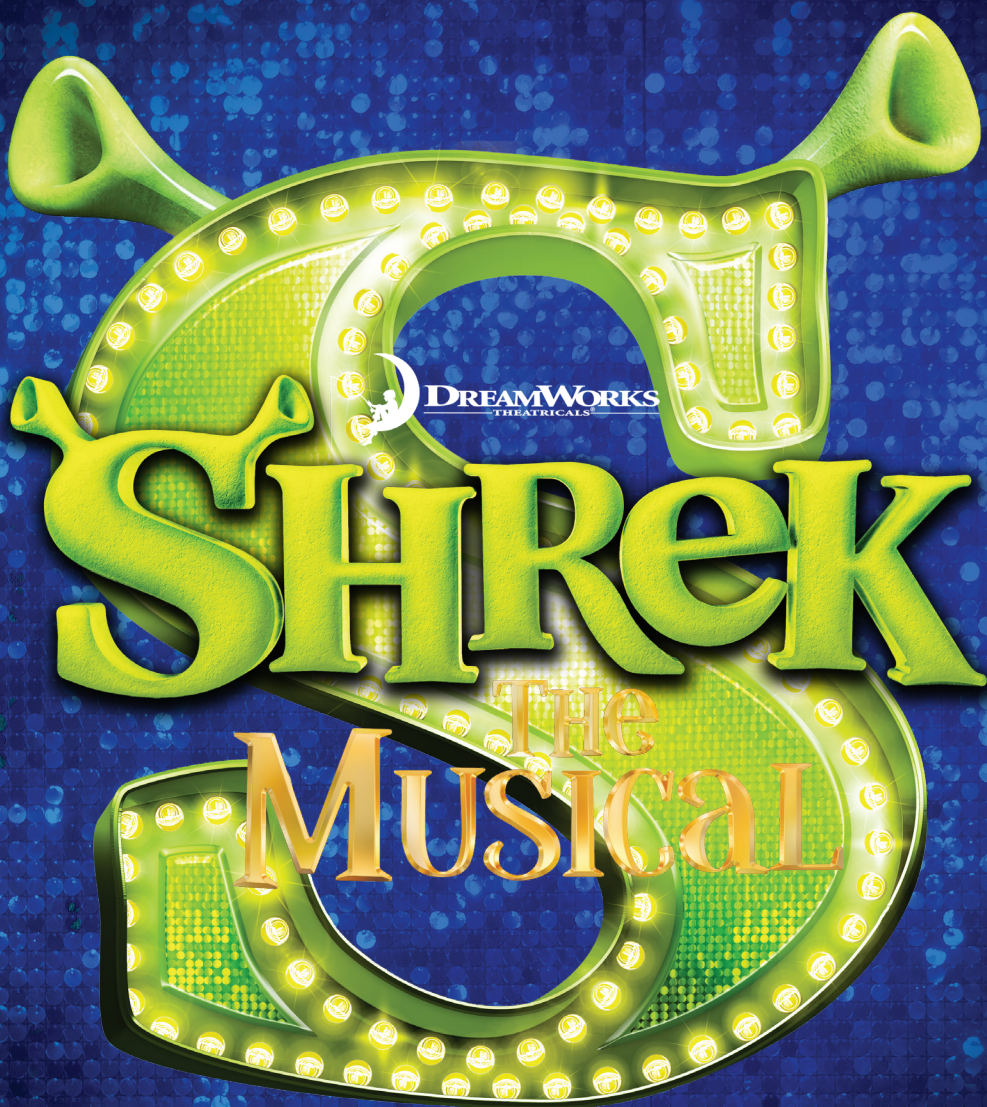


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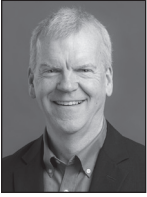
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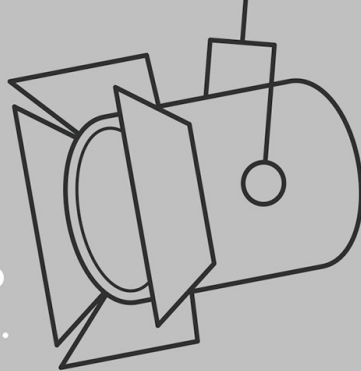
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It's a Big, Bright, Beautiful World...and *Shrek The Musical* is a shining example of that, right here at the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, where the arts are alive and talent abounds. It has been my good fortune to lead this amazing cast through the swamps and sights of Duloc and beyond. It's not my first rodeo with this "ogre" of a show... As a 17-year-old, I appeared in *Shrek The Musical* at the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre in 2014. Then, I reprised my role of Pig #2 again at a small theatre in Oklahoma City in 2016. So, to say me and Shrek are old pals, is an understatement.

Almost everyone has seen the 2001 (feel old?) DreamWork's film *Shrek*, or one of its three sequels. Far less are familiar with the original source material, a children's book called *Shrek!*, written and illustrated by William Steig. The book tells the tale of a repugnant, green-skinned, fire-breathing seemingly indestructible Ogre who enjoys causing misery with his repulsiveness. After his parents decide that he must be sent out into the world, they kick him out of their swamp. Along the way, Shrek soon encounters a witch, is taken to a castle by a donkey, battles a knight, and marries a princess who is even uglier than him. Together, they live happily ever after and vow to scare the socks off anyone who ever dares come near them. So, you know... a classic love story!

Beyond the incredibly gifted designers, technicians, and production team that have worked on the show you are about to see, I have been blown away by the insane talent of this magnificent cast. After an overwhelming audition turn-out, we can safely say that we have amassed the most talented cast in Fort Wayne, a majority of which are making their Fort Wayne Civic Theatre debut. I cannot wait for you to experience this screwy but delighted crazy stew that this cast has been cooking up for the last seven weeks. Sit back, relax, and enjoy this hilarious, crude, and downright adorable story. If you look past the fart jokes, you might just find a whole lot of heart.

