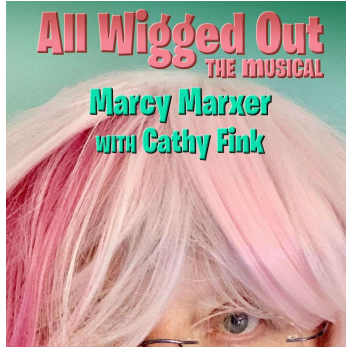


ALL WIGGED OUT

The Musical starring Grammy winner Marcy Marxer
Written by Marcy Marxer, Cathy Fink, Andy Offutt Irwin
Directed by Tracy K. Walsh

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ALL WIGGED OUT is Marcy Marxer's poignant, yet often surprisingly hilarious, musical show about her cancer experience.

In **ALL WIGGED OUT**, Grammy® Award-winner Marcy Marxer blends music, storytelling, comedy and advice based on her firsthand experiences with breast cancer, starting with a funky mammogram in June 2015 and ending shortly after her last chemo pill in spring of 2021. Says Marxer, "There were times when the wig shop gals gave me more information than my doctors. So did conversations with other patients in the chemo room." With her renowned musical mastery and eclectic wit, Marxer traces her transition from award-winning virtuosic musician to artist struggling with chemo-induced neuropathy, and the path back to touring musician. It happens to coincide with her hair story. Marcy is joined by partner Cathy Fink, bass player Stacy McMichael and drummer Janet Cramer.

Hardly anyone these days is not touched by cancer in some way, either directly or via friends and family. The goal of the play is not just to tell Marcy's story, but to help medical professionals, friends, family and even strangers learn how they can best support those with cancer while keeping a sense of humor. Marcy, and her partner Cathy, were blown away about what the doctors didn't say, but help others understand what questions to ask the doctors, and what things friends and family shouldn't say!

As theater options became more and more distant, Marcy & Cathy decided to reinvent their live theater piece as musical theater for film and television broadcast. They worked with the **Emmy® Award-winning HMS Media**, to mount the show in a small theater with a vaccinated, safely situated audience.

MARCY MARXER, who stars in **ALL WIGGED OUT**, attended Ringling Brothers Clown School during her high school summers. She studied for a year at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena, California before returning to Michigan to help take care of her family. In the 1980's, Elizabeth Swados invited Marxer to work with her and to perform music for two theater pieces, the full production of *The Beautiful Lady* in Washington, DC and the workshop of *Jerusalem* in New York.

Marxer's storytelling skills have brought invitations from the Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival in South Carolina; The Barns of Wolf Trap in Vienna, Virginia; and the nationally touring musical comedy group "The Four Bitchin' Babes."

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts commissioned Marxer and partner, Cathy Fink, to write and perform in "*Cathy & Marcy's Country Music Jamboree*," a one-hour theater show that teaches the history of country music to young audiences. The duo also wrote and performed, in "*Remembering Elizabeth Cotton: or How Cathy Met Marcy*," a one-hour theatrical performance about the African American woman who composed the legendary folksong "Freight train, freight train, goin' so fast," including Ms. Cotton's influence on the duo's music.

Marxer has played acoustic music on Emmy Award winning National Geographic specials, on Eva Cassidy's two platinum selling CDs, and on over 50 recordings and instructional materials created with her partner, Cathy Fink. She is not only a two-time GRAMMY Award winner but also a fourteen-time GRAMMY nominee whose musical versatility and instrumental virtuosity on the guitar, ukulele, cello banjo, mandolin and other instruments is internationally recognized. As the international music magazine *The Alternate Root* noted, "*It is the power of her playing that keeps listeners coming back.*"

ANDY OFFUTT IRWIN is one of the most sought after performing storytellers in the United States, Andy is a perennial favorite of the Teller-in-Residence Program at the **International Storytelling Center** in Jonesborough, Tennessee, and he has been a Featured Teller at the **National Storytelling Festival** ten times (as of 2019). He is the winner of the Oracle 2013 Circle of Excellence from the National Storytelling Network.

CATHY FINK's most important job is as Marcy Marxer's partner for nearly 40 years. She also does the following, based on her email signature:

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66-for Real, Quilter, Farm owner, Show-Runner, Half-Marathon Runner, Tunester, Songster, Happiness Creator, **Event Instigator**, Storyteller, **Social Music Conductor!**, **CEO-Chief EVERYTHING Officer @ Cathy & Marcy World Enterprises (including hole puncher)**, Optimist, Recycler, Cyclor, Travel Agent, Bookkeeper, Shipping Clerk, Secretary, **Label Manager**, Artist Rep., **Grammy Winner**, **Banjo Player**, Pro Bono Advisor, Satirist, Content Creator, Dishwasher, Salt Lover, Songwriter, Activist, Chameleon, Hat Changer

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