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JUST WASH YOUR HANDS!

(A POTTY PARTY) Written & Directed by Kenny Grossman

Spotlight Youth Theatre Proudly Presents



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who helped bring

Whatever! Just Wash Your Hands! A Potty Party
to the Spotlight Youth Theatre stage.

A Word from the Director & Playwright

I'm all about a good fart joke. I'm also happy to use the theatre as a vehicle to tell the truth through plays. The cast and I have had a great journey originating these characters and telling this story. I'm honored and in awe of how the cast has approached this show with so much love. I will be forever thankful to each cast member and designer for bringing this show to life.

I would also like to thank the theatre Board of Directors for being supportive and accepting, L. Henry Dowell for his inspiration, Cydney Trent for looking out, Lyda, Vicki, Jamie, Carly, CJ for guidance and the author of *Cinderella: A Rock-n-Roll Fairytale* for letting us use that show to be our show within a show.

“Pee, not panic.”

Be safe. Enjoy.

Kenny

The Cast of Whatever! Just Wash Your Hands!

Danny (He/Him)	Christian Bader
Maggie (She/Her)	Sean Haroldsen
Trudy (She/Her)	Alyssa Armstrong
Karen / Food Delivery (She/Her)	Zoey Waller
Eleanor / News Anchor (She/Her)	Elyse Little
Clarence / Maitr'd/Fairy Godparent (He/Him)	Dominic Cardenas
Dillon / Stepsister (She/Her)	Zoie Moller
Lina / Stepsister (She/Her)	Isabella Herndon
Haley / Stepmom (She/Her)	Alexis Archer
Winston (He/Him)	Max Mendoza
John / Prince. (He/Him)	Evan Culbertson
Izzy / Cinderella (She/Her)	Julia Murphy
Joey / King (He/Him)	Calvin Corey
Josh (He/Him)	AJ King
JT / Queen (They/Them)	Audrey Palacios
Jess / Pita (She/Her)	Brooklyn Martin
Reagan / Paula (She/Her)	Valerie Winch
Tina / Mary (She/Her)	McKenzie Lopezlira
Calvin / Dog (He/Him)	Joseph Garcia

Whatever! Just Wash Your Hands! Scene List

Scene 1	“A Safe Place To Pee”
Scene 2	“Bathroom Issues”
Scene 3	“Reservations”
Scene 4	“Scene 4, The Rehearsal”
Scene 5	“The Protest”
Scene 6	“Potty Party”

Setting - Community theatre bathroom, Arizona, 2013



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ARIZONA LEGISLATORS CONSIDER LAW LIMITING TRANSGENDER RESTROOM USE

STORY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Bill would make it a misdemeanor for a person to use a bathroom designated for the opposite sex
- Hearing on the measure scheduled for Wednesday postponed
- Transgender describes people who identify as a sex different from what they were born as



PHOENIX - The furor surrounding a new anti-discrimination law has found its way to the state Capitol, with opponents pushing a bill that would block transgender people from using the public bathroom of their choosing.

GOP Rep. John Kavanagh wants to create Arizona's first law governing restroom privileges. Under Senate Bill 1432, someone would be guilty of disorderly conduct if he or she uses a bathroom, locker room or dressing room that's not designated for the sex listed on his or her birth certificate.

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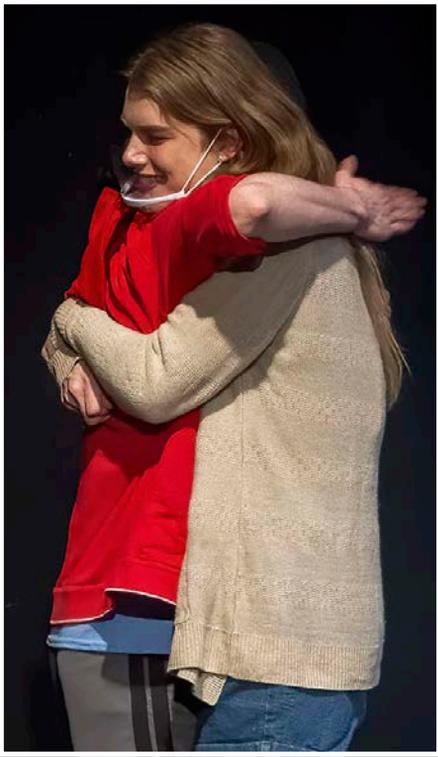


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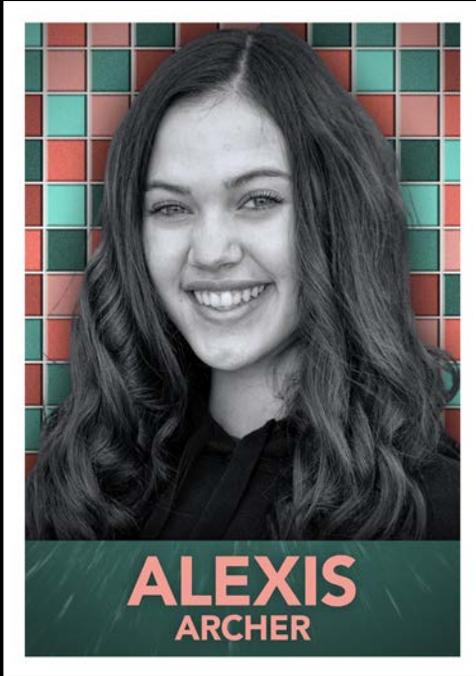








