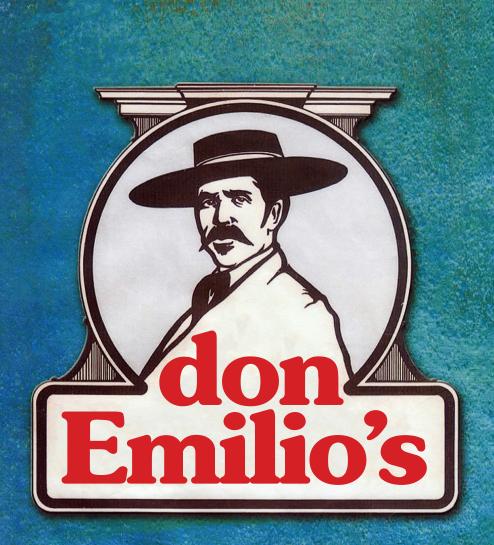
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#### MUSICAL NUMBERS

#### **ACTI**

Scene 1:	The Ocean Surface		
Coopea	Fathoms Below		
Scene 2:	King Triton's Court Daughters of TritonMersisters		
Coope	The Beach		
Scene 3:	Human Stuff Scuttle, Sea Gulls, Ariel and Flounder		
Scene 4:	Ursula's Lair		
Scene 5:	King Triton's Court		
Scene 6:	Ariel's Grotto		
beene o.	Part of Your WorldAriel		
	Under the Sea		
Scene 7:	The Ocean Surface		
Scene 8:	The Beach		
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Scene 9:	King Triton's Court		
G.	She's in Love Mersisters and Flounder		
Scene 10:	Ariel's Grotto		
Scene 11:	Ursula's Lair		
C.	Poor Unfortunate Souls Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam, Poor Unfortunate Souls		
Scene 12:	The Beach		
Scene 13:	The Palace Kitchen		
C	Les Poissons		
Scene 14:	The Palace Hall		
Coopers	One Step Closer Prince Eric		
Scene 15:	The Lagoon Kiss the Girl Sebastian and Sea Creatures		
Scene 16:	The Palace Hall		
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Scene 17:	Ariel's Grotto		
Scene 18:	Ursula's Lair		
beene io.	Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise) Ursula ,Flotsam, Jetsam, Poor Unfortunate Souls		
Scene 19:	The Ocean Surface		
Scene 20:	The Beach		
See 20.	Part of Your World (Finale)Ariel and Prince Eric		
	Under the Sea Entire cast		

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission between acts.



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#### CAST

Ariel	Naomi Potts			
Prince Eric				
Grimsby				
King Triton	Sydney Reynolds			
Ursula				
Flotsam				
Jetsam				
Sebastian				
Flounder				
Scuttle				
Sea Gull #1				
Sea Gull #2				
Sea Gull #3				
Pilot/Chef Louis	Samuel Watts			
Sailors/Chefs/Poor Unfortunate Souls ALIJAH ANDREWS, ARIUS ANDREWS,				
Braeden Barnett, Quince Bozeman, Alethea Koskey,				
Evan Miller, Evie Sch	IAFFER, MADELINE STEELE, CLARE WALKER			
Aquata/Princess #1	OLIVIA WELCH			
Adrianna/Princess # 2	VANESSA MACKEY			
Arista/Princess #3	BELLA TAYLOR			
Adella/Princess #4	Emma Withrow			
Atina/Princess #5	LYANNA SMITH			
Allana/Princess #6				
Charlotta	CLARE WALKER			
Sea Creatures Ava Cottrill, Taylor Freed, Alexis Howerton, Zoe Koskey,				
KEARRA MAYLE, RACHEL McClung, KATIE RIGGS, GRACE SPROUT, SKYLAR WILKINSON				

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#### President's Letter



elcome to "Part of Our World", our all-important Guild Builders production of *The Little Mermaid JR*. We are so proud of this program, the changes it has made in the last year, and its strong future.

