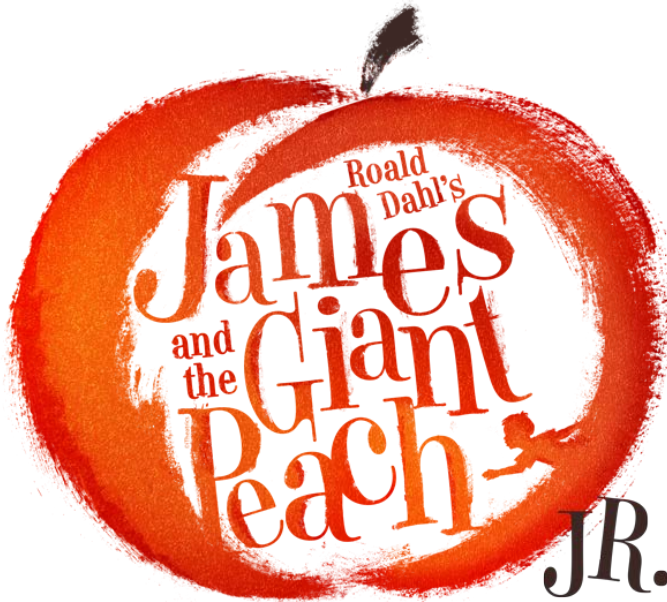


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# A Note From The TPP Education Team



Welcome to The Premiere Playhouse's summer 2024 educational performance of *James & The Giant Peach JR.* It is with immense joy and pride that we present this beloved story, brought to life by the vibrant talents of our local youth.

Arts education is a cornerstone of personal and community growth. It provides a crucial platform for creative expression, enabling young people to explore their imaginations, develop their talents, and build confidence. Through the arts, children learn invaluable lessons about teamwork, empathy, and perseverance. These performances are not just entertainment; they are vital opportunities for our youth to shine, grow, and connect with each other and with you, our audience.

We are deeply grateful to our generous donors whose support makes our programming possible. Your contributions ensure that we can continue to provide high-quality, accessible arts education to all members of our community. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to you, our audience, for your patronage. Your presence here today signifies your commitment to fostering a vibrant cultural landscape where young artists can thrive.

As we share these performances with you, we are reminded of our ultimate objective: to provide an inclusive and accessible theatre experience to all members of our diverse and talented community. Together, we are creating a space where everyone's voice can be heard and celebrated.

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**Alex Meemken** / *Karl Kreator, Orphan, Male Spider, Hollywood Agent, Angry Crowd, Shark, New Yorker*

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Alex is in the ensemble. He has been in six other shows. His next show is *Wizard of Oz*, if you want to come see it.



**Beckett Kustak** / *Grasshopper*

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Beckett has been in many TPP shows, and in this one they play the Grasshopper. It's their second lead, but their first lead at The Premiere Playhouse. You can also see them in *Freaky Friday* as Fletcher. Beckett and the rest of the cast hopes you enjoy the show.



**Caroline Boehrns** / *Riddley RapsCALLION, Reporter, Farm Animal, Cruise Ensemble, Water, New Yorker*

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This is Caroline's second show at The Premiere Playhouse. You might have seen Caroline in *Shrek Jr* last year as a pig. She was also in *Honk Jr* as a goose. She would like to thank her family for supporting her love for theatre. Caroline enjoys volleyball, dance, band, and singing. Carolina is 13 and going into 7th grade.



**Clara Bertelson** / *Doreen Driggles, Ladies Garden Guild, Farm Animal, Cruise Ensemble, Seagull, New Yorker*

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Clara is playing the role of Doreen Driggles in *James and the Giant Peach Jr*. She lives in Canistota SD and is going into 6th grade. This will be her third play with The Premiere Playhouse and is very excited. She enjoys doing theatre and making music. She is very very excited and can't wait to do a theatre production again next year.



