OUTCRY Youth THEATRE

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

A Play By **Rick Elice**

Based on the Novel by
Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

Music by **Wayne Barker**

MAY 1-4
Cox Playhouse
Downtown Plano

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

Any video and/or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

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Originally produced on Broadway by Nancy Nagel Gibbs, Greg Schaffert, Eva Price, Tom Smedes, and Disney Theatrical Productions.

Directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

Music Directed by Parker Lessmann

Stage Managed by Marisa Saenz

Set Design by Caleb Ross
Construction by Caleb and DeWayne Ross
Costumes by Kathy Wright and Lisa James
Props by Krista Witt
Lighting and Sound Design by Jason Johnson-Spinos

Ticket Coordinator: Cynthia Aranda
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Volunteer Coordinator: Vicki Lindsay
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Special Thanks: Rich Miller, Dan Knoff, Steve McMurray, Sue and MrJim Johnson, Plano Stages

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CAST

BOY/PETER
Isaac Aranda
Parker Lindsay

MOLLY
Amelia Racca
Karsten Schaffhauser

BLACK STACHE
Liam Paynter

PRENTISS
Chloe Miller

TED
Allison Wright
Everett Johnson

LORD ASTER
Achilles Witt
Kaz Hill

SMEE
Madeline Knoff
Niam Sachdev

SLANK/HAWKING CLAM
Holden James
Kensley James

ALF
Brady Beckley

MRS. BUMBRAKE
Eli Gibson

FIGHTING PRAWN/GREMPKIN
Bella Bernardini
Renee Neleson

CAPTAIN SCOTT
Ash Pickett
Melody Ma

TEACHER/SANCHEZ
Juan Erives
Paige Kocsis

MACK
Allie Retta

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Isaac Aranda (Peter) is in 9th grade at Booker T Washington. This will be his 15th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. He is a part of Becca's Army and J-Squad. Some of his favorite prior roles include Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*, Marlin in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, and Les in *Newsies*. He would like to thank his family for their support and Ms. Becca for this incredible opportunity!



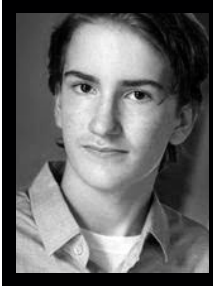
Brady Beckley (Alf) is so excited to be in his 8th show with Ms. Becca! Favorite roles include Ensemble/Quasimodo US in *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Oberon/Theseus in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Mr. Webb in *Our Town*, and Cinderella's Prince/Wolf in *Into the Woods*. He feels so blessed to have had so many wonderful opportunities with Outcry and can't wait for hopefully many more in the years to come! He's so grateful for his Outcry family and can't wait to share the stage with all of these talented people!



Bella Bernardini (Fighting Prawn/Grempkin) is a senior and is heading to TXST to study performance and production. This is her 2nd show with Outcry, but she has done over 30 shows throughout Dallas. Favorite roles include Lina Lamont in *Singin' in the Rain*, Ursula in *The Little Mermaid*, and Logainne in *Spelling Bee*. When not on stage, she likes to study improvisation, tv/film acting, and stage makeup and hang out with her dogs and friends. She would like to thank the cast, Becca, her family, friends, and Justin.



Juan Erives (Sanchez/Teacher) is 13 years old and in 7th grade at Wilson Middle School. This is his 14th production with Outcry Youth Theatre and his 4th with Ms. Becca! Favorite past roles at Outcry include Charles Wallace in *A Wrinkle in Time*, James in *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*, and The Steward in *Into the Woods*. Juan would like to thank Ms. Becca for the great direction, and everyone else who made this masterpiece of a show possible.



Eli Gibson (Mrs. Bumbrake) is in 7th grade at ILA. This is his 14th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some favorite past shows and roles have been *Jekyll + Hyde*, Ladahlord *(James and the Giant Peach, Jr.)*, Gollum *(The Hobbit)*, Mike Teavee *(Willy Wonka)*. He is a proud member of J-Squad. When not performing onstage, Eli takes voice and acting with Performers Edge. He would like to thank Ms. B. for her guidance. He would also like to thank his family and friends.

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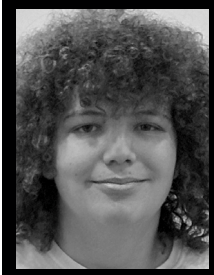
Kaz Hill (Lord Aster) is a 16-year-old actor. He has done multiple shows with Outcry Youth Theatre, this being his sixth Ms. Becca show. When he's not on stage performing, he enjoys drawing, cooking, and singing. He takes pride in his acting and is always up for a challenge, always ready for what the day may bring him.



