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THE PERFECT CAST

Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 13 at 2:00 pm

DELORIS.....	Kayleigh Danielle Summers
TINA.....	Maegan Buchanan
NINA.....	Zuri Pearson
ELLE.....	Taijha Hackett
MICHELLE.....	Paige Barker
CURTIS JACKSON.....	Jacob Jefferson
JOEY.....	Ethan Hartfield
TJ.....	Austin Sampson
PABLO.....	Seneca Kelly
ELEANOR (ERNIE)/STREET PERSON.....	NyKendra McInnis
EDDIE SOUTHER.....	Seth Grenfell
COP 1.....	Murray Cooper
COP 2.....	Corban Welchin
MOTHER SUPERIOR.....	Dylan Thomas
MONSIGNOR O'HARA.....	Mark Tuttle
MARY PATRICK.....	Naomi Willis
MARY ROBERT.....	Olivia Monk
MARY LAZARUS.....	Amani Palmer
MARY MARTIN-OF-TOURS.....	Hannah King
MARY CELESTE.....	Karis Goodman
MARY IRENE.....	Breckyn Bradshaw
MARY STEPHEN.....	Brooklynn Jefferson
MARY THERESA.....	Wealth Ware
NUN 1.....	Jade Smart
NUN 2.....	Angela Cole
NUN 3.....	Katherine Frederick
NUN 4.....	Thelma Franklin
NUN ENSEMBLE.....	Eloise Cook, Jordyn Donald-Clark, Eryn Gaines, Ava Raby
ALTAR BOY.....	Gabriel Gernard, Reginald Jefferson, Walker Scott
THUG ENSEMBLE.....	Riley Cloyd, Ryleigh Holloway
MEMBER OF CONGREGATION.....	Lillie Ann Wince
NEWSCASTER.....	Andrea Ray
ANGRY STREET PERSON.....	Raegan Kelly
ENSEMBLE/STAGEHAND.....	Natalie Sutton
STAGEHAND.....	Raymond Walker

THE FABULOUS CAST

Friday, July 12 at 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 14 at 2:00 pm

DELORIS.....	Brooklyn Bailey
TINA.....	Lauryn Smith
NINA.....	Addyson Russell
ELLE.....	Ella Young
MICHELLE.....	Olivia Perna
CURTIS JACKSON.....	Jake Weems
JOEY.....	Alex Fuentes
TJ.....	Parks Garrott
PABLO.....	Gabby Gonzalez
ERNIE/STREET PERSON.....	Bo Bullin
EDDIE SOUTHER.....	Brandon Harvey
COP 1.....	Larkin Rives
COP 2.....	Alexander Chigbo
MOTHER SUPERIOR.....	Rhen Tanaka
MONSIGNOR O'HARA.....	Lee Harwell
MARY PATRICK.....	Kara Mattingly
MARY ROBERT.....	Lewis Elizabeth Gregory
MARY LAZARUS.....	Shaughnessy Baker
MARY MARTIN-OF-TOURS.....	Elizabeth 'Libby' Woosley
MARY CELESTE.....	Sakura Lily Byrd
MARY IRENE.....	Twyneseia Graise
MARY STEPHEN.....	Mattie Ellis
MARY THERESA.....	Harlie Hunt
NUN 1.....	Emma Carter
NUN 2.....	Tobi Robertson
NUN 3.....	Avery Toth
NUN 4.....	Meredith Green
NUN ENSEMBLE.....	Sophia Kennedy, Christian Ross, Emma Williams, Bryanna Wilson
ALTAR BOY.....	Nico Eddleman, Connor Myers, Charlie Perna
THUG ENSEMBLE.....	Kimberly Davidson, Natalie Sutton
MEMBER OF CONGREGATION.....	Mariyah Neal
NEWSCASTER.....	Ty'Rhianna Wilson
ANGRY STREET PERSON.....	Mariah Loving
ENSEMBLE/STAGEHAND.....	Melainy Claire Gaines
STAGEHAND.....	Jacob Jefferson, Raymond Walker

MUSICAL NUMBERS

<i>Take Me to Heaven (Nightclub)</i>	Deloris, Michelle, Tina
<i>Fabulous, Baby!</i>	Deloris, Michelle, Tina
<i>The Perfect Place</i>	Nuns
<i>Here Within These Walls</i>	Mother Superior, Deloris, Nuns
<i>It's Good To Be a Nun</i>	Nuns, Deloris++
<i>Raise Your Voice</i>	Deloris, Nuns
<i>Take Me to Heaven (Nun Choir Version)</i>	Deloris, Nuns++
<i>I Could Be That Guy</i>	Eddie, Ensemble+
<i>Sunday Morning Fever</i> ...	Deloris, Monsignor, Nuns, Eddie, Mother Superior
<i>Take Me to Heaven (Newscast)</i>	Deloris, Nuns
<i>Lady in the Long Black Dress</i>	Joey, TJ, Pablo
<i>Bless Our Show</i>	Deloris, Nuns++
<i>The Life I Never Led</i>	Mary Robert
<i>Sister Act</i>	Deloris
<i>Sister Act (Reprise)</i>	Deloris, Mother Superior
<i>Spread the Love Around</i>	Company+

+Choreographed by Delvin Kelly
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CAST BIOS

BROOKLYN BAILEY is 14 and in the ninth grade at Murrah High School. She is the child of Latrisha Dumas and Kelvin Bailey. Brooklyn is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys playing volleyball, singing, and dancing. Brooklyn has been in ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version*** (Youth Ensemble), ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*** (Little Eva U.S.), and ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** (Karen Smith) at New Stage Theatre! She would like to thank her parents, her choir teacher, and her other mentors who have supported her.

SHAUGHNESSY BAKER is 18 and in twelfth at Clinton High School. She is the child of William Baker and Iris Baker and the grandchild of Grandma Sherry. Shaughnessy is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. Shaughnessy enjoys singing, acting, and learning how to play different instruments. She has been in ***Children of Eden, Jr.***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, and ***Chicken & Biscuits***. Shaughnessy would like to thank her family, her friends, and everyone who supports her dreams of being an actor.

PAIGE BARKER is 14 and in the ninth grade at Tougaloo Early College High School. She is the child of Dr. and Mrs. Larry and Shondra Barker. Paige is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys dancing, playing volleyball, reading, and working out. Paige has been in ***Trap, Anxiety is Orange***, and ***Mean Girls, Jr.***! She would like to thank her family, friends, and Day 1's for helping her get this far in her growing career.

