

Upcoming Theatrical Opportunities!

Don't miss Franklin Footlight Theatre's Holiday "FILM" production of *The Little Town of Christmas* being shown on screen during the Festival of Trees with the Opera House December 4-13!

Franklin Footlight Theatre will be holding auditions for their spring show- *The Good Doctor!* Stay tuned!!

Here's hoping that our spring musical- *MATILDA*- is able to make its debut this spring in May!!! Keep your fingers crossed!!

Keep the Arts Alive and Active in Franklin, NH!



FRANKLIN TEEN THEATRE

presents:



November 5-8, 2020

Presented at the Historic
Franklin Opera
House

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I fell in love with Ken Ludwig's work years ago when I performed in *Moon Over Buffalo*, and grew to love him as a play writer. I've since performed and directed in numerous Ken Ludwig productions and luckily have had this show tucked away for quite a while, just waiting for the right time.

I fell in love with Shakespeare even longer ago. I had an incredible teacher in high school who happened to also be my theater director. She inspired me in so many ways, including inspiring me to continue inspiring future generations (and adults) in the world of theater. She also was the first person to introduce me to Shakespeare. I went on to study Shakespeare in college and loved teaching *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Taming of the Shrew*, as well as *Hamlet*, *Othello* and *Macbeth* to my students for years. I have also been blessed to stage *Shrew* and *Midsummer* on stage here in Franklin, as well as *Comedy of Errors*. Every time I explore the world of Shakespeare, in any format, I am reminded of the brilliance of his work. When you combine Shakespeare with such a contemporary brilliance in Ludwig, it's a winner.

I normally plan a year in advance before any show. Due to the disruption of COVID, this show crept up and took me completely by surprise! Luckily, as I mentioned, this script was just waiting for the right moment and this seemed to be it. With a powerful group of seniors anxiously waiting to get back on the stage, and so much talent coming up behind them, it was crucial that we make something happen. I am so grateful to the team of people who support me and help make these things happen for our kids!!! Allowing kids to participate in the arts can open a whole world for them! I learned that myself a long time ago!!! To you all- Mrs. Finley

My goal for ALL children (and adults) and my motivator for Arts Integration and Advocating:

ART and MUSIC are
The drugs of choice
For Millions of Kids.
If we expect them To
Just say NO To A
chemical HIGH, we must
Recognize The Healing ALTERNATIVE;
THEIR OWN CREATIVITY.
Demand and SUPPORT THE
Real ANTI-DRUG program.
ARTS in Education. B.B.

Artist- Fredd Babb

Cast Members

Mia “Cookie” DiCarlo: *Madison Clark* *
Helene: *Briahna LaFlamme*
Lyle “The Understatement” Fagioli: *RJ Soboslai* *
Denis: *James Wood*
Robin Goodfellow “Puck”: *Zoe Nagle*
Oberon: *Riley Roper* *
Titania: *Megan Sorette* *
Nikki Bottom: *Brooke Fifield* *
Patti Quince: *Sapphira Carrier* *
Chris Athens: *Andrew Gagnon*
Hippolyta Ginsberg: *Aurea LaFlamme* *
Phyllis Trait: *Angelia LaBrecque*
Justine DiCarlo: *Kayley Sargent*
Rufus DiCarlo: *Nick Gammel*
Principal Platt: *Angel Evans*
Franci Flute: *Olivia Sylvester*
Terri Thumbs: *Olivia Mills*
Roberta Sudds: *Natalie Hoover* *
Janet Snugg: *Laryssa Humphrey*
Cobweb: *Rachel Gauthier*
Moth: *Kadance Laro*
Mustardseed: *Jessy Wood*
Peaseblossom: *Ellie Zink*
Sunflower: *Libby Femenella*
Sunshine: *Mackenna Trudel*
Moonbeam: *Kaia Roper*
Turtle: *Jenny Wood*
Jack: *Noah Roper*
Lili: *Payton Cloutier*
Kim: *Kaia Roper*
Chelsea: *Mackenna Trudel*
Olivia: *Michelle Emery*
Bakari: *Brandon Tyrrell*

Cast Continued:

Oberon’s Fairies:

Gandalf- *Noah Roper*
Terence- *Brandon Tyrrell*
Magnus- *Owen Greenrod*
Jareth- *Arden Greenrod*
Bramble- *Jaxon P. Desmarais*

Titania’s Fairies:

Asteria- *Angel Evans*
Melody- *Emma May*
Celeste- *Alexis DiPalma*
Fayette- *Kyleigh Elderd*
Giselle- *Savaughna Slocum*
Basil- *Payton Cloutier*

Production Team:

Director: *Jule C. Finley*
Stage Manager: *Bonnie Gilbert*
Technical Director: *Robbie LaFlamme*
Costume Designer: *Lois Wood*
Sound Designer: *Jillian Swett*
Lighting Designer: *Zoe Sylvester*
Asst. Sound Technician: *Julia Swett*
Props Master: *Thomas Fifield*
Make-up Designers: *Angelia LaBrecque/ Esther Humphrey*
House Manager: *Leigh Webb*

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Franklin Opera House
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Jenny Wood: (Turtle) Jenny is in 6th grade and already filling her resume with onstage performances. She has been a part of the Cast of *The Little Mermaid*, and every other District Wide Musical since then, as well as FACT shows during the summer months. Her favorite show to date was *The Big Bad Wolf* with FACT. Jenny hopes to be a dog trainer when she grows up. “I have been in this theater for 4 years and every new year is a chance to do something more amazing than the year before. It’s all thanks to my amazing director, Jule Finley”.

