OUTCRY Youth THEATRE



Words and Music by **Benj Patel & Justin Paul**

Book by **Timothy Allen McDonald**

Based on the book *James and the Giant Peach*
by **Roald Dahl**

Directed by **Jason Johnson-Spinos**
Music Directed by **Cindy Johnston**
Choreographed by **Stori James**

JULY 18-21
Cox Playhouse
Downtown Plano

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

CAST

JAMES
Juan Erives
Kate Illian
Niam Sachdev

SPIKER
Aly Dominguez
Madeline Knoff
Morgan Clark

SPONGE
Alexis Highsmith
Allison Wright
Annie Dominguez

LADAHLORD
Aubrey Blasingame
Chloe Miller
Eli Gibson

GRASSHOPPER
Kaz Hill
Nadia Fox
Willa Jones

EARTHWORM
Kensley James
Kylie Bell
Nate Oldham

LADYBUG
Alicia Pallares
Beatrix Wezwick
Priya Sachdev

SPIDER
Charlotte Million
Olivia Stoner
Sarah Asif

CENTIPEDE
Ash Pickett
Holden James
Tiegan Wright

MATRON NURSE
Anna Lyle
Nora Duelley
Paige Kocsis

BUZZ
Hazel Christiansen
Kennedy Martinez

IDA WALTERS/
BUNNY MACKENZIE
THE THIRD
Willow Wallace

MRS. TROTTER/
BITSY BOTANA
Maggie Powell
Olive Beaty

DOREEN DRIGGLES/
JAKE
Allie Retta

BILLY BOBBY-COP
Fiona Neff-Smith
Gracie James

BOBBY BOBBY-COP
Ellie James
Miles Illian

RIDGLEY
RAPSCALLION/JOE
Aaron Bradley

CHRIS CRYERMOUTH
Noelle Allen
Rene Euton

KARL KREATOUR/
LUCILLE VAN
KOOGLESTEIN
Madeline Allen
Adaline Dominguez

VIOLET
FUNKSCHMELLER
Harper Pickett
Melody Copeland

MR. TROTTER
Kaz Hill
Holden James
Nate Oldham

CAST

ZOO CROWD

Aaron Bradley • Adaline Dominguez • Allie Retta • Anna Lyle • Ellie James
Fiona Neff-Smith • Gracie James • Harper Pickett • Hazel Christiansen
Kennedy Martinez • Madeline Allen • Melody Copeland • Miles Illian
Noelle Allen • Nora Duelley • Paige Kocsis • Rene Euton • Willow Wallace

VAGRANTS

Aaron Bradley • Adaline Dominguez • Allie Retta • Harper Pickett
Hazel Christiansen • Kennedy Martinez • Madeline Allen
Maggie Powell • Melody Copeland • Noelle Allen • Olive Beaty
Rene Euton • Willow Wallace

DOVER CITIZENS

Alexis Highsmith • Allison Wright • Aly Dominguez • Anna Lyle
Annie Dominguez • Madeline Knoff • Morgan Clark
Nora Duelley • Paige Kocsis

GARDEN CHORUS AND SEAGULLS

Alicia Pallares • Ash Pickett • Aubrey Blasingame • Beatrix Wezwick
Charlotte Million • Chloe Miller • Eli Gibson • Holden James
Juan Erives • Kate Illian • Kaz Hill • Kensley James • Kylie Bell
Nadia Fox • Nate Oldham • Niam Sachdev • Olivia Stoner
Priya Sachdev • Sarah Asif • Tiegan Wright • Willa Jones

REPORTERS

Willow Wallace • Noelle Allen • Rene Euton • Allie Retta
Aly Dominguez • Madeline Knoff • Morgan Clark • Alexis Highsmith
Allison Wright • Annie Dominguez

LADIES GARDEN GUILD

Adaline Dominguez • Fiona Neff-Smith • Gracie James • Harper Pickett
Maggie Powell • Melody Copeland • Olive Beaty

HOLLYWOOD AGENTS

Aaron Bradley • Anna Lyle • Ellie James • Hazel Christiansen
Kennedy Martinez • Madeline Allen • Miles Illian
Nora Duelley • Paige Kocsis

