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Spotlight Youth Theatre Proudly Presents

Rodgers & Hammerstein's **OKLAHOMA!**

Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**
Book & Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN**

Based on the play *Green Grow the Lilacs* by **Lynn Riggs**

Original Choreography by **Agnes de Mille**

Director: **Kenny Grossman**

Musical Director: **Elisa W. Kurbat**

Choreographer: **Falin Ossipinsky**

Assistant Director: **Emma Woolstenhulme**

Costume Designers: **Audrey Wawro & Camden Wawro**

Set Designer: **Kimberly Schneider**

Hair & Makeup Designer: **Alexandra (Ixy) Utpadel**

Lighting & Sound Designer: **Josh Hontz**

Properties Artisans: **Vicki Grossman & Kenny Grossman**

Dance Captain: **Bella Swope**

Light Board Operator: **Vanessa Van Atta**

Sound Board Operator: **Lilly Belle Lange**

Sound Effects, Sound Board, & Light Effects Operator: **Valerie Winch**

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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

Our advertisement for *OKLAHOMA!* reads “**THIS AIN’T YOUR GRANDPARENTS’ OKLAHOMA!**”

We decided to model this production after the 2019 Broadway revival. The wonderful music and dialogue are the same as the original, but the approach to the storytelling is a modern, country music style with a romantic view.

The result is an *OKLAHOMA!* that is darker and more realistic; a production that highlights the toxic masculinity between the men, the sacrifices made in order to form a community, and the struggle of women (particularly Laurey.)

There’s a lot to take in and interpret, so please sit up in your seat and enjoy the show.

Kenny Grossman, Director

The Cast of **OKLAHOMA!**

Curly McLain	Josh Pike
Laurey Williams.....	Charlize Cornejo
Aunt Eller	McKenzie Jessen
Ado Annie.....	Zoie Moller
Will Parker.....	Braiden Lee
Jud Fry	Alec Pursell
Ali Hakim.....	EJ Esmas
Gertie Cummings	Sydney Hassler
Andrew Carnes	Eeshan Kumar
Ike.....	Owen Donsker
Slim	Adam Kurbat
Fred.....	Tanner Osborne
Ellen	Zoey Waller
Kate	Bella Swope
Sylvie / Dream Ballet Dancer.....	Sofia Douvikas
Vivian	Baylee Horvath
Virginia.....	Katerina Anderson
Cord	Calvin Corey
Mike	Andrei Igdanes
Armina.....	Makayla Kovac
Aggie.....	Mia Hurley
Jess.....	Lyda Armistead
Ensemble.....	Emmy Lange
	Anwen Maynard

OKLAHOMA! **Band**

Keyboard / Conductor	Elisa W. Kurbat
Percussion	Michael Coy
Guitar / Bass / Banjo.....	Gage Diehl-Gonzales
Keyboards / Violin	Emma Jean Elder

OKLAHOMA!

Musical Numbers

Setting: **Oklahoma Territory**

Time: **1906**

Please note: **The production contains moments of gun violence, darkness, and sexual innuendo.**

ACT I

“Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin’”	Curly
“Laurey’s Entrance”	Laurey
“The Surrey with the Fringe on Top”	Curly, Laurey, Aunt Eller
“Kansas City”	Will, Aunt Eller, Guys, Gals
“The Surrey with the Fringe on Top (Reprise)”	Curly
“I Cain’t Say No”	Ado Annie
“Many a New Day”	Laurey, Gals
“It’s a Scandal! It’s an Outrage”	Ali Hakim, Guys
“People Will Say We’re In Love”	Curly, Laurey
“Pore Jud is Daid”	Curly, Jud
“Lonely Room”	Jud
“Out of My Dreams”	Laurey, Gals

There will be a 15 minute intermission.

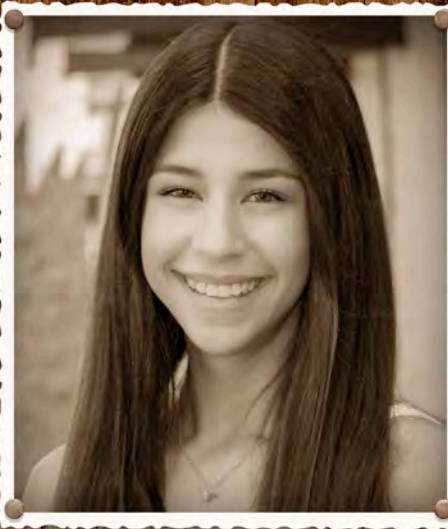
We will be serving complimentary vegan chili and cornbread.

