

CELEBRATING THE 108TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREEK THEATRE AND THE 82ND ANNIVERSARY OF CRANBROOK THEATRE SCHOOL



SPONGEBOB MUSICAL youth editi•n



THREE NIGHTS, TWO SHOWS PER NIGHT:

TUESDAY AUGUST 6



7:00p-7:30p



7:45p-8:45p

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7



7:00p-8:00p



8:15p-9:30p

THURSDAY AUGUST 8



7:00p-8:15p



8:30p-9:00p

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DIRECTORS' NOTES

WELCOME TO CRANBROOK THEATRE SCHOOL as we present our final shows of the 2024 summer season! We could not be more excited and more proud to showcase the wonderful things our campers have accomplished this summer!

Exploring the themes and ideas in the wonderful stories of "The Little Mermaid," "Spongebob," and "Finding Nemo," coupled with our "And...Scene!" themes, we have all had the opportunity to ponder on a few things.

We have learned how love conquers all; being courageous and open to love is a good way to live life.

We have learned that the power of optimism can save the world...and that sometimes an unexpected hero can rise to the occasion.

We have learned about family, friendship, overcoming loss, and the importance of teamwork; you can do incredible things - even if you are just a "simple sponge" - with the support of your friends!

We have pondered on some truly amazing quotes from our shows:

"I do not see how a world that makes such beautiful things could be that bad."

"You should not have to give your voice to be heard."

"You never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

We would be remiss not to mention our incredible staff; we are so proud to call these wonderful people colleagues and friends. These amazing humans have truly poured their hearts and souls into making the experience of all our campers this summer the absolute best in every way. Hats off to you, friends!

To all the parents and guardians that have offered to help in so many ways: thank you. It is your support and trust in our program that makes us successful. We are so honored to have you as part of our CTS family.

We would also like to take a moment to personally thank every one of our campers this summer. They have taught us so much and we are continually humbled to be in their lives, even for a short time. Special moments, like so many moments we have shared together this summer, are the reason we do what we do. While we have had over 500 campers throughout these past 8 weeks at CTS, a very special message of thanks needs to go to our "Page to Stage" campers. So, to Solei, Serene, Karina, Lilly, Bennett, Willow, Anna, Reva, Ella, Chloe, Aiden, Clara, Cecile, Ellie, Madeline, Grace, Tintin, Ishu, Anika, Miles, Mary, Cynthia, Jane, Lucy, Henry, Layla, Angela, Aria, Stella, Graham, Levi, Ella, Dylan, Lucas, Josie, Bianca, Brooklyn, Smokey, Ann, Alex, Esti, Selina, Olive, Ella, Kate, Lucy, Ava, Nolan, Marlie, Daniella, Brooklyn, Ayden, Roni, Lexi, Sammy, Layla, Rylee, Harlan, Adeena, Terry, Vivian, Starla, Sahana, Ayla, Amelia, Charlotte, Blake, Alex, Ilana, Ezra, Connor, Willa, Will, Kate, Shea, Elyse, Nate, Jessica, Andrea, Dillan, Victoria, Eva, Jorge, Solana, Harper, Genevieve, Ari, Elise, Reese, Natalia, Nova, Nitya, Jalie, Sofia, Katherine, Margaret, Chase, Noa, Summer, Sophia, Mati, Jack, Jasmine, Calista, Daphne, Stella, Max, Maia, Parker, Jake, Sela, Lexie, Klara, Alara, Mert, Dilyn, Vince, and Anniston: thank you for being a part of our story. We love you and will continue to hope that all your dreams come true! Always remember: "When life gets you down, do you know what you gotta do? JUST KEEP SWIMMING!"

Now...enjoy the shows!

Brian Leduc
CTS Director

Ryan Ernst

CTS Assistant Director

Luna Alexander

CTS Assistant Director

GRANBROOK THEATRE SCHOOL PROJUGION OF



Book, Music and Lyries by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

> Book Adapted by Lindsay Anderson

Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by Myrna Conn

Based on the 2003 Disney / Pixar film Finding Nemo written by Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton

DIRECTOR: CARE ALLEN

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& DYLAN MGBRIDE

SOUND: RYAN ERNST, ANNAMARIA CUCCO,

RELSEY MAGDONALD

MIGHTS: JOE KOGENDA

STAGEMANAGER: CARTER MUNN

Solei Alhimiri Ensemble Fish/Turtle/Seagull Serene Alhimiri Anchor/Ensemble Fish/Turtle

Karina Arora Young Sea Turtle 2/Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle

Lilly (Harin) Bae Squirt/ Ensemble Fish/Turtle Bennett Beidelman Ensemble Fish/Turtle/Shark Willow Brown Pearl/ Ensemble Fish/Turtle

