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## THE LIGHTNING THIEF

THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

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# Spotlight Youth Theatre Proudly Presents



## THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

Book by **Joe Tracz**

Music and Lyrics by **Rob Rokicki**

Adapted from the book *The Lightning Thief* by **Rick Riordan**

Originally commissioned, created, and produced Off-Broadway  
by **TheaterWorksUSA**

Director / Scenic & Projection Design / Animation: **Bobby Sample**

Musical Director: **Elisa W. Kurbat**

Choreographer / Hair & Makeup Design: **Falin Ossipinsky**

Assistant Director / Fight Choreographer: **Jack Taylor**

Stage Management: **Kenny Grossman & María Cruz**

Costume Design: **Samantha Essary Utpadel**

Lighting Design: **Anthony Rozzen, Josh Hontz, & Jack Taylor**

Lead Electrician: **Josh Hontz**

Sound Design: **Jack Taylor**

Sound Programmer: **Anthony Rozzen**

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Monsters & Puppet Design: **Bobby Sample**

Dance Captain: **Mia Hurley**

Light Operator: **Ellie Little**

Sound Operator: **Neveah Monk**

Microphone Operator: **Lilly Belle Lange**

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the **Spotlight Youth Theatre Board of Directors,**  
and the **friends & family members**  
who volunteered to make this show so successful.

## Note From the Director

When I took my first look at *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* less than a year ago, I was already late to the party. Unlike millions of readers of all ages, I wasn't up on the series of young adult novels by Rick Riordan. I was barely aware that the two CGI-stuffed film adaptations of his stories were generally disliked both by the author and by his fans. Upon reading the first volume, I found that the musical sticks much closer to the voice and focus of *The Lightning Thief* than the screen version does.

Maybe it helps for the stage-bound version of this story to serve as a first impression for some of us. A focus not on magic and escape, but on real kids dealing with common problems — especially neglectful and absentee parents — is in your face right from the opening number. Our main character is also the champion of anyone challenged by dyslexia, ADHD, and/or the struggles of a social misfit. Percy gives anyone with cognitive differences a hero to recognize, showing that most of our differences are gifts rather than curses.

It has been a joy to work with this kind, smart, and tireless cast, where the work and talent of every last one of them was key to bringing this adventure story to life. I'm also thankful to the entire production team and to all the Spotlight Family, starting with Artistic Director, Kenny Grossman, who, when planning the season last year, thought I was the one apt to direct "the crazy show with the monsters and puppets." I hope he was right.

Enjoy the show!

Bobby Sample, Director

# **The Cast of *The Lightning Thief***

Percy Jackson .....	Owen Donsker
Annabeth Chase .....	Zoie Moller
Grover Underwood.....	Landon Kalin
Luke / Hades / Minotaur .....	Braiden Lee
Sally Jackson / The Oracle .....	Lauren Youngstedt
Mr. Brunner / Chiron / Ares.....	Andrei Igdanes
Clarisse La Rue / Squirrel .....	Zoey Waller
Mr. D .....	Calvin Corey
Silena Beauregard / Charon .....	Tabi Moyemer
Katie Gardner .....	Lee Conort
Gabe / Poseidon.....	TJ Brumbaugh
Mrs. Dodds / Fury / Kurt Cobain / Ocean Spirit.....	Kiera Crouch
Aunty Em / Medusa / Nancy Bobofit .....	Olivia Martinez
Thalia / Sister Fury .....	Addi Lauder
James Brown / UPS Guy.....	AJ King
Janis Joplin / Newscaster .....	Mia Hurley
Mozart / Bus Passenger.....	Jay Schwab
Echidna / DJ Cerberus / Sister Fury .....	Emmy Lange
Train Conductor / Bus Driver / Ocean Spirit .....	Chris Brown
Farmer / Uncle Ferdinand.....	Owen Morris
Bianca / Bus Passenger.....	Anna Parker
Campmates / Classmates / Underworld Ghouls / Chorus.....	Company
Dance Ensemble .....	Chris Brown, Mia Hurley, AJ King, Emmy Lange, Addi Lauder, Olivia Martinez, Anna Parker, Owen Morris, Jay Schwab
Kronos .....	Himself

# ***The Lightning Thief* Band**

Keyboard / Conductor.....	Elisa W. Kurbat
Percussion .....	Nico Viquesney
Bass.....	Ian Nussdorfer
Guitars.....	Gage Diehl-Gonzales & Miles Naffah