“Dream Ballet”

ACT II

“The Farmer and the Cowman”	Company
“All Er Nuthin’”	Ado, Will
“People Will Say We’re in Love”	Curly, Laurey
“Oklahoma”	Curly, Laurey, Aunt Eller, Guys, Gals
“Oklahoma (Encore)”	Company
“Finale Ultimo”	Company

Who's Who in **OKLAHOMA!**



KATERINA ANDERSON

Katerina Anderson

Virginia

Katerina is a freshman in the North Valley Arts Academy theater and dance programs at Shadow Mountain High School. She is thrilled to be a part of this talented cast. This is Katerina's second show at Spotlight. She made her Spotlight debut last season as Morticia Addams in *The Addams Family*. Katerina is a member of Arizona Broadway Theatre's teen performance troupe and has performed in many productions around the Valley. She would like to thank the entire *OKLAHOMA!* production team for this opportunity, the cast, and her friends, mentors, and family for their constant love and support – especially her younger brother, Michael, who is her biggest fan. Enjoy *OKLAHOMA!* Yeehaw!



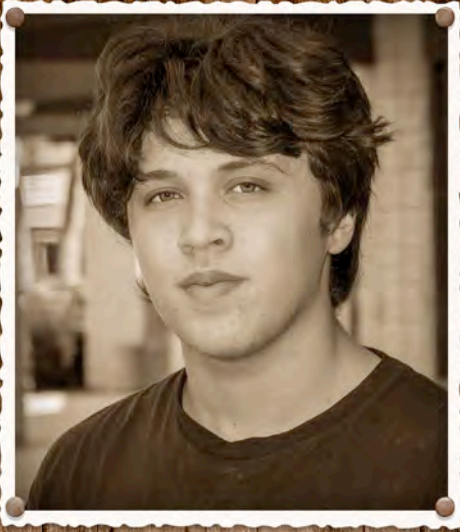
LYDA ARMISTEAD

Lyda Armistead

Jess

Lyda is so excited to be back on the Spotlight stage! She was last in *Fun Home* as Joan at SYT. Other credits include *Soul of Frankenstein*, *Bare*, *Gypsy*, *Pippin*, *Little Shop*, *The Wolves*, *13*, and *Into the Woods Jr.*, as well as shows at ABT and TPTC. As a disabled actress, Lyda is grateful to the theatre for making their productions accessible to all, regardless of disabilities. Thanks to Kenny, Elise, Deb, Renee, Allison, and her family.

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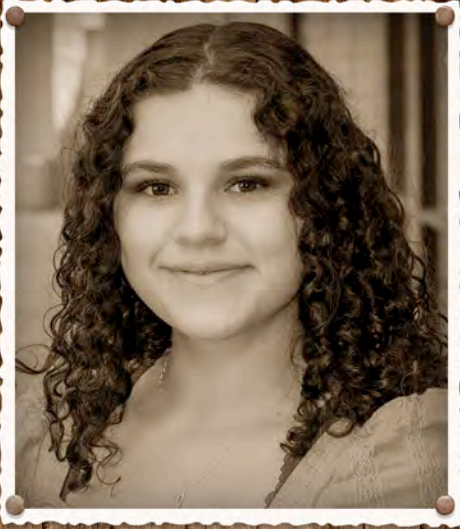


CALVIN COREY

Calvin Corey

Cord / Skidmore

Calvin plays both Cord and Skidmore in *OKLAHOMA!* This will be his 18th show overall. Calvin's most recent role was Mr. D. in *The Lightning Thief* (Spotlight). Calvin is 15 years old and is in 9th grade at Mountain Ridge High School where he is currently in *The Little Princess* as Captain Crew. Calvin would like to thank his family, and hopes you enjoy the show.



CHARLIZE CORNEJO

Charlize Cornejo

Laurey Williams

Charlize is overjoyed to be stepping into her first lead role in a musical with such a talented, welcoming, and awesome cast! She has done many productions at Chandler High School such as *Les Miserables*, *All Shook Up*, and *The Little Mermaid*. She is currently studying Musical Theater at AMDA in NYC. Charlize would like to thank the director, Kenny Grossman, and the Production Team for this amazing show and the opportunity to be a part of it! She would also like to thank her friends and family for the love and support throughout the years!

