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BEETLEJUICE

JR.



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Beetlejuice Jr.

Music & Lyrics by **Eddie Perfect**

Book by **Scott Brown & Anthony King**

Based on the **Geffen Company Picture**,
with a story by **Michael McDowell** and **Larry Wilson**

Orchestrations and Incidental Music by **Kris Kukul**

Additional Arrangements by **Kris Kukul** and **Eddie Perfect**

Dance Arrangements by **David Dabbon** • Music Producer: **Matt Stine**

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The Cast of Beetlejuice Jr.

Beetlejuice.....	Josiah Elliot
Lydia Deetz.....	Noelia Castillo
Adam Maitland.....	Taylor Nunziato-Cruz
Barbara Maitland.....	Shea Levine
Charles Deetz.....	Nova Farrell
Delia Schlimmer.....	Jay Schwab
Sky / Ensemble.....	Claire Calihan
Miss Argentina / Ensemble	Amber Poirier
Juno / Ensemble.....	Janella Beaver
Otho / Ensemble.....	Liam Davenport
Maxie Dean / Ensemble.....	Kyler Tilley
Maxine Dean / Ensemble.....	Cora Welch
Mover / Ensemble	Griffin Wilbur
Mover / Ensemble	Aiden Haren
Priest / Ensemble.....	Theodore McComb
Ensemble.....	Mariano Ortiz, Isabela Gomez, Ava Petri, Zeke Wooden Beckett Buelna Addi Lauder, Grier Donnally, Blair Yaron. Alyssa Ocean, Finley Wilbur, & Justis Schneider

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Note from the Director of *Beetlejuice Jr.*

Hi,

Sometimes dark humor can help you get through hard times, like grief, change or the government shut down.

Beetlejuice Jr. is super fun with dark humor and great music. I love how the show breaks traditional theatre rules. There are plot differences between the movie and the musical (especially the Junior version) but the theme about change and acceptance remains the same. Beetlejuice (also known as Betelgeuse) is still a mischievous ghost. Instead of living people trying to remove ghosts in their house, the ghosts are trying to remove the living people.

This show makes the weird seem cool. I also love how the musical bridges the cultural gap between the movie genre and musical theatre. We can all say the B word now.

Thank you to the cast, directors, designers and techies for making this show a blast to work on.

And thank you for supporting youth theatre.

You don't have to say Beetlejuice 3 times to enjoy the show.

Kenny Grossman, Director

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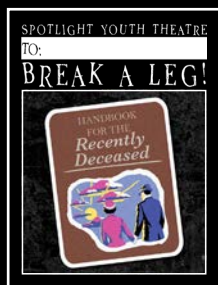
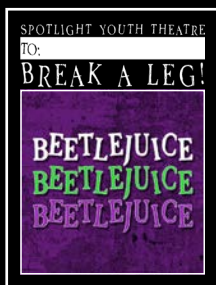
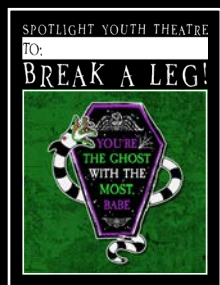
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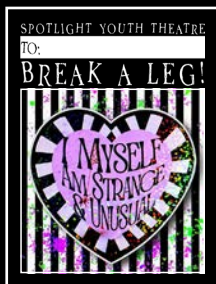
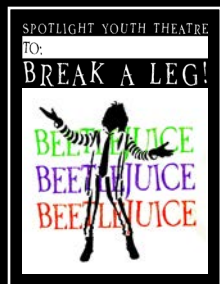
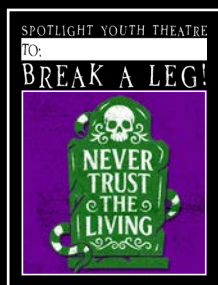
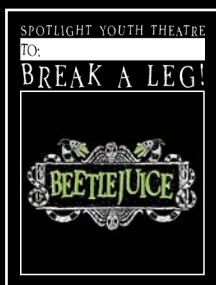
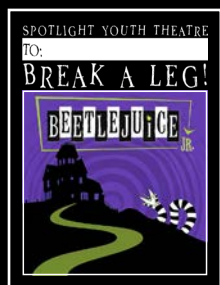


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Beetlejuice Jr. Musical Numbers

Time: Recently • **Place:** This world and beyond

Beetlejuice Jr. is performed with no intermission. • It runs about 70 minutes.

Prologue: Invisible.....	Lydia, Charles, Priest, Mourners
The Whole “Being Dead” Thing	Beetlejuice, Mourners
The Whole “Being Dead” Thing (Part 2)	Beetlejuice, Barbara, Adam, Dead Cheerleaders
The Whole “Being Dead” Thing (Part 3)	Beetlejuice, Barbara, Adam, Dead Cheerleaders
Let’s Clean Up	Lydia
Dead Mom	Lydia
No Reason	Delia, Lydia
Invisible (Reprise).....	Beetlejuice
Say My Name	Beetlejuice, Lydia, Skellies, Adam, Barbara
Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)	Delia, Charles, Lawyers, Maxie, Maxine
Girl Scout	Sky
That Beautiful Sound.....	Beetlejuice, Lydia, Sky, Clones
What I Know Now	Miss Argentina, Charles, Lydia, Recently Deceased
Home (Part 1)	Lydia
Home (Part 2)	Lydia, Charles, Ensemble
Jump In The Line.....	Lydia, Charles, Delia, Otho, Adam, Barbara, Ensemble

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Following the performance of Beetlejuice Jr.

