

"An American Family's Journey through WWII"

A father's odyssey. A mother's secret.

A son's story.

BLACK BOX LAB

Presents a new play written by **Hale Bradt**Directed by **Myriam Cyr**

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NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

World War II like all wars left behind a trail of destruction. Lives lost and lives forever altered. Repercussions that sift their way through generations. In uncovering the life of his father, Hale Bradt set off on a journey to make peace with his past. This is his story but that as well of countless others. The Community House was born of such a story, it is a privilege to have this story told here.

Warmly,

Myriam Cyr

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Artistic Director, Black Box Lab at Stage284

MISSION STATEMENT

The Black Box Lab at Stage284 fosters a vision for new works of theatrical art as well as little known classics from around the world to enrich, entertain, and educate our community.

SPECIAL THANKS

Hale Bradt, Peter Gwinn, Melissa Elmer, Bethany Johnson,
Myriam Cyr, Joan Covino, Linda Greenstein, Kevin Dunn, Brian Doser,
Katie Clarke, Jay Martel, Jean Edwards, Bethany Johnson,
Katie Clarke, and Becky Axelrod

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Hale Bradt, Nancy Luther and Stephen Jamison

Wilber's War written by Hale Bradt

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J.T. TURNER, Wilber



J.T. Turner is an award-winning professional actor, director and writer, with credits on stage, screen and audio. A member of SAG-AFTRA and Actors Equity. He is Artistic Director of www. theactorscompany.org, a performing group that works with non-profits. J.T. is also a professional lecturer, fight choreographer, circus ringmaster, and acting & public speaking coach. A historical re-enactor, touring theaters, museums, schools, libraries and churches in original shows about Frost, Franklin, Shakespeare, Dickens, C.S. Lewis, Washington Irving, Aesop, and more, J.T. brings a deep understanding to Wilber's plight.

PATRICIA PETERSON JAMISON, Norma



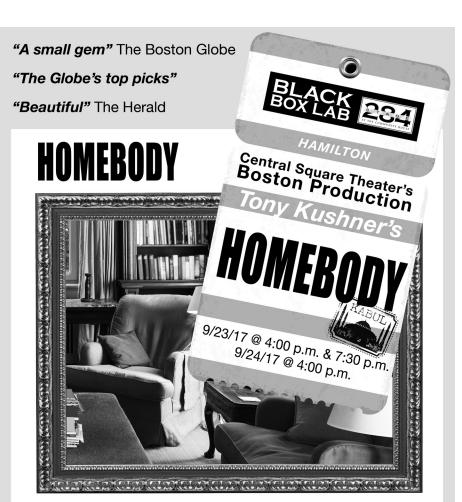
Patricia came back to theater in 2011 after a many year hiatus to raise her 5 children. Since then, she has been following in her Mother's footsteps, with favorite roles of Lotte in *Lettice and Lovage* for Castle Hill Productions [EMACT Dash Nominee], at STAGE284 of Winifred Banks in *Mary Poppins*, Abby Brewster in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Marmee in *Little Women* and Mother Abbess in *Sound of Music*. She portrayed Abigail Adams two years in a row in *1776* for MaMu Productions. She is a Founder of Stage 284 and Founder, Producer, Casting and Communications, and whatever-needs-doing of Stage284 Black Box Lab.

MYRIAM CYR, Director



Poet Laureate Myriam Cyr is a theater director and critically acclaimed writer and award-winning actress. Her work includes *Letters of a Portuguese Nun*. She last directed *Simon Says* at the Culture Project with Brian Murray which the New York Times hailed as "thrilling". Ms. Cyr is currently Artistic Director of The Black Box Lab in Hamilton, MA dedicated to developing new works. She was nominated as best director by Broadway World in 2016. Her book, *Letters of a Portuguese Nun*, was named "Book of the Month" for the Guardian and translated into eight languages. As an actress, Myriam was a member of Steven

