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The Junior Advisory Board (JAB for short) is a group of 10th-12th graders with a passion for the performing arts and for serving the Spartanburg Youth Theatre (SYT). JAB members apply for a spot on the board and must have been involved onstage or backstage in at least two previous SYT productions before they can apply.

JAB exists to allow the youth to have a voice at SYT. They give the SYT director valuable input regarding shows and productions. JAB also provides extensive services to the theatre, including but not limited to assisting with auditions and audition workshops, participating in at least two SYT productions each season, and producing the annual Senior Showcase.

Each May rising 10th-12th graders interested in applying for JAB will have the opportunity to submit an application that will be posted to the SYT website and Facebook page.

2023-2024 SEASON

Roald Dahl's
Matilda
The Musical JR

OCTOBER 13-15, 2023

Book by Dennis Kelly. Music & Lyrics by Tim Minchin. Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence...and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, Miss Honey. However, the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, despises children and loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage, cleverness, and extraordinary imagination that will lead her classmates to revolt and take back their freedom!

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FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024

Music and Lyrics by Elton John & Tim Rice. Additional Music and Lyrics by Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer. Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi. Simba, a naive and curious lion cub, struggles to find his place in nature's great circle of life. After being forced into exile by his evil and greedy uncle, Scar, Simba meets hilarious friends Timon & Pumbaa, and with their help, overcomes great fear and adversity to take his rightful place as ruler of the Pride Lands.

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APRIL 12-14, 2024

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A Word from SYT

As I enter my ninth season as Artistic Director at SYT, I can't help but reflect on the significant growth I've seen at this organization over the years. I have been privileged to watch as children grow quite literally in height, and more practically in maturity and skill. The bittersweet part of observing that growth means I experience immense pride and joy in watching these children develop, but eventually I must also say goodbye to them and see them off as they enter their next journey into college.

But isn't that how growth works? Growth is necessary and good, but can come with a little hardship and bittersweet emotions. The productions in our 2023-2024 season truly exemplify growth in every aspect. In *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.*, Matilda grows in confidence and intelligence as she stands up to Miss Trunchbull. In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge grows in compassion and empathy as he faces his potential fate and the hard truth about what others think of him. In *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, Simba matures and grows from a young cub to a King of his land as he faces his past trauma and grief. In *The Rainbow Fish*, Rainbow Fish must face his own arrogance and selfishness in order to grow into a fish who is willing to share and give. The growth these character's experience come with hard work and even loss, but what they receive in return is worth the trial.

Seeing SYT grow over 8 years has come with its own hardship, but more importantly many joys! Due to our continued growth, this season we have added a new member to our staff. It is my pleasure to welcome staff member Maddie Tisdell as our Education Coordinator! She will help accommodate the incredible demand we're seeing in our school time performances, public performances and in our conservatory classes and workshops. This season we will also be growing our outreach as we launch *SYT on Tour* in the spring. This tour will provide opportunities for theatre to influence and impact young children's lives all over the county!

We're so grateful to you, our patrons. You are the key reason why SYT continues to grow. Thank you for supporting us, believing in us, and growing with us!



Adam Sanders
Artistic Director

Director's Note

I have always been just like Matilda. Ok, not the telekinetic powers part! But bravery, strength, independence, and care for others have always been parts of me that I have leaned into.

The opportunity to direct *Matilda Jr.* was presented to me at a very interesting time in my life when I was feeling more like Miss Honey...still kind and warm, but feeling very small, insecure, and unworthy. I needed something that would snap me out of it and open my eyes to realize, as Matilda would say, "that's not right!"

Working, playing, and imagining with these kids for the past two months has truly lifted me up. Seeing them come into rehearsal after a bad day and watching how they rally together to encourage, celebrate, and care for one another has been such a light for me. They listen to one another. They support each other. They let each other know it's going to be ok and then they get to work and play together. All the love, care and hard work that they have put into this show and into each other has brought me such peace. This cast has taught me that it is perfectly acceptable to feel a little like Miss Honey, but that when it's time, you can rally together, find your inner Matilda, listen to the *quiet*, and then *REVOLT!*

Ahsha Daniels
Guest Director, *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.*

