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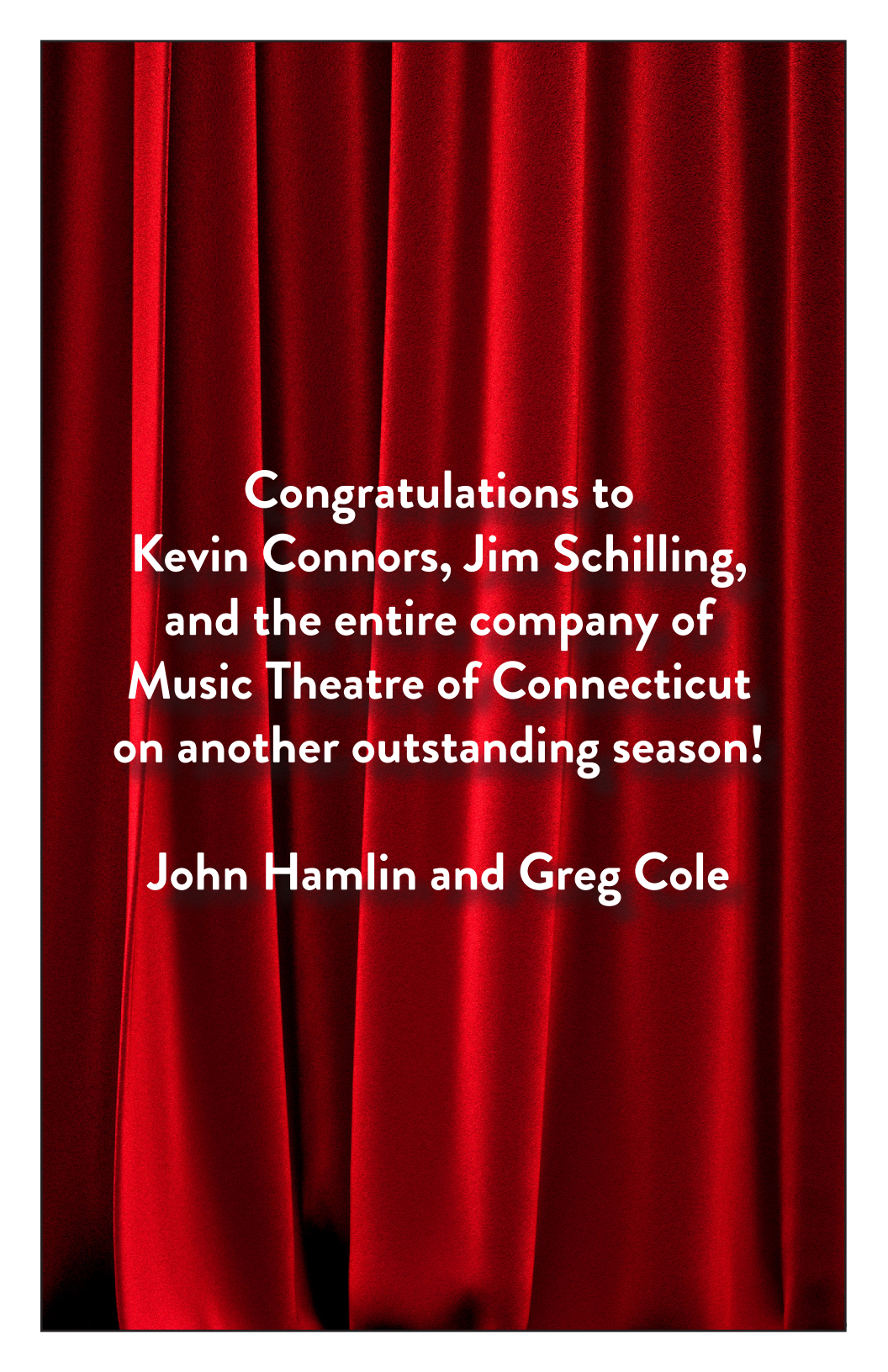
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Dear MTC Guest,

After a long intermission, we are so thrilled to be able to safely and responsibly welcome you back to MTC. Since we were forced to close our doors in March (in mid-rehearsal for *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*), it's been a busy six months, as our amazing MTC team immediately sprung into creative action, pivoting to a whole series of virtual events.

We are so grateful to have had the virtual medium to remain connected to you, our audience, with our weekly *MTC Live!*, six student productions in our conservatory this summer, our *MTC Voice* gala in May, and 3 wonderful livestreamed events – *Pride in the Theatre* in June, *You're Gonna Love Tomorrow* featuring eight brilliant New York Cabaret stars, and most recently, an original made-for-Zoom interactive musical thriller *Stage Fright*.

