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THE STORY OF NANCY WARD

# NANYEHI

A MUSICAL BY BECKY HOBBS AND NICK SWEET

THE TEXAN THEATER  
PRESENTS  
*THE TEXAS PREMIERE OF*

# NANYEHI

THE STORY OF NANCY WARD  
BELOVED WOMAN OF THE CHEROKEE

A MUSICAL BY BECKY HOBBS  
AND NICK SWEET

DIRECTED BY BILL SALAMON  
CO-DIRECTED BY DEDE OXLEY

PRODUCED BY  
BARBARA HORAN

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**MUSICAL NUMBERS ACT I**

*From Nanyehi's birth in 1738  
until the French and Indian War*

***OVERTURE***

- I. White Wolf on the Horizon - Tenia and Chotans
- II. Song of the Nunnehi\* - Young Nanyehi and the Nunnehi
- III. Stickball Song - Chotans
- IV. O Great Spirit - Nanyehi and Kingfisher
- V. Battle of Taliwa - Chotans and warriors
- VI. Donadagohvi (Until We Meet Again) - Nanyehi
- VII. Little Fellow, My Son - Kingfisher
- VIII. Pass the Whiskey\*\*\* - Bryant Ward and Traders
- IX. By the Fire - Nancy and Bryant Ward
- X. Love Doesn't Come in Colors – Attakullakulla, Dragging  
Canoe
- XI. This Land is Not Our Land\*\* - Dragging Canoe, warriors

***INTERMISSION***

## MUSICAL NUMBERS ACT II

*On the verge of the Revolutionary War  
until Nanyehi's death in 1822*

### *ENTR'ACTE*

XII. Nanyehi - Chotans

XIII. Long Way Over – Nancy and Bryant Ward

XIV. The Same Thing\* - Nancy, Lydia Bean and women

XV. There Will Be Blood – Dragging Canoe and warriors

XVI. Pale Moon - Nancy

XVII. War or Peace\*\*\* - Nancy and Dragging Canoe

XVIII. Let There Be Peace – Nancy and cast

All songs written or co-written by Becky Hobbs

\*with Duane Sciacqua      \*\*with James Nihan

\*\*\*with Nick Sweet      \*\*\*\*with Nick and Peggy Sweet

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except "This Land Is Not Our Land" -- BECCA'S MECCA MUSIC,  
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Music and Lyrics by Becky Hobbs  
Book by Nick Sweet and Becky Hobbs  
Music and Vocal Director—Becky Hobbs  
Musical Conductor/Arranger- Duane Sciacqua



## THE PLACE

In and near Chota, Tennessee.  
Chota functioned as the capital of the Overhill Cherokee settlements and was a City of Refuge during Nanyehi's lifetime.  
Ft. Loudoun (1756-1760) is near present-day Vonore, Tennessee

## THE CHARACTERS

Nanyehi—Her given name is a reference to the immortals\*. Called "Wild Rose" as a child, later "Nancy Ward" by whites

Tenia- Nanyehi's mother, Attakullakulla's sister

Longfellow—Nanyehi's elder brother

Attakullakulla - Nanyehi's uncle, Peace Chief of the Cherokee

\*Nunnehi- To the Cherokee, a race of immortal spirit people

Dragging Canoe – Attakullakulla's son and Nanyehi's cousin; he was later to become War Chief of the Chickamauga

Oconastota -War chief of the Overhill Cherokees

Kingfisher- Nanyehi's first husband

Katie (Kai ti)- Nanyehi's first child, daughter of Nanyehi and Kingfisher

Fivekiller –son of Nanyehi and Kingfisher, called "Littlefellow" in childhood

Bryant Ward --Nanyehi's second husband

Betsy – Nanyehi's third child, daughter of Bryant Ward

Sequina, Sali, Tooka—Nanyehi's best friends

Isaac Thomas—An American at Ft. Loudoun.

