





THE AWAKENING OF ANGEL DELUINA

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Music & Lyrics by Lee Ellis

A new circus musical for film!

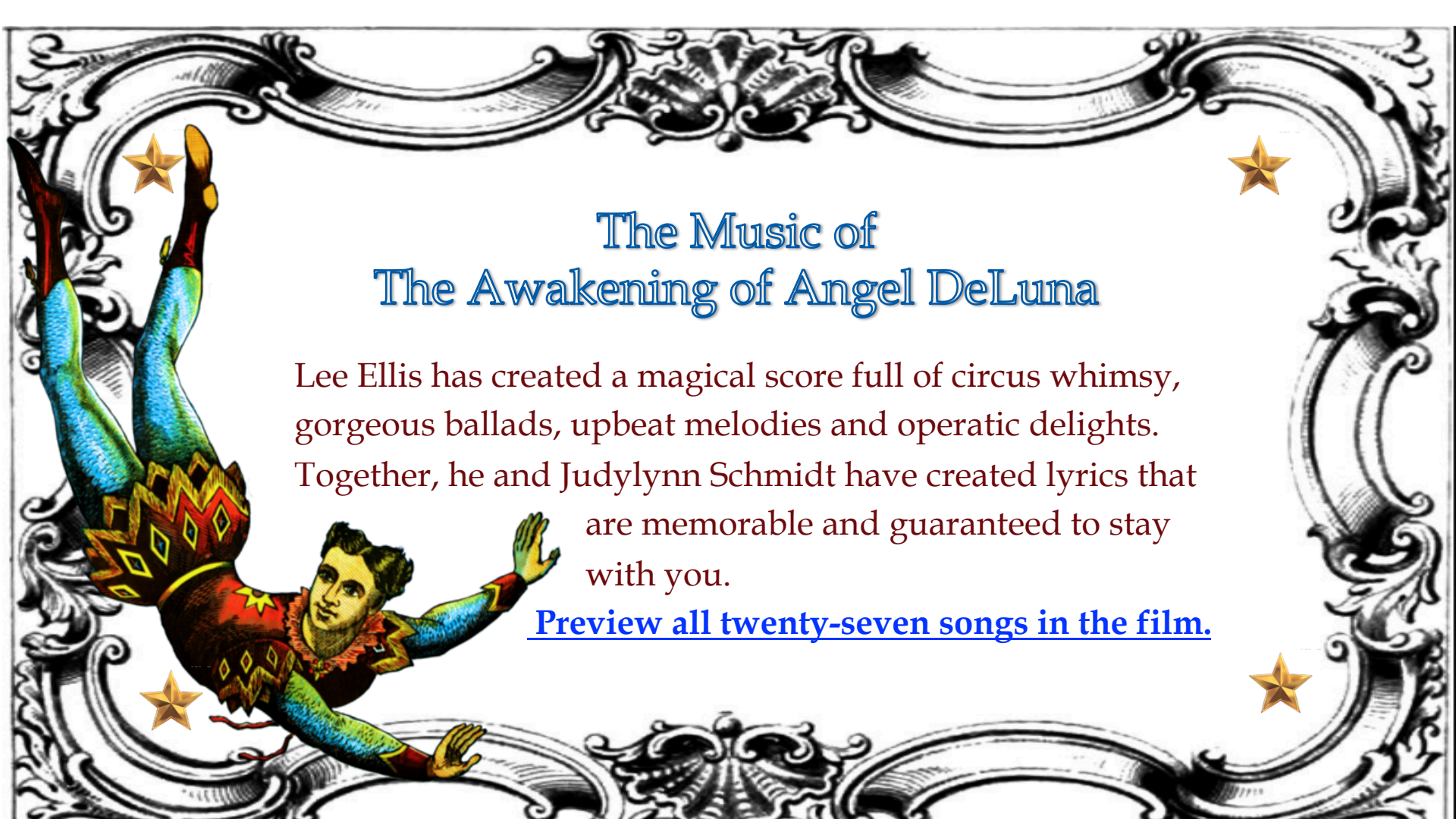
"Finding Your Heart - When Your World Falls Apart"

An ornate, golden, Art Deco-style frame with intricate scrollwork and floral motifs, set against a dark background with faint, glowing blue circular patterns.