CRUISE ENSEMBLE AND NEW YORKERS

Aaron Bradley • Adaline Dominguez • Allie Retta • Anna Lyle
Ellie James • Fiona Neff-Smith • Gracie James • Harper Pickett
Hazel Christiansen • Kennedy Martinez • Madeline Allen • Maggie Powell
Melody Copeland • Miles Illian • Noelle Allen • Nora Duelley
Olive Beaty • Paige Kocsis • Rene Euton • Willow Wallace

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Madeline "Maddie" Allen (Karl Kreatour/Lucille van Kooglestein) is 10 years old and will be a 5th grader at Davis Elementary in Plano. This is her first Outcry production and she's really enjoyed learning the choreography. Maddie loves to ride bikes with her friends and when she's not outdoors she keeps busy crocheting.



Noelle Allen (Chris Cryermouth) is 11 years old will be a 6th grader at Haggard Middle School in Plano. This is her first Outcry production and she's really enjoyed the experience. Noelle loves to read and hang out with her bestie Kylie and her pet gecko Zorro.



Sarah Asif (Spider) will be a 7th grader at Curtis Middle School in Allen. This is her fourth theater performance with Outcry. She enjoyed her previous roles in *The Hobbit*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Matilda Jr.* She is grateful for the opportunity Outcry has provided her to gain experience and meet new friends who share her interest in the performing arts.



Olive Beaty (Mrs. Trotter/Bitsy Botana) begins junior high in the fall, where she will be in a theater magnet program. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. She loves listening to music, reading, and writing when not on stage. She would like to thank her parents and brother for supporting her.

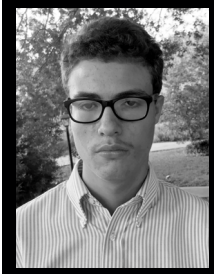


Kylie Bell (Earthworm) is 11 years old and will be attending Carpenter Middle School. Past roles at Outcry include Pearl *(Finding Nemo Jr.)*, Caterpillar *(Alice in Wonderland)*, Grandma Georgina *(Willy Wonka)*, Bombur *(The Hobbit)*, and Dipper *(Oliver!)*. When she isn't performing, she loves to read, draw, play video games, and spend time with her friends. Kylie is also active in her Girl Scout troop. Kylie would like to thank Mr. Jason for always believing in her and giving her the opportunity to bring the Earthworm to life.

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Aubrey Blasingame (Ladahlord) is a rising 5th grader at Hickey Elementary. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre and her first show with Mr. J. Her favorite past roles include Oliver in *Oliver!*, Violet Beauregarde in *Willy Wonka*, and Nemo in *Finding Nemo Jr.* When not on stage, she likes to swim, read, and play Minecraft. Thank you to family and friends who always support me.



Aaron Bradley (Ridgley Rapscallion/Joe) is 14 years old and a freshman at Williams High School. This is his first production in theater. When not on stage he likes to bowl, ice skate, and go camping with his Boy Scout troop. He would like to thank his grandparents for their love and support in this endeavor.



Hazel Christiansen (Buzz) is in 7th grade at Richardson West Junior High School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. When not on stage, Hazel loves to read and play the double bass. She would like to thank her family.



Morgan Clark (Spiker) is in the tenth grade at Hebron high school. This is her eighth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles are Boy *(The Witches)*, Spider/Wren *(The Night Fairy)*, Harry *(Puffs)*, and Charlotte *(Charlotte's Web)*. When not on stage with Outcry, she enjoys cheer and choir at school. Morgan would like to thank her mom for helping with lines and taking her to rehearsals.



Melody Copeland (Violet Funkschmeller) is in second grade at Saigling Elementary School. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her first role was Dori in *The Hobbit*. When not on stage, she likes to play softball, swim, and spend time with her family. She would like to thank Director J for making this all possible.