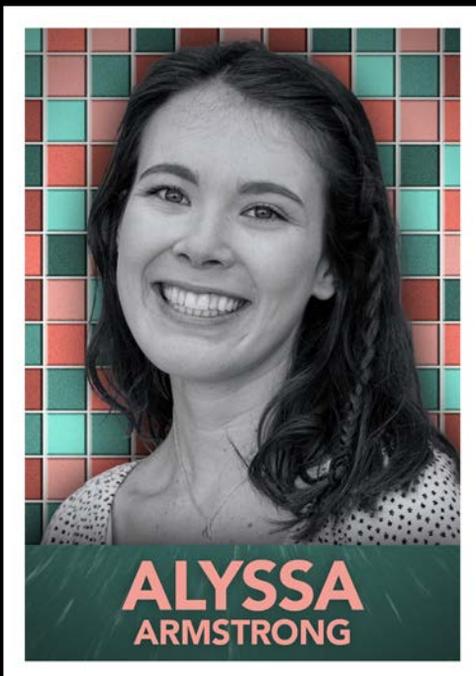
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Alexis Archer

(Haley / Stepmom)

Alexis is thrilled to be back on the stage for her fourth Spotlight production! Some favorite past roles of hers include: Lucy in Spotlight's *13* (NYA Award), Savannah in Valley Youth Theater's *Freaky Friday* at the Herberger (NYA Nomination), Mayzie La Bird in *Seussical Jr.* (NYA Award), and Mrs. Darling in East Valley Children's Theatre's *Peter Pan* (NYA Nomination). Alexis is involved in Horizon High School's choir and drama, a proud member of Horizon's award-winning comedy improv troupe "The 56th Street Players", and currently in rehearsals for her school's production of *Cash on Delivery*. Huge thanks to Kenny, Lyda, the cast, and the crew for making this show so special, and a big thanks to my family and friends for their endless support!

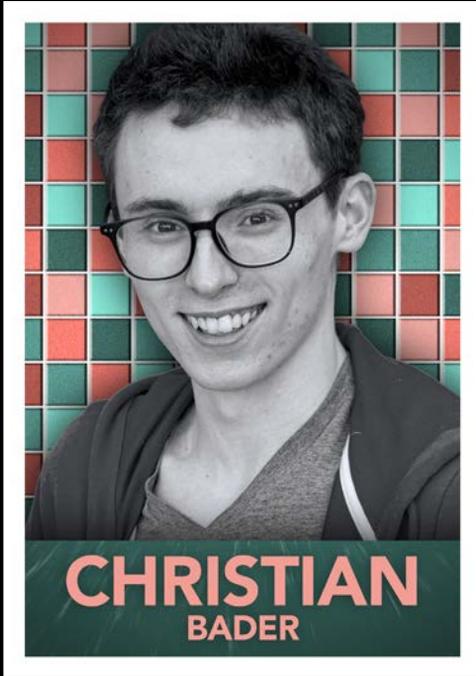


Alyssa Armstrong

(Trudy)

Alyssa is 19 years old and has been performing throughout the valley over the past 12 years. She received a National Youth Arts award for her role as Catherine in *Pippin* (Spotlight Youth Theatre) and is excited to be back on stage at SYT where her love of musical theatre began. Some of her favorite's roles include Toula in *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson* (Spotlight Youth Theatre), a Nun in *Sister Act* (Arizona Broadway Theatre). She is also a member of Mark and Lynzee's elite performance group, The Future. Alyssa would like to thank Kenny Grossman, Lyda Armistead, the amazing cast, her friends and her family for always supporting her. Enjoy the show!!

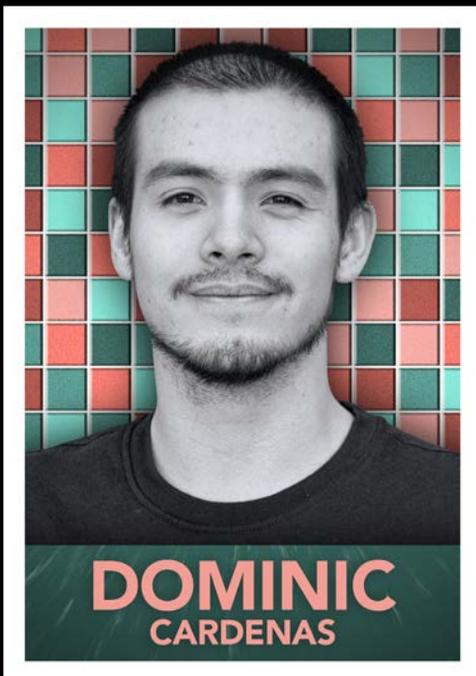
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Christian Bader

(Danny)

Christian is honored to get to have the opportunity to play this part on the SYT stage. After ten years of working with him, Christian's Kenny impression seems to have finally paid off! Recent shows Christian has been in on the SYT stage include *Soul of Frankenstein*, *Bare*, *Annie*, and *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*. He would like to thank his family and friends, as well as the cast and crew of the show.