> Anna Bunting Tiller

Gurgle/ Ensemble Fish/Turtle Reva Carollo

Ella Debrye Sprit

Chloe Djurovski Sheldon/ Ensemble Fish/Turtle Aiden Friedrichs Crush/Ensemble Fish/Turtle

Clara Gauvin Dory

Cecile Goh Professor Ray/ Ensemble Fish/Turtle

Ellie Guerin Marlin

Madeline Hinkle Chum/ Ensemble Fish/Turtle

Grace Jin Gill/ Ensemble Fish/ Shark/Turtle Tintin (Nishansh) Joshi Ensemble Fish/ Seahorse 2/Turtle

Ishu (Ishanvi) Kachroo Ensemble Fish/Turtle/Seagull Ensemble Fish/Turtle/Seagull Anika Kachroo

Sheldon's Parent/Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle Miles Kim

Mary Lackaye

Young Sea Turtle I/Ensemble Fish/Turtle Cynthia (Xinyi) Lin

Peach/Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle Jane Luther

Scuba Mask Dancer/Ensemble Fish/Turtle Lucy Manson

Tad/Ensemble Fish/Turtle **Henry Melitz**

Layla Moore Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle/Seagull

Angela Papadopulos Breeze/Ensemble Fish

Baby Jellyfish/Ensemble Fish/Turtle Aria Patel

Bruce/ Ensemble Fish/Turtle Stella Perez

Graham Rink Tad's Parent/ Ensemble Fish/ Turtle

Ensemble Fish/Shark/ Turtle/Seagull Levi Rink Ella Rothstein Small Fish/Ensemble Fish/Turtle

Dylan Russaw Fish I/Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle Lucas Smieliauskas Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle/Crab

Josie Strickland Pearl's Parent/Ensemble Fish

Bianca Theisen **Nemo's Understudy**

Brooklyn Tinsley Bubbles/Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle

Smokey Walker Nigel

> Ann Wang Kai/Ensemble Fish

Alex Weisberg Seahorse I/Ensemble Fish/Turtle

Esti Weisberg **Bloat/Ensemble Fish**

Selina Zhang Jib

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

ONE DEDICATED FATHER BIG BLUE WORLD **ABDUCTION** DORY'S DILLY FISH ARE FRIENDS NOT FOOD WESWIM TOGETHER JUST KEEP SWIMMING CO WITH THE FLOW WE SWIM TOGETHER (REPRISE) JUST KEEP SWIMMING TOGETHER FINALE









AIDEN FRIEDRICHS Crush/Ensemble Fish/Turtle Seahorse 1/Ensemble Fish/Turtle

ALEX WEISBERG ANGELA PAPADOPULOS ANIKA KACHROO

Breeze/Ensemble Fish

Ensemble Fish/Turtle/Seagull



ANN WANG Kai/Ensemble Fish



ANNA BUNTING

Tiller



ARIA PATEL BENNETT BEIDELMAN

Baby Jellyfish/Ensemble Fish/Turtle Ensemble Fish/Turtle/Shark







BIANCA THEISEN BROOKLYN TINSLEY

Bubbles/Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle Nemo's Understudy

CECILE GOH Professor Ray/Ensemble Fish/Turtle

CHLOE DJUROVSKI Sheldon/Ensemble Fish/Turtle









CLARA GAUVIN CYNTHIA (XINYI) LIN DYLAN RUSSAVV

Dory

Young Sea Turtle 1/Ensemble Fish 1/Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle

ELLA DEBRYE Sprit







ELLIE GUERIN Marlin



ESTI WEISBERG Bloat/Ensemble Fish



GRACE JIN Gill/Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle



GRAHAM RINK Tad's Parent/Ensemble Tad/Ensemble Fish/Turtle Fish/Turtle



HENRY MELITZ



ISHU KACHROO Ensemble Fish/Turtle/Seagull



JANE LUTHER Peach/Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle









JOSIE STRICKLAND Pearl's Parent/ Ensemble Fish

KARINA ARORA Young Sea Turtle 2/Ensemble Ensemble Fish Fish/Shark/Turtle /Shark/Turtle/Seagull

LAYLA MOORE

LEVIRINK Ensemble Fish /Shark/Turtle/Seagull







LILLY BAE

LUCAS SMIELIAUSKAS LUCY MANSON

Squirt/Ensemble Fish/Turtle

Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle/Crab Scuba Mask Dancer/ Ensemble Fish/Turtle

MADELINE HINKLE

Chum/Ensemble Fish/Turtle



MARY LACKAYE
Nemo



MILES KIM NISH Sheldon's Parent/Ensemble Fish/Shark/Turtle



NISHANSH (TINTIN) JOSHI mble Ensemble Fish/Seahorse 2/Turtle



REVA CAROLLO Gurgle/Ensemble Fish/Turtle



SELINA ZHANG



SERENE ALHIMIRI Anchor/Ensemble Fish/Turtle



SMOKEY WALKER Nigel



SOLEI ALHIMIRI Ensemble Fish/Turtle/Seagull



STELLA PEREZ
Bruce/Ensemble
Fish/Turtle



WILLOW BROWN
Pearl/Ensemble
Fish/Turtle



SPONGEBOB MUSICAL youth

Based on the series by Stephen Hillenburg
Book by Kyle Jarrow

Original Songs by Yolanda Adams, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sara Bareilles, Jonathan Coulton, Alex Ebert of Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros, The Flaming Lips, Lady A, Gyndi Lauper, John Legend, Panic! At the Disco, Plain White Ts, They Might Be Glants, T.I.

