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Welcome to the MAC! Our entire staff is thrilled to have you here and we are grateful that you have chosen to invest your time in live entertainment and world-class culture in our community. We want to offer you a space to unwind and enjoy an evening filled with laughter, music, dance, or theatre. Our aim is to provide you with unique and inspiring opportunities to engage more deeply with the arts. Join us for a complimentary pre-show MAC Chat or Q&A following specific performances. Our arts center, located in a community college, offers over 60 student productions supported by professional lighting, sound, and costumes. These can be enjoyed at affordable costs, or you can attend our FREE programs like Music Friday at Noon and our free International Global Film series, Global Flicks in February. We hope to exceed your expectations with excellent service and special pre and post-show engagement opportunities. These will help you connect with the artists and art forms more deeply. While you are here, don't forget to visit the Cleve Carney Museum of Art in the lobby to experience cutting-edge contemporary art. You can also enjoy our full-service concession area and gift shop.

After your visit, please stay connected with us by joining us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or subscribing to our e-newsletter to find out about added shows, events, and special offers (<u>www.AtTheMAC.org</u>). We challenge you to try something new at the MAC and expand your cultural palate. Come see the New Philharmonic Orchestra or a Buffalo Theater Ensemble Play. Or join us this summer for the Lakeside Summer Series. We are grateful for your presence here and we want to ensure that your visit is enjoyable. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask any of the staff and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We hope you have a wonderful time and look forward to entertaining you.

Enjoy the show!

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Diana Martinez Director, McAninch Arts Center

McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage presents

## **The Beat Goes On** (STARRING LISA MCCLOWRY AS CHER)

The McAninch Arts Center acknowledges support from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.



Saturday, May 11, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Belushi Performance Hall

## CAST

Lisa McClowry	Singer/Actress/Producer/Cher
Mike Aquino	Guitar/Vocals/Bandleader
Ed Breckenfeld	Drums
Klem Hayes	Bass/Vocals
Jo Ann Daugherty	Keyboard/Vocals
Mary-Margaret Jonke	Production Manager/Wardrobe
Mike Eiseman	Sound (Front of House)

## A NOTE FROM THE PRODUCER

As the producer and lead singer/actress of "The Beat Goes On" Cher show celebrating Cher's extraordinary life and music, I am proud to portray a woman who empowers other women. Like Cher, who brilliantly played the real lives of strong women in the movies *Silkwood* and *Mask*, I am blessed with the opportunity to portray the real life of Cher — the singing voice, the look, the walk, the talk, a living, breathing, powerful, and vulnerable human being.

Who can forget Cher's performance in the critically hailed drama *Silkwood*, where she portrays the real life of activist Dusty Ellis, aka Dolly Pelliker. Brilliant! She was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. In the motion picture *Mask*, Cher portrays the real life of Rusty Dennis, the mother of a boy with a facial deformity. She won the Cannes Film Festival Award as Best Actress. She deserved an Oscar as well. I remember watching and reading interviews where Cher talked about the preparation and research it took to play the roles of these women. She described the work as important to her and an intense responsibility to be good. She was so proud, and understandably so.

So thank you, Cher, for your outstanding career and empowering women to take chances, let go, and say exactly what is on their minds. You lead by example.

As a female producer, singer, and actress in the business and for "The Beat Goes On" Cher show, playing Cher has brought my inner strength to the surface. Playing her larger-than-life qualities while keeping it real with vulnerability. I hope to meet her someday.



**LISA McCLOWRY** - In everyday life McClowry does not resemble Cher - making her transformation through makeup, singing, acting and movement even more astounding! Becoming Cher is a full two-hour process, in

which she brings her artistic skills and training (scholarship to Chicago Art Institute and Columbia College Chicago grad) to the world of stage makeup.

McClowry is an accomplished classically trained singer, stage and recording artist/songwriter & sole producer of "The Beat Goes On" Show-Cher Show. Her music and voice have been heard in movies (*The Rugrats in Paris: The Movie, The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle*), TV & Radio Spots (TRESemmé Hair Care Products and Applebee's), recordings & original albums (Spyglass Hill, Time Signatures, Lisa McClowry Sings Acoustic Alchemy) to name a few.

