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THE
SPONGEBOB
MUSICAL™

**DM YOUNG
ARTISTS
THEATRE**

JULY 25–AUGUST 3, 2025

THE STONER THEATER

Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre's
production of

nickelodeon™
THE
SPONGEBOB
MUSICAL™

Based on the series by Stephen Hillenburg

Book by Kyle Jarrow

Original Songs by:

Yolanda Adams, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sara Bareilles,
Jonathan Coulton, Alex Ebert of Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros,
The Flaming Lips, Lady A, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, Panic! At the Disco,
Plain White T's, They Might Be Giants, T.I. and songs by David Bowie,
Tom Kenny & Andy Paley

Additional Lyrics by Jonathan Coulton

Additional Music by Tom Kitt

Musical Production Conceived by Tina Landau

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PROGRAM UPDATE

We would like to acknowledge the following important team members and updates to enhance your Sponge-tacular experience:

ADDITIONAL CREW

Sound Board Operator – Ryan Ingram

Spotlight Operator – Bennett Lee

SPECIAL THANKS

Ankeny Community Theatre

Brian Hogan

PLEASE NOTE THIS PERFORMANCE INCLUDES:

Falling Boulders (beach balls)

Bubbles

Flashing Lights

Fog/Haze

...Did we mention Bubbles?

Excessive Fun and Silliness!

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR BEST DAY EVER!

SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

1. "Bikini Bottom Day" by Jonathan Coulton
(Full Cast)
2. "Bikini Bottom Day (Reprise 1)" by Jonathan Coulton
(SpongeBob)
3. "No Control" by David Bowie & Brian Eno
(Perch Perkins, Full Cast)
4. "BFF" by Plain White T's
(SpongeBob, Patrick)
5. "When the Going Gets Tough" by T.I., Domani Harris, & Darwin Quinn
(Plankton, Full Cast)
6. "(Just A) Simple Sponge" by Panic! At The Disco
(SpongeBob, Mr. Krabs, Sponges)
7. "Daddy Knows Best" by Alex Ebert of Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros
(Mr. Krabs, Pearl)
8. "Hero is My Middle Name" by Cyndi Lauper & Rob Hyman
(SpongeBob, Sandy, Patrick)
9. "Super Sea-Star Savior" by Yolanda Adams
(Patrick, Sardines)
10. "Tomorrow Is" by The Flaming Lips
(Full Cast)

ACT TWO

11. "Poor Pirates" by Sara Bareilles
(Patchy, Pirates)
12. "Bikini Bottom Day (Reprise 2)" by Jonathan Coulton
(SpongeBob)
13. "Bikini Bottom Boogie" by Steven Tyler & Joe Perry of Aerosmith
(The Electric Skates, Pearl, Fans)
14. "Chop to the Top" by Lady Antebellum
(Sandy, SpongeBob)
15. "(I Guess I) Miss You" by John Legend
(SpongeBob, Patrick)
16. "I'm Not A Loser" by They Might Be Giants
(Squidward, Sea Anemones)
17. "Simple Sponge (Reprise)" by Panic! At The Disco
(SpongeBob)
18. "Best Day Ever" by Andy Paley & Tom Kenny
(SpongeBob, The Town)
19. "Finale: Bikini Bottom Day (Reprise 3)" by Jonathan Coulton
(The Town)
20. "SpongeBob Theme Song" by Derek Drymon, Mark Harrison,
Stephen Hillenburg, & Blaise Smith
(Full Cast)

CAST

SpongeBob SquarePants	Peyton Haacke
Patrick Star.....	Emy Hulbert
Squidward Q. Tentacles.....	Juan Ramirez*
Sandy Cheeks.....	Maddie Davis
Sheldon J. Plankton.....	Canaan Richardson
Mr. Eugene Krabs.....	Ty Porter*
Pearl Krabs.....	Oliver Gooch*
Karen & Voice of French Narrator.....	Karlie Latterell*
Perch Perkins.....	Ben Hodges*
The Mayor of Bikini Bottom.....	Meara Wallace
Patchy the Pirate.....	Danika Jacobsen
Larry the Lobster.....	Dawson Schrader
Mrs. Puff.....	Savannah Meyer*
Old Man Jenkins.....	Isaiah Alexander*
Ensemble	Ian Williams*
Ensemble	Andrew Geerdes*
Ensemble	Celeste Brown
Ensemble	Black Dreckman
Ensemble	Alyssa Lee
Ensemble	Aubrey Bianchi
Ensemble	Cassidy Free
Ensemble	Evelyn Kralik
Ensemble	Jacob McBride*
Ensemble	Jeanella McKinney
Ensemble	Mila Bowen*
Ensemble	Stella Hogan
Ensemble	Vivian Coleman
Sound FX/Foley 1	Xavier Lago*
Sound FX/Foley 2	Sherwood Wilson