And Songs by David Bowie, Tom Kenny & Andy Paley

Additional Lyrics by Jonathan Coulton

Additional Music by Tom Kitt

Musical Production Conceived by Tina Landau

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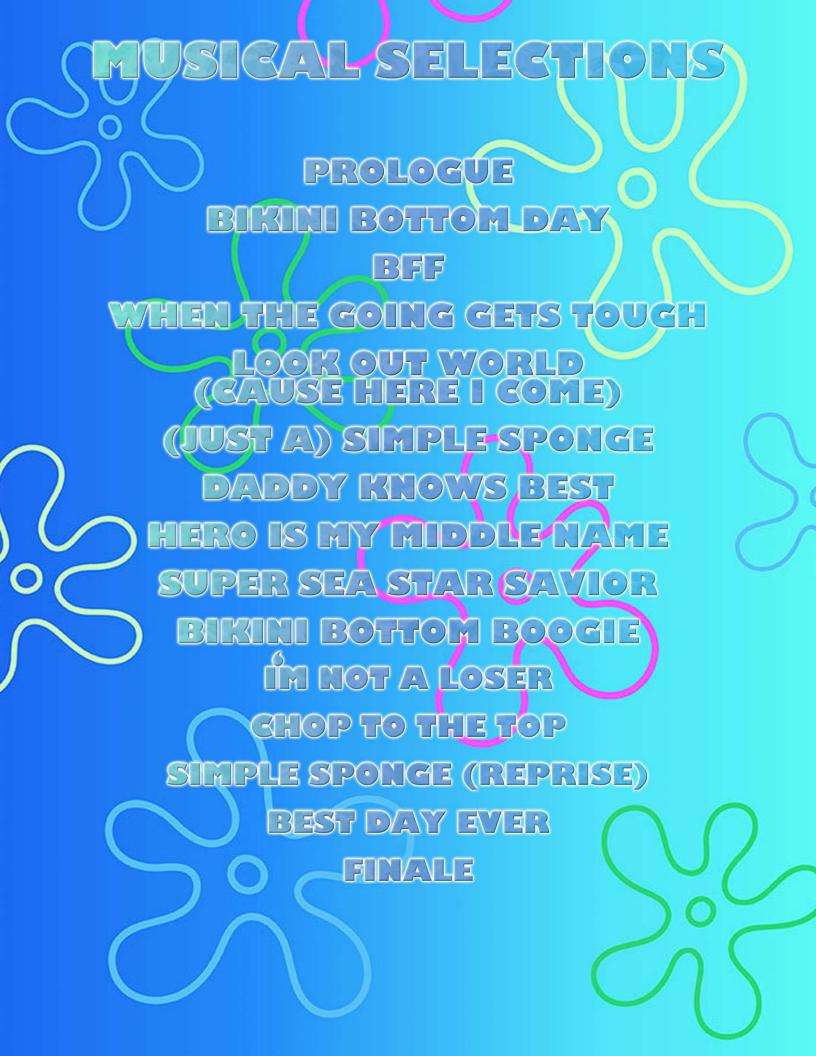
STAGE MANAGER: CARTER MUNN