GAVIN THOMAS DREW (Director) is a nationally recognized director, performer, and playwright. Locally, he is the Artistic Director of Summit City Music Theatre. He attended Oklahoma City University for Musical Theatre and Directing. His starring turns as Igor in Civic Theatre's production of *Young Frankenstein* and a host of characters in *Forbidden Broadway* garnered him praises and two Anthony Awards. He won a BroadwayWorld Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role in Summit City Music Theatre's *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* as Snoopy. He won another for Best Ensemble of a Play with Nina Raine's *Tribes* at the University of Central Oklahoma. As a director, he has led casts to award-winning performances at AACT Festival and is a proud member of the Dramatists Guild. As a profoundly deaf performer and director with cochlear implants, he takes pride in mentoring disabled/differently abled casts and holding seminars on inclusion and accommodation for all talents. He has guest lectured on disability in theatre at the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. He is proud to be making his Civic Theatre directorial debut with this talented cast and production team. He would like to thank his wife, Emily, for her endless support.

JEANINE TESORI (Music) won the Tony Award for Best Original Score with Lisa Kron for the musical *Fun Home*. She has also written Tony-nominated scores for *Twelfth Night* at Lincoln Center; *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (lyrics, Dick Scanlan); *Caroline, or Change* (lyrics, Tony Kushner); and *Shrek The Musical* (lyrics, David Lindsay-Abaire). The production of *Caroline, or Change* at the National Theatre in London received the Olivier Award for Best New Musical. Her 1997 Off-Broadway musical *Violet* (lyrics, Brian Crowley) opened on Broadway in 2014 and garnered four Tony nominations, including Best Musical Revival. Opera: *A Blizzard on Marblehead Neck* (libretto, Tony Kushner; Glimmerglass) and *The Lion, The Unicorn, and Me* (libretto, J. D. McClatchy, Kennedy Center). Music for plays: *Mother Courage* (dir. George C. Wolfe, with Meryl Streep and Kevin Kline), John Guare's *A Free Man of Color* (Lincoln Center Theater, dir. George C. Wolfe), and *Romeo and Juliet* (Delacorte Gala). Film scores: *Nights in Rodanthe*, *Every Day*, and *You're Not You*. Ms. Tesori is a member of the Dramatists Guild and was cited by the ASCAP as the first female composer to have two new musicals running concurrently on Broadway. She was the founding artistic director of *Encores! Off-Center* at New York City Center, and a lecturer in music at Yale University. Most of all, she is the proud parent of Siena Rafter. (Bio courtesy of MTI).

DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE (Books and Lyrics) is a Pulitzer Prize winning playwright, screenwriter, lyricist, and librettist. His most recent play, *Ripcord*, opens this fall at Manhattan Theatre Club. His previous play *Good People* premiered on Broadway, was awarded the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play, The Horton Foote Prize, The Edgerton Foundation New American Play Award, and two Tony nominations. His play *Rabbit Hole* received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, five Tony nominations, and the Spirit of America Award. David also wrote the book and lyrics for *Shrek The Musical*, which was nominated for eight Tonys, four Oliviers, a Grammy, and earned David the Ed Kleban Award as America's most promising musical theatre lyricist. David's other plays include *Fuddy Meers*, *Kimberly Akimbo*, *Wonder of the World*, and *A Devil Inside*. In addition to his work in theatre, David's screen credits include his film adaptation of *Rabbit Hole*, DreamWorks' *Rise of the Guardians*, and the upcoming *Family Fang*, starring Nicole Kidman, Christopher Walken, and Jason Bateman. (Bio courtesy of MTI).



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*-- Sharon Fallon
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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Shrek.....	Eddie Foggs
Princess Fiona.....	Emersen Conner
Donkey.....	Timya Townsend
Lord Farquaad.....	Caleb Curtis
Dragon.....	Debbie Kirkland

Fairytale Creatures

Gingy/Sugar Plum Fairy.....	Jordyn Freed
Pinocchio.....	Josiah Beights
Big Bad Wolf.....	Carter Thurnall
3 Little Pigs.....	Jonathan Lowden, Joshua Moody, Anton Phillips Jr.
White Rabbit.....	Carter Hammon
Peter Pan.....	Landon Richey
Wicked Witch.....	Heather Brackeen
Ugly Duckling.....	Leah Pranger
Papa Bear.....	Josh Engle
Mama Bear.....	Becky Benson
Baby Bear.....	Avalin Smits
Mad Hatter.....	Ella Moore
Humpty Dumpty.....	Rachael Kilgore
Elf.....	Kayla Roub
3 Blind Mice.....	Marissa Carroll, Jaelyn Haynes, Anna Ousley
Puss In Boots/Grumpy.....	Luke Benson
Tooth Fairy.....	Tegan Dostal

Ensemble

Young Shrek.....	Luke Benson
Mama and Papa Ogre.....	Becky Benson, Josh Engle
King Harold and Queen Lillian.....	Landon Richey, Leah Pranger
Happy People/Angry Mob.....	Jared Arntz, Marissa Carroll, Tegan Dostal, Jaelyn Haynes, Anna Ousley, Michael Taylor
Young Fiona.....	Faye Holt
Teen Fiona.....	Tegan Dostal
Captain of the Guard.....	Brandon Hathaway
Thelonus.....	Landon Richey
Guards.....	Jared Arntz, Michael Taylor
Knights.....	Jared Arntz, Josiah Beights, Josh Engle, Joshua Moody
Duloc Greeter/Pied Piper/Bishop.....	Jonathan Lowden
Duloc Dancers.....	Josiah Beights, Marissa Carroll, Carter Hammon, Jaelyn Haynes, Jordyn Freed, Josh Engle, Joshua Moody, Ella Moore, Anna Ousley, Anton Phillips Jr., Leah Pranger, Kayla Roub
Rat Dancers.....	Tegan Dostal, Jordyn Freed, Carter Hammon, Joshua Moody, Ella Moore, Kayla Roub
Bluebird.....	Anna Ousley