UNDERSTUDIES

SpongeBob Squarepants.....	Andrew Geerdes
Patrick Star.....	Ian Williams
Sandy Cheeks.....	Celeste Brown
Squidward Q. Tentacles.....	Blake Dreckman
Plankton.....	Danika Jacobsen
Mr. Eugene Krabs.....	Dawson Schrader
Pearl Krabs.....	Savannah Meyer
Perch Perkins.....	Isaiah Alexander

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STANDING OVATION 2024-2025

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Adam Haselhuhn
Assistant Director.....	Nichole Poindexter-Wilson
Music Director	Brandon Record
Choreographer	Marquis Bundy
Stage Manager	Cami Marquart
Assistant Stage Manager.....	River Phillips
Set Designer	J.P. Ungs
Set Designer Assistant.....	Marty Ungs
Costume Designer.....	Kaitlyn Munro
Costume Apprentice	Tori Olson
Costume Apprentice	Alanna Cooper
Props Designer	Erin Hogan
Props Apprentice.....	Abi Stearns
Lighting Designer	Phil Lee
Sound Designer	Christopher Williams
Producers	Kyle Chizek, Jodie Lee & Abigail Wallace

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Welcome to Bikini Bottom! We are thrilled to share this colorful, silly, and surprisingly meaningful world with you. On the surface, *The SpongeBob Musical* is full of laughs, songs, and cartoon sea creatures – but dive deeper and we find a story that feels relevant to our daily lives.

This musical is about a town facing a possible disaster. Clouded by constant misinformation, division, and panic the characters must make a choice. Will the community choose fear and blame, or hope and unity? That might sound familiar...

Then we turn to SpongeBob. He's joyful, determined, and always believes the best in people. Through all his silliness, he reminds us that even when things seem dark, we can still choose kindness and friendship.

This is a story about how communities can come together, how we should treat people who are different, and how we keep going when the going gets tough. The story just happens to be told with help from goofy props, vibrant costumes, and plenty of laughs.

As you watch this little sponge and his friends face the end of their world with songs and dances, I hope you reflect on the world today and how you choose to respond. My hope is we all can be a little bit more like SpongeBob.

Cheers to the best day ever!

-Adam

SHOW HISTORY

Since its debut on July 17, 1999, *SpongeBob SquarePants* has become a global phenomenon and the top-rated animated series for kids. With its unforgettable characters, quotable catchphrases, and endless pop culture influence, the show has inspired everything from movies and merchandise to memes and, of course, a Tony Award-winning Broadway musical. Created by Stephen Hillenburg and produced by Nickelodeon, *SpongeBob* follows the cheerful and ever-hopeful sea sponge as he navigates life in the underwater town of Bikini Bottom with his quirky group of friends.

The animated series has reached audiences in over 170 countries, been translated into more than 30 different languages, and draws over 560 million views annually. The *SpongeBob Musical* made waves on Broadway in 2017, receiving 12 Tony Award nominations—the most of any musical that season—among other honors from the Drama Desk Awards and Outer Critics Circle.



OUR MISSION

Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre is an organization committed to:

- Introducing students & their families to the transformative power of live theatre & the arts.
- Training young performers in all areas of theatre: singing, acting, dancing, writing, design, directing, and stage management.
- Nurturing the next generation of artists to be free-thinking, open-minded, risk-taking artists who use their awareness of their community, society, and world to create thought-provoking and challenging works of art to promote social change.

OUR VALUES

- Students are capable of far more than society assumes.
- Students are capable of teaching just as much as they are able to be taught.
- Every young person, regardless of background or experience, deserves the opportunity to participate on and off the stage.
- When they are with us, they are not kids. They are artists and students. Neither the quality of art nor the education standard should be sacrificed for the other's gain.
- Students and theatre can change the world and improve our community.



