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*Leon High School's Choral Departments Production of  
Disney's Beauty and the Beast*

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Music Director and Producer:	Tabitha Peck
Choreographer:	Anna Norris
Assistant Music Director:	Maggie Smith
Stage Manager:	Hannah Douglas
Orchestra Coordinator:	Lee Commander
Vocal Coach:	Peter Pursino
Scenic Designer and Master Carpenter:	Casey Blanton
Lighting Consultant:	Patrick Campbell
Lighting Designer:	Tabitha Peck
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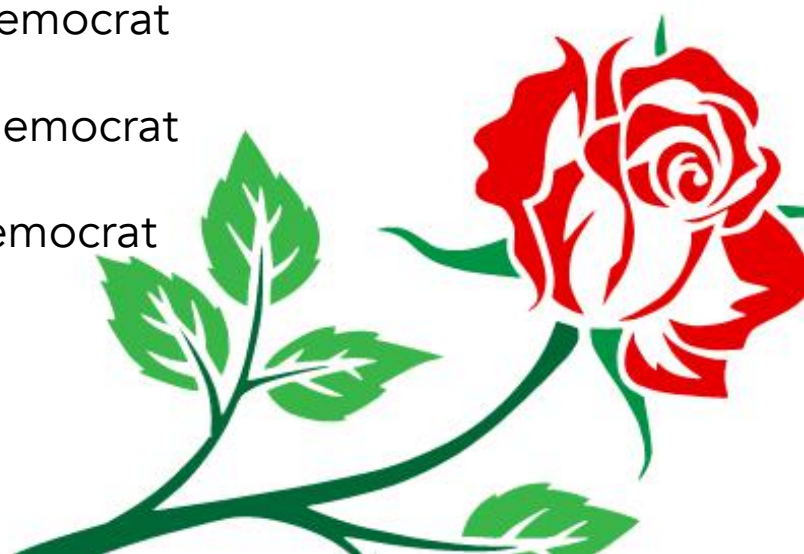
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# DIRECTORS BIOS



**ROBERT A. STUART (Director, Props Master)** holds a B.A in English and an M.S. in Theatre Education from FSU and he is thrilled to be directing his first Leon High School Musical. He first stepped onto the Leon stage in 1984 when he played Winthrop Paroo in the Lincoln High School production of *The Music Man* (back then Leon was the only high school in town with a theatre.) Since then, he has performed in over sixty productions, most recently as Miss Trunchbull in Quincy Music Theatre's *Matilda the Musical* and as The D'Ysquith Family in Theatre Tallahassee's *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. Other theatrical roles include *The Drowsy Chaperone* (The Man in the Chair), *La Cage Aux Folles* (Albin/ZaZa), *The Producers* (Roger DeBris), *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Bob Ewell), *Shrek The Musical* (Lord Farquaad), *Next Fall* (Adam), *Sordid Lives* (Brother Boy), *My Fair Lady* (Higgins), *Hairspray* (Edna), *A Christmas Carol* (Scrooge), *Oliver!* (Fagin) and *August: Osage County* (Charlie).

Prior to his retirement in 2020, he taught theatre for thirty years in Tallahassee at Lincoln High, Chiles High (2001 Teacher of the Year), Young Actors Theatre (Artistic Director) and TCC. His over eighty directing credits include: *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Young Actors Theatre), *Into the Woods* (Young Actors Theatre), *Noises Off!* (Lincoln High School), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Young Actors Theatre), *Steel Magnolias* (Lincoln High School, Young Actors Theatre), *Lend Me a Tenor* (Lincoln High School) and *The Pirates of Penzance* (Chiles High).



**TABITHA PECK (Music Director, Producer, & Lighting Designer)** is the Director of Choral Activities at Leon, where she teaches Opus, Capital Singers, Madrigals, Melodears, as well as AP Music Theory and Technical Theatre. She received the B.M.E. and M.M.E. in Music Education from the Florida State University College of Music, where she studied voice with Janice Harsanyi (Undergraduate) and Roy Delp (Graduate). Her ensembles have performed at the state ACDA conference President's Concert, the FMEA Presidents Concert, and the Southern Region ACDA Conference. Additionally, her choirs have received the "Choir of Distinction" title at the State Music Performance Assessment. A Tallahassee native, Ms. Peck attended James S. Rickards High School as a member of the Marching Redskins. She was a French horn player, and Drum Major of the band from 1995-1997.

In 2003, she founded the a cappella group "Mane Event" which has competed nationally, twice winning runner-up at the international finals. In 2005, Mrs. Peck's (then Miss Hall) musical arrangements won honors at the district, regional, and state levels. She frequently judges ICCA events at the state and regional levels. She is an active member of FMEA, FVA, and ACDA, serving as FVA District 3 Treasurer and Florida Chapter of ACDA Treasurer and Webmaster, and has been a member of the professional choir: The Festival Singers of Florida. She has presented sessions at the FMEA State Conference on AP Music Theory and on Pop A cappella ensembles and is an active adjudicator and soloist. She and her husband Tim have two beautiful daughters.



**ANNA NORRIS (Choreographer)** is thrilled to return to the Leon Summer musical team after choreographing *Anastasia: The Musical* last summer! As a performer, Anna has been seen onstage as Roxie in *Chicago*, Blanche in *Jane Eyre*, Bebe in *A Chorus Line*, and Nikki in *Curtains*, along with other featured dance roles. Favorite choreography credits include *Anything Goes* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Brookwood School), *Grease* and Disney's *The Little Mermaid* (QMT), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Theatre Tallahassee), and *A Christmas Story* (New Stage Theatreworks). Anna is a proud Lincoln High School alum and participated in the Leon summer show when she was in high school. By day, Anna consults with school districts on their academic strategy as member of the TNTP team. She holds a BA in Music and American Studies and an MPA from FSU with concentrations in Non-Profit Management and Education Policy.



**MAGGIE SMITH (Assistant Music Director)** is the Associate Director of Choral Activities at Leon, where she teaches Prelude and Overture. As a self-acclaimed Disney Adult, she is so excited that her first musical with Leon is Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. She received her B.M in Vocal Performance and B.M. in Music Education from the University of Kentucky and her M.M in Vocal Performance from Florida State University. Performance credits include *Susannah* (Mrs. McLean) with Janiec Opera Company at Brevard Music Center, *The Medium* (Madame Flora), *Little Red Riding Hood* (Grandmother), *Candide* (Old Lady), *Dido and Aeneas* (2nd Witch), *Hansel and Gretel* (Mother), *La Traviata* (Annina) with FSU Opera, and *La Cenerentola* (Tisbe) with Bayview Music Festival. With a shared love of musical theatre, she has been seen in the roles of Bloody Mary in *South Pacific*, Mrs. Lovett *Sweeney Todd*, and Madame Thénardier in *Les Misérables* with University of Kentucky Opera Theatre and Mrs. Potts in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* with Emerging Artists Studio. She is the recipient of the KY District Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Encouragement award in 2017 and 2018; the Carlisle Floyd Endowment for Opera in 2016 and 2017.



**HANNAH DOUGLAS (Stage Manager)** is a rising junior at the University of Kentucky studying music education. A 2020 graduate of Leon High School, Hannah was seen in the summer productions of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Les Misérables*, and *Aida*. A former member of the Leon Choral Department's Capital Singers and Melodears (Student Director), Hannah attended Young Actors Theatre for twelve years, performing in countless productions; her most notable roles were as Alice in *Alice in Wonderland* and as Winifred Banks in Disney's *Mary Poppins*. At the University of Kentucky, she is involved in UK Choirs, serving as the UK Women's Choir Co-President for the 2022-2023 school year, and she serves as the Vice President of Risk Management for the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Hannah is so excited to be in Tallahassee for the summer working on Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* under two of her greatest mentors- Robert Stuart and Tabitha Peck.





# PRODUCTION STAFF BIOS

**ETHAN BIGELOW (Master Electrician)** is a Leon Theatre Tech alumni, professionally certified IATSE technician and Master Rigger. Ethan has worked shows on tour and in arena settings. He is currently employed by Ruby Diamond Auditorium and the Civic Center.

**CASEY BLANTON (Scenic Designer and Master Carpenter)** is a native to Tallahassee and was a member of the inaugural graduating class of Chiles High School in 2002 where he was taught by both Robert Stuart (Director) in Drama and Tabitha Peck (then Tabitha Hall) as his Choral intern. Casey attended the University of Central Florida where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Design and Technology with an emphasis in Scenic Design. Following graduation, Casey freelanced in the greater Orlando area, working for such reputable theatre companies as the Orlando Repertory Theatre (The Rep) and the Historic Athens Theatre of DeLand. While freelancing, Casey took on various roles as Set Designer, Props Designer, Puppet Designer, and Technical Director. In 2014, Casey took a full-time position with the esteemed Maltz Jupiter Theatre in Jupiter, FL as their resident Properties Designer. In his six years there he worked on 53 productions between the main season productions as Properties Designer and the Conservatory student summer productions as both Scenic and Props Designer. Like most of the world in 2020, the Maltz halted mid production due to covid and Casey found his way home to Tallahassee. He couldn't be more thrilled to be a part of this production as he finds that inspiring youth to perpetuate the love for the Arts is so important.