# ***The Lightning Thief***

## **Musical Numbers**

### **ACT 1**

“Prologue” .....	Company
“The Day I Got Expelled” .....	Percy, Mr. Brunner, Mrs. Dodds, Grover, Classmates
“Strong” .....	Sally, Percy
“The Weirdest Dream” .....	Percy, Poseidon, Ocean Spirits, Annabeth, Chorus
“Another Terrible Day” .....	Mr. D, Percy, Chiron, Silena, Katie, Campmates
“Their Sign” .....	Chiron, Percy, Luke, Grover
“Put You in Your Place” .....	Percy, Luke, Clarisse, Annabeth, Grover, Campmates
“The Campfire Song” .....	Luke, Annabeth, Percy, Katie, Grover, Chiron, Silena, Campmates
“The Oracle” .....	Percy, Oracle, Chorus
“Good Kid” .....	Percy, Chorus
“Killer Quest” .....	Percy, Grover, Annabeth, Luke, Chiron, Clarisse, Campmates

**There will be a 15 minute intermission.**

### **ACT 2**

“Lost” .....	Annabeth, Grover, Percy, Squirrel, Auntie Em
“My Grand Plan” .....	Annabeth, Percy
“Drive” .....	Grover, Train Conductor, Annabeth, Percy, Echidna, Farmer, Newscaster, Ares
“The Weirdest Dream (Reprise)” .....	Percy, Kronos
“The Tree on the Hill” .....	Grover, Thalia, Luke, Annabeth, Percy
“D.O.A.” .....	Charon, Annabeth, Percy, Grover, James Brown, Janis Joplin, Kurt Cobain, Mozart, DJ Cerberus, Ghouls
“Son of Poseidon” .....	Percy, Sally, Hades, Annabeth, Grover, Ares, Chorus
“Last Day of Summer” .....	Percy, Annabeth, Clarisse, Mr. D, Luke, Campmates
“Bring on the Monsters” .....	Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Chiron, Silena, Clarisse, Campmates



# Who's Who in *The Lightning Thief*



## Chris Brown

**Train Conductor / Bus Driver /  
Ocean Spirit / Dance Ensemble**

This is Chris Brown's first show with Spotlight Youth Theater. A sophomore at Centennial High School, her year was highlighted playing the lead, Gabriella Montez, in the school's spring musical, *High School Musical*. Over the past few years, she has also had roles in *Clue* and *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* at Centennial, in *Shrek Jr.* at her middle school, and in *Mary Poppins Jr.* at the Arizona Broadway Theater summer youth program. She's grateful and excited to begin her community theater journey at SYT and to grow as a performer.



## TJ Brumbaugh

**Gabe / Poseidon**

TJ is very excited to be back on stage in *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*! He has been in theatre for over seven years and loves doing shows at Spotlight. Recently he was in *Playfest 2021-2022*, *Frozen Jr.*, and *Annie*. He was also a techie for *Desperate Housewives of Shakespeare* and *Wanted: Santa Claus*. He's taking a break to spend a few months in New Mexico, but he'll be back in August. He would like to thank his parents and friends for being super supportive and loving throughout his journey.



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## Lee Conort

Katie Gardner

Lee is a rising sophomore at Washington High School, lawyer-in-training, loving older sibling, passionate writer, and a young actor. They sincerely thank their family, friends, and cherished books for giving them the strength and comfort to pursue this wonderful musical! Lee has been a fan of *The Lightning Thief* musical for years and adored the book when they were younger. This opportunity is truly special to them, especially being their final musical before moving out of state. They earnestly hope you'll enjoy the show!



## Calvin Corey

Mr. D

Calvin is excited to be Mr. D in *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*! He has performed in eight other shows at Spotlight. His most recent roles include being the Sheriff in *Bonnie and Clyde* (AYT) and Malcom Beineke in *The Addams Family Young@Part* (Spotlight). Calvin is 14 years old and is in 8th grade at Highland Lakes School. In addition to theater, he plays the trombone in the school band. Calvin would like to thank his family for all their support.