Holden James (Slank/Hawking Clam) is extremely proud to be part of Outcry Youth Theatre. This will be his fourteenth performance with Outcry. One of his favorite roles was as Gomez Addams in *The Addams Family (Young@Part)*, directed by Mr. Jason. When he's not at rehearsal, he loves to play video games and spend time with his family. He would like to thank Ms. Becca for giving him the opportunity to perform as Slank and Hawking Clam in Outcry Youth Theatre's production of *Peter and the Starcatcher.*



Kensley James (Slank/Hawking Clam) is excited to join Outcry Youth Theatre's production of *Peter and the Starcatcher*. Kensley is in the 7th grade, and she is enjoying the fast-paced world of drama. This is her fourteenth show at Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite performance was as Meg in *A Wrinkle in Time*, directed by Mr. Jason. 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 Slank and Hawking Clam.



Everett Johnson (Ted) is 17 and a junior at Booker T Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. He is thrilled to be in his 13th show at Outcry! Past favorite roles include J. Finch and others *(Puffs)*, Duncan *(Macbeth)*, and Gus *(The Dumb Waiter)*. He is a chili cook-off champion and enjoys history and board games. Thanks to Ms. Becca, this amazing cast, and my family and friends!



Madeline Knoff (Smee) is a 9th grader honored to perform in her 26th production with Outcry. Her most treasured roles include The Witch *(Into the Woods)*, Evelyn *(Jekyll + Hyde)*, Morticia *(The Addams Family)*, Helena *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)*, Leanne *(Puffs)*, the Mad Hatter *(Alice in Wonderland)*, and the Grand High Witch *(The Witches)*. She is incredibly grateful to her family and friends for their support, and she sends heartfelt thanks to her brilliant director, Ms. Becca, and the extraordinary cast and crew.

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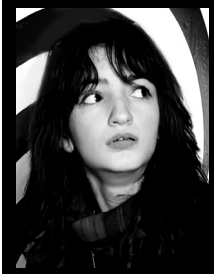
Paige Kocsis (Sanchez/Teacher) is in 6th grade at St. Patrick's Catholic School. This is her 9th show at Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of her favorite past roles have been Rebecca Gibbs *(Our Town)*, Snug *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)*, and Mrs Who *(A Wrinkle in Time)*. She would like to thank her parents who support her in every show and Ms. Becca who pushes her to be her best.



Parker Lindsay (Boy/Peter Pan) is in 10th grade at iUniversity Prep. This is his 8th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Mr. Hyde in *Jekyll + Hyde*. When not on stage, he likes to figure skate. He would like to thank Ms. Becca for the opportunity to play this role.



Melody Ma (Captain Scott) is a 16-year-old international student from China. She enjoys writing and crocheting in her free time. This is her first theater production, and she is so grateful Ms. Becca gave her the chance to do it here with Outcry. She would like to thank her guardian Paula for driving her, her parents for cheering her on from across the ocean, and her castmates and friends for supporting her!



Chloe Miller (Prentiss) is in 8th grade and is excited to perform in her 7th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Mad Hatter *(Alice in Wonderland)*, Gollum *(The Hobbit)*, and the Ladahlord *(James and The Giant Peach Jr.)*. When not on stage she likes to draw, crochet, and make people laugh. She would like to thank Ms. Becca for this incredible opportunity, and her family and friends for their endless support.

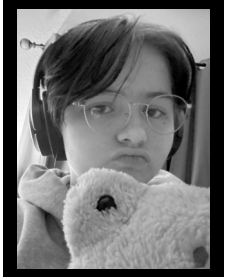


Renee Neleson (Fighting Prawn/Grempkin) is in 9th grade at Frisco High School. This is her seventh stage production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of Renee's favorite past OYT roles include White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland* and Meg in *A Wrinkle in Time*. When not on stage, Renee enjoys sewing, animation, and baking. Renee would like to thank her parents and cats for all of their love and support.

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Liam Paynter (Black Stache) is a junior at Plano Senior High School. This is his 22nd production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Nick Bottom *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)*, Stage Manager *(Our Town)*, and Dr. Henry Jekyll *(Jekyll + Hyde)*. Liam would like to thank his parents for all their love and support.



Ash Pickett (Captain Scott) is in 8th grade at Curtis Middle School. This is their 5th Outcry show, but first with Ms. Becca. Their favorite previous roles were Cheshire Cat in *Alice in Wonderland* and Smaug in *The Hobbit*. When not on stage, Ash likes to craft and play video games. Ash would like to thank their mom and dad for their unwavering support and their little sister, Harper, for having limitless energy. A very special thanks to Luca, their dart frog, for listening to them rehearse their lines, songs, and choreography.