**LINDA BULECZA (Costume Designer)** is a retired attorney and lifelong seamstress. She has been costuming at Ballet Arts Conservatory of Tallahassee for over ten years, designing and constructing full length ballets from classics such as *Graduation Ball*, *Cinderella*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to story ballets such as *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Snow White*, and a steampunk take on *Alice in Wonderland*. Ms. Bulecza has contributed to numerous local theatre productions including *West Side Story*, Disney's *Mary Poppins*, *The SpongeBob Musical* and most recently as the lead costume designer for Theatre Tallahassee's production of *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. She has helped costume every Leon summer show, beginning with *The Phantom of the Opera*, and is pleased to be a lead designer for Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. Ms. Bulecza would like to thank all the parent volunteers, without whom costuming for such a mammoth show would not be possible.

**PATRICK CAMPBELL (Lighting Consultant)** is a freelance Lighting Designer living in Tallahassee. He has worked with theater and dance groups throughout the Big Bend area and in southern Georgia, and he has won several regional awards for his designs. Recent area productions he has worked on include the world premieres of two Jones Hope Wooten plays; *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill*; *The SpongeBob Musical*; *Murder on the Orient Express*; *Legally Blonde The Musical*; *American Idiot*; *Avenue Q* and *Peter and the Starcatcher*. By day, Patrick is a software developer at PATLive. He thanks Traci and Toby for their continuing patience and understanding of his time away from home to help others tell their stories.

**LEE COMMANDER (Orchestra Coordinator)** is currently the Director of Bands at Leon High School where he oversees all the band activities including Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Bands, and The Lion's United Band. This production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* is the sixth Leon High summer show he has worked on. Throughout his time with the summer show productions, he has worked as the conductor, orchestra coach, and pit musician. He has also played as a pit musician for local community theater productions such as *My Fair Lady*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and *West Side Story*.

**ZACH CRAMER (Sound Effects Designer)** has been the Sound Designer for the School of Theatre at Florida State University since 2009. Over the past 25 years he has designed over 100 productions including *The Who's Tommy*, *Peter Pan*, *Ragtime*, *Seussical*, *Nine* (winner 2008 FTC, 2009 SETC and advanced to national AACT), *Titanic*, *The Producers*, *Hedda Gabler*, *Spamalot*, *The Addams Family*, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, *Hairspray*, *In the Heights* and *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*.

**CLAUDIA DEW (Wardrobe Mistress/Costume Assistant)** came out of retirement to serve as Wardrobe Mistress, a title she previously wore for 10 years! After a 5-year break, she's back teaching students how to use hangers and the importance of deodorant, all while organizing costumes and maintaining order. She's quick to point out that she doesn't sew but assists the seamstresses in ways that allow more time for creativity. Other titles she proudly wears: Director of Capitol Bells (Tallahassee's Community Bellchoir), and "Yaya" to her 4 precious grandchildren. She would like to thank Mrs. Peck for the invitation to return, and her sewing friends for welcoming her back!

**SYD HOCKETT (Costumer Designer)** graduated from Florida State University in 1990 with a B.A. in Theatre. She has won several awards and designed costumes for almost 100 productions for various local and regional college, school, and community productions. She has designed costumes for 26 Leon productions beginning in 1992, including Leon's first production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* in 2008. In addition, she has previously acted in, directed, and designed sets for numerous productions.

**LEA MARSHALL (Digital Program Designer)** is the Theatre teacher at Leon High School. She has taught Theatre at all levels from Preschool, Elementary, Middle, and now High School for the past 7 years. She writes curriculum for the Drama Teacher Academy and her play, *Shakespeare's Bachelorette*, is published through Theatrefolk. Lea was the James Madison's 2020 Florida Education Innovator of the Year, the Teacher of the Year 2021 for Leon High School and was named the Outstanding Theatre Arts Educator 2021 by The Florida Association for Theatre Education. She can't wait to see everyone tell this tale as old as time on stage...

**TIM PECK (Sound Designer/Operator)** is thrilled to mix another Leon Chorus Summer Musical! Tim has worked on all Leon summer shows since 2008, along with other school and community musicals in Tallahassee and Quincy. Tim has served for four years as Worship Arts Director for Thomasville First United Methodist Church in Thomasville, GA, following eight years teaching middle school Chorus, Guitar, and High School Sound Engineering/Technical Theatre in Tallahassee. In his spare time, he enjoys gigging with Jim Ed Tim Ed and 36 Strong, watching the Premier League and Seminole sports with his girls, and learning the joys of cooking.

**BARBARA SHIKARPURI (Milliner)** is an alumna of the FSU Fashion and Theatre Costume Design programs, and recently retired as a Milliner and Costumer Assistant at Walt Disney World. Returning to the Tallahassee theatre scene after 20 years, Barbara's latest crown, hat and headpiece shenanigans have been made for local productions of *Anastasia: The Musical*, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, *Plaza Suite* and *Legally Blonde The Musical*. She would like to thank Tallahassee for providing an ever varied and vibrant arts experience!

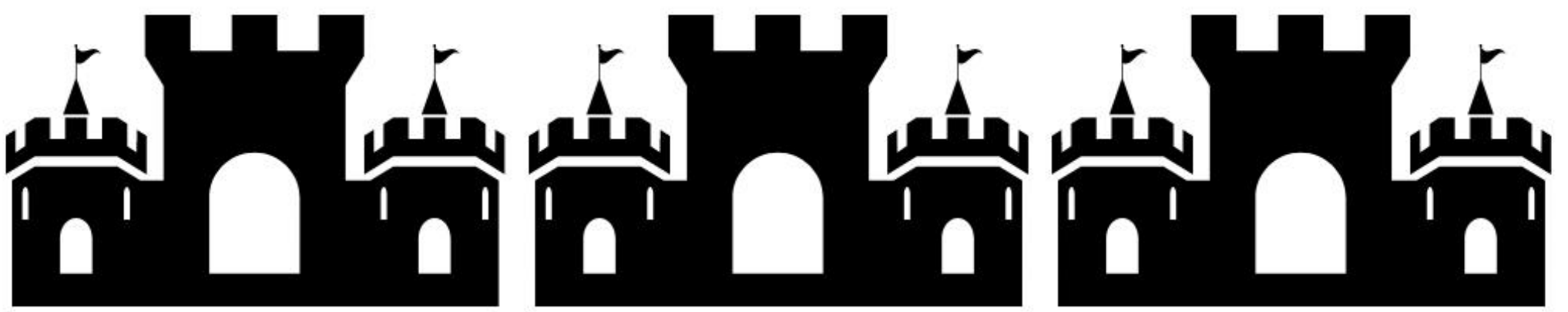
**ABBIGAIL SPROUL (Assistant to the Wardrobe Mistress)** is currently a second-year student at FSU, where she is pursuing a double major in Anthropology and History. She has been participating in costume construction for Leon Performing Arts since her freshmen year of high school and is looking forward to assisting with the costumes for Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her in all her endeavors and pursuits.

**MACHELLE MADSEN THOMPSON (Costume Designer)** is so happy to return to Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* at Leon as a costumer. Her first Leon costuming experience was with the Choral Department's 2008 production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* when she was tasked with making headpieces for the napkins. With available assets, including two bags of feathers and a FedEx box, she created her first Leon costume pieces. Since then, she has been involved with over a hundred regional shows ranging from *Anastasia: The Musical* to *Sweeney Todd* to *A Christmas Carol* as a lead or support costumer. As a counselor and faculty member at Florida State University, she specializes in resilience-based measurement and interventions with underserved children, adolescents, and families experiencing trauma, poverty, and abuse. She presents nationally and internationally on the implementation of resilience following trauma for youths in school, counseling, foster care, medical and high-risk community settings.

**WANDA TILLMAN (Costume Designer)** is pleased to be taking part in Leon High School's production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. Wanda has been working behind the scenes in local theatre as a costumer for over 20 years. She recently costumed Theatre Tallahassee's productions of *Plaza Suite* and *The SpongeBob Musical*. She hopes you will all enjoy this musical production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* and the magic of theatre.

**MOLLY WELLER (Wig Designer)** graduated from Florida State University in 2002 and works for Florida's Office of Policy and Budget. She is the proud mother of Emily Weller, and she is active in supporting Tallahassee's youth theatre by designing wigs, styling hair, and designing and sewing costumes. Molly's favorite wig creations include Ariel and Ursula from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*; her favorite costume design is Young Anastasia's ball gown in Leon's production of *Anastasia: The Musical*.