We are even more grateful to be one of the three professional theatres featured in the August 20 *New York Times* – the first in Connecticut – to have passed the rigorous approval processes of the State of Connecticut as well as Actors Equity Association to safely reopen our doors in accordance with Phase 2 guidelines.

Creating a safe and comfortable environment so that you all can once again enjoy live professional theatre continues to be our mission. Whether you are joining us tonight in person, or seeing the same livestreamed performance in real time that our in-person guests are enjoying - we are all together having the same theatrical experience once again. Socially-distanced can still be communal, and I'm sure we all have longed for more shared experiences like this one.

We are so fortunate tonight to have the brilliant Matt Densky starring in *Fully Committed*. This play is a very special piece for a very special actor, and no one fits the bill like Matt. We hope that you can be swept away tonight with his more than 40 characters into the world of high-end, sophisticated Manhattan fine dining and the zany, crazy personalities we find there.

We are grateful to have you back at MTC, either in person or virtually, and hope that, during this unprecedented time, you will spread the word that LIVE PROFESSIONAL THEATRE IS ALIVE AND WELL RIGHT HERE IN NORWALK AGAIN! Please support our efforts by telling your friends and coming back for the rest of our upcoming season. We've missed you and it's so great to have you back!

Enjoy the show!

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Based on characters created by **Becky Mode and Mark Setlock**

with

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Scenic/Prop Design by **JESSIE LIZOTTE**

Lighting Design by **RJ ROMEO**

Costume Design by **DIANE VANDERKROEF**

Sound Design by **WILL ATKIN**

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*Sam and Others* ..... MATT DENSKY

## TIME

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**MATT DENSKY** (*Sam and Others*) is ecstatic to be a part of bringing the magic of live theatre BACK and is thrilled to be performing at Music Theatre of Connecticut once more. He has previously appeared here in *The 39 Steps*, *End of the Rainbow*, and *The SantaLand Diaries*, a role he also performed with Virginia Stage Company. He is currently on hiatus from the Broadway National Tour of *Wicked*, where he understudies the role of Boq. In NYC, Matt went on for Young Max in *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* at Madison Square Garden and originated Sky in Kris Kringle - the Musical at Town Hall, appearing on the original cast recordings of both shows. His other favorite credits include regional productions of *The Little Mermaid* (Scuttle), *Rock of Ages* (Franz), and *The Rocky Horror Show* (Riff Raff), as well as appearing in the recently released film, *Still Waiting in the Wings*. Matt is a native of Monroe, CT and holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Cincinnati - College Conservatory of Music. He would like to thank Kevin and Jimmy for bringing him back, Gotham Talent Agency and The Cooper Company, his parents, and his brand new husband, Chris!

**BECKY MODE** (*Playwright*) Becky Mode's first play, *Fully Committed*, opened at the Vineyard Theatre in 1999 and ran Off-Broadway for a year and a half at the Cherry Lane Theatre. *Time* Magazine named it one of the ten best plays of 2000, and since 2001 it has been one of the ten most produced plays in the United States, with extended commercial runs in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, London and Paris. The play has traveled to Finland, Japan, South Africa, Brazil, Australia, Sweden, Estonia and Poland. In 2016, *Fully Committed* had a limited run on Broadway at the Lyceum Theater starring Jesse Tyler Ferguson, directed by Jason Moore. Before becoming a writer, Becky worked as an actor. She went to graduate school at the American

Repertory Theatre Institute for Advanced Theatre Training at Harvard. Favorite roles include Ann the librarian in Daisy Mayer's cult classic *Party Girl*, Susan Walker in Ann Bogart's *Once in a Lifetime*, and the young Jane Seymour in A&E's "I Remember You," opposite Clark Gregg and Daniel J. Travanti. She also spent many years waitressing, coat checking and taking phone reservations at some of New York's finest restaurants.