BRECKYN BRADSHAW is 17 and an incoming senior at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Robert and Katie Knight and Chase and Parker Bradshaw. Breckyn is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys all of the arts, but especially drawing and theatre. Breckyn has been in ***Frozen, Jr.***, ***Shrek the Musical, Jr.***, and ***Mean Girls, Jr.***! She would like to thank God, her family, and her friends for all their support and encouragement.

MAEGAN BUCHANAN is 12 and in the eighth grade at Old Town Middle School. She is the child of Tonia and Jimmy Buchanan. Maegan is super excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys cheering, dancing, cooking, and spending time with friends and family. Maegan has been in ***The Magic Treehouse: Pirates Past Noon, A Year with Frog and Toad***, and ***Means Girls, Jr.***! She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her.

BO BULLIN is 11 and in the sixth grade at Brandon Middle School. He is the child of Dr. Christopher and Chesley Bullin. Bo is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys making YouTube shorts, doing outdoor activities, and hanging out with his cousins. Bo has been in ***Frozen KIDS, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Jr.***, and ***The Claw!*** He would like to thank his family for their love and support.

SAKURA LILY BYRD is 11 and in seventh grade at Curtis Middle School. She is the child of Khalilah and Basheen Byrd and Daphine Hill. Sakura is overjoyed to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys singing, dancing, and swimming. Sakura has been in ***High School Musical, Jr.***, ***Winnie the Pooh KIDS***, and ***Big Bad Kids***. Sakura would like to thank her mother, father, and entire family for their love and support.

CAST BIOS

EMMA CARTER is 14 and in ninth grade at Christ Covenant School. She is the child of Bryan Carter and Shelley Carter. Emma is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Emma has been in *Newsies, Jr.*, *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*, and *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*! Emma would like to thank her family, her friends, and her director!

ALEXANDER CHIGBO is 12 and in seventh grade at Bailey A.P.A.C. He is the child of Anthonette Chigbo! Alexander is nervous but excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. Alexander enjoys running, making friends, and theatre. Alexander has been in *Henry VIII* and *Trap*. Alexander would like to thank his family, directors, and friends for being great!

RILEY CLOYD is 14 and in the ninth grade at Murrah High School. She is the child of Ben Cloyd and Katie Cassady. Riley is super excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys dance, music, and hanging out with friends. Riley was last seen in *Murder Most Fowl*. She would like to thank her family for being amazing and her friends for always being there for her.

ANGELA COLE is 18 and in incoming freshman at UC Davis. She is the child of Michael Cole and Danyele Harrell. Angela is delighted to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. She enjoys reading and of course, the art of theatre. Angela has been in *Shrek, Jr.*, *Mean Girls, Jr.*, and *Children of Eden, Jr.*! She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her!

ELOISE COOK is a 12-year-old seventh grader at Bailey APAC Middle School. She is the daughter of Ginger and Justin Cook. Eloise enjoys singing, making crafts, and being a goalkeeper for her soccer team. She recently starred as Veruca Salt in the Amiable Arts Foundation's production of *Willy Wonka, Jr.*, performed with the Elementary All-State Honor Choir, and performed in the winter & spring Wells APAC vocal concerts. Eloise is delighted to be in *Sister Act, Jr.*, and would like to thank her parents for their love and support.

MURRAY COOPER is 11 and in seventh grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. He is the child of Pat and Jeffrey. Murray is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys games, camping, and basketball. Murray was last seen in *Fractured Fairytales*. Murray would like to thank his family for their love and support.

KIMBERLY DAVIDSON is 15 and in tenth grade! She is the child of Rachel Davidson! Kimberly is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys many sports, animals, and hanging out with her friends. Kimberly was last seen in *Alice in Wonderland*. She would like to thank her mother and grandparents for all their support!

JORDYN DONALD-CLARK is 12 and in the seventh grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. She is the child of Natascha Donald and Michael Clark. Jordyn is excited and happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. She enjoys video games, making new friends, reading, cheer, and track. This is Jordyn's debut performance! She would like to thank her family, her friends, and everyone who has supported her on her journey since the day she was born!

CAST BIOS

NICO EDDLEMAN is 15 years old and in ninth grade at Magnolia. He is the child of Thomas and Jess Eddleman. Nico is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Nico enjoys sailing, swimming, playing piano, and playing soccer with friends. Nico has been in Shakespeare's ***As You Like It*** and ***The Chaos Before Christmas***. Nico would like to thank his family and his friends at New Stage.

MATTIE ELLIS is 16 and in twelfth grade at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. She is the child of Tara Ellis and Tony Ellis. Mattie is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Mattie enjoys performing, having fun with friends, and competing on the mock trial team. She has been in ***The Addams Family*** (Morticia), ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version*** (Reader), and ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** (Cady Heron). Mattie would like to thank her family, her teachers, and the camp staff!

THELMA FRANKLIN is 14 and in tenth grade at Ridgeland High School. She is the child of Demarcus and Lena Franklin. Thelma is so happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys running, drawing, and playing video games. Thelma has been in ***Shrek Jr.***, ***Children of Eden, Jr.***, and ***Mean Girls, Jr.***! She would like to thank her friends and family for their love and support.

KATHERINE FREDERICK is 13 and in seventh grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. She is the child of Emily and Jason Frederick. Katie is ecstatic to be in New Stages Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys reading, writing poetry, and horseback riding. Katie was last seen in ***The Day the Internet Died***. She would like to thank her family, her school theatre teacher, and Lizzie, the world's best cat!

ALEX FUENTES is 15 and in the tenth grade at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. He is the child of Luz and Jesus. Alex is hyped to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys playing guitar, watching movies, and fishing. Alex has been in ***The Addams Family*** and ***Murder on the Orient Express***. He would like to thank his sister, mom, and friends for their love and support.

ERYN GAINES is 12 and in eighth grade at Shirley Simmons Middle School. She is the child of Sondra and Debroskie Williamson. Eryn is nervous but excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys playing Roblox, making TikToks, and spending time with her family. Eryn is making her debut performance in this production! She would like to thank her family for their love and support!

MELAINY CLAIRE GAINES is 11 and in the sixth grade at Saint Anthony Catholic School. She is the daughter of Ernest and Stacey Gaines. Melainy Claire is thrilled to be in ***Sister Act, Jr.***! Melainy Claire enjoys being a Tiger Shark swim team member at The CLUB, singing in her school choir, and cheerleading for her school. Melainy Claire has participated in two of New Stage Theatre's weekend sessions and has been a huge fan of New Stage Theatre since the age of three. Melainy Claire would like to thank her family and grandmother for being the best!