ACT ONE

- "Big Bright Beautiful World"Shrek, Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre, King Harold, Queen Lillian, Happy People,
- "Story of My Life"Fairytale Creatures
- "The Goodbye Song"Fairytale Creatures
- "Don't Let Me Go"Donkey
- "What's Up Duloc?"Lord Farquaad, Duloc Performers
- "I Know It's Today"Fiona, Young Fiona, Teen Fiona
- "Travel Song"Donkey, Shrek
- "Forever"Dragon, Donkey, Knights
- "This is How a Dream Comes True"Fiona
- "Who I'd Be"Shrek, Fiona, Donkey

ACT TWO

- "Morning Person"Fiona, Bluebird
- "I Think I Got You Beat"Fiona, Shrek
- "Ballad of Farquaad"Lord Farquaad, Ensemble
- "Make A Move"Donkey, Three Blind Mice
- "When Words Fail"Shrek
- "Morning Person (Reprise)"Fiona
- "Build A Wall"Shrek
- "Freak Flag"Fairytale Creatures
- "Big Bright Beautiful World (Reprise)"Shrek
- "Finale"Company
- "I'm A Believer"Company

There will be a 15-minute intermission after Act One.



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EDDIE FOGGS (Shrek) is humbled and truly honored to make his debut at Fort Wayne Civic Theatre! Previous credits include *Grease* (Rump), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Perchik), and *The Taming of the Shrew* (Petruccio). In 2014, he co-wrote and starred in 'Welfare Kings' (48 hr. film festival) for which he also won Best Actor. From 2006-2018, Eddie worked as a standup comedian, yucking it up with acts like Jamie Lissow, Tom Thakkar, and Ms. Pat. "Thanks to my beautiful wife Jaslin and the many others who challenged me to do my best!"

EMERSEN "EMMIE" CONNER (Princess Fiona) is so excited to be back at the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre! You may have seen her recently as Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre at Summit City's *25th Annual...Spelling Bee*, as Cinderella in the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre's *Into The Woods*, and as Portia in the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre's recent production of *Something Rotten!*. Emmie spends most of her time baking, drinking coffee, and cuddling her two cats: Kitten Boy (@kittenboynumber1fan on IG) and Begue. Special thanks to Mindy Cox for single-handedly keeping Emmie's ego in check.



TIMYA TOWNSEND (Donkey) is very excited to make her debut at the Civic Theatre as the best pal any guy, or Ogre, could ask for! Timya recently graduated from Purdue University Fort Wayne, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Musical Theatre. Some of her many LAYERS include *Grease* (Sandy Dumbrowski), *In the Heights* (Vanessa), *Charlotte* (Flora and the Red Menace), *The Laramie Project* (Ensemble), *Ghetto* (Dummy/Dijigan), *Sondheim on Sondheim* (Ensemble), and *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* (Saint Monica). Big shoutout to the Townsend Family and Friends. Long live Craig Humphrey. IG: @timinipooh

CALEB CURTIS (Lord Farquaad) is thrilled to be returning for his third Civic Theatre production, previously seen as Cinderella's Prince/Wolf in *Into The Woods* and Cornelis Hackl in *Hello, Dolly!* (Anthony Award). Other area credits include *Tick, Tick...Boom!*, *American Idiot*, and *A Christmas Carol*. Caleb is a graduate of Indiana University's Acting Program and additionally was an apprentice with the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company in Boston. He has worked professionally in many theatres across the country. He would like to thank ALL involved in this production for their time and talents and would also like to thank you, the audience, for supporting live theatre!



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DEBBIE KIRKLAND (Dragon) is fired up to play the Dragon! Debbie is returning after gracing the Civic stage in *The SpongeBob Musical*. When she is not guarding the tower or holding the Princess hostage, you can find her studying for her degree at PFW, working for FWCS, or in her most important role as Mom, where she helps with homework, attends sporting events, and takes time to share a hug or have a conversation with her three beautiful young ladies. Either way, her performance is guaranteed to be award winning, much like her performance as Mrs. Johnstone in *Blood Brothers*. She wants to thank her village, family, friends and especially “younger, more broke best friends” for all the smiles and words of support.

