OUTCRY Youth THEATRE

Jekyll & HYDE

by **Becca and Jason Johnson-Spinos**
Adapted from the book by **Robert Louis Stevenson**

Directed by **Becca Johnson-Spinos**

NOV. 14-17
Cox Playhouse
Downtown Plano

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

Contains violence and mature themes.
This production features strobing lights.

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Directed and Choreographed
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Stage Managed by Marisa Saenz

Set Design by Caleb Ross

Costumes by Marisa Saenz

Blood Special Effects by Isa Flores

Fight Choreography by Bobby Garcia

Props by Becca Johnson-Spinos and Tiffani Kocsis

Lighting/Sound by Jason Johnson-Spinos

Makeup by Achilles Witt

Ticket Coordinator: Krista Witt

Concessions Coordinator: Melissa Gibson

Cast Party Coordinator: Krista Witt and Melissa Gibson

Playbill Assistance/Volunteer Coordinator: Marisa Saenz

Special Thanks: Dan Knoff, Sue Johnson, the Bernadinis,
Kristin Bell, Melissa Gibson, Lisa James, Shayla Holub, the Oldhams,
Ben McElroy, MrJim Johnson, and Plano Stages

CAST

DR. HENRY JEKYLL
Liam Paynter

MR. EDWARD HYDE
Parker Lindsay

JOHN UTTERSON
Apache Browne
Isaac Aranda

CELESTE
Achilles Witt
Vidisha Anand

EVELYN
Madeline Knoff

DR. AMBROSE JEKYLL
Kaz Hill

DR. HASTIE LANYON
Bella Bernadini

MR. SMITH/SAM/FRIGHTENED MAN/VAGRANT
Eli Gibson

MISS DAVIS/MISS TAYLOR/GIRL
Paige Kocsis

BIOGRAPHIES



Vidisha Anand (Celeste) is a 17-year-old student at Liberty High School with a passion for the arts and a desire to entertain others. Though she began acting six years ago, she has always been performing. This marks her ninth production with Outcry Theatre and her fifth show with Ms. Becca. Vidisha's goal is to improve as an actress, and she enjoys collaborating with members of the cast to learn and improve her own skill. She eagerly looks forward to each new production, always ready to take on new challenges.



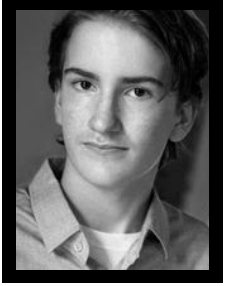
Isaac Aranda (John Utterson) is in 9th grade at Booker T. Washington High School and is excited to be in his 15th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite prior roles include Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*, Marlin in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, and Les in *Newsies*. When not on stage, he loves to hang out with friends, draw, and game. He would like to thank his family for their support and Ms. Becca for this incredible opportunity!



Bella Bernardini (Dr. Hastie Lanyon) is a homeschooled senior making her Outcry debut. She has performed in over 30 productions throughout Dallas, with favorite past roles including Lina Lamont in *Singing in the Rain* and Logainne in *Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Bella enjoys improvisation, TV/film acting, stage makeup, and hanging out with her dogs and friends. She thanks the entire cast, Ms. Becca, Marisa, Bobby, Lauren, her family, friends (especially those who helped with the dances), and her boyfriend, Justin.



Apache Browne (John Utterson) is a senior at Hebron High School, and this marks his sixth production with Outcry Theatre. He's grateful to the cast and crew for the opportunity to be part of this adaptation of *Jekyll + Hyde*, as well as for the valuable learning experience. Apache would like to thank his family, friends, and his 2 fans for their unwavering support.



Eli Gibson (Mr. Smith/Sam/Frightened Man/Vagrant) is a 7th grader at ILA, thrilled to be in his 12th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Favorite past roles include Ladahlord *(James and the Giant Peach)*, Gollum *(The Hobbit)*, and Mr. Bunce *(Fantastic Mr. Fox)*. Eli is a proud member of J-Squad. Outside of performing onstage, he takes voice and acting lessons at Performers Edge. He thanks Ms. Becca for this opportunity and his first "dying" role, as well as his family and friends for their support and watching him perform.

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Kaz Hill (Dr. Ambrose Jekyll) is a 15-year-old actor and has done multiple shows with Outcry Youth Theatre. He is excited to be in his fifth Ms. Becca show. When he's not performing onstage, he enjoys drawing, cooking, and singing. Kaz takes great pride in his acting and is always up for a challenge, always ready for whatever the day may bring.



Madeline Knoff (Evelyn) is a 9th grader with a passion for playing sports, piano, and bassoon. Her favorite past roles with Outcry Theatre include Morticia in *The Addams Family*, Mrs. Sowerberry in *Oliver*!, Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Leanne in *Puffs*, Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland*, and Grand High Witch in *The Witches*. Madeline is deeply grateful for the unwavering support of her family and friends. She also thanks her incredible director, Ms. Becca, and the entire cast and crew for this extraordinary experience.



Paige Kocsis (Miss Davis/Miss Taylor/Girl) is 11 and in 6th grade at St. Patrick School. This is her sixth show with Outcry Youth Theatre, and her favorite past roles include Rebecca Gibbs in *Our Town* and Snug in *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. Paige thanks Ms. Becca for always pushing and encouraging her in every show, the cast for making rehearsals so much fun, her dad for driving her almost every night, and her mom for always being supportive.