**Collin Tebben** / *Jake, Zoo Crowd, Garden Chorus, Hollywood Agent, Angry Crowd, Shark*

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Colin is excited to return to the Premiere Playhouse in *James and the Giant Peach Jr*. You may have seen him in *Seussical Jr* as Mr. Mayor or in *Shrek Jr* as Lord Farquaad. Now he is returning as an ensemble member in *James and the Giant Peach Jr*.

# Meet The Cast



## **Eleanor Baumgarten** / *Bitsy Botana, Vagrant, Willy Wonka, Cruise Ensemble, Seagull, New Yorker*

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Eleanor (she/her) is very excited to be performing in this show. She will be playing Bitsy Botana and Ensemble in this show. You may have seen her in *Shrek Jr.* as Dragon, and *Mary Poppins Jr.* as Jane Banks. She's also done many DAPA shows. She enjoys dancing in her free time. Eleanor hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Eliza Dahl** / *Spiker*

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Eliza has been acting for three years and it is her first time with The Premiere Playhouse. She is playing the role of Spiker and is very excited to perform for everyone. She's been doing gymnastics for about 11 years and will be doing it at Jefferson this year. She is 13 and going into eighth grade. Thank you so much for coming!



## **Elliana Bill** / *Ladybug*

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*James and the Giant Peach Jr.* is Elliana's third performance with The Premiere Playhouse. She is so excited to perform with them for another show with another amazing cast. Aside from theatre, Elliana enjoys listening to music, writing, and singing. Elli is so grateful to the Playhouse for providing such a wonderful experience for so many people to enjoy.



## **Emerson Newcomb Weiland** / *Ladies Garden Guild, Orphan, Zoo Crowd, Garden Chorus, Hollywood Agent, Angry Crowd, Water, New Yorker*

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Emerson is very happy to return back to the stage for the 4th time. Previously she played Baby Shrek in *Shrek Jr.*, Nelius in *Mary Poppins Jr.*, Dwarf 1 in *Snow White*, and Ensemble in *A Christmas Carol*. In her free time she loves to hang with her friends and loves art! She is very grateful she was given the opportunity to come back to the stage. Enjoy the show!



## **Emmy Stanek** / *Sponge*

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Emmy Stanek is doing her first play at The Premiere Playhouse and is hoping to do more plays in the future. She also she enjoys performing songs and dancing, and has a passion for playing piano and writing songs on the guitar. With the role of Aunt Sponge, she hopes she can show that even with an ugly character, you can still show your true talent. Please enjoy the show!





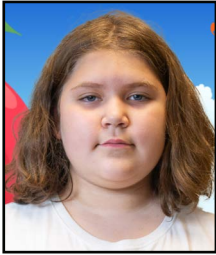
# Meet The Cast



**Eva Bertsch** / *Spider*

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This is Eva's sixth musical, and her second musical with The Premiere Playhouse. Her most recent musical was *Willy Wonka Jr.* She attends Brandon Valley Middle School and is going into 7th grade. She would like to thank her zesty besties and family.



**Ezri Boeding** / *Mrs. Trotter, Garden Chorus, Hollywood Agent, Angry Crowd, Water, New Yorker*

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Ezri is playing Mrs. Trotter. This is her first play, and she's going into fifth grade. She is excited to be eaten by a rhino. She welcomes you with loving arms. Enjoy the show!



**Grayson Traphagen** / *Centipede*

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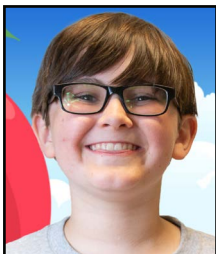
Grayson is so excited to be in this show. He's been in a lot of shows and is going to be in more. He is joyful for you to see the show!