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KIERA CROUCH

## Kiera Crouch

Mrs. Dodds / Fury / Kurt Cobain  
/ Ocean Spirit

Kiera is a 17-year-old junior at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. She has been a performer in the Valley for nearly ten years. Favorite shows include Lauren in *School of Rock* (Spotlight Youth Theatre), three seasons of *A Christmas Carol* (ABT / Herberger Theater), Logainne in *Spelling Bee* (Starlight Youth Theater) and most recently as Jesus in *Godspell* (Starlight). Kiera is very grateful for this opportunity, and hopes you enjoy the show!



OWEN DONSKER

## Owen Donsker

Percy Jackson

Owen is thrilled to return to the stage at Spotlight after more than two years off due to Covid. To return in the role of Percy is truly a dream come true. Owen has previously performed at Spotlight as Private Fector in *Dogfight*, Evan in *13* and Schroeder in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. He's also been seen regularly at Desert Stages (*Spelling Bee*, *Mary Poppins*, *13*, *Aladdin*), Valley Youth Theatre (*Newsies*, *They Chose Me*) and Childsplay / YETI (*The Sum of Me*). He is wrapping up his Junior year at Paradise Valley High School in the CREST program with a Bioscience emphasis. Thank you to all family and friends who come support at each and every show. Welcome back!



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**MIA HURLEY**

## Mia Hurley

**Janis Joplin / Newscaster / Dance Ensemble / Dance Captain**

Mia is a 14-year-old 8th grader at ACAA and has been performing since she was six years old. She is so excited to be back on the Spotlight stage. She was most recently seen in *Playfest* as Lizzie in *Lost in Sound*. She would like to thank Bobby, Jack, Falin, and Elise for giving her this wonderful opportunity to be part of a fun and amazing show. A big thank you to the entire production team for making this a great experience.



**ANDREI IGDANES**

## Andrei Igdanes

**Mr. Brunner / Chiron / Ares**

Andrei is very thrilled to be playing Chiron / Ares! Andrei has recently completed a run of ACAA's *Company* (Paul). He has also been seen elsewhere in productions of *Celebration of Christmas* (Ensemble) and *Around the World in 8 Plays* (Narrator). He would like to give a huge thanks to food for giving him energy to power through 3+ hour rehearsals. He would like you all to enjoy it as much as he enjoyed being part of it.



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**LANDON KALIN**

## **Landon Kalin**

### **Grover Underwood**

Landon is so excited to be performing in his first show with Spotlight. He has performed in many shows across the Valley, and some of his favorite roles include Jesse Tuck in *Tuck Everlasting* (AYT), Adam in *Freaky Friday* (AYT) (Zoni Nomination), Senator Fipp in *Urinetown* (ABT), Schroeder in *YAGMCB* (PTC), Lucas Beineke in *Addams Family* (CYT), and Smea in *Peter Pan* (CYT) (Zoni Nomination). Landon is thankful for Zoie Moller, as well as his friends and family for their constant love and support – especially his Mom and little sister, Hope. Lastly, he would like to thank the wonderful directing team – Bobby, Elise, Falin, Jack, and Kenny – for the opportunity. Enjoy our production of *Daddy Issues: The Musical™*



**AJ KING**

## **AJ King**

### **James Brown / UPS Guy / Dance Ensemble**

AJ is so excited to be a part of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical!* He is in his junior year at Canyon View High School, where he is on the officer board of the Jags Theatre Company. He also performed at state as an Ensemble member in *The Girl Who Swallowed a Cactus* with Troupe 9020. AJ is second semester in Spotlight Evolution and was recently seen as Walter/Ensemble in *Hair*. Some of his favorite roles include Race in *Newsies* (CVHS), Richie in *A Chorus Line* (DST), and Owen / Henry / Shadows in *Spotlight Playfest: Go the Distance* (SYT)! AJ would like to thank his family and the amazing cast and crew of this production!



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EMMY LANGE

## Emmy Lange

**Echidna / DJ Cerberus / Sister Fury / Dance Ensemble**

Emmy is a freshman at Sunrise Mountain High School. She is excited to be a part of this amazing show! Emmy was last seen in *Newsies* as Jacobi and ensemble (SMHS). She would like to thank Bobby, Falin, Jack, her voice teacher Renee, and the whole cast and crew. Emmy loves spending time with her fun family and performing in Spotlight's Evolution group with her friends. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!



ADDI LAUDER

## Addi Lauder

**Thalia / Sister Fury / Dance Ensemble**

Addi is 15 years old and currently attends Thunderbird High School. Some of their favorite roles they have done in the past are Sophie in *Mamma Mia* (THS) and Sam in *SYT's Playfest*. Addi would like to thank Bobby, Elise, and Jack for this opportunity, and especially Falin for believing in and supporting them. Addi is so stoked to BRANCH out as Thalia!



