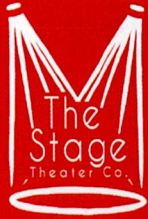




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WELCOME

Dear Theatregoer,

As we close our 2022-2023 season, my heart is full. The successes we have celebrated over the past year together, as a new not-for-profit theatre company would not be possible without loyal theatregoers like you. Thank you for making The Stage Theater Co. such a success over the past year. A special thanks to all of our 2022-2023 sponsors, without you none of this would be possible. Our Board of Directors and Advisory Board continue to help bring these stories to the stage and work everyday to help achieve the mission of our organization. Thank you so much. A special welcome to those new to The Stage Theater Co. We are delighted you chose to make *Disney's The Little Mermaid* part of your summer plans.

I invite you to join us as we begin our upcoming 2023-2024 season this fall. We are privileged to kick it off in November with *The Music Man*. In partnership with the Delta Symphony Orchestra, this classic will come to life on stage. The Music Man follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa into buying instruments and uniforms for a band that he vows to organize-this, even through he does not know a trombone from a treble clef! His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by the curtain's fall.

In April 2024, we welcome you to Klickitat Street, home of Henry Huggins, his faithful dog Ribsy, Ramona the Pest, and her long-suffering sister Beezus in *Henry & Ramona*. The characters from some of our favorite children's books come to life, in this great adventure! Ten-year-old Henry wants to do something important; he wants to deliver newspapers, just like that showoff Scooter McCarthy and the other boys. But first he has to prove to his parents he can handle the responsibility. That won't be easy with Ramona Qumby around! Along the way, with the "help" of Ramona, he learns some valuable lessons about friendship and maturity. Henry and Ramon captures the everyday trials and triumphs of being a kid.

Finally, next June step into the enchanted world of Broadway's classic, *Disney's Beauty & the Beast!* The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantment. The stage version includes all of the wonderful songs you are familiar with and love. This "tale as old as time" promises to be a huge hit!

Be on the look out for more information on all of these events coming up on our website www.thestagetheaterco.com We look forward to bringing these classics to the stage in our new season. For now, sit back and relax and enjoy an underwater adventure for the family! Enjoy the show! Abby Kuonen-Broadway, Executive Director

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BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Little Mermaid--every little girl dreams of being part of this world. Take a closer look and we see an unhappy girl who has lost her mother and cannot please a father who wishes her to be everything her mother was. Add to the mix six siblings who cannot handle her being Daddy's little darling and it is a recipe for disaster. Her escape--the surface--where she longs to be human--something she knows nothing about but longs to be. Everything she sees she adores, though she has no understanding of it (even after it is explained by the "know-it-all" seagull Scuttle). Though no one and nothing seem to be what they truly are, one character embraces her dreams and stays true to herself--Ariel--who holds fast to her ideals and finds love--both familial and romantic. Our lesson: happiness is within our grasp, no matter the obstacles. So long as we are secure in who we are and are unafraid to step outside of our comfort zone, we can find love and happiness. This cast of nearly 150 from across NEA, are thrilled to share this exhilarating adaptation of the classic fairy tale and Oscar-winning animated film with you. Enjoy the show!

Abby Kuonen-Broadway
Director

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THE LITTLE MERMAID

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman &
Glenn Slater

Book by
Doug Wright

Based on
Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film

produced by
Howard Ashman & John Musker

and written & directed by
John Musker & Ron Clements

Originally Produced by
Disney Theatrical Productions

with

Isaac Bridges
James Gramling
Jay Henon

Sarah James
Julie Barnett
Jackson "J.R." Liles

Luke Holt
Ron Moad
Kevin Stewart

Technical Director
Kevin Broadway

Assistant Director
Peyton Riley

Music Directors
Sarah James
Dr. Benjy Kuonen

Technical Assistant
Jackson Imler

Lighting Design
Sarah James
Kevin Broadway

Set Design & Artwork
Kevin Broadway, Cindy Kuonen, Michelle Neira, Ellie Mayberry

Costumes
Abby Kuonen-Broadway, Victoria Mitchell, Kim Brodell

Choreographed by
Victoria Mitchell

"One Step Closer" choreographed by Anastasia Tarkington

Directed by
Abby Kuonen-Broadway

The Little Mermaid is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

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SONGS

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Act I

Overture

The World Above	Ariel
Fathoms Below	Pilot, Sailors, Prince Eric, Grimsby
Daughters of Triton	Mersisters
"If Only" (Triton's Lament)	Triton
Daddy's Little Angel	Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
Part of Your World	Ariel
Storm at Sea/Part of Your World (Reprise)	Ariel
She's in Love	Mersisters, Flounder
Her Voice	Prince Eric
Under the Sea	Sebastian, Sea Creatures
"If Only" (Ariel's Lament)	Ariel
Sweet Child	Flotsam, Jetsam
Poor Unfortunate Souls	Ursula