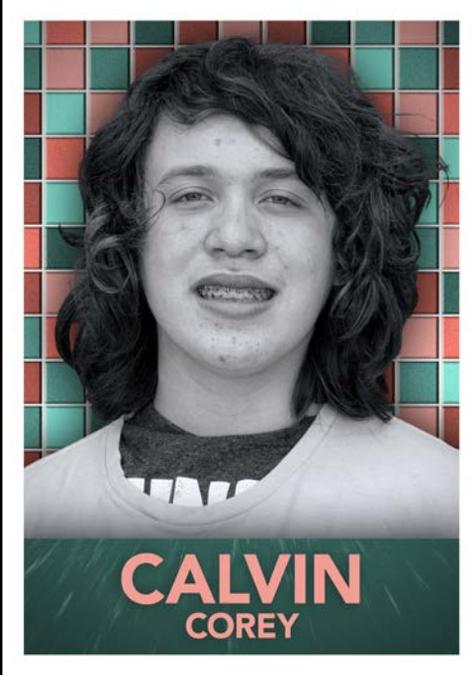


Dominic Cardenas

(Clarence / Maitre D' / Fairy
Godparent)

Dominic just graduated from Arizona School for the Arts with a focus on Musical Theatre and is planning on pursuing it in college. Dominic is thrilled to be playing such a different and fun role as Clarence and prefers to be called by any pronouns. He/She/They hope you enjoy the show!

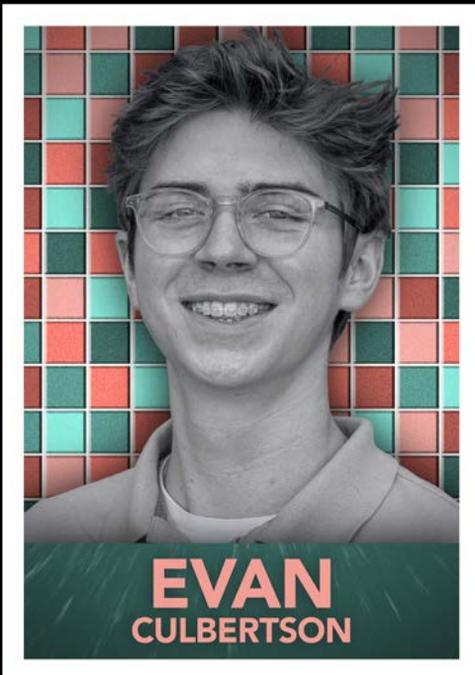
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Calvin Corey

(Joey / King)

Calvin is excited to be part of a Spotlight original production! His other roles at Spotlight shows include Bishop in *Frozen Jr.*, Louis Howe in *Annie*, Mr. Sun/Uncle Wilber in *Beat Bugs*. Calvin is 13 years old and is in the 7th grade at Highland Lakes school. He has been playing Trombone for around four years and has been in the school band and choir the past three years. Calvin is ready for the potty party!



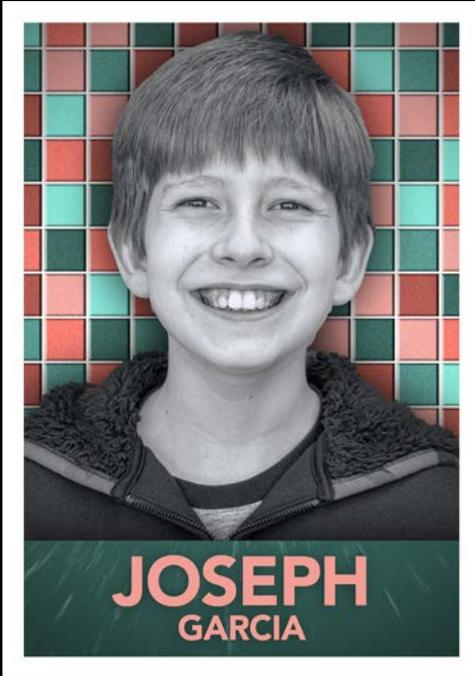
Evan Culbertson

(John / Prince)

Evan is a 17-year-old senior at Arizona School for the Arts. He is happy to be back in his 11th show at Spotlight. Most recently he was in *The Soul of Frankenstein* here at Spotlight. Other credits include Maurice in *Beauty and the Beast* (Theatreworks) Alan in *Bare*, Peter in *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as Grandpa Joe in *Willy Wonka* (SYT), Charlie Bates in *Oliver!* and Skut Farkus in *A Christmas Story* (ABT). In his spare time Evan loves to watch movies, TV, and to be environmentally conscious. Finally Evan would like to Kenny, Lyda and Spotlight for this opportunity:)

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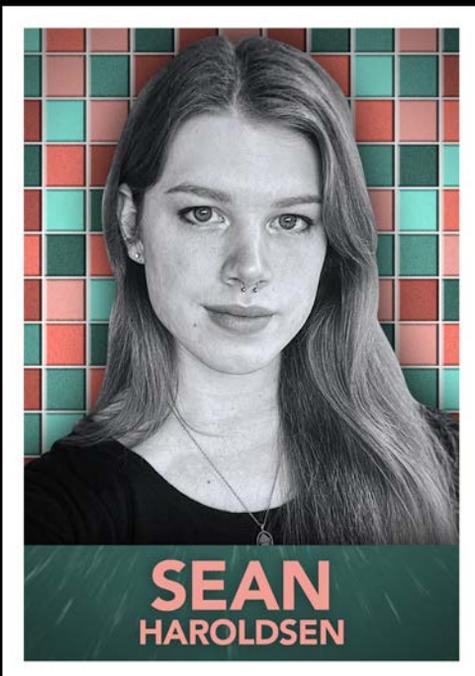
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Joseph Garcia

(Calvin / Dog)

Joey is thrilled to be returning to the Spotlight stage after his debut performance in *Wanted: Santa Clause*. His other roles have included *Bugsy Malone Jr.*, - Fat Sam, *The Lion King Jr.* - Ensemble, *Seussical the Musical* - Ensemble, and Young Ebenezer, Peter and Dum, in The Foothills Fine Arts Academy's *A Christmas Carol*. In addition to acting, Joey enjoys performing in Confetti (here at Spotlight), doing stand-up comedy, playing the piano, and of course, gaming.