Amelia Racca (Molly) is thrilled to be back for her fourth show at Outcry and third show with Ms. Becca. Amelia has been doing theatre for 9 years and her favorite roles include Judas *(Godspell)*, Brooke Wyndham *(Legally Blonde)*, Hermia *(A Midsummer Night's Dream)*, 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



Allie Retta (Mack) is in sixth grade at Carpenter Middle School. She is delighted to be in her eleventh production with Outcry Youth Theatre! Some of her favorite roles 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 friends. Allie would like to thank Ms. Becca, Mr. J, all of her friends from Outcry, and her family for their constant love and support.



Niam Sachdev (Smee) is 11 and attends Harrington Elementary. Niam is excited for his 12th production with Outcry Theatre! Favorite roles include Oliver *(Oliver!)*, Charlie Bucket *(Willy Wonka)*, Jack *(Into the Woods)*, and Nemo *(Finding Nemo Jr.)*. He dances with Tuzer Ballet, studies film acting with Performer's Edge Dallas, acts in short films and commercials, and is represented by the Horne Agency. Niam would like to thank Ms. Becca for this opportunity and everyone for their support.

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Karsten Schaffhauser (Molly Aster) is ecstatic to be taking on such a fun role in their 3rd Outcry show. It also marks their 25th production since beginning theatre! Favorite roles include The Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*, Jo March in *Little Women*, Martha in *Spring Awakening*, and Abigail in *The Crucible*. They would like to thank their family for supporting them, Ms. Becca for turning them into an Outcry kid, and Mr. Lessmann for being their favorite music teacher. This show will hold a special place in their heart.



Achilles Witt (Lord Aster) is in 9th grade at The Einstein School. This is their 8th performance with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of their favorite past roles have been Mrs Whatsit in *A Wrinkle in Time*, Celeste in *Jekyll + Hyde*, Granny in *Into the Woods*, and Smaug in *The Hobbit*. They have fallen in love with Outcry and are so thankful to get to be a part of such a high caliber theater. They are so excited to join Becca's Army with this show and want to thank Becca for the opportunity to be in such a fun show.



Allison Wright (Ted) is in 8th grade at Curtis Middle School. This is her 14th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of her favorite past roles include the silly Uncle Fester in *The Addams Family (Young@Part)* and Bruce in *Finding Nemo Jr*. When not on stage, Allison enjoys playing basketball, cuddling with her puppies, singing in choir, and laughing with her family. She would like to thank Ms. Becca for this special role and for always creating a place where magic and joy come to life.

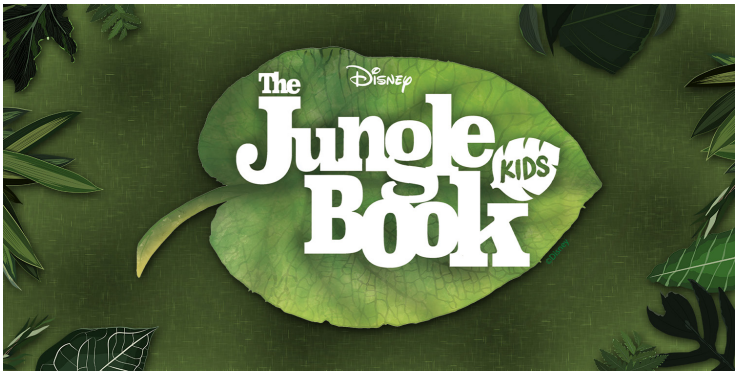


Becca Johnson-Spinos (Director/Choreographer) is the Artistic Director of Outcry Theatre. Becca has a BFA in Music Theatre from Elon University and an MFA in Directing for Theatre from Baylor University. In North Carolina, Becca worked at Burning Coal Theatre Company as an assistant to the Artistic Director, 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*.



Parker Lessmann (Music Director) is excited to return as music director for Outcry after music directing *Spring Awakening*. During his time directing choral and musical theatre programs, Parker has served as music director and conductor for *Little Women*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Chicago*, *Anastasia*, *Spelling Bee*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Sister Act*, and *Guys and Dolls*. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education from TCU and his Master of Educational Administration from Texas A&M-Commerce.