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PARKS GARROT is 15 and in the tenth grade at Madison Central High School. He is the child of Ben and Lori Garrot. Parks is super happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Parks enjoys playing guitar, writing songs, and doing makeup looks. He has been in ***As You Like It***, ***Cinderella, Jr.***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, and more! Parks would like to thank his cats and dogs, his parents for forcing him to do theatre when he was eleven, and Beyoncé.

GABRIEL GERNAND is 14 and in ninth grade at Clinton Sumner Hill. He is the child of CC and Daniel. Gabriel is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Gabriel enjoys writing and listening to music. Gabriel has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** and ***Murder at the Malt Shop***. He would like to thank his family, friends, and directors.

GABBY GONZALEZ is 11 and in the sixth grade at Byram Middle School. She is the child of Volita Del Rosal and Rosendo Gonzalez. She is super excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Ariadna enjoys acting, dancing, and singing. Ariadna has been in *The Lion King, Jr.* and ***School House Rock, Jr.*** She would like to thank her mom and dad for supporting her!

KARIS GOODMAN is the daughter of Brad and Sarah Goodman of Brandon. She is in the ninth grade at Northwest Rankin High School. She is thrilled to be a part of New Stage camps and Youth Acting Troupe for the past six years. Karis loves to spend time with her friends! She has been in ***Winnie-The-Pooh***, ***Cinderella, Jr.***, and ***Mean Girls, Jr.***! Karis would like to thank her family for their love and support and her theatre teachers and directors for their instruction and encouragement that has allowed her to grow her love for the arts.

TWYNESEIA GRAISE is 16 and in eleventh grade. She is the child of Twyla and Marcus Graise. She is elated to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Twyneseia enjoys reading, scrapbooking, and swimming. She has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version***, and ***Chicken & Biscuits***. Twyneseia would like to thank her friends and family for always being a great support.

MEREDITH GREEN is 18 and a 2024 Graduate of Park Place Christian Academy. She is the child of Robby and Brenda. Meredith is super excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Meredith enjoys soccer, archery, and colorguard. She has been in ***Shrek, Jr.***, ***Children of Eden, Jr.***, and ***Mean Girls, Jr.***! She would like to thank her mom, because if it wasn't for her she wouldn't still be doing camp, and she loves it so much!

LEWIS ELIZABETH GREGORY is 15 and in the eleventh grade at Madison Central High School. They are the child of Margie and Levi Williams. Lewis is super excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Lewis enjoys cosplaying, singing, and crafting. Lewis has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***Beauty and the Beast, Jr.***, and ***The Little Mermaid, Jr.***! They would like to thank their family, boyfriend, and friends!

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SETH GRENFELL is 13 and in eighth grade at Christ Covenant School. He is the child of Tracy and Ric Grenfell. Seth is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys playing video games, reading, and doing theatre! Seth has been *in Phantom of the Opera, Beauty and the Beast, Jr., Mean Girls, Jr.,* and *Newsies, Jr.*! He would like to thank his family, his directors, and his friends for teaching him and being at his performances!

TAIJHA HACKETT is 16 and in eleventh grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of Shamika Conley and Howard Hackett and the granddaughter of Paula Conley. Taijha is very grateful and fortunate to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp for her third year! Taijha enjoys making YouTube videos, shopping for books, and going to the movies with friends. Taijha has been in *Children of Eden, Jr., Mean Girls, Jr.,* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas.* She would like to thank her grandmother for always supporting her and taking her to camp for the past two years, God for allowing her to live another day, and her family and friends for being so loving.

ETHAN HARTFIELD is 14 and in the ninth grade at Northwest Rankin High School. He is the child of Zane and Michelle. Ethan is incredibly excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys acting, writing, and creating films with friends. Ethan has been in *The Secret Garden: Spring Version, The Sound of Music,* and *A Christmas Carol.* He would like to thank his parents, his New Stage family, and God.

BRANDON HARVEY is 15 and in tenth grade at Clinton High School. Brandon is the child of Quita Bride and the brother of Quintin Powell. Brandon is excited and enthusiastic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys hanging out with friends, playing video games, and singing/acting! Brandon has been in *Murder at the Malt Shop, Mythically Mythical Myths,* and *Finding Nemo, Jr.*! He would like to thank his family, friends, and mentors for going above and beyond.

LEE HARWELL is 14 and in the eighth grade at the Magnolia Homeschool Program. She is the child of Jimbo and Mary Harwell. She is pumped to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Lee enjoys drawing, gaming, animating, videography, and reading manga. Lee has been in *The Chaos Before Christmas* and *As You Like It* at New Stage Theatre. She would like to thank Xerron, her friends, and her parents for supporting her!

RYLEIGH HOLLOWAY is 14 and in ninth grade at Florence High School. She is the child of Bera and Martha. Ryleigh enjoys basketball, playing video games, and watching scary movies. This is Ryleigh's debut production! She would like to thank her family and friends for their support, love, and encouragement!

HARLIE HUNT is 14 and in ninth grade at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Stephanie and Brian Hunt. Harlie is so grateful to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys singing and being in the marching band. Harlie has been in *Mean Girls, Jr., Children of Eden, Jr.,* and *Much Ado About Nothing!* She would like to thank her family, friends, and everyone who has supported her!

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BROOKLYNN JEFFERSON is 14 and in ninth grade at Murrah High School. She is the child of Reginald and F. Janelle Jefferson. Brooklynn is elated to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Brooklynn enjoys singing, playing trombone, crocheting, and playing brain teasers. She has been in ***Anxiety is Orange***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, and ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version***. Brooklynn would like to thank God, family, and friends!

JACOB JEFFERSON is 15 years old and in tenth grade at Murrah High School. He is the child of Reginald and F. Janelle Jefferson. Jacob is always excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys band, making music, gaming, and track and field. Jacob has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***A Christmas Carol***, ***Property Rites***. He would like to thank God, my family, teachers, and support staff at New Stage and his school.

REGINALD JEFFERSON is 11 and in the sixth grade at Bailey A.P.A.C. Middle School. He is the child of Reginald and F. Janelle Jefferson. Reginald is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys swimming, acting, music, chess, video games, and hanging out with friends. He has been in ***Pirates Past Noon***, ***Seussical KIDS***, and ***Elf The Musical***. Reginald would like to thank his extended family, parents and siblings, others who have supported him, and God!

REAGAN KELLY is 15 and in the tenth grade at Jackson Academy. She is the child of Mike and Rhoshunda Kelly. Reagan is excited and nervous to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. Reagan enjoys reading, drawing, and watching Formula One. She was last seen in It's a ***Hard-knock Life***. She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers!