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CAST OF **CHARACTERS**

Matilda	Selah Rodriguez	6th	Dawkins Middle
Agatha Trunchbull	Neilie Chappell	12th	Dorman High
Mr. Wormwood	Jaiden Nolan*	11th	Dorman High
Mrs. Wormwood	Cookie Miller	12th	Greenville Fine Arts Center
Miss Honey	Ava Hisker	12th	Byrnes High
Mrs. Phelps	Alex Richards*	10th	Dorman High
Michael/Ensemble	Strong Jones	9th	Fountain Inn High
Acrobat/Ensemble	Ensley Karow*	11th	Landrum High
Escapologist/ Rudolpho/Ensemble	Evan Wood	10th	Dorman High
Sergei/Ensemble	Dylan Morrison	11th	Governor's School of Sciene & Math
Alice	Grace Clary*	5th	Berry Shoals Intermediate
Amanda	Felicity Ferguson	6th	Spartanburg Day
Bruce	Ben Rodriguez*	4th	Woodland Heights Elementary
Eric	Benjamin Davis*	7th	Homeschool
Hortensia	Keaton Smith*	3rd	Wyldeyde Academy Homeschool
Lavender	Anneliese Price*	4th	Bell's Crossing Elementary
Nigel	Hayden Huss*	6th	Berry Shoals Intermediate
Tommy	Judah Suits*	5th	Pine Street Elementary
Ensemble/ Dance Captain	Olivia Marsh	8th	Dawkins Middle
Ensemble	Nicole Marin	12th	Dorman High
	Adri Patterson	11th	Dorman High
	Sophie Varner*	11th	Dorman High
	Aisley Zare*	9th	St. Joseph's Catholic School

* SYT Debut

Roald Dahl's
Matilda
The Musical, Jr.

PRODUCTION **CREW**

Director	AHSHA M. DANIELS
Stage Manager	SIDNEY DAVIS, 11th, Spartanburg High
Assistant Stage Manager	BELLA SCOTT, 10th, Homeschool
Music Director	ALEXA COTRAN
Choreographer	TIFFANY AUSTIN
Scenic Designer	TIM BAXTER-FERGUSON
Costume Designer	KELLY CASTEEL
Lighting Designer	PETER LAMSON
Properties Master	ABIGAIL SNOW
Specialty Props	VICKI GLEMBOCKI, Triple Threat Design
Dialect Coach	LAURA LUMETTA
Dance Captain	OLIVIA MARSH
Scenic Painters	JADE ALFORD, JEREMY KEMP, ADAM SANDERS
Sound Consultant	TREY HENDON
Poster Design	PETER B. KAY
Photography	WENDY MCCARTY
Stage Crew	EOWYN CONNOR*, 7th, Homeschool GIGI HALL, 10th, Chesnee High MATTHEW HANSEN, 12th, Dorman High ADDIE HUSS*, 9th, Byrnes Freshman Academy DESTINY MCCORVEY*, 12th, Dorman High BELLA RECTOR, 12th, Spartanburg High JOHN WESLEY SCOTT*, 11th, Homeschool DELANEY ZIBELL, 8th, Gable Middle

* SYT Crew Debut


SPECIAL **THANKS**

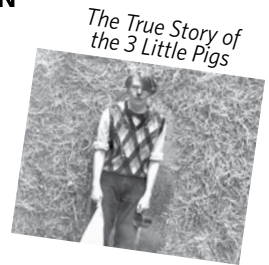
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SCENES & **MUSICAL NUMBERS**

ACT ONE

PROLOGUE: BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miracle School Kids, Parents