Lydia Bean and Virginia, white settlers at Ft. Loudoun

South Carolina Governor William Lyttleton

John Moreland—white settler

Col. Arthur Campbell—an Agent

William Peyton—white settler

Thomas Jefferson

Soldiers: American and British

Warriors: Cherokee, Creek, and Chickasaw

## THE DIRECTORS

**BILL SALAMON- (DIRECTOR)** This marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year that Bill has been working in the Theatre. His credits are extensive in directing and acting and include over 150 productions in over 25 theatres throughout the North Texas area. On staff at the Texan, he directs and works all aspects of the stage. The resonant voice of the White Wolf is Bill's.

**DEDE OXLEY- (CO-DIRECTOR)** DeDe thanks her longtime friend Bill Salamon for giving her the opportunity to work creatively to help translate the beautiful native symbols in Becky Hobbs's powerful story to this production. Working on masks, costumes, and set decoration, DeDe considers working with this talented group to be a joy!

## THE MUSICIANS

### BECKY HOBBS

#### COMPOSER/PLAYWRIGHT/ MUSIC DIRECTOR

Becky (Pianist) was born and raised in Bartlesville, OK. Becky is a 5<sup>th</sup>-great granddaughter of Nancy Ward (Nanyehi) and a Cherokee Nation citizen. Her songs have been recorded by Alabama (including "Angels Among Us"), Conway Twitty, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Glen Campbell, Emmylou Harris, Helen Reddy, Shirley Bassey, Wanda Jackson, Janie Fricke, Moe Bandy, Moe and Joe, Lacy J. Dalton, Shelly West, Ken Mellons, the Cherokee National Youth Choir and more. As a recording artist, she's had over 20 Billboard chart singles, including "Jones on the Jukebox," "Honky Tonk Saturday Night," and Top Ten Duet with Moe Bandy, "Let's Get Over Them Together." The "Beckaroo" has performed in over 40 countries and lives in Nashville, TN with husband Duane Sciacqua. She was inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame on Oct.16, 2015.

### DUANE SCIACQUA

#### MUSICAL CONDUCTOR/ARRANGER

Duane (Acoustic, Electric & Synthesized guitars) hails from Madera, CA, playing professionally since 8th grade. For 16 years in Los Angeles, he played and recorded in bands and with artists including Glenn Frey, Joe Walsh (The Eagles), and Paul McCartney. He moved to Nashville in the 90's, and worked with Vince Gill, Gary Morris, Rodney Atkins and others. His playing is featured on television and motion picture soundtracks including *Airwolf*, *Hotshots*, *Cobra*, *Navy Seals*, *Stone Cold* and *Hardball*. He produced and recorded the soundtrack for *Nanyehi*, and owns and operates Rough Edges Recording Studio. He writes, produces and works as a session guitarist.

**BRANDON MAAHS (GUITAR & MANDOLIN)** plays trumpet, guitar and is a composer from Denton, TX. He's performed in and conducted several musicals, currently finishing his BA in journalism at UNT, he plans to attend NYU.

**REBECCA VILLAREAL (KEYBOARD)** is a percussionist, pianist, and educator from Denton, TX. She is a senior at UNT, earning a BA in Music Education. She will begin work on her Master's of Music in Percussion Performance at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music in the fall of 2016.

**CONNOR PICKLE (DRUMS & PERCUSSION)** is a professional musician and educator living in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex. He is the Director of Percussion Studies for Melissa ISD in Melissa, TX. He performs and records with musical acts and gives clinics throughout the country.

**KIRK POWERS (BASS)** A native of New York City, Kirk has toured with Debbie Gibson and performed on television productions including *The Wonder Years*, American Music Awards and Arsenio Hall. He lives near Austin, TX and is an animal and dog advocate in his free time.

## CHOREOGRAPHY

**NICOLE WEEKLEY- (NATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY/ NUNNEHI/WHITE WOLF DANCER)** As a child, Nicole was a television actress in Hollywood, doing commercials and movies. Onstage now as an adult, she brings American Tribal Style and Tribal fusion dancing into the Native choreography for this show, as well as creative costume and prop designs.