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Adaline Dominguez (Karl Kreatour/Lucille) is 7 years old. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre, but her first with Mr. Jason. She enjoys drawing and painting, playing sports, and reading. She thanks her parents for all of their support, Mr. Jason for casting her in this production, and the entire production team for all of their dedication! She has had so much fun with this production, and the choreography has been her favorite part!



Aly Dominguez (Spiker) is 13 years old. This is her 7th show with OYT. Favorite roles include Young Anne *(Anne of Green Gables)*, Finding Nemo Jr. *(Nemo)*, and Veruca *(Willy Wonka)*. When she is not on stage, she enjoys reading, playing instruments, singing, and composing songs. She thanks her parents for all their love and support, Mr. Jason for casting her in this show, and the entire production team for all of their dedication! She has truly enjoyed working with this cast and has had a lot of fun with this character!



Annie Dominguez (Sponge) is 12 years old. This is her 7th show with OYT. Favorite roles include Matilda *(Matilda Jr.)*, Violet Beauregard *(Willy Wonka)*, and Young Diana *(Anne of Green Gables)*. When she is not on stage, she enjoys baking, playing the piano, and reading. She thanks her parents for all of their love and support, Mr. Jason for casting her in this production, and the entire production team for all of their dedication! She has really enjoyed playing this character and has loved working with both of her doubles!



Nora Duelley (Matron Nurse) is in 6th grade at Preston Elementary. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. She would like to thank her parents and friends for supporting her. Nora loves playing softball, playing guitar, and hanging out with friends.



Juan Erives (James) is ecstatic to play James in this awesome musical. Juan is 12 years old and going into 7th grade at Wilson Middle School. This is his 10th production with Outcry Youth Theatre and his 8th with Mr. Jason! His favorite past roles at Outcry include Charley Bates in *Oliver!*, the Dormouse in *Alice in Wonderland*, and the Gander in *Charlotte's Web*. Juan would like to thank his family for all the support, Mr. Jason for the great direction, and everyone else who made this whimsical yet realistic show possible.

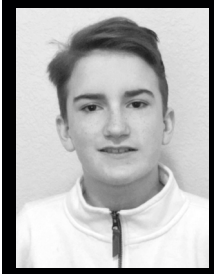
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Rene Euton (Chris Cryermouth) is going into 5th grade at Harrington Elementary. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Rene loves to dance hip hop, is an avid reader, and a Webelo with her Scout troop. She would like to thank her parents and three brothers for helping make her dream to perform possible, and all her family and friends that cheer her on.



Nadia Fox (Grasshopper) is a junior at Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy. Recent credits include *Legally Blonde* (Whitney/Chutney) with Junior Players, *The Music Man* (Gracie Shinn) with Garland Summer Musicals, *Dear Edwina* (Edwina) with Young Artist Training Program, and *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Crush) with Outcry. In her spare time, she enjoys drawing, painting, and video games. She would like to thank her parents for all of their support. Please come see her in Our Town with Outcry Youth Theatre this August!



Eli Gibson (Ladahlord) is in 7th grade. This is his 9th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Eli's favorite past roles have been Gollum *(Hobbit)*, Mike Teavee *(Wonka)*, King of Hearts *(Alice in Wonderland)*, and Mr. Bunce *(Fantastic Mr. Fox)*. When not onstage, Eli likes to create jokes and perform Improv. He would like to thank Mr. J for being a role model and helping him become a better actor, his family and friends for supporting his love of performing and especially his sister Lindsey who is his biggest fan.



Alexis Highsmith (Sponge) is 13 years old and attends Warren Middle School in Forney. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre and her first with Mr. Jason. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to play such a delightfully atrocious character. Her favorite past roles include Mrs. Gloop in *Willy Wonka*, Pugsley in *The Addams Family (Young@Part)*, and Genie in *Aladdin, Jr.* She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for their support and for putting up with her constant need to sing!



Kaz Hill (Grasshopper) is a 15-year-old actor, this being his 6th Outcry Youth Theatre production. When he's not on stage acting, he enjoys drawing, playing rhythm games, and being around his animals. He hopes to be a role model for his peers and an inspirational actor.