5:00—7:00 PM • SYT PARKING LOT

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Who's Who in *Beetlejuice Jr.*



Janella Beaver

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Juno / Ensemble

Janella is beyond thrilled to be in *Beetlejuice Jr.* She is a sophomore at Raymond S. Kellis. She's so glad that she got to perform with this amazing cast. Janella's most recent roles include Olaf in *Frozen Jr* (TheaterWorks), Katie Gardner/Oracle in *The Lightning Thief* (SCT), Fagin's Gang/Orphan in *Oliver!* (Theaterworks), Lily Potter Sr in *Harry Potter and The Cursed Child* (RSK), Simone in *13 The Musical* (SYT), and Lawyer in *Tracks* (RSK). Janella is also a new member of HyRev, a performance troupe at AzBT. She would like to thank all her family and friends (especially Mom and Dad for the rides) for their support, and Kenny, Heather, Carly, and Katie for this wonderful opportunity. Welcome to a show about death!



Beckett Buelna

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Ensemble

Beckett Buelna, a 6th grader at Sonoran Trails in Cave Creek, is thrilled to be back on stage at SYT! Some of his previous favorite roles include Michael Banks in *Mary Poppins* (SYT, Zoni Nom), Michael Hobbs in *Elf Jr* (Greasepaint), SpongeBob SquarePants in *SpongeBob the Musical* (DST), Fletcher in *Freaky Friday* (DST), and Hei Hei in *Moana Jr* (TheatreWorks & DST). Beckett is a summer student at BKA in NYC. He would like to thank Kenny and his staff at SYT, and his family and friends for supporting him as he pursues his dream! Insta: @beckettbuelna

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Claire Calihan

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Sky / Ensemble

Claire Calihan is a Sophomore 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) at Valley Youth Theatre, *13 The Musical* (Kendra) at SYT, and *The Addams Family* (Ancestor) at Valley Youth Theatre. Claire wishes to thank her friends, family, and Renee Koher for all their love and support. She also sends a huge thank you to Kenny, Heather, Carly, and Katie for giving her the chance to perform again.



Noelia Castillo

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Lydia Deetz

Noelia is thrilled to be playing Lydia in this production! She is 14 and a freshman at Cactus High School who loves the stage. Her most recent roles include Cassie (*13 The Musical* – Spotlight Youth Theatre), Annie (*Annie Jr* – Legacy Traditional School), and Lumiere (*Beauty and the Beast Jr* - Legacy Traditional School). She also performs in HyRev at Arizona Broadway Theatre. Noelia would like to thank Kenny for the opportunity to be in this wonderful production and Heather, Carly, Katie, the cast and crew, and our *Beetlejuice* team for helping put this brilliant show together. She also thanks her family, McKenzie, Mackenzie, her friends, and her voice coach, Jamie, for their support and help. Thanks for supporting this performance. It's showtime!

Who's Who in Beetlejuice Jr.



Liam Davenport

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Otho/Ensemble

Liam is a freshman at Millennium High School and is thrilled to return to the Spotlight Youth Theatre stage for another amazing production! His passion for performing has led him to favorite roles such as Zeke Matthews in *Goosebumps*; *The Phantom of the Auditorium* (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). Offstage, Liam enjoys spending time with friends and playing with his lovable Frenchie, Cooper. He's immensely grateful for the unwavering support and love of his family, who inspire him every day. Sit back, relax, laugh, and enjoy the show!



Grier Donnelly

Grier Donnelly

Ensemble

Grier is a 15-year-old sophomore at Arcadia High School who has been singing, acting, and dancing for 7 years. Some of her favorite roles include Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, Anna in *Frozen*, and Veruca in *Willy Wonka*. She loves spending time with her two dogs, leopard gecko, and many fish, and when she's not on stage, she enjoys playing piano, baking, and hanging out with friends. Grier is thrilled to be making her debut in a Spotlight show!

Who's Who in *Beetlejuice Jr.*



Josiah Elliott

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Beetlejuice

Josiah Elliott is a senior making his Spotlight debut, though he's no stranger to the stage. He has brought to life a variety of memorable characters, including Shrek, Oliver Warbucks, King Triton, and the Grinch. With a passion for performing, Josiah hopes to pursue a career as a full-time actor. Beyond theater, he recently wrote, directed, and filmed a feature-length movie in Tennessee, set to release next year. When he's not performing or working behind the camera, Josiah enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing video games, and exploring the world of voice acting. He is excited to join the Spotlight community and looks forward to sharing this experience with the audience.



Nova Farrell

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Charles Deetz

Nova Farrell is incredibly excited to be working on *Beetlejuice Jr.* They've been performing for years across the valley, being in productions such as *Clockmaker's Daughter*, *Junie B. Jones*, and *Runaways*, but this is their first time on Spotlight's Mainstage. They would like to give a big thank you to Kenny Grossman for giving them the opportunity to be a part of this production.

Who's Who in Beetlejuice Jr.



Isabela Gomez

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Ensemble

After starting her theater journey on this stage over three years ago in multiple Kenny Grossman original camps, Isabela is thrilled to be back for her first Spotlight production! Some favorite roles include Hebrew Child in *The Prince of Egypt*, Young Fan/Belinda Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol*, and The Blue Fairy in *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* She would like to thank Kenny, Heather, Carly, Katie, and everyone here for making her first show a wonderful experience. She would like to thank her family for their never-ending love and support! IT'S SHOWTIME!!



