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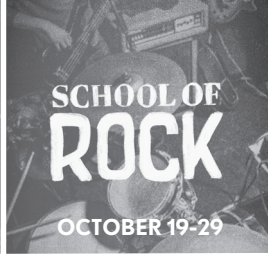
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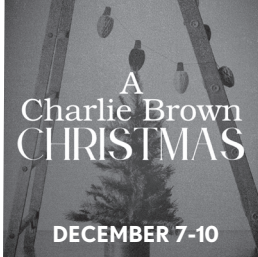
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THE FLAMING LIPS, LADY ANTEBELLUM, CYNDI LAUPER,
JOHN LEGEND, PANIC! AT THE DISCO, PLAIN WHITE T'S,
THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS, T.I.**

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ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY TOM KITT

MUSICAL PRODUCTION CONCEIVED BY TINA LANDAU

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CHOREOGRAPHER
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PRODUCTION NOTES

Welcome to the Hershey Area Playhouse! It is my delight to welcome you to *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition*, our latest main-stage production of the 2023 season. This season, we bring you stories that illustrate more than human nature, but human struggles made of vulnerability, fear, and hope. And while it might seem unlikely, I promise *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition* and this impressive youth cast will deliver just that!

Inspired by the beloved children's series, *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition* explores the complex relationship of best friends, small towns, and unexpected villains. There isn't much in this world that has more vulnerability, fear, and need for hope than the possibility of facing life's greatest challenges without your best friends or a supportive community. Thankfully here at the Playhouse, we have an incredible community and one that welcomes back dear friends while always opening the doors for new friends and collaborators. It has been a delight to watch the *SpongeBob* production team bring this endearing story to life, and we can't wait to cheer on all of our youth actors—many of whom are members of our Hershey Area Playhouse Theatre Academy!

As chair of the Board of the Hershey Area Playhouse, I wish to express my sincerest thanks to the many volunteers and current and past Board and Committee members who make performances like this a reality. Without their generosity of time, talent, and treasure, productions like these would not be possible. We follow a long line of dedicated individuals who have maintained a commitment to quality theatre in Central Pennsylvania. It is an honor to be a part of this tradition, and we thank you for your continued support. Please come back to visit us for our upcoming productions. If you like what you see today and are able to support our efforts, please consider sharing your own time, talent, and treasure at hersheyareaplayhouse.com.

**JASMINE AMMONS BUCHER,
BOARD CHAIR**

Welcome to Bikini Bottom! What a thrill it is to be presenting *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition* at the Hershey Area Playhouse. When asked if I could direct this show, I jumped at the opportunity, but frankly thought, SpongeBob? Not my favorite character, but I'll do it!

I can now honestly say that our underwater hero has won me over.

At our first rehearsal, I asked the students their thoughts on the theme of the show, as it's important to understand the story we are telling. Among the many thoughtful answers, a common theme emerged: acceptance. Could there be a better message to send to our children, especially in today's world?

SpongeBob, the eternal optimist, works together with his friends to save their beloved town. But SpongeBob is viewed as the underdog. Patrick literally lives under a rock. Sandy is an outcast. But the beauty of this story is that despite all our differences, if we look for the good in others, we really CAN change the world: together!

I am so grateful for the team of people it took to make this show come to life. I am especially indebted to my colleague and friend, Michelle, for taking on the bulk of this project with me! I'm amazed at Kristin's gift of choreography, Mary's costume genius, and Miguel, Trent, and Jeff's expertise with all things tech. Jeff and Carlton exceeded my expectations in bringing Bikini Bottom to life. And I owe an extra-special thanks to Jasmine Ammons Bucher and Jonathan Walker-VanKuren for their constant help and support along the way!

To all the performers, thank you for telling this story with me. Watching you bring this show to life has been a joy! You demonstrated a level of teamwork that would make SpongeBob and Patrick break out in song and dance. Now get out there and have the best show ever! (see what I did there!?).

The Bikini Bottom Way says, "All are welcome here." We're so glad that you're here! Enjoy the show!