SCENE 1: THE WORMWOOD'S LIVING ROOM

SCENE 2: MATILDA'S BEDROOM

Naughty Matilda

SCENE 3: THE LIBRARY

Acrobat Story I Matilda, Escapologist, Acrobat

SCENE 4: THE SCHOOL GATES

School Song Kids

SCENE 5: TRUNCHBULL'S OFFICE

The Hammer Trunchbull, Miss Honey, Little Kids

SCENE 6: THE WORMWOOD'S HOUSE

Naughty (Reprise) Matilda

SCENE 7: THE PLAYGROUND AT SCHOOL

The Chokey Chant Kids

SCENE 8: WORMWOOD MOTORS & THE WORMWOOD HOUSE

This Little Girl Miss Honey

SCENE 9: THE LIBRARY

Acrobat Story II Matilda, Escapologist, Acrobat

SCENE 10: MISS HONEY'S CLASSROOM

Bruce Kids, Trunchbull, Miss Honey

ACT TWO

SCENE 1: THE LIBRARY

Acrobat Story III Matilda, Escapologist, Acrobat

SCENE 2: A PARK

When I Grow Up Kids, Miss Honey

SCENE 3: THE WORMWOOD HOUSE

Acrobat Story IV Matilda, Escapologist, Acrobat

SCENE 4: SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

The Smell Of Rebellion Trunchbull, Kids

Quiet Matilda

SCENE 5: MISS HONEY'S HOUSE

SCENE 6: MISS HONEY'S CLASSROOM

Revolting Children Kids

EPILOGUE: THE WORMWOOD HOUSE

MEET THE CAST

NEILIE CHAPPELL (Trunchbull) is SO excited to play The Trunchbull! She is a senior at Dorman High School. She plans to attend Newberry College next year to pursue a major in psychology and a minor in theatre. She loves singing in the choir at Dorman and being on JAB! She wants to shout out to her family, friends, all her supporters, and fellow cast members!

GRACE CLARY (Alice) is ten years old and currently a student at Berry Shoals Intermediate School. Grace has been involved in musical theatre since she was 5 years old. She loves to dance, sing, and act and has been involved in two productions at Abner Creek Academy. This is her first production with SYT!

BENJAMIN DAVIS (Eric) is excited to make his SYT debut! Benjamin is twelve years old and has Poland Syndrome. He is very excited for the opportunity to be in this musical. Benjamin is in the 7th grade and his favorite subjects are math and science. He would like to thank his parents for their support, and his sister for her help getting prepared. He would also like to thank SYT for the opportunity to be in this musical.

FELICITY FERGUSON (Amanda) is a 6th grader at Spartanburg Day School. She has two rabbits, two dogs, and two siblings. After performing at SYT in *Elf in the Musical Jr.* in 2021, she is thrilled to be back on stage with SYT in one of her favorite musicals. Look for her next year in the upcoming *Storybook Live!* production of *Ricky the Rock Who Couldn't Roll*, which filmed this summer. Hugs to all her friends and family.

AVA HISKER (Miss Honey) is so excited to be participating in another SYT Production! Ava was most recently seen on the SYT stage as Red Dragon in *Dragons Love Tacos*, as Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*, and Ensemble in *Annie Jr.* Ava also played Mrs. Tottendale in SYT's summer blackbox production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Ava attends Byrnes High School and is excited to spend her senior year onstage! Ava would like to thank her friends, family, and SYT for all the support and love they show her!

HAYDEN HUSS (Nigel) has been in many Inman Community Theatre and school productions, with his favorite roles including Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web* and Jack in *Into the Woods*. Hayden is a student at Berry Shoals Intermediate School where he serves as Beta Club President. He is new to SYT and is humbled and grateful to work with such an amazing cast. He would like to thank his parents, sister Addie, grandmother, and fantastic teachers for their continued love and support.

STRONG JONES (Michael/Ensemble) is 15 years old and a freshman at Fountain Inn High School. He has been doing theatre since 2019 and he is very excited to be a part of another SYT production. Some of Strong's favorite past roles include Donkey in *Shrek the Musical*, Terk in *Tarzan*, Specs in *Disney's Newsies Jr.*, and Gangster 1 in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Strong would like to thank his family for their constant love and support.

ENSLEY KAROW (Acrobat/Ensemble) is thrilled to be in her first SYT production. She was in the ensemble in *Disney's The Lion King Jr.* at Greer Children's Theatre and has participated in theatre productions at Landrum High School. Her favorite role-to-date is Patrick in *SpongeBob the Musical*. Ensley loves spending time with her rescue cat, Ali. She is thankful to SYT for this amazing opportunity.

NICOLE MARIN (Ensemble) has been a part of SYT for a year. Her favorite roles include JoJo in *Disney's Newsies Jr.* at SYT, Gabriella in *High School Musical Jr.* at Dorman, and Judy in *9 to 5 the Musical* at Dorman. Nicole is a senior at Dorman High School, and her favorite subjects are math and theatre. She would like to thank her parents, directors, and friends for all the love and support.

OLIVIA MARSH (Ensemble/Dance Captain) is an 8th grader at Dawkins Middle School. This is her first role in a musical at SYT. Previous SYT credits include *Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook*, *Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat*, and *Charlotte's Web*. She has also crewed for *Annie* and *Disney's Newsies Jr.* Olivia would like to thank her parents and family for all their support. She would also like to thank Ms. Ahsha, Mrs. Tiffany, Ms. Alexa, and Mr. Adam for this opportunity.

