

Man of La Mancha



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MAN OF LA MANCHA

WRITTEN BY DALE WASSERMAN

MUSIC BY MITCH LEIGH

LYRICS BY JOE DARION

ORIGINAL PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY ALBERT MARRE



Cast



DON QUIXOTE/MIGUEL DE CERVANTES/ALONSO QUIJANA.....	CODY MOORE
SANCHO PANZA.....	JONA ST. JOHN
ALDONZA.....	JENNAH MONTEMAYOR
THE GOVERNOR/INNKEEPER.....	MITCH DAVIS
MARIA/HOUSEKEEPER.....	PHYLLIS DAVIS
DUKE/DR. CARRASCO/KNIGHT OF THE MIRRORS.....	DEVIN RIVARD
PADRE.....	SEAN ATEN
BARBER.....	NICK KELLEY
ANTONIA/PEDRO.....	ANNI HAUTMANN
ROCINANTE (QUIXOTE'S HORSE).....	RIVER ST. JOHN
DAPPLE (SANCHO'S DONKEY).....	POET ST. JOHN
CAPTAIN OF THE INQUISITION.....	WES WHITE
PRISONERS/MULETEERS.....	NICK KELLEY, EDDIE COUTTOLENC MARISA HERRERA-KEEHN
GYPSIES.....	CALLIE MCKENZIE, MEGAN SMITH MARISA HERRERA-KEEHN, VANESSA BURKLEO

Creative



DIRECTOR.....	JOE NANCE
VOCAL DIRECTOR.....	TARA MANN
STAGE MANAGER.....	LAURA LEVIN
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CHOREOGRAPHY.....	CALLIE MCKENZIE
FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY.....	NICK KELLEY, MARISA HERRERA-KEEHN
VISUAL EFFECTS.....	NELSON BASDEN
SOUND PRODUCER.....	COLIN ST. JOHN
SOUND ENGINEER.....	BRIAN PETERSON
ARTIST/STAGE DESIGNER/BUILDER.....	ANDRE BASKORO
PAINTERS.....	RACHEL CORVESE, PAUL RICHMOND