**MARTHA PIERCE,
DIRECTOR**

CAST

FRENCH NARRATOR	<i>Quinn Whetstone</i>
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS	<i>Ben Silvis</i>
GARY	<i>Laney Gregorich</i>
PATRICK STAR	<i>Ryan Hosenfeld</i>
SQUIDWARD Q. TENTACLES	<i>Chase Garrison</i>
SANDY CHEEKS	<i>Charlotte Caples</i>
EUGENE KRABS (MR. KRABS)	<i>Chase Coulter</i>
SHELDON J. PLANKTON	<i>Tori Hepler</i>
KAREN PLANKTON	<i>Adele Hosenfeld</i>
PEARL KRABS	<i>Julia Aluquin</i>
PERCH PERKINS	<i>Heather Glasmire</i>
MAYOR OF BIKINI BOTTOM	<i>Anthony Petrou</i>
LARRY THE LOBSTER	<i>Jadiel Reyes</i>
OLD MAN JENKINS	<i>Stephen Petrou</i>
MRS. PUFF	<i>Gabrielle Marciniak</i>

ELECTRIC SKATES/SARDINE DEVOTEES

Polly Manning, Claire McCracken, Gianna Petrou, Claire Walker

ENSEMBLE

**(SEA CREATURES, TOWNFISH, GIRL FISH, COWBOY FISH, BFF LETTERS, CITIZENS,
CHORUS OF SPONGES, ANGRY MOB, SEA ANEMONES)**

*Addie Amhaz, Evie Bixler, Bellz Cali, Maya Cunningham,
Ellie Darowish, Sonia Dhakal, Gracie Dwyer, Nathan Garver
Chloe Gregorich, Claudia Hensil, Aarjavee Kandel, Arya Kandel,
Avani Mainali, Amelia Manning, Gabrielle Marciniak, Isla Mazur,
Annie McCracken, Harper Menegat, Elizabeth Joy Myers, Emma Pierce,
Noelle Reber, Emma Schade, Madelynn Schade, Emma Sprout,
Hannah Starr, Alexa Steltzer, Paige Tillett, Norah Thrush,
Ayla Treven, Kynleigh Whetstone, Mitchell Williams*

CREW

Claire Caples, Rachael Conley, Owen Mazur, Eliana Starr

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

*Corrie Gregorich, Nicole McCracken, Angela Menegat, Susan Spoljaric
Kelly Sprout, Karen Thrush, Nicole Williams-Myers, Allison Williams*

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES TO ANYONE INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM THE PROGRAM.

SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

SCENE 1: BIKINI BOTTOM

BIKINI BOTTOM DAY *Ensemble*
BFF *SpongeBob, Patrick, BFF Letters*

SCENE 2: BIKINI BOTTOM TOWN SQUARE

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH *Plankton, Ensemble*
(JUST A) SIMPLE SPONGE *SpongeBob, Chorus of Sponges*

SCENE 3: THE KRUSTY KRAB

DADDY KNOWS BEST *Krabs, Pearl*

SCENE 4: THE CHUM BUCKET/THE KRUSTY KRAB

SCENE 5: PATRICK'S ROCK

SCENE 6: BIKINI BOTTOM TOWN SQUARE

SCENE 7: JELLYFISH FIELDS

HERO IS MY MIDDLE NAME *SpongeBob, Sandy, Patrick*

SCENE 8: BIKINI BOTTOM TOWN SQUARE

SUPER SEA STAR SAVIOR *Sardine Devotees, Patrick, Sardine Chorus*

SCENE 9: BIKINI BOTTOM TOWN SQUARE

SCENE 10: BIKINI BOTTOM BANDSHELL

BIKINI BOTTOM BOOGIE *Electric Skates, Pearl*
I'M NOT A LOSER *Squidward, Sea Anemones*

SCENE 11: BIKINI BOTTOM BANDSHELL CONTINUED...

CHOP TO THE TOP *Sandy, SpongeBob*

SCENE 12: BIKINI BOTTOM TOWN SQUARE

BEST DAY EVER *SpongeBob, Patrick, Sandy, Ensemble*
FINALE: BIKINI BOTTOM DAY *Ensemble*
SPONGEBOB THEME SONG *Ensemble*

CAST



Julia
Aluquin



Addie
Amhaz



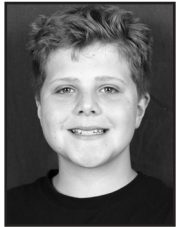
Evie
Bixler



Bellz
Cali



Charlotte
Caples



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Coulter



Maya
Cunningham



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Darowish



Sonia
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Gracie
Dwyer



Chase
Garrison



Nathan
Garver



Heather
Glasmire



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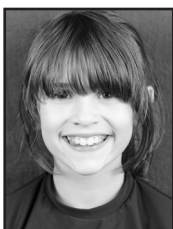
Aarjavee
Kandel