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Gaston	Samuel Bodiford & Noah Summerlin
LeFou	Grantham Durham & Lance Sellars
Maurice	Joshua Lawrence
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Cogsworth	Anthony Ortiz
Mrs. Potts	Leah Whiting & Jaila Williams
Chip	Isabella Hanselman & Naomi Asher
Babette	Mallory Greisl & Maggie Giles
Madame de la Grande Bouche	Paige Kinch & Dylan Valdes
La Fille de la Ville 1	Alana Waddell
La Fille de la Ville 2	Emily Weller
La Fille de La Ville 3	Ella Leaman
Monsieur D'Arque	Clement Lee-Sursin
Bookseller	Noah Summerlin & Sam Bodiford
Young Prince	Isabella Hanselman & Naomi Asher
Gargoyles	Peyton Bradford, Kai Wright
Featured Dancers and Ensemble	Sion Brown, Mallory Greisl, Parker Kinch, Indya Lincicome, Bailey Mills Schaefer, Lauryn Smith, Jayden Stevens
Ensemble	Peyton Bradford, Janelle Dixon, Amara Duquette, Zola Geyer, Sarah Howard, Jada Jones, Lynley Kendrick, Ivey Kesti, Clement Lee-Sursin, Maria Malley, Tanner Martin, Kingston Meggie, Mathew Montes, Mahlon Mosteller, Elsbeth Neidhardt, Kit Nelson, Zoe Senior, Emery Womack, Kai Wright, Janasia Yon
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# SCENES & SONGS

*Time and Place: A French provincial village in the mid 1700s.*

## ACT ONE

Overture.....	Orchestra
“Prologue” .....	The Bookseller
“Belle” .....	Belle, Gaston, Les Filles de la Ville & Ensemble
“Maurice Travels” .....	Maurice
“Wolf Chase 1” .....	Orchestra
“Me” .....	Gaston and Belle
“Belle” (Reprise).....	Belle
“Home” .....	Belle
“Home” (Tag).....	Mrs. Potts and Madame de La Grande Bouche
“Gaston” .....	LeFou, Gaston, Les Filles de la Ville & Ensemble
“Gaston” (Reprise).....	Gaston and LeFou
“How Long Must This Go On?” .....	Beast
“Be Our Guest” .....	Lumiere, Mrs. Potts & Ensemble
“If I Can’t Love Her” .....	Beast

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## ACT TWO

Entr’acte.....	Orchestra
“Wolf Chase 2” .....	Orchestra
“Something There” .....	Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Mrs. Potts & Cogsworth
“Human Again” .....	Lumiere, Mrs. Potts, Chip, Babette, Madame, Cogsworth & Enchanted Objects
“Beauty and the Beast” .....	Mrs. Potts
“If I Can’t Love Her” (Reprise).....	Beast
“A Change in Me” .....	Belle
“The Mob Song” .....	Gaston, Monsieur D’Arque & Ensemble
“Home” (Reprise).....	Belle



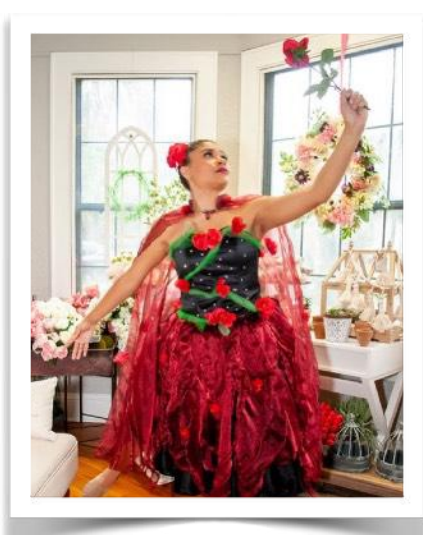


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**Naomi Asher (Chip, Young Prince, Villager, Spoon)** is the daughter of Ephraim and Beth Asher. An incoming 9th grader at Leon County Virtual School, she is extremely excited to making her debut with the amazing cast and crew of the Leon summer show. Naomi is actively involved in Making Light Productions. She has been seen in *42nd Street* (Phyllis), *Elf The Musical* (Fake Santa) and *James and the Giant Peach* (Aunt Sponge). Naomi would like to thank her Leon summer show directors, MLP for keeping arts essential during an unparalleled time and to her family and friends for their love and constant support.



**Samuel Bodiford (Gaston, Bookseller, Knife)** is the son of Jeb and Trueby Bodiford and is a recent graduate of Leon High School. He is excited to step back on the stage to perform in his first Leon summer musical. He has previously been seen in *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR.* (Willy Wonka), *Into the Woods* (Jack), and numerous other local productions. He will be attending Stetson University in the fall on a vocal performance scholarship. He would like to thank the cast and crew for putting together such an amazing show, his teachers (both vocal and educational) for their expertise and leadership, and his loving family and friends for all their support.



**Peyton Bradford (Gargoyle, Villager)** is the daughter of Dawn and Will Bradford and is a rising junior at Community Christian School. She is beyond thrilled to be in her second Leon summer show. She has previously been seen in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* (Mrs. Potts), *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (Lucy), *Anastasia: The Musical* (Ensemble), and many others. She will soon be seen in *Into the Woods* at the Quincy Music Theatre. She would like to thank her directors for giving her this opportunity and her parents for their constant encouragement and support.



**Sion Brown (Featured Dancer, Villager, Wolf, Napkin)** is the daughter of Shayla and Shane Brown. This is her first performance at Leon High School, and she is ecstatic and proud to be a part of it. Her past roles include a flower in *The Nutcracker* (HES), an expert dancer in *Seussical JR.* (ATMSA), Belle in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast JR.* (ATMSA), Princess Jasmine in Disney's *Aladdin JR.* (Raa), and a cheerleader in Disney's *High School Musical JR.* She participates in dances at her church and in the community. Sion wishes to express her gratitude to her family and friends for their unwavering support as she embarks on this new chapter in her life.



**Janelle Dixon (Villager; Wolf, Cheese Grater)**, a 2022 graduate of Leon High School, is the daughter of Janice Tucker and Richard Dixon and she is thrilled to be in her first Leon summer show. Janelle was actively involved with the Theatre Tech program for two years while attending Leon. She would like to thank her directors for giving her this opportunity, all her teachers for their guidance, and her family and friends for their continuous support



**Amara Duquette (Villager, Spoon)**, the daughter of Carlie and Robert Duquette, will be a freshman this fall at Leon High School. Although this is her first show with Leon, she has performed in *Under the Rainbow* (Mockingbird), *Rise Up* (Gavroche), *Peter Pan* (Cecco the Pirate and Brave Girl), *Wind in the Willows* (Lesser Weasel), *You Are Here* (Bob), *Elf The Musical* (Deb) and *42nd Street* (Mac). She was also in the Raa Middle School production of Disney's *High School Musical JR.* She would like to thank all the directors and choreographers she has worked with, as well as her family and friends for supporting her through everything.



**Grantham Durham (LeFou, Crony, Knife)**, the son of Patty and Allen Durham, is a rising junior at Leon High School. He is excited to be in his first Leon summer show. He is an involved Company Member at Young Actors Theatre where he has previously been seen in Disney's *Frozen JR.* (Hans), *Little Women* (Laurie), *The Wizard of Oz* (Scarecrow), and Disney's *The Little Mermaid* (Flounder). Most recently he was seen in the Stage11 production of *Tuck Everlasting* (Hugo). He is a member of Leon High School's Capital Singers, Mane Event, and is looking forward to next school year when he will be in Madrigals, as well. He would like to thank Mrs. Peck and Mr. Robert for their direction, and his family and friends for their love, encouragement, and support.



**Jermaine Edwards (Beast, Butcher, Knife)** is a rising senior at Leon High School and Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* is his third Leon Summer Musical. Jermaine has been seen as Count Ipolitov in *Anastasia: The Musical*, Sebastian in Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, Horton in *Seussical*, Donkey in *Shrek the Musical* and as member of the ensemble in *Aida* (Ensemble). He plays the French Horn in the Leon High School symphonic band, and he is a member of Leon High's Capital Singers (Bass Section Leader) and Madrigals. He loves to record and make his own music! Checkout his instagram (@mainemusicofficial). Jermaine would like to thank his parents and village and friends and Celebration Baptist Church for always supporting him through everything he has been through!



**Zola Geyer (Sausage Curl Lady, Plate)** is the daughter of Emily and Grant Geyer and is a homeschooled rising ninth grader. She is over the moon to be in her first Leon summer show. She has been involved with Making Light Productions for five years in theatre, music and dance and has been seen in *Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach JR.* (Ladybug and Mrs. Trotter), *Peter Pan JR.* (Captain Hook), *Wind in the Willows* (Mrs. Otter and Jailer's daughter), and in this summer's *42nd Street* (Maggie Jones). In February she was awarded Best Teen Vocalist at Access Broadway Southeast Regionals. She would love to thank her parents and her little sister, Niva, for all the love and support; her directors for giving her this amazing opportunity, and all her friends for cheering her on.



**Maggie Giles (Babette, Villager, Milk Maid, Fork)**, the daughter of Chip and Elizabeth Giles, is thrilled to be in her first Leon summer musical. Maggie has been in many community productions, including *Grease* (Radio Singer), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Tom Snout), and *Tuck Everlasting* (Mae Tuck US). Maggie is a proud member of Leon Chorus Capital Singers, Mane Event, and Melodears (Soprano 2 Section Leader), and will be serving as President of the English Honor Society and Vice President of Leon's Thespian Troupe this year. She would like to thank her parents and little brother for always cheering her on. Maggie would also like to thank her friends who have made the Leon High School Performing Arts Department her home away from home. She is so grateful to Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Marshall for their guidance and constant support!



**Mallory Greisl (Babette, Featured Dancer, Milk Maid, Napkin)** is the daughter of Jason and Kelly Greisl and is a rising junior at Leon High School. She is beyond excited to be performing in her fourth Leon summer show and can't wait for more to come! She has previously performed in QMT's *Tuck Everlasting* (Winnie Foster); YAT's Disney's *Frozen, JR* (Elsa), Leon's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Hermia), QMT's *Matilda the Musical* (Matilda), Stage 11's *Shrek the Musical* (Gingy/Sugarplum Fairy), New Stage's *Fun Home* (Small Alison), Leon's *Les Misérables* (Gavroche), and many more. Mallory would like to thank her parents, for being nothing but supportive in her endeavors throughout her theatre career, as well as her friends and family that have come to her shows in the past. She would also like to thank all her previous directors for giving her the opportunity to continue doing what she loves most.





