

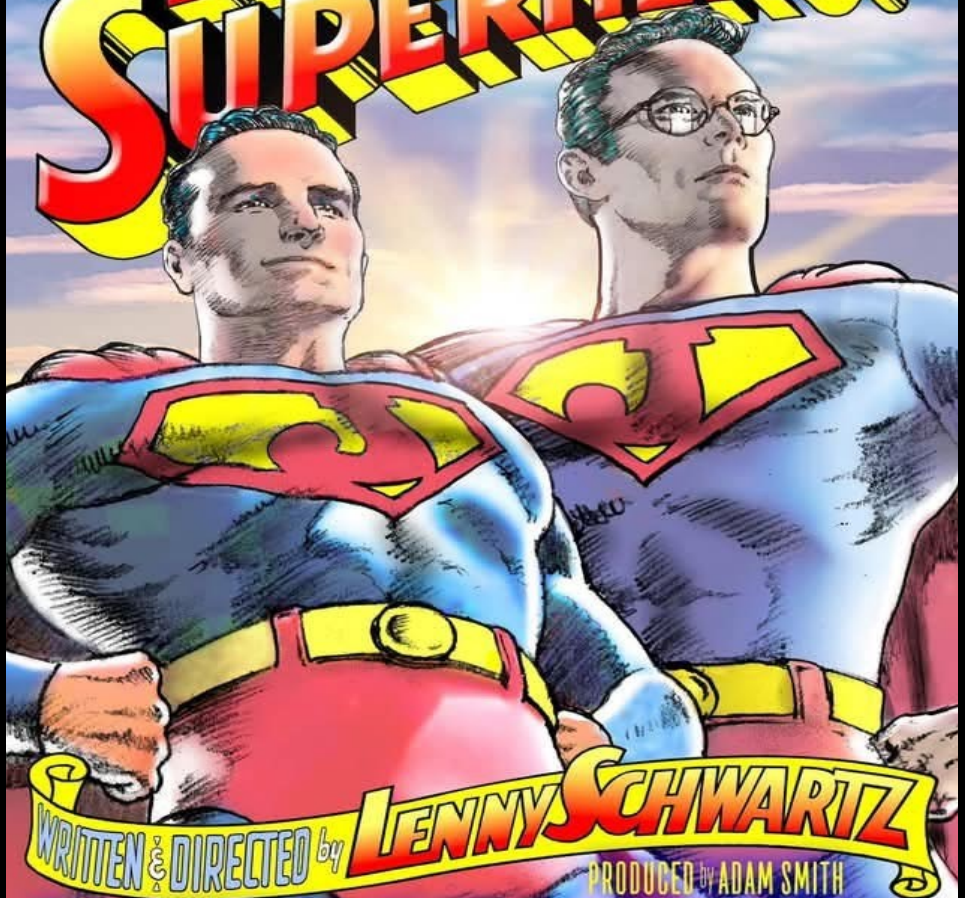
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DAYDREAM THEATRE COMPANY & THE RHODE ISLAND STAGE ENSEMBLE  
PRESENT



**JERRY and JOE:**  
*of the*  
**BIRTH of the**  
**SUPERHERO!**



WRITTEN & DIRECTED by **LENNY SCHWARTZ**  
PRODUCED by ADAM SMITH

MAY 15-16-17-22-23-24 all at 8pm - at BELL STREET CHAPEL • 5 BELL STREET • PROVIDENCE RI  
TICKETS \$18 online at [RISTAGE.ORG](http://RISTAGE.ORG) or \$20 at the door - poster design & illustration by ARLEN SCHUMER

Daydream Theatre Company  
In collaboration with the Rhode Island Stage Ensemble  
is proud to present

# Jerry and Joe: Birth of the Superhero!

Written and Directed by  
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## Crew