Since our first Guild Builders production of twenty years ago *Cecelia and the Blue Mountain Boy*, we have had many, many happy participants in this program, many of whom are now adults. Although some have moved away,

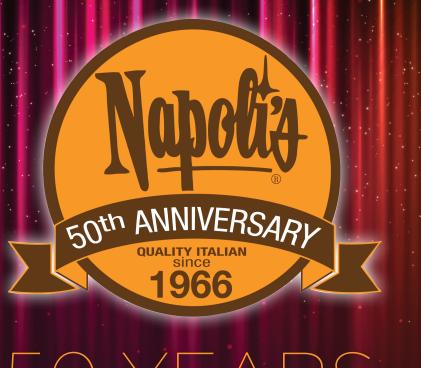
several have stayed around and have taken the group's name to heart, building our membership and our organization.

Some names and faces you might recognize are: Tasha Spencer who has appeared in Legally Blonde (Khalil Award-winning performance), Big Fish, and RENT, among others; Ashley Fluharty, The Addams Family (Wednesday Addams), Sister Act (Sister Mary Robert), Big Fish; J.T. Spivy, Young Frankenstein (Igor), Fiddler on the Roof (Motel), White Christmas (Phil Davis); Eli Tracewell, Fiddler on the Roof (Perchik), Big Fish (Will Bloom); Doug Reed, Around the World in 80 Days, Scarlet Sheppard, 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee; Morgan Smith Stubbe, White Christmas (Judy Haynes), Shrek, Boeing Boeing; Haley Matthews, Company, August Osage County. The list really could go on and on, but there's not enough space on this page to list all the actors. And, then, if I wanted to add the tech side of Guild Builders it would take another page.

If you know any children in grades four through nine who would like to become involved in our program, encourage them to come to our Open House on September 8, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. We'll announce our plans for next season, which will include many Second Saturday workshops, as well as the production of *Aladdin JR*. Or, they can reach us at guildbuilders@actors-guild.com

We want our community to know how valued this program is to us and how it has changed us for the better. We love seeing kids excited about participating at the Actors Guild and we hope they grow to love this place as much as we do and know that we love them in return.

Barbara Full President of the Board of Trustees



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#### Director's Note



he summer of 2018 will forever be one that I will hold in my heart and memories forever! From the first read-thru for Disney's The Little Mermaid JR. through final dress rehearsals, I have been awed by the incredibly talented and hard-working cast members. All thirty-eight cast members have come together, not only as actors, dancers and singers, but as family and true friends. Join us as we welcome twenty members of the

cast to the Actors Guild for their very first performance on the Guild stage.

My staff and I are so very proud of their accomplishments and growth in their theatre knowledge. I hope this summer was filled with fun and memories they will never forget and that they continue to be part of the Guild's family for many years to come. It is also my hope that their experience this summer will inspire them to continue participating in future productions throughout the coming years wherever they may reside (as many of our former graduates of the Guild Builders program are now doing!).

It has been an honor and joy to have this opportunity to work with these young folks and to, hopefully, pass the love of theatre on to their generation. Thanks also go out to their parents and other family members who have been so encouraging and supportive of their efforts. Also, I would like to acknowledge my staff members who assisted in making this production so successful. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Now, sit back relax and enjoy the show as you become "Part of Our World!"

LINDA SMITH

Director, Disney's The Little Mermaid JR.

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Our most recent Bayley Award was granted to Woodcraft.

#### The Khalil Awards

For many years Dr. Ghassan Khalil and his family have made an annual contribution to ensure the continuation of live theater in our community and have championed the importance of the arts in our lives. The Khalil Awards were established to honor the Outstanding Production and the Outstanding Performance of each season. An anonymous panel consisting of persons who have seen every show of the previous season selects the recipients of these awards.

The Actors Guild of Parkersburg would like to congratulate Director David Rexroad and the entire cast and crew of *Big Fish* as the Best Show for the 2016-2017 season. Receiving the honor for Best Performance was R.J. Lowe, for his portrayal of Edward Bloom in *Big Fish*.