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Kate Illian (James) is a 10-year-old 5th grader at Harrington Elementary. This is her 5th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her previous roles include Matilda in *Matilda Jr.*, Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*, and Veruca in *Willy Wonka*. She loves hip hop dance, singing, and any chance to be on stage. Kate wants to thank Mr. J for another great opportunity.



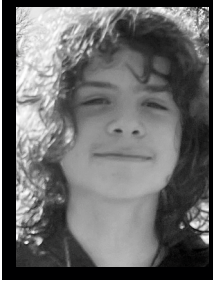
Miles Illian (Bobby Bobby-Cop) is a 7-year-old 2nd grader at Harrington Elementary. This is his first full production with Outcry Youth Theatre. He played the role of Pinocchio in a camp last summer. Miles loves gaming, drawing, and soccer. He'd like to thank Kate, Madeline, and Mr. J for making this such a special experience.



Ellie James (Bobby Bobby-Cop) is 10 and is going into 5th grade at Prince of Peace Catholic School in Plano. This is her 3rd Outcry performance. Prior shows have included *Annie Jr.* and *Matilda Jr.* When not on stage, Ellie enjoys playing basketball and spending time with friends. Ellie would like to thank everyone at Outcry Youth Theatre for this fun opportunity.



Gracie James (Billy Bobby-Cop) is 11 and going into 6th grade at Prince of Peace Catholic School in Plano. This is Gracie's 3rd Outcry performance. Her favorite prior roles have included playing Sandy in *Annie Jr.* and Michael in *Matilda Jr.* When not performing Gracie likes cooking, gaming, and singing. Gracie would like to thank everyone at Outcry Youth Theatre for this fun opportunity.



Holden James (Centipede) is extremely proud to be part of Outcry Youth Theatre. This will be his ninth performance with Outcry. One of his favorite roles was Mike Teavee in *Willy Wonka*, directed by Becca 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 Mr. Jason Johnson-Spinos for giving him the opportunity to play Centipede in Outcry's production of *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*

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Kensley James (Earthworm) is excited to join Outcry's production of *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* Kensley will be in the 7th grade, and she is enjoying the fast-paced world of drama. This is her ninth show at Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite performance was as The White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland*, directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos. When not at rehearsal, she loves to spend time with her friends and family. She would like to thank Mr. J for giving her the opportunity to perform as Earthworm.



Willa Jones (Grasshopper) is in seventh grade at Wilson Middle School. This is her fourth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Favorite past roles include The Escapologist in *Matilda Jr.*, The Caterpillar in *Alice in Wonderland*, Bard in *The Hobbit*, and High School Girl in *Hairspray*. Willa is in theater at Wilson and had a great time performing in *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse*. She also loves being in Girl Scouts, crafting, singing and improv. Willa would like to thank Mr. Jason for this opportunity.



Madeline Knoff (Spiker) is a rising 9th grader at Heritage High School who enjoys playing sports, piano, and bassoon. Her favorite past roles with Outcry Youth Theatre include Mrs. Sowerberry *(Oliver!)*, Helena *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)*, Leanne *(Puffs)*, Mad Hatter *(Alice in Wonderland)*, Gill *(Finding Nemo Jr.)*, Miss Honey *(Matilda Jr.)*, and Grand High Witch *(The Witches)*. She is grateful for her family and friends' love and support. She would also like to thank Mr. J and the cast and crew for this extraordinary adventure.



Paige Kocsis (Matron Nurse) is entering 6th grade at St. Patrick Catholic School. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre and she is also currently rehearsing for Rebecca in the upcoming production of *Our Town*. Paige loves to read, enjoys traveling, and track. She would like to thank her Dad for driving her back-and-forth across Dallas every night and Mr J for being such a great director and teacher.



Anna Lyle (Matron Nurse) is a sixth grader at Northrich Elementary School. This is the fourth show she has done with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite role was Tweedledum in *Alice and Wonderland*. When not on stage, she enjoys making art. She would like to thank Mr. J and all of her friends who have supported her throughout her acting journey.