**Hanna Merkouris** / *Violet Funkschmeller, Ladies Garden Guild, Farm Animal, Cruise Ensemble, Water, New Yorker*

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Hannah is excited to return to the stage after last year's performance of *Shrek Jr.* She's so excited to be in *James and the Giant Peach Jr!* Hannah has been in many shows including *Swamped*, *The Claw*, and many many more. Her favorite show she's been in so far was *Shrek Jr.* When Hannah isn't performing she likes to read, shop, and hang out with friends and family. She goes to Patrick Henry Middle School and would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her.



**Hayden Erb** / *Chris Cryermouth, Passing Man, Reporter, Oompa Loompa, Cruise Ensemble, Seagull, New Yorker, Mr. Trotter*

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Hayden is 12 years old he goes to Harrisburg North Middle School. He has been in numerous plays, and in this one he will be playing Chris Cryermouth.

# Meet The Cast



**Jameson Vaca** / *Joe, Orphan/Zoo Crowd, Garden Chorus, Hollywood Agent, Angry Crowd, Shark*

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This is Jameson's second play with The Premiere Playhouse and his 7th play in general. He is going into eighth grade at O'Gorman Junior High. Last year he played a blind mouse in *Shrek Jr.* This year he will play Joe and Ensemble.



**Layna Duffy** / *Billy Bobby Bobby Cop, Ladies Garden Guild, Cruise Ensemble, Seagull, New Yorker*

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This year's Layna's second show at The Premiere Playhouse. Her audition was so good that the directing team morphed two people into one, making Billy Bobby Bobby Cop. Layna enjoys playing volleyball, spending time with her dogs, and playing viola. She also enjoys spending time with her friends. She would like to thank everyone that came to watch her!



**Leif Moritz** / *Hollywood Agent, Rhino Puppet, Garden Chorus, Angry Crowd, Shark, New Yorker*

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Leif is ready to come back and do another play for the Premiere Playhouse as a Hollywood Agent and more in *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*



**Lluvia Landry** / *Ida Walters, Vagrant, Oompa Loompa, Seagull, New Yorker*

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Lluvia is very excited to be returning to perform at The Premiere Playhouse as ensemble characters. Lluvia loves to make art, watch anime, and ride on her four wheeler! She was born in Garden City Kansas, and enjoys playing football, volleyball, and dancing. She has been in four musicals before this production of *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*, which include *Frozen Jr.*, the *Wizard of Oz Jr.*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, and *Shrek Jr.* Lluvia hopes you enjoy the show!



**Lydia Boehrs** / *Matron Nurse, Hollywood Agent, Cruise Ensemble, Seagull, New Yorker*

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This year is Lydia's third and last show at The Premiere Playhouse education camp! She is so happy to be playing the lovely Matron Nurse! Some of Lydia's hobbies include art, theater, and hanging out with her friends and family! She's so grateful to have her Aunt Lynn, and her Uncle Zane. Shout out to her sisters Madeline, Ellie, and Caroline. She would also love to thank her grandpa (Papa Dave) and her grandma (Nana Bonnie) for everything! They are the best. Another thanks to her best friends, Bridget and Claudia!





# Meet The Cast



**Madison Styke** / *Rhino Puppet, Garden Chorus, Hollywood Agent, Angry Crowd, Water, New Yorker*

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Madison has been playing as a rhino for the last two weeks. She is homeschooled, and has been in a play before at school. She had a fun time making friends and playing her part. She cannot wait to see what's next!



**Nicholas Morrow** / *Rhino Puppet, Garden Chorus, Hollywood Agent, Angry Crowd, Shark, New Yorker*

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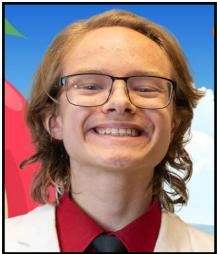
This is Nicholas's second play with The Premiere Playhouse and his sixteenth play in general. Nicholas is going into eighth grade at O'Gorman Junior High. Last year Nicholas played Gingy in *Shrek Jr*. This year he will play as the Rhino Puppet and Ensemble.