#### The Grace-Marie Merrill Award

Barbara Full is the most recent recipient of the Grace-Marie Merrill Award for exceptional volunteerism to the Actors Guild of Parkersburg. The award is named for a former drama teacher at Parkersburg High School who was an early member of the Guild, where she acted in and directed plays.

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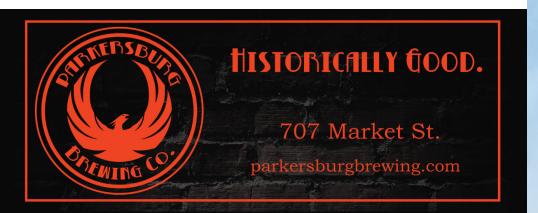


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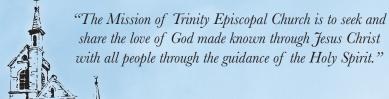
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#### Who's Who in the Cast & Crew

ALIJAH AMARI ANDREWS (Sailor, Chef) is heading to 5th grade at Greenmont Elementary. Alijah is an old soul always relaxed and ready for a challenge. He spent his first four years in pageants winning everything he ever did and refusing to get off stage. Alijah's true passion is basketball though he holds many cards. He has always held a high-grade point average and dabbled in art, school representation and sports like football, baseball, and track. Also, recently finding a deep love for singing, dancing, and gymnastics leading him to an interest in theatre and acting.

ARIUS AMARI ANDREWS (Sailor/ Chef/Poor Unfortunate Soul) is heading to the 6th grade at Jackson Middle School. Arius has always been a character and an honor roll student taking pride in doing well academically and in a variety of sports. He spent his first five years in pageants and dance loving being on the stage and pleasing everyone around him. After trying new sports and activities including: basketball, football, track, and baseball, he found his love for singing, dance and gymnastics to be more important than everyday sports. He hopes by acting to use all his favorite things in one place.

**BRADEN BARNETT** (Sailor/Chef) is new to the Guild stage and recently found his love of acting. He is part of the Guild Builders program and is excited to participate in this production. He is entering the 6th grade and plans to continue to participate in Guild activities.

**BELL BERGUM** (Gull #1) is new to the Guild stage but has enjoyed multiple stage productions with Missoula Children's Theater at The Smoot Theatre

over the years including the 2018 production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* as Frog #1. Bell is a 5th grade home-schooled student enjoying a life-learning, project-based, and forest school environment. Bell loves to read and enjoys fantasy fiction novels. She plays with her cat and brother and enjoys learning.

AVA COTTRILL (Sea Creature) is appearing in her second Guild production. She has appeared in many plays at the Smoot Theatre. This fall she will be in the 7th grade at Hamilton Middle School. She loves the outdoors and being with animals. She loves being a part of shows and hopes to continue to do so in the future.

TAYLOR FREED (Sea Creature) is twelve-years-old and will be entering the 7th grade at Hamilton Middle School. She is a member of the Hamilton golf team. She is also the president of the FLOC (friends leading our community), which is a volunteer organization she and her friends cofounded. In her free time, Taylor enjoys creative writing and drawing.

ALEXIS HOWERTON (Sea Creature) will be entering the 8th grade at Jackson Middle School, where she is a part of the cheer team, Jackson band, and choir. Alexis is new to the Guild stage and she is looking forward to performing in *The Little Mermaid JR*.

AIDAN KLINGLER (Grimsby) is in his second performance at the Actors Guild. He has performed in two productions at the Smoot Theatre with Missoula and had three roles in the Mid-Ohio Valley Players, *Princess Whatshername*. He

has had a passion for acting since he was a toddler. Each day brings an opportunity for Aidan to create a new character or costume. He enjoys singing, dancing and playing the piano. He would like to thank his family, theatre family and friends for supporting him.