GAST OF CHARVACTERS

Olive Adler Fish ensemble BFF letter/Fish ensemble/featured dancer Ella Bak Kate Bates Fish ensemble Lucy Beidelman Speaking Sardine/Fish ensemble Ava Benton Fish ensemble Nolan Bradley Mayor of Bikini Bottom/Fish ensemble Marlie Brandt Larry the Lobster/Fish ensemble Daniella Brennan Fish ensemble **Brooklyn Brown** Electric Skate/Fish ensemble Ayden Cohen Spongebob Veronica (Roni) Danielson Fish ensemble Lexi Danielson-Francois Fish ensemble Sammy Dobrzeniecki Fish ensemble Layla Dua Fish ensemble Rylee Durham Singing Sardine/Fish ensemble Harlan Edwards **Pearl Krabs** Townfish I/Fish ensemble Adeena Faroog Terry Farrar Townfish 2/Fish ensemble Vivian Finnie Girl Fish Trio/Fish ensemble Starla Fruitman Old Man Jenkins/Fish ensemble Sahana Ganapathy Karen Plankton/Fish ensemble Ayla Gauvin Singing Sardine/Fish ensemble Amelia Gavorin Sheldon J. Plankton Charlotte Goh Fish ensemble Blake Hautamaki Cowboy Trio/Fish ensemble Alex Jones Fish ensemble Ilana Kalmowitz Electric Skate/Fish ensemble Ezra Lader Singing Sardine/Fish ensemble Connor Maday Squidward Q. Tentacles Willa Manson **BFF** letter/Fish ensemble/DANCE CAPTAIN Will Marrs Cowboy Trio/Fish ensemble Kate Mccullagh Fish ensemble Shea Mclaughlin Speaking Sardine/Fish ensemble Elyse (Reese) Metikosh Speaking Sardine/Fish ensemble Nate Moutzouros **Perch Perkins** Jessica Papa Fish ensemble Andrea Papadopulos Fish ensemble/featured dancer Dillan Patel Speaking Townsfish/Fish ensemble Victoria Perdomo Rosenbaum Girl Fish Trio/Fish ensemble Eva Perez Fish ensemble/featured dancer Jorge Poggi Cowboy Trio/Fish ensemble Solana Pullen Krabby Patty Costume Fish/featured dancer Harper Rodriguez **Eugene Krabs** Genevieve Roe Girl Fish Trio/Fish ensemble Ari Rothstein French Narrator/Fish ensemble Elise Rousseau Fish ensemble/featured dancer Reese Russaw Electric Skate/Fish ensemble/featured dancer Natalia Sorial Sandy Cheeks Nova Talia BFF Letter/Fish emsemble/featured dancer Nitya Tandel Fish ensemble Jalie Thacker-Mann Speaking Townsfish/Fish ensemble Sofia Vaysberg Katherine Werner Fish ensemble Patrick Margaret Wong Speaking Townsfish/Fish ensemble Chase Worthem Gary the Snail/Fish ensemble

Mrs. Puff

Noa Yamstein





ADEENA FAROOQ

Townfish 1/Fish ensemble



ALEX JONES

Fish ensemble



AMELIA GAVORIN

Sheldon J. Plankton



ANDREA PAPADOPULOS

Fish ensemble/Featured dancer



ARI ROTHSTEIN

French Narrator/ Fish Ensemble



AVA BENTON

Fish ensemble



AYDEN COHEN

Spongebob Squarepants



AYLA GAUVIN

Singing Sardine/ Fish Ensemble



BLAKE HAUTAMAKI

Cowboy Trio/Fish ensemble



BROOKLYN BROWN

Electric Skate/Fish ensemble



Fish ensemble



CHARLOTTE GOH CHASE WORTHEM

Gary The Snail/Fish ensemble



CONNOR MADAY Squidward Q. Tentacles



DANIELLA BRENNAN Fish ensemble



DILLAN PATEL ELISE ROUSSEAU Speaking Townsfish/Fish Fish ensemble/Featured ensemble