**HAILEY MUSGROVE- (BALLET CHOREOGRAPHY/ NUNNEHI)** Veteran dancer/performer Hailey has made a Medieval Times commercial, among others, soloed at Follies, and danced in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* last fall.



## STUNTS

**ROB STUCKER- (STUNT AND MARTIAL ARTS CHOREOGRAPHY)** Owner of the ChopShop in downtown Greenville, Rob is an instructor in Mixed Martial Arts, choreographing the stunts for this production. His sons Devon and Seth and his students lend great energy to this show.

## THE CAST

**BRITNIE ROSENBALM- (NANYEHI)** is making her dramatic debut in *Nanyehi, The Story of Nancy Ward*. She is often seen at area events, singing with her mom, Renee Francey. Britnie wants specially to thank her husband, children, family, and friends for their support. Britnie works for Hunt County Radio in Greenville.

**DAVID SUMRALL- (DRAGGING CANOE, CHORUS)** Gospel - singing David owns Texas Deck Company, and also worked on the Texan Theater during its remodeling. "I'd like to thank my wife Cindy for loving me, and of course, for permission. Thank you, Donna, for feeding us late after practices, and Lacy and Bradley for putting up with us and our crazy haircuts!"

**EMMY BEAN- (TENIA, CHORUS)** is surprised to find herself in the production of *Nanyehi*, as she had no previous experience onstage. The adventure has been both educational and satisfying, and she thanks her husband and daughters for supporting her in this journey a long way out of her comfort zone.

**JADE FAITH SEIGLER- (SEQUINA)** Outgoing eighth-grader Jade credits Mrs. Kathleen Smith for introducing her to theater and acting. She says, "Fly high, Mrs. Smith!" and thanks the cast, crew and directors for their help.

**MONTE MONKRESS- (ATTAKULLAKULLA)** This is Monte's first appearance at the Texan Theater, but he has a long list of dramatic and comedic credits in Dallas area productions. He lives in Rockwall with his wife Denise.

**DALTON WILLIS- (BRYANT WARD/CHORUS)** Appearing for the first time onstage, Dalton is playing the Irish Tradesman with self-taught accent and dance. Dalton is a leader in Boy Scouts, and a musician.

**WES HABLUETZEL- (OCONOSTOTA/CHORUS)** Wes has long been involved in Greenville Follies and community theatre in Greenville He was Miles Gloriosus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* last fall.

**JENIFFER CAMPBELL- (SALI)** has always loved singing and dancing, but this is her first experience in Community Theater. She feels thankful and blessed for her husband's support. Jeniffer thanks our directors for this opportunity!

**LYNN HUGHES- (TOOKA)** is making her musical play debut in *Nanyehi*. She enjoys dancing, singing, and loves traveling to see the beauty of the world. Lynn is thankful for the challenge of appearing in *Nanyehi*.

**BRADEN DOTSON- (KINGFISHER/CHORUS)** A junior studying voice at TAMU- C, Braden has appeared in both musicals like *Oklahoma!* and dramas like *The Diary of Anne Frank*. He recently played the title character in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*.

**AMANDA R GISH- (LYDIA BEAN/NUNNEHI/CHORUS)** is an accomplished actress and a classically trained singer, working in all mediums throughout the area. She played Philia in the Texan's production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. She also loves dance, and is excited to be one of the Nunnehi spirits.

**RACHEL DAVIS-** (YOUNG NANYEHI/CHOTAN) Rachel enjoys singing and dancing. She previously appeared in *Hello, Dolly!* She spends her free time enjoying horses and being outdoors.

**BOBBY WILLIS** (YOUNG DRAGGING CANOE/ CHOTAN) A Boy Scout and the younger brother of Dalton Willis (playing Bryant Ward), Bobby enjoys hanging out and being onstage.