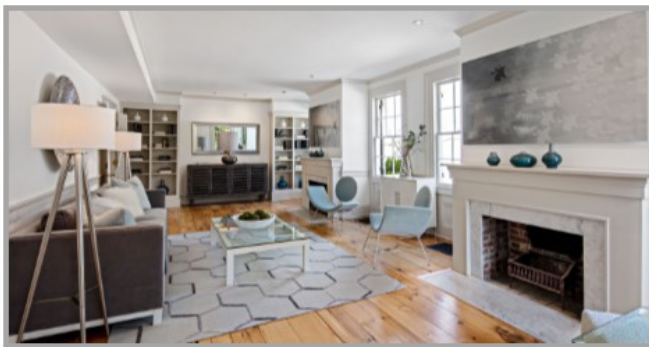
**KEVIN CONNORS** (*Director / Executive Artistic Director & Co-Founder*) Off-Broadway: *Play Like a Winner* (NYMF award-winner), *Prime Time Prophet*, *Jukebox Saturday Night*, *The Abandoned Loves of Frederick R.*, *Life Anonymous*, *Lover: The Valentino Musical*, *Babes Off Broadway*, *Saloon* and *Suzy Q*. Selected regional productions: *The Fantasticks*, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, *Babes in Toyland*, *A Christmas Carol* and *Baby*; with such stars as Joan Rivers, James Naughton, and Johnny Mathis. He has directed over 100 MTC Equity MainStage productions including *Next to Normal*, *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*, *Cabaret*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Evita*, *Doubt*, *Master Class*, *Gypsy*, (all Connecticut Critics' Circle Award Nominations/Winners), and *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, (Moss Hart Award Winner). Broadway/World Award Winner as Best Director for MTC's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Connecticut Critics' Circle Best Director winner for MTC's *Ragtime*, and recipient of the Tom Killen Award for Outstanding Contribution to Connecticut Professional Theatre. As a composer he has penned the score for numerous musicals including *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* and *A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play* (both published by Playscripts, Inc.), and served on the faculties of The Hartt School of Music/University of Hartford, Sacred Heart University, the University of Bridgeport and Musical Theatre Works in NYC. [www.kevin-connors.com](http://www.kevin-connors.com)

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**JIM SCHILLING** (*Stage Manager, Managing Director, Co-Founder*) co-founded Music Theatre of CT in 1987 and is currently MTC's Managing Director and Director of the School of Performing Arts. MTC acting credits include *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well...*, *Three Guys Naked from the Waist Down*, *Yours, Anne*, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, *Doubt*, *Almost, Maine*, *God of Carnage*, *The Fantasticks*, *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, *The 39 Steps*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and most recently, *Sylvia*. He was nominated for a CT Critics Circle award for Herr Shultz in *Cabaret* and winner of the BroadwayWorld award for *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. He continues as a Blue Ribbon Panelist for the Daytime Emmy Awards, and is on the voting committee for the SAG awards, and a member of "Who's Who in the American Theatre" from 1991-present. Jim was also an adjunct professor at Sacred Heart University (Advanced Acting, Advanced Scene Study, Script Analysis and Directing) where he was recently nominated Best Director of a musical for his work on *Godspell*.

**WILL ATKIN** (*Sound Designer & Technician*) is very excited to begin his third Season with MTC, previously running sound for *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Always... Patsy Cline*, *Cabaret*, and *Ragtime* to name a few. He has stage managed *A View from the Bridge* (Westport Community Theatre), played Riff in *West Side Story* (Wilton Playshop). Will has a degree in Audio & Music Production, with a focus in jazz trombone from Western Connecticut State University.

**JESSIE LIZOTTE** (*Scenic / Prop Designer*) is a Fairfield County-based scenic designer, lighting technician, and stagehand. Past works include *Ragtime*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Matilda*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Descendants* and *Sylvia* at MTC; *Mamma Mia* at Norwalk Community College; *All Shook Up* at Hackmatack Playhouse; and

*Doubt* and *Constellations* at Fairfield University.

**RJ ROMEO** (*Production Manager / Lighting Designer*) has recently relocated from Pittsburgh, PA to become the Technical Director/Associate Director of Production at Westport Country Playhouse. He was very excited to make his debut at MTC as lighting designer for *Cabaret*, *Seussical* and *The Jungle Book*; and lighting designer for this season's *Ragtime* and *Steel Magnolias*. RJ has designed lighting for countless productions such as *Guys and Dolls*, *Twelfth Night*, and most recently, *Frozen Jr*.

**DIANE VANDERKROEF** (*Costume Design*) has been the resident costume designer for MTC MainStage and MTC School of Performing Arts since 2006. In the past she also worked with Kevin Connors on *Babes in Toyland* at the Stamford Center for the Arts. She did designs for the Connecticut Grand Opera, including *Elixir of Love*, *Don Giovanni* and *Don Pasquale*. She has also been designer for Downtown Cabaret Theatre's MainStage and Children's Company, as well as various musicals for New England Lyrical Operetta. When not designing, Diane is a flight attendant for Delta Airlines.

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