ELLA BAK





ELYSE (REESE) METIKOSH **EVA PEREZ** Fish ensemble/Featured dancer



EZRA LADER Singing Sardine/ Fish Ensemble



GENEVIEVE ROE Girl fish trio/Fish ensemble



Speaking Sardine/Fish Ensemble

HARLAN EDWARDS





Eugene Krabs



ILANA KALMOWITZ Electric Skate/Fish ensemble



JALIE THACKER-MANN Speaking Townsfish/Fish ensemble



JESSICA PAPA Fish ensemble



JORGE POGGI Cowboy Trio/Fish ensemble



KATE BATES Fish ensemble



KATE MCCULLAGH Fish ensemble



KATHERINE WERNER

Patrick Star

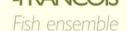


LAYLA DUA



LEXI DANIELSON -FRANCOIS







Speaking Sardine/Fish ensemble



LUCY BEIDELMAN MARGARET WONG

Speaking Townsfish/Fish ensemble



MARLIE BRANDT

Larry the Lobster/ Fish Ensemble



NATALIA SORIAL

Sandy Cheeks



NATE MOUTZOUROS Perch Perkins



NITYA TANDEL Fish ensemble



NOA YAMSTEIN Mrs. Puff



NOLAN BRADLEY Mayor of Bikini Bottom/Fish ensemble



NOVA TALIA BFF letter/Fish ensemble/ Featured dancer



OLIVE ADLER Sun/Fish ensemble



REESE RUSSAVV Electric Skate/Fish ensemble/Featured dancer



Singing Sardine/Fish ensemble



RYLEE DURHAM SAHANA GANAPATHY Karen Plankton/Fish ensemble



SAMMY DOBRZENIECKI Fish ensemble



SHEA MCLAUGHLIN Speaking Sardine/Fish ensemble



SOFIA VAYSBERG Fish ensemble



SOLANA PULLEN Krabby Patty Costume Fish/Featured Dancer



STARLA FRUITMAN Old Man Jenkins/Fish Townsfish 2/Fish ensemble



TERRY FARRAR



VERONICA (RONI) DANIELSON



VICTORIA PERDOMO I ROSENBAUM

Fish ensemble

Girl fish trio/Fish ensemble



VIVIAN FINNIE Girl fish trio/Fish ensemble



WILL MARRS Cowboy Trio/Fish ensemble



WILLA MANSON BFF letter/Fish ensemble/Dance captain

CRANBROOK THEATRE SCHOOL production of



Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater

Book by **Doug Wright**

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film

Music Adapted and Arranged by **David Weinstein**

DIREGOR L'AUR'A HEIKKINEN

CO-DIREGOR RYAN ERNST

KUSIC DIREGORS WILL FISHWICK

& ELIZABETH MEDVINSKY

CHOREOGRAPHER SARVAH SMIGHELSKI

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& KIELSEY MAGDONALD

WARDROEF DESICH RACHAEL PARROTT

& DYLAN MCBRIDE

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& KIELSEY MAGDONALD

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Summer Alhimiri Aquata Sophia Alhimiri Andrina Mati Aviles King Triton Calista Decker Jetsam Jack Carollo **Prince Eric** Jasmine Clarke Arista **Daphne Dougherty** Gull, Chef Stella Fenton **Sebastian** Max Ganezer Grimsby Maia Halson Ariel Parker Hemsworth Flounder Jake Kirstein **Chef Louis** Ursula Sela Kubiak Lexie Pintar **Scuttle** Klara Rousseau Carlotta/Atina Alara Savasan Adela Mert Savasan Pilot/Chef Dilyn Soliz Allana Seahorse, Gull, Chef Vincent Walsh **Anniston Worthy Flotsam**

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

FATHOMS BELOW DAUGHTERS OF TRITON HUMAN STUFF PART OF YOUR WORLD UNDER THE SEA PART OF YOUR WORLD (REPRISE) SHE'S IN LOVE SWEET CHILD POOR UNFORTUNATE SOULS BELUGA SEVRUGA LES POISSONS ONE STEP CLOSER KISS THE GIRL THE CONTEST POOR UNFORTUNATE SOULS IF ONLY

FINALE





ALARA SAVASAN ANNISTON WORTHY CALISTA DECKER

Adela Flotsam Jetsam



DAPHNE DOUGHERTYGull/Chef



DILYN SOLIZAllana



JACK CAROLLO

Prince Eric



JAKE KIRSTEIN
Chef Louis



JASMINE CLARKE
Arista



KLARA ROUSSEAU

Carlotta/Atina



LEXIE PINTARScuttle



MAIA HALSON Ariel



MATI AVILES King Triton



MAX GANEZER Grimsby







MERT SAVASAN PARKER HEMSVVORTH Pilot/Chef

Flounder

SELA KUBIAK Ursula

SOPHIA ALHIMIRI Andrina



STELLA FENTON Sebastian



SUMMER ALHIMIRI Aquata



VINCENT WALSH Seahorse/Gull/Chef

SPEGIALTHANKS

The Cranbrook Community

Janie Manchella & Village Youth Theatre

Danii Fulton & DCDS Theatre

JD Deierlien, Jan Pareyt & Avon Players Theatre

Rychee Brown

Susan Weisberg & Emily Moutzouros

Crystal Orser for camper headshots and photo pages!

Our friends at St. Dunstans Theatre

Ed Guest

THE MOST AMAZING CAMPERS EVER AND THEIR FAMILIES!



BRIAN LEDUC CAMP DIRECTOR

Brian (he/him) has served as Director of CTS since 2017, after serving as Assistant Camp Director and Music Instructor for many years. A native of Detroit, Brian attended Wayne State University for instrumental education and voice performance. He appears as a tenor soloist regularly in the Detroit area and internationally; in his past life, Brian was an opera singer quoted in Opera News as having a "ringing tenor" and being "especially impressive...with firm tonal impact" and has received acclaim and recognition for his work with early music, oratorio, and musical theatre. Brian serves as the President of the Board and Associate Artistic Director for Audivi (professional vocal ensemble) and as Associate Chorus Master for the DSO (Detroit Symphony Orchestra). He accompanies and directs regularly. With MSVMA (Michigan School Vocal Music Association), Brian serves on the Executive Board and as a clinician/adjudicator for vocal music programs across the state. For the past several years, he has had the pleasure of working for the choirs at Rochester High School and Reuther Middle School (Rochester Hills). Brian serves as the Associate Director of Music at Holy Name Catholic Church (Birmingham), directing the Children's Choir and the professional Schola ensemble, as well as assisting with the Adult Choir and programming for the liturgical year and numerous special events. He also serves as Assistant Director of the Festival Choir at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. CTS is the best 2 months of the year!