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Kennedy Martinez (Buzz) is in 7th grade at Schimelpfenig Middle School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past role was as Chip Potts in *Beauty and the Beast*! When not on stage, she likes to play basketball and sing. She would like to thank her family and the theater directors for this exciting opportunity.



Chloe Miller (Ladahlord) is in 8th grade and in her fifth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland* and Gollum in *The Hobbit*. When not on stage, she likes to hang out with her friends. She would like to thank Mr. J for his wonderful direction and the opportunity to play this magical character, her talented castmates for their friendships and laughs, and her family and friends for their endless support.



Charlotte Million (Spider) is a 9 year old Saigling Elementary student. She's excited to face her fear of spiders alongside some of her favorite actors and friends! This is Charlotte's 8th production and 3rd show with OYT. Her favorite roles have been Cats: Cheshire Cat, Berlioz *(The Aristocats)*, and Cat In The Hat. Charlotte would like to thank Mr. Jason for this opportunity and providing an amazing place to learn and grow, the volunteers that make these experiences possible, and her Moms for supporting her love of theater.



Fiona Neff-Smith (Billy Bobby-Cop) is a rising second grader at Hughston Elementary in Plano. This is her first official production with Outcry Youth Theatre and she has previously attended theatre camps at Outcry Youth Theatre and Drama Kids. When not on stage, Fiona loves school, dance, gymnastics, swimming, and playing with friends.



Nate Oldham (Earthworm/Mr. Trotter) is a sophomore at Heritage High School. This is Nate's 14th production with Outcry and his last under Mr. J. Favorite past roles include Noah in *Oliver!*, Augustus in *Willy Wonka*, Flute/Thisbe in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. When not on stage, he is on the field in marching band. Nate would like to thank Mr. J for his first role in *Frozen Jr.* and guiding him over the past three years. He would also like to thank his family, Madeline, Allison, and Alexis for their support and helping each other.

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Alicia Pallares (Ladybug) is 12 years old and is a rising 7th grader at Evans Middle School in McKinney. She is excited to be in her fifth major production with Outcry Youth Theatre and would love to thank Mr. J for this amazing opportunity! Former shows include *Anne of Green Gables* (Teen Ruby), *Matilda Jr.* (Mrs. Wormwood), *Alice in Wonderland* (Queen of Hearts), and *Willy Wonka* (Mrs. TeaVee). When not performing Alicia loves singing, playing Lego's, playing Mario, drawing anime, and practicing gymnastics.



Ashton Pickett (Centipede) is 13 and is entering 8th grade at Curtis Middle School. This is his fourth play with Mr. J. Previous roles include Cheshire Cat in *Alice in Wonderland* and Smaug in *The Hobbit*.



Harper Pickett (Violet Funkschmeller) is 9 and entering 4th grade at Preston Elementary School. This is her first production with Mr. J. When not on stage she loves playing Minecraft and hanging out with her friends. She would like to thank Ashton for being the best brother and to Loyce Pickett for being the best mom and encouraging her to be in the show.



Maggie Powell (Mrs. Trotter/Bitsy Bontana) is going into 6th. This is Maggie's fourth role with Outcry. Previous roles include Mrs. Gloop *(Wonka Kids)*, Orphan *(Annie Jr.)*, Josie *(Junie B. Jones Jr.)*, Alice *(Matilda Jr.)*, Lilly *(Lost City of Gold)*, Wickersham *(Seussical)*, and Glenda *(Wizard of Oz)*. Maggie enjoys gaming, swimming, art, roller skating, shopping, hanging out with friends and cousins, Girl Scouts, and playing with her cat, Dottie. She would like to thank her parents, family, and friends for the continuing support.



Allie Retta (Doreen Driggles/Jake) is entering sixth grade at Carpenter Middle School. She is delighted to be in her eighth production with Outcry Youth Theatre! Her favorite roles so far have been Sara Gilles in *Anne of Green Gables* and Tad in *Finding Nemo Jr.* When she isn't performing, she enjoys spending time with her friends. Allie would like to thank Mr. J, Ms. Becca, all of her friends from Outcry, and her family for their love and support.