Brooke Fifield: (Nikki Bottom) Brooke is a senior at FHS this year and plans to head off to college next year to study microbiology or something along those lines. Brooke has been performing on stage for 4 years. Her two favorite performances so far were playing Medda in *Newsies* and Anne in *Magic of Madness*. Brooke loves making music and has many cats, all of whom she loves. “To my family- all of you. Thanks for the support through all the theater years”.

Kayley Sargent: (Justine) Kayley is a junior this year and started performing as a child during FACT performances in the summers. Kayley’s favorite performance to date is her performance in *Mary Poppins*, which according to her family, has been her best so far. Kayley enjoys baking and plans to go to culinary school after high school. “I’d like to thank my mother, who stayed while everyone else left”.

RJ Soboslai: (Lyle) RJ is a senior at Franklin this year and has been performing on stage since 2009 when he started doing FACT theater. RJ has a few favorites in his long repertoire, including *Mary Poppins*, *Newsies* and *Grease*, RJ loves drumming and plans to go to college next year focusing on a major in psychology and a minor in musical theater performance. “To my family, my fellow senior friends and Mrs. Finley for all the support”!



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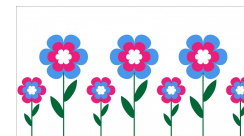
Breezy LaFlamme: (Helene) Breezy is a junior at FHS this year and has performed regularly with FACT, Footlight Theatre and FHS Players. Breezy’s favorite role has been playing Paige the Page in *Haphazardly Ever After*. Breezy plans to head off to college after her senior year and work to become a military psychologist. “To my mum and Gram”.

Jessy Wood: (Mustardseed) Jessy is a freshman this year and has performed in many shows at the Opera House. Her favorite performances so far include *Annie Jr.*, *Mary Poppins* and *Monster Hunters*. Jessy loves riding horses. “To Lelia, my friend who always puts a smile on my face”.

James Wood: (Denis) James is a sophomore who has done many years of theater. His favorite part about being in a production is spending time hanging out with people he really enjoys being with. Outside of theater, James enjoys sketching and art. “I would dedicate this performance to my sister, Jill, who has helped me through many things in life”.

Jaxon P. Desmarais: (*Bramble*) Jaxon is a 5th grader who celebrates his favorite performance so far, playing Cindy Lou Who’s Father in *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* at his church. He says it was a really fun role. Jaxon hopes to become an adventurer in the future so he can travel all over the world and post his experiences on You Tube so others can experience it too. “I dedicate this to my Dad for driving me back and forth to my rehearsals while my Mom is at work”.

Savaughna Slocum: (*Giselle*) Savaughna is an 8th grader this year and has performed in 6 District wide musicals so far. She has trained in Tap and Hip Hop dance and also tumbling. Savaughna’s favorite part of a show is the friendships that progress throughout the process. Savaughna loves basketball, field hockey, cheer, track, reading and painting. “To family and friends”.



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Megan Sorette: (*Titania*) Megan is a senior and has been performing throughout her high school career, including with the NHETG program. Megan loves dancing on stage. Regardless of the show, she loves busting a move on such a big stage. Megan wants to go to college and major in something with Computer Science or Cybersecurity. “To my family and friends. I couldn’t have done this without you guys”.

Angel Evans: (*Principal Platt/ Asteria*) Angel is a junior at Franklin High School. She has performed in many past productions and participated in choir. Angel’s favorite performance so far is *Newsies*. Angel plans to attend college and study culinary arts after high school. “To my family- thank you for coming to all my shows”.

Mackenna Trudel: (*Sunshine*) Mackenna is in 5th grade and has been dancing for seven years. Mackenna has also performed in FACT Theater camps and several other productions. One of her favorite parts of being in a show is meeting new people, and she says that acting is one of the funnest things she does in life! She also likes to ski, go four-wheeling, camp and bike ride. Her future plans are to become an actress and/ or a teacher. “I dedicate this show to Breezy, Robbie and Mrs.- because they are friends, but also great directors”.

Riley Roper: (*Oberon*) Riley is a senior and currently is Vice President of the FHS Players. Riley has been regularly performing on stage since he was in 5th grade. Riley’s favorite performances so far include playing King Julien in *Madagascar Jr.* and playing Crutchie in *Newsies*. Riley has always enjoyed performing on stage and also writing. He hopes to go to school after high school to study filmmaking. He plans to go to school in New York. His ultimate goal is to become a movie writer, director and producer. “Mrs. Finley has encouraged me every step of the way, so I’d like to dedicate this performance to her. And my mom! Thanks Mom!”

