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The mission of the Oquirrh Hills Performing Arts Alliance is to cultivate and advance the performing arts in Magna Township and surrounding areas. OHPAA will work to create a distinguished arena for nurturing local talent and to provide cultural and educational experiences for the entire community by maintaining high standards of family oriented, quality programs and performances.

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If you are interested in one of our director positions, please email resume and/or inquiries to Marie at Imroe@empresstheatre.com

Want to Get Involved?

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month.

Board meetings are held at the theatre
at 7:30 PM. Members of the public are welcome and
encouraged to attend.

Board Applications are available and reviewed on a rolling basis. We encourage all interested individuals to apply!

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Production Team

Director Chalese Craig

Music Director Candice Jorgensen

Dance Captain Jackson Olney

Assistant Choreographers Sheriden Walk, Jordan Shami &

Brody Andersen

Stage Manager Elizabeth Dealan-de'

Assistant Director Chip Bunker

Costumer Annalune Ellis

Assistant Costumers Cheryl Cripps & Margie Craig

Wig Design Cheryl Cripps

Lighting Design David Bruner

Lighting Technician Chip Bunker

Sound Technician Edlena Mitchell

Set Design, Construction Chalese Craig, Miguel Rodriguez, Jacob

& Set Painters Davis, Mallory Rodriguez, Stephanie Olcott

Lopez, Jordan Shami, Sheridan Walk, Chip

Bunker, Aaron Evensen, Edlena Mitchell,

Elizabeth Delean-de', the Cast and their

Families

Props Chalese Craig, Justina Spencer, Stephanie

Olcott Lopez, Jordan Shami, the Cast & their

Families

Aerial Design Beck Skeen

Director's Note

Sometimes you just need to take the jump. When I was told there was an opportunity to direct SpongeBob the Musical at the Empress I put my hat in the ring without really even thinking about it. Something just told me to take the plunge. Did I know much about the show and how big it is? Nope, I have used a Macy's



Day Parade version of Bikini Bottom Day with my drama classes, but that was about it. Had I seen a whole episode of SpongeBob at the time? I can't say that I had. Have I watched more since? Not really, its just not my thing. Do I now adore this musical so very much? Completely! It has become one of my favorite show's, and that is saying a lot. The script and music are so great! This show has so much heart and wit and I love it. To top off a great show, I couldn't have asked for a better proteam, I really lucked out in that area. I also feel so very blessed with this amazing cast! Each and everyone of them are perfect for their roles and have added so much to this show. They have worked so very hard and I love them so much. This production's cast and their families have put this show together with their time, energy and talent and I am so grateful. When a need surfaced so did the perfect person or people to fulfill that need. I have learned so much in the process of putting this show together. Has this been one of the biggest projects of my life? Absolutely! Is there a chance this show was a bigger undertaking than I could have ever imagined? Um, definitely! This show is massive, but luckily I have never been alone in this process. I really hope you enjoy this production of SpongeBob the Musical that we have put together as a team. I could not be more proud of us! I hope you have the Best Day Ever with us!

Cast

SpongeBob Square Pants	Tanner Larsen
Patrick Sea Star	Colby Nash
Sandy Cheeks	Maddy Bishop
Squidward	Alexander Richardson
Plankton	Aaron Evensen
Mr.Krabs	Hutch Jorgensen
Pearl the Whale	Mia Rubi Rodriguez
Karen the Robot	Andrea Santiago-Bench
Perch Perkins	Jordan Shami
Patchy the Pirate	Jackson Olney
Mayor	Justina Spencer
Electric Skates Lead	Brody Anderson
Old Man Jenkins	Perrin Jorgensen
Larry the Lobster	Breckin Basham
Lead Sardine 1	Raine Eldredge
Lead Sardine 2	Justin Ortiz
Gary the Snail	Mekaila Rodriguez
Mrs. Puffs	Julie Clemens
Security Guards	Shae Christiansen
	Alice Lopez
Fancy Fish	Gabby Rodriguez
Foley Fish	Elinor Blankenship