COOKIE MILLER (Mrs. Wormwood) is very excited to be back on the SYT stage! She is a senior at the Fine Arts Center in Greenville. She has played many roles, but she was last seen at SYT in *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *Disney's Newsies Jr.* She would like to give a HUGE thank you to the entire production team for all they do and to her castmates for always being so kind and motivating.

DYLAN MORRISON (Sergei/Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of *Matilda Jr.* He was previously seen at SYT in *Disney's Newsies Jr.* as Oscar Delancy. Dylan is currently enrolled in the Online Governors School of Science and Mathematics. Dylan wants to dedicate this performance to his late drama teacher Mrs. Bohmer.

JAIDEN NOLAN (Mr. Wormwood) is making his SYT debut! He is a junior at Dorman High School and has been in many shows at Dorman, his favorite roles including Josh Newstead in *9 to 5* and Jack Scott in *High School Musical Jr.* He would like to thank his family and friends for their love and support.

ADRI PATTERSON (Ensemble) is an 11th grader at Dorman High School and is excited to be back on the SYT stage! Adri was last seen at SYT in *Disney's Newsies Jr.* as Nancy, and has also participated in many productions with the Dorman Theatre Department. She would like to thank her parents for their continuous love and support.

ANNELIESE PRICE (Lavender) is thrilled to be making her SYT debut! Some of her favorite roles include Gretl in *The Sound of Music* at South Carolina Children's Theatre and Rumpleteazer in *CATS* at Mauldin Theatre Company. Anneliese is a 4th grade Greenville County Schools honor student. She is appreciative of her friends and family who always support her endeavors, and sends out a special thanks to her voice instructor, Angie Meehan.

ALEX RICHARDS (Mrs. Phelps) is making her SYT debut! Alex is a 10th grader at Dorman and would like to thank their mom and friends for always supporting them.

SELAH RODRIGUEZ (Matilda) is excited to be part of another SYT production. She was most recently seen as Girl in *Dragons Love Tacos*. Selah is a 6th grader at Dawkins Middle School where she plays violin in the orchestra and participates in Art Visions. In her free time, Selah enjoys reading and writing, playing piano, and playing one-on-one basketball games with her brother.

BEN RODRIGUEZ (Bruce) was inspired by his sister, Selah, to get involved in theater! He is excited to make his SYT debut. Ben is a 4th grader at Woodland Heights Elementary and his favorite subjects are math, science, social studies, and physical education. In his free time, Ben enjoys playing baseball and video games.

KEATON SMITH (Hortensia) is making her SYT debut, although she's been performing for family and friends her entire life. Keaton is in the 3rd grade at Wyldeyde Academy homeschool. Her favorite subjects are science and history. Besides all thing theatre, her hobbies include chicken farming, learning foreign languages, and reading. She loves hanging out with her huge family and spending time with her friends from Grace Church.

JUDAH SUITS (Tommy) is a 5th grader at Pine Street Elementary. He is excited to be in his first SYT show. Judah loves reading, playing baseball and soccer, playing the viola, and staying active in his church: First Baptist Spartanburg. Judah is of the 3rd generation to perform on this stage! His dream is to play a villain one day, but his favorite role is big brother to Kirk and Annaleah.

SOPHIE VARNER (Mechanic/Cook/Ensemble) is so excited to be on stage for her first production at SYT! Sophie is an eleventh grader at Dorman High School where she is part of the philharmonic orchestra and plays the viola. Sophie has taken classes and camps with SYT since kindergarten, and most recently crewed *Dragons Love Tacos*. Sophie takes piano and voice lessons and loves to sing, exercise, and is learning to cook. Sophie sings in the choir at her church Bogansville UMC, and she looks forward to many more productions with SYT! Sophie would like to thank Adam, Ahsha, Sidney, and Bella for this opportunity. She would also like to thank her family and Miss Julia for their help and support. Break a leg guys!

EVAN WOOD (Escapologist/Rudolpho/Ensemble) is a member of SYT's Junior Advisory Board and is so excited to get to be a part of another show at SYT! His favorite credits include Seitz in *Disney's Newsies Jr.* at SYT, Dewayne in *9 to 5 the Musical* at Dorman, and The Vacationer in *Finding Nemo Jr.* at Dorman. He would like to thank all his supportive friends and family!