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## Braiden Lee

Luke / Hades / Minotaur

Braiden is a very recent performer in the Valley. They are so stoked to be in their second Spotlight show! Their recent credits include Woof in *Hair* at Spotlight and Clyde in *Bonnie and Clyde* at Actors Youth Theater. He is currently a junior attending online school. They would like to thank the cast, crew, Kenny, Bobby, Jack, Falin, Elise, and of course Oakley Rhinehart for letting them be in *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*!



## Olivia Martinez

Aunty Em / Medusa / Nancy  
Bobofit / Dance Ensemble

Olivia is 14 years old and absolutely thrilled to be in one of her dream shows. She was most recently seen on stage in *Godspell* at Starlight Community Theater. Previous SYT roles include Pepper in *Annie*, Maya in *Cloudy with a Chance of Musicals*, and Fairy Godparent in *Cinderella: A Rock and Roll Fairytale*, for which she received a Zoni nomination. She would like to thank Bobby, Elise, Falin, Jack, María, and Kenny for helping make the show as awesome as can be. In addition, she would like to thank her family who drive her to rehearsal every day and always give their undying support. Her biggest thanks are to her best supporter – her dog, T.J. She hopes you enjoy the show and have a wicked time!



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**ZOIE MOLLER**

## **Zoie Moller**

### **Annabeth Chase**

Zoie has found her home on the Spotlight stage for six years and is so grateful and excited to represent Annabeth in this production! A sophomore at Sandra Day O'Connor, she recently was seen as Paulette in *Legally Blonde*. Her favorite roles at SYT include Patrice in *13* (NYA) and Anna in *Frozen Jr.* (NYA). Zoie wants to thank her mentor and coach, MJ McCloskey, and Bobby, Jack, and Falin for giving her this huge opportunity. Thank you for coming to see the show, and welcome to Camp Half Blood!



**TABI MOMEYER**

## **Tabi Momeyer**

### **Silena Beauregard / Charon**

Tabi, 17, is a junior at Shadow Mountain High School. She's been performing since she was eight years old and is so excited to be performing in her second Spotlight show! Some of her favorite roles have been Wednesday in *The Addams Family* at DST, Officer Lockstock in *Urinetown* at SMHS, and Ursula in *The Little Mermaid* at SMHS. Tabi would like to thank Bobby, Kenny, Falin, Jack, Elise, and the rest of the production team for giving her this opportunity and for making this show amazing. She would also like to thank her castmates for making her feel so welcomed. This cast has become like a second family to her and she's so appreciative to be performing with such talented people.



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OWEN MORRIS

## Owen Morris

**Farmer / Uncle Ferdinand /  
Dance Ensemble**

Owen is still relatively new to SYT, but he has enjoyed all the shows that he's been in here! Some of his favorite roles were Hud in *Hair* (SYT) and Oaken in *Frozen* (SDYT). He would love to thank the production team for an awesome show and the cast and crew for being amazing every day. Finally, he would like to invite everyone to hop on his tractor and enjoy an astounding performance!



ANNA PARKER

## Anna Parker

**Bianca / Bus Passenger / Dance  
Ensemble**

Anna is thrilled to be back on the Spotlight stage, especially telling one of her favorite stories with this amazing cast! Anna is finishing up 8th grade at Desert Shadows where she is soprano section leader for Bravo Show Choir. Anna's favorite roles include Grace Smythe in *A Christmas Carol* (SMTTC), Ensemble in *Addams Family Young @ Part* (SYT), and Orphan Swing in *Annie* (SMTTC). She also enjoys being a part of Spotlight's Evolution troupe, reading, and hanging out with friends. Anna is so thankful for this opportunity!



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JAY SCHWAB

## Jay Schwab

Mozart / Bus Passenger / Dance Ensemble

Jay is a sophomore at Desert Edge High School. They love all things theater and are thrilled to be back for another production with their Spotlight family. Their favorite performances at Spotlight include *Hair*, *Frozen Jr*, *Annie*, and *Beat Bugs*. Jay is grateful to their family for their love and support and would like to thank Bobby and the production team for this amazing opportunity!