ALETHEA KOSKEY (Sailor, Chef, Poor Unfortunate Soul) was on the tech crew for *Alice in Wonderland* and *Seussical* as part of Guild Builders. She also portrayed Jane Banks in *Mary Poppins JR*, Veruca Salt in *Willy Wonka JR*, Molly the Orphan in *Annie JR*, and an elf and New Yorker in *Elf JR* as part of the Blennerhassett Middle School Thespian Troupe. She is the president of the troupe. She has also been in the Missoula Children's Theater productions of *Alice and Wonderland* (card) and *Cinderella* (lord). She wants to thank her family, friends, and Doug and Jenny Parks.

**ZOE KOSKEY** (Sea Creature) served on the tech crew for the Guild Builder's production of *Alice in Wonderland JR*. She has participated in the Missoula Children's Theater productions of *Peter and Wendy* (stage manager) and *Snow White* (Bunny). She was a member of the Wood County Elementary Honor Choir for the last two years. She also sang in the Smoot Children's Chorus for the 2017-18 season and will also be a member for the 2018-19 season. She would like to thank her parents, sisters, and Grammy for all their help and support.

**KATE LEGAR** (Seagull #2) is new to the Guild stage. She appeared in *Elf JR* with the Athenian Berean Community Players and her school's production of *On the Radio*. Kate will be a sixth grader at Morrison Gordon in Athens, Ohio next year.

VANESSA MACKEY (Adrianna/Princess #1) performed in Blennerhassett

Middle School's 2018 production of *Mary Poppins JR*. Over the last four years, she has been involved in choir and Honor's Choir. In addition to theater, she likes to swim, play tennis, sing and ride horses.

**DEVON MARTIN** (Prince Eric) is performing on the Guild stage for the first time. Devon is entering the 9th grade at Parkersburg South High School. He is a member of student council, concert choir, marching band and swim team. He also has played baseball for ten years. He was a member of the Edison Middle School band and choir as well as Wood County Honor Choir and All State Honor Choir. He would like to give a special thanks to J.T. Spivy, James (Papa) Sundquist and his mom Nikki Martin.

KEARRA MAYLE (Sea Creature) was born and raised in Parkersburg, WV. She is in the 5th grade at Neale Elementary where she sings soprano in the choir. This is her first time performing in a theatre. She has been inspired by Robin Williams, Adam Sandler, and Melissa McCarthy and hopes to become an actress one day.

RACHEL MCCLUNG (Sea Creature) is a seventh grader at Parkersburg Catholic High School. She was most recently seen on the MOVP stage in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Baby Angel Juanita) and *Princess Whatshername* (Rowdy Dwarf). She was also in the Actors Guild productions of *Alice in Wonderland JR* (March Hare) and *Scrooge* (Turkey Boy). When not onstage Rachel enjoys reading, the outdoors, and spending time with her family. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their love and support.

**EVAN MILLER** (Sailor/Chef) is excited to be making his Actors Guild stage debut in *The Little Mermaid JR*. Evan loves to sing and has a passion for mu-

sic. He also loves to entertain others and has a great sense of humor. Evan will be entering 6th grade at Jackson Middle School this fall.

JACK PEYTON (Scuttle) hails from St. Marys, WV and is a soon to be 6th grader at PCMS. He is in the school band and enjoys playing the clarinet, just like his idol, Squidward Tentacles! *The Little Mermaid JR*. is Jack's first time on stage and he is so excited to perform at the Actors Guild!

WILLOW PEYTON (Jetsam) is a soon to be 7th grader at PCMS and lives in St. Marys, WV. She performs in the PCMS choir and plays a mean trombone in the school band! When she's not maintaining a 4.0 average and beating up her brother, she enjoys playing ukulele and computer animating. This part of *The Little Mermaid JR*. here at the Actors Guild.

**OLIVIA RABER** (Flotsam) is very excited to be returning to the Actors Guild stage in such an amazing production. She was last seen in *Scrooge the Musical, Alice In Wonderland JR*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. She has also worked tech for *Sister Act*, and *Peter and The Starcatcher*. When not on stage she enjoys reading, dancing and spending time with her friends. She would like to thank all of her friends and family for their love and support.

