OUTCRY Youth THEATRE

A MONSTER CALLS

Based on the Novel by Patrick Ness
and inspired by an original idea
by Siobhan Dowd
devised by Sally Cookson,
Adam Peck, and the Company

NOVEMBER 7-16

Addison Performing Arts Centre

Studio Theatre

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

CREATIVE TEAM

Directed and Choreographed by
Becca Johnson-Spinos

Stage Managed by
Marisa Saenz

Costumes by
Marisa Saenz

Set by
Jason and Becca Johnson-Spinos

Props by
Shayla Holub

Lights and Projections by
Jason Johnson-Spinos

Sound Design by
Becca and Jason Johnson-Spinos

Set Construction Assistants: Karsten Schaffhauser,
Shayla Holub, Priya Sachdev, Almaz Clawson, Parker Lindsay,
Madeline Knoff, Marisa Saenz, Dan Knoff
Costume Assistance: Dan Knoff

Ticket Coordinator: Cynthia Aranda
Playbill Assistance: Tiffani Kocsis
Cast Party and Gift Coordinator: Lisa James
Production Photography by Jennifer Garcia

Special Thanks: Vijay Sachdev, Lisa James, Joshua James,
Jenci Kocsis, MrJim and Sue Johnson,
and the staff of the Addison Performing Arts Centre

CAST

CONOR
Isaac Aranda
Parker Lindsay

MONSTER/DAD
Apache Browne
Liam Paynter

MUM/FARMER'S DAUGHTER
Amelia Racca
Madeline Knoff

GRANDMA/QUEEN
Almaz Clawson
Aly Dominguez

MISS GODFREY/NURSE/PARSON'S DAUGHTER
Melody Ma

HARRY/PRINCE
Holden James

LILY/PARSON'S DAUGHTER
Kensley James
Paige Kocsis

SULLY/PARSON
Willa Jones

MISS MARL/APOTHECARY
Annie Dominguez
Priya Sachdev

ANTON/KING
Apache Browne
Liam Paynter

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Isaac Aranda (Conor) is in 10th grade at Booker T Washington. This will be his 17th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. He is a part of Becca's Army and J-Squad. Some of his favorite prior roles include the Cat in *Seussical*, Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*, and Les in *Newsies*. He would like to thank his family for their support and Ms. Becca for the opportunity!



Apache Browne (Monster) is a Hebron High School graduate. This is his 8th show at Outcry Theatre. He would like to thank the cast and crew for giving him the opportunity to be a part of this production of *A Monster Calls*, the learning experience, and the support from his family, friends, and 2 fans.



Almaz Clawson (Grandma) is a junior in the theatre conservatory at Booker T Washington. Favorite past roles: *Sunday in the Park with George* (Naomi/Celeste 2) and *Julius Caesar* (Cinna/Soothsayer/Octavius) at Outcry, *Gypsy* (Youth Ensemble/Young Tulsa) at Mainstage Irving, *Aladdin, dual-language edition* (Ensemble) and *Lion King Jr.* (Rafiki) at the Firehouse Theatre, as well as *Retales* (Lady Spry) at Booker T Washington. Almaz would like to thank her cast, and Ms. Becca for this incredible opportunity!



Aly Dominguez (Grandma) is 14 years old. This is her 15th production with Outcry Youth Theatre! Her favorite past roles include Blind Pew *(Off to Treasure Island)*, Portia *(Julius Caesar)*, and Jack's Mom *(Into the Woods)*. When not on stage she enjoys singing, playing instruments, and reading. She thanks her parents for all their love and support, Ms. Becca for all of her hard work, love, and dedication, and the entire cast and crew for making this production happen!



Annie Dominguez (Miss Marl/Apothecary) is 13 years old. This is her 16th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of her favorite past roles include Ben Gunn *(Off to Treasure Island)*, Calpurnia *(Julius Caesar)*, Matilda *(Matilda Jr.)*, and Wickersham *(Seussical)*. When she is not on stage she enjoys baking and playing the piano. She thanks her parents for all of their love and support, Ms. Becca for being an amazing director and giving her this opportunity, and the entire cast for all of their dedication!