Aiden Haren

Aiden Haren

Ensemble

Aiden Haren is excited to return to the Spotlight stage! He is an 8th grader at Shea Middle School in Phoenix, where he is a member of the North Valley Arts Academy. Favorite roles include Eddie in *13 The Musical* (Spotlight Youth Theatre), Christopher Robin in *Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tail* (Valley Youth Theatre), Greg Heffley in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (Limelight Youth Theatre), and Peter in *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Valley Youth Theatre). When he's not on stage, Aiden enjoys gaming, reading, and creative writing.

Who's Who in Beetlejuice Jr.



Addi Lauder

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Ensemble

Addi is thrilled to be on the Spotlight stage again for Beetlejuice Jr! Addi has been in other shows at Spotlight, such as *Alice By Heart* (Ensemble), *Runaways* (Group Ensemble), and *Lightning Thief* (Thalia/Dancer Ensemble). Addi has also been in shows around the valley, such as *13* (Ensemble at DFT) and *Lightning Thief* (Charon at SCT). Addi would like to thank her best friend, Markus, who has been there through countless show mishaps, as well as her family: Dad, Mom, and Brother, and she finally thanks the *Beetlejuice* Production team for giving her this opportunity. It's Showtime!



Shea Levine

Shea Levine

Barbara Maitland

Shea is thrilled for her Spotlight Debut! She is 16 and a Junior who went online at Acellus Academy last year. She feels fortunate to have the flexibility to travel the country assisting and demonstrating dance for Abby Lee Miller in her audition workshops. Shea recently returned from two weeks working in New York City with Abby, where she fit in extra training at Broadway Dance Center and saw multiple Broadway shows. Shea's most recent roles include Katherine (*Newsies Jr.*), Princess Fiona (*Shrek Jr.*), and Gabriella Montez (*High School Musical Jr.*). Shea would like to thank Kenny Grossman for this opportunity. She is grateful to work with this incredible cast and crew, and also thanks her family and friends for their constant support. Instagram: @SheaCamdenDance

Who's Who in Beetlejuice Jr.



Theodore McComb

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Priest / Ensemble

Theo McComb is thrilled to be in another Spotlight show! He was recently seen as Nigel Bottom in *Something Rotten*. This will be his fourth show at Spotlight, and he is never turning back. Spotlight is an amazing community, and he is so thankful for this opportunity. He would like to thank Kenny for everything and his mom for always supporting him. Enjoy the show!



Taylor Nunziato-Cruz

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Adam Maitland

Taylor is a junior attending Sandra Day O'Connor High School and is planning to participate in more theatre this year. Taylor is so excited to be back on stage at Spotlight. It's been seven years since he was on stage in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *Willy Wonka Jr.* at Spotlight Youth Theatre. He has had so much fun with the cast of *Beetlejuice Jr* and is very excited to have a bigger role in this show and is very excited to be given this opportunity. He wants to thank the director and the rest of the crew for a fantastic show.

Who's Who in *Beetlejuice Jr.*



Alyssa Ocean

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Ensemble

Alyssa Ocean is so excited to be making her Spotlight Youth Theater debut in *Beetlejuice Jr!* Previous credits include Ocean Ensemble in *Moana Jr*, Ensemble in *The Little Mermaid Jr*, Ensemble in *Mean Girls High School Version*, and Ensemble in *Grease*. Alyssa is 15 years old and has done theater for the past three years. She is incredibly thankful to the amazing cast and crew, as well as her friends and family, for cheering her on every step of the way.



Mariano Ortiz

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UPS Guy / Ensemble

Mariano Ortiz is 15 years old and attends Centennial High School. Mariano started his theatre journey just last year at the age of 14, his freshman year. Some of his roles include Changeling Child in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Dance Ensemble in *SpongeBob the Musical*, and Judge Hathorne in *The Crucible*. This is Mariano's first-ever community theatre show at Spotlight, where he learns new experiences and cherishes them all. Mariano plans to make his mark in Spotlight Youth Theatre by trying to do as much as possible! He is so excited to open a new book in his theatre journey! He would like to thank Kenny, Katie, his friends, and family for this wonderful opportunity!

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Ava Petri

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Ensemble

Ava is a senior at the Arizona School for the Arts and is involved in the International Thespian Society. She has appeared in numerous Spotlight shows, the latest being *Something Rotten*, *Les Misérables*, *Anastasia*, and *The Prom*. She has also been in numerous school shows, including choreographing the musical *Gypsy*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, and *I Need My Monster* in Spring 2026. Thank you to the cast, crew, and everyone involved in this production. Enjoy the show!



Amber Poirier

Amber Poirier

Miss Argentina / Ensemble

This is Amber's second show with Spotlight Youth Theatre, and she is so incredibly happy to be coming back in one of her dream shows. Some of her favorite roles have been SpongeBob in *The SpongeBob Musical* (CTC), Little Red Riding Hood in *Into the Woods* (CTC), and a Worker in *Hadestown: Teen Edition* (SYT). Amber would like to thank the amazingly talented cast and crew of this show for being so kind and fun to work with, and especially thank Spotlight Youth Theatre for giving her the opportunity to grow as an actress and be in such a fabulous production. She would also like to thank her family and friends for their unwavering support and love throughout her theatre career. Thank you for coming and supporting the arts. Please enjoy the show!