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THE ARTISTS



Peyton Haacke (Spongebob Squarepants)

just finished his junior year at Southeast Polk. He was previously in *The Prom* (Ensemble) at DMYAT and *The Addams Family* (Uncle Fester), *Matilda* (Bruce), *The Little Mermaid* (Flounder), and *Tunnel Man* (Millard) at Southeast Polk. Peyton has had the honor of being part of both All-State Choir and Speech. Outside of trying to save Bikini Bottom, Peyton enjoys working out, show choir, working, and being with Sabrina, his cat. "Stay kind, determined, and have fun!" - Peyton.



Emy Hulbert (Patrick Star)

goes to Southeast Polk High School and has been a part of several productions there and in the community. Previously she has been in *Frozen, Jr.* (Olaf), *Matilda, Jr.* (Ms. Trunchbull), and *Into the Woods, Jr.* (Cinderella's Prince) at CAP Theater, as well as in *Shrek, The Musical* (Mama Ogre/Big Bad Wolf/Blind Mouse) for DMYAT. When Emy is not on stage, she loves to play with her dogs and read.



Juan Ramirez (Squidward Q. Tentacles)

is going to be a junior at Valley High School in the fall and is making his debut with DMYAT! While at Valley, Juan performed in *The Heart of Robin Hood* (Ensemble/Robin Hood understudy) and *Anything Goes* (Billy Crocker). He also enjoys soccer and being in jazz and show choir. Juan wants the audience to leave this show knowing, "Everyone is different and that makes us special!"



Maddie Davis (Sandy Cheeks)

is going to be a freshman at DMACC next fall. You might have previously caught her on the DMYAT stage in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* or *Hairspray Jr.* While in high school she performed in *Comedy of Errors* (Adriana), *The Addams Family* (Morticia), and *Matilda the Musical* (Mrs. Wormwood). Maddie got the honor of being at Speech All-State two years in a row (2024 and 2025). She enjoys show choir, dot journal, and dance when she has some free time. She wants you to walk out of here knowing that "theater is for everyone - no matter how fun and wacky it is! Work hard and don't be afraid to be yourself."



Canaan Richardson (Sheldon J. Plankton)

just finished his freshman year at Iowa State University. Formerly you might have seen him in *Shrek, The Musical* or *Heathers: The Musical* with DMYAT. He's also been in *High School Musical* (Troy Bolton) and *Mama Mia!* (Father Alexander) while at Roosevelt and doubled down on *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Leaf Coneybear/Mitch Mahoney) at Roosevelt and ISU. Besides being on stage he enjoys drumming and making people laugh and smile. Canaan wants you "to always be positive and laugh even when it's hard!"



Ty Porter (Mr. Krabs)

just wrapped up his freshman year at Northview Middle School in Ankeny and is making his DMYAT debut! Previously he was in *The Day The Internet Died* (Herbert Stenz) at Northview Middle School. In his free time he is a soloist in the Opus Honor Choir and is part of Ankeny Centennial's Show Choir and Swim Team.

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He hopes that when you leave you could see "...how much joy and effort the whole team has put into the performance and he is very thankful to be a part of this production."



Oliver Gooch (Pearl) just finished their freshman year at ISU studying Performance. This might be Oliver's first DMYAT show, but not on stage. Previously, they have done *OSGOOD COMANI* for ISU's 10 minute play festival, *The Prom* (Dee Dee Allen), *Legally Blonde* (Elle Woods), and was a soloist in *54 Below's Do Not Sing List Pt. 2 - Pride Edition*. In their free time Oliver likes to write, play guitar, design fashion, and work on their makeup skills. They'd like to thank their friends & family, partner (Ian), and Loki the cat.



Karlie Latterell (French Narrator/Karen) just finished her junior year at Norwalk High School and is "so excited to be part of this production" marking her debut on the DMYAT stage! Previously she has been in *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella* (Marie), *Harry Potter & The Cursed Child* (Polly Chapman/Lily Potter Sr./Ensemble), *Anastasia* (Paulina, Ballerina/Ensemble), *Mean Girls* (Rachel Hamilton/Sexy Corn/Ensemble), and *Murder in the Knife Room* (Reenactment Actor) at Norwalk High School. She is also involved with color guard, speech, band, choir, zoo crew, paddle boarding, weightlifting, and multiple other activities. When you leave, Karlie wants you to remember that "rather than stewing in stress and negativity, enjoy the positive things in life no matter how small."