SENECA KELLY is 15 and in the tenth grade at Terry High School. He is the child of James and Sandra Hollins. Seneca is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys making music, playing basketball, and playing video games. Seneca was last seen in ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** at New Stage Theatre! He would like to thank his family, his friends, and Mr. Xerron!

SOPHIA KENNEDY is 13 and in seventh grade at the Education Center! Sophia is the child of Melissa and Jonathan Kennedy and Pam Phillips. She is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Sophia enjoys art. ***Sister Act, Jr.*** is her debut production! She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support!

HANNAH KING is 17 and in twelfth grade at Murrah High School. She is the child of Stacey Lee and Andrew Lee. Hannah is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys reading, writing, and listening to music. Hannah has been in ***Property Rites***, ***Chicago*** (Medley), and ***Mean Girls, Jr.***! She would like to thank her mom, dad, and little sister for being so supportive of her, and she would like to thank her theatre teachers for believing in her!

MARIAH LOVING is 11 and in seventh grade at CCA. She is the child of Harold and Sandra Loving. Mariah is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys reading, writing, and hanging out with friends. Mariah has been in ***Pirates Past Noon***, ***A Year with Frog and Toad***, and ***Seussical KIDS***. She would like to thank her family, her village, and her friends!

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KARA MATTINGLY is 18 and an incoming freshman at The University of Alabama. She is the child of Erin and Mike Mattingly. Kara is hyped to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Kara enjoys catching frogs, singing, and pastel painting. She has been in ***The Little Mermaid, Jr., Beauty and The Beast, Jr.,*** and ***Mean Girls, Jr.***! Kara would like to thank her parents for supporting her!

NYKENDRA MCINNIS is 14 and in the eighth grade at Clinton Jr. High School. She is the child of Lashunna and Chris McInnis. Nykendra is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys watching animations, drawing, watching dramas, and spending time with friends. This is Nykendra's debut production! Nykendra would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.

OLIVIA MONK is 16 and in the eleventh grade at Simpson County Academy. She is the daughter of Chris and Angie Monk. Olivia is thrilled to be a part of ***Sister Act, Jr.***! Olivia enjoys reading, singing, playing tennis, and hanging out with friends. Olivia has been in ***Aw Shucks, What Could Go Wrong, The Night Before Christmas,*** and ***Tut,Tut.*** Olivia would like to thank her family and friends for being so supportive.

CONNOR MYERS is 14 and in the ninth grade at Brandon High School. He is the child of Kevin and Mandy Kate Myers. Connor is overjoyed to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys gaming, railfanning, and building Legos. Connor has been in ***Shrek, Jr., Aladdin KIDS,*** and ***Children of Eden, Jr.***! He would like to thank his Mom, Dad, Mimi, and his brothers for encouraging him to be involved in theatre.

MARIYAH NEAL is 11 and in sixth grade at Madison Middle School. She is the child of Kendra and Ryan Neal. Mariyah is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys making bracelets, singing, dancing, and spending time with her family. This is Mariyah's debut production! She would like to thank her family—especially her grandmother!

AMANI PALMER is 13 and in eighth grade at Madison Middle School. She is the child of Jonathan and T'ondrea Robinson and Jermaine Kelly. Amani is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Amani enjoys drawing, dog-sitting, acting, and swimming. She has been in ***Children of Eden, Jr., The Sound of Music, Fences,*** and ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version!*** She would like to thank her family for their continuous support and God for being the head of her life!

ZURI PEARSON is 13 and in eighth grade at Byram Middle School. She is the child of Chiquila Pearson! Zuri is proud to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys skating, drawing, and dancing! Zuri has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr., Children of Eden, Jr.,*** and ***Shrek, Jr.***! She would like to thank her family, friends, and especially her big sister Kandace for always being there for her when she wasn't there for herself!

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CHARLIE PERNA is 14 and entering ninth grade at Erie High School in Erie, Colorado. He is the child of Nicholas and Mandy Perna. Charlie is grateful to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Charlie enjoys listening to musical theatre soundtracks, reading, and playing the piano. Charlie has been in an adapted version of ***As You Like It***, ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version***, and ***Murder at the Malt Shop***. Charlie would like to thank his sister, Olivia, for a wonderful first time doing camp together in 3 years, his family, and his chosen New Stage family.

OLIVIA PERNA is 12 and will be in seventh grade at Erie Middle School. She is the child of Mandy and Nick Perna. Olivia is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Olivia enjoys competitive dance, cheer, acting, singing/songwriting, percussion, guitar, and volleyball. Olivia has been in ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version*** (youth ensemble), ***Seussical KIDS*** (Jojo)," and ***Carmen*** at Mississippi College (ensemble). Olivia would like to thank her family - particularly her brother, Charlie, friends, and New Stage for letting her be able to express her talent!

AVA RABY is 12 and in seventh grade at Madison Middle School. She is the child of Malcolm and Tianna. Ava is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys traveling, shopping, and playing soccer! She has been in ***Seussical KIDS*** and ***Santa's on Strike***. Ava would like to thank her mom, her godparents, and her drama teacher.

ANDREA RAY is 14 and in ninth grade at Rosa Scott High School. She is the child of Ivette and Marty Ray. Andrea is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Andrea enjoys All-star cheerleading, archery, and baking. Andrea has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***Cinderella, Jr.***, ***Lion King, Jr.***, and ***Oliver, Jr.***! Andrea would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.

LARKIN RIVES is 13 and in eighth grade at Germantown Middle School. He is the child of Ryan Rives and Katie Rives. Larkin is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys video games and hanging out with his family. Larkin has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***!

TOBI ROBERTSON is 11 and a rising seventh grader at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. She is the child of Audrey and Denzil Robertson. Tobi is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys reading, ballet, and gaming. Tobi has been in ***Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory***, ***Winnie the Pooh***, and ***Frog & Toad***. She would like to thank her family and friends

CHRISTIAN ROSS is 17 and in twelfth grade! She is the child of Jameitha and Christopher Ross! Christian is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys singing, dancing, and watching sports! This is Christian's debut production! She would like to thank her family for their love and support!

ADDYSON RUSSELL is 14 and in ninth grade at St. Joseph Catholic School. She is the child of LaTasha and Melvin Russell. Addyson is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys dancing, singing, journalism, and taking pictures with friends. She has been in ***Children of Eden, Jr.***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, and ***All Shook Up!*** Addyson would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her.

