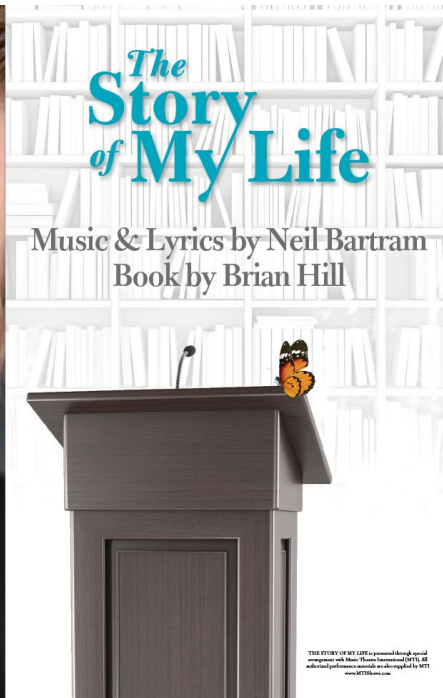


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**For Immediate Release | August 13th, 2018**



In September, **The Studio Theatre™ Tierra del Sol** (806 San Marino Drive, The Villages, FL) will open the first production of its third season with the musical *The Story of My Life*, with Music & Lyrics by Neil Bartram and Book by Brian Hill.

Thomas, a successful author is tasked to write the eulogy of his lifelong friend Alvin. Delving deep into the recesses of his mind, Thomas finds himself staring at a notebook of empty pages. Sifting through thousands of memories with his inspiring and eccentric friend, Thomas celebrates a lifetime of love, devotion, and friendship. Guided by Alvin we see their complicated relationship and the influence it had on making Thomas' dreams a reality. This intimate two-person musical celebrates the balance necessary for a lasting friendship and the consequences when life gets in the way.



Portraying the character Thomas Weaver, is **Alan Gillespie**. Originally hailing from Detroit, Michigan, Gillespie has been acting in New York City for the last twenty years. He was seen earlier this year as Sam in *Mamma Mia* on The Sierra Repertory and Maples Repertory Theatre stages. His most coveted role was Chris in *Miss Saigon*, in which he played over 950 performances. His talents also include being a Musician; he's well-versed in playing the trumpet and percussion. Alan is looking forward his first time on The Studio Theatre's stage and also

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embarking on an intimate two person show that deals with true lifelong friendship that audiences can relate to. Alan is a proud member of the Actor's Equity Association.



Playing Alvin Kelby is actor **Alex Jorth**. Born and raised in Davenport, Iowa and currently residing in Boynton Beach, Florida. Jorth may be recognized at our venue, as he is currently gracing The Studio Theatre's stage this summer, performing in *Life Could Be a Dream* as Skip, produced by Victory Productions. After *The Story of My Life*, Jorth will be in Naples for TheatreZone's special holiday production, *Home for the Holidays* before kicking off the New Year in the Maltz Jupiter Theatre's

production of *Mamma Mia* in Jupiter. Alex is a Millikin University graduate (BFA Music Theatre), and also a proud member of the Actor's Equity Association.

The cast also includes: **Jeremy Seghers** (Director and Understudy) who is new to The Studio Theatre this season. He's well known for staging immersive theatre in site-specific environments.

The Theatre Management and Creative Teams are composed of Artistic Director **Whitney Morse**, Producer **Jason Goedken**, Director **Jeremy Seghers**, Music Director **Gary Powell**, Set Designer **Kenneth Constant**, Lighting Designer **Weston Corey**, Assistant Lighting Designer **Eric Van Tassell**, Sound/AV Designer **Nick Erickson**, Costume Designer **Monica Titus**, Master Carpenter **Preston Speaker**, Production Manager **Danielle Paccione**, Company Manager **Autumn Encarnacion**, Stage Manager **Stefany Sosa**, Assistant Stage Manager **Stephanie Horn**, Production Assistant/ Sound Operator **Amber Sacks**, as well as House Manager **Grace Petty** and Assistant House Manager **David Paul Rowan**.

- **What:** *The Story of My Life*
- **Where:** The Studio Theatre Tierra Del Sol, 806 San Marino Dr. The Villages, FL
- **When:** Sept 25 – Nov 4, 2018
- **For tickets:** [www.TheSharonStudio.com](http://www.TheSharonStudio.com) | (352) 751-7799
- **Price:** \$20 previews | \$40 performances

The Studio Theatre's Mission is to inspire the residents of Central Florida to examine relevant issues by elevating them through innovative and intimate storytelling. ***Think outside the box, inside the box.***

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