LUNA ALEXANDER ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR

Luna is thrilled to be back for another incredible summer at Cranbrook! She has spent the last fifteen years in Southeast Michigan, working in educational consulting, play therapy, drama and teaching. Earning her degree from Eastern Michigan University in Theatre & Communication Arts, she has pursued her fascination with learning through play, development through gamification and integrating our natural instincts for improv into our educational toolkits. Her background in education has included assistant directing the annual Cranbrook Theatre School Camp, acting as the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association Director at West Bloomfield High School for 4 years, teaching at Summer's Knoll School for ages 5-13 in Ann Arbor, MI working with teens developing their interpersonal professionalism at L!FE Leaders Inc and co-running the Ibis Theatre - a performance group committed to healing through art - giving her valuable insight in deep knowledge learning through play!



RYAN ERNSTASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR & TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Ryan is excited to be back in his tenth year at CTS! He is a local actor and tech director with a Bachelor of Theatre Arts and an MFA. During the school year, he is lucky enough to teach drama at the Cranbrook Middle School for Boys. Ryan is so thankful to have the opportunity to teach and create art with such wonderful students and to be a part of such an amazing camp!



MARTHA JANE BROOKS OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Martha Jane Brooks has over 20 years of dance experience, including over 10 years of choreographing and teaching as well as 6 years of professional performance. Martha attended Oakland University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance. As well as studied with the Kirov Ballet in their Master program. She was a member of Oakland Dance Theater and Repertory Company, is the sole choreographer for Shanon's Dance Academy and choreographed across the state of Michigan for other studios, show choirs, and musical theatre productions.



CARE ALLEN NAGLE ACTING INSTRUCTOR

Care is excited to be joining Cranbrook Theatre School for the first time! They are a second year MFA candidate in Theatre Arts at Texas Tech University, specializing in Performance and Pedagogy. Raised in Michigan, they have been active in community and school theatre since childhood and are passionate about creating a positive environment for the next generation of performing artists. Recent credits include #46 in The Wolves (TTU), Beau in Graves (TTU), MAI in Eyes to the Stars (Secondhand Rose Players), Narrator in Puffs (Pinckney Players), as well as being Stage Manager for the youth production of Tuck Everlasting with Community Theatre of Howell. They look forward to helping this talented group of young people grow and create this summer!



ANNA-MARIA CUCCO COUNSELOR

Anna-Maria is excited to work her first year at CTS! She is going into her first year of Nursing School at Wayne State University. She has always loved the performing arts and was in choir from 6th to 12th grade. She was choir president at Rochester High School and absolutely loved the choral program! She also did theater at Rochester High doing sound and performing in some shows. Despite taking a break from the performing arts while attending WSU, she is excited to reconnect with this creative field. Anna-Maria looks forward to meeting the campers, getting to know them, and inspiring them to pursue the arts and build their confidence.



WILL FISHWICK MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

Will is so happy to be returning for his third summer with CTS! William Fishwick is a tenor, pianist, cellist, and guitarist in the Metro Detroit area. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Vocal Performance at the University of Michigan, studying under Dr. Scott Piper and George Shirley. Will has recently appeared with Audivi for their "Path of Miracles" concerts and for Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Will has appeared as Aufidio (Lucio Silla, cover) in the Chicago Summer Opera production of "Lucio Silla," Ernesto in the University of Michigan production of Don Pasquale, Tamino in the Prague Summer Night production of Die Zauberflöte, and has received much critical acclaim and awards for his singing, including first prize in the S. Livingston Mather competition in Cleveland, Ohio. Will has served on staff at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit for several years.



LAURA HEIKKINEN ACTING INSTRUCTOR

Laura is thrilled to be returning to Cranbrook Theatre School after a 9 year hiatus, having last taken part in the 2015 season as director of Aristocats! Laura has generally been known to stay active in the community be it acting, directing, sometimes writing (and more!) since obtaining a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Wayne State University in 2012. To collaborate creatively with the youth of today on how to graciously navigate their way to adulthood is a true privilege. Thanks to all in support of bringing the magic to life!



EMA ISAKU COUNSELOR

Ema is so excited to be working her first summer at CTS! She has been performing for eight years! Ema participated in shows through school, community theater, and even as a camper at CTS. This fall, Ema will be a freshman at Michigan State University majoring in psychology. She is so happy to have gotten the opportunity to work with these amazing kids and is so proud of all the work they' ve put into these amazing shows!



