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People Profile

Darryl Curry, the composer of *Mesmerized*, has a long history of developing new works with Al and Margit. He wrote the musicals *The Elephant Piece* (conceived and produced by Third Step Theatre, New York), *Quitters* (produced by Third Step), *George Q* (book/lyrics by MK Wolfe) and most recently, *Mesmerized* (book by Al D'Andrea, lyrics by MK Wolfe). He also wrote the musical *Dorian Gray* and a number of plays, some of which were produced as part of Third Step festivals. Darryl wrote incidental music for the New York 20th Anniversary production of *The Elephant Man* and has two commissioned works - "The 46th Street Mass" (St. Clement's Episcopal Church, New York) and the sung ballet "My Shadow" (Staten Island Ballet).



Darryl is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Temple University, and the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York. He is the director of music at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, a member of the David I. Martin Music Guild of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. and a proud member of the Dramatists Guild. Snowlion Rep could not be happier to be working with this great and talented artist.

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Greetings!

Casting is complete and rehearsals are soon to start for the world premiere concert performance of the new musical *Mesmerized*.

But that's not the only debut coming to Portland this June. The first ever Portland Performing Arts Festival and attendant fringe festival PortFringe 2012 both make their opening bows in what we hope will be the first of many seasons of exciting festivals to come. Like the fringes of Edinburgh or Spoleto, PortFringe 2012 has theater offerings of all kinds for all tastes, and we hope you'll support them with your attendance. And don't miss Snowlion Rep's latest new musical offering, *Mesmerized* - read more on that below.

Be sure to visit www.portfringe.com. See you on June 28th at the St Lawrence!

Sincerely,

Al D'Andrea, Artistic Director
Margit Ahlin, Producing Director
Snowlion Repertory Company



Casting is complete for *Mesmerized*

Snowlion Rep is thrilled to officially announce the cast for the concert performance of the new musical *Mesmerized* to perform Thursday June 28 at the St Lawrence Arts Center. You're sure to enjoy these talents as they sing the dramatic and melodic score by composer Darryl Curry and lyricist MK Wolfe and bring to life the characters so skillfully created by bookwriter Al D'Andrea, all led with flawless piano accompaniment by musical director Arman Mohammad:



Alan Forrest McLucas as the infamous Dr Anton Mesmer
Jean Tafler as his wife, Anna Mesmer
John U Robinson as his French protege, Charles D'Esion
Carolyn Glaude as his most famous patient Theresa Paradies

David Arthur Bachrach as his mentor Dr Stoerck
JP Guimont as his nemesis Dr Ingenhousz
Alex Pratt as Theresa's father Herr Paradies
Jaymie Chamberlin as Theresa's mother Frau Paradies

Sean Colby as Mozart, Pierrot, and others
Jim Colby as Benjamin Franklin, Archbishop, and others
Fran Page as Hippocrasso, Fop, and others
Dixie Weisman as Queen Empress Maria Theresa and others
Brittany Cook as Society Lady, Commedia Narrator, and others
Caitlin Allen as Seamstress, Isabella, and others

Save the date! Don't miss *Mesmerized*!

Date: **Thursday June 28**, at 8:00 p.m.



Place: The St Lawrence Arts Center, 76 Congress Street, Portland

Event: The world premiere concert performance of the new musical *Mesmerized* brought to you by Snowlion Rep in association with PortFringe 2012.

Tickets: All seats \$10 at the door. Arrive early for best seats!

Mesmerized is the true story of Anton Mesmer and his most famous (and scandalous) cure of the blind pianist Theresa Paradies in 1777 Vienna using the radical curative technique he termed "animal magnetism." The show plunges us into Mesmer's world at the dawn of the Age of Reason, with characters such as Mozart, Benjamin Franklin, the Queen Empress of the Holy Roman Empire, and others - all 100% true encounters had by the infamous doctor, presented in dramatic musical theater format. If you love history, medicine, romance, soaring melodies, laughter and drama and even bawdy comedy, do not miss *Mesmerized*!

One performance only! Thursday June 28 at 8 pm

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Snowlion Rep is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation that relies on your tax-deductible donations to exist. Theater feeds the soul, so "eat local" and support local theater!

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