CAST BIOS

AUSTIN SAMPSON is 17 and in twelfth grade at Clinton High School. He is the child of Amber and Brandon McMillian and the grandson of Angela Sampson. Austin is elated to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys exploring new albums, going to various events in the area, and talking to friends. Austin has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version***, and ***Murder at the Malt Shop***. He would like to thank his family, therapist, and his friends for encouraging and supporting him through his journey.

WALKER SCOTT is a recent graduate of Madison Central High School. He is the child of Sid and Mandy! Walker is grateful to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys reading, writing, and shopping. Walker has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***Beauty and the Beast, Jr.***, and ***The Little Mermaid, Jr.***! He would like to thank his friends, mentors, and family for their love and support!

JADE SMART is 15 and in the tenth grade at Benton Academy. She is the child of Ashely and Dusty Chisholm. Jade is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys writing stories, shopping, and playing old video games. Jade has been in ***Much Ado About Nothing***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, and ***Children of Eden, Jr.***! She would like to thank her parents for supporting her, the friends she's made here, and you coming to the show!

LAURYN SMITH is 14 and in ninth grade at Tougaloo Early College High School. She is the child of Kimberly and Jamario Smith. Lauryn is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Lauryn enjoys dancing, acting, and swimming. Lauryn has been in ***Trap***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, and ***Children of Eden, Jr.***! Lauryn would like to thank her family and best friends for always supporting her.

KAYLEIGH DANIELLE SUMMERS is 13 and in eighth grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. She is the child of Kristin Barnes and DeMorris Summers. Kayleigh is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys singing, dancing, acting, and creating various D.I.Y. projects. Kayleigh has been in ***Magic Treehouse***, ***Children of Eden, Jr.***, and ***Mean Girls, Jr.***! She would like to thank her aunt, her mom, her grandparents, and her friends for always supporting her dreams and encouraging her to always be her best!

NATALIE SUTTON is 11 and in sixth grade at Pearl Junior High School. She is the child of Patrick Sutton and Erin Sutton. Natalie is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys softball, reading, and community service. Natalie was last seen in ***Dear Santa***. Natalie would like to thank her family for their love and support!

RHEN TANAKA is 17 and in twelfth grade at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. They are the child of Linda and John Schmidt and Javier Tanaka! Rhen is tickled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. They enjoy swimming, sleeping, theatre, and hanging out with friends. Rhen has been in ***The Addams Family***, ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version***, and ***What the Constitution Means to Me***. Rhen would like to thank their family and friends and Coca-Cola.

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DYLAN THOMAS is 17 and in the twelfth grade at Madison Central High School. She is the child of Ashlee Thomas and Billy Thomas. Dylan is so grateful to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Dylan enjoys reading, painting, and volunteering at her local library. Dylan has been in ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, and ***Children of Eden, Jr.*** Dylan would like to thank her family, friends, and the wonderful teachers and educators here at Broadway Jr. Camp.

AVERY TOTH is 14 and in the eighth grade at St. Joseph Catholic School. She is the child of Michael and Shannon. Avery is so excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Avery enjoys acting, writing stories, playing archery, and reaching. She has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***Much Ado About Nothing***, and ***Pirates Past Noon***. Avery would like to thank her family and God for this wonderful opportunity!

MARK TUTTLE is 14 and in ninth grade at Murrah High School. He is the child of Steve Tuttle and Anita DeRouen. Mark is so glad to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys drawing, reading comics, and browsing Twitter. Mark has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***Children of Eden, Jr.***, and ***Trap!*** Mark would like to thank his family, the Pokémon company, and his friends!

RAYMOND WALKER is 18 and in the twelfth grade at Fairfax High School. He is the child of Katie Rives, Jody Walker, and Shelli Poe. Raymond is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Raymond enjoys studying German, running, and reading. He has been in ***Cry Baby: The Musical***, ***Romeo and Juliet***, and ***Anastasia: The Musical***. He would like to thank his family, friends, and fellow theatre people.

WEALTH WARE is 14 and a rising ninth grader at Jackson Academy. She is the child of Dr. Adrian D. and Tonya H. Ware. Wealth is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. Wealth enjoys singing, dancing, and serving kids through the Triumphant Kids Program. Wealth has been in ***Peter Pan*** and ***West Side Story***. Wealth would like to thank her Dad, Mom, and family.

JAKE WEEMS is 13 and in eighth grade at Bailey A.P.A.C. He is the child of Jamie Weems and Julia Weems. Jake is exhilarated to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys making and playing music and impressing people (being a show-off)! Jake has been in ***As You Like It***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, and ***Children of Eden, Jr.***! He would like to thank his family, Mr. Xerron, and all of the staff and volunteers at Broadway Jr. Camp!

CORBAN WELCHIN is 13 and in the seventh grade at Bailey A.P.A.C. He is the child of Kass and Cassandra Welchin. Corban is so happy to be a part of New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys acting, playing piano, and singing. Corban has been in ***Trap***, ***Newsies, Jr.***, and ***Winnie-The-Pooh***. He would like to thank God, his family, and Mr. Upendo.

EMMA WILLIAMS is 13 and in the eighth grade at St. Joseph Catholic School. They are the child of Christiana and Ivy Williams. Emma is super excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Emma enjoys theatre, reading, drawing, and ballet. Emma has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***The Nutcracker***, ***On the Tip of My Tongue***, and ***All Shook Up***. Emma would like to thank their father!

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NAOMI WILLIS is 16 and in tenth grade at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Pamela and Bryan Willis. Naomi is ready to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Naomi enjoys playing video games, reading, and art. Naomi has been in *Girls in the Boat*, *Matilda*, and *Mean Girls, Jr.*! Naomi would like to thank her mother, father, and sister!

BRYANNA WILSON is 12 and in the seventh grade at Pulaski Heights Middle School. She is the daughter of Daphine. Bryanna is really excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys playing with her dog, chilling, and dancing! This is Bryanna's debut performance! She would like to thank her family and her friends for being the best!

TY'RHIANNA WILSON is 13 and in the eighth grade at Pulaski Heights Middle School. She is the daughter of Daphine. Ty'Rhianna is amazingly happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys watching movies, singing, dancing, playing with her friends, and working on her business. Ty'Rhianna would like to thank her family and friends for being amazing!

LILLIE ANN WINCE is 15 and in ninth grade at Summer Hill. She is the child of Tammie and Timothy Bright. Lillie is so excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys sewing, singing, and arts and crafts. Lillie has been in *The Chaos Before Christmas* and *As You Like It*! She would like to thank her family, friends, and everyone in the camp!