Arya
Kandel



Avani
Mainali



Amelia
Manning



Polly
Manning



Gabrielle
Marciniak



Isla
Mazur



Annie
McCracken



Claire
McCracken



Harper
Menegat



Elizabeth Joy
Myers



Anthony
Petrou



Gianna
Petrou



Stephen
Petrou



Emma
Pierce



Noelle
Reber



Jadiel
Reyes



Emma
Schade



Madelynn
Schade



Ben
Silvis



Emma
Sprout



Hannah
Starr



Alexa
Steltzer



Norah
Thrush



Paige
Tillett



Ayla
Treven



Claire
Walker



Kynleigh
Whetstone



Quinn
Whetstone



Mitchell
Williams

ABOUT THE CAST

JULIA ALUQUIN (PEARL) is ecstatic to be back on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage! Her most recent productions at HAP include *Cinderella: Youth Edition* (Ensemble) and *Lion King Jr.* (Sarabi). She has also been seen as Pilar in *Legally Blonde Jr.* and Jasmine in *Aladdin Jr.* Julia is a sophomore at Hershey High School and is involved with the musical and was dance captain for their previous production of *Oliver!* She also dances at One Broadway Dance Academy. She would like to thank her cast mates and directors for all of their hard work and this amazing opportunity. Most of all, she would like to thank her family for being her biggest supporters. She/her

ADDIE AMHAZ (ENSEMBLE) is excited to be performing for the first time on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage. She has been in numerous productions over the years, including starring as Spotty in *101 Dalmatians*. She also starred as a Jungle Citizen and a fish in *Seussical: Kids* with Mind Steward theater camp. Addie is in the 4th Grade at Palmyra Area School District. In her spare time, she enjoys playing the piano, gymnastics (the rings are her favorite!), kung fu, and softball. She/her

EVIE BIXLER (ENSEMBLE) is thrilled to be performing for real for the first time here! She's done numerous theater camps and small plays at the Playhouse but has never been in a real production. Last year she was in *Oliver!* at her high school in the ensemble. She'll be entering high school at Hershey High School next year and she has been continuously taking dance classes at HSD since the age of 5. She/her

BELLZ CALI (ENSEMBLE) is delighted to be returning to Hershey Area Playhouse. Recent/favorite credits include: *Cinderella: Youth Edition* at HAP and little girl in *Once On This Island* with State College of Florida. She is a homeschooled freshman in high school, originally from Florida. She loves art, science, animals, and roller coasters. She would like to thank the amazing cast and crew, as well as her supportive family and friends. She/her

CHARLOTTE CAPLES (SANDY CHEEKS) is ecstatic to be back on the HAP stage. Her first show ever was *Miracle on 34th Street* (DA's daughter) and has been seen on this stage in *Lion King Jr* (Rafiki) and *Cinderella: Youth Edition* (Stepmother). Some of her other favorite roles have included *Legally Blonde* (Elle Woods) at Lebanon Community Center and *The Secret Garden* (Mary Lennox) at Theatre Harrisburg. She is in 10th grade at Hershey High School and when not on stage she enjoys dancing at Hershey School of Dance and playing the guitar. She would like to thank her parents and sister for always supporting her! She/her

CHASE COULTER (MR. KRABS) is excited to be performing in his first production with Hershey Area Playhouse. He has previously appeared in Gamut Theatre's productions of *Wizard of Oz*, *Robin Hood*, and *As You Like It* and most recently Hershey High School's Spring Musical, *Oliver!* Chase is an 8th grade student at Hershey Middle School. In his free time, he enjoys playing the trombone, baseball, and spending time with friends, family, and his pets. He/him

MAYA CUNNINGHAM (ENSEMBLE) is very excited to perform in this production. She was last seen in *Cats Youth Edition* as Asparagus (Gus the Theater Cat) with Frances Mohler Dance. She has been in 8 shows over the past few years. One of her favorite roles was Leila in *Sally Sells Seashells* with Palmyra Theatre. She is in 9th grade at Palmyra Area High School, plays piano and some ukulele, and takes dance and theater at Frances Mohler Dance. She/her

ELLIE DAROWISH (ENSEMBLE) is excited to make her Hershey Area Playhouse debut in *SpongeBob!* She has performed in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in the childrens' choir at Theatre Harrisburg, and is a Hershey School of Dance ballet dancer. She enjoys playing softball and reading and is in 4th grade at Paxtonia Ele. She/her

SONIA DHAKAL (ENSEMBLE) plays piano at home and can sing Nepali and English songs. This is her first performance at the Hershey Area Playhouse! She/her

