

Staff



Leadership

CHUCK LONG *Producer/CEO/Founder*

Chuck Long made his debut with musical theater in 1976 in *The Sound of Music*. Other credits include *Camelot*, *Gyps and Dolls*, *The King and I*, *Mandy Patinkin*, *The Velvetten Rabbit*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and numerous school productions. He toured Europe with the *Madrigalians* (a group he chartered) from Newberry College. Credits with Charleston Youth Company include founding and directing for thirty-five years, musical director & producer for *Grease*, and five Summer Musical Spectaculars. In his spare time he does vocal coaching, production work for the Daniel Island Community Foundation and musical arrangements for different talent organizations and students. He was selected *South Carolina Teacher of the Year* in 1986 and was named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. He is a member of National State Teachers of the Year, Blue Key National Honor Leadership Fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa National Educational Fraternity, and Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity. Chuck holds a Business Degree from Newberry College, and Masters Degrees from the Citadel and the College of Charleston. He retired from teaching after thirty-four years. He was elected to St. Johannes Lutheran Church Council and serves as Property Chairman. He has three beautiful children- Charles, Amanda and son-in-law, Brandon, five "grandchildren" - Stella, Aidan, Emma Mae, Piper, & Lachlan, and "adopted sons," Brian, & January. He thanks God for all his talent and credits his wife, Judy, for his successes!



AMANDA LONG ROBERTSON

Director/ Head Choreographer

Amanda is a 2007 graduate of the College of Charleston with a major in Biology and a minor in Dance. She became interested in CYC at age three and was a company member for seven years. She became the CYC choreographer in 2000. Amanda studied dance with Eric Fogel, Hector Guerrero, Trudy's School of Dance, Ashley Stock, and Robert Ivey. She studied voice with Nancy Stedman. Amanda finished the Nursing Program at Trident Technical College. She is working as an infusion nurse at East Cooper Rheumatology, PA. Amanda is married to CYC Technical Director/Sound Engineer Brandon Robertson. Amanda and Brandon are the proud parents of Stella Gray who was born in October 2014. Amanda thanks God for her amazing talent and skill and credits her passionate love of singing and dancing to her parents! She thanks Brandon for keeping her balanced and making her dreams come true!



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TRACY DUFFEY *Executive Assistant*

Tracy and her family relocated to Charleston in 2007. Her daughter, Maurn, joined CYC in 2009 as a 3rd grader. For the past 9 years Tracy has been involved with CYC. She has served on the Parent Advisory Board and also serves as Assistant to the Producer. Tracy has been an educator since 1997 and is currently a teacher in the Deaf Program at School of the Arts. In addition, Tracy is a SC Teacher Mentor. Her past involvement in the arts included being a majorette, being in school theater productions, concert band, and dance.



EMILY JACOBS Jr. *Co Choreographer*

Emily has been dancing since she was 3 years old. She advanced to competitive dancing where she competed until she was 18 years old. She has taught all styles of dancing including tap. Currently she is a full-time nanny for twin two year olds.



Sara Gamble *Fresh/ Soph Co Choreographer*

Sara joined CYC in 1999 and became an alumni of the company when she graduated in 2008. She has her BS degree in Elementary Education from C of C and has been teaching 6th grade at the art infused Jervis Moore Elementary School. Sara studied voice at C of C as well as privately, has served as a camp counselor at the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry and Children's Choir Leader since 2016 at 30th Wesley United Methodist Church. Sara is so excited to return to her "CYC Family".



Regina Raupoff Sr. *Sophy/ Fresh Co Vocal Director*

Regina earned her B.A. in Theatre from Marion University in Indianapolis, IN and has lived in Charleston since 1993. She has been a singer, actor and voiceover actor for 25+ years, appearing in a wide variety of projects in stage, radio, film and TV. She has embraced a range of musical styles including jazz, blues, folk, Americana, pop, rock, gospel and musical theatre. She has also taught children's theatre classes in Indianapolis and Charleston. She has been the lead singer in multiple bands, and has been a frequent performer at the popular "Women and..." concert series at Charleston Music Hall. Regina has also enjoyed a successful corporate career in marketing, PR and corporate communications. Regina was voted Best Female Vocalist by readers of Charleston City Paper in 1999, and was a founding member of the non-profit Jazz Artists of Charleston. She plays and co-teaches Japanese Taiko drumming with Takko Charleston.



BETHHYAMS *Costume Mistress/ Designer*

Beth graduated from Winthrop University with a BS in Business Administration. She studied dance with Trudy's School of Dance and was a member of CYC in the Summer of 1983, performing in our Musical Spectacular. She worked in the banking industry and now operates a home day care business. Beth has been a leader in the Boy Scouts of America for 14 years. She is an Elder and a Sunday School Teacher at Harbor View Presbyterian Church. Beth and her husband, Andy, have 5 children.



HARVEY ROGERS TD *Head Carpenter*

A Mt. Pleasant native, Harvey attended the University of South Carolina. He served as a Communications Specialist in the Army and worked as a Clinical Counselor at both Richland County Community Mental Health and at MUSC in the Department of Psychiatry. Harvey is the owner of Followed Construction and does small renovations and repairs. In his spare time, he helps his wife, Sherry Brown, in her studio - Open Art Gallery on Folly Beach. They have one son, Xan, who graduated from CYC.



JOSEPH ILGEN TD *Set Construction & Microphones*

Joseph was a member of the Technical Company before graduating and has continued as part of the staff for the last 5 years. He graduated from high school in May 2012 and currently is pursuing his 2nd year low-rythiculture and landscaping. Growing up, he started taking care of yards and now has his own Landscaping Company.



BRANDON ROBERTSON *Audio Engineer/ TD*

Brandon has been working on the technical staff for CYC for 20 years. He was the former Technical Director of the Sottile Theater. Brandon is a building supervisor for Beazer Homes and is a member of the Charleston County Rescue Squad. He and Amanda have been married for almost 10 years and have a beautiful daughter, Stella Gray.



Mary Whiteside *Office Manager Jr. Company*

Mary has been involved with CYC since 2011. Patrick, who joined CYC in 3rd grade, is now in Sr. Co, and Evan has now joined the Jr. Co. She has been a member of the PAB and served as co-president last year. Mary loves working with the children and getting to know them and their families. She is an ENT surgery scheduler with MUSC and works part-time at AR Workshop in Mt. Pleasant.



Valerie Weeks *Office Manager Sr. Company*

Valerie has been involved with CYC since 2011. Her background is in social services, and she has worked with local homeless shelters, a children's oncology camp, taught preschool and currently serves families of patients at MUSC. Valerie has a daughter, Bethany, in the Senior Company. She enjoys working with and getting to know all the children.

Technical Company



Bickar, Luke: MCS 8 CYC 6
Garvin, Johnathan: CCS 9 CYC 1
Leopard, Texas: CCS 8 CYC 1
Leopard, Stella: CCS 7 CYC 1
Penn, Taryn: MSOA 8 CYC 5



ZACH Elmers
Hamahan 12
CYC 6

Weeks, Ben-CYC Alumni
Oenbrink, Grace-Sr Co Member



David Fralix



Bonnie Cleaveland



Casey Rorer

Tech Crew
Apprentice
Claire Fralix