ELIZABETH 'LIBBY' WOOSLEY is 16 and in eleventh grade at Jackson Prep. They are the child of Amanda and Jesse. Libby is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Libby enjoys cosplay, painting, and reading. They have been in *West Side Story*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Sunday in the Park with George*. Libby would like to thank family, friends, and Divine Inspiration.

ELLA YOUNG is 12 and in seventh grade at Old Town Middle School. She is the child of Ashley and Jason Young. Ella is so happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys dancing, acting, and singing. Ella was last seen in *Once on This Island, Jr.*, *Mean Girls, Jr.*, and *A Year with Frog and Toad*. Ella would like to thank her choir teacher, voice teacher, and her mom for pushing her to always give 100%.



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XERRON X MINGO (Director/Education Director) is a graduate of Florida A&M University. Born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Mingo recently resided in New York City where he worked as a health & safety manager for productions on Apple TV and HGTV. He also worked as a testing secretary and production coordinator for television shows with LIONSGATE and AppleMusic Reviews. For the past ten summers, Mingo has worked at Raquette Lake Camps teaching musical theatre to students from all across the world. As part of the 58th season, Mingo choreographed ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical***, directed ***Chicken & Biscuits***, played the Macy's Store Manager in ***Elf, The Musical***, and served as the choreographer for the production. He also directed ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** last summer and last season played the role of Gabriel in ***Fences*** at New Stage. Mingo also played the role of Fezziwig in ***A Christmas Carol*** at New Stage in 2021. He has worked professionally at a plethora of regional theaters in a handful of states. Mingo continues to live in the light and could not be more blessed to do so as he continues to embark on his journey as education director at New Stage Theatre.

MATTEA PIERCE (Production Stage Manager) is a graduate of Belhaven University with degrees in both theatre and graphic design. Past New Stage credits for Stage Management include: ***Lend Me a Soprano***, ***What the Constitution Means to Me***, ***Elf The Musical***, ***The Secret Garden***, ***Chicken & Biscuits***, ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical***, and ***Ring of Fire*** (ASM).

ANGIE RAWLS (Music Director/Assistant Music Teacher) recently retired from teaching choral music at Pearl High School. During her 30 years as an educator, she was seen on stage or in the orchestra pit. She was involved in numerous school and community productions. Her favorites include ***Music Man***, ***Children of Eden***, ***Smokey Joe's Cafe***, and ***Second Samuel***. Rawls now enjoys teaching private music lessons and being involved with New Stage and Pearl Community Theatre.

CHIQUILA PEARSON (Choreographer/Dance Instructor) is an esteemed dance educator, dancer, choreographer, and costume designer and is the dance educator/director at Gary Road Intermediate School. She has danced with Montage Theatre of Dance for the past 15 years. She was the featured choreographer for the New Stage productions of ***Crowns***, ***Singin' in the Rain, Jr.***, and ***Shrek the Musical, Jr.*** Her work was also featured in a dance collage at Carnegie Hall in New York City, and she has performed at the Lincoln Center and The Grand Ole Opry. She had the honor of performing for Barack Obama during his campaign for Senator of Chicago. She is the proud mother of three beautiful children, Kandance, Le'Thario, and Zuri and a proud grandmother of her grandson Landen.

MARQUITA K. LEVY (Teaching Assistant) is excited to be returning to New Stage Theatre! She is a graduate of THEE Jackson State University, where she received her BS in mass communications. Levy last appeared in ***Chicken & Biscuits*** at New Stage. Additional New Stage credits include ***Lend Me a Soprano***, ***Clue***, ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time***, and several Unframed Productions. Levy would like to thank her family and friends for their continuous love & support.

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BETTY WONG (Education Assistant) begins her 18th season at New Stage. She continues to enjoy traveling to schools and towns throughout the state with the Professional Apprentice Company to provide live theatre experiences for students and adults of all ages. When not on the road, you can find her in the box office. She has also served for many years as a volunteer in other areas of the theatre. Her professional work experiences in education and her passion for live theatre have contributed to the growth and expansion of New Stage's Education Department. She has served as a consultant to school districts throughout the state of Mississippi. Wong has a B.S. in educational psychology from Mississippi State University, a M.Ed. from Delta State University, and recently won the 2019 Exemplary Arts Service Award from the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education.

ASHIA BENFORD (Acting Teacher/Acting Coach) Ashia holds a BA in Sociology and Theatre from Jackson State University. After graduating, Benford joined the professional acting internship program at New Stage Theatre, where she was seen in *Race*, *9 Parts of Desire*, *The Cat in the Hat*, *Mahalia: A Gospel Musical*, and *Hairspray*. Her directing credits include: *Once on this Island, Jr.*, *Aladdin, Jr.*, *Matilda the Musical*, and *Pipeline*, and *Sunset Baby*. Currently, she is an acting instructor/director with local theatre companies and privately trains children and adults preparing for educational and professional auditions. Benford also has an MA in clinical mental health counseling and is a therapist at Progressive Movement Counseling. She enjoys working with children and integrates various theatre techniques into the counseling process. She has recently been seen as Ella Baker in *The Debate for Democracy*, Ms. Shears in *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, Angie in *Is God Is*, and Brianna in *Chicken & Biscuits*.

MANDY KATE MYERS (Music Teacher/Vocal Coach) was most recently seen as Marilyn Wald/Ensemble in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*. Additional New Stage credits include *The Secret Garden: Spring Version*, *Elf*, *The Musical*, Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music*, Mrs. Peacock in *Clue*, Roz in *9 To 5: The Musical*, Babette in *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, Ghost of Christmas Past in *A Christmas Carol*, Mrs. Darling in *Peter Pan*, Mama Bear in *Shrek the Musical*, Cindy Lou in *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, Audrey II Puppeteer in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues*. Myers has acted as New Stage's musical director and instructor for the First Stages and Broadway Jr. Summer Camps for several years. A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, Myers serves on the Board of Directors for both Fondren Theatre Workshop and Cheshire Abbey canine rescue. She also works as talent coordinator and workshops coordinator for BroadwayCon in New York.