**Penny Kustak** / *Buzz, Vagrant, Peach, Cruise Ensemble, Seagull, New Yorker*

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Penelope returns to the stage after working backstage for *Frog and Toad Kids*. She's so glad to be back working with her friends from *Shrek Jr* last year. Penelope hopes you love the show and keep floating along!



**Perrin Boraas Getman** / *Earthworm*

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Perrin is proud to be playing the plump and juicy Earthworm. He's been in many other performances with The Premiere Playhouse such as Pinocchio in *Shrek Jr* and Youngest Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*. He sincerely hopes you enjoy the show because the whole team worked very hard on it.



**Samuel Maddox** / *Bunny McKenzie, The Man, Reporter, Farm Animal, Cruise Ensemble, Seagull, New Yorker*

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Sam is in the ensemble and hopes you enjoy the show!



# Meet The Cast



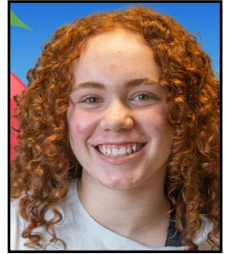
## Simon Cole / *Ladahlord*

Simon is excited to return to the Orpheum stage for the 7th time. Previously, Simon has played Shrek in *Shrek Jr*, Olaf in *Frozen Jr*, Bert in *Mary Poppins Jr*, Mr. Salt in *Willy Wonka Jr*, Ensemble in *Sweeney Todd* and many more. When Simon isn't performing, he loves to skate, hang out with friends and family, go shopping, and more! Simon would like to thank his friends and family for supporting him and everything he does. He hopes that you enjoy this fantasmatic show!



## Sophia Fette / *James*

Sofia is stoked to be part of *James and the Giant Peach Jr* as James! Some of Sophia's previous shows are *Oklahoma!* and *Mary Poppins Jr*. In her free time she loves to do arts and crafts, hang out with friends and family, and more! This year Sophia will be going into 8th grade at Edison Middle School. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## Stella Stanek / *Lucielle Van Vooglestein, Passing Woman, Ladies Garden Guild, Farm Animal, Cruise Ensemble, Water, New Yorker*

In this play, Stella Stanek is playing in the ensemble. Her favorite character that she is playing is Lucille Van Vooglestein. She was born in South Dakota, and is one of seven siblings. Some of her favorite hobbies are playing the piano and clarinet, singing, dancing, and writing stories. The story that she's currently writing is called "The Other Side of the Rainbow.."



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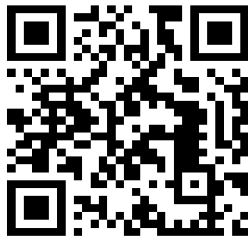
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# Production Team



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<b>Camp &amp; Stage Director</b>	Abby Schwedhelm
<b>Education &amp; Production Manager, Co-Costume Coordinator</b>	Alex Newcomb Weiland
<b>Camp Charge Scenic Artist, Props Coordinator</b>	Alexondrea Thong Vanh
<b>Scenic Coordinator</b>	Amber Sumner
<b>Hair &amp; Makeup Coordinator, Co-Costume Coordinator</b>	Brittney Lewis
<b>Asst. Stage Manger, Camp Counselor</b>	Morgan Moritz
<b>Camp Choreographer</b>	Grace Kjelden
<b>Stage Manager, Head Camp Counselor</b>	Hope Dunkle
<b>Camp Scenic Designer</b>	Jill Clark
<b>Sound Designer &amp; Engineer</b>	Gunner Gould
<b>Lighting Designer</b>	Matt Sterud
<b>Camp Music Director</b>	Matthew Walicke
<b>Producer</b>	Oliver Mayes
<b>Camp Scenic Builder</b>	Pierce Humke

# TPP Team



<b>Managing Artistic Director</b>	Oliver Mayes
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