**SYDNEY REYNOLDS** (King Triton) is no stranger to the Guild stage making his debut with *Tom Sawyer* (Sid Sawyer) Sydney has also been in other shows at the Actors Guild such as *Seussical JR*. (Mr. Mayor) and *Alice in Wonderland JR*. (Cheshire Cat). Sydney is a 9th grade student at Parkersburg South, where he is active in theatre, student council, and being the president of his class. In school productions Sydney has been in *Annie JR*. (Mr. Warbucks) *Elf* 

JR,(Buddy) and most recently Cinderella (Jean-Michel) In his spare time he enjoys politics and sports.

**KATIE RIGGS** (Sea Creature) is new to the Guild stage. She is an eighth grader at Jackson Middle School. She is a member of the JMS choir and women's ensemble. Katie is excited to join the Guild and be a part of this production.

ATHENA MORGAN RENAE ROOT (Ursula) is a 15-year old student at Parkersburg South High School, where she is a member of the Key Club and student council. She also volunteers on Mondays at Camden Clark Medical Center in their teen program. She loves music, art, and theater. She has participated in Guild Builders for several years and is excited to spend her last year playing this role. She has also participated in their new teen program. Athena spends her free time drawing, singing, and learning to play the ukulele. She hopes

EVIE SCHAFFER (Sailor/Chef/Poor Unfortunate Soul) is an 8th grader at Edison Middle School. She loves to dance, sing, and play with her little sister. Evie has also been in other productions including *Alice in Wonderland JR.*, *Pinocchio JR.*, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* and *Seussical JR*.

to become a neurosurgeon.

KENZIE SMITH (Allana/Princess #6) is performing in her ninth stage production and her second at the Guild. She was last seen as Pepper in *Annie* at the Peoples Bank Theatre. Some of her favorite productions have been *Alice in Wonderland JR., Beauty and the Beast, Les Miserables* and *Oklahoma!* She has performed at the Actors Guild, MOVP, Peoples Bank Theatre, and Marietta College. When not onstage Kenzie enjoys reading, riding her horse Tim Tom and volleyball. She would like to say a huge

Thank You! to her family and friends for their love and encouragement.

LYANNA SMITH (Atina/Princess #5) is performing in her thirteenth stage production and her second one at the Guild. She was last seen as Annie in *An*nie at the Peoples Bank Theatre. Some of her favorite roles include Alice in Alice in Wonderland, JR, Wilbur in Charlotte's Web, Little Cossette in Les Miserables and Winthrop in The Music *Man.* She has performed on the stage at the Actors Guild, MOVP, Marietta College, Peoples Bank Theatre and The Smoot. When not on stage Lyanna likes to draw and play tennis. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support!

GRACE SPROUT (Sea Creature) is a seventh grader and is making her second appearance on the Guild stage. She played Daisy in last year's production of *Alice in Wonderland JR*. She was an All State Choir member and enjoys playing tennis. Grace would like to thank her family for their continued support.

MADELINE STEELE (Sailor, Chef, Poor Unfortunate Soul) is new to the Guild stage. Although she has never acted, Maddie has taken piano lessons for over a year and is entering her eighth year of dance at Marietta Dance Academy. Maddie also participated in the Children's All-State Choir in Charleston last spring. She will be a fifth grader this fall at PCMS.

**LIBBY SWANEY** (Sea Gull #3) is a fifth grader at Warren Middle School. This will be Libby's fifteenth show, but her first show at the Guild. Previous roles include: Tinkerbell in *Peter and Wendy* and the Caterpillar in *Alice in Wonderland*, both at the Smoot. Libby would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her.

BELLA TAYLOR (Arista/Princess #3) is new to the Guild stage. Bella loves to sing and dance and can't wait to perform in this, her first show. She will be entering the 6th grade at Parkersburg Catholic Elementary School.