OLUCHI NWAOKORIE (Assistant to Director/Media/ASM) is a senior musical theatre major getting a minor in musical theatre composition at the University of Michigan. She is originally from Jackson, Mississippi. She was most recently seen as Joanne in *RENT*, Viveca in *The Bubbly Black Girl Sheds her Chameleon Skin*, and Dionne in *Hair*. Along with performing, Nwaokorie is a budding director having worked on *Into the Woods* and *Mean Girls* for Pioneer Theatre Guild as well as Umich musical theatre's 2024 Color Cabaret! @Oluchinwaokorie

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DELVIN KELLY (Teaching Assistant/Co-Choreographer) is from Brandon, Miss. He is an alum of Montage Theatre of Dance and a graduate of Hinds Community College where he pursued his associate's degree in instrumental music education with tuba as his primary instrument. He was most recently seen in ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*** at New Stage Theatre. He is also a member of the First Baptist of Jackson Worship Orchestra. This fall, Delvin plans to further his music education studies at The University of Southern Miss in hopes of finishing his bachelor's, then pursuing a master's in musicology.

TIMOTHY JAMES MAGEE, JR. (Teaching Assistant) is a former associate artist who is currently a senior theatre major attending Jackson State University. A Murrah High School alumnus, he also attended the Mississippi School for the Arts in Brookhaven and was a long-time student in the theatre program at Wells APAC. He was the assistant acting instructor in the 2022 and 2023 Broadway Jr. Day Camps at New Stage. He has been in Main Stage productions at New Stage including ***Fences, A Christmas Carol, Beauty and the Beast***, and many more. He is a product of New Stage's Education Department and has also done many productions in the Broadway Jr. Day Camps and New Stage's Youth Acting Troupe highlighted by ***Aladdin, Jr., Once on This Island, Jr.,*** and ***As You Like It***. Magee would like to thank his parents, family, and friends for their love and support, and gives New Stage his deepest gratitude for the opportunity.

MARSHALL ROBERTSON (Assistant) is an actor from Newton, Mississippi, pursuing his BFA in performance at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is ecstatic to be working at Broadway Jr. after being a part of it for so long. This program has done so much for him as a young performer, and he is grateful he can give back and help teach the next group of talented performers.

CATE PURVIS (Administrative Assistant) is so happy to return to New Stage camp as a staff member! She started attending Broadway Jr. as a camper in 2018 and was in productions of ***Aladdin, Jr., Frozen, Jr.,*** and ***Children of Eden, Jr.***! She was the summer intern during last year's production of ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** She is currently studying theatre education and performance at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts. She would like to thank Xerron and the rest of camp staff for welcoming her back, and she looks forward to continuing to work with New Stage Theatre whenever she can!

BAXTER EVANS III (Camp Assistant) is actor and combatant from Clinton, Miss where he went to Hinds Community College, and performed in shows called ***Water Engine*** and ***Bus Stop***. Evans then moved to Hattiesburg, Miss to study theatre at the University of Southern Mississippi, performing in the shows ***Once in a Lifetime, She Kills Monsters, The Addams Family,*** and ***Macbeth***. While at USM, Evans received a KCATCF nomination, allowing him to travel to the KCATCF Region IV back in February 2023. He also served in Alpha Psi Omega, Harlem (a BIPOC theatre club), and Skip the Script (an improv club). Evans was recently seen in ***Elf The Musical*** and ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*** at New Stage Theatre.

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RICHARD LAWRENCE (Technical Director) serves as the vice president of Fondren Theatre Workshop and has appeared in *A Christmas Memory* at New Stage, FTW's *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Buck Nekkid for Jesus*, directed FTW's *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*, and most recently appeared as Trekkie Monster in *Avenue Q*. He was also the director of the widely successful productions of *Cabaret* and *Company*, which were joint productions of FTW and Actor's Playhouse of Pearl, with support from New Stage. Lawrence has been seen in New Stage productions of *The Trip to Bountiful* and UnFramed's *The Eight: Reindeer Monologues*, *How I Learned to Drive*, *The Weir*, *Circle Mirror Transformation*, and *Dublin Carol*. Lawrence has won three Best Set awards at Mississippi Theatre Association conferences, and has also won Best Set at Southeastern Theatre Conference.

NINA FROST (Co-Costume Designer) is from Jackson and is a recent graduate of Belhaven University with a B.A. in theatre. She has constructed many costumes over the past three years, but her favorite was Dorothy's blue dress in *The Wizard of Oz* at Belhaven. Recently, she spent her summer at the New London Barn Playhouse in New London, N.H. as a stitcher and wardrobe crew. Frost's most recent credit was co-costume designer for *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* and costume designer for the Unframed Series at New Stage Theatre's production of *What Every Girl Should Know*. Frost is excited to be at New Stage Theatre this season!

ALBERTO MEZA (Resident Sound and Projections Designer) is a graduate of Belhaven University with a BFA in theatre. He is from Brandon, Miss., and is grateful to work in the only regional theatre near his hometown. He began working with New Stage Theatre in 2020 and has continued to work in multiple positions over the recent years. Some of his regional design credits for both Sound and Projections include *Pipeline*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *A Christmas Carol*, *A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, *9 to 5*, *Clue*, *The Sound of Music*, *Every Brilliant Thing*, *Ring of Fire*, *Elf The Musical*, and *Chicken and Biscuits*. He worked with Belhaven University Theatre as their professional guest artist as the Sound Engineer/Designer for their main stage productions, *Wizard of Oz*, *The Spitfire Grill*, and *Cinderella*. He also got to light design with Hinds CC on their show *Radium Girls*. Meza was the streamer and editor behind the Thursday Night Virtual Plays, Conversations, & Cocktails that was presented over the virtual season at New Stage Theatre.

JENNA KAHLEY (Properties Designer) is from Rockford, Ill. She has a Bachelor of Arts in theatre and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in creative writing from Belhaven University. She's previously worked for Gateway Playhouse in Bellport, NY.

WARD SIKMA (Lighting Designer) is currently a senior at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS. He is pursuing a BFA in acting for stage and screen. Apart from being an actor and performer, he has also grown a passion for lighting design. He was previously the lighting designer for his university's production of *Silent Sky*. He is very proud to be a part of this production team and would like to thank every one of them for this amazing opportunity. He would also like to extend a special thank you to his friends, family and mentor Annalise V. Caudle.

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ANTONIO JUAREZ (Scenic Coordinator/Assistant Technical Director) is very excited to be taking his first few steps in the world of theatre. He is a recent graduate of Hinds Community College where he studied simulation and animation. He was raised in the Brandon area and first became involved with theatre at Northwest Rankin High School where he created costumes and set design for a production of *The Zombie Prom*. He found working in the theatre environment fulfilling and when he was offered an opportunity to work with New Stage Theatre in November 2021 making the phantom cloaks and working as the sound board operator for *A Christmas Carol*, he didn't hesitate to accept the offer. Juarez most recently designed the set for the New Stage touring production of *Junie B. Jones, The Musical* and the Unframed Series at New Stage Theatre's productions of *Blues for an Alabama Sky* and *Sunset Baby*.