Ben Hodges (Perch Perkins) just finished his senior year at Hoover. Even though this is his DEBUT with DMYAT. Previously at Hoover, Ben was in; *Arsenic & Old Lace* (Teddy Brewster), *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Inspector Carter), *The Lightning Thief* (Chiron/Poseidon), *Puffs* (Narrator), and *Newsies* (Pulitzer). Ben wants to pass these wise words along, "Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something. No one is a 'simple sponge'."



Meara Wallace (Mayor of Bikini Bottom) just finished her freshman year at Dowling Catholic High School. Meara is no stranger to metro area stages. While at Dowling, she was in *Shrek, The Musical* (Young Fiona) and *Robin Hood* (Narrator). She has also done shows with DMYAT, Ankeny Community Theater, and The Des Moines Playhouse, most recently performing in *Mary Poppins, Jr.* (Mary Poppins), *Irving Berlin's White Christmas* (Ensemble), *School of Rock* (Summer Hathaway) respectively. When not on stage, Meara is active in choir and theater at school, playing golf, and attending live theater! Meara will also be making her film debut as Cate in Cathlin McCullough's short film *The Oldest* in 2025. "Even in the hardest of times and largest of problems, keep moving forward!"



Danika Jacobsen (Patchy the Pirate/Plankton Understudy) just finished her freshman year at University of Iowa double majoring in Social Justice and English & Creative Writing with a minor in Spanish and Rhetoric & Persuasion. Her previous DMYAT credits include; *The Marvel Spotlight Hour: Hammered*; *A Thor & Loki*

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Play (Loki), *The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe* (Fenris Ulf), *The Wolves* (#25). She loves to read, write, and sing, is a member of the Hawkapellas, an all-woman identifying a capella group at University of Iowa, serves as the Programming Director for Hawk the Vote, and is the Community Liaison for Student Advocates for Planned Parenthood. According to Danikia, "You should always pursue the right thing (even if your team is a little unconventional) or you need to stop for a dance break...or several."



Dawson Schrader (Larry the Lobster/Eugene Krabs Understudy) just finished his senior year at Pleasantville. He previously graced the DMYAT stage in

the Student Ensemble of *The Prom*. He has also been on stage in; *Seussical* (Horton), *Mary Poppins, Jr.* (Bert), *Pecos Bill* (Pecos Bill), and *Robin Hood* (Friar Tuck). Besides being on stage, Dawson also enjoys wrestling, chiro, and band. He "hopes the audience just has a good time, but don't overlook the important themes this BLAST of a show sheds light on."



Savannah Meyer (Mrs. Puff/Pearl Krabs Understudy) just finished her junior year at East High School. This is her debut with DMYAT but you might have

previously seen them on stage at East High School in *The Addams Family* (Ensemble) or *Cinderella* (Ella). Savannah also is involved with; tennis, chamber choir, Scarlet Squad, and the East Scroll Newspaper. Something that she wants you to walk away with tonight is to always remember to "have fun and be you!"



Isaiah Alexander (Old Man Jenkins/Perch Perkins Understudy)

is making his debut on the DMYAT stage and just finished his junior year of homeschooling. He previously was in *The Wizard of Oz* (Cowardly Lion) with the Home Instruction Program. In his free time, he enjoys playing guitar, drawing, and reading. "Don't be afraid to try something new, you can accomplish amazing things!" - Isaiah



Ian Williams (Ensemble / Patrick Star Understudy)

is a soon to be junior at Hoover and is making his DMYAT debut! While at Hoover, he has been in *Newsies* (Davey), *Puffs* (J. Finch), *The Lightning Thief* (Mr. D.), and was part of the ensemble for *Last Stop on Market Street* at the Des Moines Playhouse. When not on stage, Ian enjoys band, competitive diving, and is part of varsity swimming. He wants you to leave this show realizing the "joy of theater" and hopes fun!



Andrew Geerdes (Ensemble/SpongeBob SquarePants Understudy)

just finished his senior year at Hoover High School and is making his debut on the DMYAT stage. Previously at Hoover he has been in; *Newsies* (Jack Kelly), *The Lightning Thief* (Percy Jackson), *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Robert), and *Puffs* (*The Young Wizards Edition*) (Wayne Hopkins).