ZOEW WALLER

## Zoey Waller

Clarisse La Rue / Squirrel

Zoey is ecstatic to be back on the Spotlight stage after last appearing in *Hair* as Crissy. Over the last ten years she has found a home at Spotlight and is so grateful for all of the opportunities Spotlight has offered her, including producing her first original play (directed by the incredible Jack Taylor). Some of her favorite performances include *Urinetown* at Arizona Broadway Theater, and *Dogfight* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* both at Spotlight. She would like to thank Bobby, Falin, Jack, Elise, Maria, Kenny, and everyone involved for giving her this opportunity. Enjoy the show!

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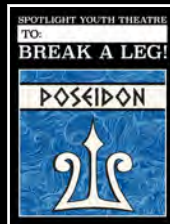
LAUREN YOUNGSTEDT

## Lauren Youngstedt

Sally Jackson / The Oracle

Lauren is thrilled to be a part of her first show at Spotlight! She is 17 years old and a Junior at Red Mountain High School. Lauren has been doing theatre since she was 11 years old. Some of her favorite roles being *Shrek the Musical* (Dragon), *Spelling Bee* (Rona), *Carrie* (Carrie). Lauren wants to extend a huge thank you to Bobby, Elise, María, and the entire cast and crew of *The Lightning Thief* for all their support and perseverance throughout the past couple of months. Love to her family always.

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**Gage Diehl-Gonzales (Band—Guitar 1)** Gage is a junior at Arizona School For the Arts. He has been attending ASA since his freshman year, where he studies double bass and classical guitar. Gage spends his weekends and after school time rehearsing with his bands. Besides ASA, Gage has always been self-taught. He first joined a personal band in 2020, and since has released albums, played paid shows, and went on tour with multiple bands. These ensembles range from Jazz to hardcore to industrial. He spends most of his time playing electric bass for these groups. After his first year at ASA, Gage saved up and bought an electric guitar. Using what he learned through ASA's classical guitar program, he picked it up and added it to his list of instruments. Gage is excited to play guitar for *The Lightning Thief*, as this will be his first time performing in a musical!

**Miles Naffah (Band—Guitar 2)** Miles is a high school student at Arizona School for the Arts. His studies include classical guitar and miscellaneous percussion instruments. Furthermore, he spends most of his free time studying electric guitar. He is very excited to participate in *The Lightning Thief*, as this is his debut as a pit musician.

**Ian Nussdorfer (Band—Bass)** Ian is a high school senior at Arizona School for the Arts. He studies double bass and tenor saxophone and takes part in multiple ensembles including chamber orchestra, chamber winds, and jazz band. Ian has been selected for 1st in state for bass in the ABODA All-State Jazz Festival the last three years, and in 2021 was also selected to participate as the 3rd tenor saxophone. Ian has participated as the bass player in several of ASA's musicals over the past five years. In addition, Ian has had the pleasure of playing the bass at Arizona Broadway Theatre (*Godspell*) and Scottsdale Community College (*The Lightning Thief* and *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*). Ian will attend Vanderbilt University for a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies for Double Bass in the fall with a full tuition scholarship.

**Nico Viquesney (Band—Percussion)** Nico is a high school freshman at Arizona School for the Arts. Nico is extremely excited to make his "pit musician" debut at Spotlight Youth Theatre. Nico has been playing the drum kit for over three years. While Nico isn't studying, he loves to play almost any style of music. However, rock is Nico's first love. Thank you, Ms. G, for your amazing teaching and Mrs. Kurbat for giving me this fabulous opportunity.

**María Cruz (Stage Manager / director de escena)** María has been the stage manager for several productions over the past five years. Her portfolio includes stage management for theater and for events such as the Scottsdale Arts 2022 Gala. María's previous theatrical onstage works include, *Los Últimos Cinco Años* (United Colours of Arizona), *Dogfight* (Spotlight Youth Theatre), *Gypsy*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Miracle Worker*, *Beat Bugs a Musical Adventure* (SYT), and *Eurydice* (GCC.) When María isn't Stage Managing in the evenings, she is working as the Programming Coordinator at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. María is very grateful to be surrounded by art and artists 24/7 and is thankful for the opportunity to work on another show at SYT. Por último, ella quiere agradecerle a su mamá, papá y hermana por el apoyo que recibe, ya sea a través de la comida, las risas, o encendiendo el aire acondicionado en la rara ocasión en que ella podría estar en casa. "Disfruten la obra!"