AISLEY ZARE (Ensemble) is thrilled to be participating in her first SYT show! She made her debut performance at Greenville Theatre playing Zuzu in *It's a Wonderful Life*. She also played Kate in *Annie* at the Mauldin Cultural Center. She is excited to return to theater and would like to thank her family for their support and encouragement. She would also like to send a huge thank you to the SYT production team for providing her with this awesome opportunity!

MEET THE CREW

EOWYN CONNOR is a homeschooled seventh grader. This is her first time helping with an SYT production. She likes reading, swimming, and drumming. She's grown up going to SYT plays and is very excited to be able to contribute to one. She wants to thank the production team for giving her the opportunity to be on the crew.

GIGI HALL is excited to crew this production. Gigi previously crewed *Dragons Love Tacos* at SYT.

MATTHEW HANSEN is a senior at Dorman High School and an experienced actor and techie. He has served on the technical crew for 4 productions between SYT and Dorman Theatre. His team also placed first in the 2022 SCTA Technical Olympics. He would like to thank his friends and family for their love and support, as well as his directors for allowing him this opportunity.

ADDIE HUSS is a 9th grader at Byrnes Freshman Academy and is excited to crew for the first time with SYT! She enjoys singing, reading, playing piano, and acting. She also enjoys spending time with friends and family.

DESTINY MCCORVEY is a senior at Dorman High School and is thrilled to be making her SYT crew debut in *Matilda the Musical Jr.*! Destiny is a part of the Dorman Theatre Department where she most recently stage managed their summer production of *Finding Nemo Jr.* Destiny would like to thank her friends, family, and colleagues for supporting her as she's grown in her theatre journey.

BELLA RECTOR is excited to crew her ninth show at SYT. She is a senior at Spartanburg High School, a member of the Junior Advisory Board, and a member of the United Way Youth Philanthropy Board. Some of her favorite crewing credits include *Elf the Musical Jr.* and *Disney's Freaky Friday the Musical*.

JOHN WESLEY SCOTT is very excited to crew his first show! He would like to thank his sister for getting him into theatre in the first place, his parents for working so hard, and his cat for constantly encouraging him in his own special, annoying way.

DELANEY ZIBELL is an honors student at Gable Middle School. Her hobbies include playing violin and crewing for SYT and Dorman Theatre. She is very happy to be crewing *Matilda* with her friends.

MEET THE PRODUCTION TEAM

AHSHA M. DANIELS (DIRECTOR) was born and raised in Columbia, SC and holds a BA from the University of South Carolina Upstate. Ahsha has returned to the Upstate after completing Horizon Theatre's Acting Apprenticeship in Atlanta, GA. She most recently directed *Once on this Island* at SC Children's Theatre, and *Project Dawn* at Furman. Upcoming: *The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963* (SC Children's Theatre), *Beautiful: The Carol King Musical* (Centre Stage). Ahsha is so glad to be back with the SYT family! Break legs, maggots!

ADAM SANDERS (SYT DIRECTOR) has been SYT Director since 2015 and relishes directing the program that he grew up in. He previously taught and directed at the SC Children's Theatre in Greenville, SC. Some of his favorite directing credits include *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Disney's Newsies Jr.*, *Godspell Jr.*, *Disney's Freaky Friday the Musical*, *Elf the Musical Jr.*, *Disney's Aladdin Jr.*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Seussical Jr.*, and many more. While he loves his theatre roles, his favorite role is being husband to his favorite human in the world: his wife Kelsey. Galatians 2:20.

SIDNEY DAVIS (STAGE MANAGER) is currently a junior at Spartanburg High School. She was last seen on stage in *Alice in Wonderland* at SYT and *The Crucible* at Spartan High. She was last seen behind the scenes as crew as the ASM for the *Drowsy Chaperone* and for *Newsies Jr* at SYT. She is super excited to be stage managing *Matilda* and thinks it has been a dream come true. She would like to thank Adam, Ahsha and her friends and family for their support on this journey.