The Feature Film
The Awakening of Angel DeLuna

In the down and out world of the Great Depression, Ollie, a hobo clown, returns to his old circus home seeking to capture the heart of his lost love, the fallen trapeze star, Angel DeLuna.

Due to the underhanded dealings of the shady circus owner, Ollie and Angel are forced to confront the secrets of their tragic past. Angel's fragile grip on reality is pushed to the edge when a mystical stranger arrives to dismantle her beloved carousel.



The Music of The Awakening of Angel DeLuna

Lee Ellis has created a magical score full of circus whimsy, gorgeous ballads, upbeat melodies and operatic delights. Together, he and Judylynn Schmidt have created lyrics that are memorable and guaranteed to stay with you.

[Preview all twenty-seven songs in the film.](#)

The image depicts a grand theatrical stage. Heavy, rich red velvet curtains are drawn back, revealing a large, light-colored backdrop with a subtle, repeating floral or damask pattern. The stage is framed by ornate, gilded metal structures, including a large central tassel hanging from the top and decorative side pieces. The lighting is warm and focused on the center of the stage, creating a sense of anticipation and drama.

Meet Our Lead Characters



Angel DeLuna

Angel DeLuna is a vibrant trapeze star at the peak of her fame who one day skips practice resulting in a tragic fall. Monticello Tortoni, her trapeze partner and the love of her life, is blamed for her accident and is banished from the circus. Unable to fly again, she becomes the ticket taker of the family carousel.

Thirty years pass, and Angel is still tending to the carousel, now her most cherished possession. The brass angels on the carousel roof have become her confidants, and the carousel, her world. Here she idolizes her youth, flying high with Monticello. She is unaware that a recently arrived bumbling hobo clown is actually her beloved Monticello. She finally awakens to Ollie's true identity after realizing the depth of her feelings for him with the song [Flyin' Angel](#).



Monticello Tortoni aka Ollie Blatsky

Monticello Tortoni was Angel DeLuna's trapeze partner. Blamed for her horrific fall by Papa DeLuna, Monticello was tossed out of the circus and was forbidden to return. Saddled with guilt and remorse, he lived the life of a drifter. At a chance encounter with Mike at a hobo camp, he learns that the DeLuna Circus is now in the hands of Charles Deuce, his old nemesis. Emboldened with this information, Ollie decides he has to go back to reclaim his lost love. He cautiously returns to the circus in disguise as Ollie Blatsky, the hobo clown. At the climax of the show, Ollie discovers Angel perilously climbing the trapeze ladder. Terrified that he will lose her once more, he reveals his identity with a passionate operatic plea, [For Heaven's Sake.](#)

Charles Deuce

Through devious means, Deuce, the circus magician, has risen to circus owner and ringmaster. With the Great Depression in full swing, Deuce has secretly sold off the carousel to make room for a casino. Unknown to the rest of the circus troupe, Deuce has plans to throw Angel DeLuna out onto the streets.

After finding hidden treasure in the carousel, Deuce sets out to flee with the DeLuna family fortune. Deuce's twisted inner world is revealed with his campy tango number:

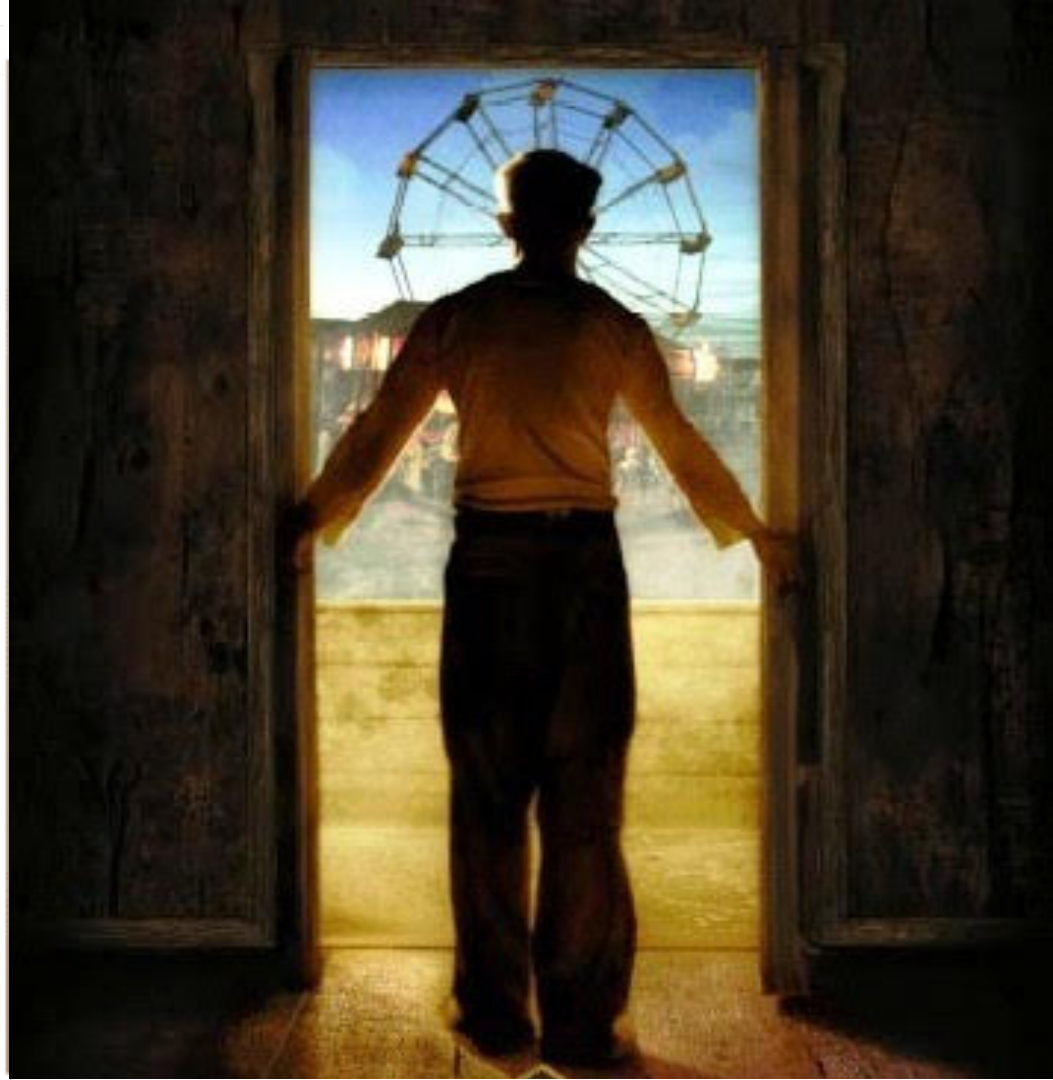
[Why Bother With The Truth?](#)



Fred

Fred DeLuna was raised by his Aunt Angel after his mother ran off to join another circus years ago. Fred is down and out, feeling trapped by his lot in life as a circus hand, and pressured by the added burden of becoming a father.

Uncertain on how to provide for his growing family, Fred questions his path in life with his emotional song, [A Better Road A Risin'](#).