Act II

Entr'acte

Positivity	Scuttle, Gulls
Positaggity	Scuttle
Beyond My Wildest Dreams	Ariel, Grimsby, Maids
Les Poissons	Chef Louis
Les Poissons (Reprise)	Chef Louis, Chefs
One Step Closer	Prince Eric
Daddy's Little Angel"(Reprise)	Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
Kiss the Girl	Sebastian, Animals
If Only	Ariel, Prince Eric, Sebastian, King Triton
The Contest	Grimsby, Princesses
Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise)	Ursula
Finale	Prince Eric, Ariel, Ensemble

Please note the use of recording devices and photography are strictly prohibited. As a favor to our sea friends, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Flashing lights are part of our production. Thank you.

FOOTNOTES

Lacey Jean Esposito,
 We are so proud of you and so excited to watch you in your first ever production! We know you have worked hard, and we can't wait to see you shine on stage. We want to remind you to have fun and enjoy the experience. We are so excited to see you perform! Love, Dad, Mom, Kaylie, & Bradley!

Sydney - We are so proud of all the hard work you have put into your performance! We love you so much! - Mom & Dad



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CAST

Cast Members

Ariel	Sarah James
Prince Eric	Isaac Bridges
Grimsby	Jay Henon
Flounder	Jackson "JR" Liles
Scuttle	James Gramling
King Triton	Kevin Stewart
Sebastian	Luke Holt
Flotsam	Allison Moss
Jetsam	Madison Lancaster
Ursula	Julie Barnett
Chef Louis	Kalel Manalo
Pilot	Ron Moad
Mersisters	Jaden Martin, RJ Moad, Abby Askins, Keelie McClellan, Jenna Brodell, Anastasia Tarkington
Winward	Sloane Foster
Leeward	Whitley Floyd
Maids	Kim Brodell, Stacy Fox, Courtney Neece, Britteny Hays
Chefs	Ford Smith, Molly Thompson, Jude Mitchell, Sydney Price, Bailey Weaver, Allison Trebilcock, Addaline Carter, Jerry Brooks
Chef Ensemble	Collins Baker, Olivia Exum, Addelin Cuzzort, Alexey Kelems, Nora Scott, Whitley Floyd, Sloane Foster, Avery Young
Courtiers	Jude Mitchell, Ford Smith, Ayden Conner
Princesses	Mia Neira, Olivia Exum, Lillie Craft, Molly Thompson, Abby Askins, Brynn Coletta
Sailors	Lawson Weisenbach, Ron Moad, Holly Long, Madisyn Racy, Lisa Moad, Jerry Brooks, Kaleb Racy, Abigail Trebilcock, Maggie Gray, Allison Trebilcock, Emma Neira, Kalel Manalo, Jacinda Cribbs, Ayden Conner, Ford Smith, Jude Mitchell, Brynn Coletta
Triton's Court	Jacinda Cribbs, Addaline Carter, Sydney Price, Molly Thompson

CAST

Cast Members (continued)