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Holden James (Harry) is extremely proud to be part of Outcry Youth Theatre where this will be his 17th performance. One of his favorite roles was as Gomez Addams in *The Addams Family young@part*, directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos. When he's not at rehearsal, he loves to play video games and spend time with his family. He would like to thank Becca Johnson-Spinos for giving him the opportunity to perform as Harry in Outcry Youth Theatre's production of *A Monster Calls*.



Kensley James (Lily) is excited to join Outcry Youth Theatre's production of *A Monster Calls*. Kensley is in the 8th grade, and she is enjoying the fast-paced world of drama. This is her 18th show at Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite performance was as Meg in *A Wrinkle in Time*, directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos. When not at rehearsal, she loves to spend time with her friends and family. She would like to thank Ms. Becca for giving her the opportunity to perform as Lily in this exciting production.



Willa Jones (Sully) is in 8th grade at Wilson Middle School. This is her 10th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Willa's favorite past roles include Cinderella's Mother/Giant *(Into the Woods)*, Aunt Beast *(A Wrinkle In Time)*, and The Silent King *(Once Upon a Mattress)*. She loves being in Girl Scouts, cheerleading, and hanging out with friends. Willa would like to thank her mom, dad, and Ms. Becca for this amazing opportunity! Sending a special shoutout to the entire cast who worked so hard.



Madeline Knoff (Mum) is a 10th grader delighted to perform in her 32nd Outcry production. Favorite past roles: Brutus *(Julius Caesar)*, Princess Winnifred *(Once Upon a Mattress)*, The Witch *(Into the Woods)*, Evelyn *(Jekyll + Hyde)*, Helena *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)*, and Leanne *(Puffs)*. She is deeply grateful to her family and friends for their endless support and extends heartfelt thanks to her inspiring director, Ms. Becca, and the entire cast and crew for making this production an unforgettable journey.



Paige Kocsis (Lily) is in 7th grade at St. Patricks Catholic School. This is her 13th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles have been Rebecca Gibbs *(Our Town)* and Jester *(Once Upon a Mattress)*. She would like to thank her parents for being her biggest supporters and Ms. Becca for always pushing her to be her very best.

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Parker Lindsay (Conor) is in 11th grade at iUniversity Prep. This is his 10th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Mr. Hyde *(Jekyll + Hyde)* and Peter *(Peter and the Starcatcher)*. When not on stage, he likes to take long walks in the woods with his father. He would like to thank Ms. Becca and Mr. J for the opportunity to take on this challenging and emotional role.



Melody Ma (Miss Godfrey) is a 16-year-old international student from China. This is her third show with Outcry and she's so grateful to be a part of such a beautiful show! She would like to thank her guardian and her friends for giving her rides, her parents for supporting her, and her castmates for being so incredible!



Liam Paynter (Monster) is a senior at Plano Senior High School. This is his 25th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Black Stache *(Peter and the Starcatcher)*, Nick Bottom *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)*, Stage Manager *(Our Town)*, and Dr. Henry Jekyll *(Jekyll + Hyde)*. Liam would like to thank his friends and family for their continued love and support.



Amelia Racca (Mum) is thrilled to be back for her 7th show at Outcry. Amelia has been doing theatre for 10 years and her favorite roles include Judas *(Godspell)*, Brooke Wyndham *(Legally Blonde)*, Molly *(Peter and the Starcatcher)*, Grusha *(The Caucasian Chalk Circle)*, and Jackie Cochran *(They Promised Her the Moon)*. Amelia would like to thank her friends, family, and directors for all of their hard work and support. Proverbs 3:5



Priya Sachdev (Miss Marl/Apothecary) is a 13-year-old at Haggard Middle School. This is her 13th show with Outcry. Favorite past roles: Rebecca Gibbs *(Our Town)*, Peach *(Finding Nemo)*, Lavender *(Matilda)*, Mrs Who *(Wrinkle in Time)*, and White Mouse (Tuzer's *Nutcracker*). She has trained with Tuzer Ballet for over 10 years and is in their junior company. She takes film acting with Performer's Edge and is represented by the Horne Agency. She would like to thank Ms. Becca, Ms. Marisa, and her family for their support.