GRACIE DWYER (ENSEMBLE) is so grateful for the opportunity to perform on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage for the first time. She most recently performed for the first time as a Pride Rock dancer, in the production of the *Lion King Jr*. She is going into 6th grade at Saint Margaret Mary's School in Harrisburg. She has been a student at Tap n Arts dance studio for the past 8 years where she spends most of her time in musical theatre. This year's dance recital she was featured as Wednesday Addams in the group number, *The Addams Family*. Gracie is also a dedicated soccer and basketball player. She/her

CHASE GARRISON (SQUIDWARD Q. TENTACLES) is ecstatic to perform for the first time at the Hershey Area Playhouse. He was last seen in the Palmyra High School production of *Big Fish* as Dr. Bennet. Chase is a member of Palmyra High School's chess club, student council, and theatre program. Thank you to my awesome parents and Claudette for driving me everywhere! He/him

NATHAN GARVER (ENSEMBLE) is returning to the Hershey Area Playhouse stage for the second time. His previous appearance was for *Cinderella: Youth Edition* in which he portrayed the King. Some of Nathan's favorite shows have been with the HAP Hershey Gardens performances when he was Michael in *Peter Pan* and Prince Phillip in *Robin Hood*. Nathan also enjoyed his time in the *Jungle Book* at Gamut Theatre and *Annie, Jr.* through the Penguin Project at the Whitaker Center. He is in 6th grade at Hershey Middle School. When not on stage, Nathan loves to play the saxophone, make slime, and flip around. He/him

HEATHER GLASMIRE (PERCH PERKINS) is thrilled to be in her first production at the Hershey Area Playhouse! Past roles include Enid Hoopes (*Legally Blonde Jr.*) Ensemble/*(Big Fish)* Regina (*Rock of Ages: Youth Edition*), Wife/Egyptian (*Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*), Urleen (*Footloose Youth Edition*), FBI Agent #2 (*Anything Goes Youth Edition*). She is in 10th grade at Palmyra Area High School. She would like to thank all her friends and family for their support! She/her

CHLOE GREGORICH (ENSEMBLE) is overjoyed to be performing in her first show for the Hershey Area Playhouse. She is an 8th grade student at the Palmyra Area Middle School, where she has performed in several musicals. She was in the Ensemble for the youth editions of *Footloose* and *Rock of Ages*. Her most recent role was as a featured dancer in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* She is on the swim team and loves volleyball and Envirothon. She can also be seen in the upcoming film *Once Upon a Philly Christmas*. She/her

LANEY GREGORICH (GARY) is excited to be performing in her first show on the Hershey Area Playhouse Stage. She was last seen in the Ensemble of the youth version of *Rock of Ages* with Palmyra Theatre. She is a 6th grade student at the Palmyra Area Middle School. In addition to acting, singing and dancing, she loves writing and directing her screenplays. She can also be seen in the upcoming film *Once Upon A Philly Christmas*. She/her

CLAUDIA HENSIL (ENSEMBLE) is excited to make her debut on the Hershey Area Playhouse Stage. She has last been seen in Palmyra High School's production of *Big Fish, Aladdin Jr* at Lebanon Community Theater and other productions at Palmyra Area Middle School. She is a 9th grade student at Palmyra Area High School would like to thank cast, crew, directors, and her parents for making the show possible. She/her

TORI HEPLER (PLANKTON) is excited to be performing for the first time at the Hershey Area Playhouse. She most recently played Little Girl with Orange Cat and also was in the ensemble of *Big Fish* with Palmyra Theater. Tori is a senior at Palmyra Area High School and has been in numerous shows over the years. One of her favorite shows was *Kodachrome* where she played Young Woman. This is her second time performing in *SpongeBob* and she is excited to do this fun show again! She/her

ADELE HOSENFELD (KAREN PLANKTON) is excited to be appearing in *The SpongeBob Musical, Youth Edition*. She has been seen numerous times on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage in *Cinderella, Youth Edition* (Ensemble), *The Lion King, Jr.* (Zazu), *Dear Edwina, Jr.* (Aphrodite), and *The Homecoming* (Pattie Cake.) She was most recently seen on the Hershey High School stage as an orphan and member of Fagin's Gang in *Oliver*, and on the Hershey Middle School stage as Zeus in *Game of Myths*. She is a 9th grade student at Hershey High School and enjoys saxophone, marching band, choir and scouts. She wishes to thank her family, friends, teachers and directors and wishes everyone a great show! She/her