Kaia Roper: (*Kim/ Moonbeam*) Kaia is an 8th grader this year who has performed in all the district wide musicals since she was 5 years old. She has also performed in FACT since she was 5-6. Her favorite show so far has been *Miracle on 34th Street*.

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Julia Swett: (*Asst. Sound*) Julia is an 8th grader this year who has been performing in theater since second grade, but this is her first show learning how to run sound. Her two favorite productions so far are *Monster Hunters* and *Frumpled Fairy Tales*. Julia enjoys biking, art and playing the ukulele. She hopes to continue exploring more aspects of sound design and technical theater. “I would like to dedicate this performance to my mom. She does so much for me. Thank you for everything you do”.

Andrew Gagnon: (*Governor Athens*) Andrew is a junior this year. He has taken drama classes in both middle and high school. Andrew’s favorite performance so far is *A Rare Condition*, as that is really his first show and what got him into theater. Outside of performing, Andrew enjoys hiking, camping, reading and spending time with friends and family. “I would like to dedicate this to my friends for getting me into theater in the first place and to my family for always supporting me”.

Olivia Mills: (*Terri Thumbs*) Olivia is a junior this year and has been training in performing arts for years. She has 8 years of theater experience, 15 years of dance and 3 years of vocal training with Christine Chiasson. Olivia has a few favorite roles on her resume, including playing Rizzo in *Grease*, Mrs. Banks in *Mary Poppins*, Anna in *Frozen Jr.* and Katherine in *Newsies*. She loves the FHS Players with her whole heart! Olivia loves to write! But singing will always be her favorite pastime. After high school, she plans to move to New York to pursue her musical theater career. “I’d like to thank my parents who have supported me. I’d also like to thank my voice teacher, Christine Chiasson, for her endless amount of dedication and support. She has gotten me through these crazy times”.

Noah Roper: (*Jack/ Gandalf*) Noah is a 6th grader. His favorite performances so far include playing Yertle the Turtle in *Seussical* and Buck in *Monster Hunters*.

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Madison Clark: (*Mia “Cookie” DiCarlo*) Madison is a senior this year and the president of the FHS Players! Madison has been a part of NHETG for years, and has been a member of her church choir as well as having taken ballet and contemporary dance with Creative Steps Dance Studio. Madison has performed in numerous shows, but her favorite so far include playing Mary Poppins in *Mary Poppins* as well as performing in *Magic of Madness*. Madison enjoys reading and writing during her off time, as well as spending time with her cat. She plans to attend college next year and study nursing. “I dedicate this to my family and friends who have supported me and stayed by my side”.

Jillian Swett: (*Sound Designer*) Jillian is a senior this year. She started as a performer, but once she found her passion for technical theater, she has been running sound at the Opera House regularly for various groups. Her favorite production so far is *Newsies*. Jill enjoys baking, basketball and playing the ukulele. She’s not fully sure what she wants to do after high school, but she knows theater will be a part of it.

Aurea LaFlamme: (*Hippolyta*) Aurea is a senior this year. After 10 years of performing with FHS Players, FACT and Footlight Theatre, her favorite performances include playing Mush in *Newsies*, Cha Cha in *Grease*, Olaf in *Frozen Jr.* and working on the tech crew for *Mamma Mia*. Aurea has competed in the NHETG State Festivals in 2018 and 2019, as well as the Plymouth Regional Festivals from 2017- 2019. She recently worked with ETC last January. After Aurea graduates, she plans to attend college in New England to study Anthropology with a minor in Applied Behavior Analysis. Later, she hopes to earn her PhD in Anthropology. “I’m dedicating this to my manager, Tracy Smith. She always inspired me from the stage and would have loved to see this. Rest in Peace Tracy”.

Zoe Nagle: (*Robin Goodfellow*) Zoe is an 8th grader this year who has taken four years of dance at Creative Steps and is currently taking voice lessons. Her favorite performances so far include *Newsies*, *Seussical* and *Miracle on 34th Street*. I’d like to pursue a career in

politics and/ or be an actress on Broadway. “I dedicate this to my dad for being an essential worker during the pandemic”.

SCENE BREAKDOWN

Act 1

Scene 1: A high school auditorium in Wildwood, New Jersey

Scene 2: Political Rally for Governor Athens, 6 years earlier

Scene 3: Inside HAIR AND GONE salon in NJ

ACT 2

Scene 1: Somewhere on a rocky beach near evening

Scene 2: Another part of the beach

ACT 3

Scene 1: Titania’s Bower

******* BRIEF INTERMISSION******* *Please note! During this short stretch break, please do not congregate at the bathrooms or in the lobby. We need to maintain social distancing. We encourage you to use the restroom when needed during our pandemic situation.*

ACT 3 (resumes)

Scene 2: Another Part of the Woods

ACT 4

Scene 1: Back on the beach

Scene 2: Still on the beach

ACT 5

Scene 1: The lawn of Governor Athen's mansion