**KATIE WICK-** (VIRGINIA/NUNNEHI/CHOTAN, CHORUS) holds a degree in Music Education from TAMU-C. She currently teaches private voice lessons and sings in the Dallas Symphony Chorus. She is excited to be a part of a production in the Texan Theater for the first time.

**DEVON STUCKER-** (FIVEKILLER/WARRIOR/STUNTS) is a member of GPKT, a Parkour group that trains in Greenville. He enjoys being active, and this is his first onstage role. Devon's dad Rob devised *Nanyehi's fight* choreography

**JOHN SUMRALL-** (THOMAS JEFFERSON, GOV. LYTTLETON, WARRIOR, WHITE TRADER) A carpenter by day and a musician by night, John is happy to perform again in the beautiful Texan Theater. He says, "Thanks Barbara, Bill, and Becky!"

**MIKE CORLEY-** (ISAAC THOMAS/CREEK WARRIOR/ AMERICAN SOLDIER) Mike's previous credits include the role of Senex in the Texan's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* last year. A U.S. Postal Service retiree, Mike works with local veterans' organizations.

**MIKE BENDALL-** (COL. ARTHUR CAMPBELL/ TRADER/ CREEK WARRIOR) returns to the stage after a few years of dabbling in TV and film. He has recently retired from long haul trucking, and he's glad to discover theater right here at home. Mike thanks his brilliant director Bill Salamon.

**ABIGAIL "ABBY" ROYSTER- (BETSY/CHOTAN/ CHORUS)** is an honor student with a love of the theater and all things music. She has recently relocated to Texas from Los Angeles, CA, and has had roles in numerous productions. She loves the Texan!

**MORGAN MANNING (ADULT KATIE/SETTLER)** A freshman English major at TAMU-C, Morgan has appeared in *The Wizard of Oz* and *Marisol*. She thanks her boyfriend, family and Kappa Delta Sorority sisters for their support.

**DOUGLAS GUTIERREZ (CREEK WARRIOR/ CHEROKEE CAPTOR #1 /STUNTS)** Newcomer Douglas enjoys running, doing stunts, and accepting dares. He would like to be a filmmaker.

**SETH STUCKER (RED HAWK, CHEROKEE CAPTOR #2/STUNTS)** Seth practices mixed martial arts with the GPTK group and acting. His favorite thing? "I like to flip!"

**JAKE NEWMAN- (STUNTS/CREEK WARRIOR/ CHEROKEE CAPTOR #3)** A newcomer to the Community Theater Stage, Jake enjoys Parkour, Freerunning, and being active.

**DAVID MAYO (WILLIAM PEYTON/WARRIOR)** has enjoyed singing and acting since he was a kid. He has performed in the Greenville Follies shows for the last decade. Superdave is a DJ for his company, Sundown Karaoke.

**ALORA PEREZ- (NUNNEHI/CHOTAN)** A student of ballet, tap, and pointe for 11 years, Alora has recently taken on the theater, performing in Greenville Follies and The Texan's *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum*.



**SHARON ROBERTS-** (SETTLER/CHOTAN/CHORUS) is making her stage debut in *Nanyehi*, but she lends her beautiful voice to choir and chorus in this area. Sharon is Principal of Boles Middle School, a mother of three, a grandmother of five, and one of the "moms" helping us all.

**RYLEE POWELL** (DEER SPIRIT/CHOTAN) is an active teenager who loves playing the Alto Saxophone, writing, thinking deep thoughts, making people smile, and acting.

**ALEXANDER RICHES** (LONGFELLOW/FIDDLER/ BRITISH SOLDIER) Artist and musician Alexander is adding "actor" to his credits, employing his versatility to play both Cherokee and British roles in *Nanyehi*.