ACT I

- 1. BIKINI BOTTOM DAY (PART 1-4)- FULL COMPANY
- 2. BIKINI BOTTOM DAY (REPRISE) SPONGEBOB
 - 3. NO CONTROL FULL COMPANY
 - 4. BFF SPONGEBOB & PATRICK
 - 5. WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH PLANKTON, KAREN, BACKUP FISH, SPONGEBOB, MAYOR & ENSEMBLE
 - 6. (JUST A) SIMPLE SPONGE SPONGEBOB & CHORUS
- 7. DADDY KNOWS BEST KRABS, PEARL, ELECTRIC SKATES & ENSEMBLE
 - 8. HERO IS MY MIDDLE NAME SPONGEBOB, PATRICK & SANDY
 - 9. SUPER SEA STAR SAVIOR SARDINES

 10. TOMORROW IS SANDY, SPONGEBOB, SQUIDWARD,
 PLANKTON, KAREN & ENSEMBLE



ACT II

11. POOR PIRATES - PATCHY & PIRATES

12. BIKINI BOTTOM DAY (REPRISE 2) - SPONGEBOB

13. BIKINI BOTTOM BOOGIE - ELECTRIC SKATES, PEARL

& ENSEMBLE

14. CHOP TO THE TOP - SANDY & SPONGEBOB
15. (I GUESS I) MISS YOU - PATRICK & SPONGEBOB
16. I'M NOT A LOSER - SQUIDWARD & SEA ANEMONES
17. HISTORIC EXODUS (BIKINI-TEVKA) - CITIZENS
18. SIMPLE SPONGE (REPRISE) - SPONGEBOB
19. TOMORROW IS (REPRISE)/BEST DAY EVER SPONGEBOB, SANDY, PATRICK, SQUIDWARD, PERCH & ENSEMBLE

20. FINALE: BIKINI BOTTOM DAY REPRISE - SPONGEBOB, SANDY, SQUIDWARD, KRABS & ENSEMBLE
21. SPONGEBOB THEME SONG - FULL COMPANY









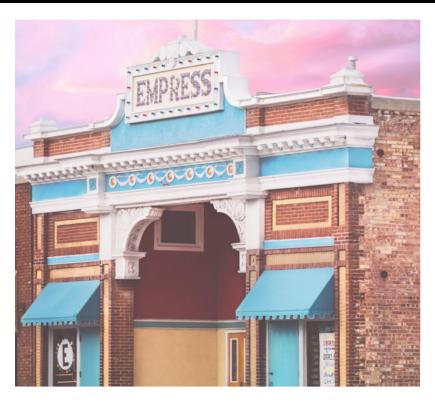
At This Theatre

The Empress Theatre started as a burlesque house where the Miners could come and spend their time after long hours laboring in the pit. After a couple of years, the venue was transformed into a movie house, showing silent movies on a large screen (If you'll turn your attention to the S row, you will be able to see the remains of the screen from 1930; the black rectangle above the S row). After showing movies until the 1950's, the theatre closed down and remained vacant for some time. In the early 80's, the venue would be owned by Leo W. Ware.

Leo worked tirelessly on renovating the venue. One of the most obvious places is the Green Room (not accessible during shows, if you would like a tour, please contact anyone listed as staff in the playbill), which was dug out by hand with a wheelbarrow and trowel. Leo would spend the last years of his life renovating the Empress.

In 2006, The Oquirrh Hills Performing Arts Alliance (OHPAA) was formed. OHPAA took the keys and finished the work Leo had begun, culminating in the first performance in over 50 years. The first production mounted was Forever Plaid. Leo was among those in the audience opening night. He passed away soon after, having seen his dream come to fruition.

Today we carry on the legacy Leo left behind. Our venue is run solely by volunteers and through funds raised by our generous patrons, volunteers, and board members. The dedication of all who walk through the Empress doors is a testament to true community theatre. As of The Pirate Queen, the theatre has mounted 142 productions in just seventeen years since reopening with no end in sight. OHPAA and the staff of the Empress hope to continue bringing quality, family oriented theatre to the citizens of Magna and the Greater Salt Lake Valley.



In early 2021, a local group of people formed an LLC and raised the required funds to purchase the Empress Theatre from Aileen Ware and her family. We are grateful to the Ware's for trusting us with their theatre for so long.

This change in ownership has culminated in the changes you see here today! Throughout the years, the Empress has ebbed and flowed, always staying on course with steadfastness.

We are pleased to continue the partnership into the future and remained committed to taking care of this wonderful building.