**Isabella Hanselman (Chip, Young Prince, Villager, Spoon)**, a rising freshman who will attend Leon in the fall, is excited to be making her Leon High School theatre debut as Chip. She has previously been seen in *Annie* (Annie) and *The Wizard of Oz* (Lion). Isabella has also been a part of Raa Middle School Chamber Choir and Advanced Orchestra, where she played the violin. She would like to thank the musical's directors for the opportunity to perform and she would like to thank her family, especially her dad, Michael, mom, Kiera and her brother, Maximus for their love and support. Isabella is proud to be a third generation Leon High Lion. GO BIG RED!



**Sarah Howard (Villager, Spoon)** is the daughter of Bernadette and Jonathan Howard and is extremely excited to have this acting opportunity at Leon. Her favorite and most memorable roles include Lady Larken in *Once Upon a Mattress: Youth Edition* (TCS Production), Moose in *Bigfoot!* (TCS Production), Teressa in *Teressa in the Background* (FSU Film), Flute/Thisbe in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Leon High School) and, above all else, her first role as the Bumblebee in Disney's *The Little Mermaid JR.* (TCS Production). Sarah would like to thank her family, friends, mentors, and her voice teacher, Carla Connors, for their constant support.



**Jada Jones (Villager, Wolf, Salt Shaker)**, the daughter of Miatta Taylor-Cline, is a rising sophomore at Leon High School. An avid dancer and performer, she is a member of Leon's dance team and participates in the school's choral and theatre programs. Jada has been seen in Disney's *Aladdin JR.* (Isir), Disney's *High School Musical JR.* (Martha Cox), and Leon's recent production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Phlox). She would like to thank Ms. Smith and Mrs. Marshall for being the best teachers ever, she would also like to thank her mother, family, and friends for their constant love and support.



**Lynley Kendrick (Villager, Knife)**, the daughter of Jeff and Sherry Kendrick, is a rising Junior at Wakulla High School, where she will serve in the coming year as Theater Advocate for Troupe 5036. She recently received a Superior Rating & Critics Choice Award at the district level and holds the highest GPA in her Advanced Acting Class. She has previously been seen in *FSU Opera's La Boheme* (Street Urchin), *Once Upon A Mattress* (Lady in Waiting), *Peter Pan JR.* (Mrs. Darling/Pirate), Disney's *Frozen JR.* (Middle Elsa/Hidden Folk), *Charlotte's Web* (Narrator), *Elf The Musical JR.* (Sam) and *Freaky Friday* (Torrey). She would like to thank her mom and dad for their support in doing this show and her best friends Lily, Riley, Brynna, Emma, and Bella for their endless love and support.



**Ivy Kesti (Villager, Tree, Fork)** is the daughter of Juliann and David Kesti and is a rising sophomore at Leon High School. She is excited to participate in her first Leon summer show. She has been in one show previously, Disney's *Aladdin JR.* (Babkak). She is an avid musician, primarily partaking in chorus, piano, and guitar. She would like to thank her family and friends for their unwavering love and support, and her teachers that have helped to guide her along the way.



**Paige Kinch (Madame de la Grande Bouche, Villager, Plate)**, a 2022 graduate of Leon High School, is excited to begin a new journey as a Music Education major at Florida State University. She is thankful to have experienced her reign of terror as a true ruler of the Leon performing arts program while acting as the Student Director of Melodears, President of ITS, and as the Section Leader for both Melodears and Mane Event. Paige has been seen as Amy in the musical *Little Women* (Monticello Opera House), Andrina in Disney's *The Little Mermaid* (QMT), The Dowager in *Anastasia: The Musical* (Leon) and as the best ensemble member in *Godspell*, *Aida* and *A Christmas Carol*. She would like to thank Naomi Rose-Mock, Tabitha Peck, Catie-Beth Sproul, and the glorious Drew Giles, for everything they have done to help her along the way.



**Parker Kinch (Featured Dancer, Villager, Wolf, Napkin)** is the child of Dr. Abby Kinch. They are very excited to be participating in their first ever Leon Summer Show. They are entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Cobb Middle School's Applied Science and Technology Magnet Program and have been dancing with Sharon Davis School of Dance for 7 years, where they are a member of the repertory competition team and take classes in pointe, ballet, lyrical, contemporary, tap, hip hop, and jazz. They have followed in their sister's, Paige Kinch, footsteps on stage participating in shows like *Babes in Toyland*, *Shrek The Musical*, Quincy Music Theatre's *Gypsy*, Theatre Tallahassee's *A Christmas Story* and *A Christmas Carol* at Faith Presbyterian Church. They would like to thank Robert Stuart, Tabitha Peck and the cast and crew for making this such a special experience.



**Joshua Lawrence (Maurice)**, the son of Aimee Seay, is a rising senior at Leon High School. This is his first Leon summer show, and he is excited to be a part of it! Previous performances include *Tuck Everlasting* (Featured Dancer) and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Lysander). He is part of ITS Troupe #1429 and competed at the district and state levels this past year, achieving straight superiors at both competitions. He is also a member of Capital Singers and SGA and will serve as the Senior Class President for the 2022-2023 school year.



**Ella Leaman (La Fille de la Ville 3, Plate)** is a rising junior at Lincoln High School. Some of Ella's previous roles include *Shrek* (Little Fiona), *A Christmas Carol* (Tiny Tim), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Bielke), *The Who's Tommy* (Young Tommy), Disney's *The Little Mermaid JR.* (Ariel), Disney's *The Little Mermaid JR.* (Scuttle), *Les Miserables* (Young Eponine), *Once on This Island JR.* (Ti Moune), and *School of Rock* (Katie). She is thrilled to be involved in her seventh Leon summer show. Ella would like to thank her family for always being supportive and her band attitude check for always rocking out.



**Clement Lee-Sursin (Monsieur D'Arque, Knife)**, a rising junior at Leon High School, is the son of Tahirih Lee and Bruno Sursin. He is making his Leon summer show debut, having previously performed in Naomi Rose-Mock's musical production of *A Christmas Carol* (French Missionary) at Theatre Tallahassee and in *Our Town* (Joe Crowell, Jr.) directed by Jeff Mandel at Monticello Opera House. Clement is a member of Leon's Capital Singers and Mane Event. He would like to thank Jilian Wesolowski for her excellent training and encouragement; Julian for his wise counsel and beat-boxing lessons; and Tabitha Peck for her superb instruction and positive philosophy.



**Indya Lincicome (Belle, The Enchantress, Featured Dancer, Napkin)** is the daughter of Heather Lincicome and is a 2022 graduate of Leon High School. She is thrilled to be performing as Belle in her sixth performance at Leon High School. Indya's previous appearances include *Pippin* (Leading Player), *Anastasia: The Musical* (Countess Lily), *Aida* (Aida), *Godspell* (Turn Back O Man Soloist), Disney's *Mary Poppins* (Mrs. Corry), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Crystal), *A Christmas Story* (Mary Beth), *A Christmas Carol* (Martha Cratchit), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Shprintze), *Pippin* (Featured Dancer), Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* (Featured Dancer), *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Featured Dancer) and others. Indya would like to thank her directors for this opportunity. She would also like to thank her voice coach Dr. Carla Connors and her family and friends for their unwavering support. Indya will be attending the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music in the fall, majoring in musical theatre.





**Maria Malley (Flower Seller, Tree, Plate)** is the daughter of Paul and Almira Malley and is thrilled to be in her first Leon summer musical! A recent graduate of Trinity Catholic School where she was an active member of Junior Thespians, Maria will attend Leon High School as a freshman this fall. Her stage appearances include *The Music Man JR.* (Gracie Shinn), *Seussical JR.* (Wickersham Brother), *A Christmas Carol* (Georgina Cratchit), and Disney's *The Lion King JR.* (Rafiki). Maria would like to thank the cast and crew for a stellar experience, her parents for their support, and her super cool siblings but especially Cecilia because she wrote this bio for Maria...I mean me...



**Tanner Martin (Crony, Fork)** is the son of Steven and Tiffany Martin and is a rising sophomore at Leon High School. He is actively involved in community theater. His favorite previous roles include The Grasshopper in *James and the Giant Peach*, Ryan in *High School Musical* and Jojo in *Seussical*. Tanner will be continuing his high school experience by participating in Capital Singers and Drama 2. He would like to thank the production team for allowing him the opportunity to participate in the long-held summer musical tradition (just like his father). He would also like to thank his family for being his biggest cheerleaders.



**Kingston Meggie (Baker, Fork)**, the son of Brandi Johnson and Jerome Meggie, is a rising junior at Leon High School. He is over the moon to be a part of his first Leon summer show. He has previously been seen in *Shrek The Musical JR.* (Papa Bear/Knight) and *Seussical JR.* (Wickersham Brother). This fall he will be joining Leon's Capital Singers. He would like to thank all his directors for so many performance opportunities, his teachers for their guidance and his family and friends for all their amazing and constant support.



**Mathew Montes (Tavern Master, Knife)**, a rising senior at Leon High School, is appearing in his first show even though he has been a part of the Leon High Theatre program for the past three years. A charismatic person who loves to meet new people, Mathew is looking forward to taking theatre classes again his senior year.



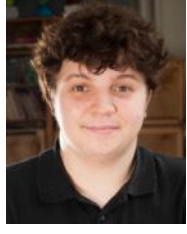
**Mahlon Mosteller (Marie, Plate)**, the daughter of Cragin and James Mosteller, is a rising senior at Leon High School and is excited to be appearing in her second Leon summer show. Before her appearance in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, you may have seen her in *Tuck Everlasting* (Ensemble) and last summer's production of *Anastasia: The Musical* (Ensemble). While at Leon, Mahlon has been a proud member of Capital Singers, Melodears and Mane Event. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her.