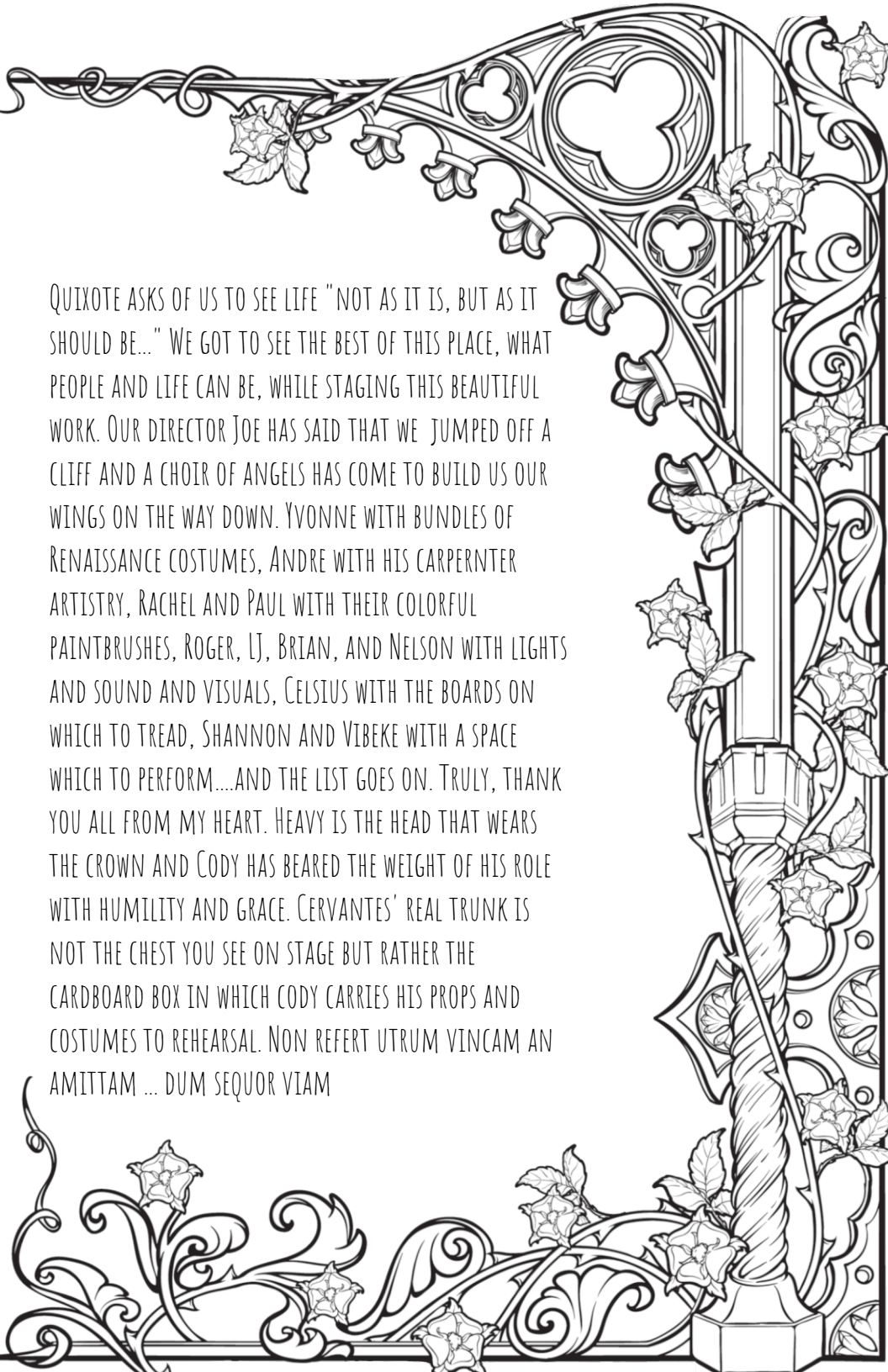


PERHAPS DON QUIXOTE HAS WON SUCH A PLACE IN THE PUBLIC IMAGINATION BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE PARTS OF HIM IN OURSELVES. THE MAGNIFICENT, YET ABSURD, DREAMER WHO MUST FIGHT TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN ADVENTURE AGAINST A WORLD THAT DOES NOT ALWAYS WELCOME SUCH VISION. THE MAD KNIGHT HAS SHOWN US THAT WE CAN, AND MUST, CREATE OUR REALITY – AND HOW TRULY INSPIRING AND DANGEROUS IT CAN BE. WE LOVE HIM FOR HIS UNDYING VALOR, HIS BRAVERY IN STILL BEING, EVEN AT THE END, TRULY HIS OWN SELF.

BEING PRIMARILY A PLAYWRIGHT, CERVANTES' GREAT NOVEL WAS AT ITS CORE ABOUT THE BATTLE BETWEEN REALITY AND ILLUSION, THE SAME ETERNAL TENSION OF THEATER. WHEN THE MAN OF LA MANCHA STATES THAT "FACTS ARE THE ENEMY OF TRUTH" HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT FACTS CAN DISTRACT FROM A DEEPER EMOTIONAL TRUTH... WE FORGET THAT TODAY'S REALITY WAS YESTERDAY'S DREAM. FACTS CAN CHANGE BUT THE HUMAN LONGING FOR WARMTH, LOVE, AND GENEROSITY REMAIN RESOLUTE. IN THE END, IT DOES NOT MATTER THAT KNIGHTS NO LONGER EXIST, THAT THE MONSTER HE ATTACKS IS REALLY A WINDMILL, OR THAT HIS LADY ALDONZA IS NOT WHO HE BELIEVES. ONLY THAT HE STAYS TRUE TO THE GLORIOUS QUEST TO REACH FOR HIS HIGHEST SELF.

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WALKING THROUGH AN INDIAN VILLAGE WITH A LARGE STONE SET IN ITS CENTRAL COURTYARD. LAYING EYES ON THE ROCK HE GASPED "THERE STANDS THE MOST MAGNIFICENT ELEPHANT I HAVE EVER SEEN!" PUZZLED, THE TOWNSFOLK SHOUTED, "THERE ARE NO ELEPHANTS HERE, ONLY A SLAB OF BEDROCK THAT HAS STOOD IN OUR TOWN FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS." THE MAN RESPONDED "CANST NOT SEE? LET ME SHOW YOU!" AND PROMPTLY REMOVED A CHISEL AND HAMMER FROM HIS TRAVEL BAG. IT SO HAPPENED THAT THIS MAN WAS A RENOWNED STONE CUTTER AND OVER THE COMING DAYS AND WEEKS CARVED OUT THE MOST MAGNIFICENT ELEPHANT THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAD EVER SEEN... "LOVE NOT WHAT THOU ART, BUT ONLY WHAT THOU MAY BECOME."





QUIXOTE ASKS OF US TO SEE LIFE "NOT AS IT IS, BUT AS IT SHOULD BE..." WE GOT TO SEE THE BEST OF THIS PLACE, WHAT PEOPLE AND LIFE CAN BE, WHILE STAGING THIS BEAUTIFUL WORK. OUR DIRECTOR JOE HAS SAID THAT WE JUMPED OFF A CLIFF AND A CHOIR OF ANGELS HAS COME TO BUILD US OUR WINGS ON THE WAY DOWN. YVONNE WITH BUNDLES OF RENAISSANCE COSTUMES, ANDRE WITH HIS CARPENTER ARTISTRY, RACHEL AND PAUL WITH THEIR COLORFUL PAINTBRUSHES, ROGER, LJ, BRIAN, AND NELSON WITH LIGHTS AND SOUND AND VISUALS, CELSIUS WITH THE BOARDS ON WHICH TO TREAD, SHANNON AND VIBEKE WITH A SPACE WHICH TO PERFORM....AND THE LIST GOES ON. TRULY, THANK YOU ALL FROM MY HEART. HEAVY IS THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN AND CODY HAS BEARED THE WEIGHT OF HIS ROLE WITH HUMILITY AND GRACE. CERVANTES' REAL TRUNK IS NOT THE CHEST YOU SEE ON STAGE BUT RATHER THE CARDBOARD BOX IN WHICH CODY CARRIES HIS PROPS AND COSTUMES TO REHEARSAL. NON REFERT UTRUM VINCAM AN AMITTAM ... DUM SEQUOR VIAM

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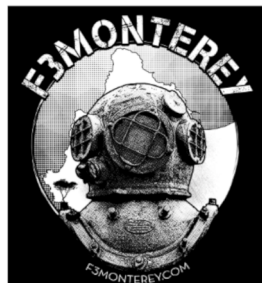
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