Celeste Brown (Ensemble / Sandy Cheeks Understudy)

just finished her sophomore year at Valley High School. This isn't her first time on the DMYAT stage,

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you might have previously caught her in *Shrek*, *The Musical* (Teen Fiona) or *The Prom* (Student Ensemble). She also played Violet in *A Charlie Brown Christmas* at the Des Moines Playhouse and at Valley High School she was in: *The Heart of Robin Hood* (Arthur A. Bland), *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella* (Ensemble), *Anything Goes* (Tap Ensemble), or *Falling Awake* (Ensemble). In her free time she is a member of various choirs, Baker's Dozen Mime's, tap dancing, IHSSA speech, and P.I.P. at the playhouse. Celeste wants you to walk away with the knowledge that "even if you're as small as a sponge you can make a WHALE of a difference."



Blake Dreckman (Ensemble/Squidward Q. Tentacles Understudy)

is a soon to be freshman at Waukee Prairieview. He was previously in *Sister Act*,

Jr. (TJ) with DMAT. He has also done; *Charlotte's Web* (Gauder), *Kinky Boots* (Young Charlie), *Ivy + Bean* (Eric), and *School of Rock* (Mason Ward), with The Des Moines Playhouse. Besides being on stage, Blake enjoys being in choir(s), playing the flute, piano, and piccolo, playing tennis and pickleball, and being a member of student council. Blake wants you to remember to, "make the most out of any situation!"



Xavier Lago (FX/Foley 1)

just graduated from Waukee Northwest High School and is making his debut with DMAT!!! You might have caught him

previously in Waukee Northwest High's productions of; *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead* (Guildenstern), *Radium Girls* (Dr. Von Sochocky), *Mean Girls* (Ensemble and Head of Hospitality) or when he was Timon in *Lion King Jr.* at Waukee Middle School. Xavier was formerly the president of

Troup W623. He also enjoys doing scientific research and playing various instruments, composing music, and writing his own plays. The main concept he wants you to walk away with is FUN; He wants you, the audience, "to have fun, he had fun, and he wants you to see how much fun the cast has had!"



Sherwood Wilson (FX/ Foley 2)

is a soon to be 8th grader at Indianola Middle School. Previously Sherwood has been seen in *Finding Nemo, Jr.* (Ensemble), *Sister Act, Jr.* (Ensemble), *The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe* (Mrs. Beaver), and *Disney's Descendants* (Backstage) with DMAT and *Singing in the Rain, Jr.* (Ensemble) at Class Act Productions. In their free time, she enjoys show choir, and doing arts and crafts! She wants you to "HAVE FUN" tonight!



Alyssa Lee (Ensemble)

is returning to the DMAT stage after being part of the ensemble cast of *The Laramie Project*. You might have also caught her in *Peter & The Starcatcher* (Peter, Mermaid), *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Nigel), *The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe* (Dwarf) with DMAT or at the Des Moines Playhouse in *The Sound of Music* (Marta). When not on stage, Alyssa enjoys rock climbing, weight lifting, flag football, show choir, and just being silly with her friends. "Have fun, be a kid for as long as possible, and it's okay to be you!"



Aubrey Bianchi (Ensemble)

just finished her 6th grade year at Waukee Middle School. You might have seen them previously this season at DMAT when she played Bert in *Mary Poppins Jr.*, at the Des Moines Playhouse; *Seussical Kids* (Mayzie

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LaBird), *Finding Nemo Kids* (Nigel), *Annie Kids* (Kate), or in *Rebootilization* (Marilyn) at Waukee Middle School. In her free time she enjoys spending time with friends and family, taking voice and piano lessons, and being a youth volunteer at her church. "You can do amazing things when you put your mind to it! Just keep trying!"



Cassidy Free (Ensemble)

is a former sophomore from Southeast Polk High School. While there, she has been in *Comedy of Errors* (Dromio of Syracuse), *She Kills*

Monsters (Orcus), *Matilda* (Hortensia), *Willy Wonka, Jr.* (Mrs. Teavee), and with DMYAT she was last seen in *The Prom* (Shelby). She is a 2023-2024 All-State participant (Acting) and is involved with choir, theater, and speech at school. Outside of school, she enjoys doing arts & crafts as well as just spending time with her cat. Cassidy would like to remind you to "find positivity in everything you do."