#### THE NUNNEHI

Nicole Weekley, Hailey Musgrove, Alora Perez, Katie Wick, Rylee Powell, Aaron Gibson, John Sumrall and Wes Habluetzel

#### STUNTS

Rob Stucker, Devon Stucker, Seth Stucker,  
Jake Newman, Doughlas Gutierrez

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Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker  
Barbara Horan and the Texan Theater,  
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Lea Ferguson McCormick, Peggy Sweet,  
Hans Schmoldt and Andy Baxter, Craig Bird

## THE CHILDREN

**GABY ALCARAZ -(YOUNG KATIE)** Gaby is eight years old. She's a little girl who may be shy, but she's also right at home on the Texan stage. She loves singing, dancing, and acting.

**APRIL GONZALES (YOUNG CHOTAN)** is a second grader who loves creative writing and acting. She is happy to be onstage along with her brother, Jacob.

**JACOB RENE GONZALES (YOUNG LITTLEFELLOW)** is excited to be onstage at the Texan Theater along with his sister April. He likes to say "Neiiiiiiigh!" in the show, and he would like to thank his family for all of their love and support.

**GAVIN ROSENBALM (SETTLER'S CHILD)** This handsome and happy guy is excited to play a role onstage while his talented mom, Britnie, plays Nanyehi.

**SEBASTIAN MAYFIELD (YOUNG CHOTAN)** is an outgoing guy in 9<sup>th</sup> grade who loves sports and Science, and wants to be a storm chaser. He is very enthusiastic about his part in the show.

**JOELLE MAYFIELD (YOUNG CHOTAN)** is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and loves mountain biking, tennis and being outdoors. She has a love of learning and is happy to be part of this production.

**FULTON MAYFIELD (YOUNG CHOTAN)** is an imaginative 7-year-old who loves to create stories and to conspire with his siblings for mischief or play. This is his first big musical!

## TECHNICAL

**MARY ROSE DUNCAN (COSTUMES/CHORUS)** A Greenville general dentist, Mary lends her voice and acting talents to many productions, most recently to *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. She thanks her family, directors, cast and crew.

**AARON GIBSON (STAGE MANAGER)** Aaron appeared as Hysterium in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at the Texan, and most recently worked as Stage Manager for the TAMU-C production of *Empire*. He is earning his Bachelor's Degree in Theater, and is thrilled to be cast as a tree in the Nunnehi scene.

**DEBORAH RUTH- (MAKE UP TEAM LEADER)** Deborah, a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant, has served her community for over 25 years, leading makeup teams for performance fundraisers and theater. We wouldn't know what to do without Deborah's advice and assistance.

**CARROL MCCORMICK (MAKE UP TEAM)** is a longtime member of Deborah's makeup team, and has worked on many years of Follies productions. The cast thanks Deborah and Carrol for using their expertise in helping us look good—and authentic.

**VANESSA MAYFIELD AND JENNIFER OVERSTREET- (HAIR AND WIG DESIGN)** Talented ladies Vanessa and Jennifer of YD LOOK are generously helping to lend historical authenticity and a "good hair day" to our characters onstage. Thank you!

**THE CREW**  
**LIGHTING TECHNICIAN**  
CURTIS DUNN

**SPOTLIGHTS**  
LONNY SCHONFELD & TROY McCLANAHAN

**SOUND**  
ROSS POWELL & JASON SCOTT

**COSTUMES**  
MARY DUNCAN  
NICOLE WEEKLEY AND DEDE OXLEY

**SET DESIGN**  
BILL SALAMON

**MAKE UP**  
DEBORAH RUTH & CARROL MCCORMICK  
**NUNNEHI MAKEUP**  
AMANDA GISH & NICOLE WEEKLEY

**HAIR AND WIG DESIGN**  
VANESSA MAYFIELD & JENNIFER OVERSTREET

**SET CONSTRUCTION & DECORATION**  
BILL SALAMON, BILLY CHILDRESS, DALLAS SWAB,  
DEDE OXLEY, MIKE BENDALL, BRIAN PHELPS,  
GARY OXLEY, NICOLE WEEKLEY, DEVON STUCKER,  
LONNY SCHONFELD, BARRON JOHNSON,  
JADE SEIGLER, SETH STUCKER,  
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**PROGRAM**  
DEDE OXLEY