RYAN J. HOSENFELD (PATRICK STAR) is excited to participate in this musical. Having enjoyed how energetic this musical is since its conception, he has always wanted to perform in it. Every role would offer a unique and entertaining experience, and just being in the show in the first place is already a large source of excitement. Ryan is a seasoned actor, having multiple productions under his belt, such as playing Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast*, Bill Sykes in *Oliver!*, Mufasa in *The Lion King Jr.*, and is currently employed as an actor for the Hershey Trolley Works. He/him

AARJAVEE KANDEL (ENSEMBLE), 6th grader, is excited to perform on stage. She loves acting, singing and dancing. She/her

ARYA KANDEL (ENSEMBLE) is delighted to be in *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition*. She is a 3rd grader and loves to sing, dance and do arts/crafts. She/her

AVANI MAINALI (ENSEMBLE) is super excited to perform for the second time at Hershey Area Playhouse. Her passion towards the play has intensely developed since last year after playing in *Robin Hood* at Hershey Garden. She also has performed in *Cinderella*. Besides this, she loves ice skating, reading, gymnastic and hanging with friends. She is a quiet, calm, and diligent girl. This fall she can hardly wait to start sixth grade at Hershey Middle School. She deeply wants to thank *SpongeBob's* team for a chance to show her potential and help her grow in an area she is highly interested. She/her

AMELIA MANNING (ENSEMBLE) is happy to be returning to the Hershey Area Playhouse for the second time. She was last seen as Will's son in Palmyra Theatre's production of *Big Fish*. She's been in the ensemble for several other Palmyra Theatre productions including: *Rock of Ages: Youth Edition* and *The SpongeBob Musical*. Amelia just finished 3rd grade at Pine Street Elementary and hasn't stopped singing *SpongeBob* songs since 2022, she can't wait to sing them on stage! She/her

POLLY MANNING (ELECTRIC SKATE/SARDINE DEVOTEE) is happy to be back for her second performance at the Hershey Area Playhouse. Last summer she has her first show with HAP in *Cinderella*. Polly has had the pleasure of performing in the ensemble with Palmyra Theatre in *Big Fish*, *Rock of Ages: Youth Edition*, and *The SpongeBob Musical*. Polly is entering 6th grade at Palmyra Middle School and plays softball. She/her

GABRIELLE MARCINIAK (MRS. PUFF/ENSEMBLE) is thrilled to be in her first musical at Hershey Area Playhouse. She has participated in musicals and plays at Bishop McDevitt High school and also HCPAC. Gabby is a part of the McDevitt Chorale, choir, and band. She also enjoys being a cantor at her church on Sundays. Gabby would like thank her family, friends and teachers for all their help and support over the years! She/her

ISLA MAZUR (ENSEMBLE) is ecstatic to be performing in her first theater production ever! However, she is no stranger to the stage. She's been taking dance lessons and performing in dance shows with Palmyra Academy of Dance for six years. Her favorite styles of dance are tap, ballet, and hip hop. She is a fourth grader at Lingle Avenue Elementary, and her favorite subjects are science and art. While this may be her first time on the boards, she's sure it won't be her last. She's very thankful to the production team, especially Mrs. Pierce, for giving her this awesome opportunity. She/her

ANNIE MCCRACKEN (ENSEMBLE) is excited to perform for the first time on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage! She is a third grade student in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District, who has previously performed in Cedar Crest High School's productions of *Peter Pan* and *Oliver*. Annie does gymnastics, field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. Annie would like to thank Mrs. Pierce for this opportunity, as well as her family and friends for their support and encouragement! She/her

CLAIRE MCCRACKEN (ELECTRIC SKATE/SARDINE DEVOTEE) is thrilled to be on the stage of the Hershey Area Playhouse for the first time! She was last seen in Cedar Crest High School's production of *Oliver!* as a pickpocket and orphan. She has had previous roles on the same stage in *Peter Pan*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *A Christmas Carol*. Claire is a sixth grader at Cedar Crest Middle School. She participates in their Performing Arts club, and plays basketball and lacrosse. Claire would like to thank Mrs. Pierce for this opportunity, as well as her CLSD drama family for the support and encouragement. She/her

HARPER MENEGAT (ENSEMBLE) is very excited for her first show at Hershey Area Playhouse! Her previous musical roles include: Ensemble in *Once Upon A Mattress*, Ensemble in *Cinderella*, Pepper in *Annie Jr*, Ensemble in *The Wizard of Oz*, Ensemble in *The Happy Elf*, and Fiona in *Shrek Jr*. Outside of school, Harper takes voice lessons and loves to dance. Harper would like to thank her family and friends for their continuous support through her musical journey, and Dru Deitch for helping her improve as a singer and actress. She/her