Who's Who in *Beetlejuice Jr.*



Justis Schneider

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Ensemble

Justis is thrilled to be back on the Spotlight stage in this spooky-fun production of *Beetlejuice!* Over the past several years, she has performed in numerous community theater productions across the Valley, including *Shrek Jr.*, *Frozen Jr.*, *The Island of Dr. Libris*, *Playfest* - and many more! She also performs with HyRev at Arizona Broadway Theatre. When she's not singing, dancing, painting, or playing piano, she's hanging out with her cats, Chester and Cheeto. Justis thanks her directors, castmates, and family for their endless support. It's showtime—enjoy the strange and unusual!



Jay Schwab

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Delia Schlimmer

Jay is so happy to be back for another production with her Spotlight family. Her favorite performances at SYT include *Alice By Heart*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Playfest*, and *The Prom*. She is a current sophomore Music Theatre major at ASU and can usually be found writing songs and playing guitar at midnight. Jay would like to thank Kenny Grossman for all the support and guidance over the years, and her family for always supporting her passions.

Who's Who in *Beetlejuice Jr.*



Kyler Tilley

Kyler Tilley

Maxie Dean / Ensemble

Kyler Tilley is a 14-year-old student at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. Kyler has recently been seen in *13 The Musical* in his AriZoni award-nominated performance as Archie, and 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!



Cora Welch

Cora Welch

Maxine Dean / Ensemble

Cora Welch is super excited to be in *Beetlejuice Jr.* She is a 9th-grade student at Millennium High School. Cora was most recently in *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Finding Nemo Jr.* (SYT). Some of her other roles include Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web* and Bagheera in *The Jungle Book* (WVS). Cora loves acting and enjoys writing & playing guitar. She is extremely grateful for this opportunity and would like to say thank you to Kenny, Katie, Heather, Carly, Lillybelle, the cast, her family & friends for all of their support. Cora hopes you enjoy the show!

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Finley Wilbur

Finley Wilbur

Ensemble

Finley Wilbur is excited to be in another production at Spotlight. She has most recently been in *The Lightning Thief* (Starlight) and *13* (Spotlight). She would like to thank the awesome production team and the amazing cast of *Beetlejuice, Jr.* 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.



Griffin Wilbur

Griffin Wilbur

Mover / Ensemble

Griffin Wilbur is excited to be in the cast of *Beetlejuice, Jr.* Some of his previous credits include *Finding Nemo, Jr.*, *Frozen, Jr.* and *Oliver!* (TheaterWorks) as well as *Rudolph, Jr.*, *Mary Poppins, Jr.*, *Elf Jr.*, and *13* (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!

Who's Who in *Beetlejuice Jr.*

Zeke Wooden

Ensemble

Zeke Wooden is excited to return to SYT to join this strange and unusual cast of *Beetlejuice Jr.*! Previously, Zeke has begged for more as Oliver in *Oliver!* frozen on stage in *Frozen Jr.*, swam the seas in *Finding Nemo Jr.* as Tad, ruled the Pride Lands as Young Simba in *The Lion King Jr.*, and even counted coins as Young Ebenezer in *A Christmas Carol*. He's happiest when he's singing, dancing, and directing his little brothers in a living-room musical. He thanks his family for their love, support, and rides to rehearsal as well as the Spotlight team for keeping his theater dream alive—just don't say his name three times, or he might show up for an encore!



Blair Yaron

Role

Blair Yaron is a ten-year-old performer from Scottsdale, Arizona. Blair is very proud to be in her second production at Spotlight Youth Theatre. Previous credits include Little Cosette/Eponine in *Les Misérables* (Spotlight Youth Theatre) and Molly in *Annie* (Valley Youth Theatre). She is grateful to Kenny, Katie, Heather, Carly, LillyBelle, and the rest of the Spotlight team for this amazing opportunity and your support along the way. She is also thankful for her parents and brother for their unwavering love and dedication. She wants to wish a great show to all her castmates! It's Showtime!



Who's Who in *Beetlejuice Jr.*

Rob Adams (Set Design)

Rob is thrilled to be designing *Beetlejuice Jr.*, for his fourth season at Spotlight! Growing up in an artistic household with a father who was a professional artist and painter, Rob developed a strong foundation in the arts. He spent years working in galleries, building frames, and setting up exhibitions before earning his degree in Arts Management from NAU.

Beyond the stage, Rob enjoys building and refurbishing furniture, blending creativity with craftsmanship. His background also includes serving as a summer camp director, where he designed program sets and brought themed experiences to life—most notably crafting the Carnival and themed Snack Bar.

Enjoy the scenery, and thank you for supporting youth theater!

Katie Czajkowski (Stage Manager)

Katie Czajkowski is an Arizona native who began performing in the valley back in 2012. Some performance credits include *Footloose*, *A Chorus Line*, *42nd Street*, and *Bring It On*. She has also choreographed Spotlight productions, including *Ramona Quimby*, *Honk Jr.*, *101 Dalmatians Kids*, *Aristocats Kids*, *Shrek Jr.*, *Lizzie the Musical*, *Once* (ariZoni nom and NYA award winner), *The Prom*, and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.*, and *Much Ado About Nothing*. She also made her co-director debut last season for *Les Misérables* at Spotlight Youth Theater. She graduated with a degree in Musical Theater and a minor in dance from Millikin University. She wants to thank Kenny and the whole cast and crew for their time and hard work on this production. She would especially like to thank her wife, Marielle, for all her love and support. She would also like to thank her Mutter and Grandma for always supporting her.

