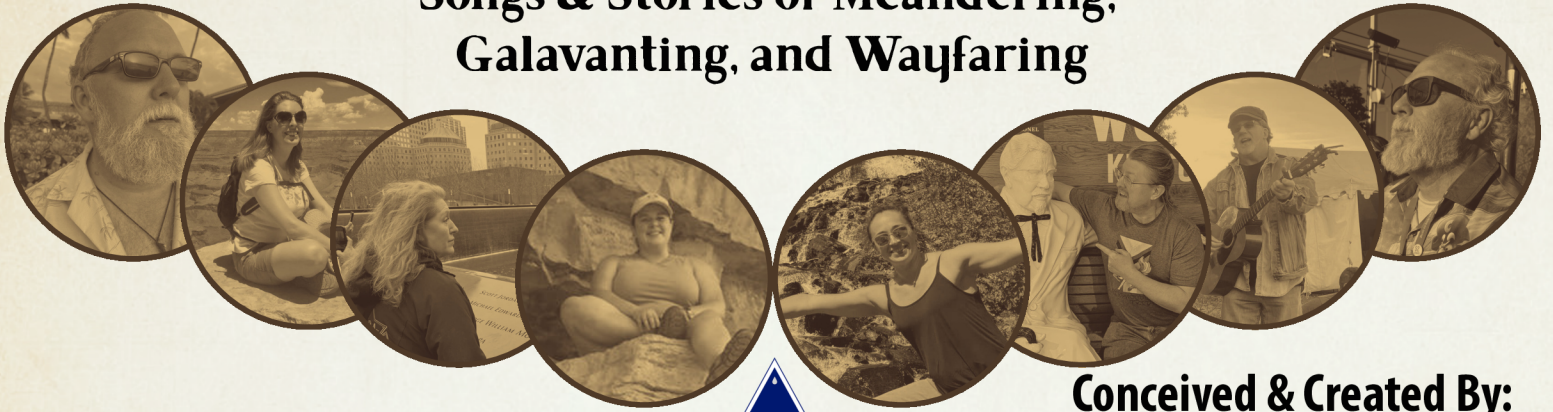


TBA Theatre Proudly Presents



Folk's Tales TRAVELIN' TALES

Songs & Stories of Meandering,
Galavanting, and Wayfaring



**SEPT
18-20**

TBA Studio Amphitheatre



Conceived & Created By:
Shane Mitchell
Petra Banks • Dennis Cleary
Erin Dagon Mitchell
Kristin Fernandez Mumm
Lindsay Lamar Schweizer
Wayne Mitchell
& Leif Sawyer

Poster by Megan Bladow Fiddis



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Cast Bios

Dennis Cleary

Dennis has been singing since the sixties, but is starting to forget the words. He sometimes has lyrics written on the lenses of his glasses so that they show up when he stares at the lights. He does not sing in the shower, but does sing in the car. He first joined Folk's Tales on Christmas Day, 1977, without anyone else knowing. He loves making music with his truest friends, and hopes to do that again someday. He is not the worst banjo player in Anchorage. Whenever Dennis takes a road trip, he makes sure to bring ginger snaps and pretzel sticks.

Petra Banks

Petra was part of the first Folk's Tales 25 years ago as an usher and all-around groupie, and was very grateful for the sense of community and kindness the show offered that year. She was very happy to join a few years later as a cast member and participated until she left for graduate school a few years back. Happily, she now lives in the state again and can be in TBA shows once more! Her most recent performance was in *Spoon River Anthology* in 2025. Her favorite road trip snack is Gardetto's!