BELLA SCOTT (ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER) is thrilled to be back at SYT (after a VERY hot summer)! She has participated in numerous productions, her favorites including *Disney's Freaky Friday the Musical*, *Disney's Newsies Jr.*, and *Dragons Love Tacos*. This is her first time assistant stage managing and is loving every second of it! She is a homeschooler and science addict, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

ALEXA COTRAN (MUSIC DIRECTOR) is thrilled to be involved as the musical director for SYT's production of *Matilda*. Alexa is a Columbia, SC native, and currently works as the Assistant Director of Choral Activities at Spartanburg High School. Alexa holds a B.M. in music education with a vocal performance certificate from the University of South Carolina Honors College, as well as a Master of Music in choral conducting from Mercer University. Outside of teaching, Alexa has loved performing since she was a child. She has been involved in performances at Town Theatre, in the Broadway Bound Theatre Company, Opera at USC, and Mercer University Opera. Break a leg to this awesome cast and remember that "sometimes you have to be a little bit naughty!"

TIFFANY AUSTIN (CHOREOGRAPHER) has been in multiple Spartanburg Little Theatre productions including, *The Music Man*, *Mary Poppins*, *Legally Blonde*, and *The Little Mermaid*. She has worked as Dance Captain for Spartanburg Little Theatre's production of *Smokey Joe's Cafe* and *The Rocky Horror Show*. She has attended summer intensives for The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and The American Ballet Theatre, where she performed as a demi-soloist. Tiffany is thrilled to be a part of this production and to share her passion for dance with others. "The world is your stage!"

DR. TIM BAXTER-FERGUSON (SCENIC DESIGNER) teaches theatre at Landrum High School and was previously the chair of theatre at Limestone University. He has worked professionally as a scenic designer for over a decade. Previous designs for SYT include *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Grace for President*, and *Charlotte's Web*. He will also be designing the set for SYT's *A Christmas Carol* this season.

KELLY CASTEEL (COSTUME COORDINATOR) is excited to be assisting with her first SYT production as costumer designer. She would like to thank Ahsha and Adam for the opportunity, and she hopes to be a part of more production teams in the future. Congratulations to the cast and crew on this wonderful show!

ABIGAIL SNOW (PROPERTIES MASTER) is a native of Woodruff SC and is a graduate of Converse University where she holds a Bachelor of Arts in history and theatre. She is the Special Events Coordinator at USC Upstate. Prior to being a part of SYT's production teams, Abigail was an intern for SYT. Her most recent work was seen in SYT's *Disney's Newsies Jr.* as properties master. She is so excited to be a part of the SYT team once again with this wonderful production!

LAURA LUMETTA (DIALECT COACH) has been performing since age 6, and has gone from on stage to off, now focusing on different aspects of technical theatre. With skills from stage management to scenic design, she is growing as an artist and learning the ropes of multiple branches of theatre. After her graduation from Converse University this coming spring, Laura Lumetta will move on to pursue technical theatre professionally.

JADE ALFORD (SCENIC PAINTER) is so excited to be working with SYT again. She has a BFA in musical theatre from Limestone College. She previously designed props for SYT's *Annie Jr.* and *Dragons Love Tacos*. Her scenic painting credits at SYT include *Charlotte's Web*, *Annie Jr.*, *Disney's Newsies Jr.*, and *Dragons Love Tacos*.

JEREMY KEMP (SCENIC PAINTER) is part of a full-service graphics art team, Kemp & Kemp, who delivers a unified approach from a tenured talented team. Jeremy specializes in hand painted signs, vinyl work, pinstriping and murals. His work can be seen throughout Spartanburg in locations such as Willy Taco, Flock Shop, Wade's Resturant, Cribbs Kitchen, and more.

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PETER LAMSON (Lighting Designer/Technical Director) has worked with SLT/SYT since 2010. Prior to his arrival in Spartanburg, Peter worked with several theatre companies in Wilmington, NC, including City Stage, Tapestry Theatre Company, and at historic Thalian Hall. Peter relishes working with talented directors, actors, and other designers in order to solve the different challenges each production presents in order to be successful.

MADDIE TISDEL (Education Coordinator) is thrilled for her first season as Education Coordinator for the Spartanburg Youth Theatre! She graduated from Converse University in 2018 with a BA in musical theatre and history and has worked in the Upstate theatre community ever since. You can see her onstage at The Warehouse Theatre and South Carolina Children's Theatre, as well as directing for SYT and SLT. She would like to thank her family, friends, and Austin and Al for helping her make her dreams possible.

JAY E. COFFMAN (Director/Executive Artistic Director) most recently directed last season's *Bright Star* and *RENT*. Other favorite directorial credits include *Sister Act*, *We Will Rock You*, *Sh-Boom!*, and *The Rocky Horror Show*. In past seasons he has occasionally appeared on stage in *Legally Blonde* (Dad/Winthrop), *Blithe Spirit* (Charles Condomine), and *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and then some!)*. A native of Southern California and former senior instructor of German at USC Upstate, Jay is in his 16th year as SLT's executive artistic director.