**Elsbeth Neidhardt (Villager, Wolf, Rug)**, a 2022 graduate of Leon High School, is eighteen and was born in Johnson City, New York. She was a member of Leon High School's Color Guard from 2019 to 2022 and was Color Guard Captain from 2021 to 2022. Elspeth spent the 2021-2022 school year learning about theatre and the art of acting from Lea Marshall. In her free time, Elspeth enjoys not only drawing and painting, but she also enjoys writing books and playing video games.



**Kit Nelson (Villager, Spoon)**, the child of Alan and Crystal Nelson, is a rising senior at Leon High School. They have performed several roles in community theatre, including the Assistant in *Father of the Bride* (Monticello Opera House) and as a member of the ensemble in *Fiddler on the Roof* (Leon High School). Kit is also active in Leon's Capital Singers and Concert Orchestra.



**Anthony Ortiz (Cogsworth)** is a junior at Florida High University School where he participates in the choir and theatre programs. Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* is his sixth show, and he was most recently seen as Fredrick in the Quincy Music Theatre production of *The Sound of Music*. In his spare time Anthony likes to write, play, and sing music. He would like to thank the production crew for this amazing opportunity, his girlfriend, Bea, for always supporting him.



**Noah Ruis (Beast, Butcher, Knife)** is the son of Glenn and Sheree Ruis and is ecstatic to be returning to the Leon stage. You may have seen him recently in *Anastasia: The Musical* (Dmitry), *Forever Plaid* (Sparky) and *Tuck Everlasting* (Miles Understudy). Outside of local theatre, he enjoys participating in Leon's theatre and choral programs and plays several instruments. Later this summer, you can catch him as Rapunzel's Prince in Quincy Music Theatre's Summer Intensive, *Into the Woods*. He would like to thank all his previous music and theatre teachers for their helping hand in his endeavors, Tabitha Peck for helping him realize his passion, Peter Pursino for teaching him the ins and outs of classical voice, and all his family and close friends for their unending support; their names are too great in number to list.



**Bailey Mills Schaefer (Belle, The Enchantress, Featured Dancer, Napkin)**, a rising senior at Leon High School, is the child of Martin Schaefer and Mindy Abate. They are super excited to be in their second Leon High summer show! Mills' previous roles included Featured Dancer in *Tuck Everlasting*, Want in *A Christmas Carol*, and Countess Lily in *Anastasia: The Musical*. Along with a passion for acting, they have also stage managed *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The One-Act Play that Goes Wrong*, and *Winnie the Pooh*. As a member of Leon's Capital Singers, Mills will have leadership positions in both Melodears and Mane Event for the 2022-2023 school year, and they will also be a member of the production team for Thespian Troupe 1429. They would like to thank the BATB production team for this amazing opportunity, specifically Tabitha Peck and Lea Marshall for being wonderful teachers and role models.



**Lance Sellars (LeFou, Crony, Knife)**, the son of Kelly Cullen and Bradley Sellars, is incredibly excited to return to the stage, working with such amazing people, to help bring this show to life. He has previously been seen in *Anastasia: The Musical* (Count Leopold), *Tuck Everlasting* (Featured Dancer) and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Demetrius.). Lance would like to thank Peter Pursino for taking on the difficult challenge of being his vocal coach. He would also like to thank his friends and family for helping him maintain the person and actor he is today.



**Zoe Senior (Laundry Lady, Tree, Fork)**, the child of Justin and Stephanie Senior, is a rising freshman in college at USF. Zoe is pleased to be in their second Leon summer show. They have been previously seen in *Anastasia: The Musical* (Ensemble), *Tuck Everlasting* (Ensemble) and *Shrek The Musical* (Little Pig). While a student at Leon, they were also a part of Capital Singers and Madrigals. They would like to thank the directors for giving them this opportunity, their parents for always being supportive, and their friends that have stuck by their side no matter what.



**Lauryn Smith (Featured Dancer, Villager, Wolf, Napkin)** is a rising Junior at Leon High School and has been involved in their theatre community for the past two years. She was seen recently in the Stage 11 production of *Tuck Everlasting*. Though this is only her second musical, Lauryn has been dancing for the past 12 years, and is especially excited to continue doing so in this production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. She would like to thank her teachers for their guidance, as well as her family and friends for their constant support.





**Jayden Stevens (Featured Dancer, Villager, Wolf, Napkin)**, the child of Ruth Baggett, is a rising sophomore at Godby High School. He is excited to be in his first Leon summer show. In addition to dancing for eleven years and acting for seven, he is an up-and-coming local music artist. Previous performances include Disney's *Aladdin JR.* (Genie), Disney's *High School Musical* (Mrs. Darbus), *She Kills Monsters* (Lillith) and *Chicago* (Katilin Hungyak and Ensemble). A member of the Godby Tech Team, Jayden enjoys working both backstage and onstage. He would like to thank the directors for choosing him and giving him the opportunity to be a part of the production.



**Noah Summerlin (Gaston, Bookseller, Knife)**, a rising junior at Leon High School, is the son of Katie Summerlin and Kristopher Baker. He is excited for the opportunity to participate in his second Leon summer show, and his third production in general. He has been seen in *Anastasia: The Musical* (Sergi/Ensemble) and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Theseus). Noah has participated in Leon's Capital Singers and Mane Event and will be a member of Leon's Madrigals for the 2022-2023 school year. Noah would love to thank the show's directors for this incredible chance to be in the production; his parents and grandparents for their support (and driving); and his vocal coach, Maggie Smith, for helping him get to where he is now.



**Dylan Valdes (Madame de la Grande Bouche, Villager, Plate)** is the child of Sunshine and Jaime Valdes. This is their second Leon summer show, and they are extremely excited because this is their first time performing in a lead role. Dylan was previously seen in *Anastasia: The Musical* (Ensemble), *A Christmas Carol* (Ensemble), and other smaller productions as ensemble. They are also a part of Leon High's Capital Singers, Madrigals and Chamber Orchestra. They would like to thank their parents for supporting them through all of this. They would also like to thank Robert Stuart and Tabitha Peck for giving them the opportunity to be in this show.



**Alana Waddell (La Fille de la Ville 1, Plate)** is the daughter of Shannon and Joe Burgess and will be an incoming freshman at the University of Central Florida, where she will pursue a BFA in Acting. Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* is the third Leon Summer show that she has participated in. Throughout her years at Chiles High School, Alana was involved in a variety of clubs, both academic and arts oriented, and participated in the school's performing arts program. Alana has been seen in *Shrek The Musical* (Donkey), *Yo Vikings* (Murphy Bean), *Fools* (Snetsky), *Big Fish* (Ensemble), *Aida* (Ensemble), and *Anastasia: The Musical* (Ensemble). She would like to thank her directors for all their hard work, direction, and encouragement, as well as for giving her the opportunity to participate in such an incredible show. She would also like to thank her friends and family for pushing her to her full potential and for always supporting her in her journey to pursue her dreams!



**Emily Weller (La Fille de la Ville 2, Wolf, Pepper Shaker)**, the daughter of Molly and Chris Weller, is a rising sophomore at Leon High School and she is excited to be in her second Leon summer show. Emily is actively involved at Tallahassee Young Actors Theatre, and she is a member of Leon's a capella choir, Mane Event. She has previously been seen in *June B. Jones, The Musical* (Junie B. Jones), Disney's *Mary Poppins* (Jane Banks), *Anastasia: The Musical* (Young Anastasia/ Featured Dancer), *A Christmas Carol* (Martha Cratchit), and *Little Women* (Amy March). She would like to thank her directors for allowing her to take part in this wonderful production; her teachers at YAT; Dr. Carla Connors and Naomi Rose Mock for helping her grow and the Leon Performing Arts Department and her family and friends for their support!



**Leah Whiting (Mrs. Potts, Villager, Fork)** is the daughter of Lisa and David Whiting and is a rising senior at Leon High School. She has been active in Tallahassee community theatre for several years and is excited to be in her second summer show at Leon. She has previously been seen in *Cats* (Tantomile), *Shrek The Musical* (Teen Fiona), *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Perkins), and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Snug). She participates in Leon's choral program and is a member of Capital Singers and Melodears. Next year she will serve as co-president of Thespians with Cathryne Sproul and will represent Leon's yarn club as president. She would like to thank her friends, family, and directors for being so supportive and kind. She wants to give a special shout out to Drew Giles for inspiring her to become a teapot.



**Jaila Williams (Mrs. Potts, Villager, Fork)** is proud to have been cast in her first Leon Summer Musical. A rising senior at Leon High School, she has previously performed in Theatre Department's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as Peasblossom. Jaila would like to thank all her family and friends that continue to support her passion for singing and acting. Most importantly, she would like to thank her beautiful mother for giving her life and funding everything she does.



**Keen Williams (Lumiere, Dance Captain)**, the son of Amber and Robert Williams, is a rising senior at Leon High School and he is super excited to be appearing in his third Leon Summer show. Before appearing as Lumiere, Keen appeared in several productions around town such as *Shrek The Musical* (Shrek), *Forever Plaid* (Francis), *Singin' in the Rain* (Young Don), and *The Music Man* (Tommy Djilas). Keen was also seen in last year's summer musical of *Anastasia: The Musical* (Count Ipolitov/ Gorlinsky). During the school year, Keen is a member of Leon High School's Capital Singers, Madrigal Singers, Mane Event, Thespian Troup 1429, and he will even be serving as the 2022-2023 Capital Singers president. Keen would like to thank Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Marshall for providing him with a home at Leon. He could not have gotten to where he is today without their help.



