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2005 - 2025



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THE MUSICAL

*We all have
a little more homework to do!*

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Spotlight Youth Theatre Proudly Presents

13 The Musical

Music & Lyrics by **Jason Robert Brown**

Book by **Dan Elish & Robert Horn**

13 The Musical was commissioned by **Center Theatre Group**, Los Angeles, CA

Subsequently produced for **The Goodspeed Opera House**
by **Michael P. Price**, Executive Producer

Original Broadway production produced by **Bob Boyett, Roger Berlind,**
Ken Davenport, Ted Hartley, Stacey Mindich, Jane Bergere,
Broadway Across America, Sharon Karmazin, Carl Moellenberg, Tom Miller,
True Love Productions / Olympus Theatricals and Center Theatre Group

Director: **Kenny Grossman**

Musical Director: **Elise Kurbat**

Choreographer: **Bella Swope**

Costume Design: **Samantha Utpadel**

Set Design: **Mike Armstrong**

Scenic Painting and Projection Design: **Logan Swope**

Stage Manager: **Marai Perez**

Production Manager: **María Guadalupe Cruz**

Lighting Designer: **Ellie Little**

Lighting Assistant: **Jessi Nessi**

Sound Designer: **Nevaeh Monk**

Assistant Choreographer: **Addi Lauder**

Microphone Board Operator: **Claire McComb**

Light Board Operator: **Ellie Little**

Sound Board / Spotlight Operator: **Cora Welch**

Deck Manager: **Justis Schneider**

Deck Hands: **Aiden Blanco**

Dance Captains: **Finley Wilbur & Isabelle Mintz**

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There is a strobe light used in the show.

*13 The Musical is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)
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The Cast and Band of *13 The Musical*

CAST

Evan.....	Tommy Hebel
Patrice.....	Parker Pitt
Brett.....	Lucas Stevens
Malcolm	Griffin Wilbur
Eddie	Aiden Haren
Kendra.....	Claire Calihan
Archie.....	Kyler Tilley
Lucy.....	Valerie Winch
Cassie.....	Noelia Castillo
Charlotte.....	Brooklyn Martin
Molly	McKenzie Lopezlira
Richie	Santiago Lacey
Simone / Kid.....	Janella Beaver

KIDS

Isabelle Mintz • Finley Wilbur • Liam Davenport • Jaxon Lage
Hanna-Catherine Smith • Joelle Reifler • Charli Brooks

MUSICIANS

Keyboards / Conductor.....	Elisa W. Kurbat
Bass.....	Gage Diehl-Gonzales
Drums	Nico Viquesney
Guitar	Jacqueline Foley

Note From the Director

13 year old actors have it tough. They're too old to want to be in little kiddie shows and they're too young to get meatier roles in more advanced shows. That's why *13 The Musical* is so popular for them. They get to play the leads in a show with real story lines and meaning.

Besides *13* being such a fun show with great songs and characters, it has a strong message for 'tweens and young teenagers, and maybe that's the real reason they love performing it. Jason Robert Brown once said, "The reason kids love the show in all its sloppy ridiculousness, is because the show respects the life they're trying to lead." Their story is important. I feel that the message of the show is not just for the 'tweens and teenagers, but for all of us. When they sing "We all have a little more homework to do" at the end of the show, they aren't just singing about themselves. They are singing to every person, no matter what age; to every parent, politician, teacher, and authority figure; to the country, and to the world. Maybe we should listen.

Thank you to all of the families and friends of the cast who helped make this a wonderful journey. Thank you to Dorann Matson, Shawna Weitekamp, and Marley DeGroodt for their inspiration and input into this production.

Thank you to Janella Beaver for stepping in on Tuesday of tech week and becoming Simone.

Enjoy the show.

Kenny Grossman, Director

Give Your Favorite Actor, Crew Member, or Director a Break-a-Leg!



For only \$5.00 you can send a
personalized Break-a-Leg
to your favorite actor or crew member!



The actors, crew members, and directors love it, and all proceeds are channeled directly back into the theatre to support amazing programs such as this one. Stop by the "Break-a-Leg" table in the theatre lobby to brighten someone's day!