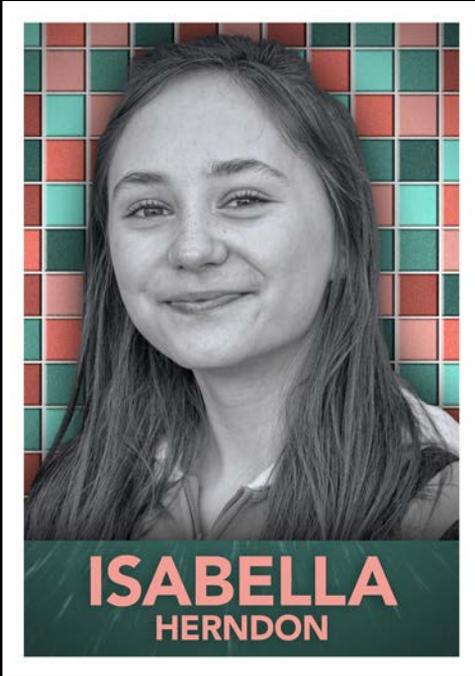


Sean Haroldsen

(Maggie)

Sean is honored to be originating the character of Maggie in *Potty Party*. You may have seen her participating in various community theatre projects throughout the West Valley, such as *Anything Goes* at TheatreWorks or *Pirates of Penzance* at the PUSD Faculty Showcase. "I give special thanks to my Mom for gracing me with unconditional love & support through my journey." Enjoy the show!

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Isabella Herndon

(Lina / Stepsister)

Isabella is excited to be playing Lina as part of the original cast of *Whatever, Just Wash Your Hands!* Izzy was last seen on the Spotlight Stage in the Ensemble of *Frozen Jr.* Previous credits include *Tessie/Annie*, *Jojo/Seussical Jr.*, and *Young Simba/Lion King Jr.* Thank you, Kenny, for this opportunity to be a part of an important conversation-starting show with this talented cast and crew and, of course, back on stage.



AJ King

(Josh)

AJ is so grateful to be a part of *Whatever, Just Wash Your Hands (A Potty Party)*. He is a sophomore at Canyon View High School and is an official thespian for the International Thespian Society. This will be his sixth time taking the stage at Spotlight! Some of his previous productions include *Cinderella: A Rock and Roll Fairytale Jr.* where he played William, the Royal Advisor, *Emmett's Art Project* where he played Jazz, and *The Soul of Frankenstein* where he played Tavern Keeper / Clerk / Dimitri. AJ was also in the Tech Crew for *Frozen Jr.* and is going into his 4th semester in the Celebration Performance Troupe. AJ would like to thank his parents, Laila, DJ, the cast and crew of this production, and his Spotlight peeps!

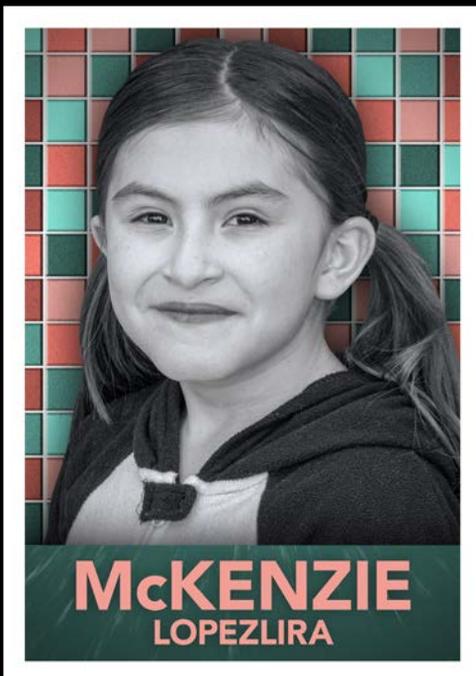
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Elyse Little

(Eleanor / News Anchor)

Elyse is a Sophomore at Mountain Ridge High School. She is delighted to be performing in her first production at SYT. Other favorite performances include *I Once Was a Teenage Fairy Tale* (Froggy) and *Legends of Sleepy Hollow* (Ensemble) at Acting Zone. Elyse also loves being able to tech for shows at SYT. When not at the theatre, Elyse can be found drawing or playing video games. She is thrilled to be a part of this show and is incredibly thankful for the hard work of the production staff. She hopes you enjoy the show!