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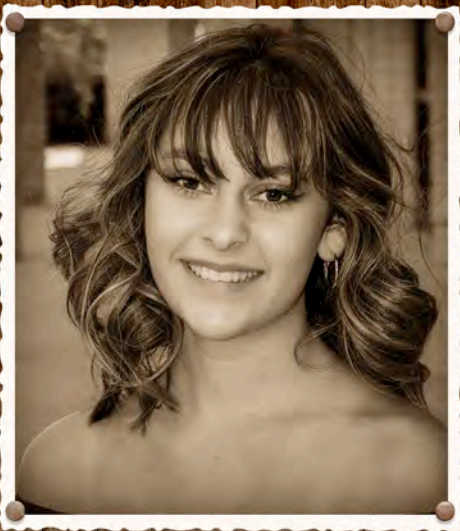


OWEN DONSKER

Owen Donsker

Ike

Owen is so excited to be on stage at Spotlight again! He most recently appeared as Percy Jackson in *The Lightning Thief* at Spotlight this spring. He also shared the stage with several of his **OKLAHOMA!** castmates when he played Private Fector in *Dogfight*. Other Spotlight credits include 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 recently began his Senior year at Paradise Valley High School in the CREST program with a Bioscience emphasis and is well into the college application process! A big Thank You to all family and friends who come support at each and every show.



SOFIA DOUVIKAS

Sofia Douvikas

Sylvie / Dream Ballet Soloist

Sofia is very excited for her first theater production! She has been dancing for 15 years in all styles and has just recently gotten into the theater community. She would like to thank the incredible cast for being so welcoming, her family for always supporting her dreams, and to Kenny Grossman, Falin Ossipinsky, Elise Kurbat, and all the teachers she's had along the way that helped her get to this point and for trusting her with this role!

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EJ ESMAS

EJ Esmas

Ali Hakim

EJ is so excited to be in his first Spotlight show! He is a senior at Centennial High School and is also currently in the rehearsal process for their fall play, *You Can't Take It with You*. He would like to thank his parents and older brother for ferrying him back and forth despite a tight schedule. He also wants to thank Kenny, Elise, and Falin for working so hard to put on a great production, and to the cast and crew for creating such a welcoming environment. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!



SYDNEY HASSLER

Sydney Hassler

Gertie Cummings

Sydney is super excited to become a part of the Spotlight Youth Theatre Community. She has been doing shows since the age of six and is absolutely in love with it. Sydney is a Sophomore at Arizona School for the Arts and is super excited to be part of this amazing cast. She wants to thank everyone who has been involved in this show for showing such kindness; and she can't wait to drink out of a flask on stage!

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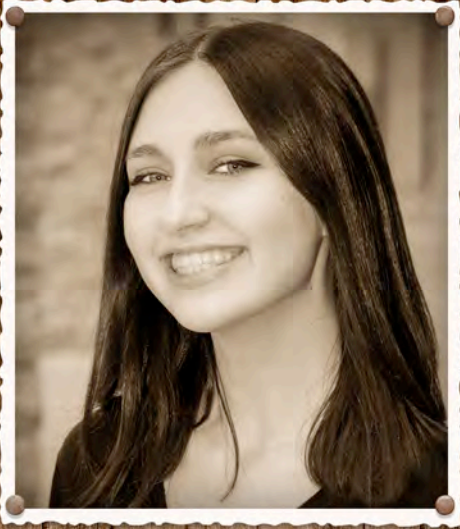


BAYLEE HORVATH

Baylee Horvath

Vivian

Baylee just turned 14 and started her freshman year at Valley Christian HS. She's excited to return to Spotlight Youth Theatre's stage after performing in two shows here last season. Baylee has done over 25 musicals Valley-wide. Notable favorites: Patrice (*13 The Musical*), Marcy Parks (*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*) which earned her an ariZoni Rising Star nomination, Annie (*Annie*), Dorothy (*Wizard of Oz*) and Aunt Sponge (*James and the Giant Peach*) all three performances received NYA nominations. Baylee would like to thank Kenny Grossman, Elise Kurbat, and Falin Ossipinsky for another unforgettable opportunity to do what she loves.



MIA HURLEY

Mia Hurley

Aggie

Mia is a 14-year-old 9th grader at ACAA. She is thrilled to be back on the SYT stage working with Kenny, Elise, and Falin again. She was most recently seen in SYT's production of the *Lightning Thief* in the ensemble. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her through all these shows throughout the last eight years.