Gulls	Jenna Brodell, Keelie McClellan, Mia Neira, Collins Baker, Savannah Cuzzort, Olivia Exum
Little Gulls	Jana Caang, Gemma Kouguine, Charlotte Prater, Elijah Roach
School of Fish Teacher	Brittney Hays
School of Fish	Evie-Claire Ameling, Austen Grissom, Carter-Lynn Cole, Mia Grace Rogers, Stella Jane Hays, Eloise Wheatley, Maylin Davis, Winnie Landry, Temperance Emily Berry, Sophie Dulaney, Nora Massey
Crabs	Beckett Bowman, Harper Overley, Etta Haynes, Drew Richardson
Shrimp	Lily Henson, Legend Rutledge, Hazel Golden, Ava Clem, Anna Oleson
Lobsters	Liam Sherrod, Hensley Cook, Matthew Lewis, Margo Gragg
Jelly Fish	Emma Neira, Holly Long, Stacy Fox, Brittney Hays
Blow Fish	Nora Scott
Fish Ensemble	Skylar Hamilton, Cambree Grissom, Kali Carter, Scarlett King, Addyson Barber, Lacey Esposito, Keiden Oleson, Culley White, Noah Sherrod, Shana Manalo, Sydney Moore, Leni Cardin, Zaylee Stewart, Abigail Trebilcock, Amelia Haynes, Addison Buchman
Seaweed	Braelyn Thielemier, Madison Stitts, MaryGrace Phillips, Mia Palmer
Crustacean Band	Jana Caang, Gemma Kouguine, Charlotte Prater, Elijah Roach, Savannah Cuzzort, Reese Gardner, Kenley Trotter, Chloe Fox, Seren Watkins
Frogs	Stella Jane Hays, Eloise Wheatley, Mia Grace Rogers, Carter-Lynn Cole, Evie-Claire Ameling, Austen Grissom, Temperance Emily Berry, Winnie Landry, Maylin Davis, Nora Massey, Sophie Dulaney
Starfish	Clara Kelly, Charlee Gibson, Melissa Davis, Haisley Huffer, Reagan Brown
Turtles	Elliott Grissom, Harper Gingras, Charleigh King
Swans	Jenna Brodell, Addelin Cuzzort, Leni Cardin, Nora Scott

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Cast Members (continued)

Voices Abby Askins, Jaden Martin, RJ Moad, Anastasia Tarkington

Puppeteers Kaleb Racy, Ron Moad, Lisa Moad, Maggie Gray, Molly Thompson, Lawson Weisenbach, Jerry Brooks, Olivia Exum, Reese Gardner, Kenley Trotter, Hayden McClorey, Chloe Fox, Seren Watkins, Kim Brodell

Ensemble Alexey Kelems, Addelin Cuzzort, Jude Mitchell, Ford Smith, Molly Thompson, Olivia Exum, Britteny Hays, Avery Young, Collins Baker, Brynn Coletta, Mia Neira, Lillie Craft, Courtney Neece, Kim Brodell, Maggie Gray, Allison Trebilcock, Lawson Weisenbach, Lacy Baker, Amy Floyd, Ron Moad, Kaleb Racy, Stacy Fox, Ayden Conner, Jacinda Cribbs, Lisa Moad, Madisyn Racy, Bailey Weaver, Avery Young, Abby Askins, Sydney Price

WHO'S WHO



Sarah James

as Ariel

Sarah has served as Music Director for all of our productions. She serves as choral director at Annie Camp Junior High School. Being her first on stage role since college, it is her dream role! "I love the family atmosphere that The Stage Theater Co. has created! Everyone is loved & accepted here. We work hard together, laugh together, and have a blast producing memorable performances. I have met some awesome people and have made many lasting relationships."

Isaac Bridges

as Prince Eric

Isaac is very excited to be playing Eric in The Little Mermaid! He has enjoyed all his new friends he has made at The Stage! Past productions include Elf! (Walter Hobbs), Newsies (Pulitzer), The Little Mermaid (Prince Eric), Rent (Roger), and Cinderella (Prince). "Thanks to everyone for their support!"



Jay Henon

as Grimsby

Jay has appeared in both Newsies (Jacobi) and Elf! (Chadwick). When not selling health insurance, hobbies include hanging with the feline friends, movies, karaoke, and gaming. "The Stage brings something important to the community and I'm glad to be a part of it!"



Jackson "JR" Liles

as Flounder

Jackson "JR" Liles just finished VPA and is on to MacArthur Junior High in the Fall! He loves getting to bring Flounder to the stage and sing "She's in Love." He has enjoyed being part of The Stage and making so many new friends. Past Productions: Singin' in the Rain Jr (Cosmo Brown).