CLARE WALKER (Carlotta/ Sailor) will be entering 9th grade at Williamstown High School. Has appeared in many shows over the years including *Pirates of Penzance, Annie JR., Alice in Wonderland, Schoolhouse Rock JR., The Music Man JR.*, and *Annie.* Clare also is a part of the Williamstown High School string and choir program. Follow her on Instagram @cl\_walker525600.

**SAMUEL WATTS** (Pilot/Chef Louis) is returning to the Guild stage. He has previously appeared in *Seussical the Musical JR*. as Jojo, *Alice in Wonderland JR*. as the Dodo Bird, and *My Son Pinnochio JR*. as a town child, Boy 2 in Idyllia. Other theatrical experiences include *Pirates of Penzance* as the Mini Pirate King/Mini Major General. He has also been a part of Camp Vaudeville at the Smoot Theatre and many numerous church and school plays. When not acting, he enjoys playing soccer, tennis, video games and LEGO. Sam is extremely excited to be performing this year.

**OLIVIA WELCH** (Aquata/Princess #1) is very excited to be in the Guild production of *The Little Mermaid JR*. She was last seen in *Alice in Wonderland JR*. at the Actors Guild. Her favorite roles so far are a goldfish, donkey, and Icky Mickey. When not onstage Olivia enjoys doing gymnastics, softball, dance, and cheer. She would like to thank her parents Christen Wilson and Jeff Welch, all of her friends, her aunt Heather Walker, her uncle Ryan Creech, and her grandparents, Teresa Wilson, Roberta and George Welch for all of their love and support.

skylar wilkinson (Sea Creature) is new to the Guild stage. She has previously performed in two Missoula Children's Theater productions including Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Smoot Theater and Pinocchio at the People's Bank Theater in Marietta. Skylar is a student at Wood County Christian and will enter 7th grade this fall.

KALEB WINLAND will be an 8th grader at Edison Middle School. This is his second Guild performance. He enjoys all his classes, but band is his absolute favorite. Outside of school he is in the Smoot Choir. His hobbies include skateboarding, playing video games and making videos for his You-Tube channel.

EMMA WITHROW (Adella, Princess #4) is 10 and going into the 5th grade at Neale Elementary, where she is a member of the choir. She began her love for theatre at Camp Vaudeville at the Smoot which she attends yearly. Emma has been in Missoula Children's productions of Alice in Wonderland, Peter and Wendy, Snow White and Seven Dwarfs, MOV Jr. Player's Princess What's ername and the Actor Guild's production of Fiddler on the Roof. Emma is currently part of Guild Builders and the Smoot Children's Choir. She would like to thank her family for being so supportive.

ELLIE YEATER (Sebastian) is very fortunate to be playing everyone's favorite crustacean. This is Ellie's 23rd show. Some of her recent appearances include *Alice in Wonderland JR.*, *Big Fish*, and *Scrooge the Musical.* She has also worked tech for *Sister Act.* In her free time, Ellie likes to renovate glampers, read, play the ukulele, sing, obsess over Broadway shows, and pageants. Ellie currently holds the title of WV Chocolate Festival Teen Queen. In the new school year, she will be a sophomore at Parkersburg High School. Enjoy the show, everyone!

LINDA SMITH (Director) is a lifetime member of the Guild with over 40+ years of volunteering both on stage and behind the scenes. She is also a regional representative for the Ohio Community Theatre Association. Linda has appeared in productions at the Guild, the Mid-Ohio Valley Players, Ohio Valley University, and The Becky Thatcher. She is thrilled to have this opportunity. She would like to thank her outstanding crew members and the cast members who have worked so hard and diligently to bring *The Little Mermaid JR*. production to life.

JEAN NEWTON (Assistant Director) has served many fun years at the Guild. From designing 8 sets, acting (favorites: Chelsea in On Golden Pond, Prosecutor in The Gazebo, Daisy the Clown-MOV Children's Theater Bureau), costumer for over 15 shows (favorites: Secret Garden, Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Gypsy, J C Superstar) and directing over 16 productions (favorites: Dixie Swim Club, Same Time Next Year). Honored to serve as president several times, received the Grace-Merrill Award (1999) and an Artsbridge Volunteer award (2001). All thanks to John, their 5 children & 8 grandchildren.