ASTRO CRAWFORD (Costume Assistant) is an upcoming senior at Madison Central. They have been sewing for a little over nine years, making costumes for the past four. This is their first time making costumes for a show, but they make costumes in their spare time as a hobby. Crawford's most notable costume is their humanized Audrey II costume from *Little Shop of Horrors*.

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Noises Off *By Michael Frayn*

September 10 – 22, 2024

COMEDY

A touring troupe's flop of a play revolves and devolves into comedy chaos in this multi-award-winning play within a play. Doors slam, sardines fly, and trousers drop in Michael Frayn's side-splitting British farce about a theater company desperately trying to get their act together. Both on stage and backstage, chaos reigns for a troupe of floundering actors whose forgotten lines, misplaced props, and steamy romantic entanglements make it nearly impossible for the show to go on. An uproarious love letter to the theater, **Noises Off** is a peek behind the curtain—where everything that can go wrong, does!

Deceived *Based on Patrick Hamilton's Gaslight**Adapted by Johnna Wright and Patty Jamieson*

October 22 – November 3, 2024

REGIONAL PREMIERE

Deceived, based on the original play **Gaslight**, is a psychological thriller that will leave audiences on the edge of their seat. This regional premiere production, with its suspense-filled storyline, delves into the depths of manipulation, deception, and paranoia as it delivers a chilling outcome that you won't soon forget. Young, trusting, and fragile – Bella Manningham thinks she's losing her mind. In the evenings, she hears strange noises. The sitting-room gas lamps dim for no apparent reason. Is Bella's loving relationship with her partner Jack all that it seems? Patrick Hamilton's 1938 play introduced us to the powerful term we now use to describe an insidious form of deception and manipulation. This new liberating adaptation by Johnna Wright and Patty Jamieson is a gripping, reimagined thriller of daring and doubt. Will the "gaslighting" have its intended dire effect, or will our heroine find the strength to save herself?

The Mountaintop *By Katori Hall*

February 4 – 16, 2025

CONTEMPORARY PLAY

The night before his untimely death, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. returns to his room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis after delivering a speech to local sanitation workers. While waiting for room service, he is visited by a mysterious and beautiful maid, Camae, with whom he begins a humorous and flirtatious conversation that progresses into a soul-searching discussion about their mutual hopes and fears. When Camae reveals her true identity, Dr. King must reflect on his legacy and the challenges facing the civil rights movement.

Little Women, The Broadway Musical *Book by Allan Knee;**Music by Jason Howland; Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein*

March 25 – April 6, 2025

MUSICAL

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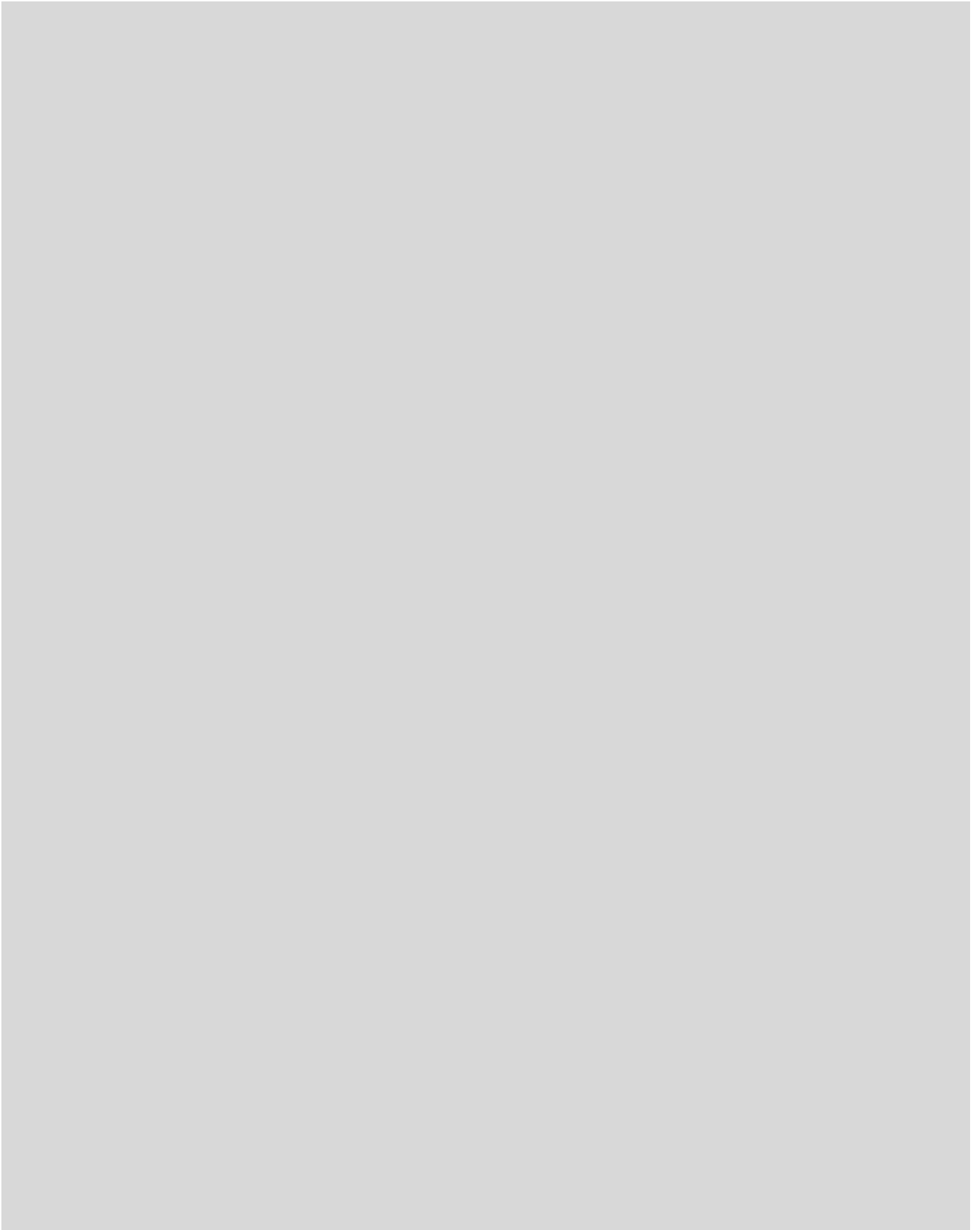
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