13 The Musical

Musical Numbers

Settings: New York City & Appleton, Indiana

“Thirteen” / “Becoming a Man”	Evan & Company
“The Lamest Place in the World”	Patrice
“Hey Kendra”	Brett, Malcolm, Eddie, Lucy, & Kendra
“Invitations”	Evan & Company
“Get Me What I Need”	Archie, Evan, & Kids
“Opportunity”	Lucy, Kendra, & Cheerleaders
“What it Means to be a Friend”	Patrice
“All Hail the Brain”	Evan & Kids
“Terminal Illness”	Evan, Archie, & Kids
“Getting Ready”	Company
“Any Minute”	Company
“Good Enough”	Patrice
“Bad Bad News”	Eddie, Malcolm & the Guys
“Tell Her”	Evan & Patrice
“It Can’t be True”	Lucy, Molly, Cassie, Charlotte, & Company
“If That’s What it is”	Archie, Evan, & Patrice
“Evan’s Haftorah”	Evan
“A Little More Homework”	Evan & Company

Bows

“Brand New You”	Cassie, Charlotte, Molly & Company
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Spotlight Youth Theatre

Administrative Team

Artistic Director for Spotlight Youth Theatre	Kenny Grossman
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Special thanks to **Doug Novotny, Josh Hontz, Doreen Matson, Shawna Weitacamp, Marley DeGroodt**, the **Spotlight Youth Theatre Board of Directors**, and the **friends & family members** who volunteered to make this show so successful.

Who's Who in 13 The Musical



JANELLA BEAVER

Janella Beaver

Simone / "Kids" Ensemble

Janella is so excited to be with such a crazy-talented cast in *13 The Musical*! She will miss this cast and crew so much. Previous roles include Dory in *Finding Nemo Jr* (TheaterWorks), Ensemble in *Anastasia* (SYT), Miss Andrew in *Mary Poppins Jr* (SYT), Olaf in *Frozen Jr* (TheaterWorks), Katie Gardner / Oracle in *The Lightning Thief* (SCT), and Lily Potter Sr. in *Harry Potter and The Cursed Child: High School Edition* (RSK). She would like to thank her family and friends (especially Mom and Dad) and Kenny, Elise, Bella, and Marai for this wonderful opportunity. Enjoy our show, *13 The Musical*!



CHARLI BROOKS

Charli Brooks

"Kids" Ensemble

Charli Brooks is a 13-year-old 7th grader at Desert Foothills Jr. High School in Glendale. Despite having never performed on stage, she is excited and proud to have been chosen to perform in the production of *13 The Musical*. Charli would like to thank her friends, family, and Spotlight Youth Theater for making her dream a reality!

Who's Who in 13 The Musical

Claire Calihan

Kendra

Claire Calihan (Kendra) is a Freshman at Notre Dame Preparatory and is thrilled to have this opportunity to be back at SYT with this talented cast! Some of her favorite credits include *Matilda* (Alice) at TheaterWorks, *Gypsy* (Baby June) at Arizona Broadway Theater, *Willy Wonka* (Violet Beauregarde) and *The Addams Family* (Ancestor) at Valley Youth Theatre, and *The Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy) at Saints Simon & Jude. Claire wishes to thank her friends, family, and Renee Koher for all the love and support. She also sends a huge thank you to Kenny, Bella, Elise, and Marai for giving her the chance to perform again.



CLAIRE CALIHAN

Noelia Castillo

Cassie

Noelia is so excited to perform as Cassie in *13 The Musical*! She is overjoyed to be cast as this is her first musical at Spotlight Youth Theater. She would like to thank her family and friends, especially Mackenzie and McKenzie for supporting her. She would also like to thank Kenny, Elise, Marai, Bella, and Addi, and all of the production team for putting this production together.