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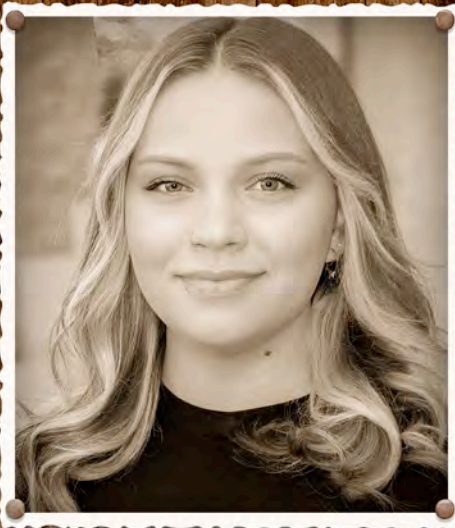


ANDREI IGDANES

Andrei Igdanes

Joe / Mike

Andrei is stoked to play Joe / Mike. He has recently played in *The Lightning Thief* as Chiron / Ares. He has also been seen as Paul in *Company* at ACAA. He has also been seen elsewhere in productions of *Celebration of Christmas* as ensemble. He thanks the production team for making this show the best it could be. He also says thanks to the cast for always letting him look forward to rehearsal every day. He would like you to enjoy the show just as much as he does.



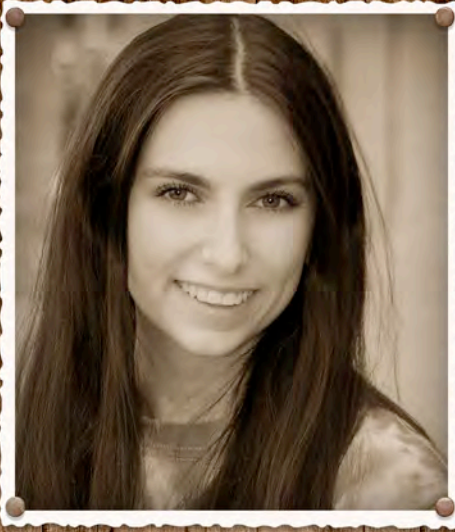
McKENZIE JESSEN

McKenzie Jessen

Aunt Eller

McKenzie is 19 years old and a student at ASU. She is so excited for *OKLAHOMA!* to be her first Spotlight show! You may have seen her in other roles such as Rona Lisa Peretti in *Spelling Bee* or Paula Thompson in *Murders in the Heir* (ariZoni nomination) at Starlight Community Theater. She'd like to thank her family and best friends for being her biggest fans, especially her mom. Enjoy the show! Yee-haw!

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MAKAYLA KOVAC

Makayla Kovac

Armina

Makayla is super excited to return to the Spotlight stage! She is currently 19 years old and attends AMDA NYC majoring in musical theatre! Some favorite past credits include Rusty in *Footloose* at Starlight Community Theater, *Disaster* at DFT, and *Christmas Story* at ABT. Thank you to the entire cast and crew for this amazing production! Enjoy the show! Yee-haw!



EESHAN KUMAR

Eeshan Kumar

Andrew Carnes

Eeshan is so excited to be making his Spotlight Youth Theatre debut. He is super excited to be playing Andrew and is incredibly lucky to be working with such an amazing cast and crew. Eeshan wants to thank Kenny Grossman, Falin Ossipinsky, Elise Kurbat, and all of his friends and family for all of their support.

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ADAM KURBAT

Adam Kurbat

Slim

This is Adam's second production at Spotlight Youth Theatre (*Addams Family*, *Lucas*) and he couldn't be more excited! Other favorite roles include Schroeder from *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, Theo from *Pippin*, Ugly from *Honk*, Teddy Bear / Ensemble from *Mary Poppins*, and Bickle from *Footloose*. Adam is currently a Junior at Arizona School for the Arts. His college plans include majoring in musical theatre. Adam would like to thank the entire *OKLAHOMA!* production team and his fellow castmates for such a spectacular experience. And of course, a big thanks goes out to Dr. Kosnik, Mrs. Elder, and his mother for teaching him all things theatre. Finally, a heartfelt thanks to father for being a huge support and putting up with his crazy shenanigans when tired and hungry.