Evelyn Kralik (Ensemble)

is a soon to be sophomore at Norwalk High School where she has been in; *Rodgers & Hammersteins Cinderella*

(Ensemble), *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* (Rose), *Mary Poppins, Jr.* (Mary Poppins), and *Frozen, Jr.* (Anna). She was also in *The Prom* (Student Ensemble) at DMYAT. In her free time she enjoys competition tap and jazz, show choir, speech, color guard, choir, and band. Evelyn wants you to "have fun and always be yourself."



Jacob McBride

(Ensemble) is an eighth grader at West Des Moines Indian Hills Junior High. He participates in American Ninja Warrior classes and

likes magic. While this is his debut with DMYAT, he has been involved in other productions; playing Linoel James in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* at the Des Moines Playhouse, Kassim in *Aladdin, Jr.* and Chief Ancestor in *Moana, Jr.* at Westridge Elementary. His favorite show to date was *Disney's Newsies* (Les) at Southeast Polk High School.



Jeanelle McKinney

(Ensemble) is a former junior at Roosevelt High School where she was in *The Crucible* (Tituba) and *The 25th Annual*

Putnam County Spelling Bee (Logainne schwartzandGrubenierre). She has also been in shows at The Des Moines Playhouse; *Last Stop on Market Street* (JoJo), *Dracula*; *A Comedy of Terrors* (Assistant Stage Manager), *Matilda the Musical* (Lavender), and DMYAT; *The Wolves* (#2), *The Lion*, *The Witch*, and *The Wardrobe* (Unicorn), *The Prom* (Ensemble), *Shrek, The Musical* (Ensemble), *Sister Act, Jr.* (Tina/Ensemble), and *The Boy at the Edge of Everything* (Ensemble). "Everyone should be able to feel accepted, whether you're black, white, or a squirrel from Texas." - Janelle McKinney



Mila Bowen (Ensemble)

is a former 8th grader from Timberline Waukee and this is her debut with DMYAT!!!

She has done a couple shows at The Des Moines Playhouse; *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (Yvette) and *Seussical TYA* (Sour Kangaroo). She has also done *Wizard of Oz* (Lollipop Guild) and *Schoolhouse Rock LIVE!* (Interplanet Janet). Besides being on stage, she enjoys roller blading, flag football, and spending time with her dogs. She wants you to know that "if you have something you're passionate about, set out and achieve it, because you can accomplish anything."

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Stella Hogan (Ensemble)

just finished her junior year at Urbandale High School. She is returning to the DMYAT stage fresh off of *The Laramie Project* (Ensemble).

She has also been seen on various stages around the metro area: *Diary Of a Wimpy Kid* (Patty Farrell), *She Kills Monsters* (Lilith Morningstar), *Music Man Jr.* (Harold Hill), *A Christmas Carol* (Ghostly Apparition) at; Des Moines Playhouse, Urbandale High School, CAP Theater, and Iowa Stage Theater Company, respectively. In her spare time she enjoys using accents at unnecessary times, making tier lists, and crashing out! Stella wants you, the audience, to leave here tonight knowing that you should "never let anyone underestimate you!"



Vivian Coleman (Ensemble)

just wrapped up her Freshman year at Johnston High School. Previously she was on the DMYAT stage in *Disney's Descendants*.

She has also been seen at The Des Moines Playhouse in; *School of Rock* (Marcy), *Ivy + Bean* (Bean), *Harriet The Spy* (Harriet), and *The Sound of Music* (Martha). She also was in the Children's Ensemble of *Elf The Musical* at GREAT Theatre Minnesota. In her spare time she is a cheerleader at Johnston High School. She wants you, as the audience, to leave this show "...proud of who you are! You're capable of more than you think – believe in yourself!"