It may surprise some that McClowry does not consider herself an impersonator or tribute artist. She considers herself a singer/actress and producer honored to play the role of Cher an icon, a legend and a woman who empowers others. Her other theatrical roles include Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, Maria in *The Sound of Music*, Sarah Brown in *Guys and Dolls* and in a dramatic role, Madge in *Picnic*, etc.

Her professional training and experience in singing, acting, comedy and improv (Players Workshop of Second City Chicago), including long-time mentoring from Grammy Award winner Jim Peterik (Ides of March & Survivor), Larry Millas (Ides of March), Lavant Coppock (Devo, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show, Conan O'Brien Show*) & Janice Pantazelos (Chicago Studio of Professional Singing) plus her vocal, dance, acting, audio engineering and music marketing education from Columbia College has contributed to her being a leader in her field. With over 25 years as an exciting professional recording artist and stage performer, McClowry continues to enjoy touring internationally and meeting her audience.

Outside of music she strives for healthy, mindful living and enjoys quiet walks surrounded by nature, gardening, and quality time spent with her husband, family, and friends. Her lifetime motto: Feel the fear and do it anyway!



**MIKE AQUINO** - With a passion for music ignited at the age of eight, he began a professional journey at 16. Armed with an Associates of The Arts Degree from College Of DuPage and a Degree in Music Education/Jazz

Performance from Roosevelt University's Chicago Music College, he embarked on a full-time career in music.

Currently performing with "The Beat Goes On", Jim Peterik and World Stage, Cornerstones of Rock, One Of These Nights, Pride Of Lions, and more, he's a sought-after session guitarist and backup vocalist in Chicago. His studio work includes collaborations with Jim Peterik, Jimi Jamison, Lisa McClowry, Dennis DeYoung, Brian Wilson, Kelly Keagy, and numerous independent artists.

A versatile musician, he lends his talents to jingle sessions and is recognized for his work in commercials for K&N, Case International, and John Deere. Notable collaborations include performances with Jim Peterik, *Cornerstones Of Rock*, Steve Cropper, James Burton, and various iconic artists such as John Waite, Johnny VanZant, Mark Farner, and more. His musical journey encompasses a rich tapestry of experiences and collaborations. Outside of music, Aquino is all about classic cars and warm weather.



**ED BRECKENFELD** - Veteran Chicago-area Rock drummer played and recorded with Epic Recording Artists The Insiders (Top 10 AOR hit *Ghost On The Beach*), Cathy Richardson (Jefferson Starship), Jim Peterik (Survivor, The

Ides Of March), and many Classic Rock artists from bands like 38 Special, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Loverboy, Toto, etc. Breckenfeld has worked with BGO members Mike Aquino and Klem Hayes for 25 years, and BGO leader Lisa McClowry for 20 years. An avid bicyclist, he loves vintage Film Noir, British TV, his 2000+ album collection, and chocolate.



**KLEM HAYES -** The musical journey of esteemed bass player Hayes has been deeply shaped by his Midwestern roots. Renowned for his versatile and innovative performances, Hayes gained prominence as a founding

member of the immensely popular Chicago band, Dick Holliday. His musicality and outlandish stage presence propelled the

band to local stardom before Hayes began a remarkable tenure with the Grammy Award-winning band Survivor. He has seen the world performing alongside scores of celebrated artists from across the musical spectrum. He has appeared in front of the camera on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, PBS Soundstage,* and the network television series *CUPID*. Beyond the spotlight, Hayes is equally at home in the studio, contributing to a diverse array of projects. He is known for his love of dogs, passion for travel, and appreciation of good food—a multifaceted artist who has endeared himself to fans and fellow musicians alike. Hayes continues to captivate audiences, lending his singular style to "The Beat Goes On."



JO ANN DAUGHERTY - Pianist, conductor, musical director, recording artist, composer and arranger Daugherty loves making all kinds of music. She recently returned to Chicago after touring the US as Music ductor of SIX the Musical's first national tour

Director/Conductor of SIX the Musical's first national tour.