**Kenny & Vicki Grossman (Properties Design)** 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 a great new season. Kenny still loves eggs. To Jamie and Carly, "We love you and miss you." Thank you to cast, crew, directors, designers, families, volunteers, and board members.



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**Elisa W. Kurbat (Music Director)** 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. Elisa holds a Level III Certification in Somatic Voicework and also holds a certification in Estill Vocal Method (Estill Figure Proficient). Elisa is currently training to be an Estill Master Trainer. While in Ohio, Elisa played piano professionally for Mansfield Orchestra, while maintaining a full piano and vocal studio. Elisa's love for musical theatre was realized when she first music directed *Cinderella*. Since then, she has music directed many musicals. Her favorites include *Into the Woods*, *Addams Family* (Spotlight Youth Theatre), *The SpongeBob Musical*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Urinetown*, *Cabaret*, *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Theory of Relativity*, *Honk*, *Footloose*, *Mary Poppins*, and *Spring Awakening*. 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. In her spare time, Elisa spends time with her wonderful husband, is a mom of three teenage boys and loves all things true crime.

**Josh Hontz (Lead Electrician)** Josh is the Theatre Technology Coordinator at the Mesa Community College Theatre and he has worked as a sound and lighting designer in the Valley since 2014. He has received eighteen AriZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence for his sound, lighting, and media designs. He is also the Vice President of Spotlight's Board Of Directors. Outside of the theatre, Josh enjoys gardening and spending time with his lovely wife, Katie, and his sweet dog, Linda.

**Falin Ossipinsky (Choreographer / Makeup & Hair Design)** Falin is so ecstatic to be working on this stellar show! She has been a part of the Spotlight family since 2015, starting as a cast member for many productions, including *Cabaret*, *American Idiot*, and *Pippin*. Since then, she has choreographed multiple shows for SYT including *The Addams Family*, *Frozen Jr.*, and *Fun Home!* Falin also works as the choreographer for three of the SYT Company Troupes: *Evolution*, *Celebration*, and *Confetti*. This is definitely her first real hair and makeup design job though! Many thanks to this incredibly talented cast for all their hard work, this amazing crew, and her fiancé, Jack. Hi Mom and Dad!

**Anthony Rozzen (Lighting Design / Sound Technician)** Wow, what a crazy year it has been for Anthony – his first season done once this show is over. It's been challenging, engaging, and overall, really enjoyable. His favorite part about light and sound design is seeing the show come to life. Watching these kids work is truly remarkable.

**Bobby Sample (Director / Scenic & Projection Design / Animations / Monster & Puppet Design)** *The Lightning Thief* makes it an even six dozen productions that Bobby has worked on at Spotlight. The last show he directed here (along with Kenny Grossman) was last season's *The Soul of Frankenstein*, which Bobby also wrote. He most recently designed set and projections for *Superhero Ultraferno* at Theater Works. He looks forward to a break to complete more writing projects, but always calls Spotlight home. Bobby is grateful for his partner, Daniel, the cast, Kenny, Deb, Jack, Falin, Elise, Sam, Anthony, Josh, Vicki, Robert, María, and all the crew, musicians, families, and volunteers who kept this show together!

**Jack Taylor (Assistant Director / Fight Choreographer / Sound Design / Assistant Lighting Design)** Jack is thrilled to have been able to help bring *The Lightning Thief* to the Spotlight stage, as both assistant director and fight choreographer. He's been on the SYT stage many times in the past, but recently started stepping in as a director with *Wanted: Santa Claus* in 2020, and *Lost N Sound* in SYT's *Playfest 2022* earlier this season. He'd like to thank all the cast and crew for their exceptional work, his friends, family, Bobby, Kenny, and fiancé, Falin, for their support.

**Samantha Essary Utpadel (Costume Design)** Samantha is delighted to be working with the passionate and talented adults and young people at SYT. Favorite credits include *Green Day's American Idiot* ('Zoni), *Guys and Dolls* ('Zoni nom), *Miracle on 34th Street* ('Zoni), *Macbeth*, *Bring It On*, *Mary Poppins*, *Cabaret* ('Zoni nom), *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*, and *Gypsy*. Much love to my family and to all of you supporting the arts through this unprecedented time.



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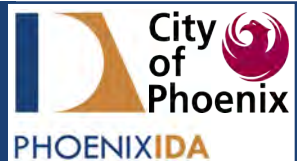
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