

## Cast Biographies

**Amber Colwell** (Nan Lowell) is a new member of the FSLT family and shines in her role. Welcome!

**Kurt Marine** (Carleton Fitzgerald) sees his third stage performance with this show and is a welcome member of the theatre.

**Micki Voelkel** (Frances Black) is celebrating 40 years of creating eccentric characters at FSLT and her great talent inspires others.

**Jim Stengel** (Owen Turner) is an engineer and musician. He auditioned on a whim and is now doing his first play! Welcome!

**Kim Pierson** (Stella Livingston) owns Stable Health and Life in Van Buren. She is a wonderful FSLT and Young Actors Guild volunteer. She's married to Grant and has four kids and four granddaughters.

**Malcom Matlock** (Peter Sloan) previously performed at FSLT as Arpad in *Parfumerie* (2021). Welcome back!

**John Hall** (Sidney Black) is a wonderful performer and familiar face at FSLT and is a loving cat father.

**Scott Black** (Sven) is a beloved FSLT actor, director, and set designer. Audiences will remember his set designs from *A Christmas Carol* (2023) and *Deathtrap* (2023), among many more.

**Ian Miller** (Tyler Rayburn) is another wonderful FSLT performer. His roles include Gordon (*Coffee Shop*, 2022), and many more!

**Margaret Montgomery** (Irene Livingston) is a new FSLT volunteer and will charm audiences as she takes the stage. Welcome!

**Steve Dwiggin** (Shriner, Cop) is a frequent FSLT performer and cherished volunteer.

**Gary Cameron** (Shriner) is a dear FSLT performer and set designer. Audiences will remember his *Arsenic And Old Lace* (2023) set.

**Brad Kidder Jr.** (Shriner) can be remembered from *My Fair Lady* (2018), *Twelve Angry Men* (2013), *Chapter Two* (2006) and more.

Fort Smith Little Theatre Presents



**LIGHT UP** the **SKY**  
by **MOSS HART**

May 30-June 8, 2024  
directed by Melissa Vitale

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## SETTING

The Living room of a Ritz-Carlton suite, Boston (1940s)

### Act I

Scene One: 5:30 p.m. - before the premiere

Scene Two: 12:30 a.m. - after the show

### Act II

Scene One: Immediately following

Scene Two: 3:30 a.m.

## Special Thanks to...

**Expressions Flowers** who provided set dressings,  
**Fort Smith/River Valley Shrine Club** who shared their fezzes, &  
**Greenwood Health & Wellness** who shared their massage table.

## A Letter From the Director....

*Light Up the Sky* is indeed a love letter to the theatre. FSLT means so much to me and has been a huge part of my life for the past 14 years, that it felt right for me to bring this “love letter” to this stage. This cast — a grand mix of familiar faces and new — has been an absolute honor and privilege to work with. They have supported one another and made my job as a director so easy. I’ve had fun reuniting with old friends and making brand new ones. The crew has been there when I couldn’t be and supported me in this venture from Day 1, and I am so grateful for every minute. Please enjoy this love letter to our craft and join us in celebrating the magic of live theatre!

- **Melissa Vitale**

## CAST

NAN LOWELL ..... Amber Colwell  
CARLETON FITZGERALD..... Kurt Marine  
FRANCES BLACK..... Micki Voelkel  
OWEN TURNER..... Jim Stengel  
STELLA LIVINGSSTON..... Kim Pierson  
PETER SLOAN..... Malcom Matlock  
SIDNEY BLACK..... John Hall  
SVEN/WILLIAM H. GALLEGHER.....Scott Black  
TYLER RAYBURN.....Ian Miller  
IRENE LIVINGSTON..... Margaret Montgomery  
SHRINERS.....Steve Dwiggins,  
Gary Cameron, Brad Kidder Jr.  
PLAIN-CLOTHES COP..... Steve Dwiggins  
JJ THE PARROT..... Jamie Lambdin-Bolin, Eric Wells

## PRODUCTION CREW

DIRECTOR.....Melissa Vitale  
ASST. DIRECTOR.....Eric Wells  
STAGE MANAGER .....Joanne Peterson  
PRODUCER.....Jamie Lambdin-Bolin  
PROPS..... Rikkee Black, Porter Black  
SET..... Gary Cameron (designer,  
head builder), Steve Dwiggins, Cliff Hyatt, Kurt Marine  
COSTUMES..... Tina Dale  
SEAMSTRESS.....Margaret Clymer  
LIGHTING DESIGN .....Madison Smith  
RUNNING CREW ..... Nicole Bostick, Darlene D’Amico