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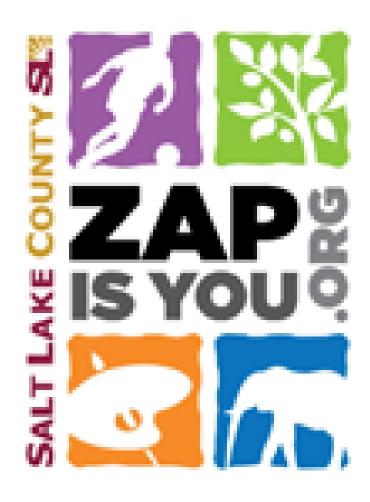
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Cast Biographies



TANNER IS VERY EXCITED TO BE RETURNING TO THE EMPRESS STAGE! HAVING BEEN A SPONGEBOB FAN

HIS ENTIRE LIFE, THIS IS A ROLE 25 YEARS IN THE MAKING FOR HIM! HE HOPES YOU'LL ENJOY THE SHOW AND HE'LL DO ALL HE CAN TO ENSURE THIS ENDS UP BEING THE BEST DAY EVER FOR ANYONE WHO COMES TO SEE!



MADDY IS
THRILLED TO BE
PERFORMING AS
SANDY IN HER
FIRST SHOW AT
EMPRESS
THEATRE. SOME
FAVORITE PAST

ROLES INCLUDE LISA - MAMMA MIA, MEDDA LARKIN -NEWSIES, ALLANA - THE LITTLE MERMAID, ELSA - FROZEN, MISS HONEY - MATILDA, AND AUDREY - DESCENDANTS. "I HAVE 'NO CONTROL' OVER WHAT 'TOMORROW IS' OR WILL BE, BUT I KNOW WITH MY 'BFFS' (THE AMAZING CAST AND CREW!) BY MY SIDE WHEN 'THE GOING GETS TOUGH', I CAN 'CHOP TO THE TOP' WITH 'HERO AS MY MIDDLE NAME', AND MAKE TODAY THE 'BEST DAY EVER' WITH ALL OF YOU! THANKS TO CHALESE FOR BEING THE BEST DIRECTOR."



COLBY NASH,
WHO'S PLAYING
PATRICK STAR, IS A
BLACKSMITH FROM
KEARNS, UT. HE IS
PSYCHED TO GET
AWAY FROM THE

BLAZING FIRES OF HIS FORGE AND BACK UNDER THE BLAZING LIGHTS OF THE STAGE. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY APPEARED IN NUMEROUS ROLES AT THE EMPRESS, INCLUDING TOUCHSTONE IN "AS YOU LIKE IT" AND MARCELLUS WASHBURN IN "THE MUSIC MAN". HE LOVES MAKING THINGS WITH HIS HANDS. MAKING MUSIC WITH HIS VOICE, AND MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH. HE IS ABLE TO BE HERE IN THIS SHOW BECAUSE OF THE LOVE AND SUPPORT GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS WIFE AND TWO SONS.



AARON EVENSEN LOVES PLAYING PLANKTON. HE LOVES HIS WIFE AND TWO KIDS. HE LIKES SINGING AND READING. HE USED TO BE COOL NOW HE'S AWESOME!





ALEXANDER IS SO
EXCITED TO PLAY A
PART THAT
MATCHES HIS
PERSONALITY. THIS
ISN'T HIS FIRST
SHOW AT THE

EMPRESS. SOME OF HIS FAVORITES INCLUDE: FARQUAAD FROM SHREK THE MUSICAL, INTO THE WOODS, AND CASH ON DELIVERY AS ERIC. HE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HIS WONDERFUL WIFE FOR HER SUPPORT AND THE MAYOR OF BIKINI BOTTOM FOR WRITING HIS BIO.



THIS IS HUTCH
JORGENSEN'S
FIRST TIME
PERFORMING AT
THE EMPRESS
THEATER. THE
LAST TIME HUTCH

PERFORMED WAS IN 2016 WITH CANDICE AND PERRIN JORGENSEN IN "ONCE UPON A MATTRESS", BUT IS HAPPY TO BE MAKING A RETURN TO ACTING WITH HIS FAMILY. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AND HAVE A GREAT NIGHT AT THE EMPRESS.