Carly Grossman (Choreographer)

Carly Natania Grossman loved working on this crazy show with these crazy talented kids. Some theatrical credits include, Ensemble (*Beetlejuice the Musical*) Norwegian Cruise Line; Anybodys (*West Side Story*) Virginia Repertory Theatre; Zaneeta (*The Music Man*) Arizona Theatre Company; Dorothy (*The Wizard of Oz*) Phoenix Theatre; Eponine (*Les Misérables*), Tootles (*Peter Pan*) at Arizona Broadway Theatre; Lala (*The Last Night of Ballyhoo*), Julia (*The Two Gentlemen of Verona*), Gladys (*The Pajama Game*) Arizona Repertory Theatre.

Mom, Dad, Grandma Lillian, and sister Jamie, you rock!

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.

Who's Who in *Beetlejuice Jr.*

LillyBelle Lange (Assistant Choreographer)

LillyBelle is thrilled to be learning from Carly as Assistant Choreographer! She's a junior at Sunrise Mountain. She loves to sing and dance. Recent credits include *Something Rotten* - Ensemble & Dance Captain, *Finding Nemo* - Dory & Dance Captain, *Lightning Thief* - Ares & Featured Dancer, *13*, & *Mary Poppins*! She's a member of SoRev at ABT as well. LB would like to thank Kenny, Carly, and her dance teachers for this opportunity and years of learning. She is loving this cast! Thank you for coming to the show, and please support local theater!

Ellie Little (Lighting Designer)

Ellie has been involved in several shows at Spotlight Youth Theatre, 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), *Hadestown: Teen Edition* (Lighting Designer), and *13 The Musical*, 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!

Delani Piasecki (Costume Designer)

Delani is a costume designer based in Phoenix, AZ. You may recognize her from designing *Les Mis School Edition* last year at SYT! She graduated from University of Arizona in 2024 with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Costume Design and Production. Her previous work includes costume design and construction at Arizona Repertory Theatre, wardrobe crew at Phoenix Theatre, and scenic paint at Mesa Community College.

Heather Walker (Music Director)

Heather is so happy to have had the privilege of directing music for *Beetlejuice Jr!* Heather has been involved with shows at Spotlight for almost 15 years. She has also taught many theatre camps, directed Confetti troupes, and is currently the director of SYT Company. Heather thanks her family for their continuous support and this amazing cast, crew, and production team for their hard work!



A word from our Artistic Director:

There is no need for me to preach to you about the wonderful shows and programs we present on our stage all year long.

What you don't see (but might have been involved with in some way) is the incredible journey the actors and their families take while getting onto the stage. The wonderful experiences are too long to list and are always in progress.

That is what makes Spotlight unique: the sense of community and love off the stage. Everything we do is for the families and kids we serve.

We have no adult theatre to follow, and no city or big corporation to support us. The reality of the business of theatre is that the odds are against us to survive, and we are continually struggling with finances. We have volunteers and Board members working tirelessly to keep the theatre solvent and open. Sometimes we need a little bit more help.

We are asking for 100 people to donate \$100 (the price of one night out at Cheesecake Factory) or more to help us get through a rather challenging financial chapter in Spotlight's incredible history.

Whether your kids are grown up and moved on, or you have future thespians, we hope you can help.

Thank you,

Kenny Grossman, Artistic Director
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MAR 7 – MAY 9, 2026

Saturdays from 10AM–Noon

Ages 5 to 9

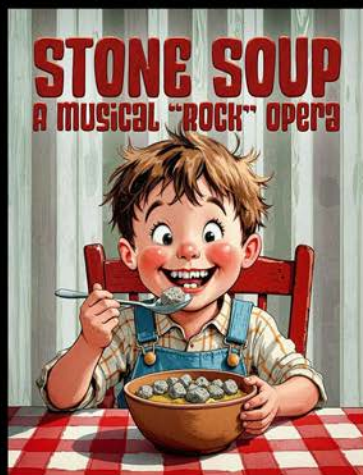
All kids and experience levels are welcome!

Tuition: \$250

It is never too early to start musical theatre!

This program will teach kids the core elements of Musical Theatre including singing, dancing and acting.

Spotlight Youth Theatre's YOUNG ACTORS THESPIAN COMPANY will encourage kids to explore their creativity and imagination in an ensemble-based setting, and will give them an appreciation and understanding of the theatre stage.



Stone Soup: A Musical "Rock" Opera

Based on the classic folktale, this musical "Rock" opera is sure to be a tasty journey.

This wonderful story about community, sharing, and working together is just the recipe for singing, dancing, acting and fun.

Rehearsals will be held every Saturday in the Spotlight Studio from 10AM–Noon.
Final performances on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10, 2026, at 1PM.

For more information or to register, please call the SYT Box Office or visit our website.
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DECEMBER 5–21, 2025

Fridays & Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 2PM
additional 2PM matinees on December 13 & 20

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THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER: THE MUSICAL

The story of the unruly Herdman children, known as the "worst kids in the history of the world," who unexpectedly disrupt the church's annual Christmas pageant. As they prepare for their roles, they discover the true meaning of Christmas and, in turn, help the community see the Nativity story through new eyes.

