her husband, Dave, and her two daughters, Audra and Eve.**



## DANIEL DAMICO<sup>+</sup> as Marty

**Daniel Damico lives in Moorhead with his wife Katie, and their children, Isaiah and Lily and is the Worship Arts Director at First Lutheran Church in Fargo. He most recently directed FMCT's production of Carrie: The Musical. Other Directing credits include; Hello Girls and Young Frankenstein (FMCT), Dani Girl (WTP), Cabaret (MTFM), White Christmas and Forever Plaid (FMCT). Some of his favorite acting roles include: George Bailey in It's a Wonderful Life: The Musical, Col. Nathan Jessep in A Few Good Men, Dad in Billy Elliot, CC Showers in The Diviners and Tony in Tony and Tina's Wedding (FMCT), Ned Bates in Murder Gone Wrong (Harwood Prairie Players), Senator Charles Whitmore in Church and State (Theatre B), Baker in Into The Woods (WTP). In his free-time, Daniel enjoys spending time with family, making homemade pasta, and is also an aspiring Photographer. Thank you for coming to Dani Girl & supporting local art!**

# ORCHESTRA

**JoMarie Fike .....Piano**  
**Connor Filipi .....Drums**  
**Jon Marsyla .....Cello**

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# PRODUCTION TEAM



<b>Director .....</b>	<b>Craig Ellingson</b>
<b>Asst. Director .....</b>	<b>Daniel Damico</b>
<b>Music Director .....</b>	<b>Angela Schulz</b>
<b>Choreography.....</b>	<b>Kathy Hanson</b>
<b>Costume Designer .....</b>	<b>Gina Bar-El</b>
<b>Scenic Designer .....</b>	<b>Rick Lewis</b>
<b>Lighting Designer .....</b>	<b>Katie Link</b>
<b>Master Carpenter, props .....</b>	<b>Anna Kann</b>
<b>Sound board operator .....</b>	<b>Keith Schweigert</b>

## FMCT STAFF

<b>Executive &amp; Artistic Director .....</b>	<b>Judy Lewis</b>
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<b>Production Assistant .....</b>	<b>Liz Wilhelmi</b>
<b>Front-of-House Team: Amanda Kadrmas, Tami Mangahas, Dawn Thompson, Rick Mangahas, Reid Strand, Jordan Franzen, Asha Franzen, Mike Finch, Keith Schweigert</b>	

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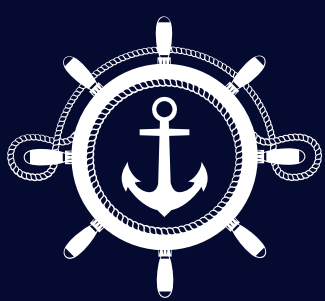


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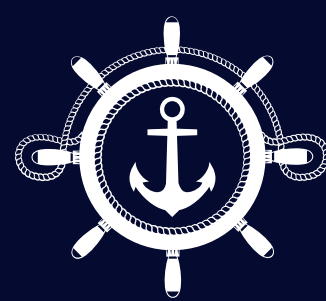
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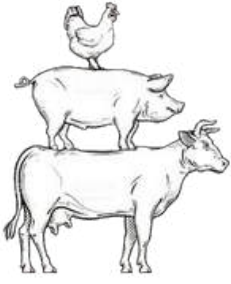




*Hornbacher's*

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*Jay's Smokin'*



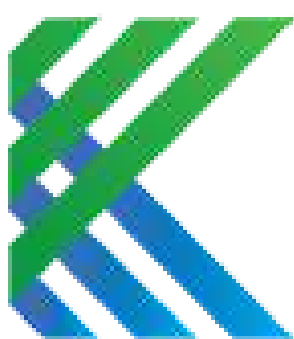
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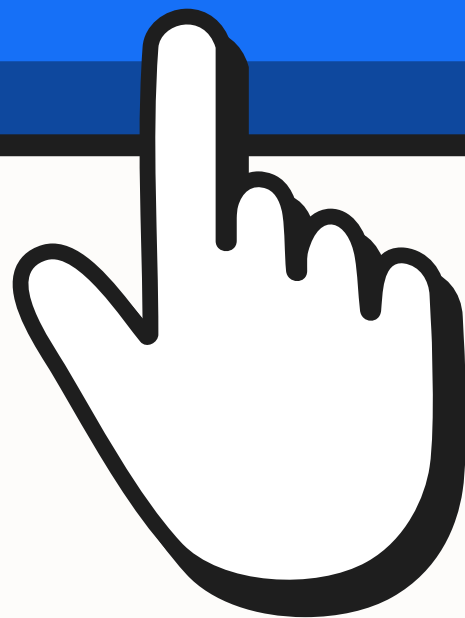


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# PETER PAN



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A detailed illustration of a pirate ship, the Starcatcher, sailing on a dark sea. The ship's sails are black with white skull and crossbones symbols. It is set against a large, glowing full moon and a night sky filled with stars and shooting stars. The overall scene is dramatic and magical.

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