ANDREA SANTIAGO-BENCH IS EXCITED TO JOIN HER EMPRESS FAMILY AGAIN AFTER A FEW YEARS. YOU MAY REMEMBER

HER FOR HER ROLE OF
"LORRAINE" IN ALL SHOOK UP
AND "CHEF/ ENSEMBLE" IN
DISASTER! BACK IN 2019 OR
FOR HER RECENT ROLES AT
OTHER THEATERS SUCH AS
"THE LITTLE MERMAID" IN
DISENCHANTED. SHE HOPES
YOU ENJOY THIS SHOW AS
MUCH AS SHE ENJOYS IT!



MIA RODRIGUEZ IS A FUN LOVING, FREE SPIRIT WHO JUMPS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING NEW.

THIS IS HER FIRST EVER SHOW AND SHE HAS GROWN TO LOVE THEATRE. SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED RIGHT HERE IN MAGNA, UTAH. SHE IS VERY ATHLETIC. MIA SWIMS COMPETITIVELY AND PLAYS WATER POLO. SHE IS HALF PUERTO RICAN. THE ISLAND AND CULTURE HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN HER HEART. MIA IS THE SECOND OLDEST OF 5 GIRLS AND IS A GREAT BIG SISTER!





HELLO! MY NAME
IS JORDS SHAMI!
THIS IS MY FIRST
SHOW AT THE
EMPRESS AND I'M
BEYOND EXCITED
TO PERFORM

UNDER THE SEA WITH THIS AMAZING CAST AND CREW FOR THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL



JUSTINA SPENCER
ISN'T A STRANGER
TO THE EMPRESS
THEATRE. THE LAST
TIME SHE WAS ON
THE EMPRESS
STAGE WAS AS

WOMAN WITH BABY IN BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. YOU'LL USUALLY SEE JUSTINA STAGE MANAGING OR DOING PROPS FOR PRODUCTIONS. JUSTINA IS GRATEFUL FOR HER SUPPORTIVE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



PERRIN JORGENSEN
IS SO EXCITED TO
BE A PART OF THIS
SHOW! THEY FIRST
STARTED
PERFORMING AT 6
YEARS OLD AND

HAVE BEEN INTO THEATRE SINCE. THIS IS PERRIN'S SECOND TIME ACTING IN A SHOW AT THE EMPRESS THEATRE AND IS HAVING SO MUCH FUN!



JACKSON IS
EXCITED TO BE
BACK AT THE
EMPRESS ONCE
AGAIN FOR
SPONGEBOB THE
MUSICAL. THIS.

WILL BE THEIR FOURTH ACTING SHOW HERE. AFTER RUNNING LIGHTS FOR 3 SHOWS HERE, JACKSON WAS READY TO GET BACK ON THE STAGE FOR SUCH A FUN AND ENTICING SHOW



BRODY ANDERSON IS SO EXCITED FOR HIS DEBUT AT THE EMPRESS AND TO BE CAST AS AN ELECTRIC SKATE! HE LOVES MUSICAL

THEATRE AND HAS LOVED WORKING WITH THE CAST AND GREAT PRODUCTION TEAM! HE LOVES TO SING, DANCE, AND ACT HAS BEEN CAST IN MANY SHOWS SINCE HE WAS 7. HIS FAVORITE ROLES HAVE BEEN CRUTCHIE (NEWSIES), HANS (FROZEN), AND JETSAM (LITTLE MERMAID). BRODY ALSO LOVES FILM AND HAS BEEN CAST IN AMBER BROWN WITH APPLE TV +, A TC CHRISTENSEN FILM, RENAISSANCE KID, AMONG OTHERS. BRODY HAS STUDIED CHINESE SINCE THIRD GRADE AND LOVES TO SPEND TIME WITH FRIENDS AND DO ANYTHING CREATIVE. HE WANTS TO THANK HIS VOICE COACH. CAROL VORHEES, AND HIS FAMILY FOR THEIR LOVE SUPPORT.



THIS IS RAINE
ELDREDGE'S THIRD
SHOW AT THE
EMPRESS AND IT
HAS BEEN SO MUCH
FUN! RAINE HAS
DONE THIS SHOW

BEFORE IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT IS SO EXCITED TO GIVE ANOTHER GO WITH A NEW CAST FAMILY. THROUGHOUT THEIR NEARLY 10 YEARS OF DOING SHOWS THEY HAVE PICKED UP MANY FUN SKILLS AND MADE SO MANY FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY.