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Niam Sachdev (James) is 10.5 and will be in 5th grade at Harrington Elementary. This is his 8th show with Outcry. Favorite past roles include Oliver *(Oliver!)*, Charlie Bucket *(Willy Wonka)* and Nemo *(Finding Nemo)*. He takes ballet, modern, and tap at Tuzer, performing annually in their *Nutcracker* (Fritz). He studies film acting with Performer's Edge Dallas and is represented by the Horne Agency. Niam would like to thank all the directors and our wonderful stage manager for all their hard work and support.



Priya Sachdev (Ladybug) is 12 and will be in 7th at Carpenter Middle. This is her 5th OYT show. Past roles: Peach *(Finding Nemo)*, Lavender *(Matilda)*, Ruby Gillis *(Anne of Green Gables)*, and Handwalker *(Oliver!)*. She trains with Tuzer Ballet in their junior company and performs annually in their *Nutcracker* (White Mouse). She enjoys taking film acting classes with Performer's Edge and is represented by the Horne Agency. She thanks everyone who has worked on this production and her family for their support.



Olivia Stoner (Spider) is a fifth grader at Centennial Elementary. This is her fourth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her past roles include TweedleDee in *Alice in Wonderland* and Gloin in *The Hobbit*. When not on stage, she enjoys basketball, dancing, and playing Fortnite with her Dad. She would like to thank Loyce Pickett for being an amazing stage manager and her parents for all of their support.



Willow Wallace (Ida Walters/Bunny Mackenzie III) is thrilled to make her OYT debut. She has been involved with numerous DFW youth theater programs, including Dallas Children's Theater, NTPA, and Christian Youth Theater Dallas. She will be a member of All-District Elementary Choir for Richardson ISD as she starts 5th grade at Richardson Heights Elementary. She thanks her acting coach/agent Lauren Harris, her publicist James Wallace, her hair/makeup stylist Nicole Marsh, and her family, friends, and puppies.



Beatrix Wezwick (Ladybug) is entering sixth grade at Richardson Heights Elementary. This is her eleventh show with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Bilbo Baggins in *The Hobbit*, Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*, and Louise in *Sunday in the Park with George*. She is a Media Girl for the Northeast Texas Girl Scouts and is devoted to her troop. Beatrix would like to thank her friends and family and beloved cat, Neptune, for the love and support, and Mr. J for an exciting new challenge.

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Allison Wright (Sponge) is 13 and attends Curtis MS. Allison enjoys playing basketball for her school and hanging out with friends. Favorite roles include Charlotte in *Oliver*, Bruce in *Finding Nemo*, and Mr. Wormwood in *Matilda*. A proud member of J-Squad, this is her 10th show with Outcry. She wants to thank her amazing friends and loving family for their unwavering support. Nate, you are amazing, I loved every second on stage with you in Mr. J's shows, let's go out with a bang! Special thanks to Mr. J and Mrs. Loyce.

Tiegan Wright (Centipede) is 11 and attends Preston Elementary in AISD. An avid soccer and volleyball player, she made her stage debut last summer as the Escapologist in *Matilda Jr.* and is thrilled to return for her second performance. Tiegan loves spending time with her friends and family. Thank you, Mr. J and Mrs. Loyce, for an amazing show!

Jason Johnson-Spinos (Director) wears many hats at Outcry Theatre. He is the Marketing Director, a teacher, director, actor, playwright, and designer. Jason is a graduate of Elon University, with degrees in Theatre Studies and Cinema Communications. As a documentary film editor, he has edited numerous features, shorts, and museum films. He has designed Off-Broadway for *Texas in Paris* (sound/projections) and *Lonesome Blues* (sound). His greatest joy is sharing his love of theatre with young people and watching them learn and grow. He recently had the pleasure of joining many of his students on stage as Fagin in *Oliver!*

Cindy Johnston (Music Director) is an educator of 28 years, retiring from McKinney ISD after 23 years at 3 campuses. Under her direction, the Evans Middle School Varsity Treble Chorus was a 2009 honor choir at Texas Music Educators Association Convention. Along with performing in summer community theatre musicals, Cindy directed shows at all 3 MISD campuses, ending her McKinney HS career with *The Phantom of the Opera*. She directed and produced 13 summer junior musicals with McKinney Repertory Theatre. *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* is her fifth production with Mr. Jason, 15th overall with Outcry Theatre. Along with 3 adult offspring, her current biggest blessings are Jack, Jane, and Will, precious grandkids!