**Emery Womack (Candlemaker, Tree, Spoon)**, the daughter of Christopher and Lori Womack, is an incoming freshman at Leon High School. She was previously involved with Making Light Productions where she was seen in *Elf The Musical* (Emily Hobbs), *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (Elf), and *42nd Street* (Ensemble). Emery has also been a part of Bardlings where she was a part of *Shakespeare Retold*, and a school production of Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Peaseblossom). She would like to give thanks to the directors at Leon for providing her with this wonderful opportunity, her previous teachers for their knowledge and guidance, and her friends and family for their endless love and support.



**Kai Wright (Gargoyle, Villager)**, the child of Melissa and Rob Wright and is a rising sophomore at Leon High School and they are excited to be in their first Leon summer show. They are actively involved at Young Actors Theatre film class and has previously been seen in *Not So Great Mouse Detective* (Anna), *Rowan* (Rowan), *Rowan 2* (Rowan), *Ghost Baby Project* (as herself) and they are an understudy voice actor for an upcoming video game. They also are a part of Leon's chorus. They would like to thank their directors for giving them this opportunity, and their family and friends for their constant support and love.



**Janasia Yon (Hat Seller, Spoon)** is excited to be cast in her first Leon High School summer musical. She is a rising junior at Leon High and is happy to back on the stage once again. Janasia would like to thank her friends and family, especially her mother and grandmother who have supported her passion for musical theatre since the sixth grade.



# CREW BIOS

**Gabe Brown (Fly Crew)** is a proud member of Leon Chorus, and will be in Capital Singers next year. He will also be joining Leon's Theatre Tech program. He would like to thank all of those in his life who have shown him such support.

**Alexis Hunnewell (Spotlight Operator)**, a 2022 graduate of Leon High School and a second-generation alumnus, is seventeen and was born in Tallahassee, Florida. She was the Vice President of the anime club and the Technical Liaison of the Leon High School Thespian Troupe 1429. She tries to help with theater shows wherever she can and, hopes to participate in future shows.

**Jace Jacobs (Assistant Stage Manager and Backstage Sound)**, the son of Christopher Jacobs and Samantha Carpenter, graduated from Leon High School in May of 2022 and this is his second Leon Summer Show. He was part of the Theatre Tech program at Leon for all four years of high school. He has previously been involved in *Anastasia: The Musical* (Spotlight Operator) and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Sound Board Operator). He would like to thank Mrs. Peck for giving him a chance and countless opportunities, and his friends and family for their support in all his endeavors.

**Davis King (Backstage Sound)** is the son of Anna King and is thrilled to be participating in his very first musical. After participating in his first year as one of Mrs. Peck's students in her Theatre Tech class, where he earned the Rookie of the Year Award, Davis signed up to participate in the summer show where he didn't really know what Mrs. Peck was going to throw at him. He has had an absolute blast making this show come to life and he hopes you all enjoy it. Davis would like to thank Mrs. Peck for helping him discover his love for technical theatre.

**Sidian Schoffel (Props Manager)**, a junior at Leon High School, was born and raised in Tallahassee, Florida. They joined Leon Theatre in 2020 and was inducted into Thespians during that school year, later becoming the Technical Liaison. Sidian has always been interested in creating things, becoming an artist early on in their life, and growing more focused on performing arts when they entered Leon High School's theatre program. They enjoy being creative, chatting with friends, and learning the history of Chuck E Cheese.

**Ava Sears (Spotlight Operator)**, a rising junior at Leon, is excited to working tech for her third show at Leon! While working on set building, she likes to listen to a Dungeons and Dragons podcast (for the record, Riz Gukgak is her favorite Fantasy High character), and her favorite things to build on set were the vines! She wants to thank the viewers like you, like how they do on PBS—thank you!

**Jackson Sears (Fly Crew)**, the son of Steve and Erica Sears, is the twin brother of Ava and the older brother of Katelyn. He is a rising junior at Leon High School. This production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* is his first summer musical and he is excited to be on the fly crew. He has just finished his first Theatre Tech class with Ms. Peck, and he worked tech for Leon's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* this past spring. He would like to thank Mr. Harris and Ms. Peck for the opportunity as well as his parents for driving him to Leon for rehearsals.

**Cathryn Sproul (Props Manager)** is currently a senior at Leon. She is heavily involved in JROTC and Thespians. She has been participating in theatre since the third grade, as both an actor and backstage crew. She enjoys binge watching Marvel movies, the outdoors, hanging out with her friends, and Disney.

**Dereon Sutton (Light Board Operator)** is a recent graduate of Leon, where he spent four years in the Theatre Tech program. While at Leon, he designed shows for Guitar Roar and multiple performances. He is excited to end his high school career by once again being behind the lighting console.

# ORCHESTRA

Conductor:	Tabitha Peck
Flute:	Joey Hammons
Flute/Piccolo:	Ani Hatfield
Clarinet:	Tommy Oberlin
Trumpet:	Aiden Kingry, Perry Nelson
Oboe/English Horn:	Bryden Reeves
French Horn:	Justin Moore, Tarre Nelson, Senanu Simpson
Trombone:	Jane Cohen
Piano 1:	Elizabeth Landrum LaJeunesse
Keyboard 2:	PJ Wilford
Keyboard 3:	Theresa Malley
Percussion:	Caden Alvis, Adison Hunter, Ian Guarraia, Maxwell Mickles

# ORCHESTRA BIOS

**CADEN ALVIS (Percussion)** is sixteen years old and is a rising senior at Leon High School. Born and raised in Tallahassee, Caden is a part of the Leon High School Marching Band Percussion Section (Section Leader) as well as part of the Drumline. Music means the world to Caden, and he is thrilled to be a part of this year's musical.

**JANE COHEN (Trombone)** is delighted to return to the pit for her second Leon musical. In addition to performing in the orchestra for *Anastasia: The Musical* last summer, Jane has been an active member in the Leon Band program since her freshman year. A recently graduated senior, Jane has participated in the marching, symphonic, and jazz bands at Leon, as well as several All-District and All-State Honor Bands. This fall, Jane will be attending the FSU College of Music.



**IAN GUARRAIA (Percussion)**, a rising senior at Leon High School, has been playing percussion for seven years. This is Ian's second summer musical with Leon High School, the first being the production of *Anastasia: The Musical*. In the future, Ian plans to study music at the collegiate level, ideally getting a degree in percussion performance, likely at FSU. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games.

**JOEY HAMMONS (Flute)**, a 2022 graduate of Leon High School, has participated in theater and chorus since he was eight years old. He added orchestra and band to his musical repertoire upon entering middle school. In high school he primarily centered on choral and band activities, participating in four choral ensembles, and playing flute and piccolo in four bands, including marching band. During his senior year, he secured placement in the Tallahassee Youth Orchestra on his principal instrument, flute, and he was inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. This marks his first summer participating in the Leon High summer musical, noting it is a great culminating activity of his high school years, as he prepares to join the Florida A & M University School of Music in preparation to become a Music Educator. Joey has always been told that music is a universal language, and he is glad he can continue to have opportunities to share his gift with anyone he comes across.

**ANI HATFIELD (Flute/Piccolo)** is the daughter of Julie and William Hatfield and is a rising junior at Leon High School. She is the principal flutist in the Leon Band and has participated in the All-District and All-State Bands for multiple years. She is looking forward to playing flute in the pit for Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* this year, and previously played in last year's summer musical, *Anastasia: The Musical*. Next year she will serve as the woodwind captain for the Leon Marching Band. Ani would like to thank her parents for encouraging her, her music teachers for their dedication to her learning, and her friends and family for their never-ending support.

**ADISON HUNTER (Percussion)**, a senior at Leon High School, have been playing percussion in the pit since 2019, and they enjoy doing other pit/orchestra gigs around Tallahassee. They have appeared onstage in four musicals and backstage for two. They would like to thank Mr. Commander for helping them become the musician they are today; Ashlee Allair and Matthew Ohrberg and Michael Panzerino.

**AIDEN KINGRY (Trumpet)** is excited to return to the Leon summer musical as a pit musician on trumpet. He is eager to complete the story that he began in 2016 with Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, where he performed on stage as Flounder. Other favorite projects include *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and *Les Misérables*. A recent grad of the IB program at Rickards High School, Aiden is looking forward to his next big adventure, studying trumpet performance at FSU! Big thanks to his parents, his directors, and mentors for helping grow to be the person and musician he is today!

**ELIZABETH LANDRUM LAJEUNESSE (Piano 1)** is the organist at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee and holds degrees in Choral Music Education (B.Mus.Ed.) and Organ Performance (M.M.) from the Florida State University. Over the years she has served as accompanist for many Leon County schools, the FSU Chamber Choir, University Singers, and Men's and Women's Glee, and has frequently joined the Tallahassee Community Chorus as a continuo harpsichord player. She maintains an active schedule as a freelance collaborative pianist and organist, particularly enjoying her frequent collaborations with the FSU saxophone studio. Elizabeth has accompanied a Florida All-State choir every year since she was a chorus student at Leon High School, and she is thankful to have been able to serve her alma mater as staff accompanist for the past 14 years. Elizabeth has three adult children, all of whom graduated from Leon, where they thrived as chorus, band, and steel students.

