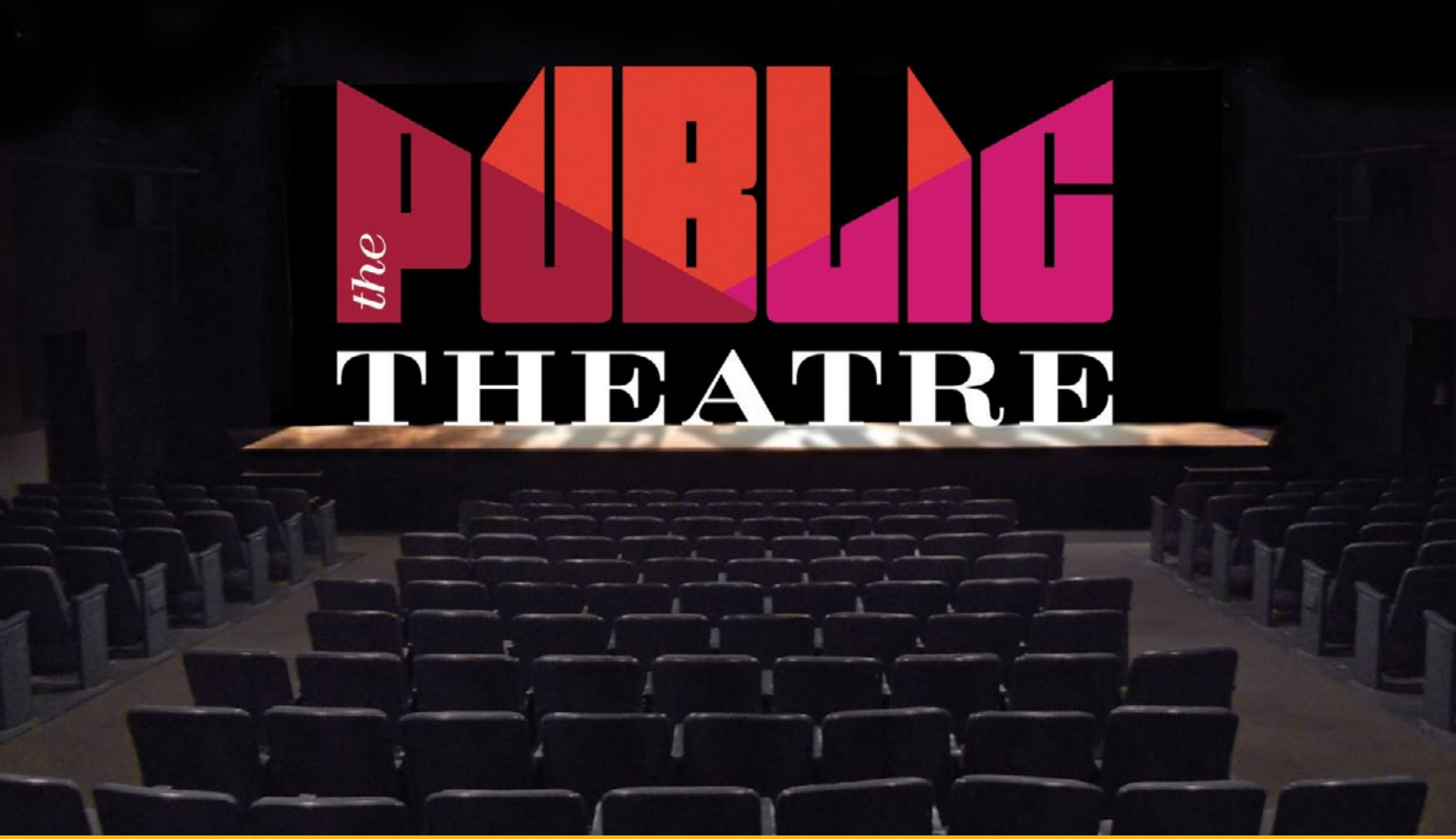

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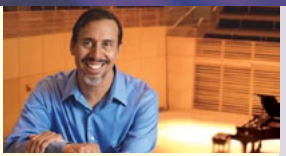

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DAVID KAYE (*Director*) counts among his greatest good fortunes his many collaborations with Susan Poulin. In addition to working on eleven Poolyle productions with her, he has directed Susan in *Steel Magnolias* (as Truvy Jones) for Get-A-Clue Productions, and currently works regularly with her as a company member of UNH Power Play, an applied theatre company that works with institutions across the US. David has worked throughout the region and the US as both an actor and a director. He has extensive experience in the area of solo-performance, having directed such new works as Sarah Brown's *Bloodshed*, *Miracles*, *Deliverance*, *Good Food*!, which premiered at the Theatrontto Festival in Tel Aviv, Israel before heading to the NYC Fringe Festival, and as a writer performer of his own solo-plays. These include *How I Brought Peace to the Middle East: A Tragicomedy*, which was performed at NYC's United Solo Festival and the Edinburgh Fringe, and *The Haber Conundrum*, (about German Chemist Fritz Haber) that premiered at the Artist's Collaborative Theatre of New England. David is a Fulbright Scholar who has served on the faculty of the UNH Department of Theatre and Dance since 1996. David is a graduate of the MFA professional theater-training program at Brandeis University.