Her work as a music director and keyboardist has led to conducting and playing with touring Broadway productions (*SIX, Jersey Boys, Motown the Musical* and more); arranging, directing, and performing concert specials for PBS with Under the Streetlamp; playing productions with Lyric Opera of Chicago (*Jesus Christ Superstar, West Side Story*); music-supervising and playing on the orchestral soundtrack of the wildlife documentary *To The Ends of the Earth*; and music-directing and playing on tour with *An Unforgettable Nat King Cole Christmas*.

She has led or collaborated on clinics with a focus on jazz and making a life as a professional musician at institutions such as Northwestern University, Florida State, Capital University, Truman State, University of Kansas, and Purdue University Fort Wayne, as well as numerous high schools and colleges in the Chicago area, and in Havana, Cuba. Past adventures include performing with the USO of Illinois, teaching jazz piano at Chicago's Roosevelt University, and jamming with amazing musicians in Madagascar. Based in Chicago, she loves to bring joy to people through music.



MARY-MARGARET JONKE - With a diverse background ranging from a former correctional officer in a California maximum security men's prison to a seasoned registered nurse with 12 years of experience, 11 of which were

dedicated to surgery, Jonke has worn many hats throughout her career. As a dedicated mother of four and proud grandmother to a granddaughter, family holds a special place in her heart. Presently, she serves as the Production/Tour/Wardrobe Manager for "The Beat Goes On" Cher tribute show, where she has the unique privilege of working alongside one of her childhood best friends, Lisa McClowry, the producer and star of the show. Over the years, her varied roles have earned her the affectionate nickname "Mama Bear," a testament to the nurturing and adaptive skills she brings to every endeavor. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and the Wisconsin "Lake Life."



**MIKE EISEMAN** - One of "The Beat Goes On's" audio wizards, Eiseman has been mixing tunes since braces and mix tapes! Armed with headphones and laughter, and with more gigs under his belt than socks in his drawer,

he's been rocking music, live events, and even TV shows since the age 14. Turning everyday noise into pure auditory magic is his specialty. Earplugs optional!



JESSE BOURASSA - Bourassa is a talented theatre technician who was born in Florida and raised in Wisconsin. While his primary expertise lies in lighting design, he has gained experience in almost every aspect of

performance production, including video production and laser light shows. With an impressive professional career spanning nearly a decade, Bourassa has had the opportunity to work with renowned artists and organizations such as The Buckinghams, Franc D'Ambrosio, Creed, Steven Tyler, and Disney, among others.

## THE BEAT GOES ON SHOW MISSION

The Beat Goes On Show wishes to continually be a part of the community as a responsible and active proponent of creating joy and empowerment, prompting hope, and elevating the human spirit through music. We want our audience to leave one of our shows feeling alive and inspired to let go and feel alive!



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- Please turn off all cell phones and any other alarms while in the theater.

• Emergency phone number at COD Police Department for after-hour calls is (630) 942-2000.

• Latecomers seated at discretion of the House Manager.

• Groups of 10 or more may contact (630) 942-3026 or grouptix@cod.edu to arrange for group discounts.

• If you notice a spill in the theater, please notify an usher.

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• For Americans With Disabilities Act accommodations, call (630) 942-2141 (voice) or (630) 858-9692 (TDD).

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Box Office Manager	Julie Elges
Assistant Box Office Supervisors	Jim Gosling, Elise Wash
Box Office Assistants	Patrick Garon, Joanne Hunt
Patron Services Manager	Tom Murray
Assistant Patron Services Supervisor	Deborah Kolek
House Manager/Volunteer Coordinator	Rob Nardini

### MAC Resident Professional Ensembles

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Artistic Director	Connie Canaday Howard
Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Associate Artistic Director	Amelia Barrett
Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Business Manager	Bryan Burke
New Philharmonic, Music Director and Conductor	Kirk Muspratt
New Philharmonic, Associate Conductor and Librarian	Benjamin Nadel
New Philharmonic General Manager	Paula Cebula
New Philharmonic Personnel Manager	Karen Dickelman

### MAC Design and Technical Staff

Technical Production/Lighting/Sound Coordinator	Richard Arnold, Jr.
Technical Theater Assistant Coordinator	Sabrina Zeidler
Costume and Make-up Design Coordinator	Kimberly G. Morris
Assistant Costume Coordinator and Stitcher	Gretchen Woodley
Production Manager	Joe Hopper
Sound and Lighting Specialist	Ben Johnson
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