ELIZABETH JOY MYERS (ENSEMBLE) is thrilled to be a part of the action for a second time at the Hershey Area Playhouse. Not only has she enjoyed theater camps with the playhouse, playing the Page in last summer's *Robin Hood* production at Hershey Gardens, but she was grateful to be a part of the ensemble for *Cinderella Youth Edition* last Fall. Elizabeth has been performing since Pre-K with Seedlings Theater in Henderson, NV where she played many roles, most notably, the Baby Kangaroo in *Seussical Jr.* and Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* She is a 5th grade student at Hershey Elementary School, enjoys basketball, reading, and playing her clarinet. She/her

ANTHONY PETROU (MAYOR OF BIKINI BOTTOM) is very excited to be back on the Hershey Area Playhouse Stage. He was in the Ensemble of *Cinderella* and played Jared Shapiro in *The Wedding Singer* all at HAP. He played Lonnie in *Rock of Ages Youth Edition* for Palmyra Theatre, and most recently played Pumbaa in *The Lion King Jr.* at St. Margaret Mary School this past April. He is in 6th grade at St. Margaret Mary School where he serves as Commissioner of Religious Activities on Student Council. He takes dance lessons at Tap n Arts Dance Studio. He would like to thank his family for all the love and support they give him for all he does. He/him

GIANNA PETROU (ELECTRIC SKATE/SARDINE DEVOTEE) is delighted to performing for the third time on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage. She has been in the ensemble of *The Wedding Singer* last summer, *The Herald in Cinderella*, and *9 to 5* at HAP. She has been in numerous productions over the years. She was Justice Charlier in the youth version of *Rock of Ages* with Palmyra Theatre. One of her most favorite roles was Young Amelie in *Amelie: Teen Edition!* She is a 9th grade student at Bishop McDevitt High School. She takes dance and acting lessons at Tap n Arts Dance Studio. She wants to thank her family for all of their love and support, always! She/her

STEPHEN PETROU (OLD MAN JENKINS) is excited to be performing for the first time on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage! He last played Scar in *The Lion King Jr.* at St. Margaret Mary School last April. He is a 9th grade student at Bishop Mcdevitt High School. He takes dance lessons at Tap n Arts Dance Studio. He would like to thank his parents for all of their love and support with all that he does. He/him

EMMA PIERCE (ENSEMBLE) is thrilled to be back on stage at the Hershey Area Playhouse for the second time! Last seen in *Cinderella* at HAP, she has also performed on the Cedar Crest High School Stage and with the Palmyra Theater Summer Camp. Emma is a 4th Grader at Forge Road Elementary School. She plays piano and viola and takes dance lessons at the Palmyra Academy of Dance. Emma would like to thank all her biggest fans for always cheering her on! She/her

NOELLE REBER (ENSEMBLE) is grateful for the opportunity to perform for the first time on the Hershey Area Playhouse Stage. She was last seen in a school musical at the Lebanon Christian Academy, where she is a 2nd grade student. She takes dance lessons through Palmyra Academy of Dance. She/her

JADIEL REYES (LARRY THE LOBSTER) is very excited to be on stage again after more than a year. He was last seen in Lebanon Middle School's production of *Matilda Jr.* when he played Bruce Bogtrotter. He was previously a Lebanon Middle School All-Star singer. He is currently entering Lebanon High School as a freshman, and is looking forward to joining their choir group. He/him

EMMA SCHADE (ENSEMBLE) is delighted to be performing in her first musical production at the Hershey Area Playhouse Stage! Emma is going into 4th grade at Forge Road Elementary School and enjoys taking dance lessons at Palmyra Academy of Dance, as well as spends time learning to play the piano. This year she will also start the trombone! She/her

MADLYNN SCHADE (ENSEMBLE) is excited to be performing in her first production at the Hershey Area Playhouse stage! She was last seen in the Palmyra Area Middle School production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* in March 2023 as featured dancer. In addition to musical Madelynn enjoys taking dance lessons at the Palmyra Academy of Dance. She/her

BEN SILVIS (SPONGEBOB) is excited to return to HAP! His most recent and favorite performance was as Oliver at Hershey High School's production of *Oliver!* Having performed in a number of other roles, Ben is excited to return to HAP with so many friends! Ben is currently in 9th grade at Hershey High School where he participates in cross country, orchestra, and theater. He is grateful to his family for their love and support through the busy schedules! He/him