**THERESA MALLEY (Keyboard 3)**, a senior at Leon High School, was recently seen in *Aida* (Muse), *Anastasia: The Musical* (Ensemble) and *A Christmas Carol* (Antoinette). She is a member of Leon's Mane Event, Capital Singers and Madrigals. Theresa has played piano for ten years and was accepted into FSU's Piano Institute. She would like to thank her family, friends, and everyone involved in this production for giving her this great opportunity.

**MAXWELL MICKLES (Percussion)** is sixteen years old and is reaching his final year in high school. Born and raised in the Sunshine State, Maxwell has been playing percussion for six years. He is grateful to have been chosen, once again, to play with such talented individuals.

**JUSTIN MOORE (French Horn)**, a recent graduate of Leon High School, was a four-year member of the Leon Band, where he served as Brass Captain this past marching season and was a member of the school's Symphonic Band. He was the head track captain for the Leon High School Track and Field Team. Justin is currently enrolled at Tallahassee Community College, pursuing studies in criminal justice.

**PERRY NELSON (Trumpet)** is a rising junior and will be attending Leon High School this fall. A transfer student from Wakulla High School, Perry has been playing trumpet since sixth grade and is heavily into jazz.

**TARRE NELSON**, a native New Orleans, grew up in Tallahassee in a musical household. They received a bachelor's degree in performance from DePaul University where they studied with Jim Smelser of the CSO. Tarre then moved to Glasgow to study with Steph Jones of the BBCSSO, where they received a master's degree in performance from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Tarre is currently studying at Florida State University for a doctorate in brass performance and pedagogy. While attending the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Tarre won performance schemes, which are side-by-side programs, with the BBCSSO and SCO. They then went on to work with both orchestras as a freelancer. Tarre also frequently performed with the Nevis Ensemble, a street orchestra that brings music to anyone, anywhere. Tarre also enjoys playing chamber music. They are a founding member of The Fountain Five, a woodwind quintet based in Tallahassee, Florida. Tarre is an avid supporter of contemporary music. They have worked with prestigious composers such as Seung-Won Oh and Ronald Caltabiano to premier solo, chamber, and orchestral pieces. Tarre has also commissioned composers such as Hannah Barnes and Tyler Taylor to write chamber works featuring the horn.

**TOMMY OBERLIN (Clarinet)**, a rising junior at Leon High School, is excited to play in his second Leon summer musical. He is a member of the Leon Symphonic Band and the Tallahassee Youth Orchestra. Tommy started playing clarinet in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Fairview Middle School and was selected for the 2021 Florida All State Orchestra. He would like to thank his band director, Lee Commander; his clarinet teacher, Julie Detweiler; his piano teacher, Marc Hebda and his grandfather, Dan Oberlin, for their musical guidance.

**BRYDEN REEVES (Oboe/English Horn)**, a junior at Leon High School, plays oboe, English horn, and steel. She is the band captain of the Leon Marching Redcoats. Bryden is also a percussionist in the Tallahassee Youth Orchestra. The award-winning orchestra recently they performed a piece that she composed and conducted. Besides music, Bryden likes to play Xbox, paint, and hang with her pets.

**SENANU SIMPSON (French Horn)**, a 2022 graduate of Florida High School, has played multiple instruments for several musicals. His primary instrument is French horn, which he has played since 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He will be attending Florida State University to pursue a major in Music Therapy.

**PJ WILFORD (Keyboard 2)**, an alumnus of Leon High School, is excited to be back on Keys 2 for his second Leon show as an orchestra member. PJ graduated Leon in 2008, his senior show being Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere), and from FSU in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in music. Since graduating, he has had the pleasure of teaching and making music with kids and adults of all ages. Break a leg to the cast and crew!





# *Indya Lincicome*



*Indya our Belle, we  
are so proud of you.  
We know you will do  
amazing things in the  
future We love you so  
much and...*



*we can't wait to see you chart  
your future in musical theatre  
at the University of Cincinnati,  
College Conservatory of Music,  
Love Mom, Gigi and Sella*





**Proud of you  
Grantham!  
We love watching  
you do what you  
love.**



Your biggest fans,  
Mom, Dad & Greyson



**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR PURSUIT  
OF YOUR PASSION. THIS LAST LEON SHOW IS  
JUST THE BEGINNING OF YOUR FUTURE IN THE  
PERFORMING ARTS. WE KNOW YOU WILL SHINE  
WHEREVER YOU LAND!**

**LOVE,  
JOE, MOM, MICAH, AND GRETA**

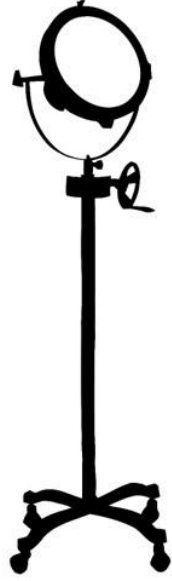


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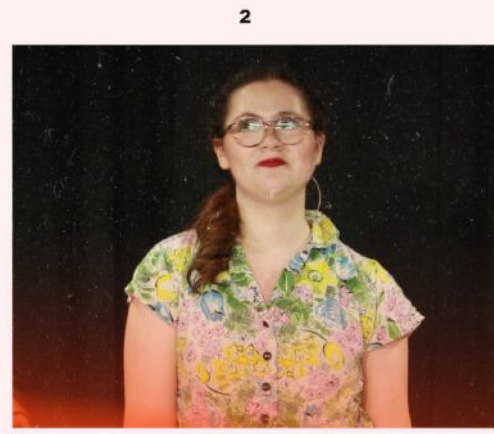
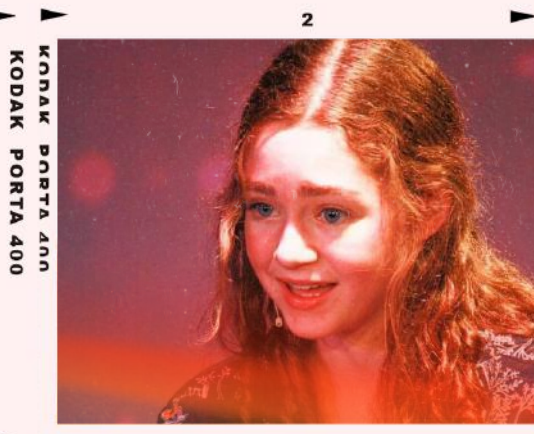
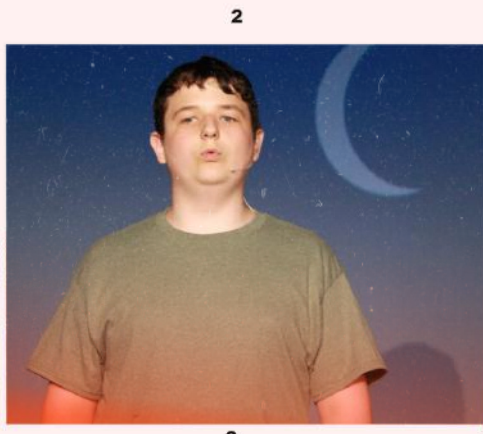
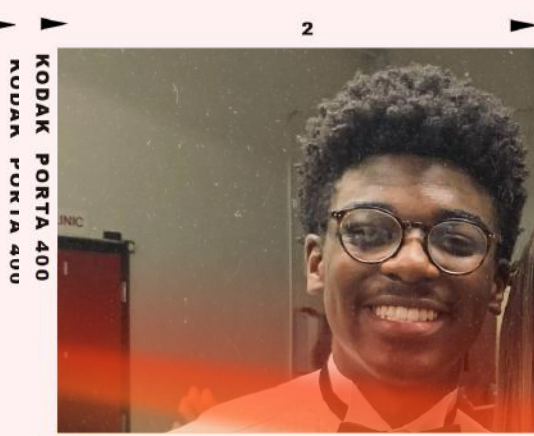
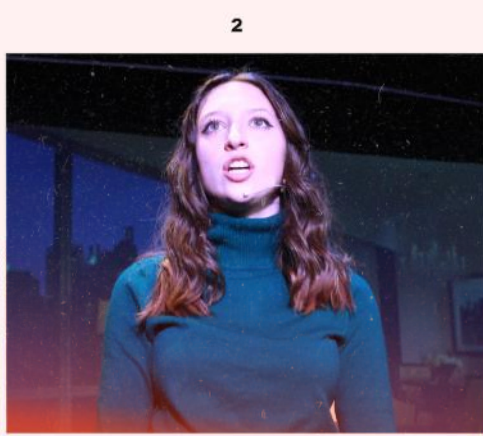
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# BREAK A LEG EMILY



You never stop amazing us! We are so proud of your hard work and dedication to everything that you do! Enjoy your second Leon Summer Show!

We love you so much!  
Mom, Dad, Meme, PopPop, Grandma and Grandpa



## LAURYN ASHLEE SMITH

Here's to the "BEST" of all wishes Lauryn! We are extremely proud of you and your many accomplishments. You've been saying since you were five (5) years old that you wanted to be an actress, and God has created a path for your adventurous journey to ultimately secure you with your gifted destination. He will supply all your needs and desires, just stay humble my child, and forever believe in him. Mommy and Dionna will forever be your biggest supporter and cheerleader! GO make your dreams come true baby girl!