NOELIA CASTILLO

Who's Who in 13 The Musical



LIAM DAVENPORT

Liam Davenport

"Kids" Ensemble

Liam is a 14-year-old who attends Western Sky Middle School and is thrilled to return to the Spotlight Youth Theatre stage for yet another incredible production! A few of Liam's favorite roles include Zeke Matthews in *Goosebumps: The Phantom* (SCT), Courfeyrac in *Les Misérables* (SYT), Bruce in *Finding Nemo Jr* (SYT), Santa in *Elf Jr* (SYT), Oliver Rivers in *Puffs* (SCT), and Robertson Ay in *Mary Poppins Jr* (SYT). When he's not immersed in the world of theatre, Liam loves hanging out with friends and playing with his adorable French Bulldog, Cooper. He's immensely grateful for the unwavering support and love of his family, who inspire him every day. Enjoy the show!



AIDEN HAREN

Aiden Haren

Eddie

Aiden Haren is excited to be back on the Spotlight stage in one of his favorite shows! This is his second show at SYT after playing *Rudolph* in *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* last year. Aiden loves theatre and chooses rehearsal over all other activities, but when he's not on stage, he enjoys video games, reading, filmmaking, and writing his own novels and scripts. A huge thank you to Kenny, Elise, Bella, Marai, and his cast and crew for being awesome. He hopes you enjoy the show (and have a good laugh)!

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TOMMY HEBEL

Tommy Hebel

Evan

Tommy Hebel is so excited to be part of SYT's production of *13 The Musical*! Tommy has been seen on stage throughout the Phoenix area in many productions. Some roles include Young Patrick in *Mame* (Arizona Broadway Theater), Tiny Tim in *A Christmas Carol the Musical* (Arizona Broadway Theater), Michael Banks in *Mary Poppins*, and Geppetto in *My Son Pinocchio, Jr.* (Theater Works), Mr. Northbrook in *Mary Poppins* (Spotlight Youth Theater), Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web* (Valley Youth Theater), and Turkey Boy / Young Ebenezer in *Scrooge!* (Arizona Theatre Company). Special thanks to Kenny and everyone at Spotlight for giving him this wonderful opportunity!



SANTIAGO LACEY

Santiago Lacy

Richie

Santiago Lacey is 12 years old and excited to be in his first production at Spotlight Youth Theater. He has previously performed in various shows around the Valley, including roles such as Mike Teavee in *Willy Wonka* and the Baker in *Into the Woods Jr.* Santiago attends Inspiration Mountain School, where he plays the French horn and does drama. Outside of school, he takes vocal lessons and continues to develop his skills in acting and dance.

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JAXON LAGE

Jaxon Lage

"Kids" Ensemble

Jaxon Lage is excited to be back on the Spotlight Stage! Jaxon is currently a member of HyRev, a teen performance troupe at Arizona Broadway Theater. His recent credits include Charlie/Mr. Greenway in *Elf The Musical* (Spotlight Youth Theater), Young Prince / Youth Ensemble in *Beauty & The Beast* (Arizona Broadway Theater), Luigi / Roustabout in *My Son Pinocchio* (TheaterWorks), and Edmund in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (Stage Left Productions). Jaxon would like to thank everyone at Spotlight for this amazing opportunity, his vocal coach, Shonn Wiley, and his parents.



McKENZIE LOPEZLIRA

McKenzie Lopezlira

Molly

McKenzie Lopezlira is grateful to return to the Spotlight stage in *13 The Musical*. You may remember seeing her here as Anne Boleyn in *SIX The Musical Teen Edition*. She's performed since age six in community, youth, and regional theaters in Arizona and California. Credits include: Tina Denmark, *Ruthless! The Musical*; Baby June, *Gypsy: The Musical Fable*; Penelope Square, *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical* (NYA Award, ariZoni nom); Young Anna, *Disney's Frozen, Jr.* (ariZoni award, NYA Nom); and Molly, *Annie* (NYA Nom). McKenzie sends love to her family and friends for their support, and a big thank you to the SYT team for the opportunities through the years! @kenzieacts