WANJA KAMAU COUNSELOR

Hi! My name is Wanja Kamau and I' m an incoming sophomore at Michigan State majoring in Environmental Economics. This is my second year working at CTS and I' m so excited to reconnect with some of the campers from last year and get to know the new ones. Working with kids is one of my passions as I' m on the executive board for a volunteer daycare club at MSU. In addition to enjoying working with kids, I did a little bit of theater in highschool, was in choir middle school through high school, and performed in the Michigan State campus choir for the past two semesters. Being able to expand those interests at CTS and hopefully spark an interest in campers is such a wonderful opportunity I am looking forward to having!



JOE KOCENDA

Joe Kocenda is an Electrical Engineering Major and Theater Design and Technology Major with a focus in lighting design. You may have seen his lighting design for the Oakland University production on A New Brain and his props for Pippin. Joe would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him and promises he won't put something stupid in his bio.



ERIN KURTZ
ACTING AND MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Erin is returning to Cranbrook for her 4th year - however, Spongebob The Musical will be her acting directorial DEBUT! Erin is an Oakland University graduate, choir teacher, and theater kid at heart. She teaches choir at Marine City High School and Middle School, also serving as their music director for musicals, and absolutely LOVES her job and students! She also works as a professional singer for Holy Name Parish and occasionally other churches in the area. Erin grew up OBSESSED with Spongebob and knows every episode - directing this production has been a blast and a dream come true! She wants to thank her amazing cast - these campers are some of the most kind, genuine and truly lovely people she has ever met. Enjoy the show!



SHREEYA LAKSHMINARASIMHAN COUNSELOR

Shreeya is beyond grateful to join CTS for the first time this summer! She is an incoming freshman at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and is pursuing a degree in Economics and Public Policy. She has been passionate about music and singing from a young age and has performed in her high school choir for many years, serving as President of the program her senior year. Beyond music, she is passionate about fostering connections with children through tutoring elementary schoolers in her student-led nonprofit. Shreeya is very excited to spend her summer working with children and spreading her love for music with the kids while hopefully creating unforgettable experiences for them.



KELSEY MACDONALD

Kelsey is delighted to join CTS for her very first year! She is a sophomore at Oakland University, pursuing a BA in Theater. She is currently dabbling in between being onstage and trying out new experiences on "the dark side," as her professors might jokingly say! Recent credits include her tech work on Jesus Christ Superstar and The Laramie Project in the winter semester at OU, performing in shows like Legally Blonde and Matilda, and her work as a party princess with American Immersion Theater! She looks forward to helping make magic for everyone!



GIGI MAKI DANCE INSTRUCTOR

Gigi is thrilled to be returning to CTS as a choreographer! She attended as a camper many years ago, and her favorite role was the Genie in Aladdin. She grew up dancing competitively and in musicals, and has over 7 years of ballet and contemporary training from Eisenhower Dance Detroit. She graduated from Groves High School, where she was the president of the Groves Performing Arts Company. She is currently earning a BFA in Theatre Performance at Chapman University in southern California, and she will be a sophomore in the fall. She is ecstatic to share her passion for theatre and dance with the campers, and most importantly is excited to have fun!



DYLAN MCBRIDE WARDROBE

Dylan returns to her second season with CTS this year! She is a costume stitcher with Detroit Opera and interdisciplinary artist in the Rotary Arts collective. Dylan graduated from Smith College a few years ago with a Medieval Studies B.A., and between training and professional experience has a combined twelve years in technical theatre. She is thrilled to spend this summer supporting young artists in pursuit of their dreams!



DAHLIA MEDVINSKY COUNSELOR

Dahlia is thrilled to be joining the Cranbrook Theater School Staff for her first summer ever! She has just completed her first academic year at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign studying to receive a BM in Lyric Theater. Dahlia lives in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from University Liggett School where she was involved heavily in their theater program; The Liggett Players. She has also participated in the Rochester Summer Music Theater as a performer as well as being a part of the Hair, Makeup, and Wig Teams! She is so excited to be able to work with your wonderful children this summer and watch them grow!



ELIZABETH MEDVINSKY Music Instructor

Elizabeth is overjoyed to return to CTS student performers and staff for a second summer. Elizabeth is a voice teacher who has taught in Metro Detroit for more than twenty years, including here at Special and Summer Programs at Cranbrook Schools. She teaches singers of all ages, and specializes in high school classical and musical theatre singers and preparing students for university performance programs. Elizabeth holds a MM in Vocal Pedagogy and a BM in Vocal performance, both from Oakland University. She lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with her husband and three children (the eldest of which is Ms. Dahlia). It is always a joy to be part of the wonderful artistic community here at Cranbrook Schools.