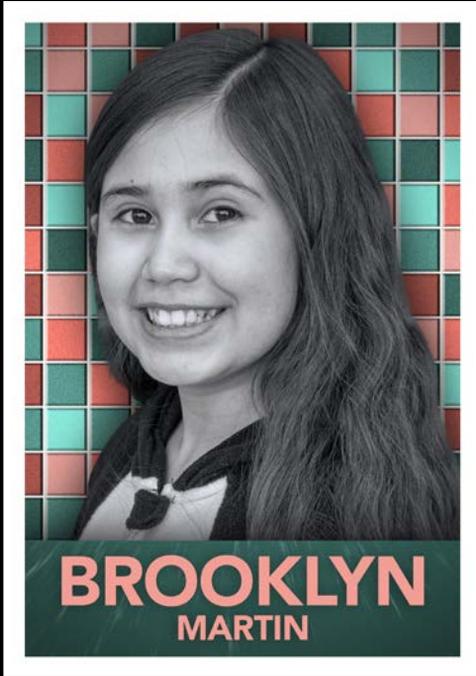


McKenzie Lopezlira

(Tina / Mary)

McKenzie was told her whole life NOT to say potty words, well now is her chance! SYT's stage feels like home for McKenzie and she's loved the opportunity to be in this show with such a talented cast. In 2020, the ariZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence recognized McKenzie as a Rising Star for her role as Young Anna in SYT's production of *Disney's Frozen Jr.* She's performed at various local theaters in productions such as *Cinderella Rock & Roll Fairytale* (Mary), *Wanted: Santa Claus* (Busbie), *Sound of Music* (Marta Von Trapp), and *Annie* (Molly). McKenzie would like to thank God, her family, Kenny, Lyda, the entire Spotlight team, and RKK Voice & Acting Studio. She hopes you enjoy the show!

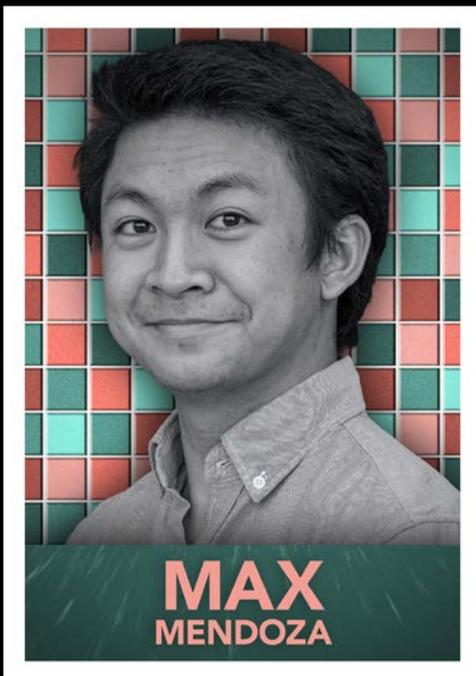
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Brooklyn Martin

(Jess / Pita)

Brooklyn is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at the Arizona School for the Arts. She is thrilled to be back on the Spotlight stage! Brooklyn's most recent credits are Zoomsicals - *Thumbelina* (Mrs. Fieldmouse) and *Something Beautiful* (New Little Spider/Bee) at Musical Theatre of Anthem, *Frozen Jr.* (Olaf – 2020 NYA Awards winner), *Annie* (Molly – 2020 NYA Awards nominee) and *The Beat Bugs* (Buzz) at Spotlight Youth Theatre, *Matilda the Musical* (Alice) and *They Chose Me!* (Gail Ryan – 2020 NYA nominee) at Valley Youth Theatre. Brooklyn would like to send a special thanks to Kenny Grossman for this amazing opportunity, her grandparents for all of their love and support and her family and friends who always show up to watch her perform.



Max Mendoza

(Winston)

Max is galvanized to be back at Spotlight after one decade! Previous roles include: Romeo in *Newsies* (VYT), Hot Blades Harry in *Urinetown* (Greasepaint), and Seven in *Curiouser & Curiouser* (TW). He hopes to graduate from ASU with a major in civil engineering and a minor in musical theatre or acting. While not onstage, Max enjoys drinking Dr. Pepper (no ice) and listening to Jazz. Many thanks to Kenny, Lyda, the designers, and his wonderful family and friends. Especially you, Alec. @maxmendoza.1

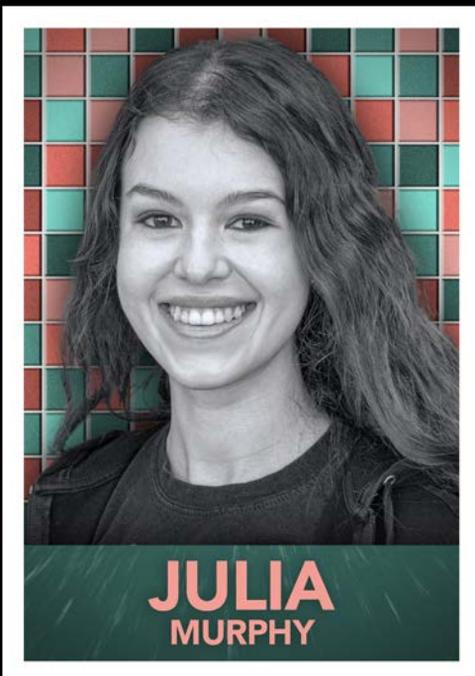
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Zoie Moller

(Dillon / Stepsister)

Zoie is a 14-year-old freshman at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. After almost a year offstage, she is excited to be part of such a fun show. Most recently she was seen as Anna in *Frozen Jr* (SYT) other shows include Patrice in *13* and Star To Be in *Annie* (SYT). She is very excited to be back with her spotlight family, and loves working with the amazing actors and creative team. Zoie would like to thank Kenny, Lyda, and Spotlight for another great show. Now sit back, let loose, and enjoy the potty party!