UPCOMING AUDITIONS



Music & Lyrics by **Richard M. & Robert B. Sherman & Terry Gilkyson**
Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by **Marcy Heisler**

Ages 5-12
Auditions **May 5 & 7, 2025**
Performs **June 13-15, 2025**
The Addison Performing Arts Centre, Studio Theatre
directed by Benjamin McElroy
music directed in Rachel Wasson

The jungle is jumpin' with a jazzy beat in Disney's The Jungle Book KIDS. *Specially adapted from the classic Disney animated film,* Disney's The Jungle Book KIDS *features a host of colorful characters and your favorite songs from the movie.*

Banished by the ferocious tiger, Shere Khan, a human boy named Mowgli and his panther friend, Bagheera, are on the run in the deepest parts of the jungle. On their journey, the two meet a sinister snake named Kaa, a herd of elephants and a giant bear named Baloo, who teaches them the swingin' musical rhythms of the jungle. After surviving a dangerous encounter with a band of monkeys led by King Louie, Mowgli and Bagheera are forced to run for their lives. When Shere Khan returns, our heroes must rally their fellow animals into battle and restore peace throughout the jungle.

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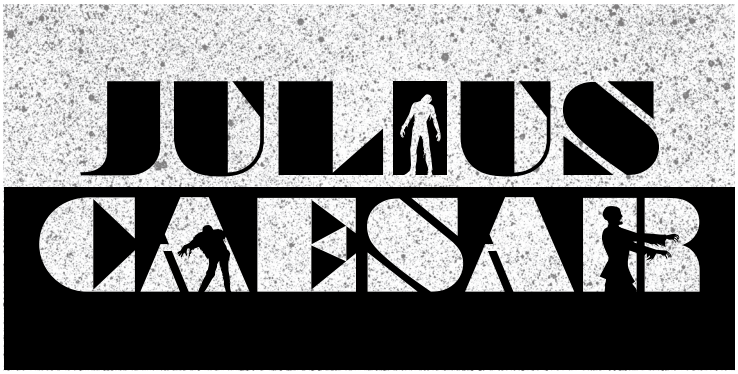


Music by **Mary Rodgers** • Lyrics by **Marshall Barer**
Book by **Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller, and Marshall Barer**

Ages 10-15
Auditions **May 5 & 7, 2025**
Performs **July 17-20, 2025**
Cox Playhouse in Plano
directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos
music directed in Rachel Wasson
choreographed by Stori James

Many moons ago in a far-off place, Queen Aggravain decreed no couples could marry until her son, Prince Dauntless, found a bride. Princesses came from far and wide to win the hand of the prince, but none could pass the impossible tests given to them by the Queen. That is, until the "shy" swamp princess, Winnifred the Woebegone, showed up. Would she be able to pass the Sensitivity Test, marry her prince and help Lady Larken and Sir Harry to the altar? Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the classic tale The Princess and the Pea *provides some side-splitting shenanigans. After all, a princess is a delicate thing.*

UPCOMING AUDITIONS



by **William Shakespeare**

Ages 12-18
Auditions **May 12 & 14, 2025**
Performs **August 1-10, 2025**
The Addison Performing Arts Centre, Studio Theatre
directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

Outcry takes William Shakespeare's brilliant historical tragedy and transplants it to a post-apocalyptic world where zombies roam the streets, and the question of who wields political power is a real matter of life and death. In this survival of the fittest world, Brutus fears that Julius Caesar will become a tyrant, so he joins a conspiracy led by fellow politician Cassius to assassinate him. Caesar's right-hand man Antony stirs up hostility against the conspirators and Rome becomes embroiled in a dramatic civil war.

ONE-WEEK SUMMER CAMPS



June 2-6
9am-5pm
Ages 13-22



June 16-20
9am-12pm
Ages 5-12



June 16-20
1-5pm
Ages 5-12



July 21-25
9am-12pm
Ages 12-18



July 21-25
1-5pm
Ages 12-18



July 28-August 1
9am-12pm
Ages 10-18



July 28-August 1
1-5pm
Ages 10-18



August 4-8
9am-12pm
Ages 10-18



August 4-8
1-5pm
Ages 10-18

UPCOMING PRODUCTION



Music by **Stephen Flaherty** • Lyrics by **Lynn Ahrens**
Book by **Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty**

Performs **June 26-29, 2025**
Lewisville Grand Theater, Huffines Performance Hall
directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos
music directed by Cindy Johnston

Oh the thinks you can think, when you think about Seuss! Go on an amazing journey through the imagination of Dr. Seuss, travelling from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos. Meet Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing an entire world, but no one believes him. Meet Gertrude, a bird with just one feather on her tail, who wants to catch the eye of Horton. Meet JoJo, a boy whose thinks get him in trouble. And you already know the Cat in the Hat, so you know that mischief awaits around every corner.



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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