EMMA SPROUT (ENSEMBLE) is delighted to be performing for the second time on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage. She was recently seen in Lebanon Community Theater's production of *Aladdin Jr.*, as well as HAP's production of *Cinderella: Youth Edition.* and Dreamer's Productions *Seussical Jr* as Mrs. Mayor. She is a 6th grade student at Palmyra Area Middle School. Outside of school, she enjoys reading and riding bike as well as taking both dance and voice lessons. She/her

HANNAH STARR (ENSEMBLE) loves singing, dancing, and musicals. She is excited to perform in her first production! She is in 3rd grade, and she enjoys making crafts, competitive gymnastics, and playing softball. She/her

ALEXA STELTZER (ENSEMBLE) is very excited to be performing at Hershey Area Playhouse for her first time! Some of her previous roles include, *Descendants the Musical* as smitten kid 1, *Annie Jr* as a Boilin sister, *Beauty and the Beast Jr* as Aristocratic lady, and *101 Dalmatians* as a dalmatian. While she mostly is in the cast, she also enjoys the tech side of theatre and frequently volunteers in other musicals as stage crew. She is currently in 9th grade at CV9, doing art and music anytime she can. She wants to congratulate the casting thank everyone for making this production amazing and thank her family and friends for their support. She/her

NORAH THRUSH (ENSEMBLE) is thrilled to be in this production of *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition!* This is her second show at Hershey Area Playhouse as she has previously performed in HAP's *Cinderella: Youth Edition*. This past spring, Norah was excited to be a cast member in Dreamers Productions' first ever production and was cast as a Whickersham Brother in *Seussical*. She enjoys all things theater and recently started her 4th year in Palmyra Academy of Dance's musical theater class and completed her second summer at the Hershey Gardens Theater camp through HAP. She enjoys singing, playing trumpet, piano, and cello and spending time with her family and friends. She is currently a 5th grader in Palmyra and looking forward to her 11th birthday this fall. She/her

PAIGE TILLETT (ENSEMBLE) is very excited to perform for the first time on the Hershey Area Playhouse Stage. She loves to sing at church and in her free time. She is looking forward to being in the cast for *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition*. She/her

AYLA TREVEN (ENSEMBLE) is happy to participate in *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition* with her cousins. She was in her school's musical as ensemble. She is 7th grade at LDMS. She/her

CLAIRE WALKER (ELECTRIC SKATE/SARDINE DEVOTEE) is thrilled to be participating in this production. This being her second Hershey Area Playhouse production. Her earlier shows include *Seussical Jr.* as the Cat in The Hat, ensemble in *Cinderella*, and ensemble in *Oliver!* at Hershey High School. In her free time, Claire enjoys being with her friends, cooking, and playing instruments. She/her

QUINN WHETSTONE (FRENCH NARRATOR) is thrilled to be performing for the first time on the Hershey Area Playhouse Stage. Last summer she participated in the *Rock of Ages: Youth Edition* production with the Palmyra Gold Star Theatre Camp. Most nights Quinn can be found playing field hockey for PA United or dancing at Palmyra Academy of Dance! She has a passion for learning and is excited to take her theater experience to the next level. She/her

KYNLEIGH WHETSTONE (ENSEMBLE) is excited to perform for the second time on the Hershey Area Playhouse Stage. She was last seen in the Dance Ensemble for *Cinderella* this past fall at HAP. She also participated in the *Rock of Ages: Youth Edition* production last summer with the Palmyra Gold Star Theatre and will take part in their upcoming summer production as well. Kynleigh's passion is dancing! When she isn't on the stage, you can find her at Palmyra Academy of Dance where she takes 7 classes! She/her

MITCHELL WILLIAMS (ENSEMBLE) is excited to be performing for the first time with Hershey Area Playhouse. He last performed as a member of the children's choir in Theatre Harrisburg's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* last Fall. He is a 6th grade student at Mechanicsburg Middle School where he enjoys singing in the choir and playing trumpet in the band. He/him

ABOUT THE CREATIVE TEAM

MARTHA PIERCE (DIRECTOR) is honored to be directing her first show at the Hershey Area Playhouse! A Music Educator by trade, Martha holds a BM from Susquehanna University and an MM from Messiah University. She has taught High School and Middle School Choral Music for over ten years, most recently in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District. While at CLSD, she directed several of the Cedar Crest High School musicals, including *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Sound of Music*, *Footloose!*, *The Addams Family*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Martha is currently a local private music instructor and preschool music teacher. She would like to thank her husband, Todd, for his endless support, her kids, Emma and Jackson, for going with the flow, and to her parents, who are still her biggest fans. She/her