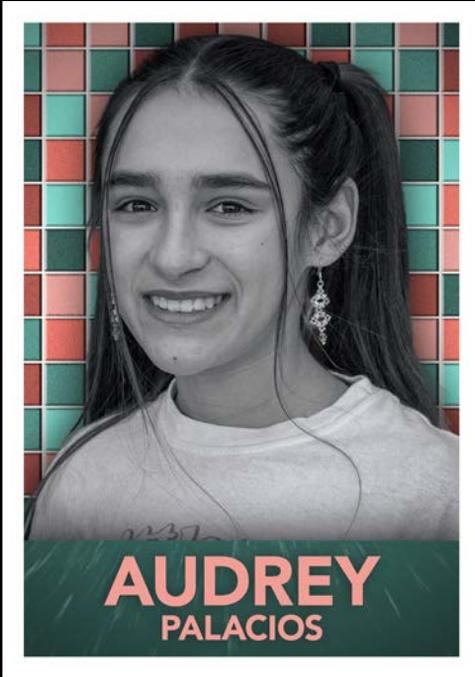


Julia Murphy

(Izzy / Cinderella)

Julia is an 18-year-old freshman majoring in Drama at Kenyon College in Ohio. This is her third show at Spotlight. Previous credits include #46 in *The Wolves* (Spotlight and Stray Cat Theatre), Annie Sullivan in *The Miracle Worker* (Spotlight), Heidi in *Marrow* (Stagefemmes), and Antigone in *Antigone* (Arizona School for the Arts). She is super excited to be part of such a hilarious cast and hopes you enjoy the show!

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Audrey Palacios

(JT / Queen)

Audrey has been involved in local community theater since the age of five, and this is her first production with SYT. She is currently in 8th grade and is one of seven siblings! Audrey is beyond excited for the opportunity to represent a strong character that so many young people can relate to. Especially in times like these, it is an absolute honor to be a part of such an incredible, progressive production.

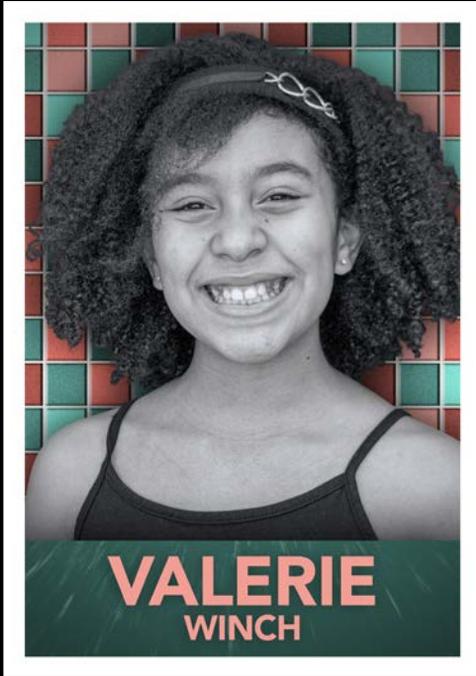


Zoey Waller

(Karen / Food Delivery)

Zoey is incredibly excited to be back on the Spotlight stage after appearing in the ariZoni-award-winning production of *Dogfight*. She is so thankful to be part of such an important and meaningful show and hopes to be able to spread the message of love and acceptance to those around her. She would like to thank her amazing parents and wonderful sister, Maggie, for supporting her in everything she does. She would also like to thank Kenny, Lyda, and all those involved for giving her the opportunity to take part in such a relevant production. She hopes you enjoy the show. And remember, just wash your hands!

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Valerie Winch

(Reagan / Paula)

Valerie is extremely excited to be a part of the groundbreaking play *Whatever, Just Wash Your Hands!* She has been seen on stage at SYT in the ensemble of *Frozen Jr.* and as the orphan Kate in *Annie*. Valerie is in fifth grade at Horizon Elementary School in the gifted program. Her hobbies include dancing, singing, drawing, writing, playing the flute, and watching television. Valerie is a part of Confetti at SYT and the newly formed VYTweens with Valley Youth Theater. Valerie would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Peterson for their generosity, Kenny for his patience and guidance, her mom for her support and encouragement, and Audra and Karen for helping to get her to rehearsals. Here's to a great run!

Who's Who in *Whatever! Just Wash Your Hands!*

Lyda Armistead (Assistant Director)

Lyda is so stoked to be a part of this amazing show! This is her first time Assistant Directing/ Stage Managing, and she couldn't have asked for a better cast, crew, and design team. Lyda would like to thank Kenny for this amazing opportunity and for being the best teacher. Thanks to Deb, Mom and Dad, and everyone at Spotlight. Enjoy the show!

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), *BBAJ*, and *Gypsy*. Much love to my family and to all of you supporting the arts through this unprecedented time.