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Becca Johnson-Spinos (Director/Choreographer) is the Artistic Director of Outcry Theatre. Becca has a BFA in Music Theatre from Elon University and an MFA in Directing for Theatre from Baylor University. In North Carolina, Becca worked at Burning Coal Theatre Company as an assistant to the Artistic Director, an assistant director, and an actor. In the Dallas area, she has directed dozens of shows and was named one of the Best Directors for 2018 by John Garcia for Outcry Theatre's production of *Spring's Awakening*.



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Music and Lyrics by **Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman, Al Rinker and Floyd Huddleston**
Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music by **Bryan Louiselle**
Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by **Michael Bernard**
Based on the 1970 Disney film, *The Aristocats*

Ages 5-12
Auditions **November 10, 2025**
Performs **February 20-22, 2026**

Addison Performing Arts Center
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directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos
music directed by Rachel Wasson

Based on the beloved Disney animated film, and featuring a jazzy, upbeat score, *Disney's The Aristocats KIDS* is a non-stop thrill ride of feline fun, complete with unbelievable twists and turns.

In the heart of Paris, a kind and eccentric millionairess wills her entire estate to Duchess, her high-society cat, and her three little kittens. Laughs and adventure ensue as the greedy, bumbling butler pulls off the ultimate catnap caper. Now it's up to the rough-and-tumble alley cat, Thomas O'Malley, and his band of swingin' jazz cats to save the day.

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The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

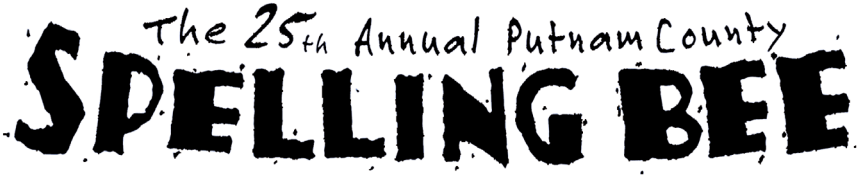
Dramatized by **Joseph Robinette**
From the story by **C.S. Lewis**

Ages 7-15
Auditions **December 6 & 8, 2025**
Performs **March 12-15, 2026**

Courtyard Theater
in downtown Plano
directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

This dramatization of C.S. Lewis' classic work faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the exciting, never-to-be-forgotten Narnia. The intense action features chases, duels and escapes as the witch is determined to keep Narnia in her possession and to end the reign of Aslan. All the memorable episodes from the story are represented in this exciting dramatization: the temptation of Edmund by the witch, the slaying of the evil wolf by Peter, the witnessing of Aslan's resurrection by Susan and Lucy, the crowning of the four new rulers of Narnia, and more. The supporting characters are also here: the unicorn, the centaur and other forest animals, along with Father Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver and Tumnus the Faun. This story of love, faith, courage and giving, with its triumph of good over evil, is a true celebration of life.

UPCOMING PRODUCTION



Music and Lyrics by **William Finn**
Book by **Rachel Sheinkin**
Conceived by **Rebecca Feldman**

Performs **January 16-25, 2026**

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directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos
music directed by Cindy Johnston

An eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves a champion! At least the losers get a juice box.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Outcry Theatre strives to draw youth and young adults from Plano and the surrounding areas to the theatre as both audience and participants, integrating the arts into their lives, and encouraging them to become lifelong artists and arts appreciators.

ABOUT OUTCRY THEATRE

Outcry Theatre utilizes bold artistic vision, highly physical staging, and an energetic and visceral performance style. With rigorous rehearsals, tenacious attention to detail, and unwavering dedication to excellence, Outcry Theatre focuses on developing stellar performances and exceptional storytelling.

Outcry Theatre serves the Plano community and surrounding DFW area through professional productions; Outcry Reads, presenting works in development by local playwrights; the Outcry Community Theatre program, involving people of all ages; and the Outcry Youth Theatre program, educating students ages 5-18.

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