

### Note from the MTR President

Welcome to MTR's Spring 2023 production of *She Loves Me*! We are so excited to have you join us at the Massman Theatre to experience this beautiful story. This production is the product of over 50 USC students' cumulative hard work and dedication. From actors to designers to creative team members to board members to musicians; many wonderful creatives have worked on this show. At MTR our primary focus is giving fellow students a hands-on, physical application of the skills they are learning in class in a safe and fun environment. From the producers to the actors, everyone involved gets some sort of educational experience, which is an aspect of MTR that is especially close to my heart, as someone who loves theatrical education. For example, our producers learn how to pitch to different campus funding groups for grants, and we were lucky enough to hire an intimacy coordinator who came in to talk with our actors and creative team about creating a safe working environment for artists and ensuring safe intimacy practices. MTR is a student-run theater company, which means everything you see and hear during the show was funded, designed, painted, and/or played by USC students. Providing these educational experiences, alongside many others, is MTR's purpose, and it also takes resources. When you give to MTR, you make a difference because it allows for many wonderful experiences that MTR is dedicated to providing. A keyboard player in the pit gets to practice working with special programming, a designer can get the materials to fully create their vision (such as flying a Maraczek's sign from the roof of the Massman); Truly every dollar counts. So, if your child, friend, partner, bestie, grandchild, etc. had a wonderful experience with MTR, we hope you'll consider making a donation so we can continue to create the beautiful educational environment I have come to call my home at USC.

- Lexa Ornes, MTR President