HI, MY NAME IS SHAE CHRISTENSEN. I LIKE CARTOONS AND MUSICALS. I HAVE BEEN IN 5 MUSICALS

(COUNTING THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL) AND I HAVE SEEN QUITE A LOT OF MUSICALS. I'VE WANTED TO BE INVOLVED IN THEATRE SINCE I WAS LITTLE WATCHING MUSICALS THAT MY MOM OR GRANDMA AND I FELL IN LOVE IMMEDIATELY. EVER SINCE THEN I'VE WANTED TO BE A PART OF MUSICAL THEATRE AND IN RECENT YEARS I'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL AND HAVE STARTED BEING A PART OF MUSICALS. THAT'S ABOUT ME, HAVE A NICE DAY. :)



MAKING HIS
EMPRESS THEATRE
DEBUT, HE'S SO
HAPPY TO BE
INVOLVED IN A
SHOW IN HIS
HOMETOWN. THIS

WILL BE JUSTIN'S 4TH SHOW IN TOTAL EVER. HE'S BEEN IN SECRET GARDEN(EGYPTIAN) SEUSSICAL (OFF BROADWAY) LITTLE MERMAID (DRAPER HISTORIC) HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR TIME UNDER THE SEA.IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIS JOURNEY IN THE ACTING WORLD FOLLOW HIS ACTOR INSTAGRAM PAGE.
JUSTIN ORTIZTHEATRE



JULIE CLEMENS
LOVES ACTING!
SHE'S BEEN ABLE
TO BE A PART OF
OVER 40 SHOWS IN
MANY DIFFERENT
THEATERS, AND

HAS REALLY LOVED
EXPERIENCING HER FIRST
SHOW AT THE EMPRESS! SHE
HAS THE MOST SUPPORTIVE
FAMILY WHO HELPS SO MUCH
BEHIND THE SCENES! WHEN
SHE'S NOT ON THE STAGE SHE
LOVES RUNNING, HIKING, AND
ADVENTURING! SHE ALSO
LOVES EXCLAMATION
POINTS!!!





ALICE LOPEZ:
THIS IS ALICE'S
FIRST
PERFORMANCE AT
EMPRESS
THEATER, AND AS
A SELF
PROCLAIMED
SPONGEBOB NERD

SHE HAS LOVED EVERY MINUTE! ALICE HAS ENJOYED WORKING WITH EVERYONE INVOLVED TO MAKE THIS SHOW HAPPEN, ESPECIALLY THE WELCOMING CAST AND AWESOME DIRECTOR! ALICE IS CURRENTLY A 9TH GRADE STUDENT AT WEST HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL. ALICE LOVES MUSICAL THEATER AND HAS BEEN IN MULTIPLE PRODUCTIONS AT HER SCHOOL, INCLUDING "MARY POPPINS." "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST," AND "NEWSIES." ALICE HAS STUDIED THEATER IN CLASSES AT HALE CENTER THEATER, UP WITH KIDS PROGRAM, JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WAS IN A PERFORMANCE OF "THE LITTLE MERMAID" WITH THE WEST JORDAN YOUTH THEATER. ALICE IS INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE CLUBS, CHOIRS, AND IS HER SCHOOL'S STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESIDENT. ALICE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HER PARENTS, AUNT, SIBLINGS, AND OTHER FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING HER.



BRECKIN BASHAM
I LOVE DOING
SHOWS THIS IS
MY 3RD SHOW AT
EMPRESS BUT I
HAVE PERFORMED
WITH SEVERAL
THEATRES IN

UTAH, I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED BEING PART OF THIS CAST AND SHOW, I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY THE SHOW



MEKAILA RODRIGUEZ IS A SPUNKY GIRL WITH MORE PERSONALITY THAN YOU CAN EVEN IMAGINE. MEKAILA LOVES

TO STEAL THE SHOW AND BE RIGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT. SHE IS THE 4TH OF 5 GIRLS IN HER FAMILY. KAILA SWIMS COMPETITIVELY. SHE LOVES SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND PLAYING OUTSIDE.