PRODUCTION TEAM



Adam Haselhuhn

(Director) is no stranger to DMYAT audiences as he is currently serving his second term on the Board of Directors. Some of his

previous credits include Sheldon in *The Prom* at DMYAT, Uncle Fester in *The Addams Family* (Cloris Award Winner), Charlie Brown in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, Drake in *Honk!* (Cloris Award Nominee), and Eric Sheridan in *Unnecessary Farce* (ICTA Award Nominee) at Ankeny Community Theatre, Albert Peterson in *Bye Bye Birdie* at Urbandale Community Theatre, and he has directed and performed at Class Act Productions (CAP Theatre). He won numerous awards for directing and writing in the 711 Theatre Competition and previously performed as CB in *Dog Sees God* at the Iowa Fringe Festival. By day, he is the Senior Director of Development at UnityPoint Health - Des Moines.



Brandon Record (he/him/his), (Music Director), is a Des Moines based conductor, director, performer and teacher. He has a Bachelor of Music degree from the

University of Sioux Falls and is completing his master's degree in Choral Conducting. Mr. Record is the Director of Choirs and Vocal Music at Des Moines Lincoln High School where he co-directs 6 choirs, is the Chair and Lead for the Performing Arts Department, and is the Music Director and Pit Conductor for Lincoln's Musicals. Outside of his work at Lincoln, he is an Adjunct Voice Teacher and Teaching Artist at Drake University Comm. School of Music and City Voices, and is a frequent Music Director and employee at the Des Moines Playhouse and other metro theatres. Brandon spends his free time traveling, cooking, spending time with family and friends, and time with his dogs, Fynn and Theo.

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Marquis Bundy

(Choreographer) is a performer, director and choreographer who has worked in many parts of the Midwest. His recent choreography credits include *Knuffle Bunny* (Des Moines Playhouse), *Godspell* (Ankeny Community Theatre), and *Tick, Tick... Boom!* (The Home Creative Co.) He was last seen on stage in *Jersey Boys*, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (Des Moines Playhouse), and *The Prom* (DMYAT). Marquis is very excited to be bringing this show to Des Moines, this is his favorite musical! He hopes you enjoy the show!



Cami Marquart (she/her/hers), (Stage Manager) is a recent graduate of Drake University, where she obtained a BFA in

Theater Acting with minors in Magazine Media & Directing! #classof2025 She can't wait to make her return to DMYAT, as last summer she was the Assistant Director and did publicity for "The Prom". Her past tech credits include director of "The Trips" for the 2024 Drake Student Theater Productions and she was the assistant stage manager for the world premiere of "Wings" in 2024. Her recent acting credits include Babette in "Beauty and the Beast" at the Des Moines Playhouse and she can be seen as Mariya in "Devin and Mariya" by Film Caffeine, coming soon. Welcome to bikini bottom!



Nichole Poindexter-Wilson

(Assistant Director) found the theatre world when her daughter auditioned for *Descendants* and she was asked to help with kids backstage. She is a current board member for the Des Moines Young Artists Theatre and has been a part of multiple productions,

including Costume Designer for *Sister Act, Jr* (DMYAT), Stage Manager for *The Wolves* (DMYAT), Props Designer for *Singin' In the Rain* (CAP) and Assistant Director/Costume Designer/Props Designer for *The Wizard of Oz* (UCT). Nichole lives in Indianola with her husband, two kiddos and a very energetic rescue chihuahua named Lizzie.



Kaitlyn Munro (Costume Designer) started sewing when she was ten years old, thanks to her very loving grandmother who gave her hyperfocus and young

Type A tendencies a creative outlet. She is a member of the Central Iowa Sewing Guild, and likes altering clothing for her daily life, cosplay, and performance; her main Covid-shutdown-era hobby was adding pockets to just about everything she could get her hands on. For Fall 2023 she was the Wardrobe Manager for the Adventureland Haunted House, "malice in Wonderland," and last year costumed DMYAT's productions *Marvel Spotlight* and *Peter and the Star Catchers*. Lastly, because sewing is a skill and a joy that should be available to everyone, she has been offering free beginner sewing classes (for both adults and children) in partnership with the Des Moines Public Library; check dmpl.org for more information.