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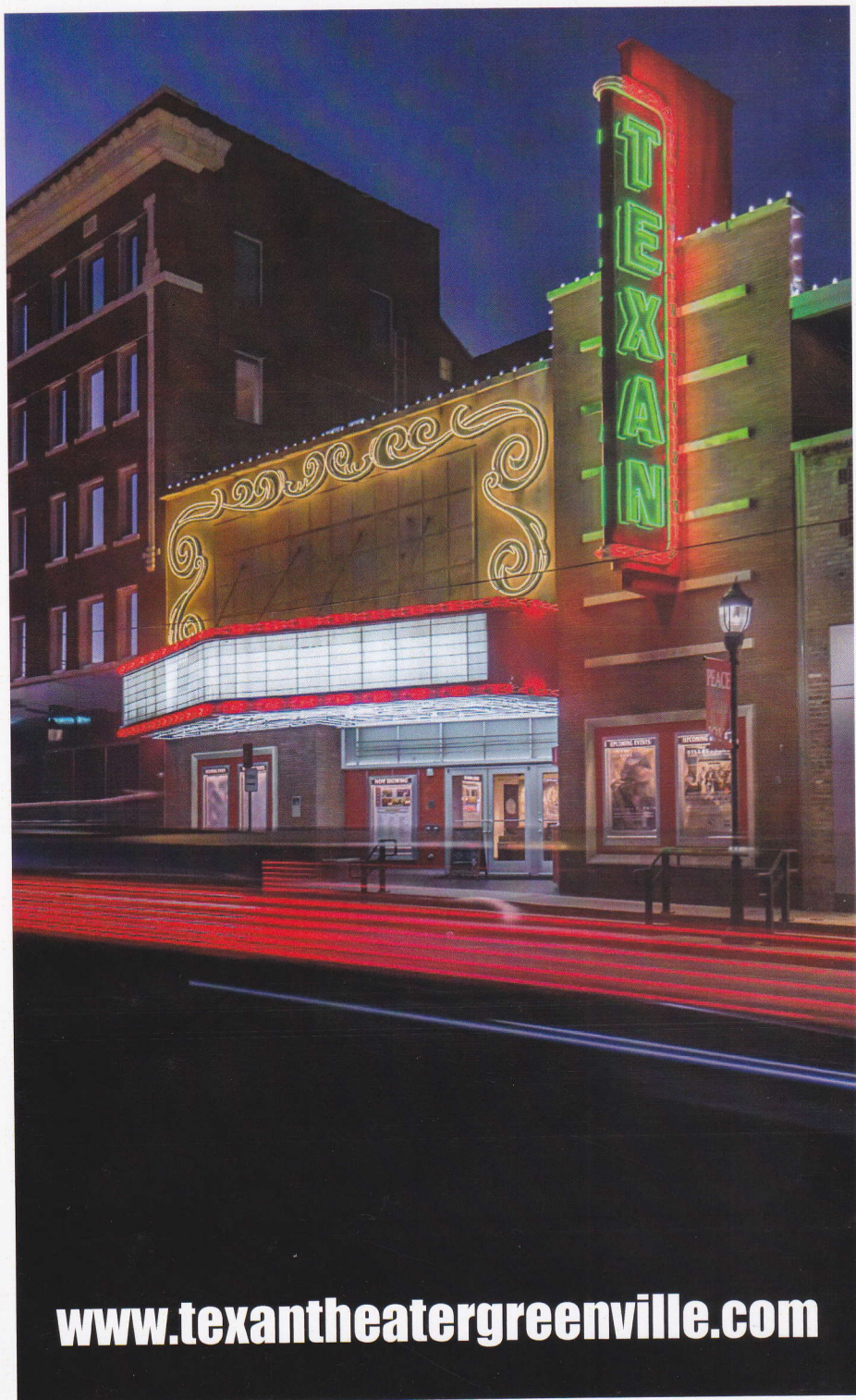
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