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BROOKLYN MARTIN

Brooklyn Martin

Charlotte

Brooklyn is thrilled to return to the SYT stage in *13 The Musical* - a show she's been manifesting since she could barely count that high! She caught the theater bug at age 7 and has been hooked ever since- drawn to the magic of theater, the thrill of quick changes, and the occasional scent of fog machine fluid. Favorite roles include Louise in *Carousel: A Concert* (AZ MusicFest), Katherine Howard in *Six: The Musical* and Moana in *Moana Jr* (SYT), Anna in *Frozen Jr* (TheaterWorks), Grace/Fan in *A Christmas Carol* and Baby Louise in *Gypsy* (ABT), Kathy Cratchit/Jen in *Scrooge! The Musical* (ATC) and the Ensemble of *The Spongebob Musical* (VYT). Brooklyn dreams of Broadway, big stages, and maybe one day a dressing room with her name on it. Endless thanks to her grandparents for being her biggest fans, and to Kenny Grossman for finally—after six years of subtle hints, dramatic sighs, and full-on begging—directing *13 The Musical* again.



ISABELLE MINTZ

Isabelle Mintz

“Kids” Ensemble / Co-Dance Captain

Isabelle Mintz is beyond excited to be making her Spotlight Youth Theatre debut! Some of her favorite roles so far include Race in *Newsies*, Sandy in *Grease* at Desert Foothills Theater, Cinderella in *Cinderella*, Catherine of Aragon in *Six* at Phoenix Theater, and a Pointe Dancer in *Oliver!* at TheaterWorks. When she's not on stage, you can usually find her dancing, traveling, or performing with Arizona Broadway Theatre's HyRev troupe, Sonic Revolution. Isabelle wants to give a big shoutout to her amazing family, friends, vocal coach, and dance teachers for always cheering her on—and a huge thank you to the awesome SYT creative team for this incredible opportunity! @izzy.a.m

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PARKER PITT

Parker Pitt

Patrice

Parker Pitt is a 14-year-old freshman thrilled to return to the Spotlight stage, previously playing Pugsley in *The Addams Family* when she was 11. Since then, you may have seen her on other stages, including at The Phoenix Theatre Company this season as Gracie Demarco in *Miracle on 34th Street* and last season as Bielke in *Fiddler On The Roof*, as well as at TheaterWorks as Matilda in *Matilda The Musical*, Jane Banks in *Mary Poppins* and most recently as Bet in *Oliver!* “Patrice has been a dream role of mine, and I’m so grateful to Kenny, Elise, Bella, and Marai for the OPPORTUNITY to play her! BIG thanks to my mom, dad, and friends for all their love and support.”



JOELLE REIFLER

Joelle Reifler

“Kids” Ensemble

Joelle (13) has been performing since the age of 5 and has been in over 25 shows in various theaters across the valley. This is Joelle’s first show at Spotlight, and she couldn’t be more proud and excited! Some of her favorite and recent roles have been Belle (*Beauty and the Beast*), Dragon (*Shrek*), Adella (*The Little Mermaid*), and Madison (*The School of Rock*). Joelle is a proud member of ABT’s performance troupe, HyRev. She would like to thank all of the SYT staff and directors for their guidance and support. It’s been an incredible experience. Please enjoy the show!

Who's Who in 13 The Musical



HANNA-CATHERINE SMITH

Hanna-Catherine Smith

"Kids" Ensemble

Hanna-Catherine Smith is an actress, singer, and all-time drama queen who is beyond thrilled to be part of *13 The Musical*! Some of her favorite past roles include Gifty in *School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play* (AriZoni Award) and Gretchen in *Mean Girls*. The process of putting together *13 The Musical* has been a whirlwind of sweat, snacks, and pretending to understand choreography on the first try. Overall, she would like to send a huge shoutout to Kenny for being such an amazing director, the cast and crew for being ridiculously talented, and her family for always clapping the loudest—even when it's just rehearsal... or a dramatic performance in the kitchen.



LUCAS STEVENS

Lucas Stevens

Brett

Lucas is so excited to make his SYT Debut in *13 The Musical*. He has been in many shows, including *Once Upon A Mattress*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and many more. He would like to thank Kenny, Maria, Bella, and Elise for helping him throughout this rehearsal process.