Erin Dagon Mitchell

Erin is an award-winning actress and director and the Associate Artistic Director for TBA. She's directed over 200 productions at the community, college, and regional level including at the Samuel French Short Play Festival, the Sydney Olympic Arts Festival, and the Edinburgh Fringe. Some favorite directing projects with TBA include *Written on the Heart*, *Taking With*, and *The Sound of Music*. Onstage roles include Rhetta in *Pump Boys and Dinettes* (ACT), Dolly Levi in *Hello, Dolly!* (TBA), and most recently Goodwife Constance Briar in *Hexed* at the Edmonton Fringe Festival. She remembers eating snack pack pudding in the car as a child using the metal lid as a spoon (carefully) though these days Goldfish crackers are her go-to travel snack.

Kristin Fernandez Mumm

Kristin is a founding member of TBA where she continues to serve as Office Manager. She has originated roles in several world premieres including *The Death of Edgar Allen Poe*, *The Head That Wouldn't Die*, and *Rockin' Red Riding Hood*. When not onstage, Kristin can be found at Arctic Gymnastics where she is a competitive gymnastics coach or at Turnagain Crossfit Alaska where she coaches and trains. When not coaching or coaching, she will be at home with her husband Joe, her beast baby Charlotte, and the handsomest dog in the world, Indy. Hitting the road? Grab some beef jerky and a bottle of water for the trip!

Lindsay Lamar Schweizer

Lindsay is one of the founding members of Folk's Tales. She has a BA in Theatre and loves getting a chance to get on stage when she can—most recently, you may have seen her as Queen Aggravain in TBA Theatre's production of *Once Upon a Mattress*. She currently enjoys being an elementary school librarian, where she loves reading books to kids! There's lots of great snacks for the road, but it's hard to pass up some popcorn

Shane Mitchell

Shane is the founding Artistic Director of TBA Theatre. As a playwright his award-winning works have been performed in all fifty states and around the world. As a performer he has toured nationally and internationally including performing at the Olympics Arts Festival in Sydney Australia and at The Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland. He was most recently seen in TBA Theatre's productions of *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Antigone*, and *13 Tales of Terror*. When on the road Shane likes to gobble Bugles off his finger tips which he wears pretending to be a wicked witch.

Wayne Mitchell

Wayne played drums in band class from 5th-7th grade and one time, when challenged to a chair test, he was informed that both he and the challenger played the piece so unrecognizably bad that they might as well keep the same chairs. (Those being last and second to last. Eat ROAD GRIT Clyde Boyer!). Since then he's proud to be a percussionist in every single production of Folk's Tales and hopes his skills have improved. He loves to sit behind the wheel and share powdered sugar mini doughnuts (donettes?) with his family.

Leif Sawyer

Although he's been a part of TBA Theatre since its original incarnation, Leif has been recently slacking in the acting department for the last 10 years, save for the occasional Folk's Tales or Piratical-bard appearances. Instead, he's been raising his fifth-generation Alaskan teenager in all the appropriate things: music, video games, and pizza. And speaking of music, he's probably played more instruments in Folk's Tales than any other string player in the group! He remembers eating Chex Mix on road trips as a kid, but definitely doesn't remember having to clean up all the crumbs.

Crew

Stage Manager: Jordan Wood

Scenic Design: Erin Dagon Mitchell

Poster & Playbill: Megan Bladow Addis

Tent Crew: Jacob Wood, Cameron Schoene, Cooper Schoene, Falon Harkins, Charlie Peters, Theresa Peters, Dana Mitchell, Tony Fedullo, Jason Mitchell, Kevin Keith & the Cast



The Stories & Songs

Movin' Right Along

How Do You Get There?

City of New Orleans

Cycling Sweethearts

How Do You Get There?

Wildflowers

How Do You Get There?

500 Miles Mash-Up

Creative Elephant

Sloop John B

Marooned

How Do You Get There?

King of the Road

How Do You Get There?

My Bonnie Rows Over the Mountain

The Most Unusual Park

On The Road Again

2, 4, 6

How Do You Get There?

Ramblin' Rover

You're Never Lost

Wagon Wheel

How Do You Get There?

I've Been Everywhere

Fight or Flight

How Do You Get There?

Take Me Home, Country Roads

Misadventures of Camping

Home

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