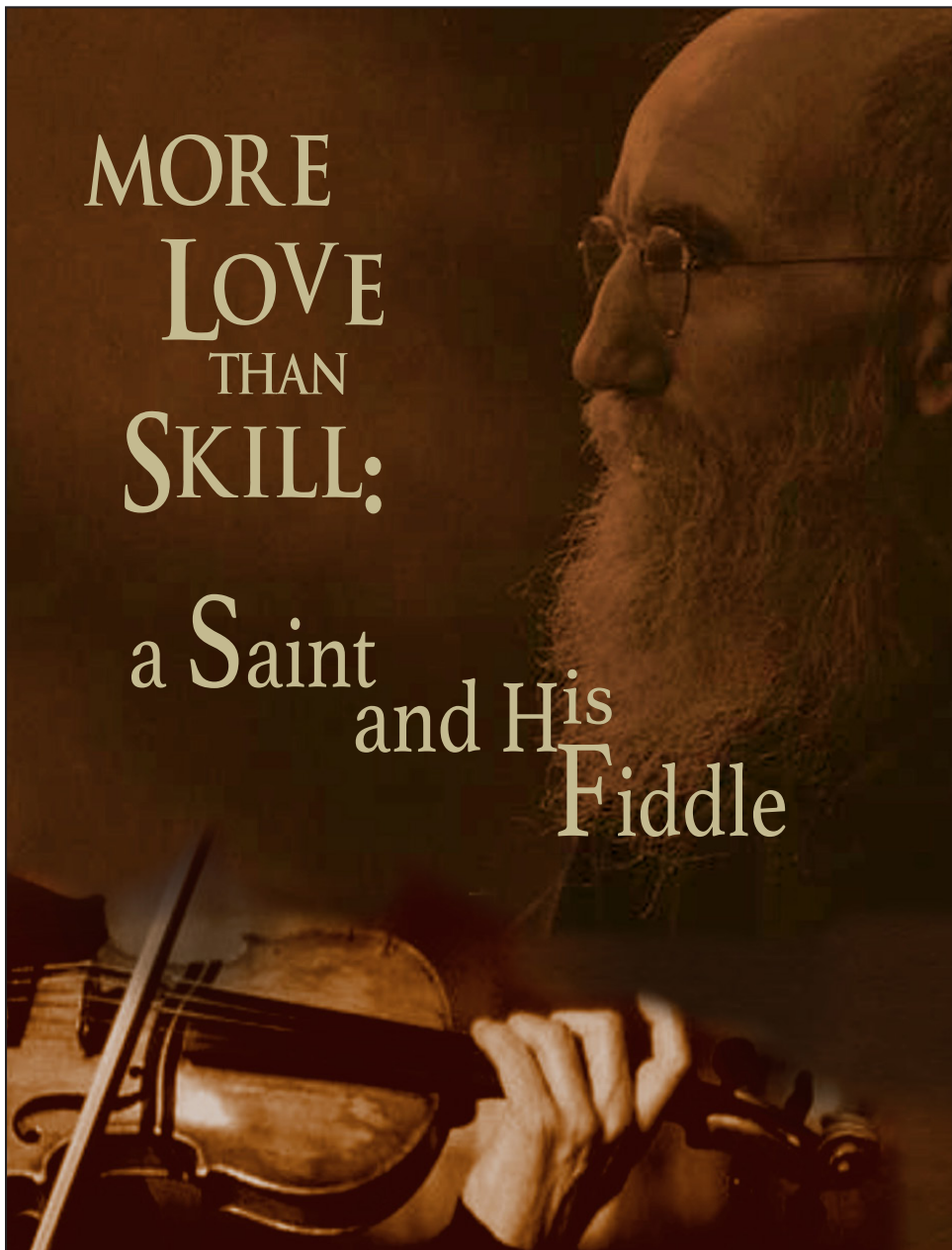


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A One-Friar Musical in One Act
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Written and Performed by
Brother Al Mascia, OFM

with the Indispensible Assistance of:

Fr. Dennet Jung, OFMOriginal Concept

Br. Michael Radomski, OFM.....Artistic Director,
Technology and Set Design

Deacon Brian Carroll.....Announcer

Ms. Fann Daigh Violin Instructor Extraordinaire

Ms. Junia Yassenov Capuchin Franciscan Archivist
Province of St. Joseph

And especially all of the many people
without whose prayers this never would have happened!

*“Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers.
Pray for powers equal to your tasks.”*

Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM Cap.

More Love Than Skill: A Saint And His Fiddle

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SCENE ONE: Hey Diddle Diddle, a Boy and His Fiddle
"More Love than Skill"

SCENE TWO: From the Frying Pan into the Fire?
"Poor Paddy's Lament"

SCENE THREE: God Writes Straight with Crooked Lines
"Called to be Strong"

SCENE FOUR: Disappointment is the Nurse of Wisdom
*"Believe Me, if All Those Endearing
Young Charms," "Mother Machree"*

SCENE FIVE: Troubles!
"Danny Boy," "Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral"

SCENE SIX: Patron Saint of Thanksgiving?
"Patron Saint Song"

SCENE SEVEN: Perfect Joy!
"People Can be Mean"

SCENE EIGHT: Black Tuesday
"Work is What I Need!"

SCENE NINE: Someone's Knockin' at the Door
"The Miracle Song"

FINALE: *"Only Remembered"*



Born in 1870 in Oak Grove, Wisconsin to an impoverished family, Solanus Casey was as ordinary as anyone can be. Possessing no innate talents, he nonetheless lived a life that would touch and transform the lives of countless people.

A Roman Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Friar, he loved and cared for people of every race, nationality and creed, especially those who were ill or down-and-out. By praying for, feeding and making music with his violin, he was able to manifest miraculous healings for those coming to him as a last resort. A modern-day alchemist, he turned leaden situations into golden opportunities!

While he personally faced many obstacles and suffered daunting disappointments, his life remains an example of how joy and personal fulfillment can triumph over any adversity. In 2017, he was declared a *Blessed* by Pope Francis, one step away from becoming the first American-born man to be canonized a Saint.