EMMY LANGE

Emmy Lange

Ensemble

Emmy is a sophomore at Sunrise Mountain HS. She is excited to be a part of this awesome show! Emmy was last seen in *The Lightning Thief* here at SYT. She would like to thank Kenny, Falin, Elise, and her voice teacher, Renee, for always encouraging her. Theatre is her favorite sport, and she loves playing with the super talented cast AND crew. Thank you for coming, and enjoy the show!

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Braiden Lee

Will Parker

Braiden (They / He) is a Senior at ACAA. They are so stoked to be doing their third show at SYT. They are not a huge fan of eggs, but they'll eat 'em in lots of situations (unlike Kenny G.) They also enjoy playing guitar and creating art and music. They want to thank the best of the best, Kenny Grossman, Oakley Rhinehart, Sam, and the many who have shown them love during this rehearsal process. Spread love! Treat yourself to something nice! Enjoy the show!



Anwen Maynard

Ensemble

Anwen Maynard is thrilled to be on the Spotlight stage again. She is a Senior at Arizona School for the Arts. Previous Credits include Florinda in *Into the Woods* (ASA), Teen Ensemble in *Footloose* (SCT), and Featured Dancer in *Frozen Jr.* (SYT). Huge thanks to Kenny, Elise, and Falin for giving her this opportunity.

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ZOIE MOLLER

Zoie Moller

Ado Annie

Zoie has found her home on the Spotlight stage for seven years and is so grateful and beyond excited to represent Ado Annie in this production of *OKLAHOMA!* Recently seen as Annabeth in *The Lightning Thief* at SYT, her favorite roles at SYT include Patrice in *13* (NYA, 'Zoni nom) and Anna in *Frozen Jr.* (NYA, 'Zoni nom). Zoie wants to thank Kenny, Elise, Falin, and the whole cast of *OKLAHOMA!* for an unforgettable experience.



TANNER OSBORNE

Tanner Osborne

Fred

Tanner is beyond excited to make his Spotlight debut as Fred, the Cowboy, in *OKLAHOMA!* In the past, he's worked on *Highschool Musical* at VYT, *Clue Onstage* and *Storybook Reunion Murders* at Stage Left, and various school shows. He enjoys hanging out with his friends and would like to thank his parents for constantly supporting him. Enjoy the show!

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JOSH PIKE

Josh Pike

Curly McLain

Josh is currently a freshman pursuing his undergraduate degree in Vocal Performance at Arizona State University. Josh has been acting in community and professional theater for around 11 years. Some of his favorite past roles include John the Baptist/Judas in *Godspell* (ABT), Officer Lockstock in *Urinetown* (ABT), and Cain / Japheth in *Children of Eden* (TheaterWorks). He would like to thank Kenny and the entire cast and crew for putting together such a beautiful piece of theater, Alec and Charlize for being the perfect scene partners, and his mom and dad for their never-ending love and support. We did it, Alec.



ALEC PURSELL

Alec Pursell

Jud Fry

Alec is a 19-year-old actor living in Phoenix. This is the 10th production Alec has been a part of at Spotlight. Some past roles at Spotlight include Nick Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* ("Zoni Award), Lucas in *Bare* (NYA Nom), and the Lounge Singer in *Dogfight* ("Zoni Award). More recent work includes multiple short films for NYU, ASU, and USC, and Murderer Sam Nelson in *Real Murders of Orange County* on the oxygen network. Alec would like to thank his family, Kenny, Elise, Falin for being amazing, and Josh for being the best Curly a Jud could ask for. Yee-Yee

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BELLA SWOPE

Bella Swope

Kate

Bella is 18 and so excited for this amazing show you are about to see. Her previous Spotlight credits include Cleopatra in *Desperate Housewives of Shakespeare* and Amirah in *Emmett's Arts Project*. She would like to thank the cast, crew, and directors for making this show come alive! Enjoy the show! Yee-haw!



ZOZY WALLER

Zoey Waller

Ellen

Zoey is ecstatic to be back on the Spotlight stage after last appearing in *The Lightning Thief* as Clarisse (AriZoni Nomination). Some of her favorite roles include Crissy in *Hair* at Spotlight, Little Sally in *Urinetown* at Arizona Broadway Theater, and Rita Quince in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. When not performing on the stage, you can find Zoey behind the scenes as choreographer, lead guitarist, and playwright. She would like to thank her Mom and Dad, her sister Maggie, Kenny, Falin, Elise, Renee, and everyone who made this show possible. She would also like to dedicate this performance, and every performance for the rest of her life, to Christy Welty. Enjoy the show!