MALANA MENTIER DANCE INSTRUCTOR

Malana has been dancing since the age of three and started her competitive dance career at the age of eight. She has worked hard and honed her skills from a very young age and her commitment is evident in her achievements. She started taking classes at RARA, then continued training at MI Premier Dance Co. before finally coming to Inferno Dance Co. Through her years, she has been seriously trained in contemporary, hip-hop, ballet, jazz, tap, and pom. During her time in high school, she competed on the Adams varsity dance team for four years and was a captain her senior year. She has won countless scholarships from numerous dance competitions and conventions including KAR, VIP, Dance Force, and many others. Malana is blessed to be doing what she loves and has a passion for teaching and inspiring younger students.



CARTER MUNN
TECH

Carter is very excited to join CTS for their first time! They are going into their junior year at Albion College, studying theatre and education. Carter's goal is to be a theatre teacher once they graduate. In high school and college, they have been involved in numerous productions doing both acting and tech, with a recent focus in stage management. They have also been involved in choir for 11 years. Carter has loved their role this summer and working with staff and campers!



CRYSTAL ORSER
COUNSELOR & PHOTOGRAPHER

Crystal is thrilled to be returning to CTS as a counselor for their second year! They are a rising sophomore at Oakland University, pursuing a BA in Theater. Their backstage credits include Caribbean Dreamin', Jesus Christ Superstar, and Farces, and their onstage credits include The Burial At Thebes, The Laramie Project, and Anything Goes. In their spare time, they are also a photographer, playwright, and all around artist who loves to share their love for theater to everyone around them.



MAHDI OSSEILI COUNSELOR

Mahdi is ecstatic to have joined Cranbrook Theater School for the first time this summer! He is currently a sophomore at the University of Michigan Dearborn with plans to pursue a career in nursing. He has been a part of the theater world for six years as a performer and has been in several shows, but has never quite had an opportunity like this. He has also been a part of several choir chambers and has a passion for set building. Some of his favorite theater experiences include performing in Spongebob! The Musical and Beauty and the Beast. He hopes to use this opportunity to be someone who can inspire others and spark some personal growth for himself. He is excited to explore new horizons and go out of his comfort zone to create an amazing environment for the kids and staff. Finally, he would like to thank his close family and friends who help him get through life in one piece.



JOANNA PALASKAS
DANCE INSTRUCTOR & PHOTOGRAPHER

Joanna is thrilled to be returning to her third summer at CTS! She is overjoyed to be choreographing Finding Nemo this year! She comes from Athens, Greece, where she studied and received her Bachelor's Degree in Classic and Contemporary Dance. In Greece, she worked in the theater for 15 years; he still owns and manages her dance academy there. She cannot wait to see our Finding Nemo kids enjoy the stage!



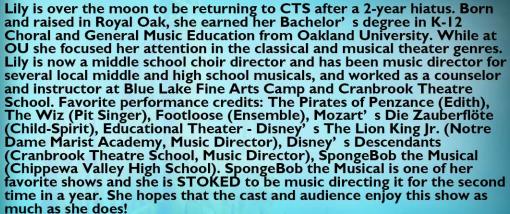
RACHAEL PARROTT WARDROBE

Rachael, returning for her second season at CTS, is a local costume designer and stitcher with Detroit Opera. She graduated from CMU in 2017 with a B.S. in Journalism and, shortly afterwards, changed career paths. While studying Costume Construction at the Northern College of Costume in the U.K., she specialized in historical costume recreation and design. She has immensely enjoyed working with our campers (and fellow staff) to create the best environment for them to slip effortlessly into their characters!





LILY SLAYTON MUSIC INSTRUCTOR





SARAH SMIGIELSKI DANCE INSTRUCTOR

Sarah is overjoyed to be returning for her third year Choreographing for Cranbrook Theatre School. She holds her BA in Theatre with a minor in Musical Theatre from Wayne State University, and works as an actor, choreographer, and high school theatre teacher. Past CTS choreography credits include Peter Pan (2022), and Matilda (2023). Favorite performance credits include Ella (R&H Cinderella), and Mary Poppins (Mary Poppins). She is beyond excited to choreograph one of her favorite musicals, and first broadway show she ever saw. To her dancers, she says "Always claim your space, never applicate for what you put onstage, and "Always claim your space, never apologize for what you put onstage, and go out there and make a SPLASH!"



NADIA SMITH MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

Nadia is thrilled to be back for her second summer at CTS! Having just graduated from Wheaton Conservatory with a degree in Music Education, she looks forward to teaching the talented individuals at camp about music. In the fall she will be teaching music full time to middle schoolers. Previously she has performed in Little Women (Marmee) as well as assistant directing both Little Women and The Merry Wives of Windsor. Nadia is excited to be one of the music instructors this summer and meet new campers with a big smile!



NATE STELZER COUNSELOR

Nate is pumped to join Cranbrook Theatre School for the first time! He is currently a rising Sophomore at Oakland University and is pursuing business and theatre. His recent onstage credits include: Caribbean Dreamin and Anything Goes. Nate enjoys working with kids and putting on some great new shows.