JORDYN FREED (Sugar Plum Fairy/Gingy) is a Senior at Carroll High School. Her theater credits include Featured Ensemble in IMTF’s production of *Les Misérables*, Sugar Plum Fairy/Gingy/Dragon in Carroll’s production of *Shrek The Musical*, and a Featured Dancer in IMTF’s production of *Phantom of the Opera*. This is Jordyn’s second Civic Theatre show and she could not be more honored to be a part of this incredible cast. She’d like to thank the directors, this beautiful cast, and her family and friends for the unconditional love and support in all her endeavors.



JOSIAH BEIGHTS (Pinocchio) is excited to return to the Civic Theatre stage as Pinocchio! He has been seen on stage with the Civic Theatre in *Something Rotten!* (Robin). Josiah has been seen in *Elf Jr.* (Buddy), *Frozen Jr.* (Hans), and *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Trevor). He would like to thank everyone who supports him in his artistic career!

CARTER THURNALL (Big Bad Wolf) is excited to make his debut at Fort Wayne Civic Theater as the Big Bad Wolf! Some of his memorable parts are Angus in *Tuck Everlasting* (Blackbox Theatre Company), Karl the Giant in *Big Fish* (BBTC), and Aslan in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (Lebanon High School). Carter would like to thank the Moss and Acton families, his directors, cast, family, and Olivia for always supporting his passions. “Enjoy the show!”



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 November 12	 January 7	 March 3
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JONATHAN LOWDEN (Pig #1) is excited to be back on stage with the Civic Theatre where he first appeared in collaboration with the FW Youtheatre in *Matilda* (Bruce, 2020) and most recently in *The SpongeBob Musical*, 2022. For the past 8 years, he's taken classes and performs with Youtheatre, most recently in *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher* (Mr. Hutton, 2023), *Frozen Jr.* (Oaken, 2022), and *Robynhood* (Sheriff of Nottingham, 2022). King Jon is a Freshman at Snider High School. "Thanks Mom & Dad for driving me to all my rehearsals!"

JOSH MOODY (Pig #2) is thrilled to take part in his first ever show with Civic Theatre! Prior to being cast in *Shrek The Musical*, Josh performed in Homestead High School's *Joseph* (Joseph), in IMTF's *Phantom of the Opera* (Passarino/Firmin U.S.), and even in Summit Middle School's production of *Shrek Jr.* (Shrek). Josh would like to thank his friends, family, and the creative team behind *Shrek The Musical* for supporting him and giving him the opportunity to do what he loves most.



ANTON PHILLIPS JR. (Pig #3) is excited for his first Civic Theatre show and to be a part of the amazing experience that is *Shrek The Musical*. Anton finds joy in performing for his friends and family. He would like to thank his family for always supporting him through theatre and would like to give a special thank you to his dad for showing up to his plays and recording every second of it on his phone.

CARTER HAMMON (White Rabbit, Dance Captain) is a Senior in high school and is excited to be returning back to the Civic Theatre stage for the seventh time! You may have seen him in *Something Rotten!* as one of the bard boys and in *Elf* as Michael Hobbs (Civic Theatre). He has also been in many production over the years with Fort Wayne Youtheatre and was in *Hairspray* with IMTF last summer. He would like to thank the incredible production team and cast for making this such a wonderful and fun experience!



LANDON RICHEY (Peter Pan) is starring in his second Civic Theatre production, his first being *Something Rotten!*. He has previously been in multiple productions with the Fort Wayne Youtheatre, these include *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Landon has acted in three Homesteads productions, *Footloose*, *Newsies*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He has

also acted in multiple Indiana Music Theatre Foundation productions including *Les Misérables* and *Hairspray*.



HEATHER BRACKEEN (Wicked Witch, Dance Captain) is thrilled that the Shrek family has been so freaky fun and welcoming of this old theatre witch. Before Heather and hubby, Jeff Moore, started their family (hi Hannah, Zoe, Ren, and Ella) she was involved in community theatre. FW Credits: *One Flew...Cuckoo's Nest*, *Shadowlands*, *WIT*, *Wait Until Dark*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Barnum Joseph* (1996), *Chicago*, *Best Little...House*, *Elf*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. "Big shoutout to the WMES drama club kiddos - thanks for cheering me on!"