Directed by **Nicole Blanco**

Musical Direction by **Heather Walker**

Choreography by **Ada Poormon**

Production Dates:

December 5—21, 2025

Ages: **8–19**

We welcome performers of all ethnicities, gender identities, and body types.

Audition dates: **Sunday, October 19, & Monday, October 20, at 6:00PM**

Callbacks: **Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 5:30PM**

Mandatory Parent Meeting: **Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 12:30PM**

Requirements:

- Complete the online audition form.
- Please come prepared to sing **32 bars (about 90 seconds) of a fun holiday song** that shows off your singing talent (please, no a cappella or sheet music, tracks only.)
- Please come prepared with a **one minute character-driven monologue** of your choice.
- Headshot and resume required.

Video auditions:

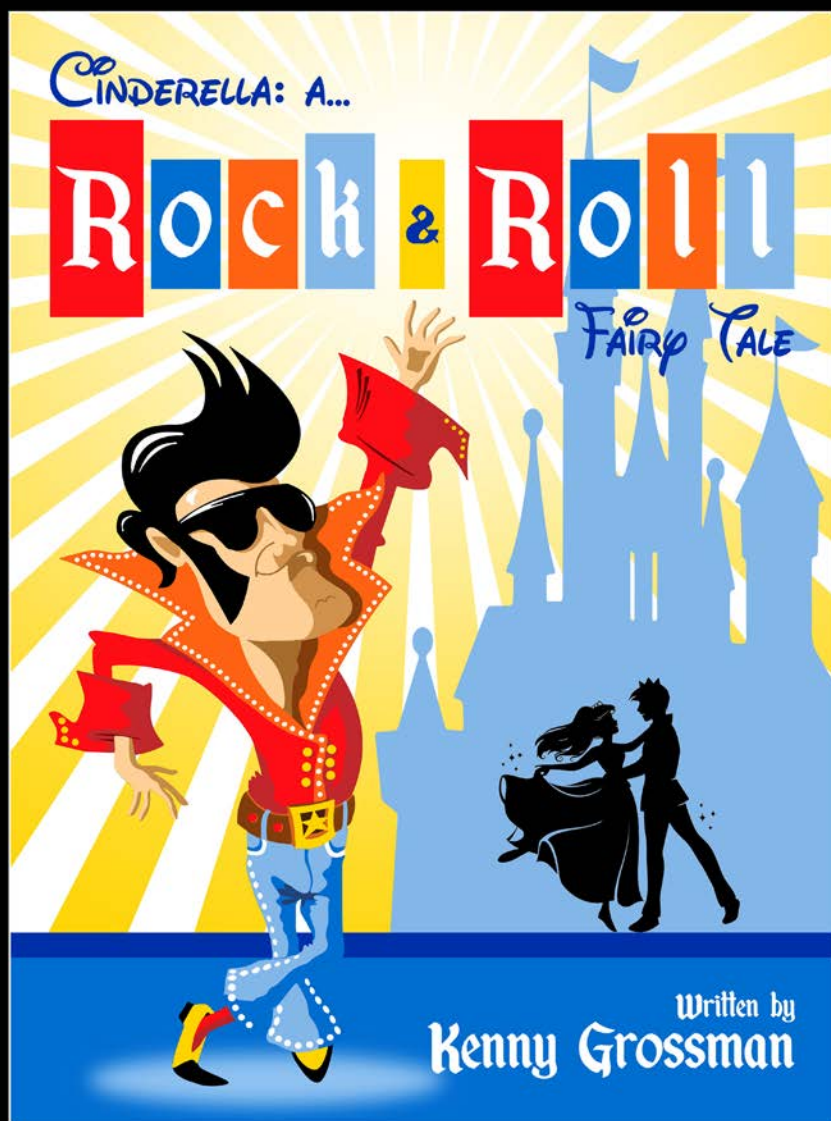
- Complete the online audition form.
- Email **kenny@sytaaz.org** by **9:00PM on Sunday, October 19.**
- Include your name and audition video (linked or attached to email.)
- In-person callbacks are mandatory.

See complete audition requirements and link to register at

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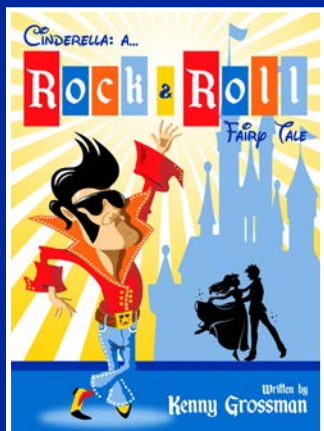
DECEMBER 22, 2025 – JANUARY 2, 2026

Performances: January 2 & 3, 2026

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CINDERELLA: A ROCK-N-ROLL FAIRY TALE

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP SHOW

Join us as Cinderella, the Prince (formerly known as Prince), the King, Queen, and a host of other rock-n-roll stars take us on a magical and hysterical rock-n-roll re-telling of the classic tale.

Holiday Workshop Dates & Times:

December 22, 2025—January 2, 2026

Monday—Friday, 9:00AM—4:00PM (off Christmas Day)

Show performances:

- **Friday, January 2, at 5:00PM**
- **Saturday January 3, 2026, at 11:00AM**

This is a no-cut program—Every kid is welcome and gets a part in the show!