Who's Who in 13 The Musical

Kyler Tilley

Archie

Kyler Tilley is a 14-year-old student at Inspiration Mountain in Phoenix, where he is involved in Student Council and National Junior Honor Society. Kyler has recently been seen in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* as Ensemble at Valley Youth Theater, and in *The Addams Family* as Pugsley at the Herberger Theater. In February, Kyler was in the concert adaptation of *Anastasia* at Lincoln Center in NYC. He would like to thank the creative team at Spotlight for making this show so special for everyone. Enjoy the show!



KYLER TILLEY

Finley Wilbur

"Kids" Ensemble / Co-Dance Captain

Finley is excited to be in another production at Spotlight. She has most recently been in *The Lightning Thief* (Starlight) and *Elf Jr.* (Spotlight). She would like to thank the awesome production team and the amazing cast of *13 The Musical* for making this experience so memorable. She would also like to thank Mr. Shonn, Mr. Darren, Mr. Stephen, and her whole family for always supporting her.



FINLEY WILBUR

Who's Who in 13 The Musical



GRIFFIN WILBUR

Griffin Wilbur

Malcolm

Griffin Wilbur is excited to be in the cast of *13 The Musical*! Some of his previous credits include *Finding Nemo Jr.*, *Frozen Jr.*, and *Oliver!* (TheaterWorks) as well as *Rudolph Jr.*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, and *Elf Jr.* (Spotlight). Big hugs to the entire production team at Spotlight. Special thanks to Mr. Darren, Mr. Shonn, and Mr. Stephen, as well as his parents and sister, for always supporting him. Enjoy the show!



VALERIE WINCH

Valerie Winch

Lucy

Valerie is very excited to have the privilege of being in another show directed by Kenny Grossman and Elise Kurbat. Valerie is a 9th grader at Apollo High School and was just seen as Olive in their production of *The Spelling Bee*. Some of her other favorite roles have been Tomika in *School of Rock* at DST, Catherine of Aragon in *SIX The Musical: Teen Edition*, and Ericka Boafo in *School Girls; or the African Mean Girls Play* (Zoni Winner). Valerie is also in Arizona Broadway Theatre's performance troupe, HyRev. This experience has been wonderful, and she wants to thank Kenny, Marai, Elise, and the entire cast for making Spotlight a second home for her. Additionally, she would like to thank her mother, Renee, and Stephen for their guidance, love, and encouragement.

Who's Who in 13 The Musical

Mike Armstrong (Set Designer)

Michael Armstrong is an artist / designer / maker and the current Production Shop Coordinator at the ASU Media and Immersive Experience (MIX) Center in downtown Mesa. He has designed and built numerous award-winning stage productions, including *The Velveteen Rabbit*, *School of Rock*, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, *The Secret Garden*, *American Idiot*, and many more. After working as the Assistant Technical Director at TheaterWorks, he accepted an offer at ASU to teach students the art of experiential design.

María Guadalupe Cruz (Production Manager)

María (She/Her/Ella) is thrilled to be the Production Manager for *13 The Musical*. María has several stage management credits at theaters across the Arizona valley for the past 7 years, and she is proud to step into the production manager role this season with Spotlight. She has her Master's in Legal Studies from Arizona State University and a BA in Organizational Leadership - Project Management from ASU. She currently works at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts as their Programming Administrative Specialist. Maria believes Spotlight is a truly special place that does important work that genuinely supports and expands the community. She wants to thank Kenny, Deb, Marai, Bella, Jack, and the whole production team, cast, and crew for allowing her to work with them on this show. Por último, ella quiere agradecerle a su mamá, papá y hermanas por el apoyo que recibe. "Disfruten la obra!"

Kenny & Vicki Grossman (Director / Properties Designers)

Kenny and Vicki have been with Spotlight Youth Theatre from the very beginning and are excited to be a part of this amazing production. They are looking forward to all the productions in this incredible season. Kenny still loves eggs. To Jamie and Carly, "We love you and miss you." Thank you to the cast, crew, directors, designers, families, volunteers, and board members.