THEY TOLD ELINOR
THAT SHE HAD TO
PUT DOWN THE
DUCKY TO PLAY
THE SAXOPHONE,
AND SHE SAID WHY
NOT BOTH? WITH A
BACHELOR'S

DEGREE IN MUSIC (CLARINET)
AND AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN
CLOWNING SHE RAN AS FAST AS
SHE COULD TO JOIN THE
SPONGEBOB CAST AND
SQUEAKED HER WAY TO BIKINI
BOTTOM. HER FAVORITE
FORMER ROLES INCLUDE HUBERT
IN NUNSENSE, NUN #7 IN
SISTER ACT, AND MAMA OGRE
IN SHREK. THIS IS HER FIRST
SHOW AT THE EMPRESS AND SHE
IS SO GRATEFUL TO THE
PRODUCTION TEAM FOR
LETTING HER JOIN THIS PARTY!



GABRIELA
RODRIGUEZ HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
INTRIGUED BY
THEATRE. GABY
LOVES BEING
CREATIVE
THROUGH ANY

OUTLET. SHE WAS BORN IN UTAH BUT IS HALF PUERTO RICAN AND LOVES THAT PART OF HER CULTURE. GABY SWIMS AND PLAYS WATER POLO. GABY IS AN ANIMAL LOVER AND LOVES SPENDING TIME WITH HER CHICKENS AND DUCKS.



Production Team Biographies



Chalese Craig Director

CHALESE CRAIG
IS SO GRATEFUL
FOR THIS
EXPERIENCE TO
DIRECT
SPONGEBOB THE

MUSICAL. SHE COULD NOT BE MORE EXCITED TO SHARE THIS PRODUCTION WITH THE EMPRESS THEATRE COMMUNITY. SHE COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER PRO TEAM, CAST AND VOLUNTEERS! THEY HAVE BUILT THIS MASSIVE SHOW TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND SHE COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD OF THAT, AND EACH OF THEM. CHALESE HAS FILLED MANY CAPACITIES AT THE EMPRESS INCLUDING; CHOREOGRAPHER, SALLY BROWN, STAGE MANAGER, MINNIE FAYE, EYT DIRECTOR, FAIRY GODMOTHER, SOUND TECH, MRS. TOTTENDALE SET COSTUME AND PROP TEAM, AND A TAP DANCING RAT. THIS ONE GOES OUT TO THE BEST GROUP OF BIKINI BOTTOM CITIZENS THERE EVER WILL BE AND ALL THE MANY PEOPLE THAT HELPED MAKE THIS PRODUCTION POSSIBLE! I SINCERELY LOVE YOU ALL!



Candice Jorgensen Music Director MUSIC HAS BEEN A BIG PART OF CANDICE'S

LIFE SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE AND IS GRATEFUL ANYTIME SHE CAN HELP OTHERS FIND THEIR LOVE OF MUSIC. SHE IS THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THIS AMAZING CAST ON THIS FUN SHOW. CANDICE HAS BEEN SEEN BEHIND THE STAGE AND ON THE STAGE FOR MANY YEARS AT THE EMPRESS, MIDVALE ARTS, HALE CENTRE THEATRE, ROGERS MEMORIAL, MURRAY CITY AND MORE. THANK YOU CHALESE, MY FELLOW DROWSY GAL, FOR ASKIG ME TO TAKE ON THIS JOURNEY WITH HER. THANK YOU FAMILY FOR ALL OF YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. IF YOU ENJOYED THIS SHOW, COME BACK AND AUDITION FOR FIDDLER ON THE ROOF IN MAY. ALL MY LOVE TO HUTCH, PERRIN, ATTICUS AND CECILY.





Elizabeth Dealan-de' Stage Manager

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ELIZABETH DEALAN-DÉ HAS EVER BEEN ON A PRODUCTION

TEAM AND IT HAS BEEN A TRULY UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE. IT HAS BEEN A WILD RIDE ON THIS SIDE OF THINGS AND SHE HAS LEARNED SO MUCH. SHE HAS ABSOLUTELY LOVED WATCHING THIS CAST GROW AND CREATE OUR VERY OWN BEAUTIFUL VERSION OF BIKINI BOTTOM. SHE COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD OF AND GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED BRING THIS STORY TO LIFE. IT HAS BEEN SUCH AN INCREDIBLY REWARDING EXPERIENCE AND SHE WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD. TRULY EVERY PERSON IN THE CAST AND CREW AND SEVERAL PARENTS OF THE CAST EACH HAVE A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN ELIZABETH'S HEART. SHE JUST WANTS TO SAY TO ALL OF THEM "THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU. WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS HOW PROUD I AM OF ALL OF YOU. I LOVE YOU ALL SO FRICKIN MUCH"