Ages: 8–18 • Tuition: \$250

Mandatory Parent Meeting: Monday, December 22, 9:00—9:30 AM

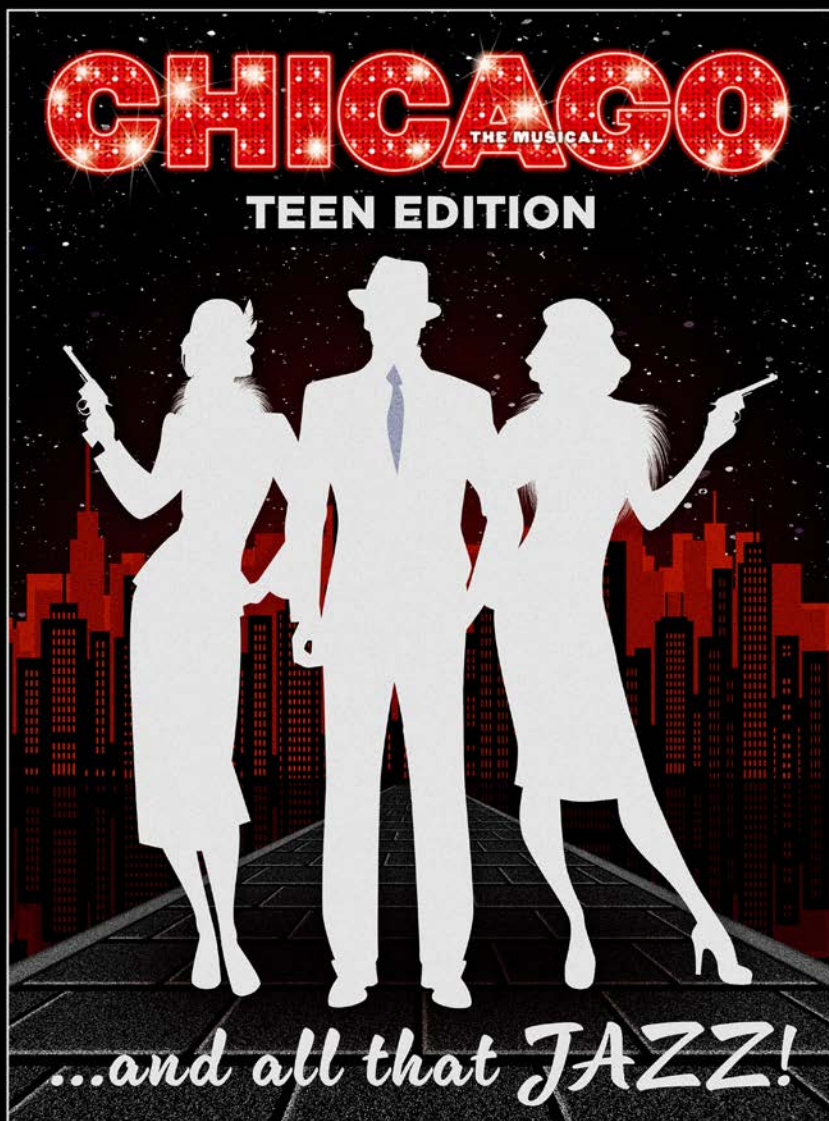
There will be callbacks held on the first day.

For the callbacks, please learn the song, **“Saying Goodbye (Reprise)”** available on the Spotlight Youth Theatre website:

**[sytaz.org/cinderella-
a-rock-and-roll-fairy-tale-2025](https://sytaz.org/cinderella-a-rock-and-roll-fairy-tale-2025)**

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additional 2PM matinees on Jan. 24 & Jan. 31

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CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION

In "Roaring Twenties" Chicago, Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband, Amos, to take the rap... until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess," Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of the "American Dream": fame, fortune, and acquittal.

Directed by **Christina Clodt & Joshua Hengst**

Musical Direction by **Ken Goodenberger**

Choreography by **Katie Czajkowski**

Production Dates:

January 16—February 1, 2026

Ages: **13–19**

We welcome performers of all ethnicities, gender identities, and body types.

Audition dates: **Sunday, November 9, & Monday, November 10, at 6:00PM**

Callbacks: **Tuesday, November 11, at 5:30PM**

Mandatory parent meeting and first rehearsal: **Saturday, Nov 15, at 12:30PM**

Requirements:

- Complete the online audition form.
- Please come prepared to sing **32 bars (about 90 seconds) of an appropriate style, character-driven song** of your choice. (Absolutely no a cappella, please. Sheet music or backing tracks only.)
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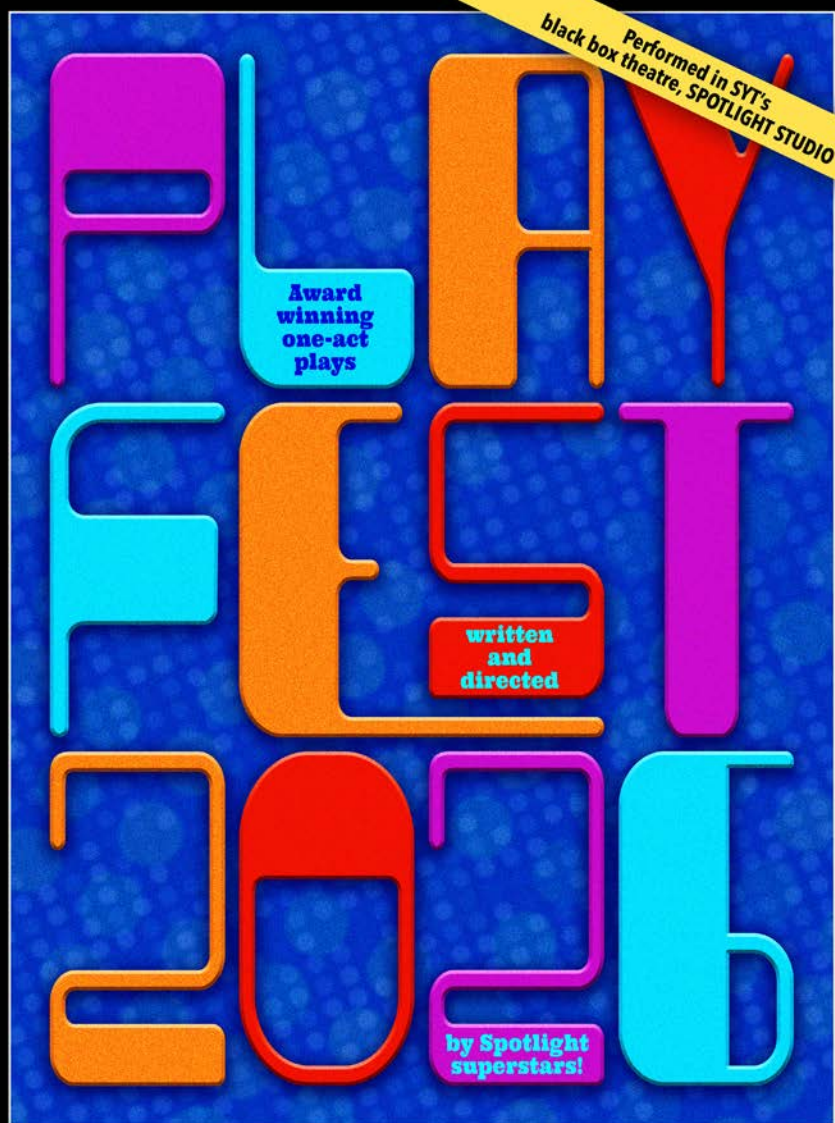
- Complete the online audition form.
- Email **kenny@syta.org** by **9:00PM on Sunday, November 9.**
- Include your name and audition video (linked or attached to email.)
- In-person callbacks are mandatory.

See complete audition requirements and link to register at

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Broadway songs from New York to Oklahoma to California!

August 11 to October 20, 2025

SYT Company: Mondays 5:30–8:30 PM. (Off on 9/1)

Sparkles: Wednesdays 4:30–5:30 PM. (Off on 9/3)

SESSION 2: "THE OZ TRILOGY"

Featuring songs from The Wizard of Oz, The Wiz, and Wicked!

November 3, 2025 to February 2, 2026

SYT Company: Mondays 5:30–8:30 PM. (Off on 11/24, 12/22, 12/29, 1/19)

Sparkles: Wednesdays 4:30–5:30 PM. (Off on 11/26, 12/24, 12/31, 1/21)

SESSION 3: "BROADWAY VILLAINS REVUE"

It's fun to sing Broadway heroes, but even more fun to sing and dance Broadway villains!

February 23 to May 14, 2026

SYT Company: Mondays 5:30–8:30 PM. (Off on 3/16)

Sparkles: Wednesdays 4:30–5:30 PM. (Off on 3/18)

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Spotlight Youth Theatre's mission is to provide youth and their families a safe, welcoming environment where the individual is supported, teamwork is embraced, and creativity is encouraged through high quality performing arts and educational programs that enrich and strengthen our community.

Spotlight Youth Theatre's vision:

1. A program grounded in the belief that every child deserves a chance to shine, a place that is safe and free from negativity, and an environment where fun and hard work combine into amazing experiences, both on and off stage.
2. A theatre program that is as diverse as the community we serve and where all members of the family can join in the endeavor to produce high quality theater productions that amaze and entertain.
3. A place where a child can be their authentic self, exploring the creative arts without fear, and be embraced and encouraged to grow and flourish.

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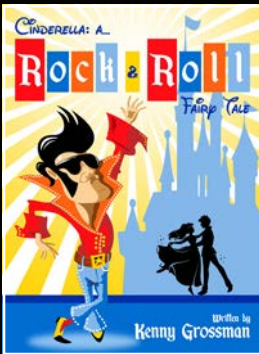
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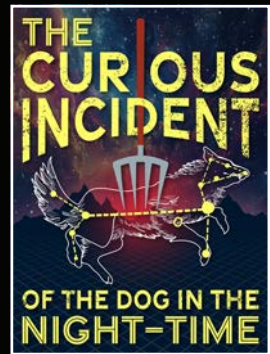
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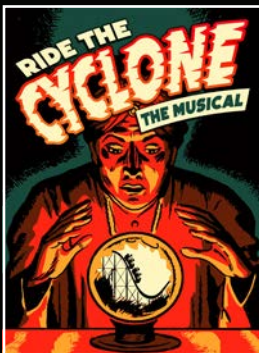
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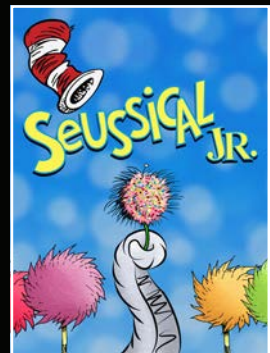
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