MICHELLE MAZUR (ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR/STAGE MANAGER) is over the moon to be involved in her first theatrical production in almost 20 years! Now that she's gotten bitten by the theater bug yet again, it's unlikely that she'll stay away that long again. Her backstage credits (directing, stage managing, lighting, and sound) include *Our Town*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *The Pajama Game*, among many others. Her favorite onstage roles include the Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*, Lizzie in *Baby*, Emma Carew in *Jekyll and Hyde*, and Stephano in *The Tempest*. She wishes many broken legs to the entire cast and crew of *SpongeBob*. You are simply amazing! She/her

KRISTIN FOLTZ PETROU (CHOREOGRAPHER) has been teaching dance at Tap 'n Arts Dance Studio in Harrisburg, Pa., for over 30 years where she is owner and director. Kristin has been in numerous musical productions from here to Vegas, and is about to enter her fourteenth year as choreographer at Palmyra High School. She would like to say how much she loves her family for always supporting her in all of her endeavors! She/her

MARY MANNING (COSTUMER) is excited to return to the Hershey Area Playhouse! She has been involved in 10+ shows with the Palmyra musical program. Mary has a bachelor's from Millersville and currently teaches PreK at Noah's Little Ark Preschool. She/her

ROSEMARY BUCHER (PRODUCER) is an NYC-based producer, director, writer, singer, arts administrator, graphic designer, therapist for theatre teachers (amateur licensing associate at Concord Theatricals), and HAP board member. Directing projects include *Chess* (Lebanon Valley College), *Dog Sees God* (LVC), *Perfectly Normal* (Samuel French Off-Off Broadway Festival, NYC), *Digital Short Plays* (Hershey Area Playhouse), *Some Enchanted Evening* (with Kevin Edward Gane, HAP), *Tilda Swinton Betrayed Us* (NY Thespians), and *Sweeney Todd* (HAP). rosemarybucher.com. She/her

MIGUEL SANTIAGO (LIGHTING DESIGN) has worked in all aspects of theatre from performing to involvement on the technical side. He specializes in lighting design and has worked as a designer on numerous shows, some of which include *Sweeney Todd*, *Kodachrome*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Bandstand*, *9 to 5*, and *First Date*. Miguel maintains a busy schedule working on and performing in productions at a number of Central PA theaters and organizations. He also serves as the Technical Director at the Hershey Area Playhouse and Gretna Theatre! He/him

TRENT COULON (SOUND DESIGN/TECH) is excited to work on his third show at the Hershey Area Playhouse! His first experiences with theater were in high school, when he performed in the pit for Dover Area High School's productions of *Back to the 80's*, *Les Misérables*, *The Addams Family*, and *The Little Mermaid*. He previously designed sound for *Bandstand*, *9 to 5*, and *First Date* at the Playhouse. Trent is a junior at Lebanon Valley College, currently studying audio and music production. He/him

JEFF HOSENFELD (LIGHTING TECH) is excited to be helping with this fun show! He has enjoyed performing, directing, designing, and running tech for plays and musicals at the high school and community theatre levels for over 30 years. Favorite productions include *Guys and Dolls*, *Crazy for You* (where he met his wife), *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Freaky Friday*. He can be seen on stage next month here at the Hershey Area Playhouse playing Ned Schneebly in *School of Rock*. Jeff also serves as an evaluator for the Hershey Apollo Awards. Jeff is a Middle School Principal during his day job, and enjoys swimming, camping, board games, and has recently started bagpipe lessons. Love and appreciation to the super sea stars in his life - his wife and kids. He/him

JEFFREY MILLER (SET CONSTRUCTION) is a retired Superintendent of Schools from the Methacton School District (Norristown, PA). Previous to his service in Methacton, Jeff was Superintendent of Schools in the Lower Dauphin School District from 1991-2003. A former member of the Board of Directors of the Playhouse and Operations Manager, Jeff has been in the Playhouse's productions of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *The Sound of Music*, *Annie*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Oliver*, and *Fiddler on The Roof*. Jeff is happy to have partnered with Carlton Hoke to build many of the sets for Playhouse productions. Jeff lives in Hershey with his wife, Bonnie and their cat and has been an active supporter of the Hershey Area Playhouse. He/him

CARLTON HOKE (SET CONSTRUCTION) retired from teaching in 2005 after 35 years of teaching art and computer classes in the Derry Township School District. Since then he has designed, constructed, or painted stage settings at the playhouse for many of our productions. He says that working with Jeff on Playhouse projects is the perfect retirement job. He/him



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