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Michael Coy (Band - Percussion) Michael is a senior at ASA where he plays percussion and violin. This is his first time playing in the pit, and he is eager to experience a new playing setting to see how this experience can further his skills as a musician.

Gage Diehl-Gonzales (Band) Gage Diehl-Gonzales is a senior at Arizona School for the Arts. He has been attending ASA since freshman year where he studies double bass and classical guitar. He also has experience playing cello during his first year at ASA. 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. And now, with experience playing with a musical pit for a Spotlight Youth's Theater's *The Lightning Thief*, he is eager and excited to play with the OKLAMONA! crew.

Emma Jean Elder (Band - Keyboards & Violin) Emma Jean is an 8th grader who attends ASA where she studies French horn, choir, and piano. She is passionate about the arts, has enjoyed being on stage in the past, and is now learning the fun of being in a pit, and is so grateful for this opportunity.

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.

Josh Hontz (Lighting & Sound Designer) Josh Hontz is the Vice President of Spotlight's Board of Directors and has worked as a sound and lighting designer in the Valley since 2014. He has received eighteen Arizona Theatre Awards of Excellence for his sound, lighting, and media designs. He is also a pianist and plays for musical theaters around town. Outside of the theatre, Josh enjoys gardening and spending time with his lovely wife, Katie, and his sweet dog, Linda.

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. While in Ohio, Elisa played piano 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's music directed many musicals. Her favorites include *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Urinetown*, *Cabaret*, *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Theory of Relativity*, *Honk*, *Footloose*, and *Spring Awakening*, *Addams Family* and *Lightning Thief*. 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. Many thanks to Kenny and Falin for this wonderful opportunity and to her amazing family who tolerates her crazy schedule.

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Falin Ossipinsky (Choreographer) Falin is so thrilled to be working on this stellar show! Falin 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.*, *Fun Home*, and the *Lightning Thief*! Falin also works as the choreographer for 3 of the SYT Company Troupes: Evolution, Celebration, and Confetti. Many thanks to this incredibly talented cast for all their hard work, this amazing crew, and her Fiancé, Jack. Hi Mom and Dad! Yee-haw

Kimberly Schneider (Set Designer) Kimberly has been given the wonderful opportunity to be a set designer. Arriving at set design from a background in journalistic photography and art education, her work often focuses on the story. She loves to take a vision and bring it to life on stage. Her collaborations with Productions such as; *Charlotte's Web*, *Playfest*, *Footloose*, *Grease*, *Into the Woods*, and now *OKLAHOMA!* as lead.

Alexandra (Ixy) Utpadel (Costume Design) Ixy is excited to make her designer debut at Spotlight! Her previous design credits include: *Gods of Comedy* (SLP); *Into the Woods* (DST, ariZoni nom.); and *25th Annual...* (Brelby). When not messing about with hair and makeup, she can be found acting on stages across the Valley. Previous acting credits include Guinevere (*Camelot*, DBFRT); Brooklyn / Zoe (*Gods of Comedy*, SLP, ariZoni nom.); The Witch (*Into the Woods*, DST, ariZoni nom.); and White Rabbit (*Curiouser & Curiouser / Nutcracker / Too*, TW). If she's not at a theatre, she's at home baking cookies or cuddling WITH her cats. She thanks Kenny for this opportunity—and for giving her community theater debut over a decade ago on this very stage!

Audrey Wawro (Costume Designer) Audrey is a mom of four, a teacher at Copperwood Elementary School, and a piano teacher. This is her 7th season doing costumes at SYT. She has received several ariZoni nominations and one ariZoni award for *Romeo and Juliet* in 2018. She loves working on costumes with her daughters and wishes all the cast and crew a fantastic run!

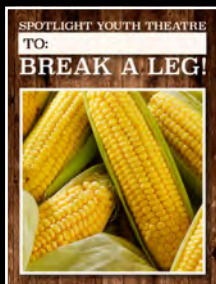
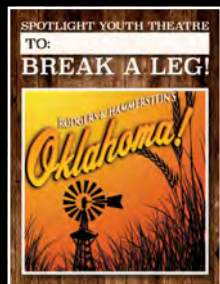
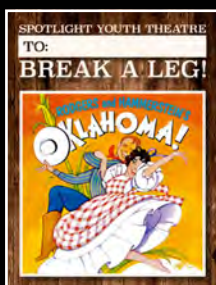
Camden Wawro (Costume Designer) Camden is excited to return to Spotlight as a designer after growing up on its stage! She recently graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts. When she's not working on costumes, she enjoys singing, acting, and directing. You can read more about her on her website, www.camdenwawro.com. She thanks Kenny and her mom, Audrey, for the opportunity to work on this spectacular show!