JENNIFER PARKS (Musical Director) This is her first show as musical director with the Actors Guild. She is actively involved with the theater department at Blennerhassett Middle School. She has served as musical director at BMS for Mary Poppins JR., Willy Wonka JR., Annie JR., Elf JR. The Lion King JR., Aladdin JR., Into the Woods JR., Seussical JR., and Godspell JR. She is a member of Thespian Troop #88963. She thanks her husband, Doug Parks for sharing his love of theater with her and encouraging her to step outside of her comfort zone. Thank you Linda Smith for this opportunity.

BARTOLO CANNIZZARO (Technical Director) is wrapping up his first season with the Actors Guild. Bartolo toured non-stop for ten years with theatre, dance and opera, and continues to work nationally and internationally as a tour production manager and technical director. *Little Mermaid* is his seventh Guild production. Bartolo lives in New Martinsville with his wife Clare and three sons Spencer, Simon and Safford.

JALIYAH TOWNSEND (Choreographer) made her music debut in the 2015 production of Legally Blonde: The Musical at the Actors Guild of Parkersburg. Since then she has also appeared in Monty Python's Spamalot, Scrooge: The Musical, Hairspray, and To Kill a Mockingbird. Most recently she was seen as Chiffon in the Actors Guild production of Little Shop of Horrors. She is excited to be stepping away from the stage and trying her hat on the production side. She is beyond proud of all the hard work the children put in and in awe of all their talent!

MAGGIE ANGLE (Costumer) is excited to be working with the Guild Builders once more! Costuming credits include Shrek the Musical, Alice in Wonderland JR., Peter and the Starcatcher and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (MOVP). She also performs on stage, recently in Around the World in 80 Days as Detective Fix. In her spare time, she likes to make costumes for conventions and events. Maggie would like to thank everyone who has helped with this show, and a huge thank you to her boyfriend David for being the voice of reason when she needs it the most.

**LEXI RABER** (Stage Manager) has assisted with many shows at the Actors Guild, including assistant stage manager in AGP's *Alice in Wonderland JR*. and *Fiddler on the Roof*, and backstage tech in *Big Fish*, as well as light board operator in *Peter in the Star Catcher*. Lexi is a freshman at Parkersburg South and is on South's first-ever competitive writing team. She would also like to thank everyone for letting her reign over these poor unfortunate souls.



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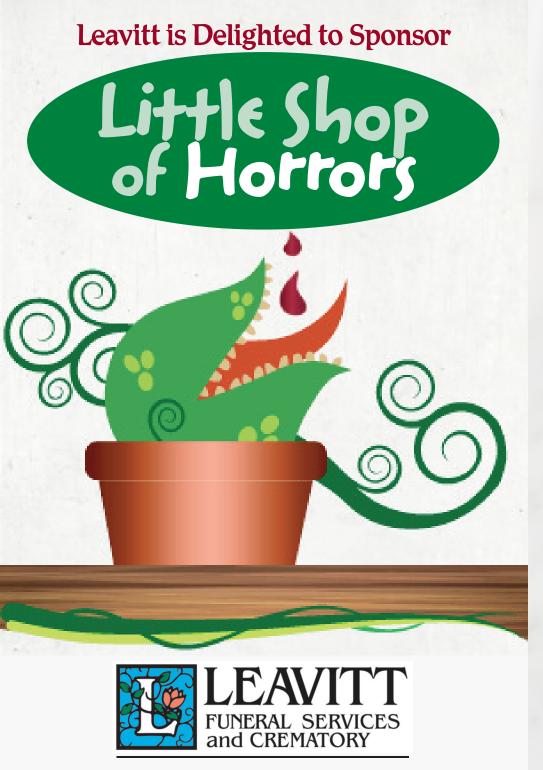
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