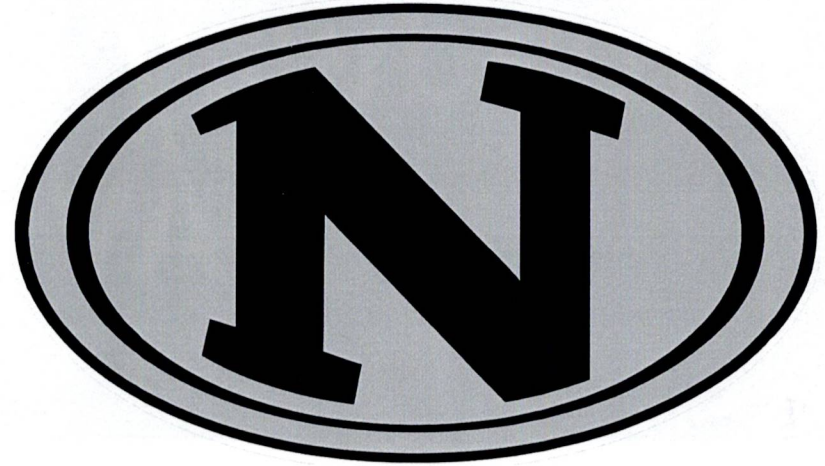
James Gramling

as Scuttle

James just finished the 6th Grade at VPA and enjoys playing the piano, singing, and hanging out with friends. He feels like The Stage is just one big family! Previous productions include: Newsies (Les), Elf! (Michael), Lion King Jr (Simba), Willy Wonka (Charlie Bucket), Singing in the Rain Jr (Don Lockwood). He loves the comedy and humor in Scuttle & can't wait to waddle on stage!

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Collins Baker	Jerry Brooks	Allison Moss
Dr. Lacy Baker	Braelyn Thielemier	Elijah Roach
Courtney Neece	Emma Neira	Cindy Kuonen
Kaleb Racy	Ford Smith	Shelley Roach
Jenna Brodell	Haisley Huffer	Michelle Neira
Bailey Weaver	Kenley Trotter	Kalel Manalo
Madisyn Racy	Mary Grace Phillips	Mia Neira
Matthew Lewis	Melissa Davis	Olivia Exum
Reese Gardner	Amy Floyd	Whitley Floyd



Congrats Madison! We are so proud of you! Keep shining!! You'll always be our star! We love you!

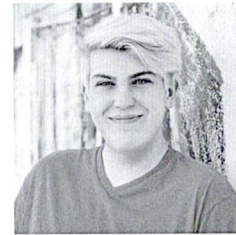


We Are So Proud of You Elijah Roach!
We Love You!

Kevin Stewart

as King Triton

Kevin is excited to be in the show with his daughter, who is in the Fish Ensemble, and knows his lines better than he does! He is the administrator of Monette Manor, and loves to spend time with family and be outdoors. He has enjoyed the experience at The Stage and appreciates the opportunity to develop the character himself.



Luke Holt

as Sebastian

Luke is a Junior at ASU. He has enjoyed the positive environment at The Stage, and meeting so many new people. Past productions include: Elf! (Store Manager), Mamma Mia (Harry), Frozen (Kristoff). When not on stage, he enjoys reading and watching movies. He also worked on costumes for The Stage production of Newsies!



Allison Moss

as Flotsam

This Fall Allison will be entering 7th grade at Nettleton Jr High. She is spending her summer swimming at her grandmas! She can't wait to see all these big numbers come together on stage, and has enjoyed being part of The Stage during this show. Past productions include Annie Jr (Orphan).



Madison Lancaster

as Jetsam

Madison is looking forward to bringing the story to life on stage! She will begin the 7th grade at VPA this Fall. She enjoys watching musicals on YouTube. Past productions include: Cats (Bombalurina), Moana (Tefiti), and Frozen (Bruda).



Julie Barnett

as Ursula

Julie is super pumped to play one of the most iconic Disney villains! She is a Senior Musical Theatre major at ASU. She loves hanging out with her Delta Zeta sisters, and has enjoyed all of her time with The Stage. Past roles include: Elf! (Deb), Peter & the Starcatcher (Mrs.Brumbake), Steel Magnolias (Truvy Jones), Head over Heels (Ensemble).

WHO'S WHO



Kalel Manalo

as Chef Louis

Kalel is a student at Nettleton High School and enjoys boxing and writing. He has done several productions in the past including Newsies, Elf and other local productions. Kalel is looking forward to bringing Chief Louis to life on stage and giving the audience lots of laughs!



Ron Moad

as Pilot

Ron first played Santa Claus in The Stage's production of *Elf!*. He currently works at Ditta Door & Hardware, and enjoys doing the shows with his wife, Lisa & daughter, R.J. When not on stage, you can find Ron outdoors. I love the vision of the directors, choreographers, the design team. These folks are truly extraordinary and you will never regret being part of it!