LEAH PRANGER (Ugly Duckling) is thrilled to make her Fort Wayne Civic Theatre debut! She was previously seen this summer as Ethel Toffelmier in *The Music Man in Concert* (Summit City Music Theatre). Leah is a Junior at Purdue University Fort Wayne continuing a degree in Music Education. She is extremely grateful to be a part of this show filled with talented cast members and a hard-working production team. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her in every musical since the 4th grade!



JOSH ENGLE (Papa Bear) is excited to be a part of his first ever Fort Wayne Civic Theatre production! Josh was recently a part of the Summit City Music Theatre's production of *The Music Man in Concert*, which ultimately makes this his SECOND Fort Wayne production. Outside of his passion for theatre, Josh attends Ivy Tech Community College where he is majoring in Nursing. He would like to thank Vivian Mendez, Mindy Cox, Adisyne Hensel, Sophia Lopez, Jennifer Welsh, Dr. Adam Will, and the entire Adams Medical Group team for following him this far.



BECKY BENSON (Mama Bear) is delighted to join the talented cast and crew of *Shrek* for her first Civic Theatre show! Previously, she has participated in the dramatic arts at Blackhawk Ministries through acting, singing, directing, and script writing. Becky would like to thank her sons, Will & Luke, for making life even more fun by sharing a love of theater. She would also like to thank her husband, Cory, for the coffee, love, and constant support.



AVALIN SMITS (Baby Bear) is a 10-year-old dynamo making waves in the world of acting and debuting at Civic Theatre! Hailing from Fort Wayne, Avalin discovered her passion for the stage at Fort Wayne Youtheatre, where she honed her skills through dedicated classes and performances. With boundless enthusiasm and undeniable charisma, Avalin has already graced the spotlight in two captivating productions, leaving audiences spellbound with her exceptional talent. Her infectious energy, commitment, and natural gifts promise a bright future ahead, as she continues to captivate hearts and inspire with each step she takes in her blossoming acting journey.



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ELLA MOORE (Mad Hatter) is so excited to be in the Civic Theatre's production of *Shrek!* This is her sixth Civic Theatre show, her most recent before being *The SpongeBob Musical* (2022). She also performed in *Annie* (2020), *Matilda* (2020), *Elf* (2018), and *Joseph...Dreamcoat* (2016). Ella is thrilled to be in this show with her mom, taking on the role of the Wicked Witch. She would like to thank her mom, dad, and

three siblings for always supporting her and Gavin, Capri, and Rolin for this amazing experience!!

RACHAEL KILGORE (Humpty Dumpty) is excited to make her debut at Civic Theatre with *Shrek The Musical*. She has been involved with theater and drama throughout her high school career at Garrett, most recently seen in FWSMT's *Hairspray*. Since then, Rachael has assisted with costumes for IMTF's *Phantom of the Opera* and *Rent*. She would like to thank her family, friends, and mentors who have all helped her get to where she is today.



KAYLA ROUB (Elf) is from Bedford, Indiana and is making her Civic Theatre debut. She was involved in theatre and show choir throughout high school. Kayla is returning to the stage after 6 years when she was last seen as Winifred in *Once Upon a Mattress*. She would like to thank her parents for helping her live out her dreams, her boyfriend, Lane, for being an amazing support, Kelly Gomes for pushing her to audition, and her friends and family for supporting her throughout her life!

LUKE BENSON (Young Shrek) is excited for his debut performance at the Civic Theatre! Last year, he was a caroler in Blackhawk Ministries' Christmas production of *It's a Wonderful Loop*. Luke would like to thank the Civic Theatre and the directors, in particular, for giving him a chance in this musical.