Berkoff's company at the Royal National Theatre under Richard Eyre and played Salome opposite Al Pacino. She is currently producing *Hedda Gabler* for Universal Studios in a screenplay adaptation by Oscar and Tony Award winner Christopher Hampton. She will be directing *I Am Antigone* at Theater for New City in NYC for the Dream Up Festival starring Nicole Ansari (Tom Stoppard's Rock and Roll) and Comedie Francaise actor Shahrock Moskin Golam this coming September. Upcoming projects include *Falling in Love with Mr. Dellamort* by Jack Feldstein and Paul Doust and *The Confession* based on the New York Times bestselling novel by Beverly Lewis, book by Martha Bolton and Myriam Cyr, Lyrics and music by Wally Nason for Blue Gates Musical in Nashville Tennessee.



Directed by Lee Mikeska Gardner and set in 1998, "Homebody" is an eloquently discursive meditation on history, on culture, and on the far-reaching, if sometimes hidden, connections between the past and the present. Kushner's title character is a singular creation, and Wise responds with a searching performance of corresponding depth. She inscribes her portrayal of the Homebody with a vivid specificity that conveys the character's personality, imagination, and sensibility. "The Boston Globe"

Saturday, **September 23** @ 4:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, **September 24** @ 4:00 p.m.

Directed by: Lee Mikeska Gardner ● Performed by: Debra Wise*

Tickets: stage284.org

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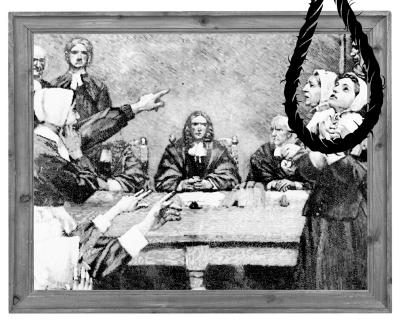
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Sunday, November 5, 2017

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Thursday, September 21 @ 7:30 p.m.

Written by: David Miller • Directed by: Myriam Cyr

Tickets: stage284.org

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The Community House brings the community together through cultural, educational, and recreational programs and events.

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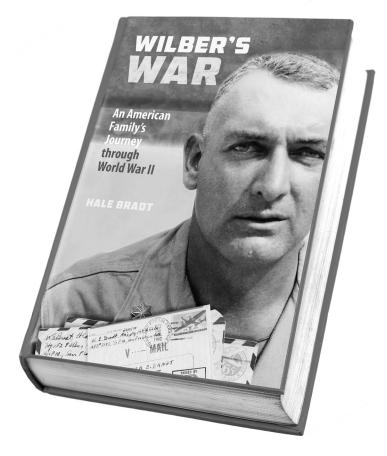
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by: Hale Bradt

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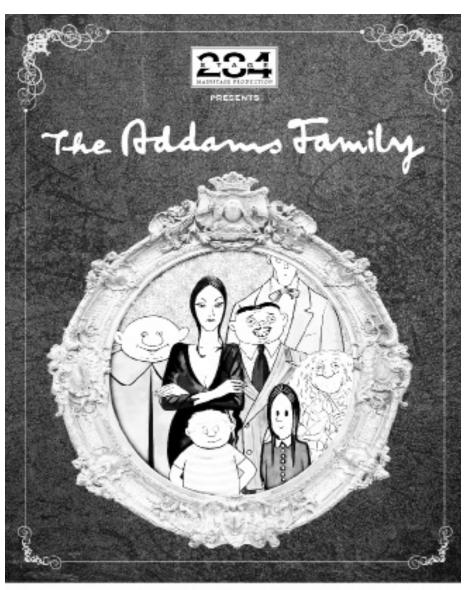
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October 14 @ 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.

October 15 @ 2:00 p.m.

October 19 @ 7:30 p.m.

October 21 @ 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.

October 22 @ 2:00 & 6:30 p.m.

October 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

October 28 @ 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.

October 29 @ 2:00 & 6:30 p.m.

Stage Direction by **Bobby Kerrigan**Music Direction by **Joe Stroup**Choreography by **Kelly Murphy**

Tickets: \$18 in Advance • \$25 at the Door stage284.org

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