Elisa W. Kurbat (Music Director / Conductor)

Elisa is thrilled to be back at Spotlight Youth Theatre! Elisa grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, where she went to Kent State University for Criminology and then Baldwin Wallace Conservatory for piano and voice. While in Ohio, Elisa played piano professionally for the Mansfield Orchestra while maintaining a full piano and vocal studio. Elisa currently works full time at Arizona School for the Arts in the Theatre Arts Department, where she teaches voice and continues to maintain her private vocal studio. Elisa's love for musical theatre was realized when she first music directed Cinderella in Ohio. Since then, her favorites include *Oklahoma*, *Xanadu*, *Into the Woods*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Cabaret*, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *Footloose*, *Spring Awakening*, *Addams Family*, and *The Lightning Thief*. Many thanks go to the entire *13 The Musical* production team, as well as a big thanks to our superb *13 The Musical* band and cast who willingly give their time and skills. And a huge thank you to Elisa's amazing family, who tolerates her crazy schedule. Your support is a gift. Much love to all.

Who's Who in 13 The Musical

Ellie Little (Lighting Designer)

Ellie has been involved in several shows at Spotlight Youth Theater, both backstage and onstage, since 2019. Ellie is grateful to be given another chance at Spotlight to build her skills as a lighting designer and student at ASU Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts. Some of Ellie's favorite shows she's participated in are *Annie* (Board Opp.), *Hair* (Board Opp.), *Once* (Assistant Lighting Designer), *Hands on a Hardbody* (Lighting Designer), and *Hadestown: Teen Edition* (Lighting Designer) as each show at Spotlight helped her make new friends and memories. Ellie thanks not only the cast but also the crew for all their hard work and dedication to bringing a bright and exciting production to the stage. Hope you enjoy the show!

Nevaeh Monk (Sound Designer)

Nevaeh (17 years old) is a senior at Arizona's Conservatory for Arts and Academics (ACAA). Her most recent sound designers here at SYT are *Hadestown* and *Les Misérables*. Nevaeh is excited to have gotten the opportunity to work on this show and would like to thank everyone at SYT for their support! Nevaeh hopes you enjoy the show!

Jessi Nessi (Lighting Assistant)

Jessi Nessi has worked on over 15 performances, and this will be his third one working with Spotlight Youth Theater, his prior ones being *Six: The Musical* and *Alice By Heart*. Hope you enjoy the show.

Marai Perez (Stage Manager)

Marai is excited to be back at SYT for this awesome production! She is currently a sophomore at ASU studying Theatre Design and Production. Some of her credits can be seen in many theaters around the valley, such as TheaterWorks, The Phoenix Theatre Company, Ghostlight Theatre, ASU, and Spotlight Youth Theatre. Some of her credits include *Hadestown: Teen Edition* (SM), *Brothers Grimm* (SM / Asst. Director), *Lord of the Choir* (SM), *Peter and the Star Catcher* (ASM), *My Son Pinocchio Jr* (ASM), and other various productions as extended crew positions. She would like to thank her mom, dad, and sister for their love and support.

Logan Swope (Scenic Painter & Projection Designer)

Logan Swope is excited to work on the Spotlight stage once more. Having painted the sets for *SIX: The Musical*, *Les Misérables*, *Last Chance Angels*, and others, he's excited to add *13 The Musical* to his roster. He would like to thank Kenny Grossman and Spotlight for the opportunity.

Bella Swope (Choreographer)

Bella Swope is so excited to be making her way back to Spotlight to choreograph this awesome production of *13 The Musical*! Some of her past credits include *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Spotlight Youth Theater), *The Lightning Thief Musical*, and *Alice in Wonderland* (Starlight Community Theater). She would like to thank Kenny Grossman for giving her this opportunity. She would also like to thank the beyond-talented cast and crew for their devotion to Spotlight as well as this show.

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Samantha Utpadel (Costume Designer)

Samantha Essay Utpadel has been costuming shows around the Valley for over 15 years. Recent work with SYT: *Hadestown Teen Edition* and *Much Ado About Nothing*. Favorite credits include: *Green Day's American Idiot* ('Zoni), *Once*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Miracle on 34th Street* ('Zoni), *Cabaret*, *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*, and *Gypsy*. Thanks to the SYT team for creating a supportive, welcoming, and fun environment to explore the arts. Special thanks to the cast of *13 The Musical* for sharing their ideas and characters. Much love to my family, especially Aurora and Charlie.