FAYE HOLT (Young Fiona) is thrilled to be making her Fort Wayne Civic Theatre debut! She was most recently seen as part of the Children's Ensemble in *The Music Man in Concert* (Summit Music Theatre). Other favorites include a soloist in *The Greatest Showman: A Concert of Humanity* and Little Belinda Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol* (Summit Music Theatre). She is a third grader at Blackhawk Christian School

where she enjoys math. Faye loves dance and gymnastics! She would like to thank her mom, dad, and Austin for all their love and support!



TEGAN DOSTAL (Teen Fiona) is excited to be back on stage with Fort Wayne Civic Theatre. She enjoys working with many theatres in Fort Wayne. Most recently, she was Tina Denmark in Three Rivers Music Theatre's production of *Ruthless The Musical*. Tegan dances in Fort Wayne Dance Collective's Youth Company and is a freshman at Wayne New Tech Academy. In her free time, she enjoys reading,

watching Marvel, listening to and creating music. She would like to thank Carter Hammon and her amazing mother for giving her rides to and from rehearsal.

BRANDON HATHAWAY (Captain of the Guard) is returning to the Civic Theatre Stage, most recently having been seen in *Hello, Dolly!* as the Second Cook and in the Ensemble. Prior to *Dolly*, Brandon appeared in *Sister Act* (USF, Ensemble), *The Sound of Music* (USF, Ensemble), and *While the Lights Were Out* (USF, Algernon). Brandon would like to thank his family, friends, and coworkers who have supported him throughout his participation with *Shrek The Musical!*



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JARED ARNTZ (Guard) is 20 years old and is making his Civic Theatre debut! This is Jared's first Fort Wayne stage show and he's excited to be performing such an iconic show as *Shrek The Musical*! Jared hopes to have many more Fort Wayne stage performances in the future!

MICHAEL TAYLOR (Guard) is 17 years old and is incredibly grateful to be joining this amazing cast and crew for his very first Civic Theatre show! When he's not doing theater, you can find him performing at various events (especially around Christmas time) with the Fort Wayne Children's Choir, which he has been in for almost six years. He's glad to be performing on stage again since his last performance in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Ensemble) with Fire & Light Productions.




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MARISSA CARROLL (Three Blind Mice) is excited to make her Civic Theatre debut and is looking forward to reviving her role as one of the Three Blind Mice. Her other credits include *Marian: The True Tale of Robin Hood* (Lucy), *Phantom of the Opera* (Ensemble), and *Shrek The Musical* (White Rabbit). When she is not on stage, she can be found singing songs in her car, hanging out with friends, playing card games, or

gossiping with her mom. She hopes you enjoy the show and can't wait to see you in the audience!

JAELYN HAYNES (Three Blind Mice) is making her debut at Civic Theatre and has had a great time working on *Shrek* with this amazing cast. This is especially since *Shrek Jr.*, where she played Fiona, was the first musical that inspired her to pursue theatre outside of school. Jaelyn goes to Homestead High School where she was in *Joseph...Dreamcoat*. The last show she was seen in was this past summer with IMTF, *Phantom of the Opera* (Ensemble). She hopes everyone enjoys the show!



ANNA OUSLEY (Three Blind Mice) is a Senior at Homestead High School and is very excited to be making her debut with the Civic Theatre as one of the Three Blind Mice. Anna is an active member of Homestead Show Choirs, as well as their theatre department. Past Homestead credits include *Joseph...Dreamcoat* (Potiphar's Wife), *Audience* (Usherette), and *Newsies* (Specs). She was also part of

IMTF's *Phantom of the Opera* this summer as a Ballerina. She'd like to thank her car, Dumpy, for its ability to get her to and from rehearsals.


