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THEATRE



Establishing a stage for **VOICES** of the  
community that have  
**GONE UNHEARD, been unspoken**  
or are *forgotten*.

**Echoes** is proud to help keep the 26th Evergreen Cemetery Walk a Virtual presentation during this Covid-19 Pandemic.

Thank you to everyone who has made it possible.

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### Our 2020 Writers:



**Kathleen Kirk** (head writer) has written the script for the McLean County Museum of History's annual History Makers Gala for the past eight years and is a frequent scriptwriter and performer for the annual Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Walk, both with Illinois Voices Theatre—Echoes. She also acts and directs with Heartland Theatre, and acted in **Chicago** with Steppenwolf, Free Shakespeare, and Court Theatre before returning to her hometown.



**Todd Wineburner** (writer) has written for past walks including last year's Charles Kirkpatrick and this year created two scripts. Todd has also appeared as Jesse Fell, David Davis, and others, and each experience has been a unique and collaboration involving historians, writers, producers, directors, and actors. Todd is a graduate of Illinois State University who works as a broadcaster in Pontiac.



**Kathleen Malone Clesson** (writer) a local playwright and educator, enjoys treading the boards for Young at Heartland and the David Davis Mansion's Historic Acting Troupe (H.A.T.). Her plays tend to the comedic and favor contemporary themes. They have been produced by area acting groups and performed as staged readings in out-of-state venues.



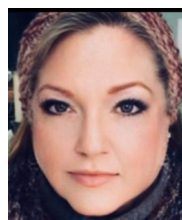
**Jessi Reid-Swiech** (writer) is excited to return as a writer to work with ILVT and the McLean County History Museum on this project. She has previously written for and performed in the Evergreen Cemetery Walk, as well as the MCHM's "The Christmas Story Contest." Jessi has worked as a performer locally, around the US, and abroad.

### Our Creative Team:



**Susan Thetard** (Artistic Director) took over as Artistic Director of Illinois Voices Theatre - Echoes in 2017. Prior to that, she was the University High School theatre director for 18 years as well as a teacher of English and Theatre. Susan has a BFA in performance from Illinois Wesleyan University and an MFA in Theatre Costume Design from Illinois State University. She has designed costumes over the years for theatres in numerous cities and locally for the IWU, Illinois Shakespeare Festival and for Community Players.

**Dave Krostal** (Director) has acted in over 75 local productions in the Midwest including *Floyd Collins* at Heartland Theater, George in *Of Mice and Men* at Community Players Theater, Lord Montague in Illinois State University's production of *Romeo and Juliet*, *Sleep Deprivation Chamber* at the Station Theater and most recently in the Illinois Shakespeare Festival's production of *Henry V* as Bardolph. Dave is a graduate of Illinois State University's theater education program and retired from teaching in 2016.



**L. Jane Thomley** (costumer) is creating costume and props for the walk for her third year. She has enjoyed designing for the eight actors. Jane retired from Thomas Metcalf School in 2014 after over 35 years directing and designing shows often featuring 80 actors so eight is a breeze. Thanks to Susan Thetard for her support and patience.

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