## Closer Than Ever

August 15 - 17, 2014

Lyrics by RICHARD MALTBY, JR.

Music by DAVID SHIRE

Conceived by Steven Scott Smith

Originally Produced Off-Broadway by

Janet Brenner, Michael Gill and Daryl Roth

Developed at The Williamstown Theatre Festival

## Directed by Martha Risser

#### Maltby and Shire's Closer Than Ever

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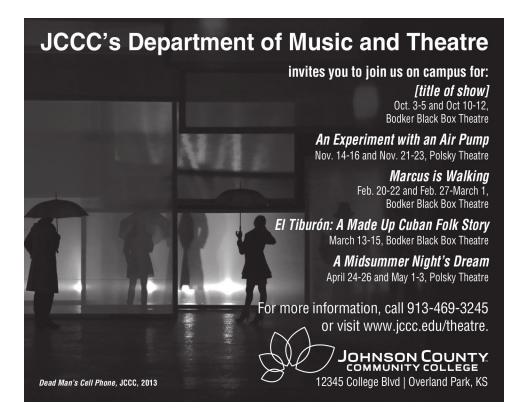
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## **Musical Numbers**

## Act I

Doors	.Company
She Loves Me Not	.Mark, Rebecca, John
You Wanna Be My Friend	.Kipp, Cara
What Am I Doin'?	.Brian
The Bear, the Tiger,	
the Hampster, the Mole	Laura
Like a Baby	.Kevin, Ali, Rebecca
Miss Byrd	.JC
One of the Good Guys	Gary
There's Nothing Like It	.Brian, Cara, Kevin, Ali, Company
Life Story	.Ali, Rebecca, Laura, JC, Cara
Next Time/I Wouldn't Go BackGary, JC, Company	

## There Will Be One Fifteen Minute Intermission

## Act II

Three Friends	Laura, Rebecca, Ali
Fandango	Cara, Mark
There	JC, Kevin
Patterns	Rebecca
* Another Wedding Song	John, Mark
** If I Sing	Kevin
* Back on Base	Cara
Fathers of Fathers	Brian, John, Gary
It's Never That Easy/	
I've Been Here Before	Laura, Ali
Closer Than Ever	Mark, Company
Bows and Finale Ultimo	Company

<sup>\*</sup> Lyrics by David Shire

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## **Cast**

Kevin Bogan

JC Dresslaer

John Edmonds

Cara Hampton

Rebecca Johnston

Brian King

Sara McAdoo

Mark Murphy

Laura Roose

Kipp Simmons

Ali Watson

Gary Wesche

## **Band**

Michalis Koutsoupides, Conductor/Keyboard Kevin Payton, Electric and String Bass Kyle Brown, Drums

## **Producers**

Kay Noonan
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Kristy & Carl Reincke
Darren Sextro
Traci Christian
Cynthia Wendt
Sue & Dee Rosekrans
Michele & Gary Baldwin

## From the Director...

I hope you enjoy the wonderful songs composed by Maltby and Shire. While there is no narrative that connects the songs to one another, there is a theme that runs through the show. Think of the show as a journey through life...relationships, love, friendship, divorce, aging parents, child rearing...all of the many changes that people experience. Hopefully, you will find one or more songs that speak to you. I first saw this show performed at the Unicorn Theater in the 90's. I loved the music and the story each song expressed. It has been a dream of mine to hear this music brought to life by some of the outstanding singers I have had the opportunity to work with over the years. Thanks to the cast, production team, band and the Barn for making my dream come true.

Martha

## Announcing our 2015 Season

January 16-25

#### Footloose

A BARN JR PRODUCTION

Music by Tom Snow | Lyrics by Dean Pitchford | Stage Adaptation by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie | based on the original screenplay by Dean Pitchford | Additional music by Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar, Kenny Loggins and Jim Steinman DIRECTED BY JOHN ROBISON

February 27 - March 15

## The Addams Family

Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice | Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa | Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams | DIRECTED BY GUY GARDNER

April 17 – May 3

#### Avenue O

Music & Lyrics by Robert Lopez & Jeff Marx | Book by Jeff Whitty | Based on an original concept by Robert Lopez & Jeff Marx | DIRECTED BY ERIC MAGNUS

May 31 - June 14

## Six Degrees Of Separation

By John Guare DIRECTED BY DAVID MARTIN

June 16 – 18 | July 16 - 18

## Disney's Aladdin KIDS

A BARN KIDS PRODUCTION

Music by Alan Menkin | Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice | Book by David Simpatico | Music adapted and arranged by Bryan Louiselle | Based on the 1992 Disney film Aladdin DIRECTED BY JASON COATS

June 26 - 28

## **BARN BENEFIT 2015**

Barn Benefit Concert 2015 - A Celebration of 60 Years of Music DIRECTED BY ERIC MAGNUS

July 31 – August 16

## Equus

By Peter Shaffer DIRECTED BY DIANE BULAN

September 18 - October 4

## Thoroughly Modern Millie

New Music by Jeanine Tesori | New Lyrics by Dick Scanlan | Book by Dick Scanlan and Richard Henry Morris | Original Story and Screenplay by Richard Morris for the Universal Pictures Film DIRECTED BY KIPP SIMMONS

November 6 - 22

#### The Producers

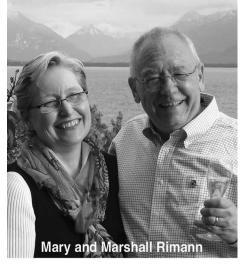
Book by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan | Music and Lyrics by Mel Brooks | Based on the 1968 Film DIRECTED BY JASON R. SMITH

December 11 - 13

The 8th Annual Barn Players 6 x 10 Ten-Minute Play Festival

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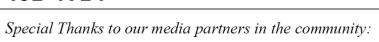
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