Stage Manager ..... Jeni Hayden  
Producer ..... Adam Smith  
Daydream Technical Director ..... Derek Laurendeau  
Creative Consultant ..... Sara Hutchings-Schwartz  
Consulting Critic ..... Jolene Munch Cardoza  
Production Assistant ..... Steven Ferron  
Set Design, Lighting Design ..... Derek Laurendeau  
Set Construction ..... Jason Schoolcraft, Robbie Mantooth, Jon Govoni,  
Derek Laurendeau, Jeni Hayden, Margee Wolf (*and costume assistance*),  
David Olsen, David O. Weber II, Nathan Suher, Tracy Hall, Steven Ferron  
Intimacy Coordinator ..... Julian Trilling  
Shadow Puppets ..... Adam G. Smith  
Panel Art and Design ..... Anya Lownie  
Poster Design and Illustration ..... Arlen Schumer  
Program Design ..... Gordon Dell  
Social Media Director ..... Emilija Sipavicuite

## Special Thanks

The RISE Board  
Pat Ferron                      Sally Palmer                      Chris O'Neill  
Cindy Strobel                      Roy Laurent                      Jody Abbott  
Temple Sinai                      Danielle Paquette                      Lionel Lafleur  
Robbie Mantooth                      Dennise M. Kowalczyk  
Bell Street Chapel and their Ministries

## Cast

Jerry.....	David O. Weber II
Joe .....	Derek Laurendeau
The Reporter .....	Julian Trilling
Mr. Strong .....	Tom Chen
Russell and Albert.....	Greyson Yarger
Major Malcolm and Neal Adams .....	Jon Govoni
Joanne.....	Julia Levine
Harry.....	Lionel Lafleur
Jack, Judge, Jay, and Man.....	Geoff White
Bella .....	Emily Partington
Francine and Judy .....	Arianna DePalma
Nazi.....	Timothy DeLisle
Cop and Teacher.....	Dennise Kowalczyk
Jerry Robinson.....	Nathan Suher

*And featuring Aaron Andrade as the Voice of Brancrowe-El*

## Bios

**Tom Chen** (*Mr. Strong*) - Tom is thrilled to make his dramatic stage debut in this production. He has trained with Kismet Improv and the Trinity Repertory Company, where he honed his love for storytelling and character work. This role is a special one, combining his lifelong passion for comic books with his appreciation for stories about resilience and underdogs.

**Timothy DeLisle** (*Nazi*) - Tim is proud to be appearing in his 4<sup>th</sup> Daydream production. His prior credits are *Ditko*, *An American History of Guns*, and *Rise of the Bat*. He would like to thank the support of his parents, his daughter, Addison, and his partner-in-crime & life, Charlie Jo.

**Arianna DePalma** (*Francine and Judy*) - Arianna is an active crew member in the greater New England film industry. When she is not working long hours on set, she enjoys reading, conducting research and writing episodes for her future TV series, and singing in the shower. As a reformed theater kid, this is the first play she has been cast in since high school but she hopes to be more involved in the theater community in the future.

**Jon Govoni** (*Major Malcolm and Neal Adams*) - This show is Jon's 2<sup>nd</sup> appearance with Daydream Theatre and RISE, the first being last fall's *The Three Scrooges*. He has worked with Lenny on four film projects to date, including the upcoming *The Haunted and the Hunted*. His favorite role was as Sky Masterson in *Guys and Dolls*. When not acting, Jon works hard as a truck driver hauling cars and spending time with his wonderful girlfriend and his children.

**Dennise M. Kowalczyk** (*Cop and Teacher*) - Dennise started her acting career with a background role in season one of *The Gilded Age*. Since that once-in-a-lifetime experience, she has been building a career that started as a hobby and has been working as an actor since 2021. As a multi-passionate creative who provides consulting services to women-owned businesses and nonprofits, she is also a digital content creator as The Adventure Broad. She is also currently working on writing a screenplay of her own project, *The Dames of Rhode Island* and directing the play version in 2026. You can learn more about her at [TheAdventureBroad.com](https://TheAdventureBroad.com).

**Lionel LaFleur** (*Harry*) (He, They) - Lionel has been doing theatre in the Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island area for almost 15 years. Some of Lionel's favorite performances include Bobby in Stadium Theatre's *A Chorus Line*, Topolski in Attitude Check Theatre's *The Pillowman*, Schmenddimen in Your Theatre Co.'s *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, and Louis Le Prince in Daydream Theatre's *The Motion Picture Camera of Louis Le Prince*. I hope you enjoy the show and if you'd like to chat, please do.