JENNY BONNER (Media Coordinator) is a visual artist, as well as an instructor in studio art and art history at USC Upstate. She holds an MFA in painting & sculpture from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a BFA in painting and drawing from The Ohio State University. This summer, her artists collective, *Banded Wilderness*, permanently installed their site-specific sculpture-with-sound in Raleigh, NC, after it was acquired by the City. (You can check it out at Baileywick Park if you are ever in the area!) Jenny enjoys making props and other adornments for the shows at SLT when the opportunities arise and is so excited to see what this season holds! Outside of work, she enjoys running trails and spending time with her pup, Dame Maggie Smith.

OLIVER ELLIS (Scene Shop Foreman) is excited to start his second season with SLT. He has worked with local companies such as Greenville Light Opera Works and Ballet Spartanburg and graduated from Converse College in 2020. He is glad to be given the opportunity to grow in theatre here!



Break a LEG

NEILIE CHAPPELL

Agatha Trunchbull never looked or sounded so great! Wow! You are truly a STAR! We love you and are oh so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Claire

GRACE CLARY

We are so incredibly proud of all your hard work! We hope you have the best time, and we know you'll be amazing.

Love, Mommy, Daddy, Elliott, Isaac, Mimi, Abe, and Gigi



Break a LEG



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BENJAMIN DAVIS

You are our miracle. Have a great performance.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Romaine

FELICITY FERGUSON

"Break a Leg" to Felicity and all her REVOLTING friends!

The Ferguson Family ♥



Break a LEG

AVA HISKER

To MY "unbelievably precocious child,"
I am so very proud of you. May you
experience joy in all that you do.

Love, Dad



Break a LEG



Break a LEG

STRONG JONES

We are so proud of you! We are in
awe of the dedication you put into
every show and the joy you get from
doing what you love. Another great
show with your SYT family.

We Love You! Your biggest fans!

Love, Mom and Dad

ENSLEY KAROW

Have an amazing performance!
We are proud of you!

Mom and Daddy



Break a LEG



Break a LEG

OLIVIA MARSH

Congrats on your first SYT musical!

We are super proud of you
and all your hard work.

Lots of love from Mom, Dad,
Ella Grace and Alle Marie



COOKIE MILLER

I'm so proud of you! Break a leg!

Love, Mom ♥

Break a LEG

JAIDEN NOLAN

We are so proud of you.
Keep shining!

Love, Mom, Dad & JoJo



Break a LEG



ADRI PATTERSON

We are so proud of you and
love seeing you shine on stage!

Love, Dad, Mom, Cooper,
Londynn, and Emory

Break a LEG

ANNELIESE PRICE

Twinkle, twinkle, shining star,
how very proud of you we are!

Love, Mom, Dad, Mimi,
Grandma, and Popaw



Break a LEG

ALEX RICHARDS

Words cannot express how proud I am of you. You have gone from that shy little girl who was scared to speak in front of people to the amazing flower you have blossomed into who is not afraid of anything!!! You are going to do great things and I will be here to support and cheer you on every step of the way!!! YOU GOT THIS!!!!!!

Love you forever and always, Mom



Break a LEG



SELAH & BEN RODRIGUEZ

Selah & Ben ~

We are excited to see you on stage as Matilda and Bruce! We love you and we are so proud of you!

Love, Memommy & Papa

Break a LEG

SELAH & BEN RODRIGUEZ

We are so proud of all your hard work over these last couple of months and can't wait to see you on stage together!

We love you bunches!

Love ~
Mom and Mia



Break a LEG



BELLA SCOTT

We are so proud of you!
You Got This!!!

Love, Your Whole Crazy Family

Break a LEG

SOPHIE VARNER

Even if you are little...you can do a lot!
You have shown us that!! We are so proud of you! Break a leg Sophie-bug!
We love you!
Mama and Daddy



Break a LEG



SOPHIE VARNER

"Everyone is born but not everyone is born the same." You were born a one-woman show bro! Good luck being a mechanic, and cook, and big kid, and Russian, and the ensemble!

Love, Broski

Break a LEG

AISLEY ZARE

Enjoy every minute!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Team Zare



Break a LEG



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