Emma Woolstenhulme (Assistant Director) Emma is 16 years old and a senior at ACAA where she studies music and photography. While Emma's been doing shows for years, this is her first time working behind the scenes, and she has had a wonderful time doing it. In her free time, she enjoys writing music, art, and consuming as much media as possible. She is very thankful for this amazing opportunity.

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STEP UP SPOTLIGHT STUDIO

Proceeds from this year's "100 From 100" campaign will be used to design and outfit Spotlight Youth Theatre's new black box performance space, **SPOTLIGHT STUDIO**.

A Word From Our Artistic Director

What you don't see (but might have been involved with in some way) is the incredible journey the actors, technicians, and directors—and their families—take while getting a production 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 on and off the stage. Everything we do is for the families and kids that participate.

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

We are asking for 100 people to donate \$100 (the price of one night out at Cheesecake Factory) to help us get through a very rough time.

Whether your kids are grown up and moved on or you have future thespians, we hope that you can help and also spread the word. If you need to talk with me, please do not hesitate to call, email, or text me.

Thank You,

Kenny Grossman

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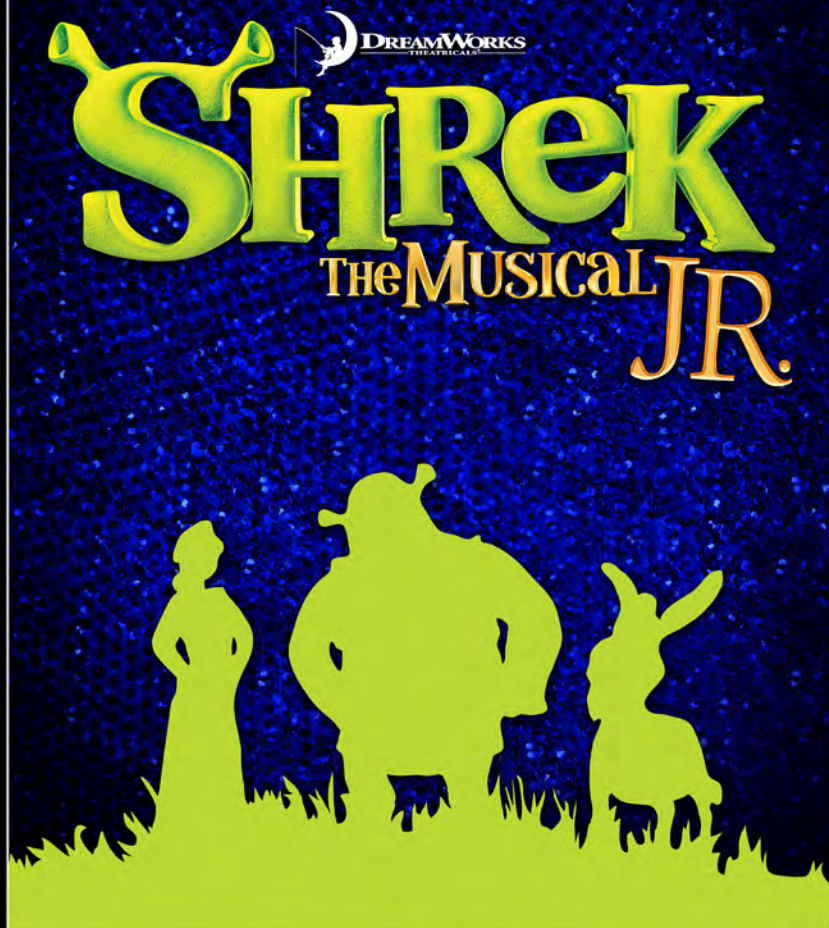
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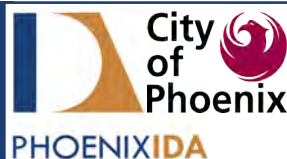
Spotlight Youth Theatre's vision:

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 theater 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 community theater where the impossible becomes possible through the combined efforts of our families, our sponsors, and most of all, the children who shine onstage.
4. 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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