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So proud of you Stella Jane! Keep following your dreams. Love you to the moon and back, Mimi

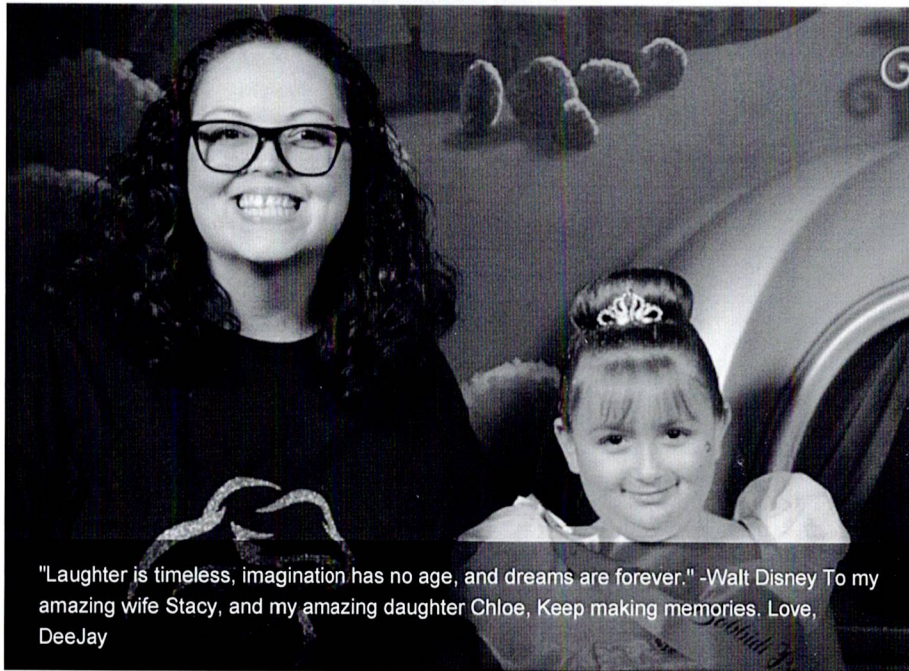
Stella, Poppy would be on cloud nine right now if he could be here and see you on this stage! He always talked about wanting to watch you on stage one day and I know that he is smiling down from Heaven because he's so proud you are finally doing your thing! He will be with you every step of the way! Never forget that he is always with you!

Stella Jane, Mommy and Daddy are so extremely proud of you sweet girl! We know you have waited for this moment for a while now and it's finally here! You were made for the stage baby girl! We cannot wait to see what life brings you and all the things you accomplish!! Shine bright and shoot for the stars Sissy Jane! We Love You, Mommy and Daddy

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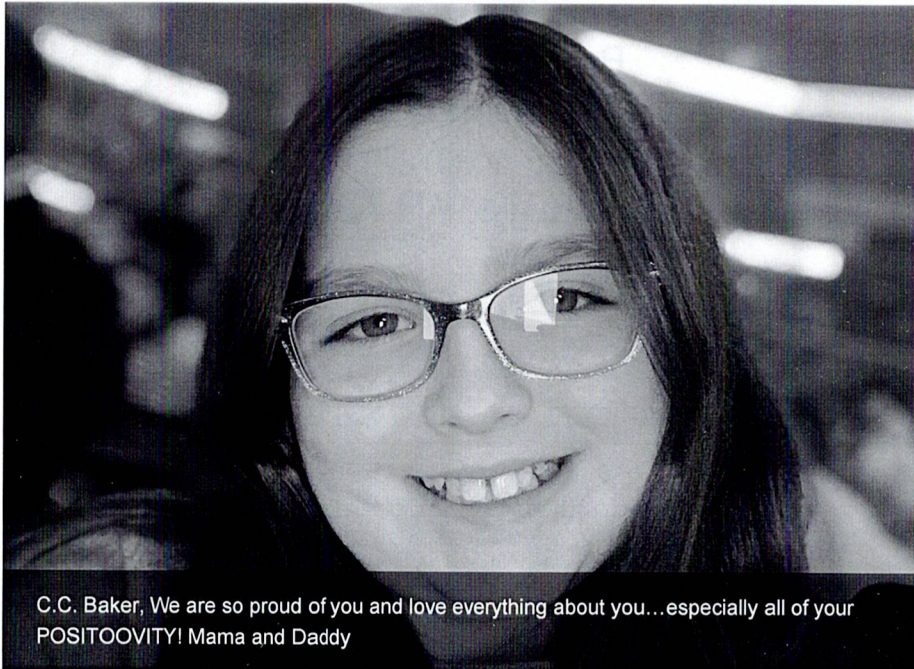
"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever." -Walt Disney To my amazing wife Stacy, and my amazing daughter Chloe, Keep making memories. Love, DeeJay

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Way to Go Ayden!
Love, Mom, Dad, Acelyn, Aryzona & Meme

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