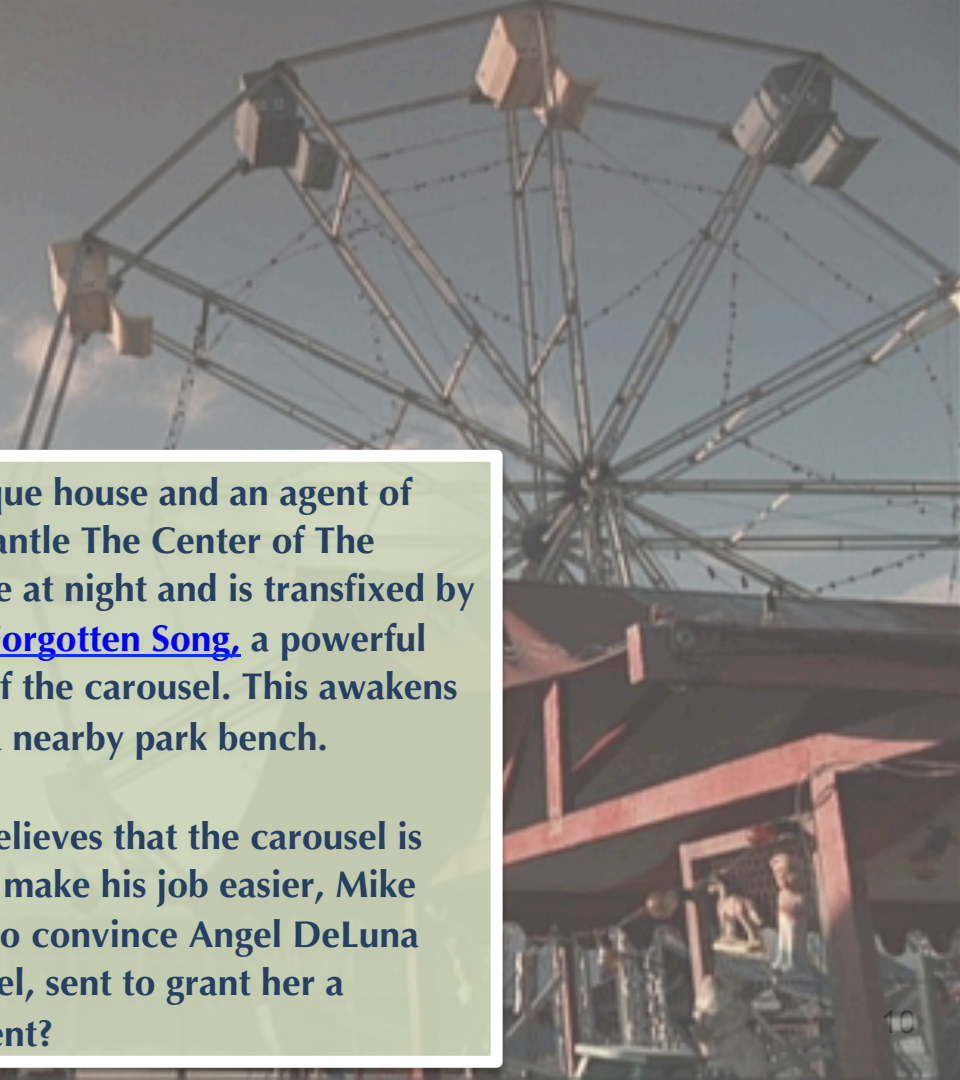




MIKE

Mike is a workman from an antique house and an agent of change. Hired by Deuce to dismantle The Center of The Universe Carousel, he arrives late at night and is transfixed by its beauty. Moved, he sings [The Forgotten Song](#), a powerful ballad illuminating the mystery of the carousel. This awakens Angel DeLuna who is asleep on a nearby park bench.

Mike is a holder of secrets - he believes that the carousel is priceless, but he needs proof. To make his job easier, Mike plays along with Ollie's scheme to convince Angel DeLuna that he is really archangel Michael, sent to grant her a miracle. But is he truly heaven sent?





The Awakening of Angel DeLuna, A Film For Our Times

The world is currently in a dark place where people are worried about their future. *The Awakening of Angel DeLuna* takes place during The Great Depression, resonating with today's headlines. In essence, this film brings light and hope when darkness abounds and it does so with aesthetic beauty, joy, and fun. We need films that the entire family can watch and be uplifted. We need films that connect with the heart. The film's take-away song [*Heart of Gold*](#), leaves the audience with the following refrain: *So whatever fortune you may hold, all that matters is your heart of gold*. This show, its message, characters, music and beauty, will undoubtedly stand the test of time.

Adding the Female Touch to Hollywood

Become a producing partner of *The Awakening of Angel DeLuna* on its journey to Hollywood.

Support women writers and a film with a female lead.

Celebrate reaching a broad audience through diverse casting opportunities.





HISTORY OF

THE AWAKENING OF ANGEL DELUNA

The Awakening of Angel DeLuna
was presented at
The New York Musical Festival at
The Signature Center Theater.

The festival run welcomed sold out shows,
two extended performances and
four Awards of Excellence.



Our Vision

We are looking to collaborate with producing partners to carry out our vision of a blockbuster hit and are excited at the possibility of making our Angel into a full length feature film!



Meet Our Team

Creative Team

Screenplay and Lyrics:
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Music and Lyrics:
Lee Ellis

Producers

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