

# CIVIL WAR VOICES

**Genre: Musical**

**Written by James R. Harris | Directed by Dennis Courtney**

**Civil War Voices** a musical remembrance by James R. Harris features the songs of the period with arrangements by Mark Hayes and it is directed by Dennis Courtney. The musical director is Laura Bergquist. The multi-talented cast includes Broadway veterans **Danielle Lee Graves** (*Rent*), **Stephen Hope** (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Scarlett Pimpernel*), **Stephen Trafton** (*Les Miserables* revival) and **Catherine Fries Vaughn** (*Do Black Patent Shoes Really Reflect Up?*); plus familiar off-Broadway faces **Dani Marcus** (*The Adventures of Hershele Ostropolyer* with The National Yiddish Theatre), **Michael Sample** (*Unbeatable, Immortal Journey*), **Arthur Marks** (*SIDD, The Screams of Kitty Genovese*), **Michael Markham** (*Mother Courage and Her Children* and *Macbeth* at the Delacorte Theatre) and **Carly Zien** (*Kaspar Hauser, Cato, Infiltrage 2*). Alma Villegas, Bob Ost / Wildly Productive Productions and Rough and Ready Productions in association with the Midtown International Theatre Festival are presenting the musical.

**Civil War Voices** tells the compelling and passionate true stories of five individuals who lived through the conflict, using their actual words that were left behind in diaries, letters, and other writings. Joe Harris was a cotton planter from Alabama with a conflicted conscious. The discovery of his Civil War diary inspired the play. Elizabeth Keckley was born a slave, bought her freedom, and became Mary Todd Lincoln's closest friend and personal assistant in the White House. Theo and Harriet Perry were a young, married couple from Texas, who were separated by the war. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain was a college professor from Maine, who enlisted to fight for the Union. Through the lives and words of these individuals, the struggles, hardships and sacrifices of Americans become understandable and real as the Civil War progresses.


All new arrangements of traditional melodies of the period by Mark Hayes advance the narrative and sharpen the emotional impact of the stories. The extraordinary music of the period reveals the emotions behind the conflict. The show contains some of the greatest songs of the period such as 'Battle Hymn of the Republic', 'Amazing Grace', and 'Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child', just to name a few.

For more information, please visit <http://www.civilwarvoices.com/>.

## About the Company: Midtown International Theatre Festival

The Midtown International Theatre Festival, now in its eleventh year, celebrates the diversity of theatre. The MITF welcomes theatrical storytelling across a broad spectrum of genres, forms, identities, cultures, and appetites. The MITF seeks to nurture these new ideas, perspectives, and stories on its stages, with an eye set on guiding these productions toward future success and longevity. The festival, traditionally held in summer, represents a fantastic, often paradoxical, adventurous and intriguing cross-section of the forefront of the theatre world. The MITF proudly hosts production companies from across the country and around the globe, uniting talent in one of the biggest theatre capitals in the world.

Mr. Chatterton created the MITF, a Midtown alternative to other theatre festivals, in 2000 as a way to present the finest off-off Broadway talent in convenience, comfort, and safety. In 2008, the Festival added two 99-seat theatres and inaugurated the Commercial Division for upwardly mobile shows with commercial ambitions. The MITF's artistic emphasis is on the script itself and therefore the Festival requests minimal production values.

<p><b>Open:</b> 07/24/10 <b>Close:</b> 08/01/10</p> <p><b>Schedule:</b> Saturday 7/24 at 2:45PM Sunday 7/25 at 7:00PM Monday 7/26 at 8:00PM Wednesday 7/28 at 6:00PM Friday 7/30 at 5:45PM Sunday 8/1 at 5:15PM</p>	<p><b>Theater:</b> <a href="#">June Havoc Theatre</a> <b>Address:</b> 312 West 36th Street, First Floor New York, NY 10018 <a href="#">Google Maps</a></p>	<p><b>Cost:</b> \$18 <a href="#">Buy Tickets Online</a>  or Call: Ovation Tickets at 866-811-4111</p>
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