



A Pioneer Musical

by James Arrington, Marvin Payne & Steven Kapp Perry

The

TRAIL of

DREAMS

Presented by American Heritage High School Drama

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Well, 2020 is turning out to be quite a year. Pretty much every one of us has had unexpected changes come into our lives, whether we wanted them or not. We wonder if we'll still have a job, or wonder how to do it remotely, we miss seeing friends and family, some are fearful, and what the 'new normal' is going to be, hasn't come into view yet.

For each of those who walked the plains, whatever year they made the crossing, whether 1847, 1856, or the last company in 1869, that year was their year of uncertainty, leaving family and friends, and heading into a 'new normal' that no one could describe. Some were fearful, some were excited for a new adventure, some--like the clerks and coal miners of England--had to learn frontier skills they'd never imagined; like yoking oxen and repairing a wagon or a handcart.

As we watch this staging of "The Trail of Dreams," performed in a different way than we ever would have imagined when we began rehearsals last school year, it's nice to know that we aren't the first to have to make adjustments to our expectations, learn new ways of living, learn to lean on our faith. And it's nice to have these forerunners of faith call to us from the past, reminding us that no matter what obstacles we face, in the end, "All is Well! All is Well!"

"The Trail Of Dreams" is the story of a people - our people - which is best told in their own words, words which you will hear quoted from the journals and writings of 60 of those pioneers; recording their difficulties, their joys, their hopes and especially their dreams of Zion. The musical was originally commissioned for the 1997 Sesquicentennial celebration of the arrival of the pioneers in the Great Salt Lake Valley and premiered at UVU's Ragan Theater.

President Gordon B. Hinkley said, "Stories of the beleaguered Saints and of their suffering and death will be repeated again and again. ... Stories of their rescue need to be repeated again and again. They speak of the very essence of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I will never get over being thankful to them; I hope you never get over being thankful to them. I hope that we will always remember them. ... Let us read again and again, and read to our children or our children's children, the accounts of those who suffered so much."

Full disclosure...The Trail Of Dreams is my favorite musical, not only because of the wonderful men who wrote it, but because of what I felt in my heart as I performed in it myself many years ago. Many of the students at American Heritage descend from the pioneers portrayed in this show. I'm hoping that they, too, will be inspired by the lives of these people - their people.

Johanne Perry



THE TRAIL OF DREAMS

Written by James Arrington, Marvin Payne, Steven Kapp Perry

Directed by Johanne Perry

Music Director Kimi Davies

Technical Director Jay Clark

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jacob Burr John Brown

Shera Crossley Angela

Anthony Johnson Jens Nielsen

Karina Miner Elsie Nielsen

Addi Pew Bodil

Adam Johnson Jedediah Grant

Chelsea Waddell Caroline Grant

Hannah Pew Caddie Grant

Christian Sorensen Robert Pearce

Rock Ridge soloist

Kaylee Handy

One Step Ahead soloists

Nathaniel Bischoff, Kaden Hunsaker, Brant Schuenman

Oxology trio

Nathaniel Bischoff, Logan Hunsaker, John Burr



ENSEMBLE (in no particular order):

- Nathaniel Bischoff John Johnson Davies
Erastus Snow, Brigham Young,
Alfred Lambourne, Father Hale,
John Watkins, Lyman Littlefield,
Martha's Husband, Governor Ford
- Logan Hunsaker Joel Johnson, Frederick Piercy,
John Chislett, Levi Jackman,
William Clayton, Solomon Chamberlain
- Dallin Cory Peter Howard McBride,
Langley Bailey, John Cook
- Nathan Hendrickson George Albert Smith,
John Stucki
- Jeffrey Logan Mosiah Hancock,
Dan Jones, Lorenzo Young,
Truman Leonard, Tinner
- John Burr Abner Blackburn, Orson Pratt,
David Kimball, Howard Egan
- Kaden Hunsaker Appleton Harmon, Levi Savage
Ephraim Hanks, H.H. Benson
- Brantsen Schuenman John Bailey, William Whitaker,
William Empey, John Young
- Ryan Holmstead Langley Bailey, Daniel McArthur,
Joseph Ellis, Johnson,
Husband of Lucy Ashby Clark
- Grant Cory John Benson
David Osborn, Jimmy
- Bethany Bushman Helen Marr Kimball Whitney,
Sister Bailey
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Chloe Morrill Jane Richards, Mary Lightner
Kaylee Handy Sarah Rich
Emma Holmes Elizabeth Jackson
Sarah Ware Ellen Pucell
Gracie Nielson Priddy Meeks
Catherine Howard Ellen Wasden
Nettie Knudsen Jean Baker
Cosette Bradford Eliza R. Snow
Ashleigh Johnson Mary Ann Hafen
Cara Uhl Margaret Dalglish, Mary Bathgate
Ariana Bell Mary Brannigan
Elizabeth Fisher Sarah Staker
Charity Ehlers. Martha Spence Heywood,
Lucy Ashby Clark
Eva Pace Susan Noble

CREW

Johnny Lam, Mya Holyoak, Kymberly Larson,
Elijah McPherson, Ryan Homestead