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Ali Giordano (Hair & Makeup Design / Dramaturgy)

Ali is excited to be back at Spotlight and in her hair/makeup design debut! Ali is a senior at Scottsdale Community College earning her Graphic Design AAS degree. She has been with Spotlight for 7 years starting way back in their 2014 production of *My Son Pinocchio*, since then she has performed in numerous productions including *Dog Sees God* (Van's Sister) for which she received a Zoni as well as an NYA Award. She is honored to be working on a show that deals with the importance of gender equality and she is more than happy to be working at the theatre in person after a year hiatus. Thank you to Kenny for letting me find my creative spark at the place I love most and for creating a safe environment. Thank you to the cast and crew for being so wonderful, her family and special thank you to Noah for all of the endless love and support. #supportlivetheatre

Kenny Grossman (Playwright / Director / Scenic Design / Media & Projection Design / Properties Design)

Kenny has been with Spotlight Youth Theatre from the very beginning and is excited to be a part of this amazing production. He is looking forward to a great new season. Kenny still loves eggs. To Jamie and Carly, "I love you and miss you." Thank you to cast, crew, directors, designers, families, volunteers, and board members. "Vicki, I love you!"

Josh Hontz (Video Direction & Production / Lighting & Sound Design / Media & Projection Design)

Josh is the Theatre Technology Coordinator at the Mesa Community College (MCC) Theatre and has worked as a sound and lighting designer in the Valley since 2014. This is his sixth season designing at Spotlight. Most recently, he designed sound for MCC's production of *Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter*. He has received fifteen ariZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence for his sound, lighting, and media designs. Outside of the theatre, Josh enjoys exploring the outdoors with his friends, his lovely wife Katie, and his sweet dog Jelly.

Bobby Sample (Scenic Design / Media & Projection Design)

Bobby marks this show as the 65th production and first potty party he's worked on at Spotlight Youth Theatre. Bobby has contributed many facets of theatre arts for various theatres, but is proud to call Spotlight home. His recent work includes writing, designing and co-directing *The Soul of Frankenstein* at SYT, animating the Cheshire Cat and other projection FX for the Curiouser arc at Theater Works, and finally making a decent sourdough starter in Surprise. He thanks everyone in the community for keeping the arts alive even in a season like this, especially Kenny and all the Spotlight family. Stay careful, and stay safe!

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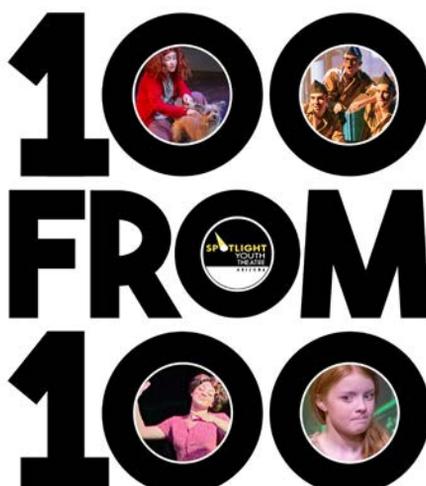
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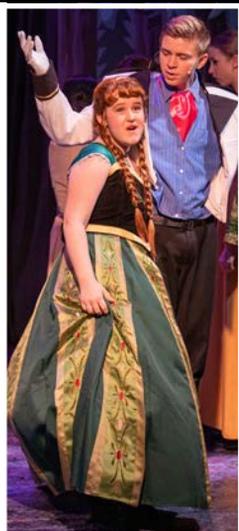
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A Word from Our Artistic Director...

What you don't see (but might have been involved with in some way) is the incredible journey that 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 of 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 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 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,

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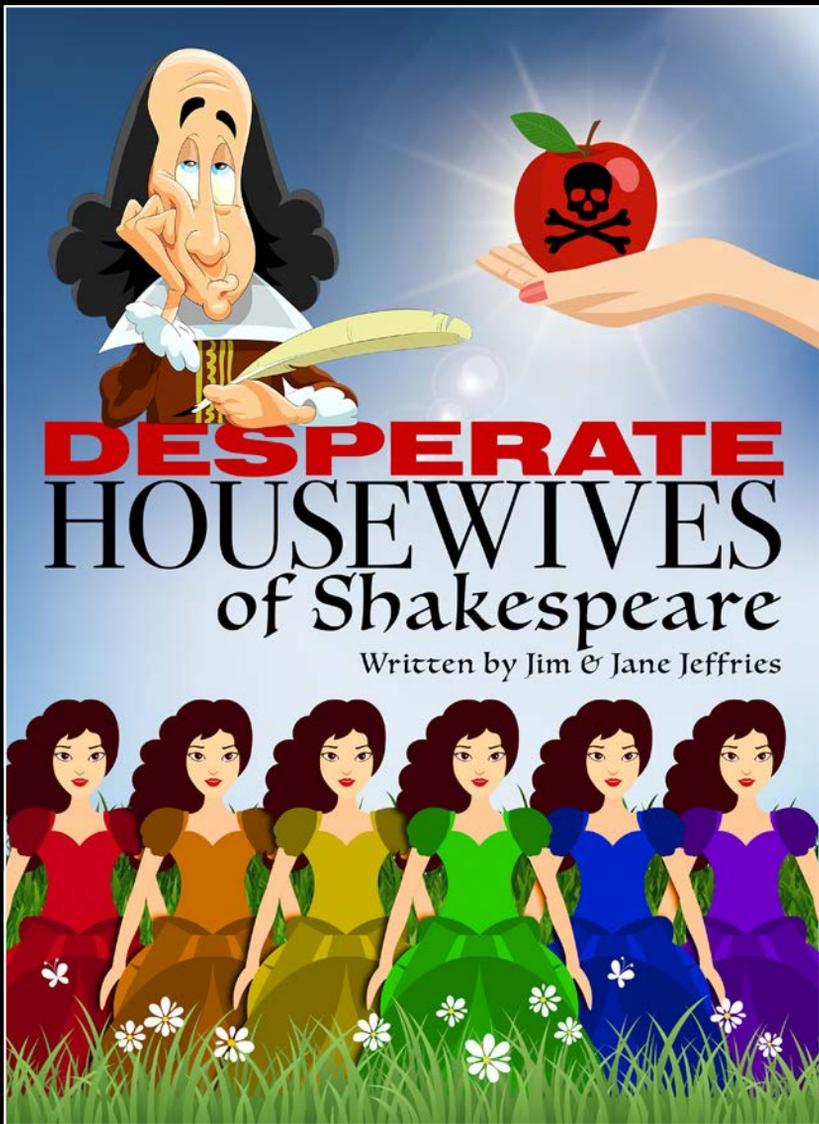