**Derek Laurendeau** (*Joe*) - This is Derek's 8<sup>th</sup> production with Daydream. He has been involved with local theatre for the past decade, working with companies such as The Assembly Theater, New Place Players, and 20 Cent Fiction. Thank you so much to the cast and crew for all their hard work and dedication.

**Julia Levine** (*Joanne*) - This is Julia's second show with Lenny Schwartz, and is grateful and excited to be here. She grew up performing with Triboro Youth Theater the Attleboro High School Drama Club. She went on to be an active member of the Curry College Theatre Company while studying Psychology and Communications. Most recently she took part in Attleboro Community Theater's *A Christmas Carol*. She looks forward rejoining the theatre world and seeing what comes next.

**Emily Partington** (*Bella*) - Emily is thrilled to be in her 4<sup>th</sup> Lenny show! Emily started acting mainly in school productions and then began working with theater companies such as RISE, Encore, Kaleidoscope, Beacon summer nights, Attleboro Community Theater, and more. She graduated from Beacon charter high school for the arts as a theater major and was voted best actress of her graduating class. She continued to do many more productions for the CCRI players as a theater and music major. She is also very skilled in making cosplays, theatrical costumes, and theater makeup. She is also part of the Total Eclipse of the 80's band.

**Nathan Suher** (*Jerry Robinson*) - Nathan is a TV producer, filmmaker (*Higher Methods*, *The Assassination of Western Civilization*, *Scary Little Fookas*, *Comic Book Junkies*, *The End is Nigh*, *Right There*), actor, and podcaster. He is forever grateful for the wild ride and creative bond he shares with director and friend Lenny Schwartz.

**Julian Trilling** (*The Reporter*) - Not much is known about our Reporter. She was rumored to be seen through the years in various places. She was one of the first to report about the stock market crash in 1929! She was on the scene at Pearl Harbor in 1941! And she was there when the Beatles came to America in 1964. All these events, and she never seems to have aged a day. She believes in facts, justice and always getting to the heart of her story.

**David O. Weber II** (*Jerry*) (She/They) - David is an actor, director, and playwright recently graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a B.F.A. in Theatre and a B.S. in Physics. She holds an absurd amount of information in her head about DC Comics, which she annoyed her castmates with during the entire rehearsal process by making jokes that only one or two people in the room could understand.

**Geoff White** (*Jack, Judge, Jay, and Man*) - It was the best of Lenny, it was the worst of Lenny that boosted my Mild Expectations and Oliver Twisted me to extend my 40 years of performance to this Mister Piece. I'm Lenny's Harvey Keitel. Muzzle Toffee.

**Greyson Yarger** (*Russell and Albert*) - Greyson is a Freshman Acting Major at Dean College. Although he is studying acting, he has spent the last semester fulfilling technical roles for Dean College's Main Stage production of *Breath of Stars*, and *An Evening of Short Plays*. Now back on stage he is excited to be a part of his first production with the Daydream Theatre Company and RISE. He is extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to work with this amazing group of actors and director Lenny Schwartz. It has been a truly inspirational process.

**Lenny Schwartz** (Writer/Director) - Lenny Schwartz is an award-winning, Rhode Island-based screenwriter, playwright, film producer, comic book author, and director for both theater and film. Among the dozens of plays he has written and directed are *Buster Keaton: Fade to Black*, *The Social Avenger*, and *Dramatis Persona*. He is also the writer of the graphic novel *Chazan: Unfiltered*, a collaboration with artist Erminio Pinque about the legendary Joe Chazan. His screenwriting credits include: *Normal*, *Before the Night Is Over*, *Long Night in A Dead City*, *The Assassination of Western Civilization*, *Higher Methods*, *Normal*, *Murder University*, *Before The Night is Over*, and *Malka*, which won Best Narrative Short at the Oscar qualifying Cinequest 2025. Currently, Lenny is finishing work on his feature film debut, *The Haunted and the Haunted*.