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ROLIN MAINS (Music Director) has worked as a self-employed musician for over 35 years. He has played keyboards on concert tours (Sandi Patty, Donna Summer), recorded in studios from Indiana to Nashville, produced award winning records (Best Instrumental Dove Award, 1998), recorded his own record (*A Time To Dance*), produced concerts for shows at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center in NYC, composed and arranged for many companies, and has conducted and music directed for musical theater in the Nashville area for over 15 years, including The Nashville Repertory Theater, Street Theater Company, Chaffin's Barn and Dinner Theater, and Circle Players. During his time in New York City, he music directed shows for Montclair State University and St. John's University, and was an accompanist at Steps on Broadway. He was named "Best Music Director" by the Nashville Scene in 2011. Mr. Mains moved to Fort Wayne, IN in July of 2021 and has since music directed many shows and teaches at the Academy of Music at Sweetwater and is a full-time Lecturer at PFW. He is very excited to be music directing and working with his best friend, Gavin Thomas Drew, on their 5th show together.

CAPRI PARRISH WILLIAMS (Choreographer) a native of Edon, Ohio, is an active dance educator, choreographer, and performer in the tri-state area. She received her B.A. in Dance Performance & Choreography from Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Capri made her Fort Wayne Civic Theatre directorial debut this past Spring with the powerfully whimsical production of *Into The Woods*. Local Choreography credits include *The Wedding Singer*, *The SpongeBob Musical* (Assistant Director), *The Christmas Schooner* (Assistant Director), *Legally Blonde*, *Carrie*, *The Wild Party*, *How To Succeed...*, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Grease*. Local performance credits include *The Wedding Singer* (Holly), *A Funny Thing Happened...Forum* (Vibrata, Anthony Award), *Annie* (Star to Be), *Legally Blonde* (Elle Woods, Anthony Award), *Sweeney Todd* (Ensemble), *Mamma Mia!* (Sophie), *Newsies* (Dancer, Anthony Award), and *White Christmas* (Dancer). This Spring, Capri celebrated her one-year anniversary as the Marketing Director for the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre. @capriannapaige



DELANEY RICE (Assistant Music Director) is a Fort Wayne native and has been involved in theater for the past seven years. She graduated from Snider High School where she played drumset and percussion for many musicals including *Grease*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *42nd Street*. Her most notable musical pit experiences include *Peter and The Starcatcher* at Purdue Fort Wayne and *25th Annual... Spelling Bee* with Summit City Music Theatre. She currently attends Purdue Fort Wayne and plans to graduate in 2024 with a degree in Popular Music with a concentration in Recording and Production. Delaney is excited to be debuting as Assistant Music Director!



BRITTNEY LYNNE KOZA (Stage Manager) is excited to be a part of this production as this show marks her 10th season with the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre. Notable productions Brittney has been a part of include FWCT's productions of *Elf The Musical*, *Seussical*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Newsies*, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and *Shrek The Musical* (2014). She would like to thank her friends and family for their continued support and for pushing her to be her best.

BOBBI JO CARROLL (Assistant Stage Manager) is overjoyed to be among this spectacular cast & creative team and was the last Fairy Godmother in the 2014 production of Civic's *Shrek!* A frequent performer/creative team member & Elementary Music Teacher, she delights in sharing her passion for music & performing. Favorite selected credits: Civic- *Into The Woods* (Stage Manager, Anthony Award), *1776* (Richard Henry Lee), *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (Baroness Bomburst), and *Cinderella* (Joy); TRMT- *Kinky Boots* (Ensemble) and *The Light in the Piazza* (Ensemble). Love & gratitude to God, Mom & fam, Sarah, Henry, Michelle, & Nova, Reuben & Stephanie, Carmen & Rik. "This Our Story"- "When I'm with you, I am happy."



BRITTANY "BRI" MAY (Assistant Stage Manager) is excited to be taking part in her second season at the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre! She is currently the Civic's College Intern and she will be graduating this December from PFW with a B.A. in Theatre. Her past credits include *The Spongebob Musical* (Assistant Stage Manager), *Into The Woods* (Deck Crew), and *Something Rotten!* (Flyrail Operator).

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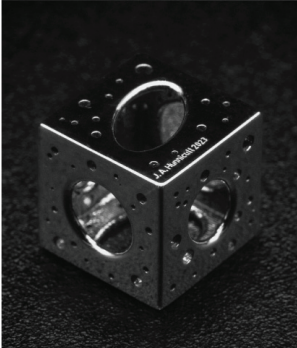


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