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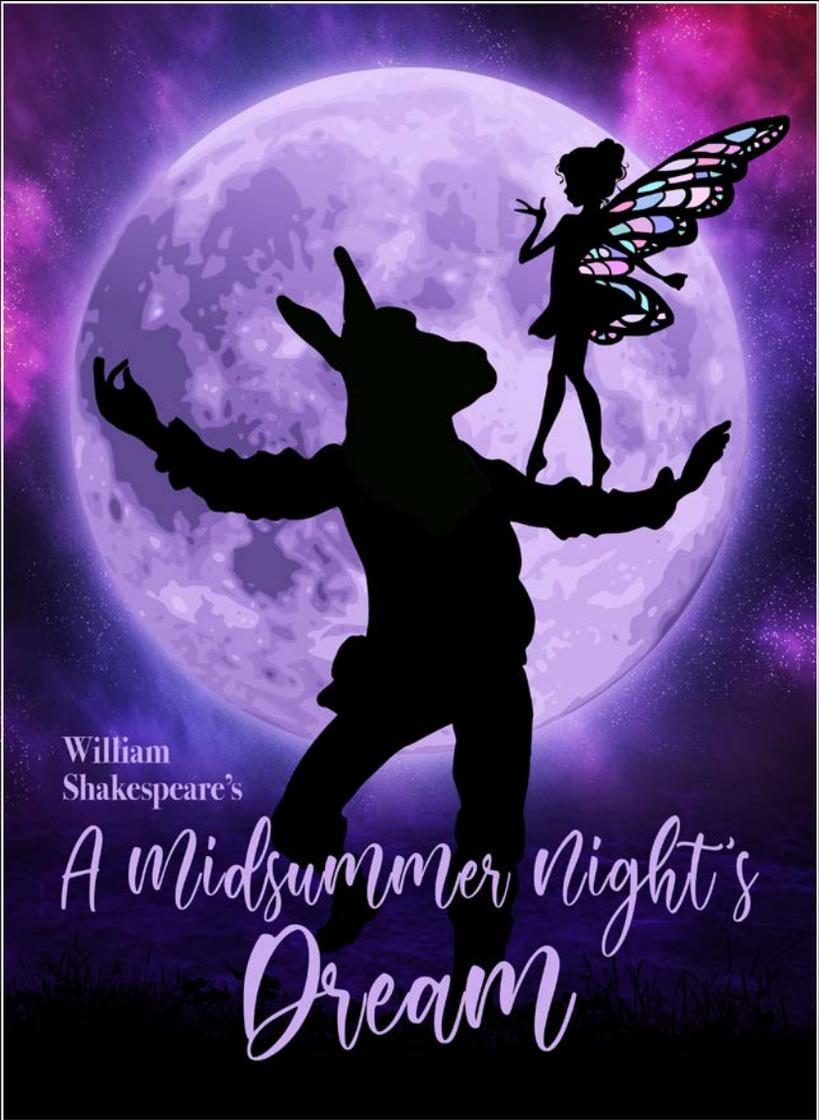
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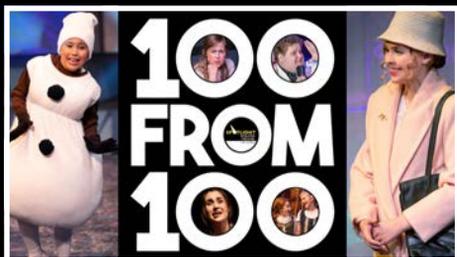
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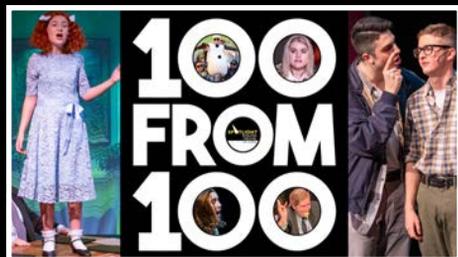
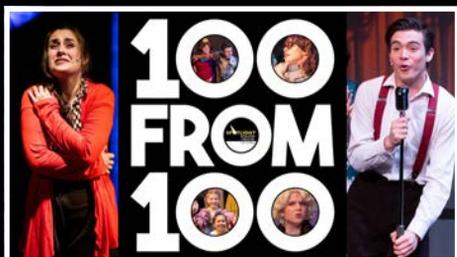


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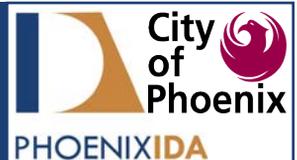
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3. A community theater where the impossible becomes possible through the combined efforts of our families, our sponsors, and most of all, the children who shine onstage.
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