# Congratulations Sam!

It brings us such joy to watch you perform, compete, and just be you. Keep doing what you love. We will always be your biggest fans.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Katy, and Bradley





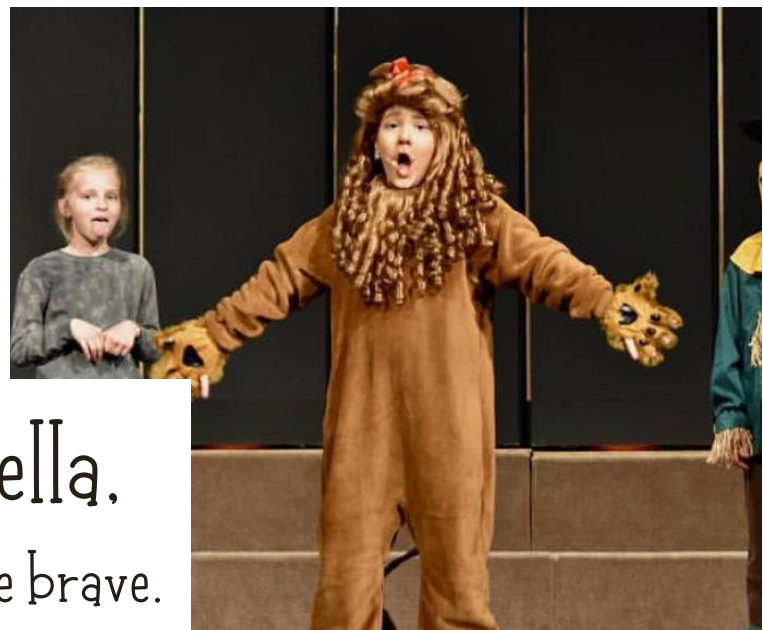


**Congratulations Mills (aka Belle and Enchantress)!**

**So proud of your passion and growth in the Theatre World!**

**Shine Bright on Stage!**

**Love Mom, Dad and Mike**

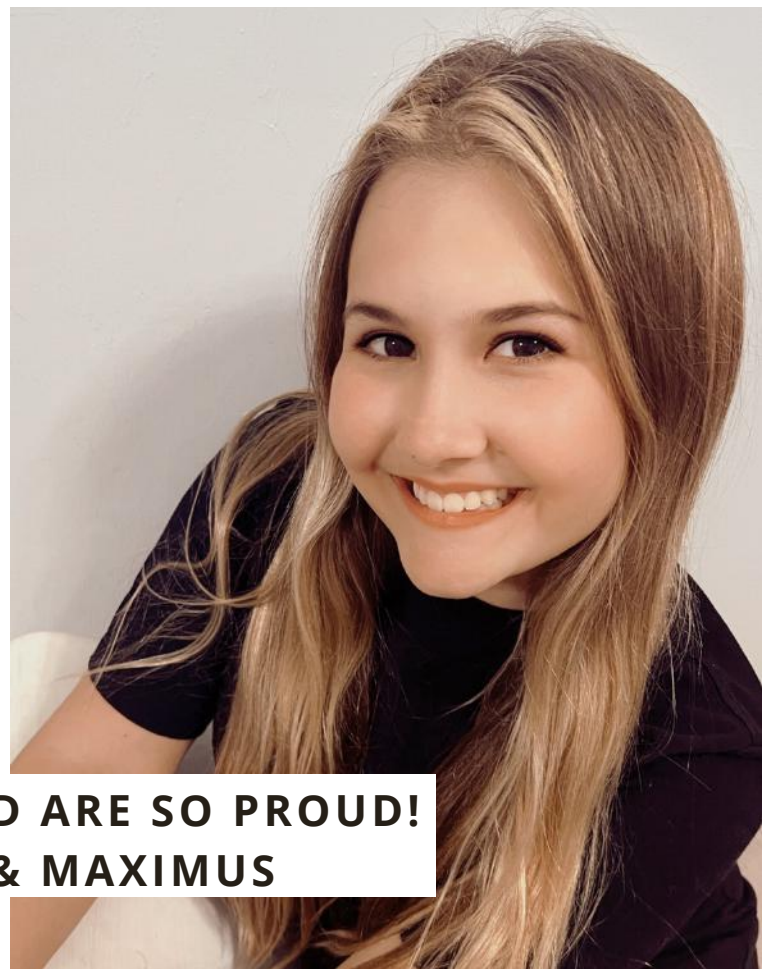


Isabella.

Always be brave.

Always be bold.

Always be YOU.



**WE LOVE YOU AND ARE SO PROUD!  
MOM, DAD & MAXIMUS**





# Shout Outs

**We love to watch you shine, Zola!  
What would life be without a song or a dance?  
Congratulations, sweet girl!  
Love: Dad, Mom & Niva**

**Break a leg Keen!  
Grandma and Grover**

**Shoutout to Keen Williams!  
Best wishes from Nana and Pop Pop!**

**Keen, Always let your light shine bright!  
We love you and are so proud of the love and  
dedication you put into your work.  
Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!  
Love, Mom, Dad and Cole**

**Bailey Mills, love watching you perform with  
such passion in theatre and music!  
With pride and love, Nana!**



# Thank you to our 6th -show seniors!

**Indya Lincicome**



Sweeney Todd, Fiddler on the Roof, Hunchback of Notre Dame, Aida, Anastasia, Beauty and the Beast

**Paige Kinch**



Les Mis 2012, Sweeney Todd, Les Mis 2018, Aida, Anastasia, Beauty and the Beast

**class of 2022**

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# ABOUT THE CREATORS

**ALAN MENKEN (Composer)** Theater: *God Bless You Mr. Rosewater*, *Little Shop Of Horrors*, *Real Life Funnies*, *Atina: Evil Queen Of The Galaxy*, *Kicks*, *The Apprenticeship Of Duddy Kravitz*, *Beauty And The Beast*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Weird Romance*, *King David*, *Der Glöckner Von Notre Dame*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Sister Act*, *Leap Of Faith*, *Aladdin* and *Newsies*. Film: *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty And The Beast*, *Newsies*, *Aladdin*, *Pocahontas*, *The Hunchback Of Notre Dame*, *Hercules*, *Life With Mikey*, *Lincoln*, *Home On The Range*, *Noel*, *Enchanted*, *Shaggy Dog*, *Tangled* and *Mirror Mirror*. Songs: *Rocky V*, *Home Alone 2* and *Captain America*. Awards: 8 Oscars (19 nominations), 11 Grammys (including Song of the Year), 7 Golden Globes, Tony® (plus 4 nominations), Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, New York Drama Critics, Olivier and London's Evening Standard Award, Drama League. Honors: Songwriter's Hall of Fame, Doctorates from New York University and University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

**HOWARD ASHMAN (Lyricist)** Best known as a pivotal creative mind behind the renaissance of Disney animation and his work on *The Little Mermaid*, *Aladdin* and *Beauty and The Beast* (which is dedicated to, "Our friend, Howard Ashman, who gave a Mermaid her voice and a Beast his soul...") Ashman's first love was theater. Ashman was a founder of off Broadway's renowned WPA Theater, where he conceived, wrote, and directed *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater*, as well as the classic musical, *Little Shop of Horrors* (both music by Alan Menken). In 1986, he wrote and directed the Broadway musical *Smile* (music by Marvin Hamlisch). Lamented as a lost treasure of the 1980's theater scene, *Smile* remains popular on High School and College campuses throughout the country. Howard Ashman died in 1991 from complications of AIDS. For more information, please visit [howardashman.com](http://howardashman.com).

**TIM RICE (Lyricist)** has worked in music, theater, and film since 1965, when he met Andrew Lloyd Webber, a fellow struggling songwriter. Rather than pursue Tim's ambitions to write rock or pop songs, they turned their attention to Andrew's obsession - musical theater. Their first collaboration, *The Likes of Us* (lyrics by Tim, music by Andrew), was an unsuccessful show based on the life of Dr. Barnardo, the Victorian philanthropist. Their next three works together were much more successful: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *Evita*. Tim has also worked with other distinguished popular composers such as Elton John (*The Lion King*, *Aida*), Alan Menken (*Aladdin*, *King David*, *Beauty and the Beast*), and Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson (*Chess*). *From Here to Eternity*, with music by newcomer Stuart Brayson, coproduced with Lee Menzies, directed by Tamara Harvey, and with book by Bill Oakes, premiered in the West End at the Shaftesbury Theatre in 2013. He formed his own cricket team in 1973 and was president of the MCC in 2002. In 2013, he wrote and presented a 52-part series for BBC Radio 2, *American Pie*, a trawl through the music and musicians of every American State. He has won several awards, mainly for the wrong thing or for simply turning up.

**LINDA WOOLVERTON (Author)** has many credits, including the screenplay for the animated feature film *Beauty and the Beast* (Golden Globe winner and Academy Award Best Picture nominee); the screenplay (shared) for *Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey*; screenplay (shared) for the animated feature film *The Lion King*; the book for the Broadway musical *Beauty and the Beast* (Tony Award nomination for Best Book of a Musical, winner 1998 Olivier Award Best New Musical); and book (shared) for Elton John and Tim Rice's Broadway musical *Aida*. Also, she has written two young-adult novels, *Star-Wind* and *Running Before the Wind*. She holds a bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from California State University Long Beach and a master's degree in Theatre from California State University Fullerton. Linda is currently involved in writing and producing film projects for Miramax and Revolution studios. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Lee Flicker, and daughter Keaton.





