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Magic to Do: Stephen Schwartz's 'Pippin' with Gil Harel

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The plot of "Pippin" presents the audience with an exceedingly abstract and "meta" story. In fact, at points in the musical, one gets the feeling that one is watching a show within a show.

During this online program, Professor Gil Harel will discuss this unique musical, calling attention to its genesis and evolution, its unusual and somewhat complex plot, and its infectious score.

— [an announcement](#) from *Darien Library*

Having been conceived during Stephen Schwartz's days as a student at Carnegie Mellon, and having made its debut on Broadway in 1972, the show was reimagined in an award-winning revival in 2013.

In the nearly 50 years since its premiere, and in various stagings and incarnations, "Pippin" has enchanted audiences with its compelling story and stellar score.

[Register for this musical event!](#)

About the Presenter

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Gil Harel (PhD, Brandeis University) is a musicologist and music theorist whose interests include styles ranging from western classical repertoire to jazz.

Previously, he has served on the faculty at CUNY Baruch College, where he was awarded the prestigious "Presidential Excellence Award for Distinguished Teaching," as well as the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in Chengdu, China.

Currently, he teaches at Naugatuck Valley Community College, where he was presented with the "Merit Award for Exemplary Service to the College."

At NVCC, Dr. Harel conducts the college chorale, a cappella ensemble, teaches music history and theory, and serves as musical director of theater productions. Outside of teaching, he enjoys staying active as a pianist and vocalist.

Registration Information

Need help registering? Email Adult Programming at apstaff@darienlibrary.org.

This event will take place on Zoom. You will receive an email confirming your registration with a link to join the meeting after you [register](#) for the event.