Chip Bunker Assistant Director

CHIP BUNKER IS A DINOSAUR

LOVING, THEATRE KID WHO CARES DEEPLY ABOUT THOSE HE LOVES AND HIS FAVORITE FOOD IS BRUSSLE SPROUTS! HIS PAST CREDITS INCLUDE VLAD VLADIKOFF IN 'SEUSSICAL', THE CENTURY IN 'THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL', AND THE MIC TECH FOR LAST YEAR'S EYT 'SEUSSICAL JR'. HE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HIS WIFE, EDLENA MITCHELL, FOR INTRODUCING HIM TO THE EMPRESS AND CHALESE FOR GIVING HIM THIS OPPORTUNITY! ENJOY THE SHOW!





AnnaJune Ellis Costumer SEWING IS ONE OF THE THINGS ANNAJUNE ELLISS LOVES

TO DO. EVERYTHING FROM COSTUMES TO QUILTING. THIS IS HER FIRST SHOW HELPING SO DIRECTLY WITH COSTUMES (LOTS OF HELP ON A SMALLER SCALE FOR FRIENDS, ELEMENTARY SHOWS, AND EYT). HER FAVORITE THING TO MAKE FOR THIS SHOW WERE THE SARDINE COSTUMES, YAY TIE DYING! WHEN SHE IS NOT SEWING YOU WILL FIND HER TEACHING PIANO AND SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY. MANY THANKS TO JUSTIN FOR HELPING AND LISTENING WHILE SHE DID ALL THIS (AND ENDURING THE SPARKLY FABRIC EVERYWHERE). THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH COSTUMES (ESPECIALLY CHERYL).



Cheryl Cripps Wig Design

CHERYL IS SO EXCITED TO HAVE WORKED ON THIS FABULOUS SHOW!

CHERYL HAS BEEN STYLING WIGS FOR 6 YEARS. A SELF PROCLAIMED "WIG-ZARD" (WIG WIZ-ARD!), CHERYL IS USUALLY PLAYING WITH HAIR WHEN NOT ON THE STAGE HERSELF. YOU MIGHT HAVE SEEN SOME OF HER WORK RECENTLY IN SWEENY TODD, BRIGHT STAR, AND A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE. HER FAVORITE SHOWS HAVE BEEN BEAUTY AND THE BEAST AND SHREK. SHE HOPES YOU ENJOY THE SHOW!







David Bruner Lighting/Set Design

DAVID BRUNER IS HAPPY TO BE DESIGNING

PRODUCTION. WITH OVER 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, HE HAS DESIGNED A VARIETY OF SETS AND BEAUTIFUL LIGHTS FOR PRODUCTIONS ALL OVER THE VALLEY, MOST RECENTLY INCLUDING SISTER ACT, SCARLET PIMPERNEL, FREAKY FRIDAY, SHREK THE MUSICAL, INTO THE WOODS, THE MUSIC MAN, AND FOOTLOOSE. MUCH LOVE TO HIS AMAZING GIRLFRIEND, CELESTE, HIS CO-DESIGNER, AND RIGHT HAND (WO)MAN.





Edlena Mitchell Sound Tech

EDLENA
MITCHELL IS AN
AVIATION
LOVING, MUSICAL
THEATRE
ENTHUSIAST WHO

LOVES HELPING PEOPLE. MITCHELL HAS BEEN ACTING SINCE SHE WAS 2 YEARS OLD AND THIS IS HER SECOND SHOW IN THE TECH BOOTH. SHE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE GIRL SCOUTS, CIVIL AIR PATROL, AND AT VARIOUS THEATRES. HER DAY JOB IS SUBSTITUTE TEACHING AND SHE'S WORKING ON GETTING HER DEGREE FROM SUU TO TEACH HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY, SHE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HER FAMILY FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING HER INTERESTS, HER HUSBAND (CHIP) FOR TAGGING ALONG ON HER WILD ADVENTURES, AND CHALESE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO RUN MICS.





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Feburary 10

April 5

Spongebob

April 20

May 11

Evita

May 25

June 15

SKY

June 22

July 12

HONK

July 20

July 27

MERMAID

August 10

August 31

Fidal 27 on the Roof

September 14

October 5

Something Rotten

October 19

November 9

INTO THE WOODS

November 23

August 24

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