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Join us in HONORING the actors, technicians, directors, parents, and volunteers who helped make Spotlight Youth Theatre's 2024–2025 season such a huge success! Every show and actor who performed on the Spotlight Youth Theatre stage is nominated for a coveted "GOBIE" award!

SYT props, posters, and memorabilia will be raffled off! Come celebrate with us!

SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE'S **LITTLE ACTORS ACADEMY**

2025 SUMMER CAMPS!

Session 1 • June 2–6



A MADRIGAL MUSICAL ADVENTURE

Step into the magical
world of Encanto!

Session 2 • June 16–20



SING, DANCE, ACT, ROAR!

This jungle-themed
musical camp brings the
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Session 3 • July 7–11



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This fairytale-themed camp
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fairytales to life through
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Designed specifically for toddlers ages 3–7, SYT's Little Actors Academy combines the joy of music, movement, and imagination to create an unforgettable theatrical experience!

Little Actors Academy classes are one-week in length, Monday through Friday, 9AM - Noon.

Tuition for each one-week class is \$175. For more information or to register, please call the SYT Box Office or visit sytaz.org.



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Step into the magical world of *Encanto*!

Join us for a week of singing, dancing, and acting as we bring the Madrigal family's story to life.

Explore the music, magic, and heartwarming lessons of *Casita* while learning performance skills and having fun!

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Get ready for a wild adventure!

This jungle-themed musical camp brings the animal kingdom to life with songs from *The Lion King*, *The Jungle Book*, *Tarzan*, and more.

Whether you pounce like a lion, swing like a monkey, or march like an elephant, you'll love this high-energy week of singing, dancing, and acting!

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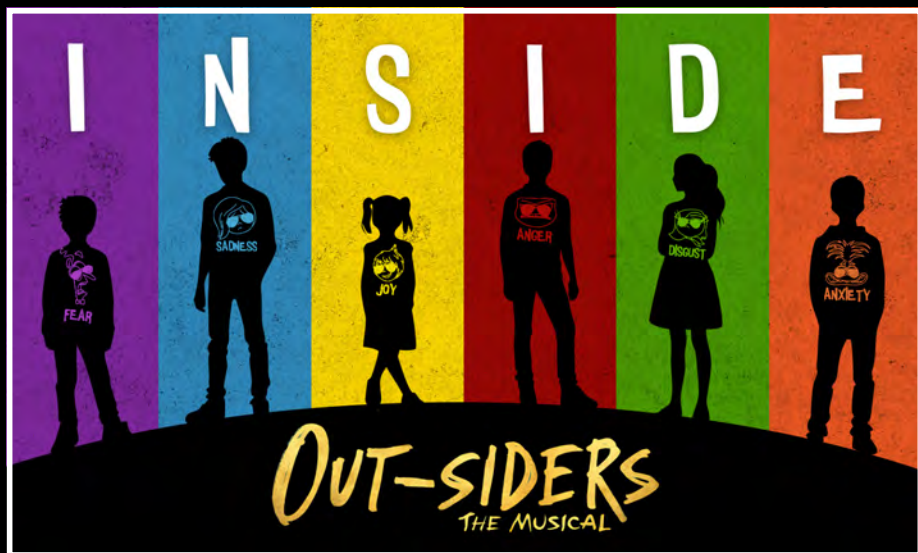


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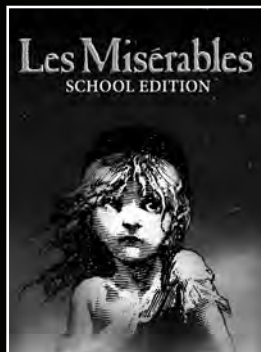
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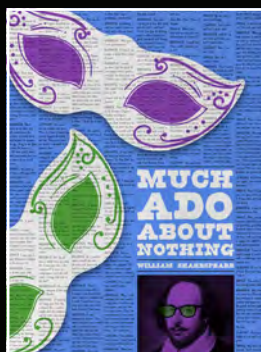
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