Stori James (Choreographer) is a sophomore at Texas State University pursuing their BFA in Acting and Associates in Dance. This is their FIFTH show with Jason and they are so grateful to have gotten to work him. They have loved getting to choreograph and teach the kids dances and have loved getting to know all their personalities. Special thank to Liam and Jason for the love and silly company! LOVE YOURSELF AND LOVE OTHERS ALWAYS!

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Liam Paynter (Assistant Director) is 16 years old and a junior at Plano Senior High School. This is his 11th show with the fabulous Mr. J, and it is his first time assistant directing. Liam would like to thank Mr. J for the amazing opportunity and experience!

Brady Beckley (Assistant Music Director) is so excited to be a part of the creative team behind a show for the first time, especially for this show! He's really enjoyed the process and is so very proud of each and every one of these kids who has dedicated so much time and effort to this show! Good show!

CREW

DIRECTOR: Jason Johnson-Spinos

STAGE MANAGER: Loyce Pickett

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Cindy Johnston

CHOREOGRAPHER: Stori James

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Liam Paynter

ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR: Brady Beckley

SET: Nathan Blasingame

LIGHTING DESIGN: Ryan Kimble

COSTUMES & MAKEUP: Lisa James

PROPS & PHOTOS: Kathy Wright

PROJECTION DESIGN: Keith Wezwick

RHINO PUPPET: Keith and Christina Wezwick

BOARD OPERATORS: Liam Paynter, Brady Beckley, Ryan Kimble

TICKET COORDINATOR: Joshua James

PLAYBILL ASSISTANCE: Shayla Holub

CONCESSIONS COORDINATOR: Kerry Oldham

VOLUNTEER & BACKSTAGE COORDINATOR: Misty Blasingame

CAST PARTY COORDINATOR: Tiffani Kocsis

SEWING TEAM: Kristin Bell, Sherilyn Fox, Kim Lyle, Loyce Pickett, Melissa Gibson, Shayla Holub, Marisa Saenz, and Bibi Miller

SPECIAL THANKS: All who helped with load in and set build, MrJim and Sue Johnson, Plano Stages

UPCOMING PRODUCTION



Music and Lyrics by **Richard M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman, Robert Lopez & Kristen Anderson-Lopez**
Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics by **Will Van Dyke**
Book and Additional Lyrics by **Cheryl Davis**
Based on the stories of A.A. Milne and the 2011 Disney Animated feature film

Performs **August 2-4, 2024**
Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre
directed by Benjamin McElroy and Jason Johnson-Spinos
music directed by Rachel Wasson

Disney's Winnie the Pooh KIDS *is a delightful show based on the beloved characters of A.A. Milne and the 2011 Disney animated feature film. Featuring favorite songs from the film, as well as new hits by the Academy Award-winning Robert and Kristen Lopez* (Frozen), *this honey-filled delight is as sweet as it is fun.*

Welcome to the Hundred Acre Wood, where Winnie the Pooh is once again in search of honey. Along the way, he meets his pals, Tigger, Piglet, Rabbit, and Owl, but soon discovers that Christopher Robin has been captured by the mysterious Backson! As they prepare for a rescue operation, the animals learn about teamwork, friendship and, of course... sharing snacks.

UPCOMING PRODUCTION



by **Thornton Wilder**

Performs **August 22-25, 2024**
Cox Playhouse in Plano
directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

Described by Edward Albee as "the greatest American play ever written," Our Town *presents the small town of Grover's Corners in three acts: "Daily Life," "Love and Marriage," and "Death and Eternity." Narrated by a stage manager and performed with minimal props and sets, the play depicts the simple daily lives of the Webb and Gibbs families as their children fall in love, marry, and eventually – in one of the most famous scenes in American theatre – die.*

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