Parker Lindsay (Mr. Edward Hyde) is in the 10th grade at iUniversity Prep. This is his sixth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*, George in *Our Town*, and Oliver in *Puffs*. When not on stage, he enjoys figure skating as well as the study of Literature and Philosophy. He would like to thank Ms. Becca for the incredible opportunity and trust she has given him with this role.



Liam Paynter (Dr. Henry Jekyll) is 17 years old and a junior at Plano Senior High School. This is his 20th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of his favorite past roles include Nick Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Wayne Hopkins in *Puffs*, Laertes in *Hamlet*, and Skuggle in *The Night Fairy*. Liam would like to thank Ms. Becca for the opportunity to be a part of this incredible cast.

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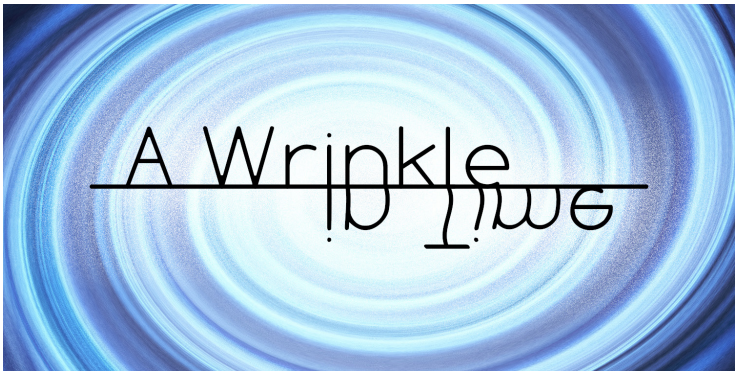


Achilles Witt (Celeste) is a 9th grader at The Einstein School and is excited to be in their fifth performance with Outcry Theatre. Some of their favorite past roles include Smaug in *The Hobbit*, Lurch in *The Addams Family*, and Miss Shields in *A Christmas Story*. Achilles has fallen in love with Outcry and is grateful to be part of such a high-caliber theatre company. They thank Ms. Becca for the opportunity to be in this amazing show and for supporting their passion for theatre makeup.

Becca Johnson-Spinos (Director/Choreographer) is the Artistic Director of Outcry Theatre. Beccahas a BFA in Music Theatre from Elon University and an MFA in Directing for Theatre from Baylor University. Becca attended Playwrights Horizons Directing Lab and Shakespeare's Globe and Washington University's Shakespeare Intensive. She wrote, directed, and performed a one-woman show for the New York Fringe Festival. Becca worked as an assistant to the Artistic Director at Burning Coal Theatre Company in North Carolina, where she also assistant directed and performed. 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*.



UPCOMING AUDITIONS



Adapted by **Morgan Gould**
from the book by **Madeleine L'Engle**

Ages 8-15
Auditions **December 7 & 9, 2024**
Performs **March 14-17, 2025**
Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre
directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

One of literature's most enduring, and stubborn, young heroines, Meg Murry joins forces with Mrs. Whatsit, Charles Wallace, Calvin O'Keefe, and more to battle the forces of evil so she can rescue her father, save humanity, and find herself. In the end, we know two things for sure: 1. Love CAN overcome evil and 2. There IS such a thing as a tesseract.

UPCOMING PRODUCTION



Music and Lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim**
Book by **James Lapine**

Performs **January 23-26, 2025**
Lewisville Grand Theater, Black Box
directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos
music directed by Cindy Johnston

James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone's favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless, yet relevant, piece... and a rare modern classic. The Tony Award-winning book and score are both enchanting and touching.

The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results.

UPCOMING PRODUCTION



Conceived by **Becca and Jason Johnson-Spinos**
Devised by **the cast and creative team**

Performs **February 14-23, 2025**
in and around the Stone Cottage
at the Addison Theatre Centre
directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

In the style of productions like Sleep No More, *Outcry Theatre presents a new immersive theatrical experience,* A Memorial Service for Lily Evergreen. *You are invited to attend the celebration of life for a young woman who died under very mysterious circumstances. At the service, you will meet the honored guests: Lily's family, friends, lovers, and more, all of whom have their own complicated relationships with Lily. The honored guests will wander both inside and outside the Stone Cottage, where the memorial is being held, and if you follow them around, you may discover more about their connection to Lily. The more you learn, the more you will wonder if the killer is in attendance. At the same time, these events are highly spiritual, and there's always a chance that the dead will be watching.*



Outcry Reads is a yearly series of readings of new plays by DFW playwrights. Local actors are cast, and an Outcry staff member directs the readings. Readings take place at the Outcry Theatre Rehearsal Location in Plano. Readings are free to attend, with limited seating for up to 20 audience members. A talkback follows the readings, moderated by the director, where the audience members and actors can discuss the play with the playwright.

2025 Outcry Reads Festival
May 16-18, 2025

Submission Guidelines

- All submitting playwrights must live in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and be able to attend the reading and the rehearsal.
- Playwrights will need to provide a list of what they would like to learn from the talkback, including specific questions they would like answered.
- Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.
- Playwrights may only submit one play per season.
- Only non-musicals will be considered.
- Plays must be between 45 and 135 minutes.

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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, readings of new works by local playwrights, and the Outcry Youth Theatre program, educating students ages 5-18.

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