

Michael McLean's

THREADS

A MUSICAL OF INSPIRING STORIES
WOVEN THROUGH GENERATIONS



MAY 9-JUNE 6
The Ideal Playhouse



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Book, Music, and Lyrics **Michael McLean**

additional music by John Batdorf & Tyler Castleton

None To Go by Meggan Louise & M. Scott McLean
Instrumentals provided by Silver City Pink

Cast

Michael McLean & Lisa Blaser

Directed by
Christy Summerhays

Production Crew

**Dave Bates
Steve Anderson
Karyn Anderson
Brittney Smith
Graham Anderson**



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Who's Who



Michael McLean

Michael is a songwriter, composer, author, performer, playwright, film producer and director. He has written music and lyrics for more than 40 albums and has sold over two million copies. He's also written six books, each with accompanying musical soundtracks. Michael wrote, produced, and directed the film "Nora's Christmas Gift" starring Academy Award winner Celeste Holm. He was also producer and co-writer of "Mr. Krueger's Christmas" starring film legend James Stewart. His stage musical The Ark, written with Kevin Kelly, was featured in the Festival of New Musicals on Broadway, and in 2005 opened to a limited run Off Broadway. Since 1991 Michael has starred in The Forgotten Carols on his annual holiday tour. He is thrilled to be making the Heber Valley debut of his musical THREADS, here at the Ideal Playhouse.



Lisa Blaser

Lisa is so grateful to be a part of this show. She first saw Michael McLean perform at EFY when she was 15! This has been an unforgettable experience, and she hopes these songs will touch your heart as much as they have hers. Lisa's previous roles include The Baroness in "The Sound of Music", Mother in "A Christmas Story", and Annie Oakley in "Annie Get Your Gun". She studied at BYU where she received a bachelors of Science in Fitness and Wellness Management, a Masters Degree in Exercise Physiology and a minor in Dance. During that time she also performed and toured with the International Folk Dance Ensemble and the Ballroom Dance program. Lisa danced at Epcot Center, in both the Light of the World performances, and the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympics. She helped form a folk/bluegrass music band in which she was the lead singer. Lisa lives in the Heber Valley with her husband and four kids. She is grateful every day for her family and their support of each other!



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Christy Summerhays

Christy Summerhays has been a prominent actor and director in the theatre and film community in Utah for many years. Recent directing credits include: "A Version of Events" (Plan B Theatre Company), "Peter and the Wolf" (Gina Bachauer/Plan B), and "Forever More!" (Scaffold Theatre). Christy also directed the short films "Silent Cricket" (official selection, Utah Film Festival), and "Dark Energy" (official selection, The Broad Humor Film Festival). Christy has also directed Michael McLean's *The Forgotten Carols* for the last 8 years and is so happy to be part of another one of Michael's creations. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen!



Dave Bates

Dave is a pioneer in projection mapping and has been winning awards for his projections for the past 25 years! He has a well-known Halloween house haunt that was featured on *Good Morning America* as one of the country's best and has thousands of visitors each year. Dave has done projection for theaters all over Northern Utah, and the Ideal Playhouse is so thankful to have him bringing his talents to Heber! He loves to go on adventures and to create whatever crazy things he imagines. By day, he works as a website designer. He lives in Taylorsville with his wife and 5 kids.



Brittney Smith

Brittney is pleased to be back at Ideal Playhouse in this production, after her most recent performance as Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*. She has grown up performing onstage, being in shows like *Our Town* (Emily Webb), *Heathers: The Musical* (Veronica Sawyer), *The Crucible* (Mary Warren), and more! While she dabbles with film and television, the stage is what she calls home. Brittney would like to thank those a part of this production. She will be performing as Scuttle in the Ideal's upcoming production of *The Little Mermaid*.



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Coming soon...



Elvis - May 22

Join us for an unforgettable night of nostalgic music with Las Vegas' best, Travis Allen! Travis & the band will take us through several eras of Elvis's music - from his early roots, to the '68 Comeback Special, to Live from Hawaii.

If you love rock n roll, don't miss the King!



The Alley Cats - June 20

The Alley Cats are America's Doo-Wop group, serving up a perfect blend of 1950's & 60's hits and hilarious comedy. With their tight, four-part harmony and delightful antics, these musical comics have been Jay Leno's opening act for the past few years. You've seen the rat pack, now meet the Cat Pack!



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The Little Mermaid - 6/23-7/26

Disney's The Little Mermaid is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by Academy Award winner, Alan Menken, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, rich costumes, and enchanting sets. Bring the family, and enjoy an immersive journey "Under the Sea!"



The Olivia Show - July 12

The Olivia Show, starring Las Vegas Headliner, Sabrina Plaisance-Sia, shares the music and story of Olivia Newton-John from her early days as a country superstar, to her unforgettable movie career, and her iconic pop stardom. With a special tribute to the music of the movie, "Grease" too!



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Coming soon...

July 22 - The Heart of Rock and Roll

Aug 2 - The Everly Brothers Experience

Aug 23 - Frank Sinatra & Marilyn Monroe

Sept 19 - Oct 27 - Big River: the live musical

Sept 23 - Ronstadt Revival

Oct 18 - Who Are You: a tribute to The Who

Nov 7 - The Traveling Wilburys Revue

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A message from the Ideal

Michael McLean has been an inspiration to us since we were young, through his moving music and lyrics. Now, as we find ourselves working to save these historic Heber City theaters, he continues to inspire us. It was through a series of miracles that his musical *Threads* ended up on our stage. And, as we've gotten to know him better, we've learned that he is always there on a personal level as well to encourage and support. We are truly honored to have him performing at The Ideal Playhouse.

Threads is a musical about love, family, women, and the ties that connect our lives together. Although it begins and ends with his granddaughter, the story Michael tells weaves together threads common to all parents, grandparents, and family members. We hope you will feel inspired and uplifted. Thank you so much for your support. It means the world to us!

Steve & Karyn



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