J.P. Ungs (Set Designer) has been a part of Des Moines area theatre for many years, both on and off stage. They graduated from Drake University with

a BFA in Theatre Design and Technology. Recent production and design roles include; Set design *The Laramie Project* and *Marvel Plays* (DMYAT), Lighting design for *Knuffle Bunny* and *The Penguin Project Frozen Jr.*, prop design for *The Penguin Project High*

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School Musical Jr. (Des Moines Playhouse), set design for *The Wizard of Oz* (Urbondale Community Theatre), assistant director of South Middle School's 6th grade plays *The Jungle Book* and *Storyville*, costume and props design for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (DMACC Ankeny Theatre), and set design for *Silent Sky* (Drake University). See more at jpungs.com



Chris Williams (Sound Designer) worked with DMYAT most recently as sound designer for *The Prom* and *Mary Poppins Jr.* He also worked on *Streetcar*

Named *Desire* with Ankeny Community Theater and served as Technical Director for *Cinderella* and *Servant of Two Masters* at Des Moines East High School. Chris studied at Simpson College in Indianola Iowa where he received his BA in Theater. He has received three Cloris Award Nominations; one for sound design for *My Name is Asher Lev* in 2015, two for Best Actor in a Lead Role in a Play for *Doctor Van Helsing* in *Dracula Evermore* in 2017 and *R.P. McMurphy* in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* in 2019 as well as winning Cloris's for Best Play for *A View from the Bridge* in 2018 and Best Musical for *Next to Normal* in 2022. He has also won three awards from Broadway World Regionals for Best Ensemble and Best Play for *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*



Erin Hogan (Props Designer) is a youth community theater producer and props designer. Erin has previously served as props designer for DMYAT's

Marvel Plays and *Shrek The Musical*, and CAP Theatre's *Frozen JR*, *Matilda JR* and *The Music Man JR*. When not volunteering her time to youth theater in Des Moines and surrounding communities, Erin can be found counting the days until the next 48 Hour Film Project weekend, building hand-and-rod puppets, thrifted props and costumes she might need someday, and not finishing her next novel. By day, Erin works as a Scrum Master at Windmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield.



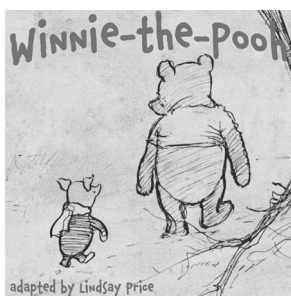
Phil Lee (Lighting Designer) is returning to the theater for *The SpongeBob Musical* after his daughter fell in love with DMYAT. He has past experience with lighting and

sound design with the University of Evansville Theater Department, Roosevelt High School, Drama Workshop, and The Des Moines Playhouse. He grew up in the theater community in Des Moines and is excited to be back. Outside of the theater, he is a LifeFlight nurse and lives in Windsor Heights with his wife, Jodie, and their 4 kids, 2 cats, and 1 dog.

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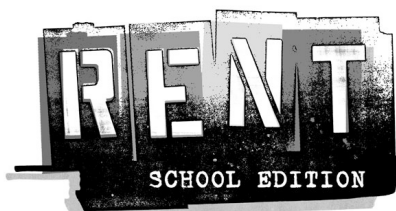


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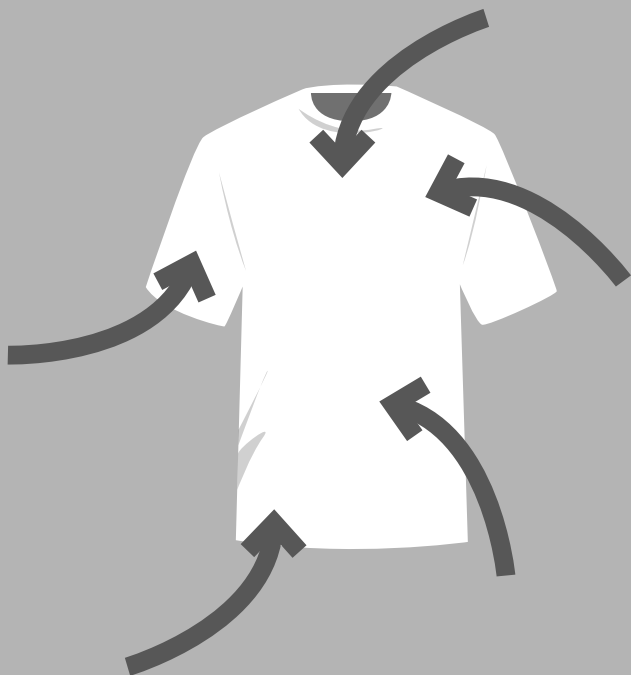
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