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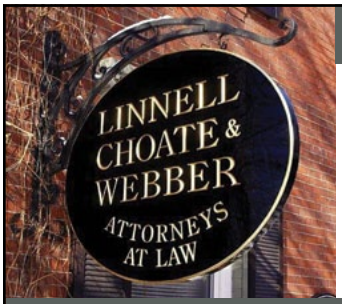

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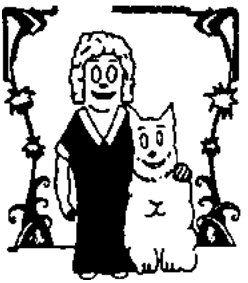

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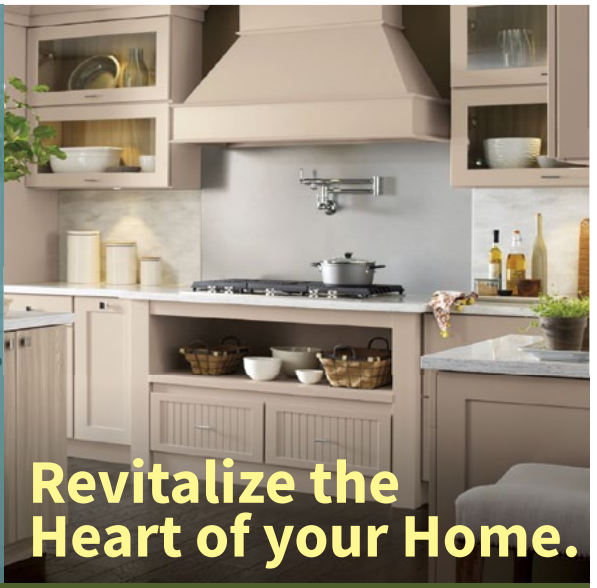

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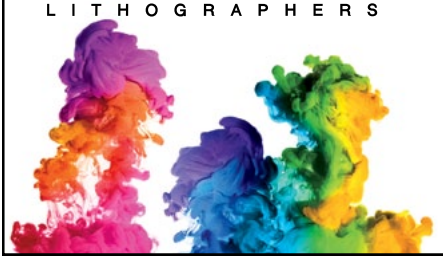

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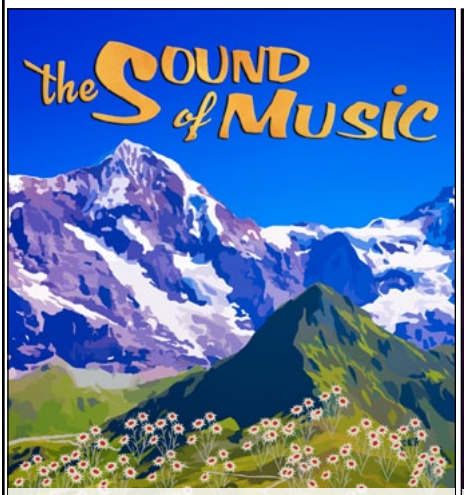

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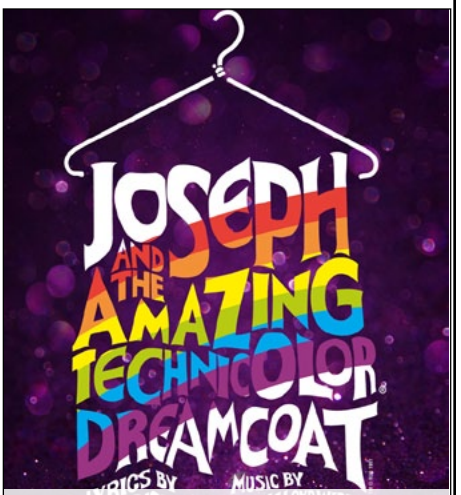

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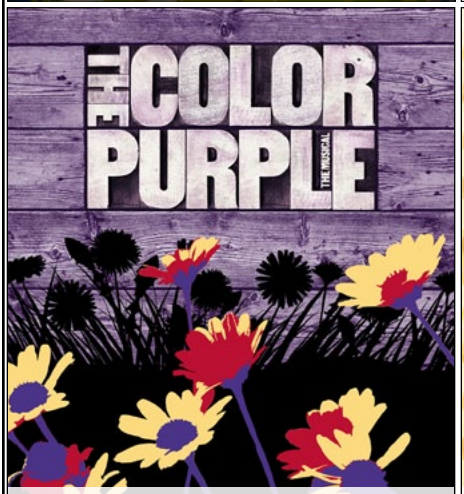

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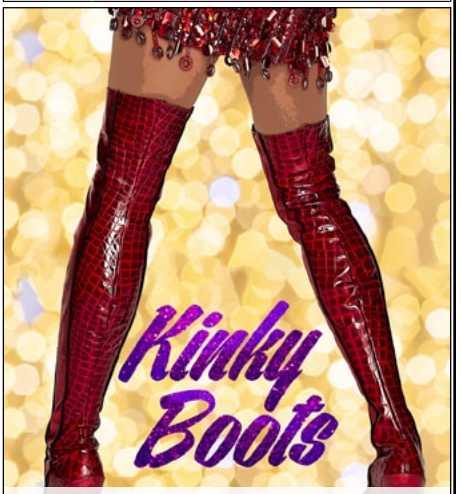

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